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Dear Graduates and  
Friends of West Point:

The oldest living thing at West Point is a tree—a copper beech tree. Spreading shade in a circle a hundred feet across, and reaching five stories into the air, it dominates the Superintendent's Garden.

Like most of us, the tree traces its ancestry to another land. Beeches of this sort are native to England. Now, whether it immigrated or is a second or subsequent generation American no one seems able to say. By virtue of longevity, though, it owns the very clearest of claims to citizenship. A plaque at its base announces:

COPPER BEECH  
(FAGUS SYLVATICA)

PLANTED 1802

by  
Major Jonathan Williams  
First Academy Superintendent

Starting with Joseph Swift, the first USMA graduate, every single member of the Long Gray Line has shared the air at West Point with the ancient copper beech. That noble tree is the personification of continuity for the Corps.

High among its branches remain a few alphabet scars where children of superintendents over the years climbed to carve initials. The gnarled trunk is a jumble of wrinkles, testimony to its decades. Befitting the tree's senior citizen status, its larger limbs have supportive steel cables, relieving them of some of the burden of their own weight. This spring, as has happened every year of the Academy's history, bursting beech leaves will proclaim the end of gloom period. Those leaves, even in the green of summer, reflect sunlight in copper hues; in autumn they turn a warm ochre. When all are fallen, the gardener, with exquisite care, because he loves that old tree, shrouds selected areas with cloth to help ward off winter's bite. It is a hallowed and somewhat pampered patriarch of a plant. It is home to a family of squirrels.

Last summer the copper beech contacted a fungus, apparently from spores spread by a promiscuous oak down on Professors' Row. Dreading the demise of an irreplaceable witness to nearly two centuries of West Point history, we called in the best tree doctors available. They cured it. In the process, they opined that the patient was very possibly a full two hundred years old, for it would likely have already been a sturdy seedling when Jonathan Williams planted it.

In that event, the tree has not only been seen by every cadet for the past

185 years, it is a contemporary of our Nation's Constitution. That's a noteworthy coincidence in that every graduate of the Academy takes an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

This year, as we celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the writing of the Constitution, looking ahead to our third century as one nation united, that oath assumes even more significance than usual. When historians record all the reasons why our Constitution yet endures and our country prospers still, the contributions of West Point graduates would have to be high on the list, perhaps right behind "the protection of divine Providence." And it is the Academy's abiding purpose to assure that future graduates are equally inspired to serve this country, in their time, as selflessly and as well.

Before the Class of 1987 takes the oath and joins the Army in a few weeks, all of its members will have marched in reflection past the old copper beech, "treading where they of the Corps have trod" and pondering the connection between commission and country. That connection is bonded by the knowledge that the Constitutional goals of providing for the common defense and securing the blessings of liberty were—and will continue to be—attained by the sacrifice of soldiers.

Next September 17th, the day the Constitution turns two hundred, West Point will conduct a ceremony commemorating the role its graduates have played in making that anniversary possible—and marking the role they will continue to play into the future. It will be an unusually special ceremony.

For, you see, the grandest thing at West Point is a living concept—the enduring idea that service to country matters.

Best wishes from West Point.

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Superintendent



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Back: The World War I Memorial Window in the Cadet Chapel is over the north entrance. This window is considered to be one of the most outstanding examples of stained glass art in the United States (Allan Brown photo).

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# Late Fall Reunions

## Class of 1956

### Class of 1956 Celebrates Its 30th Reunion

**B**eautiful fall days of late October found the Class of 1956 celebrating its 30th reunion. And what a celebration it was! Two-hundred classmates returned to make it the largest gathering of the class since graduation.

The festivities began with pre-reunion activities arranged by Gerry Richardson. These included a bus trip to New York City, dinner at Mama Leone's and a Broadway show. The dinner at Leone's was especially memorable because little had changed since our cadet days when we had received special attention at this famous restaurant. We sat together in an area known as the Eisenhower Wing, enjoyed a sumptuous meal, and sang rousing college songs accompanied by Leone's strolling band, who entered singing "On Brave Old Army Team." Peter Verfurth summed up our sentiments by saying that "the reunion is a success and it's only begun."

The next day began with a day trip to

West Point. Dave and Lu Palmer invited the Class to the superintendent's quarters which is now their home. This was a spectacular event with a lovely garden and house, and gracious hosts. The Class then observed the noon meal formation from Diagonal Walk which was an impressive sight. In the afternoon we had the opportunity to visit Building 600 with Dave Palmer as tour guide. We also saw the Class gift in Admissions. Jim Anderson was principally responsible for bringing the gift together, and all were genuinely pleased with the outstanding results.

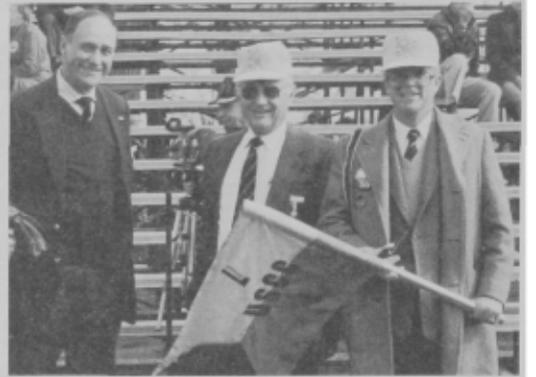
Friday evening began the regular reunion events to include a substantial buffet at the Hilton Hotel. On Saturday we conducted a memorial service by Bob Hewitt and Roger Root, assembled on the Plain for a cadet parade, and had lunch in the Cadet Mess Hall. Saturday afternoon found us in Michie Stadium for a fun afternoon of Army football followed by an evening dinner dance.

We again experienced a fabulous, busy West Point weekend with back-to-back events—each one better than the one before.

Doc Bahnsen regaled us with humor and Bob Sorley as the MC pulled off a great Saturday evening. We were entertained by a group from the Glee Club who asked former members to join in. Seeing Sam Gates sing "The Corps," standing very straight with his eyes closed, was an unforgettable sight. We all enjoyed Bill Crites singing his solo part from "Army Blue." Mike Conrad and Stan Wilker received special recognition for 30 years of service as Class officers.

Many appreciative comments were made to the reunion committee, and we are all looking forward to the 30th Yearbook which is being published by classmates in the DC area. Ward LeHardy summed up the reunion by noting that it was an extravaganza of fun.





# Class of 1961

## Middle-aged Ruminations

for life's not a paragraph  
And death i think is no parenthesis  
e.e. cummings

Because I care about words and about life, I volunteered to conduct this memorial service. I did so too because I have some sense about what it's like to stand at the very midpoint of life. All of us here with roots in this place and in this class know what I'm talking about. Our children may not and our much younger wives may not, but we do. At this metaphorical midpoint in our lives, we can look both ways just this one time. We can look back down the curve we just climbed, or we can look down onto the one we're destined to follow. It's in the cards folks, that descending curve is. Twenty-five years ago, it didn't seem to be. We were all invincible. Death came out of nowhere and struck a few of us, but we gave it little thought. We had no need to. It happened to other

people, under the most bizarre circumstances, never naturally. And it didn't happen to us. Never would. We were stuck in the moment of our daily lives.

Fifteen years ago when I first came to a reunion, I attended what seems to me now a strange memorial service. But I was moved by it as we walked around in the rain from grave to grave trying to find our bearing among the headstones. And I remember thinking of it later, talking about it, wondering whether any other institution in the world would inspire that kind of gathering among its graduates at a reunion. I didn't think so. I was pleased that we cared enough to do it, but I look back on it now wondering about us, about our youthful, male sobriety. We certainly cared about the people who were missing from our ranks, but we were lost in the graveyard. The institution had given us another maneuver, and we executed it. We went through the alien paces, step by solemn step; we got through it.

As the years passed, two things happened to us. We shifted the sight of our gatherings, moved out of the cemetery into the beauty of this natural setting at Lusk Reservoir, close to the waters, to the primal source of life. Oh yes, we came here because it is the sight of the Southeast Asia Memorial, but we came here too because we began to know more about the inextricable bond between life and death. We began to sense at least subconsciously that we need not mourn so earnestly. We began to think less in terms of loss and more in terms of the lives we were pausing to pay tribute to. We came out into the autumn air and the sunshine, and we learned to laugh even as we thought about the friends we missed and loved so very much. We were getting wiser because death had moved more directly into our lives; it was out of the closet. We were beginning to learn to face it.

Trivial as it may sound, I learned to face it when my hundred and twenty





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 HOSPITALITY ROOM M41 M33  
 REGISTRATION HIGHLANDS ROOM  
 COCKTAILS LAWN TERRACE  
 DINNER CREST ROOM & TERRACE





pound Great Pyrenees died. I discovered that death left holes in the patterns of my life, and I learned too that it connected me with the living. After the dog died, Tim, my younger son, was disoriented each day after school; he and Snow had shared a ritual as they waited together fifteen minutes for Ann to get home. He had lost his companion; there was time to fill; the loss bothered him for weeks. He wasn't the only one who was troubled. I kept making false starts, going down in the morning to take the dog for a walk, planning my evening so that I could take him out for the last walk of the day. I'd go downstairs sometimes out of habit, only to find emptiness. Ann felt sad that she couldn't somehow have kept him alive. Losing him troubled all of us. As we talked ourselves through that loss, we discovered something about the unspoken rituals that sustain us from day to day, rituals that link us together, bind

us. We discovered something too about family. Because of that experience, I knew more about coping with my mom's death a few years later. I understood more fully what was going on when I would pick up the phone to call her only to discover half way through the dialing that no one was at home.

All of us—without exception now, I would imagine—know about these patterns and these gaps. We know about loss and connections and getting on with life even in the face of all of that. We know that life and death go hand in hand. We know that we are not invincible. We may not know what to do about it, but we are beginning to get a sense of what the writer meant when he said, "Death destroys a man, but the idea of death saves him."

It is "the idea of death" that brings us here this morning, but the ritual that sustains us is associated with the "idea of life." The ritual—we must surely know by now—is not for the dead, but for the living. It binds all of us together for a brief moment, all of us, the living and the dead. And so we come not to mourn but to celebrate the lives we have lived together, to look back and to look ahead, reminding ourselves that our primary business is getting on with life, with what we have left of it. If our imaginations are still intact, the "idea of death" may save us. That's the glorious paradox we have to learn to live with.

If I could sing, or if we could sing, I would ask you to join me in a rousing rendition of "The Corps." But, alas, I can't sing, never could, and Pete Heimdahl tells me he could but can't anymore. It's just as well. They are here in "ghostly assemblage" and "our hearts are standing attention." No question about it, but there is in the final analysis too much stiffened male solemnity in "The Corps." And we haven't been at

this business long enough to lay claim to "the years of a century told," so we had better turn back to living and try to squeeze some final sense out of these words I've been trying to conjure you with. I want to close with a male poem that ought to draw a chuckle from the "ghostly assemblage" and certainly ought to give those of you who are really old something to think about on the way home. Consider it a love poem; that's what it is, a poem by e.e. cummings called "since feeling is first." It goes like this:

*since feeling is first  
who pays any attention  
to the syntax of things  
will never wholly kiss you;  
wholly to be a fool  
while Spring is in the world  
my blood approves,  
and kisses are a better fate  
than wisdom  
lady i swear by all flowers. Don't cry  
—the best gesture of my brain is less than  
your eyelids' flutter which says  
we are for each other: then  
laugh, leaning back in my arms  
for life's not a paragraph  
And death i think is no parenthesis*

So laugh if you will, and remember that kisses are indeed a better fate than wisdom or most anything else we can think of. No one not here today would disagree with that notion. So think on the good times.

See you at the 30th, God willing and the creeks don't rise.

Cheers!

—Pat C. Hoy II

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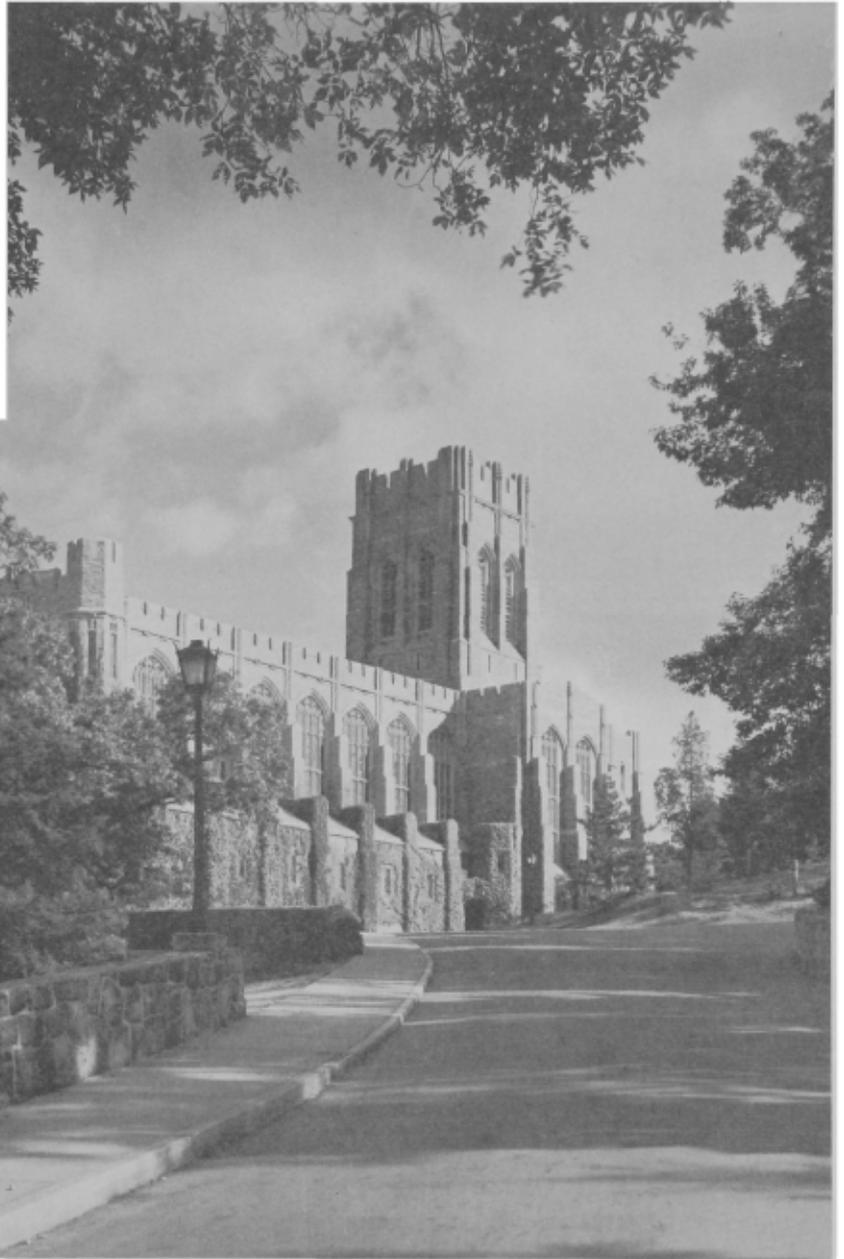


## SUPPORT THROUGH GIVING

# An Unusual Memorial Gift from the Class of 1927



The cornerstone of the Chapel was set in place on April 5, 1909. Superintendent Colonel Hugh L. Scott assists workman as Chaplain Edward S. Travers, faculty members, and families watch. The mustached figure standing near the "A" frame is architect Bertram Goodhue. (West Point Library Special Collections photo)



An exterior view of the Chapel.

Many West Point classes commemorate anniversaries of their graduation by a gift to the Academy. Few if any, however, are more unusual than the gift of the Class of 1927 to mark the 60th anniversary of its graduation. Instead of the more usual type of memorialization, the Class is publishing a book about the Cadet Chapel. Class President Gar Davidson explained the reason for this unusual gift: "We felt that it was far better to commemorate our sixtieth anniversary with a gift that could be enjoyed by graduates and friends of West Point everywhere rather than by only a few. A primary feature of the book is that eloquent expression of the practical, ecumenical, and moral goals of the Military Academy: the Cadet Prayer. In the book, the Prayer is shown in a unique manner as a medieval illuminated manuscript with hand calligraphy highlighted by vivid colors shaded with a special gold ink specifically developed for use in the book."

Publication of the book was made possible by the generous contribution of an anonymous member of the Class. The book will be offered for sale by the Association of Graduates, and all funds realized will be added to the Class of 1927 funds already given to the Association.

The 160-page book will be the same size as the *Howitzer*. Nearly 200 colored photographs are included. Every stained glass window in the Chapel has been photographed. The Sanctuary Window and the World War I Memorial Window over the Chapel entrance each fill an entire page. Each class window is shown as a separate entity. Many new

exterior and interior photographs are also shown in color. The stained glass windows and many of the interior and exterior views are the work of noted New England photographer Allan Brown.

In addition, many black-and-white photographs from the West Point Archives and the West Point Library Spe-



Detail from the Sanctuary Window. All of the windows in the Chapel were designed and produced by the Willet Stained Glass Studio and were given by graduates or by various West Point classes. Color photographs of every Chapel window are included in the Class of '27 book.



The Chapel from the Plain (Drawing by Lawrence E. Schick, USMA '20).



The window of the Class of 1881 showing Christ at Emmaus. Every class from 1802 through 1976 is represented by a class window. Every class window is shown in color in the 1927 book.



Crusader with battle axe from the Chapel clerestory stringcourse.  
(Drawing by Lawrence E. Schick, USMA '20)



For many years, Sunday Chapel services were obligatory, and cadets marched up the hill to the Chapel. Required attendance ceased in 1972.

cial Collections have been used. These include a photograph of the cornerstone laying in 1909 and views taken during the intervening 78 years.

Drawings by Brigadier General Lawrence E. Schick, USMA '20, have been used to supplement these photographs. Professor of Military Topography and Graphics for many years, General Schick prepared these drawings in 1953 for a small booklet describing the Chapel. His work focuses primarily on the interior and exterior embellishments.

Text for the book has been written by Colonel George S. Pappas, USMA '44. The text includes an explanation of the Chapel architecture, both interior and exterior; a description of each stained glass window; a brief discussion of religion at West Point; and a tribute to the

Chapel artists: architect Bertram Goodhue, sculptor Lee Laurie, and the Willet family who produced all of the Chapel windows. The text for each Class window includes the Bible verse from which the window subject was derived and a modern-language narrative describing the window.

Pappas is also author of the Army War College history, *Prudens Futuri*; the 1953 Chapel booklet now in its fifth printing; a Sesquicentennial history of West Point; and many periodical articles. After a tour on the faculty of the Army War College as head of its research department and as editor of the War College quarterly, Pappas founded and was first director of the U.S. Army Military History Institute. He was also a two-term president of the Company of

Military Historians.

A professional analysis of the character of the Chapel windows has been prepared by Dr. Jane Hayward, Curator, the Cloisters, the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Dr. Hayward, internationally known for her stained glass expertise, states that "The West Point Chapel window [the Sanctuary Window] is an innovation in the history of American stained glass." She ends her analysis with, "...the Cadet Chapel is stylistically one of the most consistent and homogeneous buildings in this country."

The Class is indebted to a very gifted calligrapher with a staunch Army background, Meg Goodman. Her outstanding rendition of the Cadet Prayer itself may well become a collector's item. This presentation is an illuminated portrayal of the Cadet Prayer in the shape of a stained glass window. Mrs. Goodman reproduced the framework of the class windows in the Chapel to set off the calligraphic wording developed with the same technique used by medieval artists. The area around the Prayer has been illuminated in medieval style and incorporates many symbolic items familiar to all West Pointers. The vivid colors used in this illumination have been highlighted with a special true-gold ink developed by the publisher specifically for use in this book. Mrs. Goodman has dedicated her beautiful work to the memory of her husband's grandmother, Burtram Orndorff Pierce, widow of Major General James R. Pierce, USMA '22. Meg is generously donating her honorarium to the Association of Graduates in memory of Mrs. Pierce.

Many new technological developments have contributed to the overall excellence of the book. Latest state-of-the-art laser-scanning equipment has been used in preparing colored photographs for reproduction, making it possible to more truly represent the natural colors of the windows and scenes shown. Special inks provide a better representation of the stained glass colors. Each window photograph is varnished to provide a luminous and far more realistic portrayal of the window. Special-milled, acid-free, coated paper is used to form a better medium for the many colored photographs. The cover of the book is black and gray with gold, embossed lettering. A special slip case will protect the book from dust or from light damage.

Details concerning purchase of the book are being distributed to all West Point graduates in March. A special pre-publication price will be offered at that time. The book will be ready for delivery in May prior to the Class of 1927 observance of their sixtieth anniversary.

George S. Pappas

# West Point Hosts First National Honor Conference

By CPT GREGORY A. STONE, *Special Assistant to the Commandant for honor matters*



1986 National Honor Conference participants posing with the Army mule "Spartacus"

**D**uty, Honor, Country—special words to all who are associated with the Military Academy. At the heart of this triad stands Honor, the obligation of a cadet to “not lie, cheat or steal nor tolerate those who do.” West Point, however, is not the only school to have long cherished the value of integrity and formalized a code or concept of Honor to guide the ethical development and actions of its students.

More than 100 schools nationwide, ranging from the federal service academies to private, military-oriented institutions, state-funded schools and privately-endowed colleges and universities have formally established codes or concepts of Honor, plus systems designed for their implementation. Many more have contacted members of the Cadet Honor Committee requesting information pertaining to the establishment of such a code and system at their respective schools, as well as information regarding the extensive four-year Honor Education Program in effect at West Point.

The Military Academy, and more spe-

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cifically the 1986–1987 Cadet Honor Committee, was proud to host a first-ever National Honor Conference during the period 5–9 November 1986. With participants from the Military Academy, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, Texas A&M, Virginia Military Institute, The Citadel, Norwich University, Princeton University and the University of Virginia, the conference afforded participants the opportunity to exchange ideas on existing Honor codes and systems, aid in the initiation of new Honor systems, and help develop a national awareness regarding proper ethical behavior on college campuses. Institutions were selected for participation based upon their expressed interest in such a conference, and upon having long-standing, traditional codes of Honor to guide student conduct and development. Though actual wording of the codes for the eleven participating schools was different, and their systems for implementation were as diverse as the schools themselves, it was readily apparent to all in attendance that the basic goal of each was the same: to produce a graduate with integrity, one who could represent well the institution from which he or she had graduated.

Conference activities began on Thursday, 6 November 1986 with opening ceremonies conducted in Eisenhower

Hall. The guest speaker was BG Roy K. Flint, Dean of the Academic Board, who discussed the historical association of West Point with the values of integrity and Honor. Conference activities continued on Thursday and Friday, 6 and 7 November, with discussions centering on such key topics as the presentation of present codes and systems, the purpose of Honor codes and systems, Honor education and Honor investigations. Each of the round-table discussion periods generated healthy conversation on a wide variety of related issues; conference participants were unanimous in their praise of the sessions. As Matthew McCormick, chairman of the University of Virginia Honor Committee stated, “It was superb . . . . The most beneficial portion of the conference was the round-table discussions.”

In exploring the key topics during each discussion period, participating institutions saw a great diversity in the way to approach implementation of an Honor system. Ranging from the secretive, guarded practices of the Honor Court at Virginia Military Institute, through a code that is in effect university-wide at Texas A&M yet strictly interpreted only by the Corps, to a code at the University of Virginia which has been in effect for more than 140 years and keys on the intent of the dishonorable act, to the Princeton University code (in effect since 1893) which covers

only in-class examinations, the spectrum of views was wide indeed. As discussions continued, however, participants began to realize that although their respective systems were very different, the goals of each of the systems were not.

In discussing the purpose of Honor codes and systems, groups looked at ethical foundations for the various codes and systems, plus positive aspects or benefits to be gained from living under them. A major point of agreement was that society "inbreeds" many of one's ideas concerning Honor. It was felt there used to be more "communal trust" in society than that seen today—society has become too big, too impersonal to retain such trust. Additionally, it was agreed that the home plays a critical role in the development of integrity-related attitudes. Students come from many different backgrounds to an institution, with differing views as to what constitutes honorable behavior. As viewed by the participants, it is the role of the institution (through the experiencing of the Honor code and system) to stress the benefits that will accrue to one who is a member of a group which lives according to trust, and can always be counted upon to act in such a manner.

In discussing Honor education, a major point of agreement by all was that such a program is key to the success of any system. No one supported the creation of "laundry lists" of potential Hon-

or violations, or specific acts which would or would not be considered violations of a code. It was felt that Honor committees have a responsibility to teach about respective codes and systems, but students, also, have a responsibility to learn and act accordingly. Honor, integrity and ethical decision-making, it was felt, must come from within, based on an understanding of the ethical expectations present in the system in which each participates. Formal versus informal instruction was discussed at length, and whereas the service-related institutions have an ability to dictate times, places and attendees, that ability at other institutions is somewhat reduced. Varied though the formats may be, however, all participants thought that both student and faculty involvement in the process was critical to success. At a certain point, the credibility of student/cadet instructors is not as great as those who have had experiences which potential graduates will undergo. Discussion of those experiences is valuable to bridging the gap between classroom instruction and post-graduation professional activities. A final topic of discussion in the area of Honor education concerned staff, faculty and administration support for such a program. The faculty must be seen as fully supporting the concept and administration of the code and system—without such support, student confidence in the system would quickly erode.

Honor investigations and procedures were the topics of lengthy and (at times) heated discussions. Each institution has developed a system to best implement its code based on its environment. Specific topics discussed were the conduct of investigations, protection of an accused student's rights, honor board procedures, and the concept of sanctions or punishments for honor-related offenses. Within these topics, a variety of sub-topics, ranging from confrontation of the accused by the accuser, to multi-level investigations, involvement of staff and faculty in the process, the authority to drop a case, types of witnesses at hearings, and the composition and conduct of boards or hearings were discussed. This was a key learning portion of the conference, as participants learned the rationale behind the differing procedures in effect at each school. Though no effort was made to reach a consensus on "the best" way to conduct Honor investigations and handle procedural details, participants saw potential beneficial modifications to their existing systems.

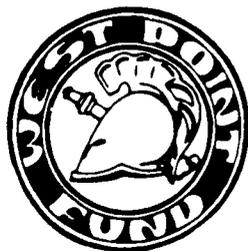
In looking at the range of topics discussed during the conference, it is obvious that the schedule was full indeed. The Cadet Honor Committee, however, felt it important that those in attendance experience as much of West Point as

possible during their stay. As such, other conference activities included attendance at the weekly Quarterback Luncheon, a luncheon in Eisenhower Hall featuring an appearance by the Army mule "Spartacus," and attendance at the Army—Air Force football game. Additionally, a highlight of the conference activities was a formal dinner in the Black, Gold and Gray Room of the Cadet Mess on Thursday, 6 November. The guest speaker was the Superintendent, LTG Dave R. Palmer, who talked on the personal aspect of integrity. Formal conference activities were concluded on Saturday, 8 November with comments by BG Peter J. Boylan, Commandant of Cadets. General Boylan expanded on the theme of "How to produce persons of integrity" by discussing the establishment of an environment where honesty and integrity are standard norms of conduct. He ended by charging the attendees with "passing on the excellence and dedication that you possess to others."

The first National Honor Conference was a success in every sense of the word; plans are underway to conduct a second such conference during Academic Year 1987–1988. Cadet Scott Memmott, Regimental Honor Officer from the United States Coast Guard Academy, put it well in stating, "I think it was fantastic . . . I enjoyed the different perspectives provided by the private and civilian institutions." Andrew Dod, Chairman of the Princeton University Honor Committee, echoed those comments in saying the conference "[a]llowed me to internalize my code better . . . [we] could not have asked for a better conference . . . [it] must be continued in the future." The members of the Cadet Honor Committee who participated in the conference support those comments and totally agree. In summing up the conference, the best single word to be used is "communication." Much was learned in the process; still more stands to be gained from what is accomplished with the results. No participant will go back to his or her school and implement vast, monumental changes in systems that are obviously successful as they stand. What this conference did was provide an avenue, a conduit through which the best ideas of an extremely dedicated group of young people could be captured and offered up for critical, in-depth study. We expected no "concrete" answers—we asked for incisive thought and discussion on an issue that can mold and shape the direction of each institution for many years to come. The results were significant; the composite views will certainly assist the West Point Honor Committee in better performing its functions and upholding the Honor Code that all associated with the Military Academy hold so dear.

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Breakfront crests: (from left to right) 51st Signal, 3d Bombardment Group, 2nd Infantry, 7th Infantry, 17th Field Artillery, 6th Infantry, 66th Armor, 6th Field Artillery, and the 1st Infantry. The plaque at the top center indicates that the room was dedicated by the Class of 1937. (right) Grandmother's clock presented to the Class of 1937 by the mothers of the class.

As one enters Washington Hall through the main doors, a pie shaped section of the mess hall is on his right. This area can be closed off when desired, and is named the "Regimental Room." Beautifully decorated and boasting the regimental crests in color of outstanding combat arms regiments of the Army, this room provides a special dining area for visiting athletic teams and their West Point rivals. Frequently, when the superintendent presides at special functions, it is here that he has his receiving line. The room is steeped in history as exemplified by the crests on the paneled walls and the breakfront. When the room was first decorated as the 40th reunion gift of the Class of 1937, the crests of fifteen carefully selected combat arms regiments were mounted in the room.

With the assistance of a top interior decorator in New York, the Office of Gift Programs and a committee from the class decided to follow much of the decor of the Black, Gold and Gray room. The six entrances are draped with gold tie-back curtains trimmed in black and gray. Cornices in matching colors are mounted above with special lighting effects behind each cornice. An oak paneled breakfront stands in the rear of the room, also with special lighting effects, and accommodates nine of the regimental crests. The room is equipped with twenty-five 48-inch round tables with gold cloths and napkins. For the convenience of a luncheon speaker, there is a battery-powered podium and a special table for Mr. Vice when the room is used

for dining in.

Shortly after 1937 graduated, the mothers of the class gave the Academy a grandmother's clock bearing the crest of the class. Over the years, this attractive piece had fallen into disrepair. The clock has been refinished, repaired, electrified, and moved into the Regimental Room. During the refinishing process, the original clock face of small rose buds was exchanged for one better depicting the martial arts!

The configuration of the room led to the selection of fifteen regiments or comparable units for memorialization. The breakfront in the rear, as mentioned earlier, holds nine crests; these are of medium size. The six paneled walls between the entrances provide ideal locations for larger crests; thus the decision to mount large crests of some of the most outstanding units of the combat arms on the large panels, emphasizing those units above others. In researching units for selection, the committee received wholehearted support from the Army's and Air Force's Departments of Military History, and from the Department of History and the Library at West Point. To insure objectivity, no unit was selected if any member of the committee had ever served with it.

At the time the Class graduated, the Infantry, Cavalry, Field Artillery, Coast and Air Defense Artillery, Engineers, Signal Corps, and the Army Air Corps constituted the combat arms. Inasmuch as many of the class chose a career in the Air Corps, two Army Air Corps groups, which are today US Air Force units,

were included. In the original colors are the crests of the 1st, 2nd, 5th and 7th Infantry Regiments; the 1st Cavalry and the 66th Armor; the 5th, 6th, and 17th Field Artillery Regiments; the 4th Air Defense Artillery; the 1st Engineers; the 51st Signal Battalion; the 1st Fighter Group and the 3rd Bombardment Group.

The 5th Infantry is honored with the large crest for that branch. Except for the 8th Cavalry, the 5th boasts more Medal of Honor winners than any comparable unit in the Army, Air Force or Marine Corps. It dates from 1808, has fought with distinction in most of the nation's wars, and its colors carry 45 campaign streamers. It has been awarded three Presidential Unit Citations. The cadet gray uniform is a heritage of this regiment along with that of the 2nd and the 6th Infantry.

In the spring of 1814, when supplies were late in reaching him, General Winfield Scott asked the ladies of New York to make uniforms for his men. They fabricated the same uniform they had been making for the New York Militia. When Scott's brigade hit General Phineas Riall's troops July 5th at Chippewa, the British were surprised by the ferocity of the attack, reeled and fell back, then broke. It was at this time that General Riall made his famous remark: "By God Sir, those are regulars!" The British were seasoned troops, fresh from Wellington's campaigns. The country was overjoyed with the results of Chippewa. The Congress is alleged to have passed a resolution declaring that

thence forward the color of the cadet uniform at West Point would be that particular gray worn by Scott's troops. In the meantime, General Alden Partridge, Superintendent at West Point, had already decided that the unorthodox uniform worn by Scott's troops was a badge of honor. He ordered uniforms for himself and the entire Corps of Cadets in that unusual gray.

The 5th Field Artillery is honored with the largest crest of that branch. This regiment has distinguished itself in all of our wars, except Korea, from the Revolution through Vietnam. Its stan-



1st Cavalry



1st Fighter Group



4th Air  
Defense Artillery



1st Engineers

dards carry 30 campaign streamers, but perhaps the regiment's greatest claim to fame is that its Battery D is "Alexander Hamilton's Own!" Battery D, 5th Field Artillery, is alleged to be the oldest organization in the Army, and the only one that was a unit in the Colonial Army. In 1776 the Continental Congress resolved that a company of artillery should be raised for the defense of the Colonies. Nineteen-year-old Alexander Hamilton applied for the command. He was examined by a tough captain of artillery, Stephan Bedlam, who certified Hamilton's competence. The young man was given the command, appointed captain, and left Kings College (now Columbia University) where he had been a student. He spent the funds his family had sent him for his education on his men and proceeded to mold a first class fighting unit.

From Manhattan Island on 12 July 1776, Hamilton's battery fired its first shots in anger at British warships in the harbor. Thereafter, he fought his battery bravely, defiantly, and successfully throughout the battles in and around New York, the retreat south through New Jersey and west across the Delaware. Several times General Washington noted Hamilton's bravery and competence, together with the discipline and efficiency of the unit. As usual, Hamilton was again with Washington when he crossed the Delaware and attacked the Hessians at Trenton Christmas night. He shot up von Lossberg's regiment. Shortly thereafter, when Washington attacked the British at

Princeton, some of the enemy tried to make a stand on the college grounds. Writes historian Trevelyan, "In that quarter there was little blood shed, but some profanation; for young Alexander Hamilton, with the irreverence of a student from a rival place of education, planted his guns on the sacred grass of the academical campus, and fired a six-pound shot which is said to have passed through the head of King George the Second's portrait in the chapel."

The 1st Cavalry was formed in 1833 as the 1st Regiment of Dragoons. Its standards carry 76 campaign streamers. It

has fought not only in the Mexican and Civil wars, the war with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection and World War II, but from 1865 to 1887 against the Indians. In those campaigns, the 1st Cavalry battled in New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, Colorado, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

The 66th Armored Regiment was one of the original units to form the famous 2nd Armored Division of World War II. It fought with distinction throughout the war, having received its initial training and enemy fire under then Major General George S. Patton, Class of 1909.

The histories of the selected Air Force units are short compared to those of the 5th Infantry and the 5th Field Artillery. Their first combat action was in World War I. The 3rd Bombardment Group served in the Pacific in World War II in General George C. Kenney's Fifth Air Force. It took a terrible toll of Japanese shipping with its innovative skip bombing techniques, and also a number of warships. Some of the squadrons of this group were pursuit squadrons in World War I, but converted to bombers either between the wars or early in World War II. This group later fought in Korea and in Vietnam. It has been awarded five distinguished unit citations.

The large Air Force crest in the Regimental Room belongs to the famous 1st Fighter Group. This organization's most famous squadrons are the 94th (Hat In The Ring) and the 103rd. From September 1918 until the end of World War I, the 94th was commanded by Captain Eddie Rickenbacker. The 103rd, upon

arrival in Europe in December of 1917, absorbed most of the flying personnel of the Lafayette Escadrille. Both of these units became noted for their daring feats and outstanding success against Baron von Richthofen and his able cohorts. The unit was organized as the 1st Pursuit Group in France in May 1918. Between the World Wars, it was the only unit of its type in the Army Air Corps for most of that period. Consequently, it participated in the National Air Races and constantly experimented with tactics and various aircraft. During its exist-



tence, the 1st Fighter Group has been blessed with a number of great commanders. Among them were Carl Spatz, George Brett, and Frank Andrews, all later senior generals in the Army Air Corps. General Spatz was the first Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. Among its distinguished unit citations, the 1st Fighter Group is extremely proud of the one for the deadly and dangerous Ploesti raids over Rumania in May of 1944.

There is ample space on the back wall for additional crests, and anyone or any group is welcome to arrange for installation of other crests provided they represent combat arms regiments of the Army. The individual or group must finance the purchase and installation but it will amount to only a few hundred dollars. Regimental units can date from any period from the birth of the nation to the present. Crests of Signal Corps battalions are accepted as are USAF units of regimental size, provided their lineage dates back to the US Army Air Corps. The more crests mounted, the more historical the room will become.

On your next visit to West Point, take a look at the Regimental Room. Enter the room through the door nearest the main entrance to the mess hall. The light controls are behind the curtain on your left. Turn them on one at a time or all at once. You will be impressed with the lighting effects, from the individual spot lighting of each crest and valance to the ceiling lights that enhance the entire room. We hope you will enjoy the experience.

MG Delk M. Oden  
Class of 1937

# Meeting the Soviets: Cadets Visit Arms Talks

By MAJOR DOUGLAS A. MACGREGOR

Thanks to a generous grant from the West Point Fund, five cadets in the Class of '86 and their instructor traveled during spring leave to Europe in order to hold discussions with senior political analysts at Radio Free Europe in Munich, Germany and to meet with NATO and Warsaw Pact negotiators in the Mutual Balanced Force Reduction Talks in Vienna, Austria. The purpose of the trip was academic research in connection with the cadets' participation in the Department of Social Sciences colloquium "The Warsaw Pact: A Political-Military Perspective."

The cadets who chose to participate in the colloquium were required to complete an academically rigorous course of study in Soviet-East European relations before traveling to Europe. In addition, they were all concentrators in fields of study relating to the social sciences and most had studied alliance politics in the Western context in previous course work. The first classmen included Greg Canter, Rich Day, Kelly Laporte, Scott Sauer and Tony Williams.

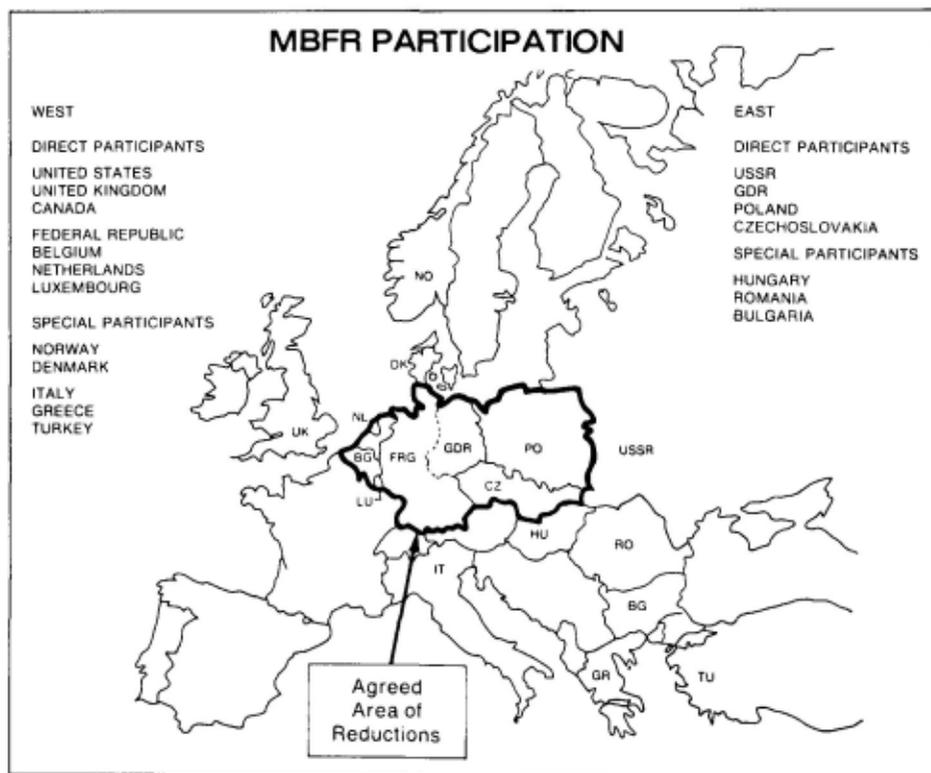
The cadets began their research in Munich by spending an hour with each of the senior analysts at Radio Free Europe on the various Warsaw Pact states to include, of course, the Soviet Union. Radio Free Europe functions as a home broadcasting service by informing millions of people in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union about international news and commentary. It devotes particular attention to an analysis of national concerns and to international developments that directly affect the peoples of Eastern Europe and the various nationalities of the Soviet Union.

The program in Munich began with an assessment by Keith Bush of the recent Soviet Party Congress and its probable political, economic and military impact on Soviet policy toward Eastern Europe. Mr. Bush was then followed by Vladimir Kusin, Jan de Weydenthal, Alfred Reich and Ronald Asmus who continued to examine the pos-

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The Hofburg Palace where formal negotiation sessions are held.



sible meaning of Mr. Gorbachev's pronouncements in Moscow on Soviet domestic and foreign policy for developments in the MBFR talks. In a relaxed and informal setting, the cadets were able to pursue the answers to questions

which under normal circumstances are left inadequately answered because of time and resource constraints. Not surprisingly, the analysts responded enthusiastically to the cadets' inquiries and indicated their delight with the cadets'



Major Macgregor and cadets with Ambassador Blackwill.



Left to right: MAJ Macgregor, Cadets Canter, Laporte, MG St. John, Cadets Day, Williams, Sauer.

intellectual depth and degree of familiarity with the state of affairs in the Soviet Union and East Europe.

After a five-hour train ride to Vienna, the cadets were greeted at the railroad station by a delegation from the American Embassy in Austria. Due to the good offices of the U.S. Military Attache, Colonel Laporte, USMA '57, and LTC Ken Colucci, U.S. Military Assistant to the United States Ambassador to the MBFR talks, the cadets were quartered in private homes for the duration of their stay in Vienna.

The rest of the week was devoted to interviews and discussions with the delegation members from the NATO and Warsaw Pact participants. The British, American and West German delegations met with the cadets separately while the military representatives from the Warsaw Pact met collectively with the cadets for nearly three hours over lunch following the weekly plenary session in the Redoutensaal of the Hofburg palace.

Individual MBFR Delegation members with whom the cadets met and talked included:

#### Warsaw Pact Delegation Members

Colonel V. Nikolaev—Soviet Union  
 Colonel F. Behnecke—German Democratic Republic  
 Lieutenant Colonel L. Greifzu—German Democratic Republic  
 Colonel W. Postler—Poland  
 Colonel J. Divis—Czechoslovakia  
 Colonel G. Grigorov—Bulgaria  
 Lieutenant Colonel V. Lakatos—Hungary

#### NATO Delegation Members:

Ambassador Robert Blackwill—USA  
 Major General Adrian St. John, USA retired, USA  
 Foreign Service Officer Kent Brown—USA  
 USDAL-Austria Colonel Laporte—USA  
 Colonel Horst Pusch—Federal Republic of Germany  
 Wing Commander John D. Pugh—Great Britain

In general, the discussions with all of the MBFR representatives were lively, informative and exciting. Major General Adrian St. John, USMA '43, was the first

to provide an overview of the talks and their progress to date. He explained the general aims of the negotiations and outlined the basic features of the most recent Western proposal under discussion. In an attempt to break the decade long stalemate in Vienna the West took a significant new step on 5 December 1985: it accepted the framework proposed by the East in February 1985 for a time-limited, first-phase agreement consisting of initial US and Soviet conventional force reductions covering the forces of all participants which are stationed in Central Europe. However, General St. John was quick to note that Soviet resistance to adequate verification measures in the region of the proposed reductions constituted a serious obstacle to any future agreement.

Relatively minor differences over policy within the Western Alliance were addressed in detail for the cadets by the British and West German military representatives at the talks. Wing Commander Pugh of the UK delegation and Colonel Pusch of the West German delegation spent considerable time with the cadets in an attempt to answer their questions and to present the substance of the negotiations before the formal plenary session on 13 March 1986. The United States Ambassador, Robert Blackwill, took extra time after the negotiating session to deal with specific questions from the cadets at the conclusion of all the week's activities. Many of the issues raised by the cadets concerned the Soviet willingness to reduce their forces in Eastern Europe in view of unhappy experience in the region with anti-Soviet nationalism since 1945. Cadet Sauer suggested that "any agreement would have to concede higher conventional force concentrations to the Soviets than the West could tolerate simply because of the policing role which Soviet forces have had there since the fifties." Ambassador Blackwill responded to this remark by emphasizing that expectations for success in these negotiations in the West would have to be moderated and tempered by the realization that Soviet internal security requirements include sustaining highly unpopular and basically illegitimate

East European communist party regimes in power.

In the course of the nearly three-hour luncheon meeting with the Warsaw Pact military representatives to the negotiations, the discussion topics ranged from Soviet objections to the proposed methods of verification to the broader issues of arms control and Soviet-American relations. Cadet Rich Day remarked that "it is one thing to discuss Marxist-Leninism in the classroom, it is quite another to sit across from a person who adopts the ideology as an analytical framework for understanding international relations." Ultimately, the cadets may have made as great an impression on the pact officers as the pact officers made on them. One pact delegation member seemed surprised that the cadets were so well informed for men so young and stated that officer candidates in the Warsaw Pact forces "would never be exposed to Western views and attitudes" in the way that cadets from the United States Military Academy were given the opportunity to meet senior officers from the East.

For the cadets, the exposure to the problems which are inherent in any attempt to negotiate an agreement with the Soviet Union proved to be a sobering experience. No amount of classroom study could possibly substitute for the intellectual challenge associated with a freewheeling exchange of views with military officers in the Warsaw Pact forces. At a time when Soviet-American relations are characterized by increasing complexity and tension, and public pressures on the NATO Alliance to better relations with the Soviets are enormous, expanding the Academy's contacts and exchanges with the participants in East-West arms control negotiations is extremely important to the vitality and relevance of the West Point academic program.

In view of the success of this trip, a second trip is planned during 6-14 March of this year for eight more cadets and their instructor. It is expected that a similar schedule will be followed with the addition of a meeting with the American Ambassador to Austria to discuss East-West issues.

# USMA Equestrian Team Develops Leadership

By CPT MARK GILLESPIE, *Instructor, Department of History, USMA*  
and CADET JOSEPH MCKAY, *Class of 1988*

**M**astery of horsemanship was an integral part of every cadet's experience at West Point until the late 1940s. Each member of the Corps was challenged to demonstrate his expertise on often stubborn cavalry mounts that were maddeningly indifferent to the cadet's academic class rank. A cadet polo team was established at the Academy in the 1890s and achieved an impressive record of no less than four intercollegiate national championship titles before being disbanded in 1947. In other equestrian sports, West Pointers gained renown as riders on the Olympic Equestrian and Pentathlon teams. Although riding and polo games in Thayer Hall are a thing of the past, an enthusiastic group of cadets presently finds the challenge of equestrian sports well worth their time and energy.

Is the Equestrian Team of today simply a band of nonathletic idlers who toss saddles over their favorite "Old Paint" and wander off down a trail for a few hours to escape intramurals? The reality could not be further from that kind of image! The Military Academy sanctioned the establishment of a riding club in 1966 at the Morgan Farm facilities, a cow barn of the late financier J. P. Morgan, which cadets and members of the

West Point community converted to accommodate 39 horses, located just south of Highland Falls. In its short history, the Equestrian Team has presented yearly demonstrations at Homecoming and Graduation Week; participated in polo clinics, fox hunts, 3-day events and saber drills; traveled to Sandhurst, England, and defeated the Royal Military Academy's Equestrian Team; and achieved top national rankings in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA).

The Equestrian Team's primary goal is to aid cadets to become mature, self-confident leaders for the Army. To help attain this objective, the team is organized in a fashion similar to a battalion staff. The team operations officer plans, organizes and supervises the execution of team training, special events and trips. The supply officer handles the maintenance and accountability of several thousand dollars worth of equipment using standard Army supply procedures. In addition, the S-4 is required to monitor the health of the horses and control any medications for the team's mounts. Other staff members coordinate administrative functions and supervise activities which are open to the rest of the Corps. Each member of the team is

assigned to one of the staffs, and the team captain is given the command responsibility to "make it all happen!"

Working with horses provides cadets many valuable lessons. Self-discipline is learned and exercised when a cadet is faced with making a recalcitrant horse perform a task without abusing the animal. Cadets learn that horses, like people, all have individual capabilities. Each horse has strengths which should be capitalized upon and weaknesses which should be minimized. Cadets become skilled at rapid determination of the individual horse's character and how to then work with the horse instead of against it. Consequently one learns not to abruptly ask a creature for something beyond its ability but instead to progressively develop and inspire the animal to attain the outermost limits of its physical and mental potential. The leadership value of these lessons is indeed high. The self-confidence that is generated in being able to handle a 1000 pound plus animal moving at 35 to 40 miles per hour is equally significant.

The principal focus of the present team of 15 cadets is competition in the IHSA, which includes 153 college teams in the United States and Canada. Team members compete in classes that



LTC Neumann-Giesen, USMA's coach for the last two years. (Photo by Bonnie Kreitler)



Cadet Gary Posinelli attacks a target during a saber drill demonstration.

range from beginner walk-trot flat classes to advanced open jumping classes over fences. The wide range of classes allows riders to compete against others of approximately the same level of experience. Each class of competition carries the same value for team points which allows beginners to contribute as much to the team's score as the more advanced riders.

It is of signal importance to recognize that the Equestrian Team provides one of the few opportunities for males and females to compete on the same sports team on an equal basis. In fact, the best rider on the team this year is Stephanie Santanello, a cadet captain in command of Company E-4. Last year Santanello finished first at the end of the season in open jumping and earned the honor to

represent the 18 colleges of Region I of the IHSA at the National Finals in Virginia. She placed 6th in the nation in that event and was given the additional honor of being selected to represent Region I in a special competition for the most advanced riders.

The Equestrian Team, led for the past two years by Cadet Lieutenant Brian Seidel of Millinburg, PA, made an excellent showing this fall at competitions sponsored by Pace, Drew, Centenary, and Sarah Lawrence Colleges. USMA's team is presently in 4th place out of 18. The cadets are training hard this winter by braving the ice and snow in the ring at Morgan Farm to prepare for the spring season.

The team is superbly coached by Lieutenant Colonel Neumann-Giesen,

who is a Cavalry officer in the Bundeswehr stationed at USMA as a Liaison Officer, and by Mrs. Nancy Lowey. They are assisted by former members of the Equestrian Team now on the faculty, Captains Mark Gillespie and Henry Gillen (captain of the 1978 team). Colonel Robert Doughty, Head of the Department of History, leads the long list of officers who devote their efforts to assist the team. Included are LTC Stan Vonacek, MAJ William Sole, CPTs Joseph Goring, David Finkelstein, Gillespie and Gillen.

On 1 March, West Point will sponsor the season opener for the region in conjunction with New York University. Inquiries about the team or how to help support it may be directed to CPT Gillespie, Dept. of History, USMA, West Point, NY 10996.



Cadet Santanello's winning round.



Cadet Stephanie Santanello after winning the regional championship in open jumping in April 1986.

# Graduates, Volunteers: An Admissions Success Story

By JOE DINEEN, *Admissions Media Office*

**T**he United States Military Academy ranks among the most selective colleges and universities in the country according to a recent *USA Today* survey, but being selective also means working hard to determine your most qualified candidates.

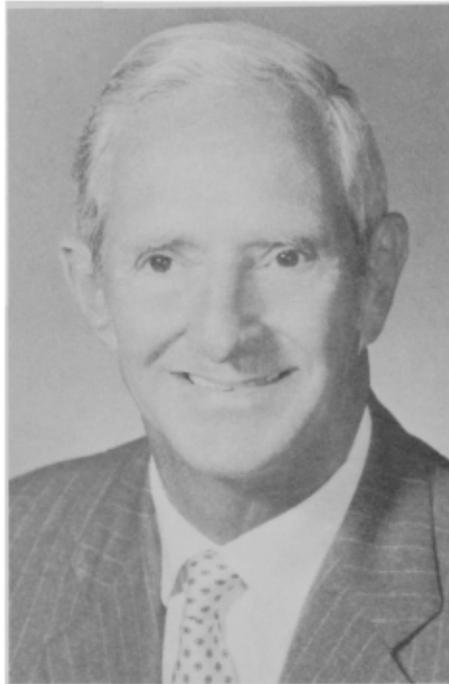
The *USA Today* survey, based on the strength of the entering class compared to the total number of applicants, ranks the U.S. Naval Academy and West Point as the top two colleges for selectively choosing its candidates. USMA accepts 11.3 percent of its applicants according to this survey, followed in order by such prestigious universities as Stanford, Harvard, Princeton, Yale and Brown.

A great deal of hard work is required to thoroughly evaluate candidates during an admissions cycle at West Point, and that work would not be accomplished without the tireless effort and support of an admissions field force that includes Military Academy Liaison Officers, Academy graduates and volunteers.

Why do these field force members offer their time and services on behalf of the Admissions Office? In simple terms, many want to help West Point locate and inform students throughout the nation about the academic and career opportunities available to them if they make the U.S. Military Academy a college option. Once these students enter the Academy, West Point is tasked with the responsibility of educating, training and inspiring these young men and women for future leadership positions in the United States Army while serving our nation.

"As a national institution we must recruit and enroll highly qualified candidates nationwide because of the will of Congress," says Colonel Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., Director of Admissions. "Every student in the nation has an opportunity to apply for a cadetship. Consequently, we seek students from highly populated areas in our nation's largest cities, and from the most rural locations in the Midwest, South, East and West. Certainly our story will not be told effectively without the dedicated work of our field force."

The hard work and accomplishments of field force members can be illustrated accurately by telling the stories of Colonel Charles L. Steel, a 1944 West Point graduate who serves as a state coordina-



Colonel Charles L. Steel

tor in Arkansas, and of Colonel Richard S. Gilbert, a region coordinator in populous Northern New Jersey. Both of these gentlemen helped provide the Academy many outstanding cadets during the Class of 1990 admissions cycle, while coordinating the efforts of many other admissions participants from their respective states.

"The success of Colonel Steel and Colonel Gilbert are just two examples of the many success stories we see every year in Admissions," says Colonel Rushton. "Comparing the work of Northern New Jersey and Arkansas demonstrates the diverse geographic, economic, and social situations encountered by our field force members in their work. Northern New Jersey is a very competitive area because it is just a short distance from the Academy, and COL Gilbert faces a challenging task of covering more than 280 high schools. On the other hand, Colonel Steel coordinates admissions activities for over 400 high schools, many of them rural, where he must inform students of the opportunities at West Point, while also urging them to prepare themselves in order to qualify.

"I have worked personally with both of these men during my tenure in Ad-



Colonel Richard S. Gilbert

missions, and that alone has been a great pleasure. They are both pros," added COL Rushton. "Both officers exemplify the outstanding leadership we need from our field force in order to admit quality classes to West Point."

COL Gilbert, a strategic planning manager with American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) in Berkeley Heights, N.J., has been associated with the Military Academy Liaison Officer program since 1972. He began his association while residing in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, then moved to the Summit, New Jersey area in 1979. He became a region coordinator five years ago.

"I initially became involved with Admissions work at West Point when it was a pilot program in 1971 under the Secretary of the Army," said COL Gilbert. "I look at this as a type of community service work. The opportunity to attend West Point is available to a very select group of students, but if you make known the opportunities at West Point you can expect that students will be better prepared to compete for admission. Basically, what we are trying to do in the region is stimulate an interest and then follow up with assistance."

During the Class of 1990 admissions cycle, COL Gilbert's region was ex-

panded to a fourth zip code area. When this occurred the region coordinator simply reorganized the area and his personnel. In all, COL Gilbert coordinates the efforts of 25 people, including 14 liaison officers. To manage this organization COL Gilbert develops an annual plan which lists assigned responsibilities for schools, objectives for holding By-Invitation meetings in each zip code area, responsibilities in support of Physical Aptitude Examination testing, objectives for the Project Outreach program (a minority candidate recruiting program), and guidance and responsibilities for completing various reports and candidate interviews.

A year ago 38 students from COL Gilbert's region entered the U.S. Military Academy, far exceeding the fair share range of 24 to 25 cadetships for this region. COL Gilbert's region staff conducted 101 interviews during the cycle, had 64 candidates qualify for admission, and 45 received offers of admission.

A 1962 graduate of Lafayette College where he earned a BS degree in mechanical engineering, COL Gilbert received an ROTC commission following graduation. He served two years on active duty, including assignments in Korea with the 707 Maintenance Battalion and at Fort Bragg as a company commander. He remained in the Army Reserve where he served troop unit assignments in Norristown, PA. For the past 10 years he has been an Individual Mobilization Augmentee, his last assignment with Headquarters, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He was recently reassigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition at the Pentagon. COL Gilbert earned an MBA degree from Lehigh University in 1970 and attended the Command and General Staff College in 1976.

"As a liaison officer, you gain a great deal of satisfaction in the contacts you make while assisting young people seeking admission to West Point," said COL Gilbert. "You provide West Point a local point of contact for candidates in your area, and you have an opportunity to develop a rapport with guidance counselors. When you do this it is amazing how things simply fall into place."

As a strategic planner on AT&T's corporate staff, COL Gilbert provides recommendations for the electronic components part of the business. Additionally, he is responsible for insuring that various entities within AT&T understand and implement strategic direction. During his spare time COL Gilbert serves as a Deputy District Governor for Lions Club International. He recently was elected President of the Chi Phi Nation-

al Fraternity, a two-year term which begins in July.

Close family ties to the U.S. Military Academy may have been a motivating reason for Colonel Steel to join the volunteer West Point admissions effort in Arkansas. And the Admissions Office is happy to be able to enlist his support. Colonel Steel has been involved with our Admissions program since 1975. At the time Arkansas did not have a state coordinator, but after receiving the request from the Academy, Colonel Steel agreed to help in any way he could.

"I offered to help in this program because I felt I owed something to the Academy for what it had given me," said Colonel Steel. "West Point gave me an outstanding education, and an outstanding career opportunity. I might not be where I am if it has not been for the Academy.

"I was just a 17-year-old kid when I entered West Point," remarked Colonel Steel. "West Point gave me a career in which every assignment was challenging. It gave all three of my children an opportunity to travel around the world with us. And, all of my children have done well, largely as a result of the environment, and the military family home. West Point also provided me a creed and a code of ethics, exemplified in its motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

West Point provides many dear memories for the Steel family. Colonel Steel's father-in-law, Colonel Leland Smith, is a Class of 1920 graduate and later served as Adjutant General at West Point. In fact, Colonel Smith presented Colonel Steel his diploma at graduation ceremonies in 1944. Colonel Steel's brother, James, is a 1949 West Point graduate, and his son, LTC Charles Steel IV, is a 1968 graduate now serving in the Pentagon.

During the past Admissions cycle, Colonel Steel's efforts in coordinating the admissions activities in Arkansas have been outstanding. Fourteen cadets from Arkansas entered the Academy last July, and there were four or five others who entered from nearby Tennessee areas who received assistance from Colonel Steel and his associates. That effort tripled the enrollment from the previous year, and it did not go unnoticed.

Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, Superintendent of the Academy, recognized Colonel Steel and his Arkansas volunteers for their admissions efforts.

"You have been identified as a Field Force member whose efforts have been instrumental in the successful enrollment of highly qualified classes for West Point," said LTG Palmer in a letter. "I also realize that candidate service and local representation for the Military Academy involved extensive personal time on your part. This challenge few

undertake, and even fewer accomplish the success that your record shows. I appreciate your leadership and past achievements and ask you to continue to support us in our efforts to enroll, train, and graduate the finest of our country's young men and women."

Following graduation in 1944, Colonel Steel launched a career that spanned 26 years in the U.S. Army in the Corps of Engineers. He served in World War II in Okinawa and in occupied Japan at the close of the war. He was one of 40 selected for military nuclear planning in the Manhattan Engineers District. He served in Korea and in Europe under General Lyman Lemnitzer, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe from 1963-69, attended the U.S. Army War College and served three years on the faculty. Colonel Steel later served as the District Engineer in Little Rock, constructing locks and dams from Arkansas to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Currently an Executive Vice President for Arkansas Power and Light Company, Colonel Steel has vivid memories of West Point and plans to return for his 45th reunion in 1989. While there he played varsity tennis for two years under coach Ralph Chambers. During his Army career he played in many tennis championships in Europe, and played the New England circuit while obtaining his Master's degree in foundation engineering from Harvard University.

Since joining the volunteer Admissions program in 1975, Colonel Steel has helped bring in 113 cadets from Arkansas. There are five liaison officers involved with Colonel Steel's West Point admissions program in Arkansas. He is also ably assisted by Barbara Coffman, his secretary at Arkansas Power and Light Company.

"Barbara is one of West Point's biggest boosters," said Colonel Steel. "She does about 90 percent of my work, and even made a visit to the Academy a few years ago. I know I couldn't do it without her."

The efforts of COL Gilbert and COL Steel are repeated in many other locations throughout the country. The Military Academy Liaison Officer program counts 456 officers among its strength. More than 25 percent of those liaison officers are West Point graduates, a figure which is on the rise. There are also more than 1,000 others who offer assistance to Admissions throughout the year. The Admissions organization offers graduates or friends of the Academy a significant way to help recruit the most outstanding young people in the country for West Point. Any graduates interested in joining the team should call the Admissions Office or contact your local Admissions participant.

# The Unusual Career of an American Officer in the Army of Napoléon III

By CLAUDE VIOLLET, former Professor of French, USMA  
translated from the French by C. Bruce MacKenzie Class of 1946

Among the names you would hardly expect to find in the *Register of Graduates* of the United States Military Academy is Napoléon Bonaparte. Perhaps you would be even more surprised to learn that *this* Bonaparte was indeed an authentic member of the French imperial family. Jérôme Napoléon Bonaparte III appears in the 1852 *Register* and did indeed graduate from West Point in the Class of the same year. To understand just how Jérôme is related to the French Bonapartes, however, does require a short historical flashback.

His grandfather, Jérôme Bonaparte, was fifteen years younger than his illustrious brother, Napoléon I. In fact, he was such a boisterous, unruly child that his older brother often called him "the little hellion," but not without affection.

The meteoric rise to power of the *General of the Revolution*, as he liked to call himself, deeply affected Jérôme as he grew into a tall, handsome adolescent. He soon became intoxicated by all the attentions and honors showered upon him by social climbers gravitating around the new strong man of the era. Within this heady environment, Jérôme became the family playboy, often returning very late to the Tuileries Palace and a bit under the weather. All this added to the First Consul's (1) increasing irritation with his irresponsible brother. Although Napoléon had shown a great deal of indulgence towards Jérôme until then, he now decided that this maturing "hellion" needed a dose of real life—and shipped him off to the West Indies as junior officer with a naval squadron. This cruise was to trigger a dramatic series of events which, for a time, put Jérôme's career in jeopardy and his personal life into complete turmoil.

After a rather short campaign in Santo Domingo, Jérôme was promoted to lieutenant. But then, true to form, he almost immediately committed a grave breach of naval discipline. Deliberately disregarding his superior's orders, the young officer took "French leave" and set off to visit the United States (to whom his older brother had just sold Louisiana for \$15 million!). There developed the high personal drama for Jérôme which



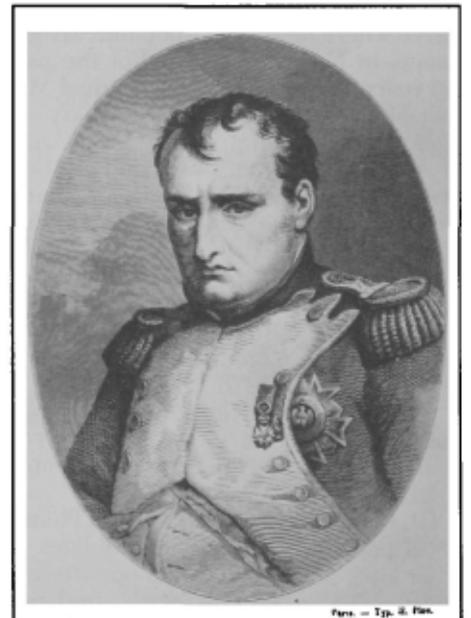
Elizabeth Patterson Bonaparte



Jerome Bonaparte



Lieutenant Jérôme Napoléon Bonaparte, USA  
Class of 1852, USMA



Napoléon Bonaparte

brought him into direct confrontation with the ruler of Europe, now Emperor Napoléon I.

When Jérôme and his friends arrived in Baltimore, he was warmly received as the youngest brother of the Napoléon the Great. He naturally became the center of a mad social whirl, particularly by one ambitious family, the Pattersons.

Mr. Patterson, a rich, self-made merchant with a fleet of trading vessels welcomed this step up the social ladder.

While history leaves us only a few details, young, headstrong Jérôme and beautiful, rich Elizabeth Patterson soon fell deeply in love. And, although still minors, were solemnly married on Christmas Eve by the most Catholic

Archbishop of Baltimore. Most shocking of all: this “unarranged” marriage was performed with neither the consent of “Madame Mère,” matriarch of the Bonaparte clan, nor of Jérôme’s all-powerful brother.

Napoléon, enraged and politically inconvenienced by news of this unexpected union sent by the French Ambassador in Washington, summoned his subordinate brother back to France post haste. The latter, in typically Jérôme fashion, however, was in no rush to follow orders. In fact, he continued to dip generously and frequently into the intimidated ambassador’s coffers, so as to maintain his extravagant life style as playboy of the New World.

It was not until a full year later that the couple finally embarked for Europe on one of Mr. Patterson’s ships, again defying Napoléon’s direct orders that Elizabeth should remain in Baltimore. As the Continental Blockade against British trade was in full effect, French garrisons occupied all ports from Holland to Gibraltar. They now had standing orders to hold Jérôme wherever he landed and to bring him immediately to the Emperor. When Jérôme turned up one day in Lisbon, he was summarily packed off by coach to Napoléon who had been finally located in Northern Italy. There the long-delayed, stormy fraternal reunion took place.

True to form, Napoléon attacked. We are told that his welcome to Jérôme began with two sharp slaps to the face, followed by a warm brotherly embrace. After all, the family’s *enfant terrible* was still his beloved protégé—little hellion though he might still be. But then, on to serious matters. From what little we can learn, we can relive the scene which must have taken place between the two estranged brothers.

“Not only has your conduct been utterly disrespectful to the family but, even worse, it has been stupid. I have other greater plans for you! But, since you have presented me with this fait accompli, here is my position: either you immediately repudiate this American adventuress, in which case I will install you on the throne of Westphalia beside an authentic princess; or, you decide to keep your present married condition; in which case, I will never see you again. There is nothing else to be said except this: you have twenty-four hours to make up your mind. Off to your quarters now, and think it over, dear brother.”

Such was indeed the ultimatum given Jérôme during this first meeting. Torn between tender love for his young wife and heady visions of promised glory, Jérôme is completely stunned and silent. In fact, he needs eleven long days to finally decide—to submit to his brother’s imperious decree. Napoléon, on his



Claude Viollet, Professor of French, USMA, 1946–1986

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side, is magnanimous, accepts his prodigal brother’s repentance and forgives all.

He even promised a generous pension of 60,000 francs a year to the unfortunate Miss Patterson, if she will give up the Bonaparte name, of course. As for the religious marriage, Napoléon calls it null and void. He will personally take care of that matter with the Pope, as he did with his own coronation. As an extra bonus, Jérôme receives immediate command of a frigate and is shortly promoted to vice-admiral.

In this fashion, all seems to have been peacefully restored to order in the affairs of Jérôme. In point of fact, he will one day be installed on the throne of Westphalia as his brother promised. On more than one occasion, however, Napoléon learned to regret his generosity. Jérôme turned out to be a singularly inept monarch, and an ungrateful one at that. Moreover, military genius didn’t seem to run in the family. There, the young brother proved a total disaster. After having granted him command of an army, Napoléon had to rescind it almost immediately. [On this occasion, Jérôme received a classic cutting comment from

Napoléon: “The greatest immorality is to practice a trade one is ignorant of.”]

While things at first took a turn for the better between the two brothers—at least in family terms—such was definitely not the case for Jérôme’s young, now, very pregnant wife. Still residing on her father’s small ship, prevented from landing by the imperial police, she clearly had to go someplace, soon. But, where, since all European Atlantic ports were closed to her? The only solution (America being too far off for her advanced “condition”) was England. We can only imagine the astonishment of the English custom’s agent examining a passport with the name of Mrs. Jérôme Napoléon Bonaparte. Elizabeth Patterson Napoléon Bonaparte soon gave birth to a boy whom she immediately named Jérôme Napoléon Bonaparte II. (2)

Shortly thereafter she embarked for her family’s home back in Baltimore. Never again will she see her faithless husband, although he will write occasionally, for a certain time, more through diplomacy than tenderness. What is perhaps more surprising, considering Elizabeth’s shabby treatment at Bonaparte hands, is how young Jérôme will be raised. This will be in a veritable cult of the imperial family, idealizing and embroidering upon it. Apparently, the repudiated spouse remained somehow attached to her husband, now King of Westphalia.

Twenty years later, it is Jérôme fils, the Imperial reject who fathers the future 1852 West Pointer of the same name—the principal character in this brief story. Let’s now join the young man, Jérôme Napoléon Bonaparte III, freshly minted out of the United States Military Academy, second lieutenant in the United States Army—his first assignment—the frontier state of Texas, wrested from the Mexicans only a few years before.

Fortunately, we have abundant details on his early years in the military as he revealed them in assiduous correspondence with his mother, his grandmother and, also, his paternal grandfather—the latter, even though he had not at that time met him in person. In the West Point Library today, there are over one hundred letters—several in French—written during his four years of study there, following a one-year stint at Harvard, his father’s school.

Throughout his letters, he comes across as an intelligent, cultured, very serious young man enthusiastically preparing for a military career. His correspondence gives a wide variety of observations on the Academy’s daily routine, teaching, staffing, discipline and its *esprit de corps* showing that much has remained the same—even after one hundred and thirty years! Many of the same traditions, qualities and flaws exist

even today in the Long Gray Line.

Jérôme's letters are replete with interesting anecdotes and observations, especially those concerning his relations with the French professor, who answered to the charming name of Hyacinthe Agnel. (French, by the way, was the only foreign language studied at West Point. In fact, a necessity, since several tactics courses were given in French by retired officers of the Imperial Army.) M. Agnel appreciated not only the lively intelligence of his student, but his flawless French-style education—and his fluent French, to such a degree that he named Jérôme his assistant.

Almost through heredity, we might say, Jérôme appreciated everything which reminded him of France. His fencing master was French. He had his weapons, his saddles, even the cloth for his uniforms imported from there. To say the very least, he was francophile. At the same time, it's more than a little surprising in view of the King of Westphalia's sordid treatment of his American ex-wife. Still, he had been raised in a family milieu centered on France, French culture and all things French—in an imperial family mystique.

It is not so surprising, therefore, that Jérôme, to read from his letters, always followed European developments closely, especially French politics. Upon graduation from West Point, aged 22, he is assigned to a cavalry unit in the far boondocks of Texas. Noblesse oblige! After a time, doubtless bored by the routine garrison life and its monotonous duties, and intrigued by news

about the French president-prince who has become Napoléon III, he asks for leave of absence. He wants, at last, to visit, to see first hand the happenings over there, in France—the eternal subject of discussions since his earliest childhood.

From that point on, things move very fast indeed in the career of this young American officer, taking him in totally unexpected directions. Arriving in France, what more natural than to present himself at the renovated imperial palace—the Tuileries—for an audience with his distant cousin, Napoléon III. Surprise? He is received with open arms by the entire family, first and foremost, by the emperor himself, who, of course, is well aware of his uncle Jérôme's first American marriage.

On the spot, Napoléon suggests his American cousin move to France, reminding him, no doubt, of the multiple attractions of "garrison" life in Paris which are, to say the least, incomparably superior to his isolated military post in the backwoods of the New World. He is easily persuaded to accept the offer, returns to America, resigns his commission in the Army and returns immediately to rejoin the French Bonaparte clan.

Soon promoted to field-grade officer in the French army, he will take part in all of the wars of the Second Empire, except, of course, the ill-fated Mexican expedition; perhaps, due to potential conflict of interest with U.S. interests? He distinguishes himself on several occasions, most notably in the Crimean war against the Russians. Then, more soldiering for five long years in Algeria. He is still active at Solferino where his regiment—the Chasseurs d'Afrique—suffers heavy losses at the hands of the Austrians. A naturally combative "scrapper," his rapid advancement and promotions in the *Légion d'Honneur* are due, we are told, solely to his cool behavior under fire—not, as some might be tempted to believe, to the influence of his imperial cousin.

In the Franco-Prussian War of 1870, we find Jérôme as a lieutenant colonel in the Dragoons of the Empress, an elite regiment of the Imperial Guard. While arriving too late to fight at the battle of Sedan, he is at least able to withdraw his unit in good order on Paris. During the following long siege, he carries out numerous, courageous sallies through the enemy lines.

It is at this point that historians differ on his disappearance from the military/political scene. Some maintain that he was able, at the last moment, to escape from the Communards sent to capture him. Others propose a more ironic and intriguing, if apocryphal, scenario. Upon being arrested as a member of the imperial family, Colonel Jérôme Bonaparte, without denying his heritage, is

supposed simply to have proven his American citizenship via his American passport. The Communards, disconcerted by this revelation and wishing, perhaps, to avoid a diplomatic incident with the United States, are presumed to have more or less courteously conducted him to the nearest frontier. In any case, history records his uneventful repatriation in the bosom of his American family, where he died in 1893.

The history of the great Napoléon's brother Jérôme's American descendants, however, doesn't stop there. Jérôme Napoléon Bonaparte III also had a much younger brother in America, Charles-Joseph, who never considered himself French. On the contrary, he was to become an eminent American political figure where we find him in the cabinet of President Theodore Roosevelt, serving first as Secretary of the Navy, then as Attorney General, dying without heirs in 1921.

Finally, Jérôme Napoléon Charles, son of Colonel (French Army) Jérôme Bonaparte-Patterson (3) whose story we have just related, was the last direct descendent of the American Bonapartes, offspring of the sensational marriage annulled at Napoléon's request by the Catholic Church in Paris. Unlike his great-grandfather, his father, his brother and his tragi-comic great uncle, this Bonaparte led a most uneventful life, whose "high point," perhaps, was his rumored declining the throne of tiny Albania, offered to him in 1921. He led an obscure, retiring life, left no children and died most unheroically in 1952, following a banal accident while walking his dog through New York City's Central Park.

So ended the American branch of this distinguished surname, in a most prosaic fashion. (4)

(1) Napoléon's title prior to becoming emperor.

(2) Within the Bonaparte family circle, this Jérôme II was affectionately called "Bo."

(3) As he was ironically called by Prince Napoléon—or "Plon-Plon"—born of Jérôme's second marriage with Catherine of Westphalia.

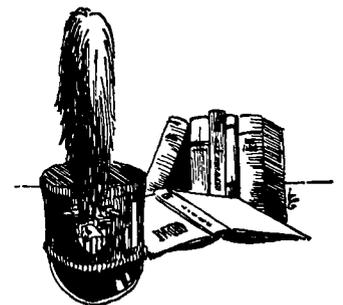
(4) We are led to believe, in spite of this genealogy, that collateral branches of the Bonapartes may still exist in the United States. For example, during the Korean War in 1953, we find a American Captain Bonaparte (following Napoléon's example, in the artillery, of course!). Even today, there are an imperial dozen Bonapartes in the New York City telephone directory. Of course, a few of these just might have emigrated directly from the original Corsican clan, we suppose.

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# Academic Limits

By BG ROY K. FLINT, *Dean of the Academic Board*



Every reader of these pages surely knows that 1986 was, for the United States Army, The Year of Values. I want to share with you some ideas we have about the connections among the Army, West Point, academics, and values.

The Secretary of the Army, Mr. Marsh, and our Chief of Staff, General Wickham, provided an articulate and uplifting "white paper" to start us thinking about the values that have so long distinguished the American Army. The first page of the white paper is devoted to a citation describing the deeds of a soldier who earned the Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life" in the Republic of Vietnam. The content of this citation makes it clear that the soldier had incorporated—at the cost of his life—the professional Army ethic described by the Secretary and the Chief. How far removed, I thought, this episode of courage and sacrifice seemed to be from the daily business that occupies us here at the Academy.

No, little that the staff and faculty require of cadets resembles the all-encompassing life-or-death demands of combat. Yet, our faculty officers believe that what we do in leading and teaching cadets contributes directly to the inculcation of the same values cited in the white paper and exemplified by the deeds of that brave soldier. To illustrate this point, I would note that the white paper describes "discipline" and "stamina" as "first tier" soldierly values. The importance of these values is well known to anyone who has worn the uniform, but these are academic values, as well. Make no mistake, the four-year USMA program of intellectual, military, and physical development remains beyond the reach of the undisciplined; this has never changed. Frequently, it is the future of those cadets who fail to bring self-discipline to their studies that the Academic Board debates at the end of each term. Often the debate is more about self-discipline than about deficiencies in studies. Disciplined cadets (somehow) find the peace and quiet to do their reading, give up an evening at Eisenhower Hall to study, spend a weekend day in the library, or try first to do their homework problems themselves before seeking help. And, over

the long haul, to remain disciplined, both in the sense I am using the word and as Schofield used it, a soldier requires stamina. Young men and women lacking stamina when they arrive here either gain it quickly or they depart.

Secretary Marsh and General Wickham described a professional Army ethic in their white paper. Two aspects of that ethic—duty and integrity—are taught well by the academic process at West Point. A basic tenet of the Thayer System is the duty of every cadet to be prepared for class when entering the section room. While we may have made many modifications to Thayer's original concept, this aspect remains. We are an effective teaching faculty; we have been recognized as such—and envied—time and again by outside visitors and accreditors. Our effectiveness stems from the combination of an enthusiastic young faculty, small classroom sections, and cadets being prepared to recite when the section is called to attention. This acceptance by cadets of their duty to prepare is a major accomplishment of our system and one that makes me proud of our graduates.

Integrity is "honesty, uprightness, or the avoidance of deception," according to the white paper and little needs to be said about the way in which cadets develop integrity in pursuing studies at West Point. The influence of the Honor Code and System pervades all our developmental programs, ensuring high standards of academic integrity. The example of our military faculty and the time-honored standards of scholarship serve to reinforce the cadets' growth in this regard. Cadets live with the realization that the work they submit will be considered theirs and theirs alone unless stated otherwise. They learn the meaning of "unfair advantage," "quibbling," and "attempt to deceive" in academic work and easily transfer that understanding to other endeavors. Cheaters are rare and despised.

I could go on at length, but I will conclude with a point or two about the inherent intellectual nature of values. The Army has emphasized its values certainly as long as I have been serving and has done so by an essentially academic process. For example, the white paper written by Secretary Marsh and General Wickham was supplemented

by a selected bibliography on values 20 pages long! Clearly, reading the printed word—a primary vehicle for the transmission of knowledge—is how we have captured the thoughts of scholars and soldiers on the values that shape our profession. We absorb these ideas not by computers, not by teleconferencing, not by films or video tape, but by reading good old fashioned books. How could we discuss or describe ethics without exercising the intellect? Thus we establish the strongest possible connection between education and values.

So, you see, the Army theme for 1986 bears directly on the mission of the Dean and the academic departments. And I promise you that the year of the two hundredth anniversary of the American Constitution will provide us even more opportunities for strengthening values, enriching the education of the Corps, and preparing cadets for officer-ship.

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In the next issue of *Assembly*, I will introduce you to a special segment of our permanent faculty: permanent associate professors who, through sustained excellence in teaching, leadership, and research, have earned academic promotion to full professor.

My mail bag was empty this go round. Remember, I encourage you to write directly to me to ask whatever is on your mind. I will answer in print.



# The COM Reports

By BG PETER J. BOYLAN, Commandant of Cadets



The Army theme for 1986 was "Values." This theme followed previous years' programs promoting and emphasizing excellence and leadership among others. Naturally, all of these programs had their applicability at West Point, but leadership and this year's theme of "values" hit closest to the core of our mission of developing young men and women to be the Army's future leadership.

tional Honor Conference, created as a result of our continuing interest in and commitment to integrity. The conference lasted four days and included representatives from The Citadel, Norwich, Princeton, the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Coast Guard Academy, the United States Merchant Marine Academy, the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, Virginia Military

should remember that "no soldier will ever die for general so and so, but they will for Company A!" Red Reeder was speaking of the worth of a soldier's devotion to his or her unit. While cadets are at West Point, they come to know the Academy for what it has been and for what it is. In their third year, they get to work with soldiers in the field Army on either the Drill Cadet Leader Training or Cadet Troop Leader Training programs and learn of the heritage and traditions held by the units to which they have been assigned. Cadets are reminded of their link with the Army as they enter the cadet activities building, Eisenhower Hall. There in Crest Hall, along with crests of cadet classes, are affixed models of the shoulder sleeve insignia of the 18 active Army divisions.

Over the past several years, the Army has become more aware of regimental histories and indeed offers opportunities for affiliation with those regiments in which soldiers had served. This past year at West Point we introduced the Active Army Regiment Program (AARP), a program in which cadet companies and battalions could become affiliated with field Army regiments and divisions, respectively. The alignment and selection of units was done on a random basis and drawn by a lottery. Cadet battalion commanders drew to select divisions first and then had their respective company commanders draw for regiments of that division. The results are shown in Table A. This alignment will last for three years and then another drawing will take place. The cadet companies have contacted the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry to obtain copies of unit histories and crests for display. Cadet company commanders have also corresponded with their aligned units and in some cases, soldiers from those units have come to West Point for a visit and unit commanders have spoken at dinings-in.

The most difficult challenge the Commandant has here is his charter to develop leaders. We have learned that leader development consists of three dimensions—knowledge, skills, and values, but more, how does one learn to properly apply them? We know that a leader

## Parenthetically Speaking . . .

In virtually every instance where members of the Corps of Cadets appear in public, they leave a splendid impression. I am proud of their behavior, both at West Point and away. They aren't perfect, however. Now and then some of them do something to remind us that their judgment is still forming, that beneath the poise and bearing we have come to expect beats the heart of a college student—and, often as not, of a teenager.

During the Army-Navy football game some cadets were swept away by the spirit of the moment and took off their dress gray coats. Television cameras zoomed in before they got them back on. The Superintendent and I subsequently received a couple of dozen letters from around the country commenting negatively on such behavior. Since he and I agree with the general thrust of those letters, and since there surely are many others who had similar feelings but chose not to put them on paper, let me pass on to all of you what we responded to those who wrote.

Our cadets should indeed adhere to standards of behavior higher than those expected of other college students; we agree, furthermore, that taking off one's shirt to express spirit at a football game is not appropriate. For reasons that elude us, that has become a more or less accepted practice across the country—and our students are not immune to national fads or trends. We were pleased that the numbers who let youthful exuberance carry them across the line of proper behavior were small (TV cameras can be misleading) and that their own cadet leaders quickly corrected them.

You can be sure that we will continue to seek the proper balance between mature demeanor and youthful exuberance, between propriety and fun. (And, all things considered, beating Navy was grand fun!)

There are few words in our language with more meanings to different people than the word "values." To some segments of society it measures what you get in the market place in return for your dollar—some sort of attributed worth or usefulness. Soldiers, however, place the definition of this word on a higher plane. The Army Ethic comprises four enduring values: loyalty to country and the Army, loyalty to the unit, personal responsibility, and selfless service. It is up to us, in our daily contacts with cadets, to encourage them to embrace these values and to make them their own.

Two events this past year have had values as their core topic. In November, West Point hosted the first annual Na-

Institute, and Texas A & M. That conference is described in this issue of ASSEMBLY in an article written by Captain Greg Stone, the Special Assistant to the Commandant for Honor Matters. None of us will deny that honor remains the bedrock value of West Point. One of the important functions of a school is to pass on our culture, and if that is not done well, the students and the society will be the losers. The National Honor Conference demonstrated that we are not alone in recognizing this value as an essential part of teaching excellence in student life.

At a dining-out this past year, one of West Point's most distinguished sons, Colonel Russell P. "Red" Reeder, said in a talk to a cadet company that they

Table A

	1st Regiment	2nd Regiment	3rd Regiment	4th Regiment
A Co	15th Infantry	32nd Armor	8th Field Artillery	7th Field Artillery
B Co	7th Infantry	67th Armor	9th Infantry	22nd Infantry
C Co	64th Armor	3rd Field Artillery	21st Infantry	22nd Infantry
D Co	68th Armor	66th Armor	8th Field Artillery	21st Infantry
E Co	12th Infantry	41st Infantry	325th Infantry	62nd Air Defense Arty
F Co	8th Infantry	67th Infantry	17th Armored Cavalry	14th Infantry
G Co	37th Armor	502nd Infantry	32nd Armor	60th Infantry
H Co	16th Infantry	187th Infantry	5th Infantry	1st Infantry
I Co	5th Field Artillery	327th Infantry	82nd Field Artillery	11th Field Artillery

development process consists of acquiring these dimensions, demonstrating them, and having them evaluated by a senior. The result we hope will be improved performance on the part of the cadet. It is this process for which our Sequential Leader Development System (SLEDS) has been created. The automated part of SLEDS helps cadets to observe and evaluate, especially important with values, or character.

Certainly, it is a quite straightforward matter to teach a person the definition of character, of values, of virtue, . . . of excellence. It is certainly not difficult to ascertain understanding of these concepts. However, it is extraordinarily difficult to determine the degree to which that same person has internalized this dimension of character. One may readily understand the concepts of courage, integrity, and perseverance and remain quite unable to manifest them. Our track record of inculcating values through only formal instruction is not encouraging. As an example, law schools have introduced courses in legal ethics but, if daily reports are an indication, the effect has not been monumental. It has been said that education is an ornament in prosperity, but a necessity in adversity. Of course, this might be said about virtue as well. Think about that. . . . When does a person require character except during adversity? Certainly, courage is only required when the situation demands that bravery be demonstrated. This being the case, the question becomes one of determining how to go about the process of acquiring virtue since it must be acquired during periods of so-called "prosperity." Consider if you will, for a moment, a form of adversity with which most of you may be familiar . . . a physical fitness test. Depending on one's perspective, that is certainly considered by most people to be a form of adversity. How would we go about preparing ourselves for such a trial? The most proven method, of course, involves going to the gymnasium rather frequently and doing push-ups, situps, pullups, and perhaps even running. Every time we do a pushup, we may acquire a chit which has the word "pushup" written on it, and then put it into a bucket at our feet. The more pushups accomplished, the more chits

acquired, until finally, the bucket becomes filled with chits marked "push-up," "pullup," "situp," and so forth. The label inscribed on this bucket is, of course, "strength" . . . a virtue. It follows that the quality of our performance during that period of adversity called a physical fitness test is proportional to the number of chits in our strength buckets. If pushups, pullups, situps, and so forth are not practiced, the ability to perform them when there is a requirement to do so will be lacking. That is to say, . . . no chits in the pail means no strength which further means a diminished quality of performance. By extending the argument, it seems reasonable to expect that virtue (or character) must be practiced to be acquired. If we wish to possess courage when bravery is required, we must practice this form of excellence in our daily lives. If we wish to possess integrity, then it is necessary to be honest in the most routine of our dealings with others. If we wish to triumph in the face of overwhelming odds, then we must practice perseverance and determination in each of the insignificant events which make up our daily lives. If we wish to triumph over adversity, it is equally axiomatic that the excellences must be acquired during the process of living our daily lives—prosperity, if you wish. . . .

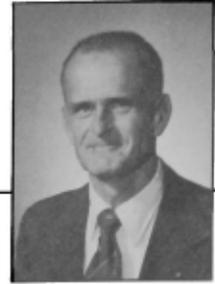
There is an unfortunate paradox in all of that which I have just expressed. The inexperienced, the young, the person who does not reflect, will fail to recognize that the "prosperity" to which I have referred might not really exist. Consider if you will, for a moment, the difficulty each of us has experienced in performing all of those trivial acts which encompass the harder right, as opposed to the easier wrong, of our daily lives. Let us use as an example the hurdles which we must overcome merely to motivate ourselves each day to go to the gymnasium and accomplish those deeds which will result in the enhancement of the virtue, strength. There are days that I positively dread the thought of exercising, and the thought of running a few miles is almost too much to countenance. Yet, if the virtue is to be acquired, the task is quite necessary. Have you ever been out running and had this overpowering desire to just stop and

begin walking? Let me suggest to you that you cannot allow yourself to do this if you wish to acquire virtue. This is perhaps an extreme example—but consider that when you deny yourself the opportunity to acquire virtue, that you are in fact expending some of the chits or virtue which you have previously accumulated. In other words, it is not a zero sum game. It becomes more clear after reflection that the acquisition of this form of excellence (strength) does not come easily. Similarly, I always find it difficult to settle down to serious study of a subject on a routine basis. For me, there is something terribly offensive about grinding out the studies—day . . . after day . . . after day. Yet, if one intends to acquire wisdom (or knowledge) it is essential to perform such tasks quite frequently. It follows, then, to acquire both strength and wisdom (or knowledge) requires that we also practice and obtain determination and perseverance (both of which are virtues). It is also evident that the effort we expend accumulating strength and wisdom is not itself the adversity. Yet, it is equally clear that we must make it into a test. One could therefore argue quite compellingly that this so-called "prosperity" does not really exist . . . that in order to acquire virtue, that in order to prepare ourselves for adversity, which must surely occur during our lifetimes, we must live in a form of adversity. Said another way—"Any damn fool can stand adversity, but it takes real quality to stand prosperity." This is an extreme argument because we now are prisoners of our own words. At bottom, though, our only requirement is that we practice virtue—that we live virtuous lives, excellent lives. . . . This, indeed, is what at bottom our Academy is about. This is what it seeks, what it teaches, and what it produces.

The values of society may change, but the demands of the battlefield do not. It is for this reason that the values we subscribe to as soldiers have to be learned during times of peace—prosperity. You cannot call upon courage on the battlefield if you have not demonstrated it on the athletic fields or when confronted with a moral challenge. The long road to strengthening our values is traversed a step at a time.

# The DIA Reports

By CARL ULLRICH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*



"... must use his/her best efforts to instill character, leadership, courage, integrity, candor, honesty, and other essential attributes required to perform as future officers in the United States Army."

**T**his paragraph or its equivalent is part of every contract and/or set of job specifications under which each of our Army coaches subscribes. It is, in effect, a covenant which leads each coach to use his or her best efforts to make their cadet team experience a true leadership development exercise. As I speak to West Point societies and other groups, I stress over and over again that although the Army Athletic Association is for many reasons in the athletic business, we need to continue

to remind ourselves that we are, more importantly and more specifically, truly in the leadership business.

The experience of competitive athletics is in line with General MacArthur's famous quotation, "Upon the fields of friendly strife, are sown the seeds that, upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory."

It is also in consonance with the Academy's phrase, "Every cadet an athlete and every athlete a cadet," and can, in fact, be the best leadership laboratory experience available at West Point. If leadership truly involves sincerity, integrity, selflessness, initiative and courage, then, indeed, competitive athletics can be for each participant a developmental exercise in these traits.

Intercollegiate athletics, and in partic-

ular intercollegiate football and basketball, are almost daily blasted in the newspapers, and one can read of various indiscretions on the part of coaches, administrators, and often the players themselves. Admissions standards are virtually nonexistent on many campuses, and the requirement for an athlete to go to class and ultimately to graduate was not part of the covenant between coach and prospective student-athlete during the recruiting process.

Recruiting priorities (and day-to-day priorities) at West Point (and I believe at the other service academies) center around the values of character (of a strength to be a good cadet), academic credentials (in order to at least survive and hopefully thrive in an increasingly competitive academic arena) and, finally, the athletic skills to make a contribution to one's sport.

Our football coach, Jim Young, and our other coaches epitomize these values and ideals. Jim has taken the challenges, demands, and requirements of being a successful cadet at West Point and made them part of his program, not using them as an alibi for failure as has been the want of some of his predecessors. His own leadership style, development of team spirit and attitude, incredible work ethic, and intense concentration toward the moment of competition have been examples for all of us. To any great athlete and coach, the moment of competition is the most important thing in the world at that particular instant. When the contest is over, however, it is not the most important thing in the world and the priorities and values of citizenship and scholarship assume top billing.

In a day when many of us fail to keep straight what seems urgent from what is truly important, the values of athletic competition are an important input into the lives of the Corps of Cadets. "The lives and destinies of valiant Americans are entrusted to your care and leadership," is emblazoned on the base of the Soldier statue as one approaches Michie Stadium from the Plain. I believe competitive athletics, and in particular intercollegiate athletics, as conducted at West Point truly contribute to the ability of the Corps of Cadets to accept this



**USMA gets Blaik portrait**

Col. Al Vanderbush (r), deputy athletic director and a starter on the last undefeated Army football team in 1958, and Army's All-American quarterback from the '44 team, Doug Kenna, unveil the portrait of legendary Army coach Col. Earl "Red" Blaik during ceremonies after the Army victory over Air Force.

Members of the undefeated national champ teams of 1944, '45 and '46 gathered to honor Coach Blaik, who unfortunately was unable to attend the dedication. Among those present were "Mr. Inside" and "Mr. Outside," Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis, each of whom won the Heisman Trophy.

"Red Blaik brought a great deal of honor, glory and respect to this institution," Kenna said. And Davis reflected, "The stories get better and better each time we meet." Visitors may see the Blaik painting on the second level of the Multi-purpose Sports Facility.

(photo by Mark Cole)

challenge, graduate and provide exciting, inspiring leadership for the United States Army.

In any discussion of values and/or the leadership experience as associated with competitive athletics, I would be remiss if I did not mention the importance of winning. Every competitive athlete, on whatever level, plays to some extent for himself and to a greater or lesser extent for his team and his teammates. Those in intercollegiate competition play also to some extent for their institution. West Point and other service academy athletes, in a sense, bear an additional burden. When an Army team goes on the field they indeed play for themselves, their teammates, their coaches, and the Academy. By wearing "ARMY" on their breasts, however, they take on representation of the more than 700,000 Army personnel who may or may not have their own collegiate institution for which to cheer, but who certainly share with the competitive effort on the field of our Army teams. The addition of national television heightens that responsibility and winning for all our teams, but in particular those that attract great media attention, is extremely important.

The Academy needs to be known as an institution that graduates winners. Whether we like it or not there are many in this country who judge the quality of our graduates, and in some cases, the quality of our Army and its ability to fight on the performance of the Army football team on any given Saturday afternoon and, in particular, against the Naval Academy as viewed annually on national television on the first Saturday in December.

The leadership experience and winning can, in fact, coexist in an atmosphere of high standards, correct priorities, and deep concern for welfare of the individual. We prove this at West Point and trust that in the near future intercollegiate athletics overall may share that same reputation.



# First Captain Selected as Rhodes Scholar

By W.T. RASH

Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander John K. Tien, Jr. was selected to receive one of only 32 prestigious Rhodes Scholarships available to American students.

The scholarships, which entitle students to post-graduate study at Oxford University in England, are the result of a proviso in the will of Britain pioneer and dignitary Cecil J. Rhodes, who died in 1902.

Tien, who was appointed to the top position in the Corps in August, said he plans to study philosophy, politics and economics at the university. A native of California, Tien is the first cadet to receive a Rhodes Scholarship since Mark S. Martins had the honor bestowed upon him in 1983, and the first brigade commander to earn the honor since Richard Morales of the class of 1976.

Although the United States is annually allotted the greatest number of Rhodes Scholarships, the program extends to 17 other nations worldwide. The international nature of the Rhodes program was attractive to Tien.

"I wanted to broaden my intellectual capabilities and strengthen my decision-making proficiency," Tien said. "Because of the intense, keen competition for the scholarships, I met people of an extremely high intellectual caliber. I was shocked, but very pleased, to get one of the scholarships."

Tien said the interviewing process used to select Rhodes scholars was very human-oriented.

"They were most interested in applicants as people, rather than as dossiers," Tien said of the program's administrators. One minor misfortune involving the Rhodes interview, however, was its timing. Since Tien was competing from the region that included California, he was interviewed there.

The interview coincided with the annual Army-Navy game, causing Tien to miss the 27-7 Army romp over the Mid-dies in Philly.



Tien, who is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, has kept himself busy during his cadet years by belonging to the White Water Canoe Club, the Ski Club, the SCUBA Club and the Army Crew Team. He plans to enter the Armor branch after graduation.

On the military side, Tien has attended the Basic Airborne Course, the French Commando School and the U.S. Air Force Glider School. He completed the latter course while serving as an exchange cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Before entering USMA, Tien was a student at the University of California. At West Point, he has majored in civil engineering.

"West Point has shaped my life dramatically, and in a very positive way," Tien said. "I feel great responsibility not only to myself, but to West Point and the Rhodes program as a whole."

—courtesy of *Pointer View*

# Coach Young Reviews 1986

*Interviewed by COL (ret) Morris J. Herbert, Staff, Association of Graduates*

Army Coach Jim Young was pleased with the 1986 football season, but he isn't satisfied.

"I feel good about the season," he said in a recent interview. "The win over Navy made it a successful season. We were able to finish on an up note by winning our last three games, and it was our third straight winning season. But, of course, we'd like to do better than a 6-5 record!"

*Assembly* had a tough question to ask Coach Young on his Navy game tactics: with about two minutes to go in the first half, and a slim 6-0 lead, Army intercepted a pass and had a chance to move the ball into position for a field goal. We called only running plays, and didn't take any timeouts. Why didn't we stop the clock so we could get off another few plays?

"We did use a conservative game plan at the end of the half," Jim Young said. "But, there were a couple of good reasons for it.

"First, I knew that we'd have to employ high-risk plays to move the ball into scoring position; that is, we would have to pass. If we did, we stood the chance of an interception and possibly letting Navy get a score and the momen-

tum. Second, I knew we were going to get the ball at the start of the third quarter (Interviewer's note: Army received the second half kickoff), and I wanted to be sure we started the second half with the ball, *and* the lead."

It was pretty hard to catch Coach Young for an interview during December. Jim Young and all of his assistant coaches left on recruiting trips on the Monday after the Navy game, and they will be hard at it, on the road and at West Point, until time to begin spring practice.

In the week following the Navy game, Coach Young personally attended By-invitation meetings at West Point societies in Boston, Atlanta, Cleveland, Columbus, Ohio, and Pittsburgh. These meetings, bringing together candidates and their parents, are set up by the USMA Director of Admissions with the help of the local West Point society.

Back at home, we asked Coach Young to give us his comments on the roller-coaster season that ended so successfully with wins over Air Force and Navy and the return of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy to West Point. Here are his thoughts, candid and straightforward as always:

## Support for the football program?

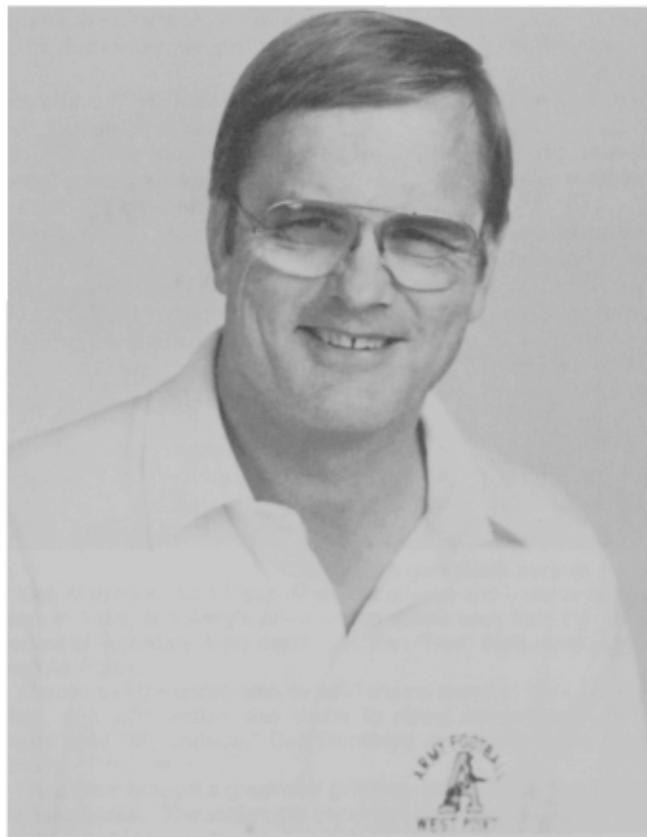
"I receive the full support and cooperation of the administration. Our coaches realize that this isn't a civilian college, and we must work within the system. I think we've shown that we can do just that, and have a winning team.

"I particularly want to mention the Corps. They were with us all season, at practices, with pep rallies, and during the games. Their support was outstanding, it made a big difference, and the team appreciated it."

## A review of the season from your perspective?

"The 1986 schedule was a tough one. We played our first three games against physically big, strong opponents: Syracuse, Northwestern, and Wake Forest. We lost a number of key players through injuries on the offensive and defensive lines, and our best linebacker broke an arm the next week against Yale. And, early in the season Ed Schultz, our starting offensive tackle, became seriously ill and had to be hospitalized.

"So, because of injuries, we decided to put our 22 best athletes on the field, regardless of experience in a given position."



Army Head Football Coach Jim Young.

### Jim Young's Record at Army

Year	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	AF	Navy	Bowl
1983	11	2	9	0	L	L	—
1984	12	8	3	1	W	W	Cherry (W)
1985	12	9	3	0	L	L	Peach (W)
1986	11	6	5	0	W	W	—
TOTALS:	46	25	20	1	2-2	2-2	2-0

### Army Starters Returning in 1987

Offense		Defense	
SE	-----	DE	-----
LT	-----	DT	Mike Lover, '88
LG	John Oleinik, '88	NG	-----
C	-----	DT	-----
RG	Ken Goodlow, '88	DE	Charles Schretzman, '89
RT	Bill Ratliff, '88	LB	Ray Griffiths, '88
TE	Mark Charette, '88	LB	-----
QB	Tory Crawford, '88	CB	-----
LHB	-----	SS	-----
RHB	-----	FS	Chance Conner, '88
FB	Andy Peterson, '88	CB	Chuck Williams, '88

Kicker—Keith Walker, '89

Punter—Bit Rambusch, '89

### The major changes?

"Well, Rob Dickerson, who started for three years at tight end, moved to tackle. He was too small for that position, but he's an excellent blocker and he did the job for us. Ken Goodlow moved from offensive tackle to guard and had two weeks to learn the position before the Navy game. Jim Brock moved from nose guard to defensive tackle. Larry Biggins moved from linebacker to defensive end, and Mark Charette moved up to first string tight end. He was a pleasant surprise. We knew he could catch the ball, but his blocking was a big plus.

"I would like to make one more point. All of these men moved to new and unfamiliar positions willingly and unselfishly. Their goal was to help the team, at whatever personal cost."

### Low point of the season?

"Oh, Rutgers, without a doubt. But, we weren't as bad as we looked. A week later we lost to Boston College, 27-20, a game we could have won if we could have eliminated the turnovers. The BC game proved to our team that if we do things right, we could win. Also, the BC game was the first time during the season we had the same offensive lineup for two consecutive games. You need stability."

### Stability is important?

"We won our next three games!"

### Any player deserving special mention?

"I was proud of every man on the team. The seniors provided us with strong leadership, and for Army to be successful, that's a must. Our starting right halfback, Benny Wright, played hurt most of the season, and always gave 100%."

### Almost everyone we play outweighs us on the offensive and defensive lines. What can be done?

"I'm more concerned about our defensive line than our offense. We do need to be a little bigger on offense, but it isn't as critical as the defense, because of the Wishbone offense we run. However, we definitely need more size on defense. This year, our smaller defensive linemen had a lot of trouble rushing the opponent's passer.

"There are three major factors to consider in increasing the size and strength of our linemen. They are (1) correct diet; (2) a supervised weight program; and, (3) rest. We can control the first two factors, but we can't do a lot about rest. Unlike civilian schools, Army players are under stress, and they don't get much rest. This affects weight-gain. Cadets burn a lot of calories, and stress is constant, especially for underclassmen. It isn't easy to build up size and strength in our players."

### Next year?

"We're going to miss our departing seniors, but I believe we are in better shape right now than we were a year ago at this time. Jim Brock will be hard to replace on defense, and we may lose one or two players through academic difficulties. We'll have six starters returning on offense and five on defense, so there are a lot of gaps to fill in.

"The schedule looks more favorable, but I note that our first opponent, Holy Cross, returns 18 starters from the 22 who beat us, 17-14, this season. So, our work is cut out for us.

I'm pleased that Tory Crawford will be back for his senior year at quarterback. In 1986 he rushed for 1,078 yards, third highest in Army history. He's improved every year, and we look for T. C. to have an excellent season in 1987."

### Finally, what turned the season around for Army?

"Getting the walking wounded back in the lineup helped, of course. We got well towards the end of the season. But, I would say, pride. This team did not want to be losers. They had set three goals for themselves at the beginning of the year: win the opening game against Syracuse, beat Air Force and Navy. They wanted to keep that promise to themselves. Pride, and togetherness."

(Interviewer's note: outstanding coaching helped, too!)

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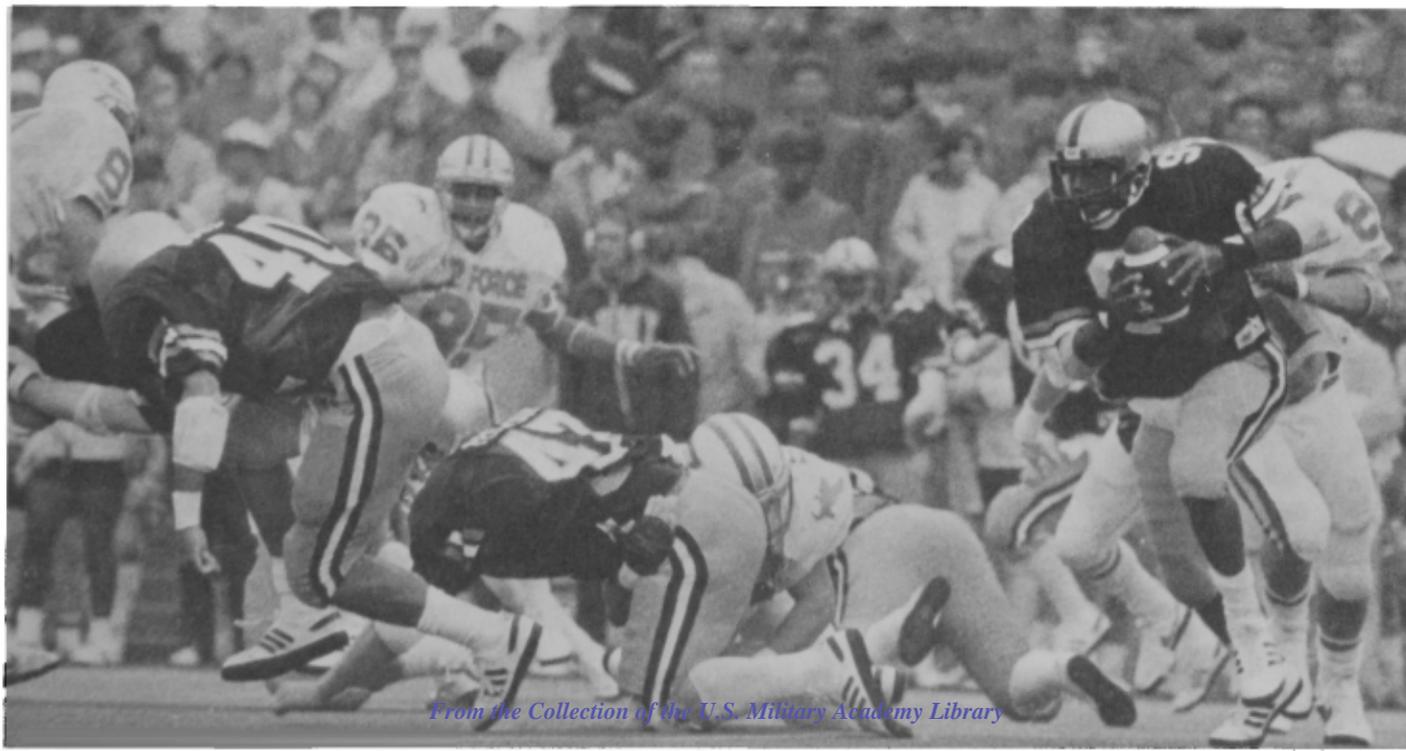
### Coach Young to ASSEMBLY:

*I'd like you to make sure all of our graduates know how much I appreciate their support in the weeks leading up to the Air Force and Navy games. The 1944, '45, and '46 teams were here for the Air Force game, and it was inspirational for the team.*

*Most important, my warm thanks to all of the Army football players and other grads who wrote to wish us luck and success. I can assure you that each member of the Army team saw every one of your letters.*

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Tory Crawford, '88, runs against Air Force as Clarence Jones, '87, and Andy Peterson, '88, lead the way.



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# USMA SPRING VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE

1987

## BASEBALL

All home games will be played at Doubleday Field

Date	Opponent	Time-PM
Mar 7	at Florida/Liberty Baptist	2:30
8	at Florida/West Chester	2:00
9	at Florida/Florida Intl Univ	7:00
10	at Florida/West Chester	2:30
11	at Florida/Liberty Baptist	2:30
12	at Florida/Maine	11:00 AM
12	at Florida/Florida Intl Univ	7:00
13	at Florida/LaSalle	12:00
14	at Florida/Barry Univ	1:00
19	JOHN JAY	3:30
21	MONMOUTH (2)	1:00
24	IONA	3:30
28	at Univ of Penn (2)	12:00
29	at Navy (2)	1:00
31	ST. FRANCIS	3:30
Apr 1	WILLIAM PATERSON	3:30
4	PRINCETON (2)	12:00
5	CORNELL (2)	12:00
8	at St. John's Univ	3:00
10	at Siena	4:00
11	at Columbia (2)	12:00
14	at Pace	3:00
16	C.W. POST	3:30
17	YALE (2)	12:00
18	BROWN (2)	12:00
21	LONG ISLAND UNIV	3:30
22	KINGS COLLEGE	3:30
25	at Harvard (2)	12:00
26	at Dartmouth (2)	12:00
29	FORDHAM	3:30
30	BROOKLYN COLLEGE	3:30
May 5	N.Y. TECH	3:30
25	ALUMNI	2:00

## SOFTBALL

All home games will be played at Buffalo Soldiers Field

Date	Opponent	Time-PM
Mar 9	at Florida/Grand Valley	11:30 AM
9	at Florida/Lewis	2:30
10	at Florida/NE Missouri	10:00 AM
10	at Florida/Ashland	1:00
11	at Florida/So. Indiana	4:00
11	at Florida/Ashland	1:00
12	at Florida/So. Indiana	2:30
12	at Florida/Lewis	11:30 AM
13	at Florida/Detroit	10:00 AM
13	at Florida/St. Francis	1:00
23	MANHATTAN COLLEGE	4:00
24	BROOKLYN COLLEGE	4:00
26	at Seton Hall (2)	2:00
28	SACRED HEART UNIV (2)	1:00
31	ST. PETER'S	3:30
Apr 4	C.W. POST (2)	1:00
6	at St. Francis	4:00
8	FORDHAM	3:30
10	COAST GUARD	5:00
11	CONCORDIA (2)	1:00
14	LONG ISLAND UNIV	4:00
15	at Hofstra	4:00
17	at Fairfield Univ	12:00
18	at Ithaca College (2)	1:00
20	at Iona	4:00
23	at West Chester	2:00
24-26	at MAAC (Philadelphia)	TBA
	E. Stroudsburg (2)	3:00
30	QUEENS COLLEGE	4:00
May 1	at New York Tech (2)	2:00
2	WAGNER COLLEGE (2)	1:00
6	PACE (2)	3:00

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

All home games will be played on the Library Courts

Date	Opponent	Time-PM
Mar 10	at San Antonio/Schreiner College	2:00
10	San Antonio/Iowa State	9:00 AM
11	at Southwest Texas State Univ	1:30
12	at Univ of Texas San Antonio	2:00
24	at Concordia College	3:00
Apr 1	PACE	3:30
3	COLUMBIA	2:30
7	at SUNY/Binghamton	3:30
9	SUNY/ALBANY	3:00
10	at Adelphi	3:00
16	SKIDMORE	3:00
20	ST. JOHN'S UNIV	3:00
25	FORDHAM	2:00
29	at C.W. Post	3:00
May 2-5	at MCTC Tournament	TBA

## WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK

Date	Opponent	Time-PM
Mar 13	at Cal Poly Univ-Pomona	TBA
27-28	at WRAL Atlantic Coast-NC State	TBA
28	at C.W. Post Relays	10:00 AM
Apr 4	WEST POINT INVITATIONAL	TBA
11	at Navy	1:00
17-18	at Rutgers Relays	TBA
23-25	at Penn Relays	TBA
May 2-3	at Heps	TBA
20-23	at NCAA DIV II	TBA

## LACROSSE

All home games will be played at Michie Stadium or Clinton Field

Date	Opponent	Time-PM
Feb 21	HOFSTRA (EXHIBITION)	2:00
28	LONG ISLAND LX CLUB (EXHIBITION)	2:00
Mar 6	CORTLAND STATE	4:00
10	at San Diego State	7:00
14	at Cornell	1:00
21	at Brown	2:00
25	at St. John's Univ	3:00
28	SYRACUSE (Clinton)	2:00
Apr 4	at Navy	2:00
11	at Johns Hopkins	2:00
15	YALE (Clinton)	4:00
18	at Rutgers	7:30
25	UNIV OF MASS-AMHERST	7:00
29	AIR FORCE (Clinton)	4:00
May 2	ADELPHI	2:00
6	C.W. POST (Clinton)	4:00

## MEN'S TENNIS

All home games will be played on the Library Courts

Date	Opponent	Time-PM
Mar 9	at San Diego Univ	2:30
10	at CA State-Fullerton	2:00
11	at CA State-Northridge	2:30
13	at Westmont College	2:00
Apr 3	at Columbia	2:00
4	at Univ of Penn	1:00
7	at SUNY/Stony Brook	3:30
10	at Brown	2:00
11	at Yale	1:00
16	BLOOMSBURG UNIV	3:30
17	at Colgate	3:00
18	at Cornell	4:00
18	at Boston Univ	9:00 AM
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23	CONCORDIA	3:30
25	PRINCETON	1:00
26	NAVY	2:00
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23-24	at IC4A'S	TBA

## GOLF

Date	Opponent	Time-PM
Mar 9	at Univ of San Diego	8:30 AM
11	at San Diego Golf Academy	12:00
12	at Point Loma Nazarene College	12:00
13	at Univ of San Diego	12:30
21-22	at Hyatt Intercollegiate Inv. VA	8:00 AM
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18-19	at Penn State Invitational	8:00 AM
24-25	at MAAC Championship	8:00 AM
27	at MGA Championships (TBA)	8:00 AM
May 2-3	at Eastern Intercollegiate	8:00 AM
9	NAVY	10:00 AM



President Reagan presents the Commander-in-Chief's trophy to the USMA delegation, 23 February. By defeating both Air Force (21-11) and Navy (27-7) the Army football team brought the trophy home. The trophy is sponsored by the Association of Graduates and the alumni organizations of the Naval and Air Force Academies.

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# The Memorials at Cabanatuan and The Tragedies They Record

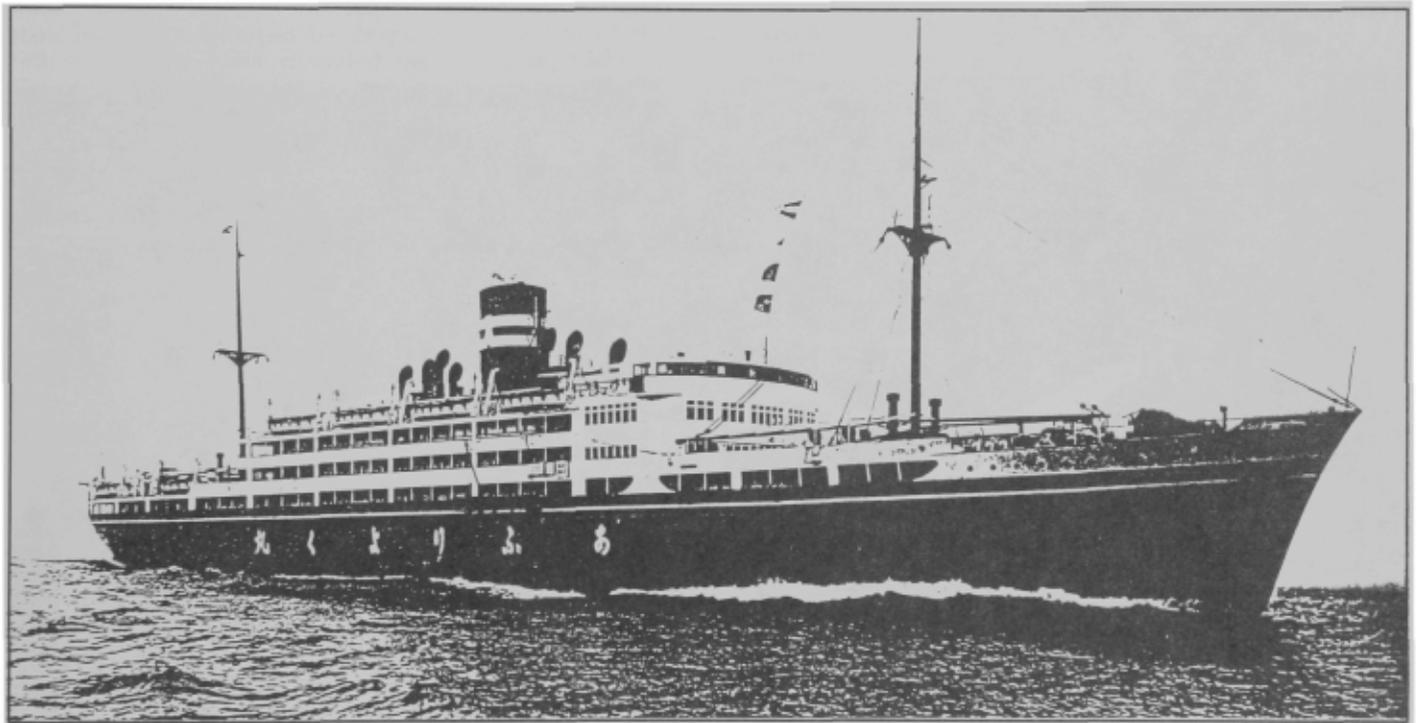
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## Part II—The “Hell Ships”

*(Editor's note: The first part of this article, to be found in the June 1986 issue of the ASSEMBLY, relates the experiences of West Pointers and the men they led in combat at the outset of World War II and as prisoners of war in the Philippines. It also describes the unique memorials which have been erected at Cabanatuan in Central Lu-*

*zon to honor the nearly 3,000 American servicemen who perished in the Japanese prisoner of war camp there and the 176 West Pointers who, having served in the Philippine Defense Campaign, died in combat against the Japanese or while their captives or prisoners of war. This sequel focuses on the brutal circumstances and fatal consequences of the*

*final Japanese attempt to move American prisoners from the Philippines to Japan, Korea and Manchuria where they meant to use them as slave laborers. As a whole the article records the gallantry of the graduates who are honored at Cabanatuan and their faithfulness to the Academy's motto: DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.)*



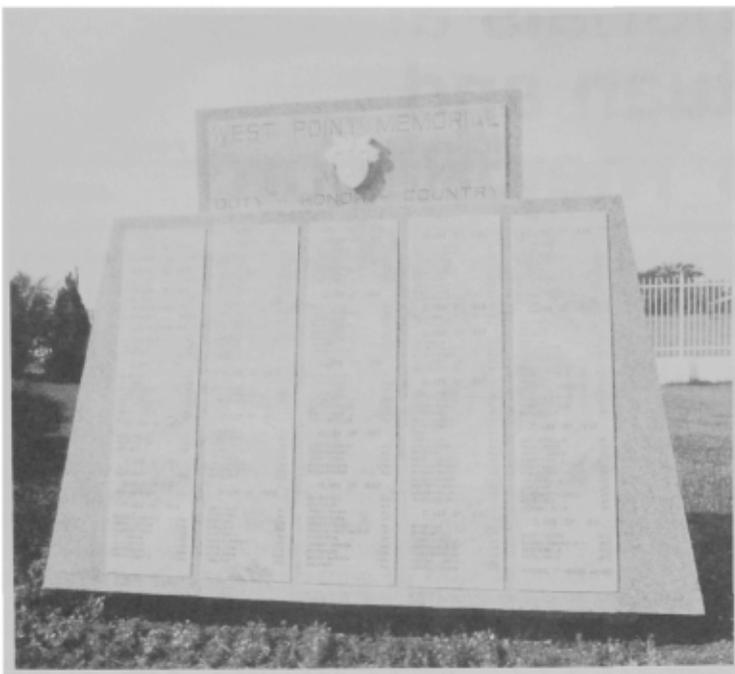
The *Oryoku Maru*, the first of three Japanese ships in which American POWs were transported from the Philippines; 100 Academy graduates and 1500 other Americans perished on the 7-week voyage.

As American forces neared the Philippines during the latter half of 1944 an order was issued in Tokyo requiring the expeditious evacuation of American prisoners of war from the Philippines to designated locations in Japan, Taiwan, Korea and Manchuria. Three ships, the last of which arrived in Japan on 1 October carried 3,500 prisoners without having been attacked. The first of the very unfortunate voyages was undertaken by the *Shinyo Maru* which while moving 750 American prisoners

was torpedoed off the coast of Mindanao with a loss of 678 lives, including those of 3 Military Academy graduates. The next was the *Arisan Maru* which left Manila with 1781 American prisoners most of whom had come from the Cabanatuan POW camp. It was torpedoed on 24 October about 250 miles east of Hong Kong with the loss of 1772 prisoners' lives. Had the Japanese in rescue ships permitted the prisoners aboard their vessels rather than beating them with rifles or whatever else was handy, many

men would have been saved. West Point lost 17 of her graduates in this heinous action. The Japanese violated international law and common sense by attempting to move their prisoners of war through areas in which they were losing 80% of their shipping to our submarines and aircraft.

Late in the afternoon of 13 December 1944, 1865 prisoners of war, designated by their Japanese captors as “able bodied” because they could walk, even if only with the help of their comrades,



View of the marble central slab of the Memorial.



Low oblique view of Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Memorial looking to the southeast.

were loaded from Manila's Pier 7 onto a small Japanese passenger-freighter, the *Oryoku Maru*. According to its log, 4400 persons were aboard including the POWs, its crew, and many hundreds of Japanese civilians being evacuated from the Philippines. The Japanese occupied state rooms and other areas on and above the main deck. The prisoners were in the ship's three unventilated holds which the tropic sun had turned into veritable ovens with temperatures well above 100 degrees. Those who were forced into the forward and aft

holds were crammed so tightly that there was not sufficient room for more than one man in four to sit down. All of the West Pointers among the prisoners were in those two holds.

Since the holds had no sanitary facilities they were soon filled with human excretions. The heat became so unbearable that some men sought relief by shedding all of their clothing. Much pushing, shoving and swearing ensued. Tempers flared. It took no stretch of the imagination for the prisoners to realize that all the ingredients needed to create

a hell on earth were all about them. One of their number grimly joked, "We may become more famous than the 145 English merchants who found themselves in the Black Hole of Calcutta. Surely we shall suffer more losses than they!" Events proved him to be right.

After dark the *Oryoku Maru* left the dock to begin her final fateful voyage. Manila's inner harbor was so laden with the hulks of sunken ships that complicated maneuvers which consumed most of the night were required for the ship to reach deep water. Meanwhile the men



Philippine Railway boxcar of the vintage and kind (8' wide, 30' long, 7' high) used to transport the POWs on several occasions.

in its holds began to suffer from the dwindling supply of oxygen and, lacking a water supply, from great thirst. Soon some of the prisoners went mad, and the din they caused aroused the ire of the Japanese guards who threatened to throw grenades into the holds if the noise did not stop. The noise soon abated . . . later it was said that the raving men had been silenced by desperate fellow prisoners who strangled them. Others died of suffocation. An eerie quiet pervaded the holds . . . in those circumstances the thin veneer we call "civilization" was soon stripped from some men who having lost their friends and other sources of social and psychological support, came to rely solely on their animal instincts for survival . . . thus threatened in the pitch black darkness friends steadfastly guarded friends. All were engulfed by a paralyzing wave of fear which they hoped dawn's arrival might assuage.

Not long after daylight finally had arrived, a small detail of prisoners was ordered to the main deck to receive and distribute food among their comrades. As they reached the deck, the *Oryoku Maru* had just passed Corregidor and, having entered the China Sea, was turning to the north hugging the west coast of Bataan Peninsula. Their ship, in company with five others, was under escort by two small Japanese frigates. Suddenly an air raid signal sounded, and the detail was roughly hurried back into the hold without the food it had hoped to distribute. During that long day, the 14th of December, the unmarked *Oryoku Maru* and the small convoy of which it was a part was attacked time after time, more than eight times and perhaps as many as twelve or thirteen, by American naval aircraft. As a result hundreds of the Japanese civilians and many crew members were killed or wounded. A few of the POWs below deck were wounded by bomb and shell fragments.

During these attacks the 3-inch field guns which the Japanese had mounted

fore and aft directly over the prisoners' holds and the 15mm caliber machine gun and 20mm pom-poms positioned over the ship's bridge served as the ship's anti-aircraft weapons. When a 3-inch gun was fired, the lightly built ship trembled from stem to stern. This added to the great terror already bearing down on the prisoners trapped in the holds. In the last of that day's attacks a bomb which had narrowly missed the *Oryoku Maru* exploded near its stern and seriously damaged its rudder and propeller shaft. After darkness had finally fallen, the *Oryoku Maru* limped into Subic Bay and off-loaded all of the surviving Japanese other than a few of the guards. During the ensuing night of 14-15 December, physical conditions in the holds duplicated those of the night before excepting that the fear which gripped the prisoners was understandably more intense. Additional deaths occurred including those of mad men who had sought to quench their over-powering thirst by drinking their own urine. Others suffocated. Harry Packard, Class of '30, busied himself by helping desperate men starving for oxygen find and share precious breaths of fresh air available through a small slit a bomb fragment had made in the ship's side.

The following morning, the 15th of December, permission was belatedly given the prisoners to leave the holds. Those able to do so climbed out but with great difficulty. Those near death and the dead remained below. Some who reached the deck were completely naked. All were gaunt and in terrible physical condition. Some men were so weak that once in the water they drowned. One of those wretched men who was very ill stood momentarily at the edge of the ship's rail contemplating the challenge he faced, having to swim 400 yards to shore through Subic Bay's shark-infested waters. Jim Blanning, Class of '31, came up beside him and urged, "Come on, let's go!" Upon realizing how weak his comrade was, Jim continued, "I don't think you'll be able



The 3" Japanese field gun which was situated over the prisoners in the *Oryoku Maru's* forward hold. Used to provide the ship's anti-aircraft defense, the weapon is now part of the memorial located by the Filipino American Legion Post No. 4, only a short distance from the area in Subic Bay where American aircraft destroyed the *Oryoku*, 15 Dec 44.

to hack it alone, so here's what we'll do: You go over the side first and I'll follow you. You swim as long as you can and when you can't swim any longer, stretch out in the water and stiffen your body . . . I'll come up behind you and shove you by your feet. When you've rested enough, continue under your own power. We'll repeat this routine until we both get ashore. OK! Let's go!" That they did with Blanning utterly disregarding the Japanese ashore who were firing rifles and machine guns at prisoners in the water whom they saw moving slowly, as were Jim and his charge, or whom they thought were attempting to escape. Dale Kinnee, Class of '29, was unjustifiably killed by that gunfire. Another graduate, also naked, came out of the forward hold to find the deck in that area deserted. However, he did find a white towel which he took knowing it would give his body some protection from the elements. Suddenly his attention was drawn to the sounds of aircraft approaching the ship's bow at low level. Instinctively he moved to the

bow and waved his white towel wildly. He fully expected to be blown to bits at any moment. Fortunately the attacking flight leader spotted him and responded by waving his wings and pulling his flight of about 10 planes out of their bombing and strafing course. After making several circles around the ship that flight departed without attacking. That graduate's act saved many lives.

Not long after many of the prisoners had reached shore, word spread among them that some men still held in the aft hold were unable to free themselves. On hearing this a graduate, whose identity, unfortunately, is unknown swam back to the *Oryoku Maru* hoping to manage their rescue. After that extraordinarily brave man had reached the ship and climbed its Jacobs ladder, it was again attacked by American aircraft. As the horrified prisoners on shore watched, a bomb struck the aft end of the ship, penetrated its deck and exploded in the rear hold killing several hundred prisoners. Set afire by the bombing, the vessel sank and became the water-filled tomb for the ill-fated prisoners trapped in its holds. Most of the Academy graduates who died aboard the *Oryoku Maru* were killed in that final tragic action.

Late in the afternoon the surviving prisoners were marched from the beach to two tennis courts which in years gone by had provided personnel stationed at the American Subic Naval Base great pleasure. That fenced-in enclosure became their new, cramped, most uncomfortable home for the following five days. Scantly clad in tattered khakis or naked, they had no protection from the torrid sun by day and no means with which to counter the night's bone-chilling offshore winds. The concrete was their couch.

Two days later their guards issued each man three tablespoons of raw rice. The ravenously hungry, seriously dehydrated prisoners, whose last meal had been five days before at Bilibid Prison, then broke their fast. They ground the rice kernels on the concrete surface of the tennis courts as best they could and with great difficulty and most likely with little benefit swallowed the resultant raw rice powder. Their great thirst could not be satisfied by the single water faucet located so temptingly just outside the tennis courts' fencing. It provided water only intermittently and access to it was severely and cruelly limited by the guards.

Medical personnel among the prisoners fought valiantly to treat those who suffered from wounds and those who were dreadfully ill. One prisoner's mangled arm was amputated without the benefit of anesthesia, antiseptic or sterile bandaging. Since that poor devil had

had only a small chance of survival, his comrades felt that his death, which followed shortly after his last heart-rending screams had echoed from the nearby mountains, was merciful.

The next stage of the prisoners' unbelievable 49-day journey between Manila and Japan was their movement by truck from Subic Bay across the Zambales Mountains to San Fernando, which was only a short distance from Fort Stotsenburg and its Clark Field. Some of the *Oryoku Maru* survivors were held in the provincial jail and others in a local theater. They were beyond complaining of discomfort and filth. They were fed a bowl of thin gruel each of the three following days. On the night of 23 December the Japanese ordered that those prisoners whose sickness would not permit them to continue with the main body be identified so that they might receive hospital treatment in Manila. About 15 prisoners including Ulysses Peoples, Class of '23, and Dwight Edison, Class of '32, met that criteria for humane treatment. They were carefully lifted onto a waiting truck by their comrades who were happy for what seemed to be their good fortune. Long after it was learned that those very ill men had been driven directly to one of San Fernando's cemeteries where they were summarily decapitated and buried in a common pit.

The following morning, 24 December, the prisoners, many of whom were sick or wounded, were brought together at the San Fernando rail yard. With their guards screaming at them and prodding them with bayonets they were literally stuffed into small, steel boxcars. When the boxcar doors were slammed shut, the prisoners found themselves in an even more crowded situation than that they had suffered on the *Oryoku Maru*. All had to stand throughout the 17-hour journey which ensued. In mid-morning the guards took their posts on top of the boxcars, and the train with its engine huffing and puffing began a jerky movement. A few optimistic prisoners had hoped that the train would return them to Manila. Their dreams were shattered when they realized it was moving in the opposite direction. Men ill with dysentery or diarrhea had no choice but to soil themselves and those near them. Their fear of being bombed made every man flinch whenever an unusual sound was heard. More men died overcome by the heat in which they were locked or from sheer exhaustion. After nightfall a prisoner in one of the boxcars began to sing a Christmas carol. Others with tears in their eyes and choked with the emotion which memories of home and loved ones evoked took up the strain and joined in singing other carols. Well they should have . . . it was Christmas Eve!

Early Christmas morning the train finally arrived at San Fernando, La Union, a city situated on the eastern shore of Lingayen Gulf. The prisoners were marched to a school yard where they received water and mercifully got some much needed rest and a sparse meal.

Before daybreak of 26 December they formed a column of fours and were marched to the San Fernando, La Union's dock area. There the Japanese guards threw rice balls into the column. So many of those fragile balls broke or fell and were ground into the sand that very few prisoners benefited from that chow issue. The waste occurred because the Japanese were fearful of contacting disease from their prisoners and kept them at a distance. At daylight the prisoners saw a dozen vessels riding at anchor in Lingayen Gulf at some distance from the shore. They were being off loaded by a fleet of lighters, and Japanese soldiers, horses and equipment destined to reinforce Northern Luzon reached the shore in a constant stream. What the prisoners could not anticipate was that two weeks later the waters before them would be filled with American transports and warships and that the skies overhead would be thundering with the roar of naval gunfire and attacking aircraft as the American invasion of Luzon began. Nor could they foresee the disaster that an aspect of that landing would soon bring them.

The prisoners were herded along a dock and at its end either jumped into or, having been shoved by their guards, fell tumbling into lighters which bobbed up and down wildly in the 15-foot surf. Many were injured and one man died as a result. Most were loaded onto a Japanese cargo vessel, the *Enoura Maru*. The remainder, some 250 in all, whom the captain of the *Enoura Maru* refused to have on his ship for want of space, were similarly loaded onto lighters and shunted off to a second ship, the *Brazil Maru*. In the afternoon those two vessels and others formed a convoy and sailed northward.

The men aboard the *Brazil Maru* had more than enough space in their barren, wooden-floor quarters which shortly before had served as horses' stables. As their vessel crept into colder waters, the frigid wind became another perilous enemy. The already starving men became greatly disturbed when their guards informed them that they would not be fed because their coming to *Brazil Maru* had not been anticipated and that thus there was neither food nor water for them. The senior officer in the hold, Lt. Col. Harold K. Johnson, Class of '33, at great risk of being shot or bayoneted, staunchly argued the prisoners' vital need of sustenance with the guards. But,

even when he pointed out that the prisoners, if not given food and water, would die, the senior guard laughed and replied "That's good! Let them die!" Finally, that gallant officer, who years later was to become the Army's Chief of Staff, concluded a deal with the guards: they, in return for Johnson's treasured West Point Class ring, agreed to give him whatever leftovers the five guards might have remaining from their meals and to provide a limited amount of water. "Johnny" personally received the guards' scraps and water and carefully divided them among his companions. No prisoners received as much as a half teaspoon of food or more than three spoonfuls of water a day for the ten days that rationing continued. Most probably the highest tribute ever paid "Johnny" was the respect for and the trust manifestly shown him by the miserable, starving company whom he loyally tended.

Not surprisingly some on both ships died from wounds received on the *Oryoku Maru* or from exposure, disease or starvation before their convoy reached Takao (now known as Kaohsiung), a major port in southwestern Taiwan. On 6 January, the prisoners on the *Brazil Maru* were moved to the *Enoura Maru* and rejoined the other survivors. The majority of the newcomers were put into what was to be the *Enoura Maru*'s ill-fated forward hold; a few went into the much larger adjoining hold. Those who had come to Taiwan on the *Enoura Maru* had fared somewhat better than had its new arrivals. They had been fed two meals a day and had had ample water to drink. They had also had an opportunity to emerge a little from the depths of physical and psychological despair which still gripped the contingent from the *Brazil Maru*.

On 7 January a second vessel dropped anchor in the middle of Takao Harbor beside the *Enoura Maru* and a large barge was moved into place between them in effect forming a gigantic "H." This arrangement facilitated the transfer of cargoes between the two ships. Stores of ammunition still aboard the *Enoura Maru*, because of its convoy's hasty departure from the Philippines, were exchanged for sacks of raw, brown sugar from the other ship. The sugar was stowed in a hold just below that which held the majority of the prisoners. The sight of the sugar evoked more dreams in the heads of the prisoners than any they had ever had of sugar plums. At night the hatch leading to the lower hold was sealed and the sugar was presumed to be out of reach. However, some of their number, with the sharply tuned instincts of practiced thieves, took advantage of the fact that the hold's decking only reached the ship's ribs.

That left sufficient space for determined, undernourished men to slip between the deck and the ship's side plates and into the lower hold. After those daring men had tested the loot, they sent supplies to the prisoners in the hold above. Despite the diarrhea that rich supplement to their diet induced, no one was heard to complain. For some it may have meant survival.

The transfer of cargoes had not been completed the morning of 9 January 1945 when, as the prisoners awaited their first meal of the day, their vessel was attacked without warning. The large "H" undoubtedly made the *Enoura Maru* and the other vessel a most tempting target for the American aircraft which struck Takao as a part of the air cover for the Lingayen landings just beginning. A bomb penetrated the *Enoura Maru*'s forward hold, seriously damaging the vessel and killing about 300 prisoners and wounding many others. Steel fragments swept through the larger hold killing some and wounding others. Pure chance determined who died, who was wounded and who survived. Freddie Saint, Class of '31, who, if his character as measured in terms of his accomplishments in combat and his contributions to the welfare and survival of so many of his fellow prisoners had been the determinant, would have survived. Freddie was sitting with his left side pressed closely against the right side of a friend as the attack began. A small sliver of hot metal struck his left arm just above the elbow causing a wound which under normal circumstances would have been readily treated and soon forgotten. However, his relatively small loss of blood, combined with the enervating abuse he and his fellow prisoners were to suffer in the weeks which followed, proved more than his tortured body could endure. The man sitting next to Freddie was unscathed.

On 12 January, three days after that bombing, a small group of Japanese wearing brassards with red crosses on them came to the severely damaged *Enoura Maru*. They entered the larger hold and treated a few very minor wounds. They gave a half dozen prisoners cigarettes and posed for propaganda photos taken of themselves and those to whom they had shown such great mercy and concern. They completely avoided the seriously wounded in that hold and did not as much as glance into, let alone enter, the forward hold, which held the majority of the dead and severely wounded prisoners. West Point's loss continued to mount.

After that visit the gruesome task of removing the nearly 300 prisoner dead began. The weakened and ill survivors loaded their comrades' corpses into a

cargo net which was then hoisted out of the hold, over the ship's side and down to a barge where the net was tripped causing its cargo to fall helter-skelter about the barge's deck. Some bodies whose arms or legs were grotesquely caught in the net's webbing were freed, often with much difficulty, by a prisoner detail on the barge. When the barge was fully loaded, a tug moved it to the eastern shore of Takao Harbor where it anchored beside a sand spit. The prisoners were then required to get in the very cold, waist deep water, remove the corpses from the barge and float them to the edge of the sand spit. They then with great exertion pulled individual corpses a distance of 50-60 yards over the spit and back into the water. There a half dozen crude rafts constructed of three or four sections of bamboo logs were loaded with the 1 or 2 bodies each could carry. Each prisoner using a bamboo pole propelled one of the rafts through the shallow water to a point about a mile and a half beyond the sand spit. There they unloaded their cargo onto the shore presumably to await cremation. This process was repeated time and time again over a 3-day period.

The prisoners who volunteered for that grisly detail did so hoping they might receive extra food even if it would be a few spoonfuls of rice for their effort. They never did. Instead, as a member of that group has written: "The three days I spent on that detail were the most demanding physically that I have ever experienced and the most horrible of any I can imagine. Though those of us on that detail were little more than skeletons, our guards continually prodded us and shouted, 'Speedo!', 'Speedo!' to hurry the completion of our grisly task. They did not take our inability to move faster into consideration. We found that handling a putrescent body was almost impossible. When I grasped one by the wrist or ankle and pulled to move it, I was sickened to find myself with a 'glove' or 'stocking' of skin in my hands. A member of our detail swore that the reason it required every ounce of strength we could muster for us to drag the corpses over the sand spit had to be that they had a stubborn will of their own and were doing all they could to frustrate whatever plan the Japanese had for them. It is impossible to describe the pain we felt when, time and time again, we recognized the faces of friends in the midst of that horrible corruption."

On 14 January the survivors of the bombing which had destroyed the *Enoura Maru* were transferred to the *Brazil Maru*. Late that afternoon, the *Brazil Maru* sailed in convoy from Takao carrying no more than 1,000 of the 1,865 prisoners who had boarded the *Oryoku*

*Maru* in Manila a month earlier. All were placed in the ship's rear hold where over-crowding again was a major problem. The Japanese' lack of concern for the welfare of their prisoners was evident and disastrous. The Japanese never considered a shortage of space a problem nor showed any imagination, flexibility or inclination to meet it. The hold's two levels of bare wooden shelving along its sides and through its center served as bunks. When the prisoners sought to lie down, they had to lie on their sides, tightly pressed against one another. An individual could turn to change the side he was lying on only if the 30 or more others on his shelf also turned. It was in this situation that "Moe" Daly, Class of '27, died in the arms of his classmate, "Trap," an hour or more before his companion realized he was dead.

The greatest source of comfort, hope and consolation which sustained the miserable prisoners during those dark days, as had been true before, was their religious faith. Chaplain Bill Cummings, who during the height of the Bataan conflict poignantly observed "There are no atheists in foxholes" and other chaplains with the group, spoke to the prisoners most evenings bringing light where there was only darkness and courage to conquer rampant fear. Cummings later died before the ship reached Japan.

During the erratic course the ship followed for 16 days en route to Moji, Japan hundreds more died as the result of their wounds, starvation, dehydration, disease—especially dysentery—and exposure to the extreme cold carried by the winter winds which raced out of Siberia. Pneumonia made its first fatal appearance.

Our men were occasionally fed a pittance of rice. Water rations were virtually non-existent. A few times they received a cup of fresh water to be shared by four or five men. Several other times they received issues of water so foul tasting and brackish that they could not drink it. Barter with the guards would purchase a cup of water in return for a West Point ring or other valuable. Very few had anything to trade. Class of '34's Ed Wilkes had died of diphtheria at Cabanatuan 2½ years earlier. His class ring had been passed in trust from one fellow graduate to another so that it might be returned to his family. Two or three days before the *Brazil Maru* reached Japan, Ed's ring was traded for a cup of water which may have saved two or three lives.

Early in the voyage the bodies of the dead were sewn into sail cloth; when chaplains had conducted a brief ceremony, the corpses were committed to the sea. However, the supply of sail cloth

soon ran out and the great risk that overexposure to the cold posed was such that those who died later in the voyage were afforded neither shroud nor final ceremony, only commitment to the sea. The death rate reached 35–40 or more per day. Finally fewer than 500 survivors debarked at Moji in southern Japan on the night of 30–31 January 1945. Most were very ill and weighed less than one half their normal weight. They were skeletons.

Once ashore they were transported by truck or train to prison camps in Moji, Osaka and Fukuoka. In Fukuoka, the camp already housed some American and British prisoners who had prepared several unheated barracks to house the new arrivals. In the early morning of 31 January, they carried the weakest 100 of those men, many of whom were dying, into the "sick barracks," handling them as if they were babies, and put them into "shepherd's" bunks, an arrangement of blankets which accommodated two persons and permitted them to share each others body warmth. It became common for a prisoner to discover that his bunk mate had died beside him. One prisoner relates that Joe Tacy, USMA '24, was the first of two of his bunkmates to die and that Joe Iacobucci, USMA '40, was the second.

Doctors, such as Walt Kostecki, who met their comrades at Fukuoku, were unable to treat their illnesses because they lacked medicines. Although the survivors were fed regularly with a diet far better than they had known for seven weeks, many had sunk to such a low level that their emaciated bodies were unable to respond to the food provided. Thus their death rate continued to be very high.

In addition to their other woes they found themselves infested with lice. Although those strong enough to do so spent many hours meticulously removing those disgusting pests from their bodies and clothing, an epidemic of typhus spread among them. That dread disease, because of its high, 105 to 106 degree fever, was in one respect a blessing: the lice were unable to stand the prisoners' high body temperatures and deserted their hosts. A survivor recalls that after battling typhus for a week, he received his only medication—one aspirin tablet! Another prisoner recalls that during his desperate struggle for life, he realized that he had forgotten his own name and that, try as he would, he could not remember it. He reasoned that he had gone or was going mad. That thought, he added, was the most frightening experience he had ever encountered. He dared not turn to any of those with him and ask "Who am I?" or "What is my name?" lest they might learn his dreadful secret.

One hundred graduates lost their lives during or as an immediate consequence of the experience just related. Adding the losses suffered on the *Shinyo Maru* and *Arisan Maru* the total loss as a result of these ill advised, irrational evacuations was 120 graduates.

At the end of April 1945, the 200–225 prisoners who survived the dreadful journey which began on the *Oryoku Maru* sailed in a small, fast ferry from Moji to Pusan, Korea. Some of them were sent to Inchon, Korea and the others to Mukden, Manchuria. Why did the Japanese trouble themselves to make those moves? Simply because their names were on a shipping manifest for those ultimate destinations when they departed Manila 4½ months earlier.

How did the war end for those ill-treated men? If you had been among those working on their hands and knees in the Inchon camp's garden one afternoon in September, Armand Hopkins, Class of '25, probably would have joined you. Shortly thereafter he would have said, "I have some important news, but the guards are watching us. Show no emotion or they may react against us." After a short pause he added, "The war is over!" Those words most likely would have paralyzed you for a few minutes. They surely would have brought a flood of hot tears to your cheeks. You would have wanted to rejoin your loved ones. You also would have wanted to forget all that had passed but knew you never could. You would have felt great compassion for those who had lost husbands, fathers, or sons in such a tragic manner. Too many good men, many of them your close friends, had lost their lives to their captor's unnecessary neglect and brutality.

The 60% death rate and total of 176 deaths suffered by Military Academy graduates with 40% being categorized as "battle deaths" are by far the greatest we have ever suffered as a consequence of a single campaign. The 2858 Americans of all ranks who died at the Cabanatuan POW camp is the greatest number we have ever lost in any such camp during any of our foreign wars. Those West Pointers and those POWs who died at Cabanatuan are honored by the memorials which have been erected at the site of that infamous Japanese prison camp. Contributions to the Cabanatuan Memorial Fund, which are tax deductible, are needed for the care and maintenance of these unique memorials and should be sent to The Cabanatuan Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 13505, Orlando, FL 32859. The American Battle Monuments Commission will supervise the memorials' future care once the needed funds are available.

# Book Reviews



## DRAFTEE DIVISION: THE 88TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN WORLD WAR II

By JOHN SLOAN BROWN, *University of Kentucky Press, Lexington, KY, 1986.*

Ever since this nation's inception, a controversy has raged over the type of military force which could best defend it. Should the heart of the military establishment be the professional soldier or the citizen soldier? Never was this debate more intense than in the early days of World War II when the United States was confronted by the powerful war machines of the Axis Powers.

In this highly perceptive and easy-to-read book, John Sloan Brown skillfully analyzes the unique American response to this dilemma. Using the 88th Infantry Division as a case study, the author incisively examines the ability of small cadres of professional soldiers to quickly mold the mass of conscripts into a combat-ready division. The 88th Infantry Division was the first draftee division deployed into battle. It was their outstanding combat record in Italy which conclusively proved that the United States could quickly and efficiently convert draftees into combat-ready units. The Army Chief of Staff, George C. Marshall, found that the 88th Division "fought like wildcats" and was more than a match for its German opponents.

The painstaking research and insightful analysis in this book are exceptional. The author begins with a brief overview of the historical tension between the advocates of both the professional and citizen armies. After placing the 88th Division into the context of this debate, he examines the difficulties encountered in actually forming this unit. The chapters on obtaining personnel, establishing an effective training program and acquiring the logistical support for the division are superb. They not only offer an insight into the enormous undertaking of creating a combat division from scratch, but also point out important phenomenon which are relevant today. The author examines the relationship between the division's training program and its performance in battle. He found that the division was extremely effective at those missions they had been trained for (i.e., patrolling, infantry-artillery coordination, and small-unit

infantry tactics). Unfortunately, the converse was also true. Training omissions also manifested themselves on the battlefield. The division's training program slighted the integration of air support and tanks, and subsequently its soldiers had difficulty employing these assets in battle.

The four chapters on the 88th Division's experiences in the brutal fighting in northern Italy are riveting. The author's blending of operations reports and anecdotes from survivors creates a spellbinding narrative.

I would strongly recommend this book to military historians, professional soldiers and general readers. The author does conclusively prove the value of conscripted soldiers and demonstrates that the United States need not endure enormous armies in times of peace in order to field large armies in times of war.

Reviewed by MAJ John F. Shortal, Assistant Professor, Department of History, USMA

## TAKING CHARGE: A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR LEADERS

By PERRY M. SMITH, MG USAF (RET), *National Defense University Press, Washington, DC, 1986.*



When MG Perry M. Smith (USMA, '56) retired from a distinguished career in the U.S. Air Force in 1986, he was a teaching commandant of the National War College. For his students in senior leadership classes he wrote this superb practical guide, based on his experi-

ence, education, and observations as a commander in fighter aircraft units and NATO organizations, as a PhD scholar and author, and as a Director of Plans for the Air Force.

General Smith's stated purpose is to provide a practical guide for leaders who head large and complex organizations—that is, organizations of more than 1000 people (such as Army brigades and divisions) and organizations in which there are more ongoing issues than the head can keep track of (such as an embassy or large staff directorate). As such, this is a bold undertaking, for among academics and practitioners there seems to be considerable disagreement among the many schools of thought on this subject. Smith provides a great service by staking out his claim on what is important, and telling his readers to "follow me."

In keeping with the format of a practical guide, General Smith begins with a discussion of 20 fundamentals of his philosophy of leadership, from "Trust is Vital" to "A Good Leader Should Rarely be a Problem Solver" (i.e. let those down below do that). He then uses short chapters to talk about taking over, establishing standards, hiring, counselling, firing, dealing with the media, creating a strategic vision, and being a constant teacher. Appendices include case studies, and a score of checklists for planning, running a meeting, interviewing a potential assistant, making decisions, and assuring organizational honesty. These checklists alone qualify the book for being within an arm length of a busy executive's desk.

In his essay on "Understanding Personality Types," Smith describes the Myers Briggs Type Indicator and other personnel assessment instruments, and recommends their use in dealing with subordinates and in surveying the effectiveness of one's organization. He explains how the National War College faculty determined that their teaching method favored extroverted and intuitive students, but that nearly half of the student body was neither dominantly extroverted nor intuitive. This led to a search for a new mix of method and objectives.

General Smith does not, however, go

deeper into the issue of how specific knowledge, experience, and skills equip individuals for certain senior level positions, but not others; why, for example, were Patton, Nimitz, and Arnold not interchangeable in their World War II roles? Rather, he discusses common traits that mark successful executives in both civil and military life. Since it is not his intent to provide a broad conceptual framework for fitting leaders of large and complex organizations into a general theory of leadership, he does not explore the differences in leadership requirements between senior and lower levels. Nor does he account for the occasional success of those he deplures, who treat their underlings harshly and unfairly, but manage to accomplish their missions. Nevertheless, he offers thought-provoking ideas for behaviorists who seek a proven conceptual theory, and for Army thinkers who are designing FM 22-999, "Leadership and Command at Senior Levels."

Who, then, should read this book? Certainly, a very high percentage of those who are already leading—or are about to lead—such organizations. More certainly, teachers of leadership, for the book is written by a teacher, who has practiced what he teaches. And finally, by junior people in search of a vision of their future selves, who seek a practical guide to what they should learn on the way to high command.

*Taking Charge* is affordable at \$7.00 and, like most books from the National Defense University Press, may be obtained at Government Printing Office bookstores; or by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402; or by telephoning 202-783-3238, with credit card available. Buyers and readers will find they have made a superb investment, which they will surely recommend to others.

Reviewed by COL Roger H. Nye, USA (Ret), author of *The Challenge of Command*.

**THE ARMY AND THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF: EVOLUTION OF ARMY IDEAS ON THE COMMAND, CONTROL, AND COORDINATION OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES, 1942–1985.**

By MAJOR DAVID R. CAMPBELL AND DR. EDGAR F. RAINES, *U.S. Army Center of Military History, Analysis Branch, Washington, DC, 1986.*

The U.S. Army Center of Military History, under the direction of BG William A. Stofft, carries on a wide range of historical research and analysis studies related to areas of military interest. The Analysis Branch, headed by Dr. Alexander S. Cochrane, Jr., has been estab-

lished since 1983 for the purpose of researching and preparing in-depth studies in response to, and in anticipation of, requirements submitted by the Army Staff. Among its numerous products, the Analysis Branch has published an annotated bibliographic essay on the Vietnam War by Ron Spector and a classified operational study of the recent action in Grenada. Currently, staff members are working on such diverse subjects as the DIVAD development program, U.S. intervention in the Dominican Republic, and U.S. assistance to the Philippines. Such work reflects the ability of CMH to support the various historical research requirements of the Army and indicates the Army's growing recognition of the value of historical study in the consideration of contemporary problems.

The Center's study on JCS reform, *The Army and the Joint Chiefs of Staff: Evolution of Army Ideas on the Command, Control and Coordination of the U.S. Armed Forces, 1942–1985*, by Dr. Edgar Raines and MAJ David Campbell, is their most ambitious publication to date. Written and submitted as a staff study presenting the Army's position on previous proposals for reform of the JCS, this newest addition to the Historical Analysis Series provides a detailed description of the organizational evolution of the armed forces staff structure since World War II.

The authors have not attempted to provide an analysis or discussion of JCS decisions or their impact upon military policy throughout the period. They instead chose to focus upon the structure of the joint staff system itself, and the relationship between the civilian chain of command and the nation's military leadership. Dr. Raines and MAJ Campbell provide a series of successive "snapshots" in which they consider periods during which important changes in the structure of the JCS were under consideration. Their introductory chapter briefly summarizes the roots of the American military establishment from the creation of a General Staff in 1903 through the start of World War II. While it is not possible to describe fully the forces which influenced the staff structure and organization throughout this period in one short chapter, the authors' introduction does establish most of the central themes which they perceive as dominating reform considerations through the rest of the 20th Century.

Subsequent chapters examine the persistent attempts to reorganize the JCS or alter their position within the national military establishment. The primary focus is on the Army's position in each case, and the authors devote special attention to the creation of the Department of Defense and the Army's role in the unification process. This at-

attention to the discussions which laid the foundation for a post World War II military establishment is particularly useful. A study of the issues which drove the unification movement provides some understanding of the original intent of the system and helps to explain the origin of many subsequent calls for reform.

The final chapters of the book, which deal with the growing calls for reform during the Carter and Reagan administrations, provide some explanation of issues being considered today. At this point, the book is less of a historical analysis and resembles more the policy and position paper from which it originated. Although that aspect of the study is important, discussion of such recent issues restricts the analysis and reflection the subject requires.

As might be expected, this is not an easy book to read. Its focus on organizational reform, supported by a steady progression of diagrams depicting chain of command and structural reorganization, makes this heavy going at best. Also, since the emphasis is on structure, the authors pay little attention to the political and strategic events which invariably influenced proposals for reform. The authors remain true to their stated purpose and assume that the reader is already familiar with the historical context. Perhaps a little more attention to the historical framework within which decisions were made would clarify some of the complex issues involved.

The strength of the book is in the authors' careful reconstruction of the Army's position throughout each proposal for reform of the Joint Chiefs organization. The debates over chain of command and span of control throughout the Defense Department are well supported by citations from the official records of the Department as well as the testimony and memoirs of the individuals most influential in the discussion. The documentation is thorough and the various proposals are clearly presented. The endnotes serve as an excellent annotated bibliography for anyone interested in further research on the subject.

This is, in short, a book for researchers. It is a fine start point for any analysis of the organizational development of the JCS. It also provides the necessary background for any attempt to project Army positions on future reform proposals. In publishing a report intended for use by the Army Staff, Dr. Raines and MAJ Campbell have also provided military officers and historians with a useful tool for beginning any study of that complex organization that guides the armed forces of the United States.

Reviewed by CPT Donald A. Carter, Assistant Professor, Department of History, USMA

## GENERAL GEORGE CROOK: HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Edited and annotated by MARTIN F. SCHMITT, forward by JOSEPH C. PORTER, *University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma, 1986.*

History sometimes has a way of taking men of merit and accomplishment and relegating them to the dusty pages of unread chapters. General George Crook is such a man: an innovative, successful Indian fighter both before and after the Civil War; a compassionate, sympathetic champion of fair treatment for his conquered Indian foe; a masterful Civil War cavalry commander who served with distinction at Bull Run, Chickamauga, and with Sheridan in the Shenandoah; and a virtual unknown figure to all but the most serious students and historians of the American frontier West. Partially responsible is the paucity of material publicizing Crook's exploits. No comprehensive, serious biography exists on the man General Sheridan characterized as the greatest Indian fighter and best manager the army ever had. Of the few books available prior to 1946 that discussed Crook in any significant way, John G. Bourke's *On The Border With Crook*, published in 1891, is the best. In 1942, while researching in the library of the Army War College in Washington, DC, Martin F. Schmitt discovered a manuscript Crook apparently intended for his autobiography. Schmitt edited and annotated the original document, prepared supplementary chapters to cover Crook's later career, and in 1946 published *General George Crook: His Autobiography*. Subsequently reprinted in paperback by the University of Oklahoma Press in 1986, Schmitt's volume is interesting and enjoyable to read, but unfortunately falls short of its potential.

Schmitt's work consists of two parts: roughly two-thirds is the actual text written by Crook covering his life from 1852 through his defeat by Crazy Horse at the Battle of the Rosebud in June 1876; one-third is Schmitt's supplemental history of Crook's life from 1876 to his death in 1890. Crook's own contributions are the most interesting, offering the reader some anecdotal insights into Crook the individual and reinforcing the images left by the books of other parties such as Bourke (Crook's aide for numerous years) and John F. Finerty (a newspaper correspondent who accompanied the general's column during the Rosebud campaign in 1876 and subsequently published, in 1890, an account entitled *Warpath and Bivouac*). Crook's early reminiscences as a lieutenant in 1856 depict an innovative Indian fighter learning the operational lessons he would later apply so successfully: the

skillful use of Indian scouts; enhanced tactical mobility through the use of pack mules instead of slow, bulky wagons; and persistent, aggressive pursuit of the enemy with total disregard of personal fatigue or discomfort, the hallmark of Crook's Indian campaigns. His personal recollections are beneficial for the modern military reader since lessons emerge that are as pertinent in 1986 as they were in 1856. Crook, for example, frequently conducted a personal commander's reconnaissance prior to an attack. He was also a firm proponent of night operations: his discussion clearly highlights the difficulties involved in reduced visibility operations, and the need for disciplined, well-trained soldiers, while emphasizing the great potential for their decisive success if well executed.

Though Crook's writing is interesting, the negative tone of the book is distracting. His portrayal of his contemporaries is scathing. Based on his account alone, there was not another competent individual on the frontier. Crook apparently never met anyone who was professionally capable or sober. Frequently the bitterness from a career's worth of frustration slips into his text, as when he writes, "Shortly after I left, Capt. L.C. Hunt was ordered to Fort Ter-Waw to reap the fruits of my sowing, and, strange to say, it has been ever thus through my life. I have had to do the rough work for others afterwards to get the benefits from it." (p. 82)

Nonetheless, because of its insights into the Army of an earlier era, Crook's autobiography will appeal to those with military interests. Anyone who has served on active duty will find parts of this book interesting because we've all "been there" at one time. Confusing night marches ("The night was so dark and the trail so circuitous, and the men got so tangled that we could not get through it... In counting noses I found that there were ten men absent." (pp. 60-61), sleeping in the rain ("My blanket was soaking wet, the ground was sopping wet, and the rain all night made a little puddle about me, but soon I heated up the water, and I slept through till morning without awakening." (p. 63), and generally miserable conditions ("We were muddy, bedraggled up to our knees, tired, and sleepy—This is one of the times when one is so glad he is a soldier." (p. 95) were part of Crook's life just as they are for soldiers today. The identification an old soldier can feel with Crook—this ability to have warriors of one generation feel a camaraderie with warriors of an earlier generation—this is perhaps the strongest attraction of Crook's autobiography, and the best reason to read it.

Unfortunately, while this book as a

story is commendable, as an academic work it has glaring deficiencies in mechanics and content. Crook's 19th Century writing style is laborious and difficult for the uninitiated. At times his writing breaks down to a disjointed narrative of partially explained occurrences, leaving the reader with numerous unanswered questions. Following the chronology is sometimes an impossible task in both Crook's and Schmitt's part of the book. Difficulty in geographically following the action compounds these shortcomings. Clearly the work would have been improved by the inclusion of campaign maps.

A more serious indictment comes from what Crook and Schmitt fail to do. Winfield Scott, in his memoirs, says that great men in history have an obligation to record their lives for posterity. In this way they can pass on to succeeding generations the lessons they've learned and the knowledge they've gained. Crook fails to do that. This autobiography is merely a narrative tale of Crook's individual experiences which does not go beyond story telling. Crook gives no larger picture of what occurs; he maintains a local focus without letting the reader know what is happening at higher levels. Crook also fails to do what only he can do—offer real insights into his decision making and planning processes and highlight lessons gleaned from his very interesting life. He fails to present motivations for his actions and practices. The reader who expects to find out what specifically prompted Crook to embrace the ideas of using Indian scouts and pack mules will be disappointed, for Crook doesn't provide answers. Schmitt, in his supplement, offers only a broad, general historical overview, at times unclear, and generally lacking in original perspective. Consequently, this book isn't best at anything. If a reader wants detailed, anecdotal coverage of Crook's Yellowstone River campaign or his campaigns in the Southwest he is better off consulting Bourke or Finerty; if he wants a general history, Robert Utley does much better in *Frontier Regulars* or *Frontiersmen in Blue*.

Despite its shortcomings, *General George Crook: His Autobiography* is entertaining reading. It is a good book to read for fun—a book an "old soldier" would appreciate and enjoy—but it is not much use to the well read student or historian, for it does not offer any of the unique or personal insights we would hope to find in an autobiography. In the final analysis it is primarily disappointing because of what it could have been but isn't.

Reviewed by Major Glen R. Hawkins

# News from the Societies



## Association of Graduates

The December issue of ASSEMBLY erroneously listed COL (Ret) Raymond Maladowitz '50 as president of the Charleston (SC) society, rather than COL (Ret) Burton F. Hood, Jr. Jan '43. We apologize for the error. Col Hood's address and telephone number are 29 Eton Road, Charleston, SC 29401 PH: 803-571-4286.

We welcome the following newly organized West Point societies and urge any graduates or other friends of West Point not yet affiliated with a West Point society but interested in that fellowship and living near one of these new societies to contact its president:

- West Point Society of Upper-East Tennessee
- West Point Society of the Triangle (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill)
- West Point Society of New Hampshire
- West Point Society of Southwest Florida
- West Point Society of Western Michigan
- West Point Society of China

### *West Point Society of Upper-East Tennessee*

The society was organized in the fall of 1986 with approximately 25 members residing in the Northeastern Tennessee area. The guiding force in activating the society was Stuart Dyer '78, well supported by an interim Board of Governors comprised of Billy White '73, Dave Autrey '80, Bob Bishop '79, and Ken Konstanzer '80. Officers will be elected at the Founders Day Dinner in Mar 87. Acting president is Kenneth A. Konstanzer, 1 Redfern Circle, Johnson City, TN 37601 (PH: 615-461-2615).

The society plans some interesting sports skirmishes between local Army-Navy grads, met for a 13th man rally for the Army-Navy game, and looks forward to an eventful Founders Day Dinner in March.

### *West Point Society of the Triangle (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill)*

The West Point Society of the Triangle held its organizational meeting in Raleigh on 1 Oct 86. It now has more than 60 members and plans some interesting and worthwhile programs.

Society officers include pres—L. Neal Ellis, Jr. '70; VP—Robert A. Mellot '58; sec—Nick Costantino '70; treas—William P. Watkinson '70; Board members—George Speidel '31 and Montgomery Spier '53; prog coord—Thomas M. Metz '37; and adm coord—Rory Q. Miott '77.

General Davison, president of the AOG, addressed a dinner meeting of the society's membership with spouses on 19 Nov. General Davison's speech emphasized the Academy's goals and the need for support from local societies. LTG John Foss '56, CG XVIII Abn Corps and Fort Bragg, spoke at a dinner meeting of the society on 29 Jan at the North Carolina State University's Faculty Club. Both dinner meetings, under Tom Metz' direction, were great successes.

A group of over 80 members and spouses from the society and the local chapter of the Naval Academy's alumni held the second annual Army-Navy game gathering at Slug's Inn, Chapel Hill. Everyone enjoyed the rivalry and (the great majority of us) the great win by the Army team.

Society members are actively engaged in speaking about the Academy to civic groups and appearing at college nights sponsored by high schools in central North Carolina.

Individuals interested should contact L. Neal Ellis at Hunton & Williams, One Hannover Square, Fayetteville Street Mall, PO Box 109, Raleigh, NC 27602 (PH: 919-899-3000).

Neal Ellis '70

### *West Point Society of New Hampshire*

The West Point Society of New Hampshire is based in the Dover area. Organized this fall under the leadership of John Mitchell '71, it is recruiting grads too far north and west of the Boston area to be affiliated with the Boston-based West Point Society of New England. Society officers are pres—John W. Mitchell '71; VP—Laurence C. Ross '59; sec—David R. Humphrey '71; treas—John R. Cotton '73; and adm coord—Paul D. Silver '69. For more information on the society and its activities, contact John W. Mitchell, 83 Woodland Drive, Contoocook, NH 03229 (PH: 603-224-2341).

### *West Point Society of Southwest Florida*

The West Point Society of Southwest Florida, based in the Fort Myers area, was formally organized at a combination business meeting-BEAT NAVY rally in Fort Myers on 6 Dec. Early efforts to organize the society were spearheaded by Bruce R. King '23 and a committee that included Julius O. Thomas, Jr. '54, William H. ("Tex") Ritter '52, Chester J. Butcher '43, James R. Wold '72, Cornelius A. Murphy '40, and Charles E. Leydecker '33.



West Point Society of Southwest Florida: Bruce King '23 and Roy Ochs '46.

Society officers are pres—E. Ray Ochs '46; VP—James H. O'Brien, Jr. '45 and Joseph W. Weyrick '43; sec—Robert H. Hewitt (Assoc), and treas—James R. Wold '72.

The organizational meeting-rally was held at the Holiday Inn in Fort Myers with 46 people in attendance. The oldest grad present was Charles W. Smith '20, the youngest Jim Wold '72. The meeting was addressed by the society's new president Ray Ochs '46 who extended special thanks to Bruce King '23 and the others who worked hard to get the organization started.

The new society plans a number of worthwhile activities with strong emphasis on assisting the Military Academy's admissions program in southwest Florida. Membership is open to graduates and friends of West Point, to include widows, cadet parents and cadet siblings. Point of contact is Mr. Robert G. Hewitt, 717 SE 44th Street, Cape Coral, FL 33904.

—Bob Hewitt

### *West Point Society of Western Michigan*

The West Point Society of Western Michigan, based in the Grand Rapids area and under the leadership of Jim Smith '60, was formally organized in Sep 86. Its members range from the Class of '40 to the Class of '64, and they are looking for a few more good grads to fill out the ranks.

A temporary Board of Governors includes Jim Miller '59, Dennis Gillem '64, Jim Wildy '58, and Jim Smith and Don Exelby '65. Anyone interested in joining the society and enjoying its programs should contact Mr. James R. Smith, 2759 Leonard, NW, Apt C-7, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (PH: 616-458-6011).

### *West Point Society of China*

With the organization of a small but highly visible West Point Society at the embassy in Beijing, we have formal representation of graduates and other friends of West Point in China.

Pres/sec is MAJ John F. Corbett, Jr. '72; VP is COL Alfred D. Wilhelm, Jr. '62; treas is MAJ Karl W. Eikenberry '73.

Planned society representation includes businessmen residing in Hong Kong, visitors to the People's Republic of China, other friends of West Point assigned to the American embassy. A formal Founders Day dinner, to include invited Chinese military and diplomatic officials, is planned for March. Meanwhile, an Army football poster arrived in the nick of time to be displayed in the Defense Attache's office in celebration of Army's victory in Philadelphia 6 Dec.

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We now have 83 active West Point societies (up 10 in the past 18 months), with 5 more currently being organized.

James W. Wensyel '52

### **The West Point Society of Denver**

The West Point Society of Denver, in association with the Service Academies Alumni Associations, will sponsor a joint concert of the Glee Clubs of West Point, Annapolis, and the Air Force Academy during the evening of 6 Mar 87 at the Boettcher Concert Hall in Denver. This is the first time that these superb groups have come together in concert. Limited free seating will be provided for potential candidates selected by admissions liaison officers of the three Service Academies; and any checks for tickets or donations for this concert are tax deductible with all net proceeds divided equally among the non-appropriated funds of each academy. Anyone interested in attending should contact Bill Cooper '47 at 23 South Lane, Englewood, CO 80110 (PH: 303-797-1700).

The West Point Glee Club will participate in the society's Founders Day din-

ner on 7 Mar; enjoy a ski trip and participate in a mini-concert on 8 Mar; visit Cheyenne Mountain (NORAD operations), the Combat Space Operation Center, the U.S. Olympics Training Center and the Air Force Academy on 9 Mar; leave Denver for Dallas on 10 Mar where they will present a benefit concert before returning to West Point.

The West Point Society of Denver, under the leadership of Jack Murphy '57, deserves great credit for a tremendous amount of work in organizing and supporting this program with the USMA Glee Club. Officers of other West Point societies interested in this type program are encouraged to contact the Denver society (after 10 Mar please!) for further information about it.

### **West Point Society of South Texas**

LTC William J. McCaffrey (Ret) '39 was guest speaker at a society luncheon in early November. His talk, featuring a grand mixture of slides, anecdotes of the Army and of the Corps, and facts and figures about West Point and its programs today, was well received by a strong representation of West Pointers in the San Antonio area.

### **West Point Society of Charleston (SC)**

In November the Association's president, General Michael S. Davison (Ret) '39, was guest speaker at the society's fall luncheon and business meeting. Members of the other nearest West Point societies were invited to attend, and a number of graduates enjoyed the opportunity to be brought up to date on Association activities and on academics, athletics, and cadet life at West Point.

### **West Point Society of Rochester (NY)**

The West Point Society of Rochester and local cadet parents clubs were hosted by society president Mark Preston '77 and his lady (Janice) at an Army-Navy game party at the Preston home. A short—very short—business meeting was conducted at half time. All agreed, however, that the main business of the day was handled thoroughly and well as the Army team washed that goat frontwards, backwards, and sideways.

### **West Point Society of Chicago**

The West Point Society of Chicago had another active summer and fall with a number of interesting activities for our members. In July, a regional cocktail party was hosted by the Nelson's '67 and the Hubbard's '73 at the Coll's '65. About 75 people attended this combination dinner and swim party. We were

particularly delighted to welcome LTC Rick Brown '56, who just assumed command of Fourth Army at Fort Sheridan, and his wife Anne.



West Point Society of Chicago: Tailgate rally at Northwestern game.

Our president, Jack Faddis '64, held his annual golf outing at Pheasant Run Resort in August to a "standing room" only crowd (most of them were in the rough and water all day). After a full day on the links, everyone adjourned to the clubhouse for a great dinner, some cards and other fun and frolic. In September, over 1000 of our members (see picture) were joined by Parents Clubs, as well as other societies from the Midwest and the Supe, Com, Dean and our football team, to watch Army play Northwestern at Dyche Stadium. The game was preceded by an address by the Supe which was then followed by a great tailgate brunch. Following the game, everyone retired to the tent to finish off the tailgate festivities. The local press treated our team very well and our recruiting effort was moved ahead because of it.

Later in September, we joined the Swabbies for a dinner cruise on Lake Michigan. Over the last year or so, we have made a significant effort to improve the relationship with the Naval Academy graduates in the area, and this was yet another step in that process. Many of our members have now joined their Society and vice versa.

In early December, we again joined the Navy types at the Snuggery for our annual televised football game complete with brunch and other festivities. This has grown to be a very pleasant and interesting event here in Chicago and it attracts more and more people every year. I almost forgot to mention that through the courtesy of the folks at West Point, we were also able to "down-link" for several football games with television arrangements handled at one of our local motels.

Festivities for 1987 include our Annual Coaches Dinner in January or early February. Founders Day in March with the Com and the Business Round Table which is usually held in May. We will also have additional regional cocktail parties every two or three months. If you need any information on any of this information, please call Alumni Services at (312) 256-4422.

Coll '65

## West Point Society of El Paso Area

LTG (Ret) William J. McCaffrey '39 represented the Association during his visit to the West Point Society of the El Paso Area on 11-12 Nov. General McCaffrey and his wife, Mary, lodged in the Fort Bliss VIP quarters, "the Lemnitzer House." Coincidentally, General McCaffrey served under General Lemnitzer on several occasions and still is in close contact with him.

On the evening of the 11th (Veterans Day) the McCaffreys attended a cocktail party in their honor, hosted by society president Gus Villaret '51 and attended by about 45 guests, including LTG (Ret) and Mrs Richard Cassidy '40, MG (Ret) and Mrs John Oblinger '53, LTC (Ret) and Mrs W. Barnett '39, and many others. Later, a number of the guests joined the McCaffreys for an uncommonly good evening meal at a well known local steak house.

On the 12th a delegation of members' wives escorted Mary McCaffrey to lunch while General McCaffrey addressed the monthly society luncheon at the Fort Bliss Officers Club. The more than 50 members present found his presentation on the new programs and construction at West Point interesting and stimulating. One thing that made a singular impression upon the assembled graduates was that this outstanding officer with such a brilliant career behind him still contributes so much of his time and effort for the betterment of our Alma Mater. His example has done much to promote the cause of West Point and to increase interest in our local society. The McCaffreys departed on the 12th with the warm wishes and thanks of their old friends and many new acquaintances.

Gus Villaret '51

## West Point Society of Annapolis

On 13 Dec the society held a great Christmas party and victory celebration in Annapolis with attendance by nearly 100 members and their invited guests. At the party the Mayor of Annapolis and his wife (she's an Army brat and a wonderful lady) were warmly welcomed and given honorary memberships in the society.

Five USMA exchange students at the Naval Academy were also honored for having captured the USNA radio station during the week before the Navy game and holding it long enough for their broadcast to demoralize the Navy team and all its erstwhile followers. At the proper tactical moment the cadets withdrew, followed closely (we understand) by 300 (plus or minus) screaming plebes (Navy type). All the Army cadets escaped the restless natives, including one who chose the Severn River (some



West Point Society of Annapolis: USMA exchange students receiving commendation for capturing Navy's radio station.

detractors say he was thrown in) rather than surrender. He too lived to fight another day—as did their Army team! The West Point Society of Annapolis honored the five West Point exchange warriors with scrolls extolling their courage, above and beyond the bounds of academic duties.

The society already is planning great supporting fire when the Army basketball team beats Navy on 21 Feb. All grads in the area and interested in joining with the West Point Society of Annapolis for that campaign should contact Phil Polak '45 (PH: 301-643-4777) for a copy of march orders.

## West Point Society of Puget Sound

The Civilian Career Advisory Board, Andy Maron '67, chairman, sponsored the society's quarterly luncheon meeting on 6 November. The meeting was devoted to learning about the civilian business careers of five of our local graduates. LTC (Ret) Richard Gates '60 described his second career as an engineer for a large private engineering firm, Shannon & Wilson. Gregory Mohler '67 discussed his work as an aircraft stress engineer for a consultant servicing Boeing. James Russell '69 talked about his marketing position with a new firm making and selling videodiscs. Kerry Lawrence '70 is a lawyer specializing in construction law. And William Brown '73 is in the real estate development business for Cornerstone Columbia Development Co. Each discussed his rising career.

The Admissions Committee has had its most active quarter of the year interviewing high school seniors who expect to enter West Point in 1987 and juniors who are beginning to express interest in seeking admission to the Academy. The names of potential applicants come from referrals from society members or their friends and neighbors who know of our association with West Point. Also, each member of the committee has taken on the task of coordinating with one or two high school counselors and making themselves available to speak and answer questions of prospective candidates. The Admissions Committee consists of Pete Grimm '69, chairman; George Cox '66; Phil Hogue '67; and Joe

Wishcamper '72.

The Annual Joint West Point—Annapolis dinner was held at the College Club, Seattle, on Wednesday evening, 12 Nov. Some 26 members and their ladies attended. Since it was Navy's turn for the program, their president, Commander Michael Young, Annapolis '66, with lovely spouse, Julia, presided. Their guest speaker for the evening was MG Charles F. G. Kuyk, Jr., USAF Ret, and USMA '50.

The TV broadcast of the Army—Navy game was watched at the Sand Point Navy Officers' Club, Seattle, by alumni and their ladies of both academies. What a joy it was to see the cadets win the game and the Commander-in-Chief's trophy.

A Christmas party was hosted by Dr. Pat and Betty Tisdale on the evening 14 Dec in their beautiful home on Queen Ann Hill, overlooking downtown Seattle and Elliot Bay. Col (Ret) Tisdale '50 was home on annual leave from Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, where he is the Medical Director of Ruwais hospital. About 40 members and their ladies spent a most memorable evening with their hosts. Classes represented were from '31 to '72.

The Christmas Ball in Seattle was held at the Canal Restaurant, on the waterfront, on 26 Dec, the site of last year's "All-Academies Ball." Attendees included cadets, midshipmen, parents, dates, friends, and alumni. Ray Eineigl '53, whose son entered the Naval Academy this year, coordinated arrangements for West Pointers attending. Randy Petrave, a non graduate who is an attorney and President of our Parents Club of Puget Sound, coordinated the West Pointers' Ball at Fort Lewis on 27 Dec. It too was well attended and enjoyed by all. The society is indebted to Shirley Knutsen, treasurer; and Nancy Hunt, secretary, of the West Point Parents Club for their handling of administrative details of these holiday activities.

Any graduate or ex-cadet planning to retire or seek employment in the Puget Sound area may write to this reporter for information at 1610-40th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122. Also, anyone knowing of a promising young person who might be interested in a military career is encouraged to contact the Chairman, Admissions Committee, WSPSPS, at the same address or directly by phone.

BEAT NAVY AGAIN!

Win Curley '41

## West Point Society of the Mid-South (Memphis)

The society still savors the great Army victory over Navy. We had a great time as we combined forces with the local USNA alumni chapter to watch the  
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# Bulletin Board



## FOUNDERS DAY 1987

The following is a listing, as of 6 February, of Founders Day gatherings for 1987 that have been coordinated with the Directorate of Alumni Affairs, USMA. Graduates wishing to attend may obtain the name of the local point of contact by phoning LTC(Ret) Fishburne, Directorate of Alumni Affairs, USMA at (914) 938-3700/3024. All groups holding Founders Day celebrations, whether listed here or not, are encouraged to report, in photos and print, the highlights of their activities to ASSEMBLY prior to 1 April 1987.

Date (1987)	Location	Speaker
27 February	Picatinny Arsenal, NJ San Diego, CA Ft. Polk, LA	Commandant Superintendent Dean
28 February	Orange County, CA Ft. Hood, TX	Superintendent Dean
1 March	Los Angeles, CA Newport, RI	Superintendent Commandant
2 March	Phoenix, AZ	Superintendent
4 March	Tucson, AZ Milwaukee, WI	Superintendent Commandant
5 March	Salt Lake City, UT	Superintendent
6 March	Richmond, VA Chicago, IL Huntsville, AL Ft. Belvoir, VA	Director of Athletics Senator Goldwater Dean GEN Edward C. Meyer
7 March	Denver, CO Rochester, NY Memphis, TN Ft. Bragg, NC	Superintendent Commandant Dean Director of Athletics
8 March	Ft. Riley, KS St. Louis, MO Cincinnati, OH	Superintendent Dean Commandant
9 March	Nashville, TN	Dean
10 March	Tulsa, OK	COL Rushton, Director of Admissions
11 March	Houston, TX Portland, OR	Dean COL Rushton, Director of Admissions
12 March	Austin, TX	Dean
13 March	San Antonio, TX Ft. Gordon, GA Pittsburgh, PA  Omaha, NE	Dean Director of Athletics COL Bennett, Deputy Commandant COL Rushton, Director of Admissions
14 March	Washington, DC Ft. Sill, OK Miami, FL Orlando, FL Ft. Leonard Wood, MO	Superintendent Dean Director of Athletics GEN Michael S. Davison COL Rushton, Director of Admissions
16 March	Ft. Knox, KY Patrick AFB, FL Cleveland, OH	LTG Crosbie E. Saint Director of Athletics MG George S. Patton
17 March	Hilton Head, SC	Director of Athletics
18 March	Ft. Jackson, SC Carlisle, PA	Director of Athletics Commandant

## Graduation Week 1987 Alumni Reunions

This year the Classes of April 1917, August 1917, 1921, 1922, 1927, 1932, 1937, and 1947 will have reunions at West Point during the period 20–23 May 1987.

The following is a schedule showing the major alumni activities for Graduation Week reunions:

Wednesday, 20 May

1200—Registration and check-in  
1800—Social activities as arranged by Class Reunion Chairman

Thursday, 21 May

1200—Class luncheons or picnics  
1900—Cocktails, Washington Hall  
2000—Alumni Dinner Dance, Washington Hall

Friday, 22 May

1020—Assembly, Alumni Exercises, Jefferson Road  
1035—Alumni March to Thayer Monument  
1050—Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument  
1115—Alumni Review, The Plain  
1230—Alumni Luncheon and AOG Meeting, Washington Hall (Guests Invited)  
1700—Class Dinners

Saturday, 23 May

1200—Alumni Headquarters Closes—Alumni Portion of Graduation Week ends

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

Typically, members of reunion classes will have received information concerning a class reunion from the Class

Date (1987)	Location	Speaker
19 March	New Haven, CT SHAPE, Belgium Ft. Monroe, VA	Commandant Dean COL Rushton, Director of Admissions
20 March	Boston, MA Annapolis, MD Jacksonville, FL Ft. Stewart, GA	Commandant Director of Athletics COL Tillar, Supt Office COL Vanderbush, Dep Dir of Athletics
21 March	Dallas, TX Berlin, Germany Presidio, CA Ft. Monmouth, NJ Ft. Rucker, AL Heidelberg, Germany	GEN Michael S. Davison Dean Superintendent Commandant COL Tillar, Supt Office
22 March	Ft. Ord, CA Charleston, SC	Dean Superintendent COL Vanderbush, Dep Dir of Athletics
24 March	Seoul, Korea	Director of Athletics
26 March	Columbus, OH	Commandant
27 March	Ft. Benjamin Harrison, IN Ft. Campbell, KY	Commandant COL Cunningham, Dir of Operations
28 March	Detroit, MI Manchester, NH	Commandant COL Bennett, Deputy Commandant
11 April	Ft. Carson, CO	Superintendent
25 April	Honolulu, HI	LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr.

#### ATTENTION ARMY FOOTBALL FANS AND REUNION CLASSES

Effective this coming football season, you will note some important changes in the ticket application forms and the procedures for ordering tickets. These changes are primarily due to the automation of the Ticket Office. **THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE WHICH WILL AFFECT YOU WILL BE THE PRIORITY ALLOTING DATE OF 24 JULY FOR MEMBERS TO ORDER THEIR PERSONAL-USE TICKETS TO ALL GAMES.** We will continue to honor ticket orders as long as tickets are available; however, tickets ordered after the priority allotting date of 24 July will not be class seating.

Only AAA members who have paid their 1987-88 membership dues will receive football ticket applications. Reunion classes will hear individually from the reunion committees as to specific application details for each class. *The 24 July cutoff date will apply in all cases.* Class reunion chairman must plan accordingly for this early cutoff date.

Reunion Committee prior to the time this issue of *ASSEMBLY* is published. Those who have not been contacted should insure that a current mailing address is on file with the Association of Graduates for use in forwarding the Graduation Week Reunion Bulletin.

#### General Van Fleet '15 Honors Son '48

"As Jim swam the last few yards of the race, he gave his all. He reached out for the wall, extending his arm and using the last ounce of strength he had. He touched first, winning the race, and then he passed out in the water. His teammates had to jump in the water to pull him out and revive him."

These words were spoken by General James A. Van Fleet during his recent visit to the United States Military Acad-

emy on 11 December 1986 with his daughter, Dempsie McChristian, and her husband, Major General Joseph A. McChristian, Class of '39. They reflect the memories of his son James Van Fleet, Jr. who captained the 1947-48 cadet swimming team. The senior Van Fleet was commanding general of the Eighth Army in Korea on 4 April 1952 when his son was reported missing in action. Two years later, the pilot was officially listed as dead. General Van Fleet visited the Military Academy at the invitation of General Palmer to see some of the recent additions to the West Point scene.

During his visit, General Van Fleet was briefed on the intercollegiate swimming program by Coach Ryan. The Olympic Pool in the Cadet Gymnasium will soon receive an electronic scoring-timing system as a gift from General Van

Fleet in memory of his son. The memorial plaque to be mounted in the pool area will be inscribed as follows:

SCORING-TIMING SYSTEM  
PRESENTED TO USMA  
IN MEMORY OF  
JAMES A. VAN FLEET, JR., USMA '48  
BY  
GENERAL JAMES A. VAN FLEET  
USMA '15

The Military Academy is very grateful to General Van Fleet for this important addition to the swimming pool and for this lasting tribute to his son.

#### AT&T Computer Grant to USMA

Several months ago the United States Military Academy was notified that it was one of several institutions being considered for a major grant as part of their University Computer Donation Program. LTC Lanse M. Leach, Associate Dean for Academic Computing, was able to develop a detailed proposal for a system networking several academic departments with emphasis on Electrical Engineering and Geography and Computer Science.

The system proposed includes six minicomputers, 36 personal computers, the networking hardware and associated software. The total system is valued at \$654,652. It will greatly enhance the Academy's computer capability. Faculty members from seven academic departments will use the system for instruction-related applications. For the Electrical Engineering and Geography and Computer Science Departments extensive hands-on training will be available to cadets.

The USMA proposal was accepted and the system is in its final stages of installation. The grant is a major computer acquisition which will ultimately increase our future leaders' knowledge in modern computer technology.

The AT&T Corporation, especially Mr. Kenneth Shelton who assisted in the proposal development and Mr. Michael A. Brunner who reviewed and approved the proposal, is to be commended for its extensive support of higher education through its University Computer Donation Program.

#### Kalmanovitz Honors Generals Patton and Bradley

The movie *Patton* provided the inspiration that prompted Mr. Paul Kalmanovitz to donate to the Military Academy \$500,000 in remembrance of Generals George S. Patton, Jr. and Omar M. Bradley. It was the desire of Mr. Kalmanovitz that the gift be used in a way which will provide a "suitable tribute to the memory of these two great Americans." The

Superintendent has asked that the West Point Fund Advisory Committee recommend a "suitable" purpose for the use of this donation.

Mr. Kalmanovitz was a highly successful entrepreneur in the beer and real estate businesses. Of Russian-Polish origin, he arrived in the United States in 1926 as an uneducated Polish merchant seaman at the age of 20. Hard work and perseverance, coupled with basic business management, brought success to Mr. Kalmanovitz. He managed and then bought into nightclubs and apartment houses. In 1950, he was able to purchase a Los Angeles brewery and embarked upon a highly successful business venture which led to the ownership of several large regional breweries. Combined beer and real estate holdings ranked Mr. Kalmanovitz in *Fortune* magazine's top 400 wealthiest in America.

The United States Military Academy is indeed very grateful to Mr. Kalmanovitz for this most generous gift in memory of two of its foremost graduates.

Mr. Kalmanovitz died at his home in California in January 1987 at the age of 81.

### Relocation of Major Donor Plaque

The Superintendent has recently approved an initiative to significantly improve the appearance of the Major Donor Plaque, currently located in the sally port of Post Headquarters.

The plaque was established in 1963 to recognize donors making gifts of \$1,000 or more to the then Superintendent's Fund. In 1972 the West Point Fund was established as the successor to the Superintendent's Fund, and since January 1983 the criteria for inclusion on the Major Donor Plaque has been a donation of \$1,000 in a calendar year, or \$3,000 lifetime giving.



The plaque will be removed from the sally port of Post Headquarters during the winter, refurbished, and mounted on the east wall of the Mezzanine of Crest Hall located in Eisenhower Hall. This new prominent location will give added exposure to USMA's major donors, and the new location inside will preserve the refurbished plaque for years to come.

There are currently over 2000 names listed on the Major Donor Plaque.

### General Palmer's Gift to the Association

The Association of Graduates is most honored to receive and accept from Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer his recent gift for the West Point Fund of the "rights, title and interest" in three books he has authored. These books by General Palmer are *The River and the Rock*, *Summons of the Trumpet*, and *The Way of the Fox*.

General Michael S. Davison in accepting the gift noted that General Palmer's increasing prominence as a researcher, historian and author certainly enhances the future value of this gift. General Davison also noted that, since the publication of *Summons of the Trumpet* in 1978, the West Point Fund had received approximately \$20,000 as royalty income. Most of this West Point Fund income has been credited to the Class of 1956 and has been very instrumental in the renovation and decoration of the cadet candidate reception area in the USMA Admissions Office.

Future royalty income and any other income which may accrue from the "rights, title and interest" in these three books will be credited to the West Point Fund unrestricted account. This income, along with other unrestricted gifts to the West Point Fund, is available to the Superintendent to allocate to worthwhile programs or projects of need which enhance the quality of cadet life and the reputation of the Military Academy.

*The River and the Rock* is probably one of the best known works on the history of West Point in the early period from 1775 to 1783. It was published in 1969 by the Greenwood Press. *Summons of the Trumpet* is an excellent historical account of the Vietnam War. It concerns American military involvement in Vietnam and focuses on the translation of national policy into military strategy and operations. It was published in 1978 by Presidio Press. *The Way of the Fox* is an analysis of General Washington's strategy during the Revolutionary War. It was published in 1975 by the Greenwood Press.

*The Way of the Fox* is currently out of print. The *Summons of the Trumpet* and *The River and the Rock* are normally in stock at the USMA Bookstore. For price information, write to the USMA Bookstore, Thayer Hall, West Point, New York 10996, or phone 914-938-5153.

### Friends Grant BOQ Research Award

The Friends of the West Point Library have granted Mrs. Charlotte Muhl a research award to prepare a manuscript for

the Library's Special Collections on the lifestyle and environment of the West Point Bachelor Officer between 1900 and 1950.

Mrs. Muhl, an architectural historian, will document a cluster of three buildings that were built between 1896 and 1909 and became the realm of the West Point bachelor. Cullum Hall was the first to be completed in 1898 and provided bachelor quarters on the lower floors. The West Point Army Mess, also designed by McKim, Mead, and White, was dedicated in 1902, and has since been modified. The "Old BOQ" was constructed in 1908-9, on a design by Cram, Goodhue, and Ferguson, and will be converted into an academic building in 1987.

When compared with today's standards, the living apartments of the bachelor officer were sumptuous—three rooms, with bath and fireplace, designed by leading architects, who provided wooden paneling, pewter fixtures, and leaded windows in the craftsman style of the early twentieth century. Bachelors dined at the formal Mess, with its special silver and china, and they paid their bills, it is said, with paintings by Frederick Remington and Winslow Homer that were gleaned in New York. First floor rooms of the Mess were dedicated to dining, reading and billiards, and ladies entered this male preserve only to take the backstairs to attend meetings and dinners on the second floor. Mrs. Muhl will record this bygone era through sketches, photography, archival records, periodical literature, and interviews.

The Friends are calling for West Point alumni and their families and associates, who lived in or observed this rapidly disappearing heritage, to search their scrapbooks and correspondence files and to submit memoirs and interior photographs. They may forward this evidence to Mrs. Charlotte Muhl, Friends of the West Point Library, P.O. Box 87, West Point, New York, 10996.

### West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program Candidate Receives Award

Ed Eckert '52 presents scroll to Edward P. Mattison, honoring Mattison for successfully competing for one of 44 scholarships awarded by the Association



of Graduates in the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program (WPPSP) for the 1986-1987 academic year.

Colonel Eckert is Senior Army ROTC instructor at New Mexico Military Institute, where Mattison achieved a 4.0 grade point average in his first semester of work. Mattison, from Corning, New York, is one of six WPPSP candidates attending military junior colleges this year. He hopes to enter West Point with the Class of '91 in July.

Also visible in the photograph are General (Ret) Robert M. Lee '31 and LTG (Ret) Ben Bellis '46, representing the Falcon Foundation, which presented scrolls to their candidates attending NMMI. The awards were made at New Mexico Military Institute's annual Homecoming Review.

### General Herbert '30 Endows Scholarship Fund

BG James K. Herbert, Class of 1930, has provided a substantial gift for the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program, which provides partial scholarships for one year of post-secondary school education at preparatory schools and colleges for carefully selected and highly motivated young people seeking admission to the United States Military Academy. Each year approximately 50 individuals receive a partial scholarship in the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program. Income from the endowed scholarship is used to defray the cost of the program.

The Association of Graduates manages this program for the Military Academy. Each service academy (West Point, Annapolis and the Air Force Academy) has a similar program.

The cost to endow a scholarship is \$25,000. General Herbert provided one of the first endowed scholarships in 1980 when our program was beginning. In 1985 the program was made permanent and the Association of Graduates began a fund raising effort to endow all 50 scholarships. General Herbert is a firm believer in assisting selected, leadership-oriented students seeking admission to USMA. General Herbert's recent gift coupled with his original \$25,000 scholarship gift amount to over \$675,000 in the "BG James K. Herbert Endowed Scholarship Fund." On a yearly basis, this scholarship fund will defray approximately one-half of the cost of the program.

General Herbert graduated number six in his Class of 1930. As a cadet, he distinguished himself as a cadet captain his first class year, as a star man and as a rifle and pistol marksman. In sports, he participated in football, track and cross country. General Herbert retired in 1946 and joined Schenley Industries where he served that company initially

as president of the Roma Wine Division and thereafter as vice-president, Operations, of the parent company. In 1957 he resigned to concentrate on managing his own affairs, primarily in farming, banking and real estate in the San Joaquin Valley.

Among General Herbert's interesting experiences as a cadet was his work with the "Tenth Squad." This was an organization, Corps wide, which had responsibility to assist cadets in need of special tutoring. Emphasis was on football players but any cadet was able to participate in the tutoring program arranged by the "Tenth Squad." General Herbert worked with this program during each of his four years, achieving the coveted position as its chairman during his first class year. Fourth classmen were detailed to collect from the sally ports the posted grades of individuals in whom the football coaches had a concern. Cadet Herbert would then meet weekly with Coach "Biff" Jones to determine the extent of certain football players' involvement in this tutoring program. Instruction was done in the "sinks" by upperclass cadets. It was during this experience that Cadets Herbert and "Chris" Cagle, of Army football fame, became good friends and later roommates. It could also be that General Herbert's keen interest in the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program developed from his "Tenth Squad" experience.

The Military Academy is extremely indebted to General Herbert for his generosity in support of our scholarship program. His contribution will be a major factor to its successful operation.

### Library Seeks Material Related to Philippines during World War II

Recently, a collection of Bataan and Corregidor material was given to the U.S. Military Academy Library by John

Patterson, USMA x1959, in memory of his uncle, Lieutenant Alexander Ramsey Ninninger, USMA 1941. Lieutenant Ninninger received the first Medal of Honor of World War II for his action on Bataan on 12 January 1942.

The Library wishes to publicize the donation of this collection to all classes prior to 1941. It is hoped that members of classes who were at one time in the Philippines prior to and during World War II might consider making the Library the repository for their papers or books. We have noted the recent activities in the *Assembly* in regard to the memorial at the dedicated Cabanatuan Prison Camp.

The collecting interest of the Library is not limited to the Philippines. We seek the papers and publication of all graduates. The Philippine Islands are of special interest as is our interest in the "Flying Tigers."

Anyone interested in donating materials to the Library should contact Mrs. Marie T. Capps, Map and Manuscript Librarian, Special Collections Division, U.S. Military Academy Library, West Point, NY 10996-1799, telephone: (914) 938-2954, or Mr. Egon A. Weiss, Librarian, USMA, West Point, NY 10996-1799, telephone: (914) 938-2209.

### Friends Council Prepares for Exhibit on Military Fortifications

The Council of the Friends of the West Point Library has directed that planning be undertaken for an exhibit of the Library's extensive holdings of drawings, books, maps, photographs, and documents that outline the development of military fortifications through the centuries. Beginning with the library that Sylvanus Thayer brought from Europe in the early 1800s, and then amplified with gifts and purchases of rare selected materials, the Military Academy today possesses a collection in

#### CORRECTION

Many of you who recently donated to the West Point Fund received a *USMA Calendar* as a donor recognition item. Unfortunately, there were some changes in the 1987 football schedule that occurred after the calendar went to printing. Following is the correct 1987 Army football schedule:

12 Sep	Holy Cross
19 Sep	Kansas State (away)
26 Sep	Citadel
3 Oct	Wake Forest
10 Oct	Boston College (away)
17 Oct	Colgate
24 Oct	Rutgers
31 Oct	Temple
7 Nov	Air Force (away)
14 Nov	Lafayette
5 Dec	Navy (Philadelphia)

military fortifications that is unique on the North American continent.

The Chairman of the Friends has stated that the objectives of the exhibit are to "publicize West Point's excellence in the scholarship associated with military fortifications, encourage research and writing using the Library's resources, promote further acquisitions for the Library's Special Collections, and enhance membership in the Friends organization."

As a first step in planning the exhibit, the Council has granted a Research Award to Mrs. Marguerita Herman of Garrison, New York. She will analyze the collection and develop a written exhibit concept by March 1987. She will also develop a format for an exhibit catalog, and make recommendations on how the exhibit should be mounted and displayed, to include possible locations outside West Point.

Council member Colonel Craig Nickisch will chair the Exhibit Committee of the Council, whose six members will approve matters of major policy, personnel, and budget. Friends of the West Point Library who wish to make inquiries or comments about the exhibit should write to him at the Department of Foreign Languages, USMA, West Point, NY 10996. The annual meeting of the Friends on 1 May 1987 will highlight the prospects for the Friends first exhibit of the Library's holdings.

### Phi Kappa Phi at West Point

In 1897 ten students at the University of Maine at Orono decided to form an honor society with a broader foundation than any currently in existence. Interested professors helped them organize the Lambda Sigma Eta Society, which became the Morrill Society about a year later. (Morrill was the sponsor of the Congressional act which provided for

land-grant colleges.) In 1900 the presidents of the University of Tennessee, the University of Maine at Orono, and Pennsylvania State College (now Pennsylvania State University) conferred national status on the society. These three original society chapters also changed their name to Phi Kappa Phi, an acronym from the Greek translation of the adopted motto (Philosophia Krateito Photon, "Let the love of learning rule mankind.").

The purpose of Phi Kappa Phi is to recognize and to encourage superior scholarship in all academic fields. The society remains convinced that honoring scholars of good character will encourage further scholarship. An academic institution must provide the means conducive to academic excellence before establishing a chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

In November of 1978 the national headquarters of Phi Kappa Phi authorized a local chapter at the United States Military Academy. This was the Academy's first (and only) honor society. CPT Stanley C. Vonasek was appointed its first president. Since that time members have been chosen from students, staff, and faculty as recognition for undergraduate, graduate, and professional academic achievement. Cadet membership is limited yearly to ten percent of the first class and five percent of the second class. National headquarters also limits the number of staff and faculty members annually.

The West Point Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi customarily recognizes academic excellence through publication in the "Star Points" column of the *Pointer View*. If you know a deserving scholar who should be recognized, contact the current Public Affairs Officer, MAJ Linda Ford, at the English Department (914-938-5256).

Members of the local West Point chapter of Phi Kappa Phi continue to set the standard in the academic arena. Under the leadership of LTC Charles Brower, our current president, and Cadet Holly Hagan, our vice president, the Executive Committee continues to foster the spirit of the Phi Kappa Phi motto: "Let the love of learning rule mankind." CPT Mark Kimmitt, chapter secretary, keeps track of this highly mobile membership, and MAJ Linda Ford, public affairs officer, records its exploits, three of which follow.

—CPT Paul Gery, a Military Intelligence Officer and French instructor in the Department of Foreign Languages, returned to Widener University, where he received his BA, to deliver a recent keynote address.

—MAJ Charles Engle, our local chapter treasurer and executive officer of the Department of Geography and Computer Science, recently deliv-

ered a four-hour ADA (Department of Defense's standard programming language) tutorial from a management perspective to three separate audiences: a group of representatives from AMC (the Army Materiel Command), twenty flag officers from all services, and Undersecretary of the Army Ambrose as an audience of one.

—COL Robert Doughty, Head of the Department of History, received the Paul Birdsall Prize for European Military and Strategic History from the American Historical Association in Chicago during its December meeting for his book *The Seeds of Disaster: The Development of French Army Doctrine, 1919-1939*. He not only used nearly all of the materials available in the United States, but he had journeyed to Paris and conducted research there as well.

### West Point Medical Association

The West Point Medical Association was formed in November 1986 during a conference held at Keller Army Hospital. The association was formed for several purposes: first, to promote the ideals of West Point in the Medical Corps and in medicine. Second, to recognize excellence in medicine. Finally, to provide a link among physician graduates of West Point within their ranks and with the Military Academy.

All graduates of West Point who are physicians or are in osteopathic or medical schools are encouraged to join this association. Meetings will be held annually during the fall at West Point and plans are that continuing education credit will be provided. Information can be obtained from the secretary-treasurer of the association at the following address:

Richard Redd, M.D.  
LTC, MC  
Department of Radiology  
Brooke Army Medical Center  
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6200

In the next few weeks, the By-Laws of the Association will be finalized as will the entire list of officers and trustees.

### Trusts Flourish as 1986 Ends

Calendar Year 1986 has been an unusually active year for giving to West Point through the AOG's family of Life Income Plans. A Life Income Plan is a trust instrument, approved by the U.S. Government, which offers the donor and his designated beneficiary some tax and income benefits during their lifetimes and which benefits the charity (in our case West Point) after the life income



beneficiaries have died. The new tax law has preserved the overall attractiveness of these instruments. In certain respects the benefits have been enhanced.

One of the most noteworthy of the trust gifts made this year is the Charitable Gift Annuity created by Colonel Winfield W. Sisson, *Class of 1930, in honor of his son Colonel Winfield Wade Sisson, USMC, a 1959 graduate of the United States Naval Academy*. Colonel Sisson made a gift of \$100,000 to create a Gift Annuity which will provide approximately \$45,000 for West Point now. He has chosen to use this gift portion of the Gift Annuity to endow two West Point Preparatory Scholarships in honor of his son Colonel Winfield Wade Sisson who is a Vietnam War casualty. Wade did not return from an air mission over Vietnam in 1965. He was tentatively identified as a prisoner of war in 1966 and 1968. The discovery of the wreckage of his plane in 1986 confirmed his survival from the jungle crash. He was carried as MIA for many years and declared P.F.O.D. (Presumptive Finding of Death) in 1983 because of a lapse of time without information.

During his youth, Wade resided at West Point where his father was twice stationed. He was christened in the Cadet Chapel, attended West Point schools, was taught swimming by Marty Maher and learned to ride in the old Riding Hall (now Thayer Hall) at West Point. He won two presidential appointments and chose Annapolis where he graduated in the Class of 1959. A similar gift has been given to the Naval Academy to establish honor preparatory scholarships in his name. While Colonel Sisson has honored his son and benefited West Point in this manner, he can also enjoy an annual income from the annuity portion of the gift which will amount to \$9,400 a year, 61% of which is nontaxable. Furthermore, the Charitable Gift Annuity entitles him to take a tax deduction of over \$55,000 (a one-time benefit) on his Federal income tax returns during the year of the gift.

Colonel Robert C. Cameron '40 has been an account executive since retiring in 1962 after 22 years of successful military service which included 3½ years in the Aleutian Islands as an Infantry platoon leader, a company commander and a battalion executive officer in the 37th Infantry during WWII. He later commanded a battalion of the 37th Infantry at Ft. Benning as well as a battalion of the 14th and 66th Infantry in the European Theater. Subsequent tours included a two-year tour as Director of Military Instruction, Department of Tactics at West Point, 1959–1961. He retired in June 1962 from West Point, just 22 years after donning the Army Blue at that same location.

Since retirement, the brokerage business has been good to Bob and Betty Cameron. Consequently, they decided to share some of their good fortune by creating a Charitable Remainder Unitrust for the ultimate benefit of the Association of Graduates Endowment Fund. Their first gift to fund the Unitrust consisted of highly appreciated stocks with a market value of \$72,100. They followed with another gift of appreciated stock valued at \$176,300 and a check for \$1,600, to bring the total Unitrust to \$250,000. By law, all of the capital gains on these stocks are free from Federal income tax. Colonel Cameron has designated himself and his wife to receive an annual income equal to 6% of the market value determined annually, as long as either is alive. The deduction which he may take from Federal income tax this year is equal to \$106,668.50 which can be carried over for the next five years in case this exceeds the deduction allowable in 1986.

Colonel Cameron recognizes that this deduction will be worth more to him in 1986 than in 1987 when the Tax Reform Act of 1986 will place the Camerons in a lower income tax bracket. It is also significant that the gift amount is removed from the Camerons' estate, thus reducing estate taxes.

Mrs. Miles M. Dawson, *widow, Class of 1925*, was anxious to make a gift to West Point which would honor the memory of her late husband, **Brigadier General Miles M. Dawson**, who died in 1982. Her financial advisor favored a Charitable Gift Annuity over other forms of charitable giving to West Point because it would provide a generous income to Mrs. Dawson for the rest of her lifetime and a nice deduction from Federal income tax this year. She made a gift of \$100,000 which will provide for her a guaranteed income of \$9,100 a year which is 47% tax free as long as she lives. Her deduction from income tax this year is worth \$55,382.

The gift portion of the Gift Annuity will be used to endow a West Point Preparatory Scholarship in the name of Brigadier General Miles M. Dawson. General Dawson was assigned to the Corps of Engineers at graduation. He remained a true son of the Corps of Cadets and the Corps of Engineers throughout his lifetime. His love of West Point brought him back to the Plain frequently and, even more, it led him to embody in his every action the spirit of Duty, Honor, Country. His professional service as an Engineer included four years in the Office of the Chief of Engineers and valuable combat engineer service in the Pacific Theater during World War II. A major activity in support of the Korean War was his command of the Yokohama Engineer General Depot (1950–1953). His awards in-

cluded the prestigious John R. Freeman Scholarship for study in hydraulics in Europe. This study led him to Belgium where he served as a delegate to the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses. After retirement from active military service in 1956, General Dawson served in a variety of important jobs to include assistant to the Director of Ohio Civil Defense, an executive with Westinghouse, and a consultant for the State of Ohio in flood control. In 1961, he became Assistant to the Director, Ohio State University Research Foundation, a position he held until his retirement in 1973.

Colonel and Mrs. Walter E. Mather '41 made a gift of \$10,000 to create a Charitable Gift Annuity. The gift portion of this Gift Annuity will be placed in the West Point Fund now where the Superintendent can use it for high priority projects and programs which cannot be supported with government funds. The Charitable Gift Annuity is the only life income plan which benefits West Point before the life income beneficiaries have died. The Mathers will receive a partially tax-free income each year as long as either spouse is alive. They can claim a partial deduction of their gift on their Federal income tax return in 1986.

Colonel Mather's first assignment after graduating from West Point in June 1941 was as an Engineer company commander in Hawaii. When the war came, his regiment was instrumental in helping reconstruct the damage on Oahu. From this early date, he learned how the resourceful and capable American soldier needed only the challenge and the leadership to accomplish the task.

Colonel Mather's career included a great variety of interesting and challenging assignments: U.S. Secretary of the Bipartite Secretariat under General Lucius D. Clay in Berlin at the time of the Berlin Blockade; commander of the 79th Engineer Battalion in the Korean War; and chief of Construction Management Division in MACV Vietnam 1966–1967. After his military retirement, Colonel Mather served for five years as executive director of the West Piedmont Planning District of Virginia.

Colonel and Mrs. Mather have two sons who have graduated from West Point, and Colonel Mather served a tour in the English Department of the Military Academy. One son, Lieutenant Colonel Walter E. Mather, Jr., has just completed a tour as CO of the 1/36th Infantry Battalion in Germany. Another son graduated in 1974 and has now left the service and is settled in Texas.

Six individuals have recently joined the long list of participants in the West Point Pooled Life Income Fund. This is a fund, established in 1977, whereby donors make an irrevocable gift and receive an income for life (sometimes for

both husband and wife); a tax deduction in the year of the gift; and an opportunity to convert highly appreciated stock, with a modest payout, to assets paying currently about 9% per year. There is no capital gains tax on the long-term appreciated assets used.

**Colonel Robert H. Kreuter**, *Class of 1920*, has made a gift of \$25,000 in cash which authorized him to take a deduction of \$16,781.75 on this year's Federal income tax return. Furthermore, he will receive an income from the Fund for the rest of his life. The payout rate is expected to be 9% for the next year, but it can rise or fall with the market.

Colonel Bob Kreuter considers his marriage to Betty Howe (who died in 1985) and his graduation from West Point to be the two happiest events of his life. What better way to honor his commitment than to endow, in the future, a West Point Preparatory Scholarship in the name of his late wife. Colonel and Mrs. Kreuter served two tours in the Philippines together (1929-1931 and 1935-1936). It was no surprise that he landed on General MacArthur's staff in 1943 and eventually became the first military attache to the Philippines in 1946.

After retirement in 1950, Colonel Kreuter served as staff assistant for military affairs at Hughes Aircraft Company and later sold securities for a 10-year period.

**Brigadier General William J. Deyo**, *Class of 1926*, is no newcomer to the functioning and the benefits of a gift to West Point through one of the AOG's life income plans. In November, he and Mrs. Deyo made their fifth gift which yields an income for their lifetime. Their recent gift of mutual fund shares to West Point's Pooled Life Income Fund Number 1 had a market value of \$11,470. They appreciate the simplicity of a gift to the West Point Pooled Income Fund Number 1 because no new contract is required for an additional gift to the fund. It is much like purchasing new shares of a mutual fund.

**Colonel and Mrs. Victor H. King**, *Class of 1933*, are new members to the West Point Pooled Life Income Fund Number 1. They made a gift of 300 shares of Agnico Eagle Mines common stock with a market value of about \$6,200 and a cost basis of \$3,800. There was no capital gains tax. They can expect an income of around 9% of the market value next year. Their deduction to be taken on their Federal income tax form in 1986 is \$1,884.30.

Colonel King retired in 1961 with 28 years in the Army Air Corps and Air Force. He served as a group CO and base CO in Tinian, Guam, Manila and Tokyo during World War II. Since retirement from the Air Force, he was a real estate broker for two years and then

taught for ten years, five in private schools and five years as head of the Science Department of the Lyme Consolidated School in Connecticut. Colonel King was Assistant Master of the Sword and a tactical officer at West Point from 1939 to 1943.

**Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. James F. Holcomb**, *Class of 1945*, decided to use shares of two different mutual funds to make a gift of \$10,000 to PLIF No. 1. They were attracted to this instrument after reading an article in the June 1986 issue of *Changing Times*. They had read about various types of charitable trusts in the AOG's AMICUS Newsletter.

The Holcombs have two sons who are West Point graduates: Major James F. Holcomb, Jr., *Class of 1972*, is assigned to the Soviet Army Studies Office at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and Major Robert C. Holcomb, *Class of 1973*, is assigned to the Defense Support Projects Office. Jim and Ann Holcomb (the parents) had a tour in the Department of Military Topography and Graphics at West Point during the period of 1949-1952. After retirement, Colonel Holcomb worked for the Lockheed Missiles and Space Company for three years after which he was recalled to active duty and served a tour in Vietnam with the 1st Cavalry Division and a tour in Washington with the Defense Intelligence Agency. He left active duty again in 1971 and served as a civilian employee in the Office of the Secretary of Defense until retirement in 1984.

**Mr. James Q. Brett '30** was one of the charter members of West Point Pooled Life Income Fund No. 1, having entered the fund in 1978. In December 1986, he decided to contribute to the fund a second gift of appreciated stock with a market value of just over \$15,000. The beneficiaries to receive the life income are his wife, Claire, and their three children. While only two beneficiaries can be named for a single instrument, three separate instruments were originally created so as to benefit all three children. Subsequent gifts may be added to West Point Pooled Income Fund No. 1 without preparing a new contract. Each year more and more donors make repeat gifts to one of the families of life income plans.

Mr. Brett is a Trustee Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates. He was a charter member of the West Point Fund Committee and served that committee for 12 years. He is a principal of Brett and Company, a San Francisco based firm specializing in real estate, investments and finance.

**Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson '29** was the Chairman of the West Point Fund Committee when the Planned Giving Program was initiated in 1977. He was the pilot who guided the program through the various AOG commit-

tees leading to its approval. He made the initial gift to West Point Pooled Life Income Fund No. 1 when it was approved by the Internal Revenue Service 1977, and he signed a second life income contract for a Charitable Gift Annuity in December 1985. His most recent gift has created another gift annuity using appreciated stock with a market value of \$34,100. From this latest gift, General and Mrs. Thompson are guaranteed an income of \$2,352.90 per year (partially tax free) as long as either is alive.

General Thompson was President of the Association of Graduates from 1970 to 1974, Chairman of the West Point Fund Committee from 1979 to 1982, and was a charter member of the West Point Fund Committee.

There has been one other life income plan gift since the last issue of ASSEMBLY. A member of the Class of 1932 who wishes to remain anonymous gave \$57,500 in appreciated stock to West Pooled Life Income Fund No. 1.

Finally, **Lieutenant Colonel Stanley E. Thevenet**, *Class of 1948*, has used life insurance to make a long-term gift to West Point. He has recently transferred ownership of a permanent \$50,000 Equitable Life Insurance policy on his life to the Association of Graduates. Each year, about the time that the policy's premium payments are due, Colonel Thevenet will make an annual drive contribution to West Point which is equal to the amount of the premium payment. The AOG, as owner of the policy, makes the decision to use the check for premium payments thus preserving the tax deductible status of the annual contribution. Furthermore, the donor can claim the cash surrender value of the policy as a deduction from Federal income tax (and some state tax also) in the year of the gift. West Point receives the \$50,000 when the insured dies. Because the donor's annual contribution qualifies as a charitable gift to West Point (it is the AOG's choice to use it for premium payments or for direct support), the gift qualifies for Equitable's matching gift program. Colonel Thevenet has designated his Class of 1948 Gift Fund to receive about 50% of each year's matching gift.

Stan Thevenet was one of West Point's great wrestlers. He was captain of the 1948 team and a 1947 and 1948 Eastern Intercollegiate Champion Middle Weight. While assigned to the Military Academy 1967-1970, he was the officer representative for Varsity Wrestling. After retirement in 1971, he went to work for Equitable Life Insurance Company in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The AOG will compute the benefits associated with the various options available so that they can be considered

in one's estate planning. Inquiries may be directed to Colonel Richard L. Gruenther, Director of Planned Giving, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996.

### History of Company C-1

We, the mighty Crusaders of Company C-1, are currently working on compiling the history and traditions of our fine company. However, the members of the Historical Committee need the support of the proud alumni of C-1 to help us in our search for significant events of the past. As a former C-1 cadet, we are sure you alumni have special anecdotes, inside information, and other knowledge which will help the committee in its endeavors. The Historical Committee would greatly appreciate any stories, events, or other information which you could contribute to help us compile the history of our proud company.

Once compiled, the company history will be posted (along with any photos, photocopies, or paraphernalia that you could provide) on the company bulletin board to decorate our halls and help support the feeling of camaraderie among all Crusaders, past and present. Thank you for your support and please pass the word to other C-1 alumni. Information should be submitted to Cadet Theodore Young, P.O. Box 2799, Company C-1, USCC, West Point, NY 10996.

### AOG Travels to France

The happy group in the photograph is sailing down the Rhone River on the M.S. *Arlene*, flagship of Alumni Holiday's river fleet! Accompanied by a few graduates from Lehigh and Utah, the West Point group began its tour with a three-day stay in Cannes. From there, the tour went by bus to Avignon. Board-



ing the new and spacious Motor Ship *Arlene*, they stayed in Avignon for two days while visiting scenic Provence. A five-day cruise up the Rhone River with numerous stops for sight-seeing ended at Lyon. After a short but busy two days in Lyon, a two-hour ride on the TGV (Very High Speed) train brought the group to Paris, where they stayed at the Paris Hilton for the final three days of their visit to France. The food was marvellous, the weather perfect, and the scenery spectacular!

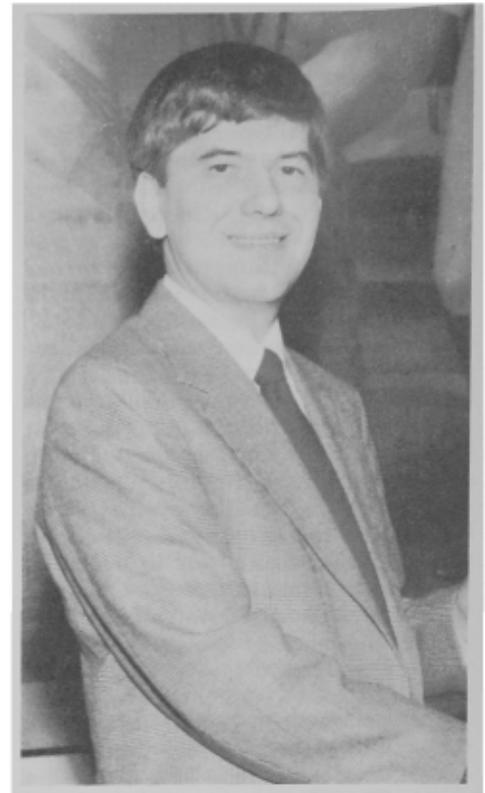
The West Point travelers included Mary & Ed Ball '46; Millie & Bill Banning '39; Carolyn Stephenson Jennings '33 with her daughter, Stephanie Bloch; Anne & Jim Blandford '44; Pat & John Frazier '37; Alys & Mike Krisman '39, with their daughter and her husband, Alys & Harry Hart; Helen & Dick Hunt '32; Norma & Phil Krueger '42; Mrs. Ethel Kuter '27; Mrs. Norma Lovell '27; Esther & Phil Mallory (son Phil is '61); Pat & Stew McKenney '40; Janet & Marty Morin '27; Latilla & Steve Plume '41; Betty Rasmussen; Mercedes & Dave Sherrard '38; and Mrs. Lucy Troxel '31. AOG representatives were Faith & Morris Herbert '50.

### New Director for West Point Museum

The West Point Museum, containing one of the nation's largest and most diversified collections of military artifacts, has a new director to make sure that it stays that way.

On 9 Nov 1986, Mr. Michael E. Moss, who came to the West Point Museum in 1975 to serve as curator of arts for 10 years and then as deputy director for the past two years, was named director of the museum. He replaces Mr. Richard E. Kuehne who retired in October.

Mr. Moss faces great challenges in his new post. The museum was officially



established in 1854, and with its emphasis on military collections is the oldest and largest in the Army. Its collections number 50,000 objects, and more than 300,000 people visit the museum annually. Its story, unlike that of most military museums, is not confined to the national scene alone. One gallery, for example, is devoted to the development of military institutions and the art of war from the days of the Roman Empire to the present.

His greatest challenge, however, is to move the museum from its present location in Thayer Hall to its new home in Olmsted Hall at New South Post (old Ladycliff College campus). Rehabilitation of the building to house the new museum was largely made possible by a generous gift for that purpose by General George H. Olmsted '22, USAR (Ret). Completion of the project is scheduled for Oct 87. The old museum will close just after Labor Day 1987 with the opening of the new museum scheduled for the summer 1988.

Mr. Moss, a native of Columbus, Ohio, received his bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and his master's degree from Case Western Reserve University. He served an internship at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, worked at the Cleveland Museum of Art, and was a curatorial assistant at the Toledo Museum of Art before accepting the curator's position at West Point. He resides in Newburgh, NY, with his wife, Jane, and their son, Charlie.

The Association of Graduates wishes Mr. Moss great success as director of the West Point Museum.

# Report from the Classes



## '15

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**Grace Wogan** died on 6 Oct 86 after a long illness. She was the widow of our **John B. Wogan**, who was such a wonderful Class scribe for many yrs. Their daughter, Mrs. Patsy Wogan Warner, 10 Cherry Lane, Asheville, NC 28804, wrote me about her mother's death.

**Helen Wehman** died on 17 Oct 86. She was buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC (where many of your scribe's family are buried), beside her late husband, **E. Edward Wehman, Jr.** He was an X-'15, was a Navy off in WW I, and was twice an outstanding mayor of Charleston, SC. They attended several of our reunions at WP. He went all out in SC to help our **Ike Eisenhower** get elected as President.

**COL Arthur Bain (Doc) White** died on 12 Oct 86. He was buried in Arlington Natl Cemetery. He was a son of our **Arthur Arnim White**.

The Class extends its sympathies to the families.

**Vernon Evans** is "still ambulatory, but now less so." He is our Class pres, as he has been for many yrs.

**Thea Gillette**, widow of our **Douglas H. Gillette**, moved and left no forwarding address. Frances Chickering, widow of a BG and niece of BG Fred W. Sladen '90, a former supe, also moved and left no forwarding address. **Det Ellis** would like to get in touch with both.

**Satchie Naiden**, widow of our **Earl L. Naiden**, wrote me, "There are few changes in my lifestyle nowadays. I spent Thanksgiving in TX with my daughter Satchie. Will have Christmas in AL with daughter Charlotte. I have 5 grandchildren, and 5 great-grands." She sent greetings to '15.

**Robert Daspit Dwan** 'Jun 43, son of our **Edward James Dwan**, phoned me recently to keep in touch, and to inform me his son is a CPT, FA. **Ruth Gerhardt**, widow of our **Jacob John Gerhardt**, sent greetings to the Class. She lives in Tampa, FL near some of their children and their families. **Hazel Taylor**, widow of our **Thomas F. Taylor**, has 7 great-grands and 2 more on the way. She wrote that she is fine. She still plays bridge 3 nights a wk and still does ceramics.

**Tom Fox, Jr**, son of our **Tom Fox**, wrote that his mother **Lucy** is quite well (for 92) and is still living at the Convalescent Hosp in Menlo Park, CA. Her mind is reasonably clear, but she can't walk and must have help for most of her activities. Her brother, **Lucian Berry** '16, died in 70. He was originally in '15, but a few unfortunate incidents at WP put him in '16. His widow is in a convalescent hosp in Santa Barbara, CA.

**Jean & Richard S. Morrison** '39 keep in touch with me, as they have done for many yrs. Jean is a daughter of our **John S. MacTaggart**. Mrs. **John Wentworth Merrill** also keeps in touch with me. She was **Helen Marsh**, daughter of our **Raymond Marsh**. Her first husband, a WP grad, was a casualty of WW II, as a LTC. She later remarried, and I understand has children from both marriages.

**Kitty Bradley**, widow of our **Omar N. Bradley**, sent greetings to '15. She wrote me, "I just signed with Columbia to do a picture on Omar's life." **Bea Watson**, widow of our **LeRoy H. Watson**, sent greetings to '15. They attended several of our big reunions together, and at least once, his very beautiful daughter by a former marriage also attended. Her mother had died before, and she is married to a doctor.

**Nan Chapin, Sr** widow of our **Charles H. Chapin**, sent greetings through her surviving son to '15. She lost a son in WW II. She is getting along very well in the Bastrop Nursing Center, TX. She had pneumonia in Nov and ended up in the hosp for 2 wks. (She roomed with my sister at college, Det.).

**Renee Avent**, widow of our **Hugh P. Avent**, wrote me on 30 Sep, "after a short stay in the hosp, I am back at Pendleton Manor, my last home. I also well remember the pleasant times we had together at WP. Also at the farm. Best wishes to '15." (I spent some time with them, at intervals, at the farm. Det.).

**Mary Larkin**, widow of our **Thomas B. Larkin**, sent greetings to '15. She wrote me on 10 Dec, "I am flying to Wake Forest with Betty & Rocky Rochfort (her daughter and son-in-law) to spend Christmas with my namesake, **Mary Irwin Finke**, & her husband **Dick** and their 2 small children. From there we go to Atlanta to visit another grandchild of mine, **Bill Rochfort & wife Renée**, and their 2 small children."

**Eileen Leonard**, widow of our **John W. Leonard**, to quote, "A happy Christmas to my dear friends of '15 and best wishes for 87. The star event of 86 for me was the engagement of my granddaughter **Kathleen Leonard**. Her fiance is an architect in Seattle where they will make their home. I continue to enjoy my apt at Distaff Hall. My daughter & her husband, **Eileen & David Foster**, live 120 mi away in central VA and visit frequently. My son & his wife, **Betty & Jack Leonard**, come regularly from ID. My daughter in England, **Natalie Crostwait**, has the farthest to travel. She comes less often but stays each time for a good visit. To all of '15 a good New Year!"

Our **James A. Van Fleet** sent greetings to the Class. He recently spent a day at WP, and later "Will write about a great day."

## '16

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The big news is about the **Woodwards** and their move from their long-time home in Santa Rosa, CA to Spring Lake Village, 4 miles away. It is a full-care ret home and they like it very much. The people there are pleasant and the food is delicious. Possibly there are some of the rest of us who would like to find a place like that!

But I guess that you can not have everything perfect: **Woody** suffers with the "shingles" and **Helen** has to use a cane on account of an accident.

I wish that classmates and Class widows would send me notes for this column, without my having to ask for them!

## '17

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The daughter of **Laddie Hayden** writes that her mother died in CA on 5 Sep 86. A memorial service was held at St Clements Church in Berkeley. She had lived in her Berkeley home until Feb of this yr. **Bobette** (daughter) writes that "we know that in spirit they are back at WP" where **Jim & Laddie** were stationed several times.

**Nina Gerhardt** passed away in Aug in Winter Park, FL. Funeral services were held at All Saints Episcopal Chapel. **Charlie** had been buried previously in Winter Park, but on 9 Oct he & **Nina** were buried together in Arlington Cemetery. **Fred & Vivian Irving** attended the graveside service.

**Fred** was the honored guest at the unveiling of a monument to veterans of WWII and the Korean War in his hometown, Taunton, MA. The ceremony was held on Memorial Day when he gave a few remarks. **Fred** was again honored on 8 Dec at Ft Stewart, GA where the 24th Div named their hq bldg, the *Frederick A Irving Bldg*. The ceremony and review were attended by 35 old comrades who fought with **Fred** in the Pacific. **Fred's** son, wife and grandson also came from Jacksonville, FL.

**Joe & Gladys Collins** are still in their apt and enjoy having their daughters close by. **Nancy** (daughter) writes, "Dad has been interested in the unfolding plans for the creation of a museum in Caen to commemorate the Battle of Normandy. He was among the first recipients of the Eisenhower medal, which was presented to him by **Elie Wiesel** in the Rotunda of the Capitol on 6 May 86." The Eisenhower Liberation Medal "for outstanding contributions to human rights and freedom" will be given annually by the US Holocaust Memorial Council. **Joe** celebrated his 90th birthday on 1 May with a small stag luncheon.

**Matt Ridgway** writes that he & **Penny** are doing well. Last Nov they drove their car to Stamford, CT, alternating drivers. **Bill & Alice McMahon** wrote at Christmas time from their home in Winter Park, FL. **Bill & Dot Eagles** enjoy being in their own home with son **Ted** and daughter **Nancy**.

**Jack Jackson** continues to have quite a few visitors at the Presbyterian home in DC, including a visit from **Joe Collins** and daughter **Nancy**. **Jack's** son **Bob** & wife **Rita** came down from CT over New Year's. **Louis Ford** says that he had a wonderful Christmas watching his great-grandchildren open their gifts. He asked us to put in the following quote, "Louis Ford has resd as Class pres. One of our illustrious, hard working classmates, **Freddy Irving**, is now our Class pres."

Our 70th Reunion is coming up this May. **Fred Irving** is chm and is doing a good job of encouraging interest among members of the Class.

**Aug '17** COL John T. Knight, Jr.  
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San Antonio, Texas 78232

Well it's good to be back after an absence from 4 issues of the *ASSEMBLY*. It is not an easy task to pick up the

loose ends in strict chronological order, so please just take this report item by item.

In my last report (*ASSEMBLY* of Mar 86), I wrote about **Edith Shaffer** and mentioned that she was survived by 6 grandchildren, which is correct; then I proceeded to give their names and where they lived. This I fowled up because I sent **Ester Graves** (a daughter) a copy of my Class Notes as submitted to WP, and she promptly called the mistakes to my attention. I called WP and one of the ladies on the staff said she would try to correct the errors as the copy had already been forwarded to the printers. She did, and all the names of the grandchildren were omitted. So old friends might know where they are: **Russell King**, Arlington, MA; **Ellen Shearer**, Laughlin, AFB, TX; **Forrest Stoddard**, Amherst, MA; **Cynthia Stoddard**, New York, NY; **Edward Stoddard**, Raleigh, NC; and **Tracy Martin**, Leawood, KS. Now you have it all.

Following is a sad report from **Philip S. Day, Jr.** "My father, **Philip S. Day**, passed away in the early morning hrs of 8 Jul in Winter Park, FL. He had been rather ill for the last few months but his demise was peaceful and he went in his sleep. The funeral services were held in Winter Park on 11 Jul, and he was buried in Winter Park. Both his children, **Ann Wallick** and myself, attended along with his five grandchildren from WA, CO and TX. My mother is doing very well and we are amazed at how well she is holding up. Her own health has only been impaired by her inability to move around. There is nothing wrong with her mind."

"**Phil**" Jr, we all loved and respected your father. He was a wonderful friend and classmate, an officer and a true gentleman; we all share with you your sense of loss.

A very short note from **Bob Wilson** from Rancho Chupinas, CA tells me that **Dagmar Wilson**, the widow of our classmate **Wilson W.I.**, passed away several mos ago. I never met **Dagmar** but have always felt that she was a lovely person. Our sympathy goes out to the entire family.

**Margaret Wood** writes to tell us that her mother, **Margaret K. Moore** (**Peggy Moore**—widow of **Bryant E. Moore**), died on 11 Jun of pneumonia. She was in very good health up until the last 3 days. She was buried at WP where **Bryant** is buried. Thank you **Margaret** for your letter; we all share with you a sense of loss of the passing of your mother.

**Marilyn Williams** (daughter of **Clyde & Verna Morgan**) wrote to me. A copy of this letter was sent to the staff at WP, and they were good enough to print it in the Dec 86 *ASSEMBLY*. I want to thank the staff for this and to congratulate **Marilyn** on her initiative in sending a copy on to the Academy.

Word from **Gracie Reeder** from Venice, FL tells us that her brother **James Bogart** who lived in Sarasota, FL helped her to make the decision to move south. She is now living in the South West Florida Ret Center where she says the living is made easy with 3 meals a day and many other services. She is adjusting to a new way of life, but misses friends of "long standing." FL weather is not for **Gracie**, but she is trying hard to adjust to it; she misses the change of seasons and even the cold, white snows. Her new address is Apt 421, 930 Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 33595.

**Bob Hasbrouck, Jr** and officers of the 7th Arm Div Assoc presented to the Academy a "First Day of Issue" American eagle print as a memorial to **Bob Sr**. The supe, **LTG Scott**, received the print (which has been placed in the Dept of History) and spent considerable time with the group, escorting the whole group for a visit to the room that **Bob Jr** occupied in his last yr as a cadet. **Bob** says, "The room looked much the same as when I lived there 31 yrs ago. However, there was one emphatic change; the present occupants are female." The print was a wonderful tribute to **Bob Sr**, and **Bob Jr** and all of us are proud of this honor to a fine classmate and general. The plaque below the print reads, "Presented to the United States Military Academy in memory of **MG Robert W. Hasbrouck**, by the 7th Armored Division Association—1986." **Bob**, the Class is so very proud of your father and his military record.

**Bob** goes on in longhand to his typed letter, "Mother now has to cope with the untimely death of my sister, **Margo**, at age 48 from pneumonia in Mar. She, my mother, is getting along about as well as possible under the circumstances. Her various physical ailments have left her far from her former dynamic self, but she is still a great lady."

**Marshall Hea**, son of our classmate "**Jimmy**" writes as follows: "I am pleased to let you know that my father, **Jim Hea**, is doing very well indeed, thanks to the special care he is getting at the VA Nursing Home Care Unit. He sends his best wishes to his classmates.



**Aug '17:** 7th Arm Div Assoc print presentation to USMA

My address is 1024 12th St, #3, Santa Monica, CA 90403." Marshall will be very glad to deliver any cards or letters addressed to his father.

Nan Rolfe wrote in mid-summer, "I will take the Symroskies on a short cruise on a small 80 passenger ship—Hudson River, Erie Canal, Lake Erie, Thousand Islands, St Lawrence River, and Saguenay. I will end my month's stay with a few days in Wash to see some old friends and, of course, visits to Arlington." Thanks, Nan, and hope that all the rest of the summer was as pleasant as this trip.

Mike Greene checks in with me by long distance phone. He reports that Miriam Conner was feeling fine. She has 10 grandchildren and about 17 great-grandchildren. He has seen Loessa Coffey frequently, and she seems to be in fine spirits.

Letter from Hi Ely tells me that his Parkinson's disease is progressing and leaving him very frail and weak, requiring 24-hr nursing care. Back in Mar he celebrated his 90th birthday, and his daughter Hope had a big party for him with a birthday cake with 90 candles. They insisted that Hi blow out the candles, and he did, which shows that there is still a lot of wind in his sails. The family has added a new great-grandchild, born in Australia, making a total of 9 great-grandchildren; he is hoping that one of them will go to WP.

I received a wonderful letter from Virginia Harloe. It definitely indicated that she is in the "pink" and enjoying life. She attended the unveiling of the newly reconditioned Statue of Liberty. She booked herself passage aboard the *Explorer* and "set sail" around NY Harbor, up the Hudson with a couple of hr's stopover at WP, where she was met by a member of the academic staff and his wife (Bart served 5 yrs in the Academic Dept at the Academy), who took her on a quick inspection of the Ladycliff addition to the reservation, then on to Boston where she took a plane back to Monterey, CA.

Helen Carson sent a card giving me a new address: The Atrium, 2431 NW 41st St, Gainesville, FL 32606. In the few words on the card she sounds as if she is just fine, which is good news.

A very nice letter from "Dutch" Gerhardt who says, "I really feel I shouldn't try to attend a reunion." I have had very few comments on the question of our 70th Reunion. This is from the youngest looking classmate, but he goes on to say, "I had a happy 90th last month complete with that wonderful gift from the AOG reviewing my days as a cadet and Army service." What is your secret, Dutch, for the "youthful look?"

Many of you may remember John Dunbar (Jack) Chambliss, who was "found" in Jun of our plebe yr. After

leaving the Academy, Jack entered the Army and had a very creditable career, retiring as a COL in 45. The following letter was received from his wife Helen: "It is with sad heart that I am writing you to tell you that we lost Jack. He was very ill and in the Navy Hosp at Long Beach. Jack had surgery on 17 Mar of this yr. He pulled through that and was recuperating at home when he had congestive heart failure on 24 Jun. We called paramedics and took him to our local hosp—he was eventually transferred to the Navy Hosp. He never seemed to get over the heart trouble; on 18 Jul, we lost him." Jack Chambliss was 92 yrs old. He was buried with full military honors in Forest Lawn, Glendale, CA and the burial detail and honor guard were furnished from Ft Ord. Our classmates Bill Chapman and "Frog" Reed used to see Jack Chambliss quite frequently and relayed information back to me about him.

Georgie Graham wrote a very welcomed letter. In it she told me all about her family, children and grandchildren and their doings. It was a happy letter, and it made me feel mighty good to get it. With a very fine attitude she tells about herself: "Because of my unsteadiness, my doctor prescribed dizzy pills and the use of a cane. The latter is becoming more and more handy with use. That plus the hearing aid, and not-so-good sight are showing my age, but I am so very thankful to be able to do for myself, even without the car which became a no-no last summer. I'm very blessed." Georgie, I think that your attitude toward life is a great "pick-me-up" for all of us, and I thank you for sharing your outlook with us.

Loessa Coffey writes, "I don't have any news for the ASSEMBLY. Distaff Hall is not an active place to live. I have slowed down so much I am afraid I am going backwards. My family are pretty widely settled, but they all seem to be doing well." I think, Loessa, that you must be doing well also, and maybe the slow pace at the Distaff Hall is what we all need.

A wonderful letter from Peggy Ker-man tells in detail how she and her whole family put together all the "makings" for a birthday party for Peggy's half-sister who I think is in her late nineties. This was really a "party on wheels," for they drove to Carmel where they included 25 local "old timers," friends of her sister. It was a glorious success.

A note from Girard Troland says, "I agree with you that it would be beyond my capabilities to go to WP. I recently went to my birthplace in New London, CT for a family reunion. It was a happy occasion, but the trip was exhausting." I take this as a negative vote for trying to hold a 70th Reunion.

Mildred Stembridge, the widow of

Roger Stembridge, writes from her home in Milledgeville, GA. "The news with me is about the same as with anybody else that the yrs have slipped up on. My doctors have practically labeled me a degenerate; degenerative arthritis—degenerative situation with my eyes, etc. The nice thing about this is I don't worry about the cobwebs and dust in the house. I just don't see them. My daughter is coming to take me to Jacksonville, FL for Christmas with her family and grandsons. I am sure they will keep me entertained."

With this happy note, "So long till next time."

<b>Jun</b> '18	<b>COL E.W. Gruhn</b>
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Mary Barth had her 90th! Her tribe was there to help rejoice. Louise Bishop reports the big party hosted by her Army Daughters at Distaff Hall (carols by the Army Choristers). Present—175, including Norma and Sylvia. Hab Elliott's father was in 1886. Mary and her son & wife attended honoring of that Class at WP in Apr. Too bad, we missed her.

Mike Grenata is still collecting descendants for USMA. A grandson enters in Jun. Makes 5 for Mike. Going backward, Bud Miley has 4 with 2 great-grandfathers! Peg Jadwin had both sons, their wives and kids for Turkey Day. All very happy. Alice Kramer is still flying on a 'year' ticket. San Mateo—YES! San Antonio—NO!

Frances Lewis sold her house. Went to a ret home in Miami at 622 ERVD. The McGraws will travel in 87: Bermuda in Mar; AK in Jul. That stirs memories of a transfer from Benning to Ft Gibbon on the Yukon in 21. Snow on 21 Sep to 18 May. Record temp -65°. Foreign service pay—double eagles. Another trip to HI for Bee Rundell.

From Carol Smith: getting along fine, still driving, sailing, a daily mile walk. Son, Jun '43, AF, COL Ret. Has another son and a daughter.

Rita Hoffman died last Jun leaving son Robert. Dick McKee died on 26 Sep, leaving Louise. Squire Foster died on 5 Oct, leaving a nephew and two nieces. This news is regretted.

Dot Casey spent 3 wks sailing around the south end of South Amer (the Horn) at the end of 86 with a *National Geographic* group. It was summer down there. Watch for more on this.

<b>Nov</b> '18	<b>COL Bryan Evans</b>
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As many of you know, we have discontinued our annual Class party on 1

Nov celebrating our graduation from the Point, but **Ruth Hastings** wouldn't let go and on 1 Nov 86 gave a delightful luncheon for those of us, still alive, in the Wash area. The setting was her lovely apt, which she & **Kester** had occupied for many years on the 13th fl of a high-rise complex on the western outskirts of Alexandria, VA. She invited only her friends among classmates and their widows. Present were yours truly, **Edna Hixon**, **Jake Whelchel**, **Mimi Norman**, **Gene Valentine**, **Jan Murray** (Navy) and **Betty Yoder**. **Wanny Wanamaker** couldn't make it on account of illness. **Ruth** served drinks and cocktail munchers in her living room while **Jan Murray** wound up things in the kitchen. The food was delicious and the conversation invigorating. Had to leave early to avoid driving in the dark. It's a long way from north of Wash to Alexandria, VA. None of the girls from Distaff Hall was present.

**Wanny** handed me a note at our 2 Dec joint class luncheon which had come to him from **Gildart** via **Corp** to the effect that **Mary Carroll**, widow of **J.V.**, died of pneumonia in her sleep in an Albuquerque, NM hosp on 17 Nov. **Jimmy's** remains will be moved to the cemetery at WP and **Mary's** buried there also. This word reached **Chuck** through a mutual friend of his and **Jimmy's** daughter **Pat**, wife of **COL Kirby '49**, stationed at WP. He is prof of G & CS. Many of you remember their daughter who was a kaydette and the guest of our Class at the wind-up dinner of our 60th Reunion. Her parents also attended.

#### Regional News

##### From the Central

**Corp** from San Antonio writes that TX will have a Republican governor come Jan which makes him very happy. He & **Mary** used to be quite active in politics but now his activities are confined to voting and cheering although both keep up their memberships in the local men's and women's Republican comms. **Mary** & he both are carrying on with around the clock household and medical assistance and with that of wonderful friends and neighbors. Says, "Thank the Lord, his health seems to be holding up quite well."

**Duke Dunkelberg** is still in the nursing home where **Corp** visits him fairly often. While there recently he ran into **Peg Smith** who has been a resident there for many yrs. Although her eyesight is none too good she seems most cheerful. She will be 90 on 5 Jan.

**Chief Brimmer** at 91 is probably the most active of our classmates. Busy spading up his garden, washing windows, etc, in preparation for winter. Recently attended the christening of his great-grandson in Milwaukee. **Carolyn Christiansen** recently returned from another foray to New England. Had relatives here over Thanksgiving and spent Christmas in FL. Daughter **Anne** and

family from Reston, VA visited him & **Mary** over Thanksgiving. Her twins are now 7 yrs old. (Ed note: **Anne** looks just like her mother **Mary**.)

##### From the West

**Lucy Bowman** sent me a very nice Christmas card saying her younger son will be up from L.A. for a few days at Christmas and that she and **Alice Pope** will have Christmas dinner at Asilomar where they put on a tremendous dinner at both Thanksgiving and Christmas—I hope they're taking the young man, **Lucy's** son, with them!

A note from **Chuck** reminds us that **Charlie Morrison** was 90 on 31 Oct and was celebrated with a party at **Viola's** home put on by her and daughter **Virginia** & husband **Dave** of **Oxnard**, CA. The obits **Chuck** wrote on **Bill Blair** and **Percy Bannister** are now in the hands of the publishers of **ASSEMBLY**.

**Doris McAllister** has moved into a home on the property of her daughter and disposed of the "ranch" that **Mac** built. Says she had a bad fall and broke her knee and hand but that now "she couldn't be happier."

**Chuck** reports the birth of his first great-grandchild, **James Andrew Lewis** on 9 Aug at Melbourne, Australia to **Dr & Mrs Charles A. Lewis**. **Draper** & **Ruth Lewis**, with whom **Chuck** lives, have just returned from a trip down-under to acquaint themselves with the youngster.

##### From the South

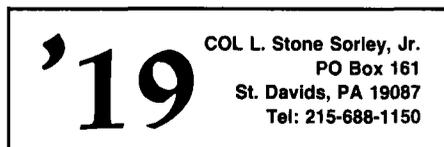
**Bob Schow** sent a clipping relating the highlights of **Martha Watkins**, widow of our "Pop" **Watkins**, and notice of her death at **Muscogee Manor** nursing home on 16 Oct. She was quite a horsewoman in the 40s, rode with the **Ft Benning Hunt** and won horsemanship trophies at both **Benning** and **Atlanta**. She will be interred at **Ft Bennings's** main post cemetery. She was 89.

**Kit & Grace Baker** have just returned from a two-wk stay in Honolulu, "enjoyed every min of it." They are now planning to go to San Antonio where they will take an apt preliminary to finding a permanent home. They will sell their home in FL.

A fone call from **Puss Molitor** reported her well and managing the many problems that **Molly** used to handle.

**Tiny & Bob** are in reasonable health but slowing down considerably. Send warm, good wishes for the holiday season.

Please report to **Chuck** if anyone knows the whereabouts of **Melba Conrad** and change your directories to show **Doris McAllister's** new address as 11540 Addison St, North Hollywood, CA 91601.



In his letter of 26 Nov 86 to the members of '19, **Al Wedemeyer** announced

the ret of **Dick Ovenshine** as Class pres and **Bunker Bean's** replacement of **Dick**, who had been pres since our 74 Reunion and who always did a fine, conscientious job of it. **Scribe** remembers particularly how **Dick** kept him well informed of all items which needed to be placed in **ASSEMBLY**, and **Dick** was never too busy to help scribe check over items. We all owe **Dick** deep appreciation for a fine performance. **Bunker Bean**, too, has done a great deal of hard work for the Class, and we deeply appreciate his taking over this new job. His new address and phone no appear in **Al's** letter and the new Class roster, recently distributed.

From **Columbus, OH**, **Evelyn Brown** writes that she is well, greatly enjoys her daughter and two grandchildren, who take good care of her. Once an excellent tennis player, she still has a sterling silver cake dish that she won in 17 at a tennis tournament. Of all '19 wives **Lynne Marlow** is doubtless the most traveled. In 86 she visited Tibet. Leaving **Kathmandu, Nepal** by bus, her travel gp passed through beautiful country to **Shangmu**, on the border of Tibet and spent the night in a very unclean hotel. The 2nd day was harrowing, driving through deep gorges and high mtn passes, one at 17,500 ft, over switchback mtn roads, barren valleys, fertile valleys, through villages with prayer flags and dung-topped walls where scarcity of trees forces use of dung for all fires. The dust forced the travelers to wear masks. Scenery was breathtaking, surrounded by huge mountains, one of which was **Everest**. At the stops natives would appear from nowhere, friendly, curious, very dirty. Yaks were numerous, used in many ways. **Lynne** took an exciting ride in a boat made of yak skins. At last, **Lhasa** and the **Potala Palace** loomed in the distance—the gp climbed many steps and ladders in several monasteries, but the real thrill was the **Potala** with its 1000 rooms and 13 floors. Travelers visited the **Summer Palace** and other structures destroyed by the invading Chinese, who had built many bldgs which did not harmonize with the Tibetan architecture—the unwelcome handiwork of the "Gang of Four." **Lynne** says, "... I will remember Tibet with its thin air, the bluest of blue skies, the starkly beautiful countryside and the friendly, smiling people. I'm just sorry that I didn't see it before the Chinese destroyed so much."

For a very long time, **Marjorie McLean** has helped **David (Mac)** in his job as area rep. Much of this aid has been correspondence, including even long distance phone calls, and has been real work. She has been doing a great job and thoroughly deserves our thanks and deep appreciation. They report: Driving home to **Tucson** recently, **Bob Clemenson '46** & his wife **Jo** (nee

Frederick) dropped in on the McLeans in Clearwater, FL, and the 4 of them drove out to visit the graves of Toots and Lil at beautiful Sylvan Abbey Cem. **Alex Raaen** has nearly lost her sight in one eye, due to a faulty lens implant. She still enjoys reading, however, and living near her son John, who works for the Episcopal bishop in Orlando. **Katharine Kean** also has a lens implant and her recovery from that is going well. **Marjorie Winn** also had a successful lens implant in Apr. She enjoyed a Caribbean cruise in Sep and is now refurbishing her old Spanish house. **Ruth Cookson** complains of her eyesight but still reads, remains close to her family and grandchildren, several of whom live in Rio de Janeiro. They mourn the death of Charlie's wife Nubia, of bone cancer. Forrest Jr. is still in Bangladesh. All the children were educated in the US. **Gladys Ely** enjoys *ASSEMBLY* and remembers fondly the semiannual Class brunches in DC. She is very active and in 86 visited Willcomb, England where **Lou** trained troops for the Normandy landings in 44. She also visited the Galapagos Isl and spent 6 days in the mtns of Ecuador. **Marge & Ham Young** had a bad time with bronchitis, Margie in the hosp for 13 days. Friends and neighbors helped to pull them through. Ham is frail but he enjoys golf and swimming. **Jack Dominey** says that he is now permanently established at the home of his step-daughter Mrs. Dolly M. Mallory. He had a bad time about 3 yrs ago with double pneumonia. See his "thank you" letter and poem on p. 52, Sep 86 *ASSEMBLY*, for a beautiful way with words. **Syril Faine** says that he & **Billie** are "still perking along but slowing down some." **Helen Bartlett** has moved from ME to FL to be near her brothers and sister. Her brother, Roger M. Allan, says she regrets her inability to answer her mail, but she enjoys news of the Class in *ASSEMBLY*, her mind is sharp and her health is very good for her 93 yrs. **Lorna Bevans** says she likes living in Phoenix but her 82 yrs say, "her get up and go has went." **Margie Lawrence** says that if one can overlook "old age," she is doing fine. The McLeans remember how generous and gracious she & **Ike** were with all the classmates living in the Clearwater/Sarasota area so many yrs ago. **Cookie Zimmerman** is walking on air because her daughter Joyce Dresser & husband have moved into the Clearwater area.

No one—surely not **Herb Jones**—has sent scribe any complaints on the outcome of the Navy game. **Anabel Jones** has recovered well from her broken pelvis, uses a cane but sometimes forgets it moving around home.

When **Dick Ovenshine** was driving **Elton Hammond** home from the Oct McNair luncheon, Dick's car was demol-

ished but they both escaped serious injury. Believing that he may have had a small stroke, Dick has given up driving. **Flory, Hammond, Jones, Ovenshine** and **Wedemeyer** made the Nov luncheon, but **Wedemeyer** missed in Dec—a long drive in miserable weather. Hammond had a cataract op in Nov and can now read well. He was brought to the luncheon by his daughter Georgina, with whom he lives, though he retains his home in Arlington. **Dotty Wilson** lives in the infirmary at Distaff Hall but gets around the bldg in a wheelchair. **Marge Brannon** and **Rosalina Kerr** feel a bit under the weather but **Dorothy Ferenbaugh, Mary Hopkins, Hope Rogers, Rhoda Springer** and **Gertrude Taylor** are well. **Stone & Conchita Sorley** had a most pleasant visit with Dorothy Ferenbaugh who invited them to lunch at Distaff Hall, a most pleasant place.

On the death of a classmate, his wife or his widow, send flowers, \$30 to \$40 range. If burial is to be in a local town buy flowers locally and ask **Les Flory** for reimbursement. If burial is to be in Arlington or WP, ask Les Flory to send flowers. BG Les Flory, 7004 Beechwood Dr, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, tel 301-652-1777.

At 1000 hrs on 7 May 87 there will be a ceremony at Ft Benjamin Harrison (Indianapolis) to name the huge Finance Center Bldg for **MG Emmett J. Bean**. Our heartiest congratulations to Bunker Bean for a great and richly-deserved honor.

**Hope Rogers** says that the Distaff Hall is a wonderful place to live, and while the '19ers at the Hall have their ailments, all of them are reasonably well and happy. **Effe May Isaacs** in Tucson still has 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She and her friends are looking forward with pleasure to a visit from **Deborah Nichols**, which they always enjoy. **Phil & Irma Lauben** are well and Phil keeps busy despite being legally blind. He recently finished writing another book, his 7th, which he sent to his publisher in England. **Ham & Margie Young**, in Vero Beach, FL, were invited to the Boston Navy Yard to take a harbor cruise on the USS *Cassin Young*, a Fletcher class destroyer named for Ham's brother, and which has been made into a museum. Ham is frail (108 lbs) and Margie felt that the trip would be too rough on him, so they declined. Ham does enjoy golf and swimming, however, and says Margie, "he enjoys watching the girls in their polka dot bikinis." **Jean Starr**, Bethesda, MD reports a lovely trip to AK with her son LTC W. Friend '57 & his wife Ginnie. Cruising the inland waterway they visited Juneau, Skagway and other towns, helicoptered to a glacier on which they walked. Returning home they visited

Vancouver Isl, and her younger son Kent and his family in So CA—a fabulous trip. On a very cheery card from San Ant **Mildred Stearley** says that she is fine, keeps quite busy with volunteer work. They are building a beautiful addition to their church, and she is head of the decoration comm. Her only trip in 86 was a visit to **Ralph's** sister in IN. She hopes to visit DC in 87. She sees the **Hamiltons** frequently at AF Village. **Logan Shutt** believed that he was in good health, but when they gave him a checkup at WRGH they kept him there for 19 days, after which for a mo he had to report back wkly for treatment.

From the Golden Gate **Jack Vance** sent some papers pertaining to the Christmas preparations of the Rialto Post of the Amer Legion in San Fran, to which he has belonged for yrs. He lives in Corte Madera, however, out near the coast, where he and many others have erected high fences to keep the wild deer from eating their shrubbery. He speaks of looking across the great bay at the bus dist of San Fran which he sees between the ears of a deer. On 6 Dec 86 the San Fran WP Soc hosted the Navy at the Presidio O Club. The Vances stayed home because they had heavy colds, but they had no complaints about the score.

#### ADDRESS

**Mrs. George D. Rogers** (Hope), 6200 Oregon Ave, NW #214, Wash, DC 20015. Please keep the addresses on your new Class roster up to date.

#### DEATHS

**COL Clarence A. Frank** died in San José, CA of cardiac arrest on 17 Sep 86. On ret in 50 he studied law at the U of Santa Clara, but 3 wks before he was to take the CA Bar exam he was injured by a careless motorist and lost the ability to speak during the last 30 yrs of his life. He worked very hard, however, taught himself to be an artist, and to type out articles which he wrote. He is survived by his children, **Helen Mohr** and **Virginia Frank** of San José, **Eugene Frank** of Minneapolis, **Dorothy Frank** and **Alleen Willburn** of Redwood City, 19 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. **Mrs. Ethel Megginson Wyman**, widow of **GEN Willard Gordon Wyman**, died of heart and lung ailments on 23 Oct 86 at Army Distaff Hall. Born in Norfolk, VA, she came to Wash in 30, was staff asst to the dir of the Natl Red Cross. Leaving Wash in 46 she returned in 62, was a member of St. Margaret's Catholic Church. She is survived by a son, **Willard G. Wyman** of Ojai, CA, 9 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren. **Les & Kathy Flory** attended her funeral at Arlington where she was buried beside her Bill. **COL Edward L. Strohbehn** died suddenly on 26 Oct 86 in Winter Park, FL, where he was buried. He is survived by his widow, **Marilyn**. **Mrs. Cornelius E. O'Connor** (Nancy) died 15

Nov 86. Like her late husband, "Pat" O'Connor, she was cremated. Their daughter, Connie Morgan, took the ashes of her parents to WP for burial, with services at Trinity (Catholic) Chapel there, 5 Dec 86. COL **Virgil F. Shaw** died of a cerebral hemorrhage on 25 Nov 86. His remains were cremated and his son took them to Arlington for burial with **Helen**, Virgil's first wife. Some of Virgil's children live in the DC area. Mrs. **George W. MacMillan (Louise)** died in Nobleton, FL, on 29 Jun last, a wk after her 84th birthday. She had recently moved to FL to be near her daughter and had just entered her new home. In Mar an op on her disclosed a tumor. She is survived by her daughter, Dorothy Poe. The Class extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

#### VITAL STATS

Living grads 43; missing 2; deceased 239; widows 84.

'20	COL <b>James A. Samouce</b>
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With great sadness I write that **Pop Miller**, **Wally Ford** and **Bob Watt** have died. We extend our deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

**Pop Miller** died 18 Oct 86 in Long Beach, CA. He was 90. Memorial Mass was held at Long Beach's St. Anthony Church, followed by private cremation in Ft. Rosecran's Cemetery. This news came in a 22 Oct clipping of the *Long Beach Press Telegram* mailed in by **Carl Engelhart**. Pop was one of the first in our Class to join the Army, having enlisted at 16 during the Mexican border troubles. He was appointed to WP while a SGT in WWI. In WWII, he served as G4 & Engr NYPOE 42-45 (LM) and in the same capacity at SFPOE 45 (2CR). During the Korean War he was Trans O GHQ FEC & SCAP 48-52 (DSM). Ret in 54, he became general mgr Los Angeles Harbor Dept for 3 yrs before joining the engr faculty of CA State U, Long Beach. His 1st wife **Catherine** died in 66. His 2nd wife **Mary Lou** survives him.

**Wally Ford** died 9 Nov 86 in West Redding, CT after a massive stroke in his home. As he wished, his remains were cremated and ashes scattered over Saggaponnock, CT. This came from his widow **Sarah**. Wally distinguished himself by "fathering" at Ft Sill, OK, the school for little "grasshopper" plane observers of FA fire 41-42 (LM), which were very effective in WWII. He went on to become CG, 87 DivArty, T-AE 44-45 (LM-BSM-AM). Wally's 1st wife **Alice** died in 76. Besides his 2nd wife Sarah he is survived by daughter **Elise** (wife of LTC Robert P. Knapp, Jr. '40, resd 46); 3 sons—William W Jr, Trowbridge and John; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**Bob Watt** died 19 Dec 86 in San Diego, CA. As he wished, he was entombed in San Diego's Cypress View Mausoleum beside **Winnie** who died two yrs before. This message came in a Christmas card from his daughter **Marilyn Newcomb**. Bob had suffered for some yrs from a tumor removed from his shoulder but remained fully active. He chose Hon Disch from the Army during the reductions in 22 following WWI. He returned to serve 42-46 during WWII as LTC USAFR. After losing **Winnie** he immersed himself in his devoted growing family of son **Dick**, daughter **Marilyn Newcomb**, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, all nearby in CA.

Our deepest sympathy also goes to **Madeline Travis** whose eldest son **William '48** died 7 Oct 86 of cancer first detected only a mo before. He served with distinction in KW in 7 Cav, 1CavDiv, 50-51 (3DFC-11AM-CI). Besides his mother he is survived by 3 sons, eldest a CPT Med Corps; and 3 brothers—Ret COL **Harrison G. '52**, Med Corps BG Tom, and Ret USN Air CDR **David**, USAFA '60.

The annual Class Governing Comm meeting was held 14 Oct 86 after the regular monthly DC area Class luncheon at the Westchester. Attending were **Hasbrouck**, **Holle**, **Rehm**, **Routheau** and **Samouce**. By consensus, **Holle**, **Rehm** and **Samouce** were reelected as pres, treas and scribe, respectively, for the yr 1 Oct 86-30 Sep 87. **Gus Vogel**, just out of **Walter Reed** after two mos recovering from a cancer operation, also attended. He is now recuperating at home.

**Jack Reybold's** name appeared in your Class Notes only once since 70—in the June 83 ASSEMBLY: "Jack Reybold, a wounded WWII POW in T-E, is in a nursing home." On 20 Nov, **Charles Holle** received a note from his only known relative, **Carol C. Warner**, of Reston, VA. She wrote: "My cousin. . . is now at the Coatesville (PA) VA Hosp. . . He has been there about one mo. . . is receiving excellent care. . . and is doing well. He has been an inspiration to me all my life and, I know, to all those with whom he comes in contact. . . His loves are the 15th and 17th Cav of which I have heard much over the yrs and even met some of his 'men'. . . He gets and enjoys the ASSEMBLY. . ."

**Mac MacMillan (AR)**, our Class Rep for Area 4 (Midwest States), gave us his last usual thorough coverage in the Mar 82 ASSEMBLY. Since then his health compelled him to leave his home in Carbondale, IL, to be cared for by his daughter **Ann**, wife of **Dr. Warren E. Wacker**, Dir of Harvard's med services. She writes that her dad "is now living at Sherrill House, an Episcopal ret home and nursing facility just across the park from us. . . He is comfortable physically but his vision is too blurred for reading.

. . . West Point friends and the Army mean much to him. . . ." **Robby Robinson**, while still maintaining his home in St. Louis, is now in the Mari de Villa nursing home in Manchester, MO.

**J. K. Mitchell's** son, **J. K., Jr.**, wrote **George Rehm** 17 Dec that his father had a severe stroke and lost his speech. He was moved from his Pittsford, VT home to Meridian Manor, a nursing home in Lititz, PA. His dr is hopeful he will recover. **Freddie Dixon** continues not well since **Irene's** death 29 Jun. He is still at his summer cottage at Myrtle Beach, SC. He writes: ". . . am still trying to survive here with the wonderful care of **Irene's** faithful and loyal nurse. . ."

**Ruth Bartlett's** son **Hamilton** writes that his mother has recovered well from the broken hip she suffered a yr ago while visiting him in Orlando, FL. Her grandson **Charles** accompanied her back to her home in Aptos, CA last Jun. She arranged for grandson **Henry** and his bride **Kristie** to share it with her. **Hamilton** writes further: "In August, mother joined **Anne** and me in Vancouver for a cruise up the fjords of British Columbia and SE Alaska. . . She is in excellent health and enjoys cards, notes and visits. . ." He brought her back to FL early Dec for several mos.

**Sid Hinds** wrote **George Rehm**: "Family-wise, all's well. **Gina** & I have just gone through the clinics. Outside of **Gina's** HBP and my idiopathic hytension we have nothing that cannot be attributed to geriatrics. So, I'm starting golf again."

**Carl Engelhart** wrote that he and **Bob Kreuter** chatted on the phone just before **Bob** & his bride took off on another trip. He says he & **Margo** are doing OK. He still bowls but with a lighter 14-lb ball; **Margo** has had to quit because of bursitis. He hasn't golfed in several yrs. Says he's saving it for his old age.

**Rachel Herrick** had a full and happy 86. She writes: "I've enjoyed my relatives and friends here in Ft Collins, CO, a book club, my PEO Chapter, the fun and benefit of a twice wkly sr exercise gp and the comings and goings of daughter **Joan** & **Glenn Severin** and their children who are nearby. . . Glenn is in veterinary med at the CO State U. . ." Her son, **USAF MAJ Park B Jr '47**, was killed in an air accident in 54. His widow **Betty Wesson** remarried and lives in Riverside, CA with **Park's** children, all now grown and also living in or near Riverside. So, it was a joyful family reunion for her last Feb when **Glenn's** work took him to southern CA, and she joined him & **Joan** to visit them all, and meeting **Janice**, the bride of **Park B. III**. And, last Sep, she welcomed her 5th great-grandchild, born in **Eaton, CO** to granddaughter **Karin** & **Bill Maulsby**.

**Dick Singer** had his 2nd cataract op and is doing just fine, **Nena** says. **Marty**

Langevin says, "Joe's 88 and doing remarkably well." **Johnny & Marion Johnston (EC)** write, "All's well with us. Stayed well and busy." **Rosamond Kiefer** is an avid bridge player and participates in state, regional and natl tournaments in Hilton Head, SC which is a center for this activity. On 23 May, she came out 4th in club championships; on 27 May, 4th again, as well as on 29 May; on 30 May, 5th; and, on 5 Jun, 1st. Then, in the annual natl Camellia Classic with 52 teams competing, she teamed up with daughter Lillian Tackeberry to tie for 2nd, a bare half match behind the winning team from VA. "Pretty good for an 82-yr-old," she brags.

**Harold Turnbull**, in a ret home, says he keeps "terrifically busy" with **Marion** in a health center a block away. **Russ Eastman** writes, "Helen & I feel blessed to report we feel pretty fair, all things considered." From **Chuck Smith (CW)**: "Norma & I are in reasonably good health and hope to stay that way. I have a bridge session tomorrow, which is about all the exercise I get." They spend summers in a favorite vacation spot in NJ. **Martha Merritt** had a happy Christmas with all 24 members of her family around the Christmas dinner table.

**Louise George** is patiently waiting for a hip op. Son Bill, wife Maritza and their son Alexander visited during the holidays. And daughter Prof Louise & husband Prof Will Clubb will also come in Jan from Padua, Italy. **Anne Farrell Moore** had a happy family reunion for Christmas at her daughter Mary Anne Jackson's home in Columbia, SC with son Ret COL Frank Jr & his family coming from Atlanta, making it 4 generations there, with Anne the matriarch. **Marion Shattuck** co-hosted with Dottie Kehm '23, Jane Anding '24 and Betty Thomas (Princeton) at DC's Army Distaff Hall's beautiful Knoll House a welcoming party on 12 Nov for Margaret Denson who became a resident of the Hall on 15 Oct. Present were **Anne Holle**, classmate residents **Louise George**, **Mildred Hayden**, **Marcia Lystad** and **Helen Ryan** and a host of other resident ladies.

**Lem & Kay Lemnitzer** with daughter Lois returned to DC after their usual summer at their Honesdale, PA home in the cool Pocono Mts. Among the **Holles'** surprise visitors on **Charles'** birthday were **Selby Stratton** and daughter **Julia Wernick** singing "Happy Birthday. . ." and **Ch Engrs LTG Vald Heiberg, Jr '53** & his wife.

**Kay Withers Burns'** highlight of 86 was the **Withers' (George K. '25)** family reunion, the first in 10 yrs at which all her 5 sons were present—**MG Ken '56** (with son CPT George K. III '79 from Ft Bragg) now at the Pentagon; Ret CPT **Bill (USNA '58)** of Laguna Hills, CA; Ret COL **Geoff '62** of Orlando, FL; **Peter**



1920: Kay Withers Burns with her 5 Withers

(ROTC GA State) of Atlanta, GA; and **Dr Ben '74 (CPT MC)** from Brooke Army Med Ctr in FSH, TX. The reunion was at son Peter & wife Donna's spacious home on Lake Lanier (of poet Sidney Lanier fame) at Woodstock, GA. Only 4 of Kay's 13 grandchildren could attend as most are now grown and on their own; however, some of the missing had popped in on Kay during the yr. One of the features of the reunion was the showing of "A Withers Family History" from family slides Kay had saved over a period of more than 50 yrs from which she had "winnowed all but 4 carousel's worth." Another reunion is planned for 1996! Early in 86, Kay also managed to squeeze in a series of Smithsonian safaris in (Kipling's) India, on foot or by dugout or atop an elephant through big game preserve in Corbett Natl Park NW of New Delhi, the Keoladeo Ghana Exotic Bird Sanctuary, Nepal's Chitwan Natl Park and the Nagarhole Wild Life Preserve. Also, extracurricular flights to Nepal's Kathmandu and Himalaya's Mt Everest, as well as a visit to Agra's fabulous Taj Mahal. And, in Aug, Kay attended, as usual, the annual Intl Eumenical Forum Conf held this yr in Bovenden, the 18th C palace of former bishops of Rotterdam. The wk of conferences on the theme "The Jewish Roots of our Christian Faith" was followed by a 2-wk merry chase through Scandinavia.

**Elton & Duke Samouce** had a happy visit 19-22 Dec from their son **Dr Richard G. Hunter** and his two sons, **Richard III** and **Brandon**, of Atlanta. Together they attended the formal military wedding of Duke's great nephew **Tom Russell & Vicki Paynkewicz** at the beautiful olden (1751) Aquia Harbor Episcopal Church near Quantico, VA where **Tom (VMI '86)** is a proud Marine 2d LT. He is the son of Duke's brother **Sammy's ('24)** daughter **Ann & COL Thomas B. Russell '59** of Ft Sam Houston, TX. The groom insisted that his grandfather and great uncle squeeze into their 50-yr-old dress blues for the occasion. Among numerous photos taken of and after the ceremony was one of the two of us being saluted by Tom's very sharp young Marine groomsmen.



1920: The Coes with daughters Katherine and Linda

**Leland Smith (LS)** is featured in an article in the Oct-Dec 86 quarterly of *The Soldier Support Journal*, a publication of the AG Corps, on the occasion of the 211th anniv of this Corps. He is cited as one of 3 great AG's of the 20th C. In 41, he was dir of the newly-born AG School at Cantonment, VA (now Arlington Hall). Returning there in 50 as Com, he was responsible for moving it to its present permanent location at Ft Benjamin Harrison, IN where he ret in 54. May God bless us all in this new yr of our Lord AD 1987!

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As of this date, 28 Nov, 13 classmates will attend our 65th Reunion next May; 10 will not and one I have not heard from. As for the widows, 6 will attend and 19 will not. Three letters were returned and I have received no reply from the rest. Let us hope that some of those 10 will change their minds.

**Frank Pirkey's** wife died last Jun. We are sorry to learn that and on behalf of the Class I extend to you our sympathy. Frank has left his Sacramento home and is now living with his son at 240 Watercross Dr, Roswell, GA 30076. Frank's son, **Fred '55**, is a ret AF col.

**Mark McClure's** granddaughter spent some time in France as part of her college course at Kenyon College in OH. She wrote him that in her sightseeing she was taken to the beaches where our forces landed in 44. At the museum on the beach she saw some pictures of **Max Taylor**.

**Bill Lawton** and **Mark McClure** attended the Class luncheon with the '20s in Nov. There was a total of 7 present, which Mark said was a big turnout. The luncheon was held at the Westchester and it was very noisy. Mark would prefer to join the '50s at Ft McNair.

The **Meyers'** daughter **Sally**, who lives at Lake Tahoe, spends several months each year visiting them in Sonoma. The Meyers have granddaughters living in Sonoma, Sobastopol, San Fran and Ger.

The last one is married to an Army helicopter pilot. **Ham & Katherine** have 3 great-grandchildren and are enjoying good health other than the usual, as Ham put it, "lack of endurance to race around the block."

Last Sep **Johnny & Amybelle Johnson** together with some of his relatives sailed on the *Queen Elizabeth II* to England. They toured around England and Scotland after which Johnny & Amybelle flew to Greece where they did some sightseeing in Athens and Istanbul. I thought that traveling in Greece was just about verboten, that is to say, not a very good place for Americans.

Correspondence I sent to **Jackie Reed**, **Virginia Thorpe** and **Gyp Wardlaw** were returned. If anyone has any info about them please let me know.

**Meps Smith's** new address is Hampton Convalescent Home, 1414 Algonquin Rd, Hampton, VA 23669. **Ida Carpenter** still lives in Williamsburg, VA but at 5816 Williamsburg Landing Dr. **Eleanor Little's** new address is c/o Mrs. Chas. M. Hunter, 606 Indian Spring Ct, Williamsburg, VA 23185. **Alexa Miller** moved back to her beloved HI. She now resides at 3-3400 Kuhio Highway, Lihue, Apt B-403, Kauai, HI 96766.

It looks like we will have about a 50% attendance at our reunion. I had hoped we would come closer to 75% or 80%. So those of you who have said "no," please give it a second thought and let us see you next May.

**'23**  
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Again we have some good news which all of the Class (and others) will be glad to hear. **Moe Cavender** sent a paper which says, "Thought the enclosed copy of release to our local paper would be of interest to classmates:"

"**COL & Mrs. Charles C. Cavender** have just returned from a 3-day trip to Columbia, SC. COL Cavender's div, the 106th Inf, was activated at nearby Camp Jackson on 15 Mar 43. He was the commanding officer of the 423rd Inf. The div remained at Camp Jackson approximately one yr. From Camp Jackson the div moved to TN for large unit maneuvers, prior to going overseas where they participated in the Battle of the Bulge. Some 500 members of the Div Assoc were in attendance and spent one day at Camp Jackson—now Ft Jackson—enjoying the visit to the present-day facilities which are far superior to the ones they used.

"**COL Cavender** was honored by the honorable T. Patton Adams, mayor of the city of Columbia, who presented him with a gold key to the city. Word by word of the grapevine had reached the mayor that COL Cavender had just reached his

89th birthday and was the oldest one present."

**Moe** added: "This came as a great surprise to me as well as the standing ovation of some 525 members. It made the two yrs of hard work as CO of his regt, the 423rd Inf, worthwhile!" He also reported a note on **Shim (A.D.) Reed**, who was CO of the 424th Regt (of the 106 Div) just prior to going overseas. Shim was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge—evacuated through medical channels, and returned to duty to the same desk which he had left in DC.

**Moe & Lois** celebrated his 89th birthday at the Club at March Field on 29 Oct. **Robbie & Dottie Robinson** were there. They join us in sending best wishes to you and the Class. Another bit of info came from Moe: "I am what they call legally blind and I'm sure that I could not have made the trip across the continent without the help and encouragement of my lovely wife, Lois."

Some more good news comes from **Trooper Price** who writes, "The attached sheet gives my new mailing address, residence remains unchanged. With walking to the bus, and from the bus, and the bus schedules what they are, it was a 3-hr round trip for me to get to the village post office, pick up the mail, do a bit more shopping in the plaza, and take the next bus home. So I switched to rural delivery, and to outwit thievery, I get my pension sent direct to the bank and my agent is instructed to send advances and royalties to the bank, not to my rural box. Poop sheet gives plans, etc for 87!" His new address is E. Hoffman Price, 2547 Woodland Place, Redwood, CA 94062. Please correct your address on '23 roster. If anybody wants the total letter from Trooper, you may receive it from me if you ask for it.

**Trooper** does add the following notes: In regard to his glaucoma, the laser treatment did not blot out what little remained of his left eye. He got the laser treatment for the relatively good right eye; all that keeps him from canine guide, white cane, and tin cup. The doctor declared the pressure satisfactory and suggested that in spite of Trooper's longevity prospects, his vision would suffice to get him to his "long waiting grave!" Price quit driving a yr ago to keep from hastening that trip! However, his son and daughter-in-law are likely to drive him east to our 65th Reunion in 88.

**Johnson**, like **Pamplin**, has trouble in getting classmates and widows to write so he sent out letters in Nov to all in his area, telling the routine in order to get news of all classmates. Please answer the letter! He & **Ruth** in Sep drove over to their favorite NH inn, the Philbrook Farm Inn at Shelburne, NH and enjoyed beautiful drives through the White Mts in the autumn foliage. On 5 Feb they fly to Tucson, AZ and stay at Arizona Inn

until 1 Apr. They will see **Judd & Alice McGeehee**. They celebrated **Ruth's** birthday on 8 Nov and **Gerald Jr** on 7 Nov.

The scribe & **Dot** attended the Army-AF game on 8 Nov. **J.H. White** and his granddaughter sat with us. Others with us were MAJ Fred Magner & wife, MAJ Mary Evelyn and son Frederick. Army won 21-10. The Whites are hoping to have the whole family with them for Thanksgiving.

**Mary Dwyer** wrote to say the **ASSEMBLY** was very nice, and she thanks everyone for taking care of **Roy**. She says Roy would have liked what was written about him. Mary is now a very proud great-grandmother of 8 great-grandchildren (5 on son Roy Jr's side and Mary Helen, daughter with 3 (2 daughters born in July 86). Mary gave info on 2 grandsons, both Army! CPT Steve Dwyer '80 stationed at Ft Rucker, AL is slated to remain on as instructor pilot after completion of Adv School in Jan. His wife Gail '81 is spending her new civ status going to graduate school and being a full-time mother to son Steve, Jr. Another grandson, LT Joe Roy, Temple ROTC '84, is guiding and driving his plt of Bradleys around Ft Hood, TX. He & his wife Monica are enjoying their first tour of duty as newlyweds!

Our liaison classmate of South, **Doug Pamplin**, writes, "My isolated lifestyle does not put me in contact with any members of the '23 Class, nor with many other people!" However, he is trying out a new idea! He sends a 14-cent stamped card (addressed to scribe) to each member of Class in his area which says, "Health, Family, Last saw a classmate and Remarks." It sounds good to me and let's hope it will work. On the card he sent to me he wrote about himself: "Health, stable; Family, 1 child, 3 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; Last saw a classmate at Reunion 83; Remarks—Lolita & I are affected by arthritis. She in the hands, and I in the knees which makes the old rocking chair a good friend. We intend to go back to AL in Mar 87 and come back here to Ft Myers, FL next winter (87)."

From **Ray & Mary Pierce** comes the most exciting news from CA, the marriage of the lovely granddaughter of **Mark & Harrette Pesek**, Margaret (Maggie) Crane to George Townsend Amis, a prof at the U of CA at Santa Cruz. The home wedding was held on 28 Dec in Los Altos, CA. Harriette also has a new great-grandson; it is hard to picture her daughter Sheila as a grandmother!

**McGeehee** visited CA from AZ and called Harriette to introduce his wife Helen over the phone. The **Buckleys** have recovered from the celebration of their 60th anniv at which about 80 family members took part, and they are back to their golf routine! They pay regular vis-

its to **Jazz Harmony**, who remains in poor condition.

**Glen & Elizabeth Palmer** are OK and Pinkie had nothing special to report. **Pierce** reports that he & **Mary** are well and are well occupied with activities at The Sequoias—Mary as secy of the Residents' Council, and he with bowling and comm work. They are both on the Square Dance Comm and enjoy dancing most Wed evenings.

The fall luncheon of the Wash group was held on Wed 19 Nov at Ft McNair. Those attending were **Ken & Laura Sweany**, **Carter & Luella Magruder**, **Lee Shafer** and daughter (**Sarah**), **Joe & Anna Perle Smith**, **Franklin & Fran (Mrs. J.C. King) Babbitt**, **Virginia Post**, **Ruth Singer (Mrs. Cyril Q. Marron)**, and **Dorothy Kehm**. **Santiago & Carmen Guevara**, who faithfully attend, are in the Philippines for a yr visiting family and friends (see Dec ASSEMBLY). **Ruth Singer (Mrs. Cyril Q. Marron)**, reported that a memorial marker had been erected in WP Cemetery for **Marron**, who died on a POW ship when it was sunk in Subic Bay in WW II. Next meeting will be held on Wed, 20 May at Ft McNair. If anyone plans on going, please notify **Magruder** early. You are always welcome!

**Ken Sweany** wrote that considering how small our Wash group is, the Nov luncheon was a success. **Virginia Post** is now living at Distaff House, **Esther (Shafer's wife)** was taken ill just as they were about to leave for the luncheon. Nothing serious, we would assume. **Dottie Kehm** reported that **Dottie Torrence** has arthritis so bad she could not come to the luncheon. **Ken** wrote that they have been living a quiet life since returning from their trip to New England. As we have done over the past years, we met the **Johnsons** at Jed Prontys's Tavern in Bucksport, ME for dinner and a good talk. We enjoyed seeing the grandchildren and the two "greats" in VT. On the way home we visited our son and family in Rochester, NY.

**Joe Smith** and **Ken Sweany** will again chair the comm for our 65th Reunion. This time our Class will be senior and following precedence will be billeted at Thayer Hotel—a great convenience! At our 60th Reunion, about 25 classmates and their wives, as well as 4 widows were present. For our final "Clam Bake" we can expect a few less. About Apr 87, we plan to poll our classmates and widows regarding attendance and for other info. The schedule of events will probably be similar to our 60th: a boat ride and luncheon, alumni meeting in the dining hall; the alumni review and superintendent's reception and our final Class banquet at the Thayer. And this for everyone: if you have any suggestions, please write **Joe Smith** or **Ken Sweany**!

Then there is only up-to-date news



1923: Joe & Anna Perle Smith on his 85th birthday.

about **Joe Smith**. To celebrate Joe's 85th birthday on 31 Oct, **Anna Perle** gave a luncheon at Ft McNair for about 30 guests. Also present were Smith's children and 4 grandchildren. Congratulations, **Joe**; all of '23 wish you well and many new years.

**Charley Gettys** is still in Lebanon VA Med Center (at Lebanon, PA). He has recovered somewhat from stroke but still cannot talk or read, but is taking therapy. The scribe has gone to see him but can not tell whether he knows me or not—but we always hope so!

And now, finally, a note from our pres, **Hertford**. He wrote in Nov: "After a series of stays in the hosp for old age complications, I am home again. **Betty** has taken good care of me." (Thank you, **Betty**!) **Kenner** has forwarded me a letter from AOG requesting info on "lost" classmates. Does anyone know of location (or present condition) of these alumni: **Kerr, Wade L; Michelet, Paul D; Sullivan, Bernard H; and Voedisch, Morris K?** If you have any idea, please write to your scribe.

**Kenner** says, "Best wishes, thanks and good to all and try to attend our 65th Reunion."

#### GRIP HANDS

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During Aug, **Peter & Bunny Hains** visited one of the great log cabin camps in the Adirondack Mountains near Tupper Lake. The cabin belongs to the family of a friend, and they were using it for a mo. Then the Hainses went east to VT and spent a wk visiting places and **Bunny's** friends. Returning home on 4 Sep, they repacked their bags and left for Seattle and the wedding of one of **Peter's** granddaughters. The whole family assembled and had a great reunion. Then they spent a few days on the Olympic Peninsula at old Ft Worden. The place is kept up by the state park services and is in fine shape. After returning home to Gibson Isl, MD, **Peter** was kept busy getting the place in shape. Their house

has a new garage and there was much to do.

**George Finnegan** sent regrets that he could not attend the Class party in Oct, but included his check for \$25 to help pay the expenses of the gathering. He now resides in Green Valley, AZ, but maintains his connection with his law firm, Morgan & Finnegan in NYC, as counsel to the firm. When it was started in 46 it included only **George** and one other lawyer. It now numbers over 50 lawyers on its staff. Specializing in patent litigation, it has represented many American cos including such industrial giants as Mobil Oil Corp. During WWII **George** served as COL AUS, prof in charge of the Law Dept at the Military Academy.

The Grounds Comm of the Army Distaff Hall in Wash on 22 Aug officially opened the newly constructed red brick garden path located in the residents' individual garden plot area. Construction of the new path was made possible through a generous contribution by **Susie Smythe** who has been a long-time resident of the Hall.

**Ken & Melba Strother** were in the Wash area again last fall, this time for the wedding of grandson **Robert Nicol** to **Shelly Carpenter** on 25 Oct in McLean, VA. This was the Strothers' third visit last yr. They spent Christmas 85 with daughter **Joanna's** family in Falls Church, VA and returned in May for granddaughter **Anne Nicol's** graduation from Emory and Henry College. **Ken** made another trip in early Sep to participate in the first-ever gathering of the Strother family in the US. The latest visit last fall was enlivened by the receipt of son-in-law **Nicol's** orders to Fiji where he, **Don**, will be on duty with the American Embassy in Suva. This necessitated his absence from most of the festivities attending his daughter's wedding. Later, in Nov, daughter **Jo** visited with **Ken & Melba** in CA, on her way to Suva to be with her husband. They celebrated **Melba's** birthday, together with **Ken's** brother **Bob** from Cuernavaca and brother **Dean** with wife **Elsie** from CO Springs.

**Sammy & Erica Samouce** report the most important event of the past yr was the arrival of their first great-grandson **Kyle** to **Carole & Michael Samouce** in Houston. **Sammy** also reports their usual foreign and domestic travel, all of which indicates that they are still very active. **Sammy** also still plays golf and poker, and gardens extensively, all with great enthusiasm.

The **Armin Linns** expect to remain in their Linnholme domicile in PA for the time being but will eventually move into the Meadowland Ret Community. It is Senator **Schweiker's** old estate. **Armin** sold his insurance business two yrs ago.

**Frank & Mary Beth Gillette** have been

living at Fredericka Manor, a ret home in Chula Vista, CA for the last yr. It is situated on 27 acres of spacious grounds with many varieties of trees and beautiful flowering shrubbery, and is near to many of the artistic and cultural activities for which So CA is famous.

It has been a pleasure to forward individual contributions to the Cabanatuan Memorial Trust Fund, in varying but substantial amounts, from **Bob Finlay, Armin Linn, Pat Pasolli and Gladys Dudley.**

**The Vonna Burgers** have been wintering in FL and expect to return to Merryville, TN in Apr. **Nye Elward** reports that he has recovered from his cracked pelvis.

The following ladies attended the autumn meeting of the Twenty-four Wives on 29 Oct at the Westchester in Wash: **Janet Berry, Betty Beurket, Fran Blanchard, Bo Craig, Helen Dasher, Florence Dewey, Rita Evans, Alice Fletcher, Lorraine Gants, Mae Hincke, Betty MacCloskey, Gay Martin, Brick Moore, Anne Moore, Milrae Nelson, Kitty Smith, Susie Smythe, Marguerite Stevens, Hazel Van Way, Loreine Vogel and Marion Weinaug.** Before the luncheon Hazel Van Way displayed her collection of interesting photographs from most of the Class reunions at WP since the war, and of other Class activities.

**Margaret W. Harper** died on 5 Nov. She had been confined to a nursing home in San Antonio for the past several yrs. Graveside services and interment were in the Mission Burial Park, South, on 8 Nov. Many relatives and friends attended.

**George Walter Vaughn** passed away in the Community Hosp at Monterey, CA on 23 Dec. The remains were cremated and scattered at sea. There were no services.

**Davis Francis Healy, Jr** died on 2 Oct at Alexandria, LA, and **Charles George Meehan** on 7 Oct at Butler, PA. We have no details.

<b>'25</b>	<b>COL William E. Long</b>
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**Ernie Hilmes** reports from Kula, HI that despite past intentions he thinks it unwise to attempt to attend the Class Reunion in 1990—too strenuous; otherwise they are in good spirits.

**Liz & Bill Wood** are now permanently in Easton, MD at Apt 203, 117 E Dover St, #203, Easton, MD 21601.

**CD Renfro**, last reported by his daughter as recovering from a stroke, is with his daughter Jane Renfro Smith, 1552 Ulueo St, Kaialua, HI 96734.

From Sarasota, FL, **Red Newman** reports, "Thanks for your Christmas greeting—and in my turn the best of all Good

Wishes for you & **Francis.** Am glad things go well with you. I have been having some bumps—the last being a neck problem from a mid-air whiplash 33 yrs ago. After the initial hosp treatment no trouble—until now. I have had more than my share of good luck over the yrs. On 9 Dec I attended ceremonies naming the 24th Div Hq bldg at Ft Stewart, GA for MG Frederick Irving our first battle cmdr. You may remember him as "Tac" of I or K Co. He is now 92 yrs old, in fine health and gave a very excellent talk—inspiring."

Your scribe & wife **Francis** spent the Christmas holiday at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, BC. Flew Canadian Pacific to Vancouver—then a 20 min flight on a DC 9 to Victoria. We had a wonderful vacation with wonderful people—sr citizens from Canada and the US.

<b>'26</b>	<b>COL B. E. Thurston</b>
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**Bo Riggs** died in Veterans Hosp, San Ant on 27 Oct and was buried at WP on 3 Nov. **Sparky Baird** sent a memorial contribution from our Class to the WP Fund in honor of Bo. A special memorial page will be established at the Academy in the Memory Book in Bo's honor. Our Class regrets the loss of this fine member and extends its warmest sympathy to Bo's wife **Eileen**, and to his family.

**Sparky Baird** reported two items. First, he made a final audit of the financial transactions handled expertly by the chm of our 60th Reunion, **Leon Johnson.** Everything in shipshape order: total receipts \$4679.04 and expenditures \$4581.14. The balance of \$97.90 was given to the Class treas, **Sparky**, who deposited it in the Class Fund to be used for Class memorial purposes, honoring our classmates. Next, **Sparky** asks that all (and that means ALL) who have not yet done so send their phone nos to **COL Willett J. Baird**, 1113 Beverly Dr, Alexandria, VA 22302. PLS DO IT NOW!! He also reported a recent luncheon at the A-N Country Club; present **Admiral Sims, Freddie Munson, Rod Smith, Leon Johnson and Sparky Baird.**

The CA correspondent, **Spud Murphy**, who sends in such timely and interesting reports, tells us: **Beth McNaughton's** "80th Spring Art Show" went over big but a wk later her labors caught up with her. She rented her lovely home to a friend and moved into a wonderful retirement home—THE CANTERBURY WOODS—where she is very contented. She hasn't stopped painting, uses her old studio. New address: 651 Sinex Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. Had a fine talk with **Aline Kirchoff.** No change in **Art's** condition—tended by nurses around the clock but maintains a cheerful view-

point, loves visitors, and seeks chances to crack a joke. In spite of all the demands on her time, **Aline** managed a wk R&R, visiting friends in San Antonio. She went all out and assembled the family, 3 sons and offspring for Thanksgiving dinner.

**Marge Brady** reports all quiet in Sausalito though there are glimmerings of a possible Elderhostel trip to England, Ireland and Wales. And a letter to the scribe remarks, "... My trip was very successful. . . on from Paris to England, finally to Orkney far to the no of Scotland. . . I'm staying home doing my chores and getting used to a new dog. . . a beautiful shepherd. . . a lot of work. What with walking, grooming and training." **Bud Black** says that he makes his regular trek to the golf course and has added singing to his repertoire. The Hacienda Carmel, where he lives, has organized a choral gp, the Carmeleers, of 10 men and 12 women, particularly busy this time of the yr (holiday season); and a few lines to the scribe tell us that he has just completed the annual physical tests and appears in good shape on the upside, that he's still playing golf 3 times wkly, that his only plans for travel in 87 are to a reunion of the offs of the 11th Regt of Inf which he commanded in WWII. As for the **Murphys**—I (meaning **Spud**, scribe) make the news this time. "I spent two wks in Nov in the Ft Ord hosp being relieved of some ft and a half of the upper colon. Everything turned out fine—no malignancy—and I have recovered nicely." After talking with **Spud**, the scribe is able to add to the meager report on himself which **Spud** offered. The good Ft Ord medics discovered a heart condition, no details until after the usual lengthy tests. **Spud** has suspended work on his 2-vol history of Ireland, says he carries on in spurts.

**Dutch Van Syckle** recounts a series of adversities and misfortunes which have fallen to him and to **Ann** but could not quench his bubbling spirit nor leave him depressed. "... **Annie's** hip healed nicely but then the pins had to be taken out . . . she graduated to a cane quite rapidly but then she tripped and fell and broke a foot. She's a virtuoso with a wheelchair. My shingles eventually became just a minor annoyance but my plumbing system had to be overhauled. So I spent 4 days in the hosp and a very good plumber drilled it out with his little rotorooter. Not as bad as I feared and excellent results. . . ." So keep up those fine spirits, **Dutch & Ann**; the Class wishes you both a speedy recovery.

A note from **Bill & Sally Creasy** explains why they found the holiday season so joyful. It was their first Christmas together; and **Bill**, a defendant in a \$69 million govt suit, heard the judge refuse jurisdiction. He says, "... Things could not be better—except **Sally's** back prob-



1926: Dutch and Ann Van Syckle

lem. . . may require us seeking a less humid climate. One way or another, however, we have a full life ahead and do propose to enjoy it to the utmost."

**Parker & Gwen Reeve** had a fascinating trip back to their Australian home; first leg of this jaunt kindly provided by NAS, Norfolk, to Sicily. "From then on the whole trip was a ball!" Mt Etna, Pisa, Naples, London, Scotland figured among many stops. Then back to Queensland by way of Bahrein and Singapore. They enjoyed this flying



1926: Bill and bride Sally Creasy

about so immensely that they booked on a mo-long cruise the spring of 87 covering Guadalcanal, the Coral Sea, Truk, Guam et al. "Never thought I'd see Truk again." Parker offered an interesting observation—he called it a statistic. "It has been about as long since our graduation as it was from the close of the War between the States to 1926." A rewarding cruise to you, Parker & Gwen, in 87.

**Jimmy & Marcy Burwell** still enjoy traveling. They took a two-wk cruise in the Caribbean in 85; vacationed in Can Cun, Mexico in 86 and plan a trip to Vancouver and to AK in 87. As the dependable correspondent for the TX gp Jimmy offered this info on our classmates there: **Kathleen Osborne** reported **Ralph** had a slight stroke and was now recovering at home. (How about a get-well note to him, chums?) **Jack Doyle** allowed that there was nothing wrong with him that 20 fewer yrs on his clock wouldn't cure. **Muffet Johnson** said that she wanted us all to know that she was going to continue in their (**Alfred Henry Johnson**) home in Harlingen, TX; that

she had plenty of room and invited all classmates traveling in south TX to come see her.

**John & Kay McFarland** have fled the cold of ID and are spending the winter in the Sun Belt, Green Valley, near Tucson, AZ with Ft Huachuca a comfortable two-hr drive. John reports his eye problem is abating; he can now enjoy colors he had never seen before. The former scribe also wrote of a visit he & Kay had with **Bill & Rosie Mills** last fall in Walla Walla, WA and of finding them in good shape considering their eye troubles. He and Bill were able to take long walks and do some gardening. Bill & Rosie attended a reunion of Bill's outfit in Denver last summer; Bill guesses that no one there was mad at him for being their CO.

Our Class pres, **Red Corderman**, has two matters of concern to all of us. First, '26 has been recognizing Class grandchildren who graduate by presenting them a plaque. At present he knows of no '26 grands in the Corps, and the Alumni Off at WP does not have this info. So if you know of any grands or great-grands of '26 in the Corps, please send Red a note. Next comes the problem of naming a new sports center at the Academy. Abe Lincoln '33 favors naming it for a cadet or cadets who died as a result of injury while engaged in athletics as a cadet rather than for some athlete (such as Stilwell, Blaik et al) who obtained fame after graduating. Specifically, he suggests the name of Richard B. Sheridan, injured fatally while playing football against Yale in 31, or that name might be coupled with Eugene A. Byrne who died in 09 as a result of injury in the Harvard game of that yr. There are no doubt many other worthy candidates who deserve consideration; so if you have opinions on the subject, please let Red know.

'27

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Three deaths were reported this quarter. **Chris Nelson** passed away in his sleep on 17 Oct 86 at his new home in Oswego, NY where he had been located for a short time since his move from San Antonio. His daughter Doris Nelson Woodard reported his passing on, and cited his hopes and plans to be at the 60th Reunion and his joy with his several great-grandchildren. Doris has the deep sympathy of the Class in her loss of a beloved father. The Class has lost with the death a principal source of news and of active Class support.

From **Chubby Roth** came the sad report of the death on 15 Sep 86 of **Jane Peirce**, widow of **Cy Peirce**, who died in 69. She was interred with Cy at the Natl Cemetery near San Fran. Sympathy of the Class goes to son George '74, serving

with General Counsel, DA, and to all other survivors.

**John Hines** died in his sleep the morning of 19 Nov 86 in DC. Services were held 24 Nov at Ft Myer Chapel with interment in Arlington Cemetery. Present from '27 were **Trapnell, Collins, Miller, Fooks, Zwicker** and **Lillard**. The condolence of the Class is extended to his son John L. Hines III, to his sister Alice H. Cleland, and to the several surviving nieces and nephews. Jack, despite his severe war injuries, had lived an energetic, valiant life to the end.

From **Blair Garland** came an Oct report of the "nicest trip made for some time." The Garlands started with a flight to San Diego to visit with some Navy friends met on an earlier tour to Leningrad. Then on to HI, staying at "topspot" Hale Koa, where they joined an old Army couple. The officer, **Beecher Bain**, had served with Blair in the Normandy invasion. Together they all toured Oahu from one end to the other, finding it changed from 35 to "a mass of high-rises and super highways in 86, but still with a wonderful climate."

After 3 wks the **Garlands** flew to San Fran, where they stayed for a few days with **Gar & Verone Davidson** who showed them around the area. A Davidson party brought together 5 classmates. By phone, they also heard from **Woody & Betty Hocker** and called **Jack Hines**. Then back in NJ, they got **Nelly Fooks** and **Stu & Mary Wood** to join them for the Army-Rutgers game—"a ball." So they had an enjoyable touring! And now they have their winter address: 255 Park Shore Drive, Naples, FL 33940.

**Paul Berrigan** wrote of the Davidson's party for the visiting Garlands, and sent in the snaps from it showing the 5 classmates able to assemble and the 4 wives present also. Paul's **Mary** and the **Hockers** were unable to attend. All are "looking forward to the 60th, God willing!"—as Paul summarized.

**Paul Jennings** sent in an encouraging report of his successfully coming through 4 operations this yr, from Apr to Oct. After the last operation, however, he received his first "green light to do some traveling." He & **Ione** then got in



1927: The party: Verone Davidson, Margaret McManus



1927: The Davidson party: (standing) McManus, Davidson, Berrigan, (seated) Roth, Garland

two trips, the first ones for the yr. Also, Paul is "still dreaming about going up to the 60th Reunion." He hopes he can "make it." And we all hope he can!

**Dave Loughborough** sent in a letter in late Sep, just after passing his 82nd birthday, commenting on their several moves in the past 4 yrs. He ret as a district chief of engr at New Philadelphia, OH at the end of 1980, and moved to Vancouver, WA for the next 3 yrs. His



1927: The party: Ruth Roth, Dorothy Garland

wife has numerous relatives in the OH area, however, so they have moved back to their OH address. They now seem very interested in attending the 60th.

**Bob Aloe** came through with a welcome letter reviewing many of the events occurring at San Antonio. One was the visit in late Jul of **Ray Bell**, and another the anticipated arrival of **Mac & Jean Miller** in late Sep to be the guests at a Class luncheon party at AF Village planned by **Jean Burgess**. Bob also reported favorably on the by-pass operation plus aneurysm which he had had last yr. He feels "pretty good—good enough to play 9 holes of golf," a fair result, it would seem. Cheers!

**Bob Wohlforth** reported broadly on several interesting events. Prominent was the return to WP of **Bob & Mildred** in Oct to the latest interesting Feinstone Lecture, starring author **Tom Wolfe**. Then on 7 Dec came the Supe's holiday reception honoring the Friends of the WP Library, which Bob had helped in forming. He was invited, of course, and delighted; as he commented, "Never



1927: Zwicker party: Collins, Lillard, Miller, Zwicker

thought I would live long enough to get inside the Supe's quarters." Bob is keeping on the ball!

**Ralph Zwicker**, supported by his daughter **Jean Durant**, hosted in Nov a pleasant luncheon for some 50 friends at his Regency quarters in McLean, VA. The 4 classmates attending were **Jimmy Collins**, **Trap Trappnell**, **Jerry Lillard** and **Mac Miller** with **Jean**. Five other Class ladies were **Dorothea Ostenberg**, **Kay Brown**, **Evelyn Bixel**, **Bert Pence**, and **Mary Ewing**.

When you scan these notes in Mar ASSEMBLY we will be really closing in on the 60th Reunion. Let us hope that we can make good on our plans to be together for those few May days. They should be wonderful!

'28

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The San Antonio '28ers had a fine gathering at the Ft Sam Club on 29 Oct. Attending: **Blairs**, **Butchers**, **Halffs**, **Hastings**, **Kirbys**, **Mundys**, **Willetts**, **George Baker**, **Ted Landon**, **Ned Sirmyer**, **Sally Anderson**, **Pinkie Brown**, **Betty Samford**, **Jo Warren**. **Betty Samford** moved to S.A. recently and is waiting for space in the new AF Village.

On 11 Dec, **Tom Wells** from Honolulu hosted a luncheon get-together for the Wash, DC '28ers at the Carnegie Restaurant in Alexandria, VA. Present were the **Haskells**, **Maxwells**, **Olives**, **Raymonds**,



1928: Jo Warren, Hasting, Pinkie Brown, George Kirby



1928: Sonny & Russ Blair

**Rebers**, **Shutes**, **Walters**, **Luke Finlay**, **Johnny Morrow**, your scribe, **Poh Thayer**, **Harriette Upham**, **Chris Nelson**, **Jo Wyman**, and **Jean Lane**. Our thanks to **Tom** for the fine food and good fellowship. Back in Oct the **Raymonds**, **Rebers**, and **Johnny Morrow** and his sister **Amy** visited the WVA Resort at Capon Springs.

A note from **Spike Hefley** told of losing his wife in Dec 85, leaving him to face a very lonely yr during which he had two operations, one for gall bladder and the



1928: Halff and Willette

other for an aneurysm of the aorta. His wife's 3 children and his son **Bill** rallied around to support him during this time.

**Bryant Boatner** died on 16 Dec at the Alexandria, VA hosp. He was buried in Arlington with full military honors. His survivors include two daughters, 8 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Our hearts go out to all of them. It is our loss too.

The AOG Dir of Records is requesting info on location and status of our class-



1928: Raymonds, Rebers and Morrows

mates, **Maurice C. (Rip) Bisson, Frank Coleman, Gellert Douglas, Henry Leo (Hank) Flood, and Dick Wetherill.** Anyone with knowledge please write to the AOG.

A note from **Denny Denniston's** daughter said, "Dad doing relatively well and mother doing great." Still living at Myrtle Beach. Now have 10 great-grandchildren and the 11th expected in the spring.

My next notes will be due in at the end of Mar.

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It's not the season for holiday greetings so I'll just hope you've all survived the "gloomy days" successfully and are looking for Apr showers and May flowers. Here are a few happy items to help you along.

After some hassles with the MD's since Jun, **Kirk & Virginia Kirkpatrick** are feeling chipper. They moved from Kirk's place in Wesley Manor to Virginia's at 5338 Rollins Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207. **Billy & Helen Greear** moved into the new Army Residence Community; new address is Apt 920, Army Residence Community, San Antonio, TX 78239. **Helen Poinier** should be there too from Austin, **Betty Harkins** from Dallas and **Caroline Jark** moving across town. **Bette & Red Cooper** say "not yet." The similar ones in DC area are moving along. Marriott is to be the builder and operator of the Army Ret Residence near Ft Belvoir as well as the AF one near Andrews AFB. Initial assignments are to be made in Feb 87 so **Ralph & Bobbie Strauss** hope they will be on the list for the 1st unit, the Fairfax, which is scheduled for occupancy in late 88. Expect other '29ers will follow suit. We are liking ours more all the time even though the party to ring in the New Year was scheduled from 7 to 10. It is not service connected but there may be one in this area in another couple of yrs. **Pat & Betty O'Hara** are leaning toward one but not yet. **Bozo & Gertrude McKee** are now in AF Village with several others from '29. We have a sizeable contingent of widows in Army Distaff Hall, which was a pioneer in this field and has contributed much to the ret centers of the Army, Navy and AF similarly to what the PA Turnpike has done for the inter-state highways.

86 was a banner yr for **Ruth & Danny Sundt**. Not only did they celebrate their Golden Wedding but gloried in their first granddaughter's graduation with honors from Penn State; the arrival of their 7th grandchild; attending a family reunion in Las Vegas, NM (not NV) with 172 others; going to England and staying

in a privately owned country house which was their base of operations for coach trips to historic castles, cathedrals, etc. Their tour guide was Ruth's brother. Last May Danny was honored as chm and parade marshal for Newark (DE) Memorial Day Parade for 30 yrs. The commendation was read in the US Congressional record by Senator Roth. **Jim Gavin** lost his class ring some 5 yrs ago during a very mundane outing. The family replaced it at a family get-together on Jim's trip from Cape Cod to Winter Park. His family was able to get a duplicate (apparently Tiffany can come up with replacements, for they also made a miniature for **Paul Thompson** to give **Josette**). There is a very fine article about Jim in the Jan issue of *Army*. It's based on a speech COL Barney Oldfield, USAF (Ret) made at Ft Bragg last Oct on the occasion of the reactivation of the 505th Para Inf Regt.

**Freddie Lincoln** sounded great and going strong when I talked to her last Nov between plane changes. On the same trip tried to get together with **Marge Sladen**, but she was under the weather so we couldn't make it. She is considering going to San Ant to be near her daughter Patsy.

The "Scott Cup," a Natl Horse Show trophy, was also won by **Billy Greear** in 36 which boosts '29 equestrian talents. In the 15 yrs it was in competition it was won by '29ers 4 times which is a good record even if it isn't in the *Guinness Book of Records*. Other pluses were **Paul Harkins** and **Milt Ahlen's** polo exploits, **Billy Greear** winning the '36 Olympic trials, and his horse show activities. **B-Food Horner's** hunts and **Patsy's (Fred Staden's daughter)** activities. How about some others from Cav and Arty men primarily. **K.D. Nichols** has been more successful in eliminating words in his manuscript than I have been in shedding pounds. His book *The Road to Trinity—a Personal Account of How American Nuclear Policies Were Made* is to be published by Wm. Morrow in Jun 87.

We thoroughly enjoyed watching Army win the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy. Game top-notch, weather fine, and seats excellent (40+ yard line). Was off base in my comments in the last ASSEMBLY that we enjoyed the party for **Bozo & Gertrude McKee**. It had to be called off because of his broken hip.

Start budgeting and planning for the 60th Reunion which is scheduled for 17, 18, & 19 May 89. **Paul Thompson** has tentatively reserved the Palisades in Highland Falls where we stayed for the 55th. This should refresh your memory so if you haven't returned your questionnaire which should have been received before Valentine's Day, you'll dig it out and mail it back. Plans are still tentative so let's have suggestions, comments and ideas. In 84 we had the Class dinner

Wed night at the Greenhouse Restaurant; a memorial service in the library before the luncheon in the train station Thur, with cocktails in Washington Hall before the Alumni Dinner Dance; Fri we had a business meeting before forming for the Alumni Exercises followed by the luncheon in Washington Hall. That night we had a boat ride and buffet dinner on the ferry boat. Guestimates from WP are that it will run above \$500 a couple and \$375 single to duplicate at 89 prices. The biggest single item is lodging @ \$75/night single or double.

**John & Mary Lee Hammond** are convinced they were right to move into Garden Apt A, 10205 Coggins Dr, Sun City, AZ 85351 and have letters to prove it. They like having good food in the DR, quick responses to service and maintenance calls, no trash or water to worry about. They also claim "no taxes" but that's hard to believe. At the Halloween party they wore their Moro suits and garnered 1st prize. Navy game weekend they opened their apt for the Sun Valley Lodge open house. Their oriental things made a pleasant contrast to some of the usual Indian and desert decor.

**Pearl Robey** has moved from his big hard-to-heat house to a small apt a block and a half away. His new address is 104 E. Buckeye #3, Casey, IL 62420. **Fenn Sykes** has done likewise—but not because of the heating—and is now at 5808 Ipswich Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. **Bob Cook** is still at the same old stand. He & **Mary** are perking along—perhaps a bit slower. **Don Stevning** had a fine trip to his parents' home in Norway, then continued on to Denmark, Sweden and Finland. Meanwhile, **Yvonne** made a safari to Africa topped off with a trip to Egypt with her daughter-in-law. **Keene Watkins** is semi-ret and prefers 1458 Hampton Rd, San Marino, CA 91108 as his address.

**Slim Vittrup** continues to travel and catch up on classmates. His contact with **Don Poorman** in Marble Falls, TX was the first since their C-47 flight at the end of WWII from Manila to Shanghai. Don is cutting back on his hunting and fishing. Slim was impressed by the attractiveness of the "hill country." **Mary Lou Hammack** is recovering and recuperating from a miserable case of shingles. His sojourn, after touching home base in PA Dutch country, has him singing the praises of the Amish. **Dot** joins him in that, for frequently in her 25 yrs in Red Cross Disaster service the Amish without call, fuss or feathers arrived on the disaster scene of the flood or tornado or other, promptly went to work without any red tape doing rebuilding or whatever was needed and never accepted any payment for travel or living expenses. **Marion McDonald** had a fine trip last fall to the northeast visiting her son COL Tommy III, now ret; doing a lot of

sightseeing including the colorful foliage which we don't see in FL. She returned, after many visits to historical and cultural sites, in time for the centennial of her church, a nostalgic, moving, 2-day experience, thrilling, memorable and tearful, at times. Her Christmas holidays were at the Cloister, Sea Isl, GA. **Molly & Jim Winn** are enjoying frequent cruises on "White's Ferry" in Leesburg.

The **Keelers** active as usual having a fine reunion of George III at the home of George IV & Ginny in Seattle with Expo 86; elderhosted for George Jr & Miriam; a new knee for George Jr to let him golf, including a tournament named for him; for Miriam a sesquicentennial in Austin, an art tour in Italy and back for a family reunion in Bamtum with all the grandchildren except Betsy & Susan on hand. Expect this yr they will hit China as Emmett, Shan and the girls will be in Szechwan from Mar to Sep. **Jack Horton** is another elderhosted booster. He and his brother attended one in Boston area; then went north to ME and west to Springfield following up on geneological leads and seeing a deed which his namesake signed to purchase (with 6 other settlers) from 13 Indians the land which became Springfield in 1636.

I think I have it straight—**Jack & Virginia** got to Vancouver and San Fran and **Hunt & Nita Bassett** took in Rio and Buenos Aires this yr and last yr West China and Chungking. (My memory's fleeting, my shorthand nill, and my notes illegible)—one result I listed **Roy Hattan's** son as "Roy," not Robert—sorry.

The DC contingent had the fall luncheon at Ft Myer O Club with **Jenta Bell, Della Caraway, Lee Meyer, Alice Nesbitt, K.D. & Jackie Nichols, Georgie Ostrand, Lani Perkins, Betty Reilly, Fenn Sykes, Bill & Nell Thompson** and **Slim Vittrup** as well as **Roy & Glenna Vincent** from Pittsburgh area who were visiting their daughter. He is enjoying being ret from labor relations with coal mining companies. Glenna is active in real estate sales. Unfortunately **Bozo & Gertrude** couldn't attend because of a hip replacement which also cancelled the planned party for them prior to their departure for AF Village.

This leads into some other not so pleasant news, for **Kai Rasmussen** fell and broke his hip and is now in WR. It happened the day before **Emma** moved into Distaff Hall. Unfortunately it's generated some other complications. **C.G. Calloway** has had 6 wks in the prone position due to phlebitis so **Marian** has had her hands full.

**Joe & Jean Horridge** have had a time with her fractured vertebrae, arthritis, a cataract and an eye hemorrhage and Joe's bad back but a successful lens implant. They keep going along with a real boost from their nearby son.

**Wayland Parr** is also on the sick list but no particulars. No recent word from **George Lynch**.

On the upbeat side **Louisa Byrd Railton** wishes us all well. COL **Jack Viney '55** reports his mother doing well. **Jack & Marlowe** hosted a successful mini-reunion between active duty calls, seminars on anesthesia, etc.

An anon donor has enriched our Class fund by \$1,500. While not a collection as such, **Marge Ghormley** has made a substantial gift in support of the Library in **Bill's** memory. Also another for the Cadet Chapel Choir.

Thanks for the kind words; keep the news flowing—I can report it, but not generate it!

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My sincere thanks to all of you who responded to my 9 Sep letter regarding election of a new pres to succeed **Bob Wood**. There were 44 replies, all enthusiastic in their support and favorable comment for **Pete King** as our new leader. The AOG has been notified and has responded by letter to Pete congratulating him on his unanimous election.

The pres of our Assoc, GEN **Michael S. Davison**, wrote on 29 Sep in support of the WP Fund. The status of our Class gift portion of that fund is laid out clearly on p 99 of the Sep 86 ASSEMBLY. It shows that 42% of our Class contributed in 86. We can do better than that.

**Charlotte Brisach** called me in early Oct to say that she & **Ray**, together with **Herb & Site Mitchell**, were the only classmates at the annual dinner dance of the WP Soc of DC. The dance was held last yr at the A-NCC in Arlington on 27 Sep. There was good live music; most ladies wore long dresses; weather was exceptionally good; and, there was a good turnout of about 200 people. We should make it a point to attend this very enjoyable dance this yr.

**Tom Mifflin** wrote on 3 Oct that **Ellen C Nelson**, widow of **Harold (Turk) Nelson**, passed away at the Lutheran Home in Southbury, CT on 26 Sep. She



1930: Pete & Betty King, Class pres 86

was **Mabel's** sister and attended our 55th Reunion with Tom & Mabel. Our sincere sympathy to Tom, Mabel, and all of Turk's family.

**Fred Ammerman** took time to drop me a vote-note, while moving to a new home across town in El Paso: 3125 High Point Dr 77904. Hope that new home is high enough to get some breeze this summer.

**Beau Beauchamp** wrote from MI and he & **Helen** are well and looking forward to our 60th. They get to DC once a yr for WR Hosp checkups, and try to see a few classmates at those times. How about joining us for one of our luncheons?

Our West Coast contact **Ed Berry** sent a vote-card from Foster City, CA. He advised that the whole Palo Alto Amer Legion Post turned out for **Mandy Mandelbaum's** funeral. He also notes that there are only 9 of our Class left in the Presidio of SF WP Club.

**Mark Bradley's** note is 100% for **Pete**, whom he looks forward to seeing. His **Alice** is holding out pretty well in spite of emphysema problems. Mark's mother was 100 yrs old last 27 Oct and still sharp as a tack.

**Happy Brooks** wrote a fine letter supporting **Pete** and included a good report on his **Lonnie**, as well as **Johnnie Kilbourne, Ralph Swofford, and Fred Ammerman**. **Happy & Lonnie** are going to shoot for our 70th Reunion! Those two celebrated their 15th honeymoon in the Bahamas on Paradise Isl, which **Happy** very heartily recommends.

**Danny Cooper's** vote-note from Seal Beach, CA was all good news. He & **Marion** are in good health and enjoying ret. Their motorhome trips cover most of the southwest, and they have sailed the South Seas and gone "down under" in past yrs in a 40' ketch.

**Bob Cron** wrote most enthusiastically from Walnut Creek, CA in support of **Pete**, and predicts he will be outstanding. His family's news is that his son is moving from St Louis to Richmond to work for a computer firm subsidiary of Blue Cross. **Bob & Elnora** hoped to visit them at Thanksgiving, and later, check out their former homes in Arlington and Alexandria. They are not optimistic about making our 70th.

Our one-of-a-kind **Jimmy Darrah** wrote briefly from Lacey, WA lauding **Pete** for pres, and stressing how much we lost when **Bob** slipped away. Jim spent Aug and Sep in hosp fighting pneumonia, ulcers, and emphysema. He did well to win that fight, and has congratulations from all of us.

**Tom Edgar** wrote a nice letter from Sun City, CA. He does not know **Pete** well, but is sure the DC contingent made a good choice. He has no good news, but plenty of bad. His wife, **Jean**, had a series of strokes about a yr ago, and since then has been almost entirely incapacitated. **Bob's** life since has not been the great-

est. We all send them our best wishes for better days to come.

Quoting from **Fergie Ferguson's** letter from Chester Springs, PA: "I would like to cast my ballot for **Pete King**. I know he is a good Republican, which should help us at 1600 Penna Ave. He was also a member of that outstanding group of characters in A Co. Above all, if we vote for **Pete**, we get **Betty** as first lady and that should seal the deal. The comm is to be commended." Fergie adds the good news is that there is no bad news and that is indeed something at our ages.

**Johnny Guthrie** wrote from Wayzata, MN, wherever that is, with a very positive vote for **Pete**. **Johnny & Betty** left 13 Oct for their annual pilgrimage to Naples, FL. They hoped to spend a couple of days with **Cayce & Mollie Odom** en route on Signal Mountain. **Johnny** was happy to "accept" our invitation to the 70th in the yr 2000!

**Ham Hampton** in Green Valley, AZ was also impressed with the idea of making the 70th and calls it a real upbeat thought. He promised to send some good news later, when he finds some. In the meantime, he is most grateful to **Pete** for being willing to serve.

Our **Bill (WH) Harris** in Bethesda took the time to send in a nice note, strongly supporting **Pete**, and expressing gratitude for all **Bob** did for the Class. **Bill** feels **Nancy** is making good progress, but the two of them stay pretty close to home. We hope both of them can join in Class gatherings this yr.

The Littleton, CO **Bill Harris** wrote a nice letter on his return from the SF Bay area in Sep. He caught 3 good sized salmon while there. **Bill** wrote to **Sarah** when he learned of **Bob's** death. He is delighted with **Pete's** selection and sure we will all benefit. **Bill** adds that he is trying to write another book, a novel. This time he has a new PC, a Tandy 2000, which he is sure will be easier to use than pounding it out on a typewriter. Tell us more about the first book.

**Max Janairo** wrote a nice letter congratulating the nominating comm, and expressing his confidence that **Pete** will do the same kind of outstanding job that **Bob** did for us. **Max & Amelia** are in good shape and enjoying life in Alexandria, while trying to keep track of their marvelous, large, and growing family.

**Ted Kimpton** wrote from one of my favorite places, Carlisle, PA. He endorses **Pete** and sends thanks to all of those who set it up for us. He also sends his best to his 'ex-wife,' **Ster Wright**. **Ted** still plays plenty of golf and expected to be in FL again for the winter. He gives free French and Spanish lessons at the library in New Smyrna Beach. That sounds like **Ted**. Good luck to you & **Rita**.

**Bob Lancefield** wrote from Walnut Creek, CA that he is sure **Pete** will be an excellent pres, and that we are all fortun-

nate to have him. The idea of the 70th is too remote for **Bob**; he is aiming for our 60th. However, he hopes that some of us will in fact make the 70th. In the meantime **Bob's** health is much improved, which is the best possible news from anyone.

**Mike Lee** wrote from Saratoga, CA with a strong vote for **Pete** and kind words about the importance of *ASSEMBLY Notes* in their area. He & **Charity** are in good health all things considered; they play golf about twice a wk, talk local politics, and send their best to all of us here in the east.

**Jim Lunn** wrote a splendid letter from Shelter Isl—a choice portion of Long Isl—with praise for **Bob** and best wishes for **Pete** in his new role, with whom he has felt close for more than 40 yrs. His **Natalie** has been housebound beginning in Aug last yr, with arthritis complicated by Lyme disease. She is now slowly and painfully, but definitely on the mend. She made it to their car aided by a walker in Oct and enjoyed a tour of scenic routes on the Isl with **Jim**. It was her first outing in 8 wks. We hope both of these fine people will continue onward and upward.

**Troup Miller** who has not been heard from since he wrote in 80, to explain why he missed the 50th Reunion, has finally surfaced. His newsy letter strongly endorsing **Pete** is full of good news. He & **Julie** play golf regularly. One of their 3 married daughters lives in Atlanta nearby. There are now 9 grandchildren from 12 to 29 yrs of age. In addition to their home in Sandy Springs near Atlanta, they have a summer place on Lake Arrowhead. All of which goes to prove these are indeed the good yrs, if we can just stay healthy.

**Johnny Murrell** sent us another of his impeccable letters in support of **Pete**, and to thank **Cayce** for carrying on as vp. **Johnny** reminds us of his new address: 400 One Energy Sq, Dallas, TX 75206. We hope all goes well with the Murrell clan, which was so well represented at our 55th.

From Tubac in southern AZ came a note from **Larry Norstad** endorsing **Pete** as well as a nice note from **Isabelle**. She assures us **Larry** is doing fine, and playing 9 holes of golf or more every day. She



1930: The Norstads in AZ

also included a lovely picture, taken at their home in the winter of 85.

**Donald Neil** wrote from Short Hills, NJ that he & **Margaret** are both in good shape and spend time outdoors in their tree farm. They harvested 15,000 BFM of lumber in 85 and are scheduled for a second cutting in 90. Sounds like our reunion schedule. Anyway, **Don** is all for **Pete** and sure he will handle the job well. The Neils have one daughter, **Barbara**, a teacher of gifted children. There are two granddaughters; **Carolann** graduated from Cornell Hotel School in 84 and manages a lodge in Jackman, ME. Her younger sister, **Jennifer**, is a jr at CA Inst of the Arts at Valencia, specializing in stage design.

**Charley Olin** in a brief note from nearby Silver Spring, MD voted for **Pete**. He adds that he & **Jeanette** do not get around much anymore. Be that as it may, we do hope they can attend our Class and DC Soc affairs this yr—not to mention our 60th.

**Pos Pospisil** wrote at some length from Lincoln, NE deploring the loss of **Bob Wood** and agreeing with the comm's selection of **Pete**. **Pos** has suffered from migraine headaches since 54, which now come on with great frequency. He still took time to express his confidence in, and appreciation for the work done for the Class by the "Nerve Center of the Class" in DC as he put it. We thank you **Pos**, and hope your headaches vanish today.

**Jim Richardson** wrote from SF, CA to express his regret at **Bob's** death, and approve **Pete's** selection most sincerely. He was also kind enough to say he enjoys the Class notes. Thank you.

**Phyllis Rothschild** sent in an artistic card from Phoenix, AZ to advise that **Jac** welcomes **Pete** as pres and plans to tell him so at our 70th. This leads us to urge you two not to miss the two reunions in between now and then. Anyway, **Jac** was in the hosp last fall; not too serious apparently, as he was expected home soon. He is still playing top tennis.

**Hank Royal** wrote in at length from Chapel Hill, NC that he fully supports **Pete**. His news is not good. **Mayme** had a stroke about 1 May 86 that affected her right arm and leg, as well as her speech, and left her bedridden since. **Hank** with good help has been able to keep her at home, for which they are both most grateful. **Hank** added that **Thad Broom** called recently and said his **Virginia** had been in the hosp recently, but no details.

**Ed Sachs** wrote from Scottsdale, AZ to say he is very busy doing volunteer political work, with the election coming on, but took time to put in a good vote for **Pete**. **Ed & Marguerite** are doing well considering that she broke her back in Sep 85, and so has had plenty of problems since.

Our fall luncheon was held at Ft McNair 21 Oct as arranged by **Pete King**. We had a good turnout, in good weather,

and a splendid menu. Those fortunate enough to be there included **Porter, Lewis, Brisach, O'Mera, Wooten, Mitchell, Kosceilniak, King, Carter, Olin, Duehring, O'Keefe, Janairo, Beasley** and a visitor from PA who was most welcome, **Ferguson**. Luncheons are planned in 87 for *Mon 4 May and Wed 4 Nov*. All visitors welcome, provided they notify Pete at least one wk in advance without fail.

**Constance Kenny** sent in a very gracious letter with details of **Bus Kenny's** last yrs. He suffered with Alzheimer's Disease for 6 yrs, the last 4 in the Nursing Home Care Unit of the VA Med Center in Asheville, NC, where he died 15 Sep 86. Interment was at Green Hill Cemetery, Waynesville, NC. Bus had two sisters, one son, and 3 daughters. Everyone who knew him considered him to be truly a man among men. Constance continues to reside at Route 1, Box 171, Saluda, NC 28773.

These notes are being finalized 4 Jan the day after the miracle Sat when PA State defeated a better U of Miami team for the natl collegiate title, and our own Redskins managed to beat the vaunted Bears at Soldier's Field where we met Navy in 26. You will be reading the above about the time of St Patrick's Day in a welcome spring, followed soon by another Blessed Easter. Let us all be grateful that we have been allowed to come this far together.

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"A special treat for us is to take an afternoon ride where there is no traffic,

watch the cows and horses in the fields, stop by the lake and maybe fish awhile, then on to one of several country stores, browse awhile and eat an ice cream cone. I know it is hard to believe, but this little world of ours does exist." With this cheery outlook, **Parks Houser** told me about his marriage in Feb 86, with only their children present, to the former **Laura G Anderson**. They were both born and raised in Perry, GA, their homes separated by his grandfather's home where they played as children. Laura's first husband passed away 8 yrs ago, and Park's **Georgia** a yr ago. They were all friends from childhood, and their parents and grandparents were all close friends and neighbors. Parks & Laura traveled a bit last yr refreshing their memories of the coast and mountains of their home state, meandering through the Carolina mountains, and concluding with a trip way up north to "Down in ME," which they agree is a truly beautiful state.

In an Associated Press Sunday rotogravure picture are 19 first classmen availing themselves of a newfangled means of commercial travel to fly from Newark AP on Christmas leave in Dec 30. A bit later they landed safely on the natural turf of Hoover AP at the proximate site of the Pentagon. These trailblazers are **Cather, Hoover, Howard, Troxel, Moses, Berry, Fleeger, Cron, Patterson, Morin, Brown, EA, Parker, EM, Brady, Waters, Barr, Houser, Easterbrook, Olson and Mansfield**. The 2 Eastern Airline Ford trimotors were provided for this special flight at reduced fares by Ed Garbisch '25, who, with Eddie Rickenbacker 2 yrs earlier had organized Eastern. It was "Hall of Famer" Garbisch who dropkicked 4

field goals in the zero-degree, frozen-hard ground in the 1924 defeat of Navy 12-0 in Baltimore that I saw from behind the end zone and remember well!

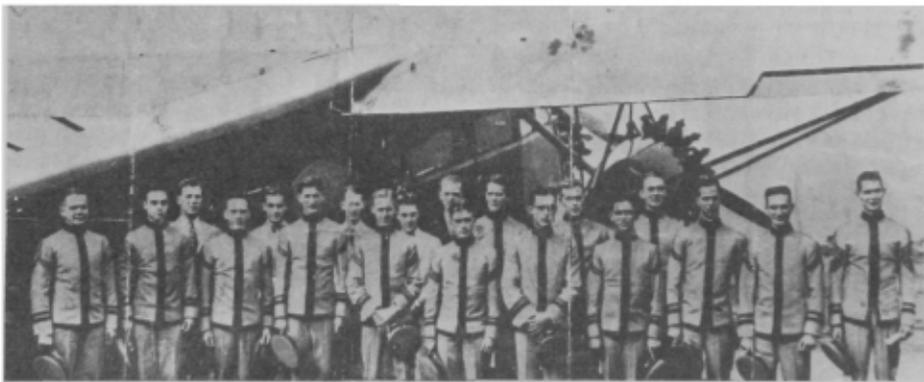
While lending **Doris** a helping hand, **Ockie Krueger** tripped and had a bad fall at home last Sep breaking a rib that punctured his lungs resulting in their collapse. An ambulance whisked him to a nearby hosp in the nick of time. Though used to mending fast, Ockie put in a whole wk there. Since Oct, we happily report Ockie AOK.

A reliable report from a distant listening post has it that **Deke Roller** suffered more injury in that fall from a ladder last Jun than I previously described. Unable to write or even type a reply to a letter from **Carl Kohls**, Deke telephoned apologizing that he could not do otherwise because of a bunged-up right hand. I hesitate to suggest that Deke consult **Bill Train** before he next prunes a tree. Bill is sorry to hear of Deke's misfortune, but reports that in the past 10 yrs he had worked on some 10 trees over 25 ft high with no untoward results—except for one hernia. Deke would probably say that's one too many. After all, he had but one fall.

**Bill & Charlotte Train** went all the way to Bermuda last Jun to find a new place to golf. While there they also found reason to sing praise about the Corps of Engrs for its construction of Kindley Field which provided a 6 1/4% increase in the size of the islands. As to skiing, the Trains have concluded that accommodations at Park City, UT are more attractive than in Europe. Besides, without the long plane ride, they have that much more time to ski. The Wash group turn-out for its 16 Oct fling on Gibson, Isl, MD is recorded in 3 pictures of happy people at **Klemm Boyd's**.

Last fall, **Skidmore** found Kauai still to be the Garden Isle of Paradise in spite of the incursions by real estate interests, the heights of whose buildings are fortunately limited to the tops of coconut palms. The colorful Waimea Canyon, which closely resembles the Grand, and the rainbows in the wettest earthly spot, Mt Waimea's crater, astonished Skid with their unusual beauty.

The husband of **Lou & Mona Guenther**



*Cadets—Travel by Air for Their Vacations*

Men of the United States Military Academy at West Point ready to enter two planes at Newark, N. J., bound for Washington, D. C., on their way home to pass the holiday.

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1931: Boyd's LTs



1931: The men at Klemm Boyd's



1931: The women at Boyd's



1931: Skidmore's roommates—Harris and Ellis at Ft Put

er's daughter Terry, CPT JL Steckler, USN is the governor of the Naval Home at Gulfport, MS. After taking in a couple of rodeos and Vancouver's Expo 86 with **Jeanne, C2 Smith** claims '31's 55th was the yr's big event. Last Oct, archaeologically-bent **Bill Taylor** explored the ruins of 1607's Jamestown while visiting his daughter at nearby Tides Inn, Irvington, VA. While not so engaged, he maintains a status quo exercising at El Paso's Cardiac Rehab Center. Although the **Kauffmans** have been tied down by problems of health, they contrived happily to make a 3-day trip to Knoxville to see Army beat Tennessee. **Dean Herman**'s son Dean Jr '60, erstwhile P of the EE Dept, ret last yr and is devoting his outstanding abilities to his new job with IBM. Dean's talented daughter-in-law is engaged in recataloging work at the WP Museum in Olmsted Hall, a building that some may remember as the most prominent one on the Ladycliff campus, currently known as the New

South Post. Who is that with **Pressley** and **Farris** in the basket of the observation balloon on the VA trip?



1931: Up, up and away

**Gussie Hardick** has made still another generous contribution to our '31 Gift Fund AOG. This fund is separate from,



1931: Tommy Howze, Harrison, Marion Wilson, Howze and Mary Callahan

and should not be confused with, the fund to which our annual dues are deposited to cover costs of other ongoing activities on behalf of the Class. As indicated in my Dec 86 column, the gift fund also receives contributions made in memory of one whose name you ask be inscribed in the Memory Book. Now that construction work and the procurement of furnishings for the Thayer Award Room are completed, maintenance, furniture care, portrait painting and framing, as well as providing for furniture replacements as they become necessary, will generate costs for which our gift fund is designed to cover into the future. Hence the importance of continued contributions for which **Ockie** and the rest of us are all most grateful. Pertinent papers of our project, such as contracts for the designer and portrait painter, are filed at WP and approval of future portraits will be by the Supe.

Our quarterly Wash lunches and those of our ladies' auxiliary continue in lively fashion at the A&NCC, the next being scheduled for 11:30, 3 Apr, 17 Jul, and 18 Sep. Make a point to join us.

We lost a great personal friend of **Betty's** and mine, a classmate deeply admired by all of us, when **Walter Esdorn** passed away 6 Oct in Boca Raton,

FL. Shortly after his return in 81 from our 50th Reunion, Walter experienced steadily deteriorating health and, for the last 2 yrs, he was confined to a wheelchair. He was buried at sea, close to the **Esdorns'** home in Boca.

After a brave fight **Charlie Densford** left us on 22 Nov at the Wilford Hall AF Hosp, Lackland AFB, TX, where he was taken in late Aug for treatment of a bad blood sugar imbalance. There for 6 wks doctors proposed amputation of his left foot where a large sore had brought about deterioration. Charlie would have none of that and elected to go home. But by early Oct, the worsening condition of his left leg left no choice but to return to the hosp for surgery. Charlie was buried at WP on 3 Dec. A 26 Nov editorial in the *San Antonio Light* headlined "The sage is gone now" said, "They called him 'The sage of Pipe Creek' in the tradition of the old story teller. The stories **Charles Densford** told mainly were his strong conservative opinions of community and world affairs," and he "was one of the most prolific letter writers ever to be published in 'The Light.'"

**Jerry Flaherty** died on 27 Nov at the Boswell Memorial Hosp, Sun City, AZ following a stroke. **Paul & Irene Burns, Gus Wirak, Joe Carroll, and Johnny Ruggles** attended memorial services on 2 Dec. His cremated remains repose in Denver with those of his wife, **Mary**, who passed away on 25 Mar 86.

The Class directory I sent **Charlie Baldwin** at his latest address of record (in Venezuela) was returned 6 mos later as undeliverable. If anyone knows where Charlie is, please let me know.

New addresses: **Gough, Villa Marin**, 100 Thorndale Dr, Apt 317, San Rafael, CA 94903, Tel 415-492-2517; **Cooper**, 5000 Alabama Ave, Apt 21, El Paso, TX 79930, no change in tel no.

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**THE BIG HELLO!** To **Shirley Key** whom **Bill Ellery** married in Maitland, FL last summer. **Shirley's** first husband, a Sears exec, died in 80 and **Bill's Catherine** died in early 85 after spending 3 yrs in a nursing home. Both homeowners in Maitland (an Orlando suburb), **Bill & Shirley** met at a neighborhood 4 Jul picnic. She is an interior decorator and an avid gardener which probably influenced their decision to sell **Bill's** house and live in **Shirley's** at 931 Thistle Lane, Maitland, FL 32751. And we're delighted to see they are on the definite list for our 55th. Welcome to the club, **Shirley**, you'll meet a lot of good guys & gals at WP in May.

**THE LONG GRAY LINE.** **Pat Zitzman** made a much appreciated gift to the

WP library. Her father died when she was 3 yrs old and when Pat was 16, her mother married Chester P. Mills '09. She idolized him for being a pal and taking her to his 20th Reunion at WP in 29. Later when she went to the Rockpile for weekends she stayed at the qtrs of his classmate, Iron Mike Kelly, Master of the Sword. Chester's father was GEN Albert L. Mills 1879 who was badly wounded, losing an eye, during the fighting at Santiago in 1898. For his action there he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was the supe of USMA from 1898 to 1906 and died in 1916.

When her mother died, Pat came into possession of some interesting papers including some 100 personal letters, all but one or two handwritten, to Albert from friends after he was wounded. There was also a letter signed by Pres Theodore Roosevelt and some situation maps of WWI. We wrote the librarian of USMA who said he would be delighted to receive them and they are with him now. Pat asked only that '32 be recognized as the donor.

**FINAL FAREWELLS.** Pop Duncan wrote that Catherine Johnston had phoned him with the news of Frank's sudden passing in Seattle, WA. I also



1932: Franklin Johnston, 1908-1986

received a letter from Chris Dreyer and a note from Catherine in response to mine. Frank & Catherine were aboard the cruise ship *Columbia* on a fun tour of the San Juan Isls including the Vancouver Expo and after the gala last night dinner party aboard ship, Frank died in his sleep from heart failure. With the honors due a Bronze Star WWII vet who had served in Panama, Ger, Korea and Japan, he was interred in the Willamette Natl Cemetery in Portland, OR with services later for the family in their church at Carmel. Our sympathy goes to Catherine, their daughter and 2 sons on the loss of our good, sincere friend of almost 60 yrs.

A phone call from Archie Lyon with letters from Danny/Bobby Sundt and Aug Kissner '28 in FL told the story as John Paul McConnell joined the Long Gray Line. Mac spent the last yrs of his life in the Carriage Hill Nursing Home

in Bethesda and died of cancer there. Both the *Washington Post* and the Sarasota newspaper gave the details of his distinguished career which all of us already know. Here are a couple of anecdotes along the way that you might have missed.

The widow of a classmate who died in an aircrash in WWII was having a tough time making ends meet with two small kids to support. Mac got her a civil service admin job in the Pentagon at the beginners' level. With no further assistance from JP she went straight up, fast, on her own merits. She never remarried and is now ret after running the full course, going to all '32 events and helping in the Class spadework. She might have done it without Mac's start but we'll never know.

At a reunion at WP some yrs back, '32 was housed in a motel in Newburgh. Things were going fine when one of our wives who was handicapped had a minor accident. Mac got on the phone and an ambulance from nearby Stewart Air Base arrived with medicos to take care of her before you could say "hurry up."

Services for Mac were held in the Natl Cathedral in Wash with the AF choir participating. Several classmates and wives were present and heard his son Dorsey, who is the chaplain at Yale U, give the excellent homily. Mac was interred at the AF Academy in CO Springs.

**A VISIT TO THE FIELD.** Pat & I flew to CO Springs for a long weekend to visit a hotbed of friends there on the excuse of scouting the AF/Navy football game. Cal & Ruth Smith had all our pals for cocktails at their home, then with no loss of motion the entire group moved to DB & Libby Johnson's for dinner. Mary Bow-



1932: Mary Bower, Johnson, Elsie Strother, Cal Smith

er, Frankie Thatcher, Chappie & Svava Chapman '33, Bill & Anna Wise '34, Doc & Elsie Strother '31.

Benny Webster had reserved the DVQ suite at Ft Carson for us. It had everything and was located close to the area of town where all our friends live. We visited Benny & Bobby 4 times during the 3 days, including a casserole dinner with them *en famille* after the game. It gave us a good chance to catch up on the

news. Son John has left the United Press to go to the AEC in Los Alamos as their PRO. Bigger job, more \$\$\$.

Other son Tom who is with Brown & Root has gone from their Prudo Bay, AK installation to B&R's big one in LA.

The Websters have sold their CO Springs home and by the time you read this, will be in their new apt in AF Village II here in San Ant.



1932: Wise '34, Frankie Thatcher, and Ruth Smith

Cal & Ruth Smith's son Doug is also doing better than all right. Paralyzed from the shoulders down in an auto accident in 64, he went on to graduate from HS, then Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from college. He lives with Cal & Ruth in an apt on their street level with an elevator to the lower level rec room with its outlet to the garden and swimming pool. He drives a specially designed van that has a lift to get Doug and his wheelchair in and out. Once a yr he drives up to Craig Rehab Hosp in Englewood, near Denver for a checkup and while there serves as a therapist for others. He is an artist; received \$6000 from a steel co for a mural he did showing their process from mining to finished product. Excellent composition, draftsmanship, 3 dimensional & color harmony. Pat saw a color photo of it and said it was top flight. She met Doug and said that the handsome guy's face shows all the compassion and intelligence that goes with his situation.

**AT RANDOM IN QUONDAM.** A good letter and pix from Dan Sinclair told of a visit of Eleanor & Chm Jim Woolnough with Red & Janie Smith at



1932: Woolnough, Red Smith and their ladies

the latter's elegant home near Annapolis. **Mary & Lou Couatts** drove to Lawrence, KS for Mary's 50th Reunion at KS U. A long letter from **John McCawley** with **Ruth's** excellent pix told of their visit to Besson Hall at the US Army Trans Corps Museum on a tour of the Eastern Shore and southern VA. "Should be a *must* for any '32 driving near the area to stop by," said John.



1932: McCawley at Besson marker

**Tiny & Eddie Hartshorn** went to their winter home in Tucson earlier this yr—easier to get Eddie's med treatment than at their upper MI summer place. Use their Tucson address until notified otherwise.

My ex-roomie **Ed Suarez** told of a party he & **Bee** went to "just down the street" at **Click & Mary Rees's** with **Don & Marion Hardy** among the numerous guests. Mary in a brightly flowered muumu turned out a Mexican dinner that would have kept Pancho Villa at home. Ed also included the pic of the '32 Randolph Field football coaching staff.



1932: Randolph Field coaching staff, 1932: Hillsinger, Stecker, Trice, Suarez

**Carol Power** spent a wk with her Denver family and was delighted with her 16 yr old grandchild's song and dance in the annual HS musical. Quite a feat a few mos after the youngster had a fairly serious operation. The big house and garden in El Paso have been a burden since **George** died, and Carol is seriously thinking of moving to an apt in Denver.

A happy letter from **Lou Truman** said they went to Amelia Isl, FL, "best beach on the East Coast." Lou is still real estating but not gaining on **Margo** in golf.

He shoots about 90 but **Margo** is consistently in the low 80s.

**NEW ADDRESSES.** **Jack & Rick Coffey** have moved from Punta Gorda, FL to Del Rio, TX. Until their house is built, their address will be PO Box 420 422, Del Rio, TX 78842.

**Eloise Skidmore's** new address was in the Reunion Bulletin, but I repeat it here for the benefit of other classes: 1910 Arlington St, Las Cruces, NM 88001.



1932: The Duncans

**OUR NEXT BIG JUN WK IN MAY.** When you read this our 55th will be less than 2 mos away. We already have indications that we shall have a fine turnout, and I've heard from several sources that those who are going are particularly enthusiastic about it. However, our ranks are thinning and some who would never miss are just not physically up to the travel this time. Ordinarily I don't give specifics of ailments here because the situation may change entirely before the piece is printed and sometimes the subject is just too personal.

**Bob Terrill** is one of our guys who never used to miss but this yr it's just not on. His muscular dystrophy makes it impossible to bear his weight and he has 24-hr care. Fortunately, **Billie** says, he is loving, content and without pain. She is 5 min from the hosp by car and sees him twice a day. Their daughter Lynn and/or her husband visit almost daily going either from the univ or their mountain home 25 min away. Billie wrote, "Sorry to miss the 55th, will be there in spirit."

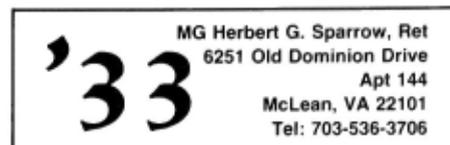
We have a fun program laid out with the good fortune to stay all together at the Bear Mountain Inn again. In addition to seeing our own classmates, there will be the usual functions which will give us ample opportunities to see friends in other returning classes.

If any of you photo fiends out there have the means of taking movies for projection on a home TV screen through a VCR please let me know. If any of you take the movies on the magnetic tape, I'll have a pro copy, spindle, slice and combine to make something to circulate among our classmates who would like to have gone but couldn't. In doing so, I'll observe the ancient tenets of the 2nd LT, viz.,

In addition to his other duties.

At no expense to the government.

If you haven't yet made your definite commitment to go to the reunion, do it now. Gather ye rosebuds while ye may.



WHEN will this USMA Class of 1933 quieten down a bit? (Not that we really want it to, yet. . . .) Word of you has poured in this season, in every shape and form—scrapy notes, telecons, Christmas cards, news clippings, letters—so that at least 100 of your names should appear in these Notes. Warm thanks, but how can we *ever* be brief?

No one would want to be brief about that great Navy game which **Tom Kilday**, for one, traveled to Phila to see. Others of us saw it under varying circumstances. "We included Slade & Ruth Cutter (USNA '35) in our party," **Fred Thorlin** reports. "Even though Navy lost we gave each special awards!" For the **Sparrows**, now esconced in the Navy-Marine-Coast Guard ret residence, Vinson Hall, it was different: At a Navy pre-game party they joined other invited Army residents, including Bruce Clarke '25 and Les Fletcher '24 in putting up "Beat Navy" signs where they would have high visibility. **Pat Guiney** sent us a copy of *POINTER VIEW's* Special Edition, 1 Dec, predicting Army's victory.

The past quarter brought its quota of sadness also:—On 25 Oct **Bill Blandford** died at the VA Hosp at Martinsburg, WV of pneumonia and complications following a severe stroke. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington Natl Cemetery on 28 Oct, with 14 of us serving as honorary pallbearers. He is survived by his wife **Angie Whitaker Blandford** of Alexandria; 4 children by his first wife, **Ann**: Robert, Lynn, Barbara Helm, and William; one brother, Donald; and 7 grandchildren.—On 1 Dec we lost **Nell Henry**, "who passed away," writes **Frank**, "from what can best be described as complications resulting from leukemia." Besides Frank, other survivors are a daughter Joan, 3 grandchildren, a sister and a brother.

The Class extends its deep sympathy to Angie, to Frank, and to their families. May you be comforted. Please stay in touch.

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**Bill Baumer**, who pendulates between the West and East coasts, visited daughter Natalie in NY end Nov, then planned to watch the Navy game here with the **Hurlbuts**. His plans were overtaken by conditions which took him instead to Walter Reed for open heart surgery, from which he is recuperating at his son Bill Jr's home in Falls Church. Welcome to the club, Bill!

"1986 began for us with a great trip to HI, where we cruised the islands on the *Constitution* in Feb," say the **Blanchards**. "Then in Aug we had a refreshing wk in San Fran except on the last day Bob struck a pothole: an icy and numb leg which required a 6-hr bypass op (Sep). The recovery has been long, but the drs were gifted—we're so lucky! **Dick Myers** is doing the big job he inherited from **Billy Harris**, and the **Thorlins** are having all classmates in for the Navy game.



1933: "Come Fill Your Glasses, Fellows. . ." Jensen, Nancy Brett, Thorlin



1933: '33ers of San Ant, Navy game 86: (front) Thorlin, Jensen (rear) Blanchard, Dahlen, Hetherington, Cooper, Cyr



1933: Ladies of '33 at Thorlins' Navy game

The **Carvers** gained a little fame (notoriety?) in Oct when they gave a party for the **Hallocks** and **Charlie** regaled his guests with a hilarious tape; all present joined in the refrain, "Elvis is dead,—and I don't feel so good myself!" **Charlie & Barbara** are spending Christmas in HI with daughter **Barbara & son-in-law (LTG) Bill Schneider**. They now have

two great-granddaughters, "both beauties!" sez **Charlie**.

"Looks as tho I've no choice but to follow your (bypass) example, Bert," writes **Ray Corum**. "Just a question of when. . ."

"Tommy & I have just returned," writes **Chet Dahlen** (8 Oct) "from a month's trip—half in England with our daughter **Sydney & family**, the other half a most interesting bus tour of western Yugoslavia. We started at Pula, then north to Julian Alps, thence south inland through Ljubljana and Zagreb to Dubrovnik, finally back up the Adriatic coast to Pula. The enclosed pic is of the Roman amphitheater built 30 BC to 14 AD—now seats over 20,000 for summer film festivals.



1933: Dahlen adds majesty to Roman amphitheater

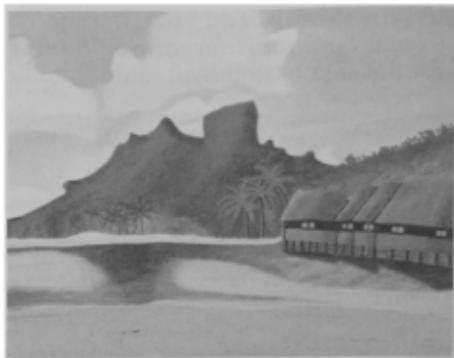
At hand is a delightful but intrinsically uncondensable Christmas letter from **Kay (Dalton) Starbird Jennison** from down in Irvington, VA. "This is truly the Land of the Lost Consonants, spoken in a tongue that would make the British green with envy. . . ." Kaye has had some physical problems, but "I still manage to function in one way or another. . . . My mind is sharper than ever and possibly more creative, so I mourn for little other than (much of) my eyesight. . . . All daughters and families are perking along: I enjoy having **Babe** nearby; **Evelyn** visits from time to time; **Kit** moved to CA."

"Our news is short and fortunately sweet," sez **Ed Doleman**. "In Jun we attended the marriage of our youngest, **Billy**, to a lovely **Phyllis Rogers** in Albuquerque—a beautiful Hawaiian wedding on a hill overlooking a valley on the outskirts of town, at which each spoke vows that were self-inspired and a duo sang the Hawaiian wedding song with guitar accompaniment—a lovely service. A nice touch was having two cakes, one commemorating **Dorothy's & my 51st** anniv of the same date."

From **Pauline Dolph** we have a generous check for the Class Fund and a note saying she'd like to be on the Class Roster. (Her address remains PO Box 115, North, VA 23128.)

"We had a great trip early in the yr," writes **Dottie Donnelly**, "first to Tahiti

(see **Sam's** painting of Mt O'Temanu on Bora Bora), then to the Cook Isls and on to Australia, New Zealand, and finally Fiji. Lucky we went then, for **Sam** hurt his back in May and had an op for a ruptured disc in Jun. . . . All is well now."



1933: Not Gaugin—it's a Sam Donnelly!

"**Bing & Bimbi Downing** are the same wonderful couple we all know," report **June & Bert Sparrow** after a fall visit to Annapolis. "Bing has some days when it's hard to get around, but **Bimbi** is taking great care of him. They send their greetings to the Class."

For **Bill Ely's** b-day (29 Dec) **Helen** set up a friend's address for the cards she solicited—or a card address for the friends she solicited?—whichever, it was to surprise him at a Quail Ridge luncheon following golf, and we hope it did. **Hurlbut** offers a story on **Bill** which should have been told at the luncheon: It seems that when **Hurly** and **Sim Whipple** play against **Bill**, they usually win. So **Hurly** bet **Bill** that **Sim** would beat him again in a forthcoming match. The bet was \$35. What **Hurly** didn't know, but **Bill** did, was that **Sim** was still disabled from an earlier injury. So **Sim** lost and **Bill** called on **Hurly** to pay up. **Hurly**, feeling betrayed (when you beat **Hurly**, he feels betrayed. . .) sent the \$35 in coupons cut out of newspapers, mainly for **Pampers**. As we go to press, it is not known whether **Bill** has cashed in on the **Pampers**.

**Gray Essman** to **Abe**: "Just to let you know that I sent checks to the Cabanatuan Memorial and to **Phil Pope**. Thanks for reminding me, as I want to do my share. . . . We appreciate the great work you are doing for us in the Class." And we all appreciate your support, **Gray**.

"The trouble with our trips," says **Bill Fletter**, "is playing catch-up with the mail and the garden when we get home. But we're not discouraged by this and plan two trips for 87: in Apr an AOG-sponsored tour to Hong Kong, Nagasaki, Pusan, Shanghai, Beijing.

"I've been extremely busy this yr," **Bobby Gabel** reports, "painting and repairing my house inside and out (expensive!), getting involved in zoning hearings, being a block captain for our neigh-

borhood crime watch, and local politics. Fortunately, I'm healthy!"

Sez **Dave Gibbs**, "Our China trip was it for 86—visited grandson Bill Carpenter, PhD, Prof of English at U of Habei—great trip!"



1933: Betty Gibbs and friend at Great Wall

**Bill Given** writes about his antiques work: "Business good—a lot of restorations, all 'at least 100 yrs old' or 'grandmother's.' Last summer I was asked to restore a violin, of all things. . . . 'Did pretty well except the strings lay flat on the thing and it wouldn't make a sound. Voila!—get in touch with **John Honeycutt**. This I did. That great guy sent me instructions. . . . I got the job done with his help, and a nice exchange of letters in the process. I had to laugh at **Fletcher's** fish. Down here we use that size for bait!"

**Dave Gray** to **Abe**: "I appreciate your card concerning my article in *Soldiers* (magazine). *Soldiers* is read mostly by EM; perhaps my piece may convince a few that generals do have a heart. . . . **Ann** & I are in good health, keeping eternally busy."

**Pat Guiney's** spinal surgery was reported in our Dec Notes. As of now (New Year's) he's still recovering, but slowly and painfully. He expresses his thanks for the outpouring of Class interest and concern, detailed in part by **Rita**: "While in CO we appreciated all your calls. We received a card from **Svava & Chappy Chapman**, heard from the **Longleys** and **Abe**, **Charlie Carver** and **Steve Fuqua**, **Roy Reynolds**, **Gordon & Connie Eyer**; then **Moon Mullins** and son, **Ken Fields** and **Steve Fuqua** stopped in after we got back. . . . **Pinky** & **Florence Webster** have driven him over to physical therapy several times. . . ."

**Fritz Hartel** writes in context of **Bill Blandford's** death: "Bill, **Paul Gillon** and I were roommates the last 3 yrs at USMA. I was disappointed not to have been notified of his death, because we would have driven up for the funeral. I called **Paul Gillon** and he too was surprised. . . . So here's a suggestion: publish living roommates' names by adding another column in the next Class Roster. Then upon word of death roommates could be notified immediately." Thanks, **Fritz**.

We discussed this and have an alternative plan (see end of these Notes).

#### CLASS AFFAIRS

*The 55th*—just over a yr from when you read this! **Steve Fuqua** is working on reservations, etc. Look for Class Bulletin this spring.

*Name for New Sports Complex at WP*. '33 has recommended names of our classmate **Dick Sheridan** and **Eugene Byrne '10**, both killed in football games as cadets.

*Living Will*. At **Bill Blandford's** death, concerns were raised re his wishes (he had a living will). Several of us have made out such wills. Those interested may write **CONCERN FOR DYING**, 250 West 57th St, NYC 10107.

*Cabanatuan Memorial*. Many '33ers have responded to the request for contributions to the Maintenance Fund. To date these total \$4276.80 (from 76 classmates and 12 widows).

*Information re Deaths of Roommates/Close Friends*. (See **Hartel** entry above.) Although it is not believed practicable to rosterize roommates names at this time, those classmates feeling a particular concern about given '33ers and wishing to be notified of their death are invited to so inform Class off **Lincoln/Sparrow/Carver**, who will list such requests and endeavor to comply. (Unfortunately we too are not always notified in all instances, or in time to be helpful.)

*Next deadline for these Notes*: To me by 15 Mar 87, please.

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You may think it strange that a last section English habitue (**Fonville's Finest**) would like to write, but I do. Often I believe that letters written to the first CPTs in '55 and '86 helped defeat Navy. The Corps needs to be reminded that there are now more than 33,000 of us out there still hanging signs on sheets and giving **Big Ed Timberlake's '17** toast, "Here's to heart, brain and sinew. Here's to a gang that's never licked. Here's to a Fighting Army Team!"

*Telecon w/Diefendorf*: new address 3017 Willow Spring Ct, 23185, tel 229-6394. **John & Jan** like their ret community concept with health unit at **Williamsburg Landing**. **Jan**, like many of us, is recovering from flu. **Dief** hopes his coming knee operation will prevent his becoming a wheelchair case. Another successful cataract operation soon, too.

**Dief** reports his call to **Walsh: Louise & Lou** are sensitive about their disabilities but both are hanging in there. So, you may drop-a-line to them and get a jillion percent return on your effort. Boarding a **Cunard Liner** for the **Virgin**

**Isles** recently, they were unexpectedly joined by **Wards, Pete & Evelyn**. **Wards** entertained **Scribe & BW**, **Ed & Ruth Farnsworth '32**, and **Tom Foote** (who didn't make it) at **Old Hampton Yacht Club**. It was one of the last meals served there as dining room soon closed.

**Scribe & Muff** entertained local cadets, femmes, parents, alumni & spouses. Missing are **Ray Bradley '75**, **AFSC**



1934: **Blair**, **Anderson '87**, **Ward**, **Haddon '88**, and **Farnsworth '32**

student and **Young '88**, **Cadet Honor Comm & Dean's List**! My cadet neighbors include **Haddon**, varsity and **NCAA** record holder on swim team; **Anderson '87**, an all-round athlete, a scholar and imposing military standing. **Young's** fiance griped about new supe reducing leave time, but she won an alabaster angel for reciting "How's the Cow?" without error. **Wards** and **Farnsworths** were restricted (as were all alumni present) to one, "Now, when I was a cadet," every 15 min.

**Farnsworth** loaned me a copy of "Bulletin No 3, Army Athletic Assoc, 3-11-30." It is 47 pp of brilliant communications between the supes of **Annapolis** and **WP** during the 1926-1930 controversy, which sought to resume sports activity between the academies. **GEN William R. Smith 1892**, **OUR** supe, ended the argument with the resumption of play and our winning in **Phila** 4 yrs in a row. The controversy raged against **Army plebes** playing varsity sports, and anyone playing more than 3 yrs of college ball. **Army supe's** principle was simply, "Equality of opportunity and treatment for each and every cadet." For a copy send two bucks fifty.

*Telecon*: 22 Dec, **Paul Turner**, **Gainesville, GA**, "Cold Max" ("Tex" to some) **Tom McCrary** to most, died a few min before the call. The cancer was bad. Passing a blessing. Just days before this sad news, a call from **Tyson** alerted me to the impending death of this stalwart soldier turned politician, organizer and leader of the **GA Independent Party**, and the **Fair Tax and Efficient Govt Assoc**.

I then called **Bentley Kern**, he and **Cold Max** being good friends. **Kern** was at his yr round resort condos, **Bryce Canyon** in the **Shenandoah Mtns**. He

was babysitting while **Anne** was visiting in WV and MD. **John & Francie Stevens** sounded good when I called. **Cy & Pat Betts** sent flowers for the Class.

**Tom** is survived by his gracious and beautiful wife **Lydia** and a daughter, 3 sons and 3 grandsons. He was buried with military honors in Gainesville. Numerous eulogies appeared in the press, all affirming what we knew Tom to be, "an outstanding patriot, dedicated to his country." Take a moment to pray and drop-a-line to blessed Lydia.

Saddened by **Tom's** death, **Burt Bruce** recalled how during Beast Barracks, he, **Tom** and **O.P. Robinson** sat in their hallway in Central Barracks after taps and shined breast plates to be sure they passed inspection.

**Larry Savage** will have mailed the notice of the San Ant mini long before you read this. Let him know you'll be there. That's Re-U-87!

Peter Heyne reports that his father **Dan**, with a degree from Texas A&M, had practiced law in Houston, after 30 yrs and Army ret. **Moon & Nancy Northam** have increased the size of their camp at Bald Head/Seacrest Beach, ME by more rental units for your enjoyment. They allow as how "it's work and we don't expect to make money on it. But now more people can enjoy our view and water sports." Northams are right now in HI for a 50th at Punakou.

**Burt Bruce & Ginger** were guests of their son Burr at his Trapp Family Ski Lodge near Stowe, VT the wk before Christmas. They enjoyed snow-covered mtns, lodge cooking, hiking, and watching Burr and others ski.

**Dud Wilmeth** with **Frankie's** assent, sends a "negative" report full of chatter to prove he hasn't forgotten how much the scribe needs news. Dud, at prompting of **John Hutchison** called **Beanie Craig** about the mini. Beanie, cardiology out-patient, may miss the Re-U but "he'll probably outlast us all." **Frank Norvell** and **Craig Smyser** are expected to attend/with. We need to convince **Ralph McKinney** that San Ant is not far from Marlow, OK and he should join the Class at Re-U.

**Jack & Patsy White** entertained classmates for Army-Navy game on TV. **John Hutchison** played tackle, **George Dany** at plebe end, and **Jack** and **Cy** leading cheers: no wonder Army won. Also in the stands at Whites' were **Kay Dany**, **Sarah Hutchison**, **Larry & Tess Savage**, **Charlie & Isabel White**, **Rip Winkle**, **Tom & Betty Wood**, **Pat Betts**, and **Ken Cunin** with **Jane Dahlberg**.

**Joe & Martha Johnson** sold out in NJ and are at 816 Erin Lane in Joe's hometown, Nashville, TN 37221. They've been visiting all their live relatives and some of the graves. They gave a reception for the ambulatory and brought together quite a clan. Nashville has spread out/improved, and to succeed there you

must attend church and play bridge. That's a key to the good life in any podunk. Joe adds, "we have an extra bedroom and bath just for Y-O-U!"

Now hear this! News from the 602nd Tank Destroyer Bn Assoc—**Peter J. Kopasok** is its busy papa! First, correct his mail address: Box 322, APO NY 09053. Residence Haidestrosse IA, 8116 Eschenlohe, W Ger. He & **Ruth** spent half of 86 in ZI. They joined 160 comrades at Denver re-u, refought Omaha Beach, Bulge, Nazi concentration camps and almost caught the Russians at Zwickau as re-u adjourned. The PA volunteer & Ruth visited Pete's home in W PA, then golfed 2 mos in NC where shrimp and other good things abound. Pete, next time, carry your directory of classmates and give us a call. We fish, golf, swim and all have extra accommodations for you & Ruth. This yr Pete returned to the classroom to teach graduate level math.

**Tom Foote** reports **Foss** and he are "ok." After saying nice things about scribe, Tom cites a few picky errors, and enclosed an article by **Dale Smith** from the *Aerospace Historian*, of which Dale is a former editor. In the article, superbly dramatic and suspenseful as well as militarily authentic, Dale tells of his, then new, 1943 B-17 cmd. From England the formation, Dale's first, flew to Bremen, requiring superb piloting by the aircraft cmdr and proved near disaster to the group cmdr: Dale at 6 ft umpteen inches and 220 lbs, dared not wear/couldn't find heavy weight flying clothing in the -61° weather—with 4 faltering engines and a runaway prop.

From Universal City outside Randolph AFB (classmates who trained there remember U City as a motor garage, a diner and a coyote lair), **George Dany** is planning golf for Re-U-87. Play will be at military courses, second to none. The Maje reports scoring a 75 on his 75th birthday. Sez he: Kay is gorgeous as ever and has become a duplicate bridge Master. Their 8 children have produced 15 grandchildren. He sees WP on flights to see a daughter in NY, AF Academy with a daughter in CO Springs. He and Dale performed architectural study for AFA.

**Alex Stuart**, our man in El Paso, sends: **Betty & Dick Moorman** returned to El Paso from AZ and are a-building. **Dottie & Axel Waugh**, CINC MOWW, are a-visiting: look for them at your door any day. **Charlotte & Harry Hubbard** live in El Paso but drive cattle in Marfa: if they come a-visiting, look out! Alex is leading a move to establish a federal natl character laboratory. It would assume control of morality from the psychiatrists, "who have botched the job." AJ is super-qualified. More power to his project. Let's see if I can get this next bit straight. He and 6 widows (The Monday Widower & Widowers Swimming Club) meet at



1934: Stuart in Japan before returning to lead his moralists' revenge.

his (yup) "his" house. He and **Polly Elliot**, **Charlie's** B.W. (Beautiful Widow) are entertaining the MWWSC at Christmas and Christmas Eve dinners. That's straight. See cut for Alex and harem.



1934: Counter-clockwise from Sheik Stuart: Polly Elliot, Jeanette Holt, Teenie Powers '33, Phil Kingsley USNA '34 and Abbie Boyland '39

Hon Class Sec seeks addresses of missing widows: **Mrs. E.C. (Toddy) Hickman**, **Mrs. E.A. (Loretta) Lewis**, **Mrs. Perry B. (Flo) Griffith** and **Mrs. Robert H. (Marjorie) Sanders**.

**Rip Winkle**, recently widowed, claims son James Garmen Winkle to be Class's latest male progeny, "the caboose" of our Class! **Doc Johnson** has daughter,



1934: James Winkle, youngest son '34

last co-ed progeny: is that, caboose or caboosee? Jim is 18, 6', 185 lbs, plays HS var football. Jim's brother, **Burton Rains**, served 3 yrs with Army Special Forces and is now a soph at TX A&M. Rip is a broker with **Paine Webber**, who sent him

to Rio for a wk. He ecstasizes over the city's wondrous beauty. . . Rip, you should shun Rio's Copacabana, if its "sunsets" and "assets" are as beautiful as the girlie card you sent me. (Scribe sez: Don't criticize Rip, he did it to tantalize me.)

This is for all of us! **Jabonski, Hubbard, Norvell, and Okie** were appointed by then prexy **Arno Luchman** to submit recommendations for a memorial to be presented at our 55th in 89. Chm **Jabo**: After consulting **John Oakes**, Dir of Alumni Affairs at WP, comm recommends that we permanently endow a scholarship fund in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the WP Prep Scholarship Program. Comm recommends immediate action to initiate the endowment "to ensure that some classmates who may be present for the 55th will enjoy the gratification that such a gift means to all the Class of '34." You may count on seeing **Vergie & Jabo** at Re-U-87: they're moving to **Distaff Hall, San Ant** from their golf course mansion in **Killeen**.

**Paul Hanley** wins this mo's Oscar for Class good will. He & **Jody**, visiting his brother **Ned** in L.A., entertained **Jean Meier, Art Meier's** widow. She recently had brain tumor, benign, removed. **Art** resigned Dec 34 and **Jean** hasn't had a chance to meet any of us. With this splendid start, let's all drop-a-line to **Jean Meier**, thankful of her successful operation, regrets for her bereavement and welcome her to more Class activities.

**Hanleys** train sheepdogs, smart Border Collies. At **Pebble Beach** trials they met **Mrs. Charles E. (Betty) Johnston** and **Mrs. Ben (Harriet) Harrell '33**. At Intl Rotary convention **Paul and Cy Betts** met unexpectedly. Did you note **Hanleys** have moved from **Pebble Beach** to **Lompoc** near **Santa Barbara** and **Vandenberg Village**? **Hanleys** make annual Jan call to HI; stay with **Patty Hurd (Mrs. Bob) Kreuter '20** at **Kailua, Oahu**. They plan to see **Lardins** and **Stanleys**, all lucky people.

We expect you all at Re-U-87 in San Ant.

Scribe recommends reading **ASSEMBLY** cover to cover. Reports from the staff and articles by outstanding writers who look at WP with affection bring us up-to-date on academics, tactics, sports, and all about active alumni like you've been reading about above. Remember: drop-a-line to any classmate or widow not mentioned here, some who are, and my next deadline is 30 Mar.

'35

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Since the last report there have been 3 luncheons at **McNair**. On 30 Sep present were **Fiore, Schlanser, Anderson, Rumsey, Rogers, Pickard, Wheeler, Taylor, Simpson, Waterman, Robbins, Twitchell, Everett, Boys** and **Bowyer**.

There were 48 for a coed gathering on 27 Oct: **Kay St. John, Furlows, Edna Hill, Isabel Bidgood** and her daughter, **Phyllis Glass, Fickels, Duffys, Simpsons** and their son, **Keatings, Warren Everett, Pattersons, Dicks, Robbinses, Watermans, Breakefields, Jo Bassitt, Jane Mock, Taylors, Rumseys, Pickards, Rogerses, Wheelers, Bowyers, Chapmans, Andersons, Schlansers** and **Frank Fiore**. The last was on 9 Dec with **Anderson, Chapman, Fiore, Schlanser, Robbins, Wheeler, Rogers, Rumsey, Pickard, Taylor** and **Waterman**.

**Hart Caughey** reports that in Nov he & **Betty** had a wonderful but sometimes rugged 21-day trip to China. **Rooney Rynearson** writes that since they no longer have a summer cottage in VT he & **Betty** took the Pacific Memories Cruise from Sydney to Hong Kong. Later they took a cruise to AK with a stopover in Vancouver. In Oct **Betty** had a total hip-joint replacement.

**Bud & Jill Schlanser** celebrated their 50th at **McNair** on 21 Oct. **Bob Strauss** and **Chuck Symroski**, who were in the wedding party at **Riley**, came up from **Williamsburg** with **Betty** and **Ann**. **Bernie & Harriet Waterman** celebrated their 50th with a party on 28 Dec at their apt in **Crystal City**.

**Jim & Connie Kimbrough** are at their Memphis address for the winter, but plan to spend time in FL and to sail in the Caribbean.



1935: Connie & Jim Kimbrough

**Break Breakefield** reports that on his trip to WP for the Wake Forest game he checked on our Class tree and found it to be in good condition.

On 26 Nov **Bernie Waterman** received



1935: Breakefield at Class tree

the DA Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service as an administrator, faculty member and associate dean of faculty and academic programs at the Industrial College from 66 to 86.



1935: Bernie & Harriet Waterman

**Norm Edwards** sent proof that the Proctors did visit them in Mar.



1935: Bernice Means, Proctors, Gillises, Edwardses

With regret we report the following and extend our sympathy to our classmates and their families. **Jim Balluff** died in **Monroe, LA** on 19 Nov 86 and was buried in **West Monroe** on 21 Nov. **Helen van Ormer** died in **DC** on 25 Oct 86 and was buried beside **Henry** in the **Ft Huachuca** cemetery on 3 Nov. **Dave & Isabella Stone** and **Mary Ellerson** attended the service. **Marge Fiore** died at home on 11 Oct 86 and was buried in **Arlington** at a private service on 17 Oct. On 20 Oct there was a memorial service at the **Old Chapel** at **Myer** and present were **Schlansers, Rogerses, Watermans, Bowyers, Wheelers, Andersons, Pickards, Simpsons, Furlows, Robbinses, Everetts, Taylors, Kay St. John, Phyllis Glass, Ham Twitchell** and **Jane Mock**. **Sis Bernier** died in **DC** on 12 Dec 86 and was buried in **Arlington** beside **Don** on 16 Dec. At the service were **Les Wheeler, Bernie Waterman, Bud Schlanser, Al & Jean Robbins**.

'36

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Our impression is that 86 was a good yr for '36; 90% of this reaction comes from

our very wonderful meeting together on our 50th. There are indications that 87 may also be a yr for '36. We're hoping anyway.

A great number of greeting cards were sent our way from you remarkable classmates. There were many accounts of children and great-grandchildren; there were stories of visits; there was one of us who ret, but said his wife was "carrying on alone;" however, those who cited travel spots were in a majority. Indeed, one might wonder how this aged group continues such peregrinations. Among those who've been so kind to tell us their stories are **Mid Burnett, Dave & Betty Chaffin, Chappellears, Bob Breaks, Clarks, Bev Combs, Caye Curran, Dawalts, Dorlands, Jesse Drains, Howell Estes, Evanses, Faiks, Fergusons, Fishers** (haven't heard from them in yrs), **Finkels, Greenes, Grothauses, Hanekes, Velma Harvey, Hendricksons, Hesses, Hayeses, Hiatts, Hiesters, Joneses, Bee Kelly Suarezs, Jane Kinard, Nadine Kingman, Laurion, Laynes, McCormicks, McElhenys, Helen Mickelson, Eddie Miles, Ace & Jean Miller, Partridges, Quinns, TC Rogers, Jane Schwering, Siberts, Thompsons, Peggy Vincent, Pat Williams, Yarboroughs, and Waters.**

... and also many of the cards stated what a superlative time was enjoyed at our 50th, BUT no one had a chance to greet friends not seen in yrs! Statements occurred wishing that we could see each other some more. ... NOW, Presto! The generous **Patridges** are making this a reality. For your info here are the latest figures on attending Hilton Head 13-16 May: Probables—**Turnage, Quinn, Chaffin, Rogers, Gage, Hayes, Dawalt, Pat Williams, Betty Connor, Shepard, Cairnes, Peg Joyce, Laurion, Hosmer, Mary Michaelis, Kay Curran, Swain, Haywood, Terrell, Powell, Meany, Drain, Velma Harvey, Kling, Crawford, Janof, Stokes, Klock, Westmoreland, Clifton, Edie Wildrick.** The Possibles—**Hiester, Palmer, Breaks, Finley, Austin, Kelly, Gillespie, Finkel, McCormick, LeMoyné, Ethel Crockett, Rickenbaugh, McCarty, Greene, Peggy Vincent, Snyder, Steve Smith, Monteith, Marge Shuler, Jane Kinard, Hess, Holterman, Landrum, McElheny, Ripple.**

The day after Christmas we received the very sad news that **Charlie Simpson** had passed away in Los Angeles from emphysema causes. He was buried with full military honors 31 Dec at Arlington, VA. **Austin, Chaffin, Clifton, Dawalt, Evans, Kieffer, Lynch, O'Brien, Safford, RP Smith** and **Velma Harvey** represented the Class at the funeral. Our deepest sympathy to **Pat** and her family. Our 50th anniv yr was one of attrition. Six of us departed and we lost 3 wonderful helpmates. We found out indirectly that **George White**, with whom we've had no

contact for yrs, died in 79. His wife **Hester** still lives at Ft Myers, FL.

The Wash chapter brought up a subject a few mos ago that is *very very* important. It's about obituaries. Our famous Class—at the moment—has only 50% of its deceased remembered with an official obituary! This is shocking as well as very sad. Out of more than 100 gone, WP permanent records can only give us info on a few over 50. You may quickly ascertain if someone has had an obit rendered. If you look in the *REGISTER OF GRADUATES* under any italicized name (signifying deceased), the last item in the brief report will show "Ob-Fa 68" (or similar if one has been written). Otherwise there will be nothing. The Class has over 50 "nothing!!!" Anything you can do to help?

Yes, there is something each of us can do right now. About the time you read this, the AOG is mailing you a *vital statistics* form. Please fill it in and mail it back. Be as complete as possible. We are reminded that just a few mos ago we lost a very illustrious classmate. Upon inquiry at AOG and DA Pers we received almost nothing personal. So each of us owes to family, Class, and to history—that there be a full dossier on us for posterity.

Another item—not soliciting your pressing concern—the WP librarian wrote recently that **THE BOOK** is at a binders for overhaul. It's to be divided into *four* books.

Our tireless and concerned **Sally Beard** recently broke her back—not so that she can't walk—but painfully, anyway. She is doing a wonderful job with our *female* classmates. We see her effort when we get a roster of attendees at a reunion. Think how few widows might attend if it weren't for Sally.

Since last Jun wonderful wedding anniversaries have been continuing to liven the old couples and have revealed unbelievably talent and love on the part of offspring who have produced magnificent parties for their parents. We can only mention 3 we know of that transpired during the holidays. There were celebrations for the **Chappellears, Partridges, and Yarboroughs.** One might say each had to be 50 times more elaborate than the *real thing*; and 50 times more expensive! What wonderful children we have! And it is a distinct pleasure to recognize one of them whose picture appears herewith, **LTG Brad Hosmer**, first to graduate at the AF Academy.

Two new addresses came to light recently: **George W. Childs**—928 E. Geddes Ave, Littleton, CO 80122, and **Eunice Tyler**—6700 N. Vandiver #1008, San Antonio, TX 78209, ph 512-820-3652.

From time to time we have wondered if there were any award or distinction that had not already been presented to **Westy**. We couldn't think of any. It



1936: LTG Bradley C. Hosmer, #1, Class of 1959, USAFA

seems however, there is one he never had until now. **Bill Meany** sent me a menu from a Viking cruise up around the fjords. Now for your enjoyment there is a *sauce Westmoreland* served with pork chops ("move out of the way, Duke of Wellington!").

'37

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I hope you all had super holidays. We received many greetings with tidbits of news but were unable to respond to all—we ran out of time. The news you sent will be in this column.

I received a warm note from **Mickey Powers** expressing her appreciation and that of her family for the flowers from the Class and expressions of sympathy for their loss of **Larry**. It was a "glorious, sparkling day" at WP the day that he was buried. Their sons, John, Thomas, Michael and William, and daughter Amelia and their families and **Larry's** sister were there with Mickey. "Memories of warm friendship were brought home to me so poignantly when the children and I brought **Larry** back to West Point."

Since then two more of our classmates and one ex-classmate have joined the Long Gray Line. **Vic Mansfield** called to tell me that **Carl Lyons** died 10 Nov in Boca Raton Community Hosp following heart problems that surfaced within the last few yrs. He had resided in Boca Raton since ret and was on deck for the 45th Reunion. Shortly after, he married **Donna** whom we have not yet met. Besides Donna he is survived by a son John D and two grandchildren of Bossier, LA. He was buried at WP on 17 Nov.

On a beautiful sunny day, 15 Dec, **Tommy Powell** was buried with full military honors in Arlington after Mass in the old Ft Myer Chapel. He died 9 Dec in the VA Hosp, Gainesville, FL after a long and debilitating illness. He is survived by his wife **Evelyn**, daughters **Permelia K Spencer** and **Dorothy E Curtright**, son **Thomas A Powell**, 4 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Classmates and friends

met with them after the ceremony in the Ft Myer OC. I became acquainted with Evelyn several yrs ago when she wrote to tell me how much Tommie enjoyed hearing about his classmates. She joined us at the Orlando and Charleston reunions where she renewed old acquaintances and met many of us for the first time.

**Pat Healy**, who started with our Class and then joined '38 for a brief tour, died 19 Nov. See the '38 column for details. He was married to **Bill Cain's** sister, **Virginia**, who died several yrs ago. I'm sure that many of you remember that happy Irish baseball player.

I learned recently from **Vic Mansfield** that **Mitch & Lucille Mitchim** visited him last Aug and had dinner with him before continuing on their way to a vacation in New England. Mitch has been a practicing optometrist since his ret from the Service. **Scott Hall** heard recently from **Ernie Laflamme's** son **Bill**. He is the only survivor of the family. He lost his father in 80, his mother in 84 and his brother was killed in an auto accident in 65.

In Oct the **Lopez-Dupreys** were guests of the **Mercados** and entertained the Class at lavish buffet at the Ft McNair OC. On 17 Oct a record breaking 42 gathered at Ft McNair for our semi-annual coed luncheon. Just about everyone came except the **Drums** and **Ungers** who were at WP on AOG and 50th Reunion bus, the **Odens** who were frolicking in Bermuda and the **Taylor**s who were in Hungary where **Frank** studied the fauna through the sights of his trusty blunderbuss. We also missed **Dave Griffin** who was receiving the balloon treatment for an aortic aneurism. He has recovered. Welcome visitors were **Mary & Geo Sloan**. He was representing the St Louis C of C in connection with the impending move of the Engr School from Belvoir to Ft Leonard Wood. Other out-of-towners were the **Lopez-Dupreys**, **Pearsalls** and **Hobbsses**. In **Finn's** absence, **Fred Clarke** conducted the bus part of the meeting and briefly discussed the ret community planned for the vic of Belvoir. **Scott Hall** and **Wilhojt** reported on the 50th Yr Book and Reunion arrangements.

The Army and the Republic are still getting good mileage out of **Fred Clarke**. He is now pres of the Corps of Engr Historical Foundation and is overseeing the establishment of the Corps Historical Cent and Museum at Belvoir. I learned this from **Bob Gildart** who had received a note of thanks from the pres for donating an historical book to the Corps. Fred has been pres of the Distaff Foundation, is still involved with it and the Army Ret Home. Another item of interest about Belvoir—the **Geo Walker Memorial Gate** is being refurbished. It honors our classmate who was CG of Belvoir when he was stricken with a brain tumor and later died.

On 31 Oct **Walt Watson** called to get some recruitment info on WP. He plans to make a recon in force of WP with his grandson and granddaughter with the objective of getting them interested. **Walt & Janet** spent some time during early autumn enjoying the scenery of the Adirondacks followed by a visit with his brother on Cape Cod. I was surprised to learn that he had an aortic aneurism last Jan. He has recovered and is doing OK with a nylon patch job, playing golf and looking forward to the 50th.

Next I got a call from **Lee Martin** in the hosp recovering from a knee replacement. He subsequently has had a rough time adjusting and had much pain but is now home and restless to get out and around.

**Marty Green** who, with the **Gildarts** and **Trixie Zehner** hosted the mini-mini at Tides Inn, 21–24 Oct, reports that **Finn Unger** made a brief appearance sans **Bayly** who was not up to it after their trip to WP. A lucky 37 attended. **Marty** continues: "**Lucy & Jim Pearsall** had the six 20 Oct arrivals to their beautiful house for cocktails that night. Then they joined the Class as residents of the Inn.



1937: Betty Spengler, Maliszewskis and Doris Teeter at Tides Inn

"The **Gildarts**, **Trix Zehner** and I hosted a cocktail party. . . on the 21st. We brought enough for a good one-night party based on past knowledge of drinking habits—we ended up with lots left over so-o-o we ran it into a 3-night cocktail party—ended with booze left over but a shortage of gingerale, Diet Coke and Perrier. (Ed note: Age hath taken its toll, or in the inimitable words of dear **Dub Haltom**—PARTY POOPERS!)"

The lifes of the party were, naturally, **Randy Hines** with his "soft" voice and jokes; **Swede Ohman** and his movie camera (Can you imagine anyone taking moving pictures that turned up upside-down?); and **Pop Metz**.

Golf was terrible in spite of the perfect weather if you listened to **Fred Clarke**, **Swede Ohman** and **Delk Oden**. They shot terrible rounds but were "taken" by those "pros" **Bill Hipps** and **Randy Hines**. The widows appeared to be a good time, and it was nice to have **Betsy Hardaway** and **Heistand Underwood** back into the festivities. They were look-

ing forward to seeing **Curt & Barby Low** but the **Lows** who came never heard of **Curt & Barby**, were from a younger generation and had received the '37 poopsheet. Mystery? Besides those already mentioned there were **Bitts Hallock**, **Betty Spengler**, **Jerrie Stumpf**, **Jo Walker**, the **Hoskas**, **Luteses**, **Maliszewskis**, **Teeters** and **Wilhojts**.

In Nov **Geo McDowell** sent some photos and said that he spent a day with **McElroy** while **Rae** attended a state "Reach to Recovery" meeting in Austin.



1937: McElroy at his ranch in Austin

They had a pleasant bull session at **Mac's** ranch outside Austin. I learned belatedly that **Mac's** wife **Mary Swan** had died. He looked in on the San Antonio reunion briefly, and I learned at that time that she was very sick. We are very sorry to hear about her demise. She was the only correspondent I could count on from the **McElroys**. The **McDowells** had a very enjoyable evening at a posh restaurant in Ft Lauderdale with **Pete & Jo Kreiser** where **Geo** tried to persuade them to go to the 50th. Later, in a note to **John**



1937: Kreiser in Ft Lauderdale, Nov 86

**Frazier**, **Pete** said he had a rough time last summer—lumbar surgery in So Africa in Jun while on a freighter trip, then in Oct surgery from an aortic aneurism (Hey what gives? This is the third case!). He is recovering and should be in fine shape by May. **Geo** is doing a fine job rousting out C Co for the 50th.

A Nov note from **Bud Hines** informed that his sister **Helen van Ormer** died of cancer 25 Oct in ADH (details in '35 ASSEMBLY notes). She was an Army brat at WP while we were there and was



1937: Cheals in San Ant



1937: Johnsons in San Antonio

well-known in I & K Co. She is buried with Van in the beautiful cemetery at Ft Huachuca where he died 10 yrs ago while working on Nike Zeus as a civ after ret from the Army.

**Paul Whittemore** died in his sleep early 8 Jan after a long bout with emphysema. In spite of his disability he was a regular at our luncheons and parties. His burial in Arlington Natl Cemetery was attended by many classmates, friends and family. He is survived by daughters Barbara Jean Sessions, Sandra Jean Krause, Lori Lynn Hawkins, Carol Ann Whittemore and son John Robert Whittemore. His ever cheerful presence will be missed.

There was a brief flurry of social activities during and preceding the A-N game. The **Ohmans** came to town Fri as guests of the **Fraziers** and were entertained by the **Maliszewskis** with a dinner party. On Sat **Bill & Jeannie Hipps** arrived also at the Frazier Hilton from Phila for the annual viewing of this classic. Again there were exactly 37 guests. A few didn't show—**Trixie Zehner** went to NYC for an art event, the **Lewis**es threw their own bash at Fairfields in St Mary's, the **Kennedys** were ill and didn't feel up to it, the **Wilhoys** were down under in the land of the Kookaburra and the Wallaby.

**Jim Peale** recently said that he talked with **PK Calvert** by phone about his guerrilla activities in the Philippines during WWII. He also heard from **Jack VanVliet** that he had seen PK who was comfortably housed and fed in a nursing home in Sumpterville, FL and is being taken twice wkly to Leesburg for treat-

ment. The drs think that he is making gradual progress, but he appears to be pretty much "out of it."

**Pudge Burton** in a Christmas note filled me in on what happened to **EY**. He had brain surgery for an aneurism 12 Sep and is recovering after 5 wks in ICU—a rough time for all of them. Other news of the family—**Tuffy**, recently promoted to COL, and his family spent the holidays with them. He is being transferred to Presidio of SF. Their paratrooper grandson, **Bunky**, is at Ft Bragg. Daughter **Judy's** **Brian Clark** is at TX A&M.

The latest stats on the 50th were given to me by **John Frazier**: Total signed up—267, which includes 111 classmates, 19 widows, 21 sons and daughters, 7 grandkids. There are 92 bus riders filling 2 buses. John said that 48 indicated that they were not going and he had no response from 39. We have no addresses for **Durham**, **Lynch** and **Musgrave** in spite of many efforts by **Scott Hall** to find them.

A gent from '40 has a copy of a '37 **HOWITZER** in practically mint condition. Anyone interested in it may contact COL **Joseph R. Couch**, 2603 Central Ave, Alexandria, VA 22302. Tel: 704-548-1427 for details.

Class luncheons: Due to renovations scheduled for Ft McNair OC, the Mar luncheon will be at Ft Myer OC, Fri the 20th. The coed one will be at the A-N CC, Thu 23 Apr. From May on they will be at Ft McNair every third Fri of the mo.

Two mos and a butt until the 50th.

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A late addition to our last ASSEMBLY column made brief mention of **Bob Kuhn's** death on 30 Sep. His widow, **Polly Kuhn**, informed us by letter 4 Oct of his death and of the funeral service. Extracts from her letter follow. "Prior to by-pass surgery in 82 Bob was very active in the CAP drive and construction of the Hq Bldg on Naples AP. His latest project was an ultralight flying school. He and **Bob Demitz** had many telecons about ultralights. He hadn't seen Demitz since USMA, but they took up where they left off with model airplanes as cadets. All of our 5 children were home for a wk; we had not had a family reunion for 6 yrs so that was a blessing. Oct 3 there was a feature article in the *Naples Daily News* quoting one of Bob's students, 'I was fortunate in knowing Kuhn as a friend. He shared his knowledge of flying and introduced me to the joys of ultralight flying.' Bob was always so proud of being a WP grad and of his 55 yrs of flying." From **Paul Cornwall**, "I talked to Polly by phone and she is returning to their home on Marco Isl

after the interment in Canton, OH. Right after the cruise the **Cornwalls** and the **Harmans** plan to visit **Polly** at Marco Isl." In previous columns we reported on Bob's project involving ultralights, and he contributed much info about his activities. We regret his passing deeply.

From **Otto Mueller** x-38 (COL, Ret AUS) "Greetings to any classmates who may remember me from plebe yr. In Jun 85 I called **Jinny Thackery** after reading your report that she had treatment at WRAMC Opthomology Clinic. She highly recommended the clinic. At this point I am completely recovered from very successful intraocular implant surgery after superior clinic treatment!" 27 Sep "Montgomery County Bulletin" reported on the dedication of Poolesville, MD, Waste Water Treatment Plant. Our classmate, Commissioner **Kent Schmidt**, was praised for his determination and key role in bringing his project to fruition. The \$2.5 million plant was the first



1938: Commissioner Schmidt at Poolesville Waste Water Treatment Facility

designed for small municipalities and can be used throughout MD. Its adv technology uses a computer which starts and stops all automatic equipment without supervision, and the plant's major components can be monitored by computer by the design engr in IN. Congressman **Byron** and State Senator **Levitan** described the plant at the dedication as energy efficient with excellent process controls. They noted that the plant had received one of 15 engr awards in natl competition because of innovative design. Congratulations, **Kent!**

8 Oct Ft McNair luncheon was attended w/wives by **Beverley**, **Bixby**, **Brown**, **Lewis**, **Miller**, **Missal**, **Mrazek**, **Stilwell**, **Voegtly**; also by **Chavasse**, **Nim Collins**, **Davis**, **Trudy Hannum**, **Rosalie Folda Valentine**, **Isabel Bonnett**, **Bill Smith**, **Schmidt**, **Chung Cha Ryan**, and **Walson**. **John & Dolores Damon** were at Rehoboth Beach. **April Adams** was at an exhibit of flower arrangements. The **Izenours** were in TX. **Lotz** was attending a board meeting in CA and **Tess Kopsak** was golfing. **Paul Davis** said that **Joyce** was working.

"L" Co classmates **Lewis**, **Miller**, **Mrazek** and **Trudy Hannum** enjoyed vis-



1938: '38 L Co grouping at Ft McNair: Lewis, Rosalie Folda Valentine, Mrazek, Isabel Bonnett

iting with **Rosalie (Folda) Valentine** and **Isabel Bonnett** who were with our gp for the first time. **Jaroslav Folda** was "L" Co cmdr and **Mitch Bonnett**, who died about 3 yrs ago, was in "L" Co plebe yr. Folda's Army career was outstanding and is well-known. **Mitch Bonnett** x-'38 was a glider pilot in WWII and was in Fed Civ Svcs at Aberdeen Proving Ground as an engr. His last projects there involved armament for helicopters. He also spent some time in Paris, France, as a ln off with private companies manufacturing helicopters. **Rosalie & Isabel** live north of Baltimore at Bel Air, MD.

On 2 Oct **Dick Stilwell** represented the Class at USMA presentation of the 86 Thayer Award to Dr Teller. Our group unanimously endorsed his recommendation that our Class support the nomination of Senator Barry Goldwater for the 87 Thayer Award. **Dick** inspected the Overlook, presented by '38 at the 45th Reunion and noted that the extensions to the left and to the front had been completed. New vegetation was flourishing and, with \$9,000 spent on improvements, the "Overlook now looks good." While at WP, **Dick** also looked at 4 locations for our last night of our 50th Reunion (18-19-20 May 88). He inspected facilities at the USMA golf clubhouse, Round Pond, Delafield Lodge and the Ski Lodge. Those present endorsed his choice of the golf clubhouse for that night. **Dick** had talked to **Gene Kelsey** recently and was informed that about 70 individuals are now signed on for our Jan 87 cruise. **Paul Davis** offered to plan a future mini-reunion before our 50th at a Club Med. **Dick Stilwell** stated that he & **Alice** relaxed and enjoyed their recent China cruise. This was their first trip to mainland China and was very worthwhile.

**Schmidt** received cortisone shots and was prescribed 1 tablespoon emulsified cod liver oil daily. He is not sure which medication produced results, but he definitely recommends that arthritis sufferers try the cod liver oil.

From **Paul Cornwall**, 9 Oct, Hampton, VA, "In the last *ASSEMBLY* you gave

me far more credit for arranging the cruise than I'm entitled to. **Gene Kelsey** is the spark plug. I merely acted for him in May when he was in the hosp for his operations. I left Cocoa Bch 25 Jun as I do every summer for Hampton and Ft Monroe and will not return until middle of Dec, SOP every yr for me now. Would appreciate it if you could give **Gene Kelsey** all the credit—and leave me as a bystander." 11 Oct **McHaney** mailed a report to all participants in the '38 Golf Classic. He noted that it raised at least \$1,000 for the Class Fund and concluded with, "Let's do it again."

In the last *ASSEMBLY* column I requested addresses and phone nos for "lost" classmates, widows, and x-'38s to update our rosters, including **Feffler, Keator, Neff, Parry, Sisco and Spangler**, plus **Mrs GP Anderson, Mrs Geo Rhyne, and Mrs Byford Stout**. **Henry Huglin** provided the following: COL **Gibson E. Sisco** (wife **Mary**), 2711 N Halifax Ave, Apt 290, Daytona Bch, FL 32018. **Bob Sisco** was Huglin's roommate at USMA and he plans to visit them after the Jan cruise. During Oct, the Rev **Darlene Duryea Tittle** conducted memorial services at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Germantown, MD for **Irene Matz**. The Rev Tittle is the daughter-in-law of **Bess Tittle**. **Norm & Bess Tittle** and the **Lewis** were next-door neighbors at Ft Sam in 40. During Oct TROA published an article "The Unluckiest Boat in the Flotilla" about the sinking of the F-4 submarine and salvage ops. The author, **Bess Tittle**, widow of **Norm Tittle**, "has published many articles on varied subjects from gifted military children to insurance for military wives. She has been a free-lance writer for 30 yrs and is a water colorist, world traveler, nature lover, and inveterate hiker."

In Oct **Paul Davis** asked your scribe for an official recipe for arty punch. The COE mixtures which I used as a LT were varied and hardly official. Contacts with local arty classmates resulted in no consensus. **Trevor Dupuy** commented that "arty punch is any mixture of fine alcoholic ingredients." The ret bartender at Ft Myer delved into his files for an original and official mix, which **Paul** used 9 Nov at his & **Joyce's** new home in Arlington. It is an older house which they have renovated and redecored. **Paul's** daughter, **Jill Khadduri** and his 2 grandsons **Amin** and **Kabil Khadduri**, and her 2 stepsons, **Zachary** and **Pieter Struyk**, greeted the guests together with **Joyce's** 2 daughters, **Sarah** and **Janice**. The arty punch was popular and potent. The **Beverleys, Bixby, Browns, Lewises, Mrazeks**, and **Nim Collins** enjoyed the "at home" and the opportunity to meet the **Davises'** family and friends. **Frank Norris** and **Patricia Eaton** (widow of our classmate **Sam Eaton**) were married on 15 Nov at Whale Rock Ranch, Ojai, CA,



1938: Davises "at Home:" Amin, Jill, Kabil Khadduri, Zachary Struyk

her family home. **Frank** wrote, "We had a happy and informal wedding at Patsy's beautiful place, with her mother, and most of our 5 children there. **Sam's** son and namesake gave his mother away. **Henry Huglin**, who was in **Sam & Patsy's** wedding back in 39, was my best man along with my son **Davidson**." **Frank** promises that he & **Patsy** will make the cruise and stated that he has moved permanently to their Ojai, CA address. We will enjoy seeing the newlyweds at this mini-reunion.

**Jim Taylor** forwarded an article from the *Columbia, SC Record*, 13 Nov, about the exhibit on permanent display in the Natl Inf museum at Ft Benning in memory of **John Corley**. **Ed Chalgren** had sent info about this exhibit, which was included in the Sep *ASSEMBLY*. This news article described the exhibit and cited details of **John Corley's** distinguished military career. "Exhibits saluting the names **York, Roosevelt, and Pershing** have long graced the halls of the museum. And now another of the Army's great Infantrymen, **Corley**, has taken his place among them." Extracts of **Mary Corley's** remarks at the presentation of the exhibit to the museum include, "I knew he was being placed where he belonged. I just felt he was a truly great soldier. It was so unexpected. I thought **John** was forgotten. The family in general thought that **John** himself would not have wanted any great fanfare about what he did. However, he would have been touched by the loyalty of his friends. To my amazement about 100 of **John's** friends came from all over. It was really very heart warming. There was quite a bond of love between all these people who served with **John**."

On 20 Nov **Pat Healy** died at WRAMC of cancer and was buried at Arlington with his wife **Virginia Cain Healy** who died in 84. (She is a sister of **Wm Cain '37**). Classmates who attended the funeral were **Beverley, Harrington, Lahti, Lewis, and Bill Smith**. Survivors include 4 sons, **John, William, Michael, and Davis**, plus 3 daughters **Monique, Maria, and Elizabeth**. He had one brother, **Philip**, and 2 grandchildren. As a cadet **Pat** was a pitcher on the baseball team

and liked to recall the game he played against Satchel Paige. He was a gourmet cook, dividing his time in the military and in ret between No VA and Europe. After ret as a COL USAF in 67, he owned and operated Intl Technical Services, an import and export firm in Wash, DC. He ret again in 75 and moved to Charlottesville in 77 where he lived until his death. While living in No VA, Pat attended most of our Class activities. Pat was a personal friend, a devoted family man, patriotic and intensely interested in public affairs. He had high esprit de corps in his involvement with USMA '37 and '38. We regret his passing and share the loss with his family and friends.

Kay D'Arezzo sent me some recent family pictures from Austin, TX. Ed



1938: D'Arezzo with son John and daughter Sue

Lahti lost 26 lbs in 48 days to wear his blue uniform at the 86 reunion of 511th Parachute Inf Regt in Atlanta. Frieda



1938: Lahtis at Reunion 511th Parachute Inf Regt

Russell went to Elderhostels in OR and VT this yr. In VT, Keith & Betty Holman were in her classes. Bill Jaynes reports good progress with MD on his waste water treatment project. There were 35 of us at our Christmas luncheon at Ft McNair on 12 Dec. We all enjoyed the bright holiday attire and club decorations, and the opportunity to exchange Season's Greetings with each other. Again many thanks to all contributors of info and pictures.

'39

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It was satisfying to open the mail bag this quarter and find news from across the Western World.

John Dickerson wrote his annual circular in Vienna, Austria but mailed it from Rye, NY where he spent the recent holidays with son Tom & Claire. Said John, "The highlight of the yr was the family reunion in late Jun with my brothers, our living spouses, children and grandchildren. We were 19, assembled at Des Moines, where brother Joe & wife Melly superbly carried the burden of planning and organization. It was the first time in 34 yrs that we three (my brothers and I) had been together in one place. Each of us, of talking age, was given the opportunity to recount recent and current activities, which turned out—along with visiting—to be the big hit of the reunion."

Letters from Charlie Mount in Columbus and Bob Schellman in Marietta, GA were forwarded to me from Atlanta. Clyde & Virginia Sutton visited with Charlie on 2 Aug, prior to the memorial service for Charlie's older brother, William, in Atlanta. The Class extends its sympathy to Charlie & Millie. By now the Mounts have moved into a new condo about 8 mi from their former address, and were expecting visits from two of their children with families during Nov. Schellman reports extensive travel during the yr to St Louis, Chattanooga, Little Rock, Milwaukee and Chicago "in connection with the affairs of a laymen's club interested in fostering religious vocations to the priesthood and non-ordained ministries."

From VA, Norm Farrell sent word of Dave Goodwin's death in Savannah, GA on 24 Sep. Betsie had a memorial service there on Sat 27th and interment in Arlington Cemetery. Allens, Jim Collins, Tom Davis, Mike Davison, Norm, Dossie Goodpasture, Jim Green, the Kunzigs, Thomasons and Gene Trahan attended. He also relayed word from Mike Krisman of Walt Vann's death in NC 6 Dec; interment at WP Fri, 12 Dec. Walt's twin sons, John and David, were in the Class of '65. Dave's daughter is at WP, Class of '89, and was hoping Walt could pin on her bars at our 50th. Norm sent a late report of the death of John N. Davis, F Co, in FL, 11 Dec. The Class sends its deepest sympathy to Betsie Goodwin, Vann's sons and granddaughter and to Chris Davis.

Let's we are tempted to execute the messenger, Norm sent good news as well. "Luncheons have been well attended," he said, "Oct coed had 22

including Howard & Rita Cooperider, just back from 2 yrs in Turkey to live in their Falls Church, VA home, tel 703-533-8885, address as before, and Spike & Marge Troiano. Spike & Marge



1939: Troiano, Rita Cooperider, Marge Troiano, Cooperider

are settling in a new home with horses: 141 Willowdale Dr, Frederick, MD 21201, tel 301-694-6681." (Please note we give tel nos now. And as a reminder, get yours to Norm soonest for his address book.) "Nov men's luncheon had 18 attendees, including Bob Richardson, whom we don't see often. Mike Davison gave an excellent report on what's happening at WP. Gene Trahan gave a progress report on plans for the 50th: about 190 responses (about 140 had not replied) indicating 300 or so possible in attendance. Plurality prefer the Thayer plus local motels, with Thayer plus cruise ship next and the Holidome a distant third. Comm will act accordingly." Meanwhile, Norm requests response from the delinquents.

"Bud & Georgia Lasche came through DC en route to the AN game and stayed with Kunzigs. Wonderful small gathering to see them. They haven't changed. Son George '69 was there, a PhD working in Adv Research Projects Agency, still active: youngest son '82 is CPT, 1st Div, Ft Riley." Norm then gave the '87 luncheon schedule at the Pentagon: each Mon except two Tues (20 Jan & 17 Feb, both past by now) with coed luncheons 20 Apr and 19 Oct. Dec luncheon is on the 14th. Give Norm a call if you'll be in town.

Ed Hamilton wrote about attendance at the AN game and the pre-game luncheon for USNA and USMA '39 at Pierre and Madeleine's Restaurant in Vienna, VA. "On 23 Nov, the sister classes of '39 (guess it's okay to say sister, now that we are coed) had what has become our 3rd annual pre-AN luncheon in as many yrs. This yr, we outnumbered them 29 to 19, an excellent portent for what was to transpire on the field in Philly two wks later." Our Class was well represented. Out of towners were the Al Evanses and Troianos. Everyone knows the outcome of the game, but as Ed so well put it, "It doesn't hurt to bask in the glow of vic-

tory. After having our legions battered for yrs, it is a pleasant and warm feeling to see the C-in-C Trophy reside at WP for the last 2 out of 3 yrs." Those of our Class who assembled for an inside tailgate pre-game party included distinguished author **John Olson & Muffy, Simons, McClellans, JD Richardsons, Hamiltons, Bannings and Krismans**. Ed also saw the **Kunzigs and Dolvin** at the game. Our tireless social arranger gave the 87 social calendar for the DC area for all those who would visit: 15 Feb, cocktails at **Kerwins** followed by matinee at the West End Theater, Alexandria; 6 Jun & 5 Sep, outdoor cookouts; 22 Nov AN luncheon. If in town call Hamilton at 703-256-2433 or drop a card in advance to address shown in Geo Roster (yellow book).

**George Winton** wrote from Columbia, SC, "In accord with **Tom Dolvin's** dictum, which you quoted, I enclose a picture taken in Jul. **Virginia & Clyde**



1939: Whitehouses, McGowans and Smiths

went around Schofield playing "trick or drink." John then mentioned the WP Memorial Monument at Cabanatuan (ASSEMBLY, Jun 86) and suggested we publish in the Notes a cut of that portion of the plaque which contains names of '39 who died in the Philippines in WWII as POWs. I called **Chester Johnson '37** and he responded graciously with print below and a copy of his full text, submitted for the aforementioned article in the ASSEMBLY. The classes of '33 and '39 lost the most mates; **John Olson** said he would be glad to supply info on any individuals on request.

**Milt Adams** sent a report from Laredo, TX of the mini-reunion held about every yr by certain AF types in the SW, which he hosted amid "the intl ambience of the Mexican Border." Program consisted of a dinner dance, 2 days of golf, a venison cookout on a nearby ranch (where **Milt** shares a deer hunting lease), a Mexican dinner, and copious sightseeing and shopping over a 3-day period. Ever welcome pics accompanied **Milt's** letter.

**Harvey Fraser** sent a card welcoming **Nina & me** to sunny AZ, where he has moved. New address is 1229 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206; tel 602-985-



1939: St Clair, Sutton and Winton

**Sutton** flew up from Atlanta to spend the day with us and **St Clair** joined. All doing quite well."

**John Olson** wrote from Lake Quivira, KS, "After 19 long yrs in KS, we were honored by visits of two '39er couples. First, **Ros & Linc Simon** who have a daughter in Leavenworth, which is only 20 mi no of us. They popped in for lunch on their way back to DC. We reminisced about our trip through the Baltic together in 84. Then from the '39ers' hangout in Hilton Head we had a two-day visit from old buddies **Lucille & Jim Muir**. Among the many chuckles were over Halloween 62 when I was in Thailand, **Lucille, Jim and Muffy** donned their costumes and



1939: Longs, Mary Emmas and Jim Knapp and Adamses

CLASS OF 1939	
JOHN H DAVIS JR	CPT
JOHN E L ROSE	ISTLT
CHARLES E WHITE	CPT
PHILIP R LEHR	CPT
CHARLES R BOWERS	ISTLT
KENNETH C GRIFFITHS	CPT
GEORGE Y BREITLING	CPT
SAMUEL A MADISON	CPT
DONALD R SROKE	CPT
CHRISTOPHER J HEFFERMAN JR	CPT
RODWARD K CRIMES	CPT
VICTOR F CRAWELL	ISTLT
HERBERT H EICHLIN JR	CPT
WILEY L BOON JR	CPT

1939: '39's losses

5954. The Maxwells and the James also offered a warm welcome when we returned here in Oct. Elder & Erna came by on the way back from a Nogales shopping trip for a look at our new house and a picture in its side yard. John & Nancy took us to the Country Club and introduced us to a good Mexican restaurant on the Nogales hwy, "Molina's Outpost." They went to Tempe in Nov for granddaughter Nancy's first communion at the Church of the Epiphany.

And so we have with our news spanned a good part of the globe. "How sweet it is!" I wish to thank all the contributors of news and photos. One request: Please do not write IDs on the back of photos with ball point pens or other hard instruments; it usually comes through on the face, and the printers object. Better to scotch tape a slip of paper on back with IDs, and read them from left to right.

'40	MG George Mayo, Jr.
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The late-Oct reunion at Innisbrook was indeed a barnburner; dozens of reports (and scores of photos) confirm this. For example, Lanny & Nora Witt said, "Don & Sandy Baumer did it again! It was fantastic—the food, the arrangements, the golf, the service—everything was great." John & Julie McLean made a detailed report which included, "For those who had attended the previous Innisbrook mini a couple of yrs ago, this was Paradise Revisited. Golfers were ecstatic as they tried the 3 beautiful, challenging courses; prize winners included Frank Coleman, A.J. Russell, Stub Oseth, and Priscilla Case. The tennis and racquetball courts were also magnificent, with Woodie Vaughan, Ray Renola, Bev Campbell, Stan Smith, and Larry Klar among the leaders. Even the most active athletes had trouble keeping up with Lucille Renola, though; she managed to fit trail-walking, bicycling, tennis, golf, and swimming into just an average day (not too surprising, since Lucille has been playing with the Ft Lauderdale Intl Challenge Cup Tennis Team, with trips this yr to Mexico City and London)."

The McLean report continued, "Luther Arnold led all the fisherman, winning the pools for first, biggest, and most. However, Hobie Pillsbury landed the most spectacular catch of the day—a pelican. The few drizzles didn't stop any activities and, in fact, were welcomed as relief from the glowing sun by a few with receding hairlines. Before, during, and after the mini, shoppers and sightseers from the Class ranged over much of FL to such attractions as Epcot, Disney World, Sea World, Weeki Wachee,



1940: The McLeans and Burfenings at Innisbrook



1940: Raleigh, Dibbles and Vi Kramer at Innisbrook



1940: Stella, Orman, Cullen and Symroski at Innisbrook

Clearwater, and more. The camaraderie was heightened by clustered billeting, congenial cocktail hours, and delicious banquets each evening. By the time we left, most of us had caught up with each other at least through WWII, leaving plenty to cover at the CO mini next summer."



1940: Renola, Vaughan and Campbell at Innisbrook

Don & Sandy Baumer, who put all this together, gave the final head count as 182, which made it one of our largest gatherings since graduation. Don says that this total excluded 23 who had had to cancel reservations and 30 classmates who couldn't respond to the invitations to attend. Even more impressive than the attendance report was the financial outcome; Don sent a check to the Class fund for \$2,875, mostly returns by the Innisbrook mgt to attract convention bookings of this type and size. The inescapable conclusion is that the In-

nisbrook mini was a success!

During the Innisbrook visit, Don distributed a brochure and questionnaire prepared by Paul Phillips to help estimate probable attendance at the next mini-reunion at Silver Creek, CO on 28, 29, and 30 Jul 87. Paul says the results were very encouraging, so he's reserved a block of rooms at the Silver Creek Resort and is proceeding with detailed planning. By now, you should have had his first mailing, in Jan, asking for a head count of those planning to attend. Paul has a wide variety of activities planned. We'll look forward to seeing you there.

I heard from some who didn't make it to Innisbrook, including Ed Wynne, who wrote that he was all signed up and ready to go when he found that his previous enrollment in the Elderhostel program was going to take him to India at the same time. Ed said, "I was away for almost 2 mos. For 2 interesting wks in New Delhi, we had morning lectures by top notch people, like the Min of Labor and various univ profs, and tours each afternoon, like going to Agra to see the Taj Mahal. I then spent a wk in Patna on the Ganges with an Indian family of 5; this was an unbelievable experience in living, eating (vegetarian), and culture. After another 2 wks touring the maharaja country en route to Bombay, the tour left for home, but I stopped over in the UK to see shows in London and to tour Scotland a bit, staying with Scottish families who offered bed & breakfast. I was back in NY for Thanksgiving, but I'm still not out from under the accumulated mail."

We, George & Marge Mayo, had signed up for Innisbrook, but fell out late in Oct because we just had too much going on. As many of you know, we'd been remodeling 2117 Belle Haven Rd for almost a yr. Our contractor had used up all his reserve time (and more) and settlement on the sale of our old house was upon us. Thus, just before Innisbrook, we moved our belongings in with the construction crew and stayed home from the mini to finish the camping and settling process.

John McLean made his annual treas report, as our constitution requires: "The Class has 2 accounts within the WP Fund.

The Class of '40 gift segment as of Oct 86 was just over \$49,000; for comparison, in Dec 85 it was just over \$34,000. The Class admin fund had a balance as of Oct 86 of almost \$1,900, compared with a balance in Dec 85 of almost \$1,200. The Class continues to recommend that each member contribute \$100 to the gift fund and \$10 annually to the admin fund.

"These 2 annual contributions should be mailed to the West Point Fund, Assoc of Graduates, USMA, West Point, NY 10996. The \$100 contribution should be made out to 'West Point Fund' and marked 'Class of '40 Gift Segment' at some convenient spot. The \$10 check should again be made to 'West Point Fund,' but this time marked 'Class of '40 Admin Fund.'"

When you read this, you'll long since have received **Woodie Vaughan's** letter with its report from **Dave Parker's** comm to recommend our Class gift to WP for our 50th Reunion. You noted that, after a thorough review of feasible projects, the comm and the local Class offs concluded that we should: A) make some improvements to our existing Ft Clinton project as an extra to our main gift; B) as our basic gift, under the leadership of the WP Museum, sponsor a book, *Historic West Point*, on WP architecture, fortifications, and monuments; C) as an alternative to the Museum project in B), sponsor two scholarships for the WP Preparatory Scholarship Program. Woodie's letter included a pre-addressed postal for you to send in your views on these proposals; I'm sure that you mailed this long ago.

You will also have received a reminder from **Harry Miley** about inputs for the 50 yr book. Harry has enough submissions now to convince him that he has a going project. His letter tells a little about the gp that he has set up to review the input and to coordinate several feature articles. He has lined up **Paul Deems**, for example, to work on a humorous article. In another area, **Len Orman** and **Tony Wermuth** are collaborating on a piece on how the Class helped to make history—individual exploits by classmates that contributed to national goals. Len asks that you send him items or suggestions along this line. Len and Tony are particularly looking for items on classmates who may be too modest to remind them of past events—or who may be deceased.

**Red Gideon** wrote to acknowledge an extra address book and added, "I celebrated an important anniv this past Jul. At almost the same hr and exactly 50 yrs to the day after we came through the sally port of the W Acad Bldg to start our cadet days, I escorted my first grandson to the reception area at the AF Acad to enter the Class of '90."

**Jerry & Billie Addington** write from Albuquerque that good health has let them make all their visits to inventory grandchildren; camping, gardening, bowl-



1940: Roommates Thayer and Fritter with Thayer granddaughters

ing, and swimming round out their days.

**Alan Thayer**, shortly before betaking himself to Innisbrook, wrote that **Lee & Marion Fritter**, **Charlie & Mary Harrison**, and a whole raft of Thayers had attended the Jun family day mtg of the WP Soc of New England.

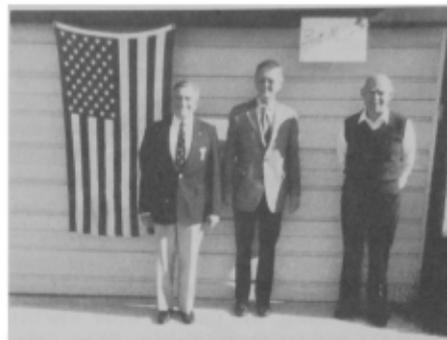
**Jack & Louise Dibble** wrote that Jack won an unparalleled honor in Dec when his "Ultimate Rocky Road" brownies won first place at the Melbourne Beach annual men's Christmas cookie bakeoff.

It had been some time since we'd heard from **Ned & Doris Flanders**. Doris wrote recently, "Last spring, **Johnny & Bettye Graf** spent a few days with us at Tahoe, and we had a great time catching up. I'm still recovering slowly from a broken hip after a fall in a parking lot last Jul. I only need one crutch now and am surely looking forward to getting on my own two feet. Ned is doing very well and really rallied round to help me."



1940: The Grafts and Flanders at Lake Tahoe

The outcome of the Navy game was highly satisfactory, wasn't it? In the Sacramento area, **Bill & Kathy Porte** had **Jack & Sue Dewitt** and **Bob & Bella Pfeil** over to have tea, crumpets, and music by the Hellcats, to review Bill's collection of USMA artifacts, and to watch Army whomp Navy. Meanwhile, from San Ant, **Morris & Flora Shoss** wrote, "The gathering at **Bill & Nancy Francisco's** house included **Pete & Vi Kramer**, **Les & Thelma Schockner**, **Pappy & Babs Briggs**, **Bart Barton**, **Mary Ann Stewart**, **Stan & Kay Smith**, and, from the DC area, **Dick & Eleanor Abbey** and **John & Alleen Burfening**."



1940: Porte, Pfeil and DeWitt during the half, Navy game 86

**Frank Devlin** called to say that he and **Hazy Hazeltine** have been taking turns with the same surgeon at Natl Orthopedic Hosp. Frank had a new hip installed earlier this yr; Hazy popped into the hosp in Nov to have his knee rebuilt. Then Frank went in later that mo to have his shoulder worked on to repair a "torn rotator cuff." Both are now mobile and doing well.

We note with great pride that **Jack Wright** was among 7 distinguished aviators who in Dec were inducted into the Army Avn Hall of Fame at Ft Rucker. There are now 52 members, of whom 35 are living. Jack joins **Bob Williams** in that select group.

**Sam & Jean Patten** made their annual report of their family trips and activities. One highlight was Sam's visit in Dec to Crossed Sabers Ranch to attend roommate **Sam Goodwin's** 70th birthday party. In addition to **Kiki** and son **Peter**, the long guest list also included **Jack & Jo Kenney**.

'41

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Where did 86 go? Why didn't time fly during our plebe yr the way it does now when we truly want to stop and smell the roses? Nevertheless, it was an interesting and exciting yr. And the highlight, obviously, was the well-attended and well-executed Big 45th Reunion. Another highlight—the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy is back at WP, **Tory Crawford** having superbly demonstrated to both the AF (I was there with **Tom Cleary** pounding on me) and the Navy that he invented the Wishbone. Another key event was the dedication on 9 Sep of **McDaniel Hall** at Ft Stewart, GA. The CG, MG AL Cooley, presided as **Helen Mahone**, LTC William T McDaniel, Jr, John D McDaniel and 2 sisters stood proudly by. **Tom** was a member of the 24th Div when he was captured and executed during the Korean War. You will recall that last summer he was posthumously awarded the DSC. Attesting to his courageous performance was a letter to **Ben Spiller** commending him

for the outstanding obit he did on Tom from Freudendorf '40. Said Chester, "Thanks for giving McDaniel the recognition he deserves."

A very special message following the reunion came to **Curt Chapman** from MAJ S.H. Simms, OIC Pipes & Drums USMA: "I want to again mention how pleased the Pipes and Drums were to have been allowed to play for your Class. When the Class joined in the Alma Mater and Army Song, the cadets were visibly moved—and so it should be. When the 50th reunion looms on the horizon, please do not hesitate to contact the band's then OIC with regard to another performance."

**Fox & Lid Rhynard** were here for the ret of son, Mike, USAFA '66, on 17 Nov.



1941: The Rhynard Ret—Lid, Fox, Mike, Alida, Sean and Lindsey

Like his dad, Mike was a brilliant aerial warrior. He flew 3 full tours in F-4s in SEA, a total of 410 missions and 700 hrs of combat.

We had 2 large gatherings to relish the Army victory over the Mids: In CA, the very active San Fran Chap rallied at **Gregg & Mickey McKee's** in Monterey. "The following," as reported by **Jack Christensen**, "thoroughly enjoyed the game, food and refreshments: **Maggie & Bob Borman, Bert & Vince Carlson, Muriel & Jack Christensen, Ann & Lew Elder, Doris & Felix Gerace, Nancy & Howard Goodell, Bert & Matt Harrison, Marge & Bill Hershenow, Bev & Bob Johnson, Bena & Lynn Lee, Doris & Walt Mullane, Mary Lou & Paul Root, Dolores & Bob Tuttle.** Amazingly well behaved lot."

The CO contingent rallied at **chez Troup** to cheer on the gallant Army Team and to greet a guy who captained one of the toughest teams of our day, **Butch Rising.** He & **Jeanne** stayed with us, and Butch joined the **Henschkes, Briers, Corbins** and us in the hopes of cheering the AF to a victory over BYU. **Mal & Alma** laid on their usual bountiful spread as we savored the work of Coach Young. For the first time in quite a while our whole gang was "on Post," so the salute to the team and the Risings was made by **Bill & Jerry Brier, Tom & Jean Corbin, Curt & Terry Chapman, Jim &**



1941: Sinking the Navy at Troups

**Lou Carroll, Mary Gauvreau, John & Dottie Henschke, Ben & Harrie Spiller, Mal & Alma Troup** and home from her World Travels, **Rene Linton.**



1941: Tom & Jean Corbin with Tom's sister Sue

In Oct we lost another of our very special guys. Despite a severe problem with his health, **Joe Grygiel** managed the Big 45th. But on 28 Oct he passed away in Charlotte, NC while living alone. **Jim Cox** was the only classmate at the funeral only because his banker, who is the employer of Joe's second son, **Alfonse**, notified him. **Wendy Knowles** sent a copy of the clipping and reinforced the fact that none of the Class knew he was so ill. Joe will be remembered as the only man in the Class to letter in 3 sports: football, hockey and lacrosse. My letter to his first son, Mike '68, was answered with these notes: "My father was devoutly religious, fiercely patriotic and he placed great value on his association with WP and held his classmates in the highest esteem. In fact, one of the happiest times he had in the last several yrs was at the Class 45th Reunion this yr. Dad was blessed with 2 marriages. The first ended with the death of my mother **Helen** in 54. He later married my stepmother, **Katherine** in 58, and my brother **Alfonse** was born in 61. Katherine, unfortunately, died in 79; Al is recently married and working at the Wachovia Natl Bank in Gastonia, NC. I resigned in 79 (but remain a res LTC) and am a nuclear engr with Westinghouse. **Kathleen & I** have 3 sons 18, 15, 12 and a daughter 6; we live at 1488 Amon Dr, Richland, WA 99352. We feel, as I trust

all his friends do, that the words of our Alma Mater truly apply to his life... "Well done—Be thou at Peace." The newspaper account reported the Funeral Mass at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and burial in Evergreen Cemetery. Memorials can be sent to Disabled American Veterans, 2017 Bay St, Charlotte, NC 28205.

For 87 we are pushing "auto-obits." The AOG will be happy to put your input into their permanent file, and Paul Child recommended that you get a roommate or close friend to edit it (let's not be too modest) and have your family approve it before it goes to the AOG files. That way, when the time comes, the co rep's job will be about 90% done. The latest issue of **ASSEMBLY** covered **Paul O'Brien, Walt Singles, John Rossell** and **Tom McDaniel**—we are making good progress.

**Doris & Walt Mullane:** "Took a wk out for trip to So CA for the funeral of Walt's brother-in-law. Our health report is as follows: Walt's condition in the Parkinson's pattern; a slight stoop, no tremor—yet, occasionally feet planted to the floor and marked weakness in legs and arms. But he still listens to BG and we still have an urge to dance a few steps around the kitchen, once in a while. Would love to see '41ers!" **Virginia Birdseye:** Talked with **Gae Panke** over the holidays—she was visiting son, John, here in El Paso. All is well with me—family still all far away from TX and still on AD. **Betty & Barney Woodruff, Bill & Marie Clifford, Bill & Jerry Brier, Brad & Ruth Smith, Zeke & Mary Anne Edger, Margaret Willes, Lou & Jim Carroll, Curt & Terry Chapman, Mal & Alma Troup** also checked into the net with positive thoughts for 87.

**Frank Linnell** wrote to all the "L" Co types urging them to do their own obits and filing it with the AOG. He also wrote this story about **Bob Colleran** (who died last May). Bob was flying B-24s with **John Henschke** and spent the night with Frank in New Guinea. "We went to the



1941: The Henschkes at Giza

movies, and some Japanese fired into the audience; we turned off the lights and shot back. With no reply, we turned the movies back on. Bob asked, 'Does this

happen often?" I said, "Only if they don't like the show!" "Bill Vaughan phoned to report his new PCS: Azalea 3, Apt 638, 10100 Hill View Rd, Pensacola, FL 32514; Ph: 904-479-6062. Bill did his usual great job on a cartoon this yr, but instead of putting it on the Christmas letter it will grace the cover of the reunion brochure—out in Feb.

On my last trip to San Ant Jim Strain said there was a rumor that Dick Travis was leaving Chapala, Mexico and redeploying to SA and access to the AF's Wilford Hall Hosp. However, Whit Whitaker phoned recently to say that a call to Jim revealed no contact.



1941: Whit & Mary Kay Whitaker

The Class Christmas party on 13 Dec at "the House that Mike Greene Built" was outstanding. And besides 50 stal-



1941: Army-TN game

wart classmates & wives we were honored to have 4 other residents of the Hall who are very special to the Class: MAJ Carol Leyko, Rita Rowny's sister; Biss Moore's mother; Eileen Green's mother, Mrs. O'Connor; and Jane Garrett's mother, Mrs. Franklin. We were especially happy to have these Super Tutus, as grandmothers are called in HI, and we wished them a very special Merry Christmas. Others who enjoyed the special camaraderie and excellent cuisine were Henry & Dorothy Bodson, Horace & Chick Brown, Jack & Marian Camp, Charles & Ev Canella, Celia Clinton, John & Ginger Deane, Bob & Emilie Elsberry, Charlie & Johnnie Fletcher, Woody & Jane Garrett, Jog & Mary Green, Mike & Eileen Greene, Joe & Marion Gurfein, Burnside & Marka Huf-



1941: The Mathers and Garretts at the Christmas party

fman, Bob & Rene Lanigan, Eloise Levy, Jock & Anette Mateer, Walt & Midge Mather, Jean Moody, Spec & Cleo Powell, Jo & Mo Reed, Ed & Rita Rowny, Herb & Rose Stern, Pete & Maxine Tanous, Ruth Vaughn, Barney & Bettie Woodruff, Walt & Betty Woolwine, Kay & I.

At the Class officers' mtg the morning before the banquet we covered the agenda from the business mtg at reunion and then took up some new business which will be discussed by pres Mike in a letter soon. However, I would like to mention the status of the Christmas letter which I did not publish this yr for reasons you should understand. Over the yrs the cost of the letter has escalated, like everything else. John Deane suggested it was perhaps time to ask if publishing it each yr was cost effective and noted that the inputs have tended to become stereotyped with little Class news that is not covered in the ASSEMBLY notes. When Joe Reed agreed to audit our accounts he noted the cost of the Christmas letter and recommended that the matter be studied. I have agreed to try to come up with some new ideas, and I sincerely ask you to make any recommendations you have. One suggestion is a computerized address and phone list that is not only in alpha order but also collated by zip code for use with our increasing travel patterns. Also, Mike will be asking for your thoughts on a 50th Anniv Book. I am quite prepared to work on it provided we have a plan that meets the approval of a majority.

Jack Christensen phoned to say that the Western Regional Open will be played in Monterey 28 Jan to 2 Feb: Christensen, Gerace and Lauterbach will "Go for the Gold" again. Win Curley sent his roommate Hugh Foster's account of the reunion which will appear in the reunion poodsheet.

As the yr raced to a close we cherished the memories of the dear ones we were able to touch at the reunion, we savored the football lesson the Black Knights gave to the Mids, and everyone, especially the airmen among us, got a great, vicarious kick out of the exquisite flight of the Voyager. And as the mean age of

our special fraternity moves into the zone marked "Septuagenarian" in 87, let's keep the old '41 spirit high. Several bright lights already appear on the horizon: Ed Rowny will be a guest DV lecturer at the USAFA, Wray White continues to be paid to ride horseback, "...at the age of 69 and a large butt." This time next yr my lift tickets at the ski areas will cost nothing; and perhaps best of all, Tory Crawford will be back at Army's helm.

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'42

As we look forward to a New Year and prepare for whatever it may bring, we pause to salute 2 of our number. As reported in the Newsletter, we lost George Hughes in Oct. Although we all hope to show our best under adversity, surely George's response was exemplary, and Jean's fond support was every bit as courageous. They traveled as long as George could tolerate travel, Jean respected his wish that he spend his last days at home and they both merit a "Well done." Memorial services at their church where George had made a significant contribution were delayed long enough for the family to gather. The honorary pallbearers included Bob Evans, Bunky Scofield and your scribe. Janet Grant was also on hand to lend support. George's ashes were later inurned at WP.

And as our Christmas card to Betty & Pat Williams crossed theirs, we had a call from Betty that Pat had died of a massive heart attack. Pat had such an extended struggle with so many disabilities, but those 2 never let their spirits waver. Tomorrow was always going to be better. Memorial services were held in VA Beach, with interment in Salisbury, MD. We say goodbye to 2 fine classmates and friends, while extending deepest sympathy to their families.

John Ely has been a stalwart in keeping me posted on Class news. In Sep, Roger Barnes was at the NIH for a going-over, ended up in intensive care, and was sowhelmed by the Class flowers that he jumped out of the sack, picked up his pack and marched back to duty! Pete Flor Cruz also had a brief hospitalization for a leg problem, but was soon out kicking up his heels—so to speak! Jim & Norma Cockrell greatly enjoyed a jaunt to the Far East, and the Elys did likewise in Portugal, both trips courtesy of our sr travel agent, George Allin! And another kudo or two to George for another timely newsletter! Larry Caruthers is on the trail of the original Bill authorizing the placement of the chain across the Hudson at WP. Twould be a great '42 gift to the museum if he's successful—and it's affordable! Chuck Bortell had seen

Corky Corcoran at their 50th HS Reunion and reported him pulling things together. Fly flew out to San Diego for Thanksgiving with daughter Barbara. His latest note advised that **Crit Critenberger** had been nominated to be the AOG Class Trustee for the yr of our 45th. Nominated for a tour as regular Trustees were **Davis, Horridge, Hunter, Low, Mizell, Roberts** and **Ulsaker**. Perhaps the AOG should just dip in and pick a handful from that fine group!

**Ink Gates** wrote that he & **Esther** had sponsored a Sep gathering when **Dan & Bobbie Raymond**—plus **Tom Rienzi**—hit town, the gents to attend a meeting of Army regional reps. Helping Ink celebrate his 67th were son **Larry**, **Cy** & **Pat Betts '34**, the **Boltons, Michels, John Murphys, Ryders** and **Stapletons**.



1942: Ink and Larry set the pace for the Raymonds and Boltons



1942: Esther despairs of the Michels, the Stapletons and Big Tom

**Jeff Davis** sent proof of his trip to Usmay with **Roy (HoJo) Johnson**, with this snap of Roy checking out his Beechcraft Bonanza at Stewart Field—or Intl Airport, if you please!

**Fran Roberts** continues to feed the kitty. In Oct he played in the US Sr Golf Assoc Invitational and whipped the 85 champ but lost to a former 3-time winner. Enclosed was a clipping advising that **Tom Iuliucci** went in for a check-up because of recurring headaches and dizziness; a benign tumor was found, excised and old baldy was home 3 days after! Way to go, Tom! A fresh communication from Fran with a column about a feud in Fayetteville over the acquisition of a baseball franchise. Tom and his



1942: Junior Birdman Johnson counts the wings, props and other vital organs

3 sons-in-law are at odds with another faction, and the debate is hot and heavy! I'm betting on the old paratrooper! Also enclosed was a letter signed by the chm of Carolina Retreat—**Jim Bartholomees!** It's to be a life-care community in Pinehurst, with initial occupancy set for the fall of 88.

Both **Paul Cerar** and **Al Hunter** wrote about a "G" Co rally at the Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks in Oct. Paul was apparently the architect, engr and slave labor for the project. Both Coasts and a lot of in-between were represented by the consenting adults: **Buchanans, Bucks, Cerars, Jack Cockrill, Hunters, Helen Marshall, Mizells, Moreys** and **Wises**. Golf, tennis, bowling and hiking filled any idle time not devoted to 11 am Bloody Marys, mid-afternoon wine & cheese, Happy Hours & heaps of tale telling—some reputed to be factual! Sounds like those rascals are on a roll!



1942: The "G" Co gals find the livin' easy

**Fred Rosell's** recent epistle won the record for longest distance dispatch when he wrote from South Africa! His friend **Polly** winters there so he went over for a mo to see why—and quickly found out! In addition to the lovely climate and beautiful flora, the rate of exchange was positively enchanting! Good meals in nice restaurants @ \$5-\$8. (Lobster @ \$7!) "Pensioners" bus travel about 8 cents! **Everyone** in Durban appeared well dressed and not exactly downtrodden, and Fred found our media representation of all of South Africa somewhat biased—amazing! One of the



1942: "G" Co as we've rarely seen it!

high points of the visit was a trip to the Kruger Park Game Preserve.

**Phil Wyman** labored and brought forth another '42 golf tourney. Even **Marsh Waller** and his 14 handicap came out of the woodwork! Ole **Sam Koster** knocked off the host early on and beat **John Sitterson** in the top flight. **Jerry Snow** put away **Sam Gustaves** in the 2nd ft, and **Charlie Mizell** showed what ret had done for his game by besting **Bill Ford** in the 3rd ft.



1942: Reid, Waller and Sitterson flank DC champ Koster



1942: Rip, Robby, Jerry and Larry—sounds like two comedy teams!

**Charlie Mizell** asked that the following info be published. It is to advise all and sundry that aforesaid **Jeff** has assembled all issues of **Fred Rosell's** WW II Thames Turbulence, covering Apr 44 to Apr 46—130 pp of letters and notes from you, you and you regarding what it was like where you were and what news of '42 you had to pass along. For \$10, Jeff will send you 130 pp of priceless reminiscences of the days when we were



1942: Jeff backs up to the pay table as 3rd ft consolation winner!

young and—eager? Incidentally, Jeff reports excellent use of the '42 Terrace—cadet parties, a reunion class tailgate party, a WP Soc of Phila picnic, etc. Bless him for the improvements that have made it such a success!

Bruce King '23 has taken the initiative to form the WP Soc of SW FL. Consequently, anyone in this area at Founders Day time will have a place to hang his hat and hoist a few! And along that line, a youngster of '62 put together a buffet luncheon and TV party for the Army-Navy game. Navals were invited, we took a couple and enjoyed every one of the 60 min of play! To my delight, I spotted a familiar face in the crowd, Blair Garland of '27 who had been OC of basketball and turned out to be a recent addition to the local scene!

**Bobo Clagett** asked that I remind you again of the forthcoming 22–25 Oct Occasion to Remember. As the newsletter insert advised, you'll receive an info packet in Apr and should be prepared to commit body and soul to the above dates! Do talk Reune with every '42er with whom you're in touch so that we can have the biggest and best ever. And also learn to recognize the pictured Class Coat of Arms, courtesy of Jeff and Dave Clagett. Bobo, Ali & Jock were off



#### 45th REUNION

1942: '42 is the 1

to Tampa for Christmas with Rita, an "educator" at the Busch Gardens Zoo. Jock, now a studio head and associate partner in the architectural firm of Skidmore Owings & Merrill, is in charge of the new NBC highrise bldg in Chicago. Bobo also told me of the recent loss of Ali's uncle, John Hines, who was CO

of the 2nd Sqdn, 10th Cav, and gave us a few unwelcome "Slow trot, ho" cmds in our day!

A brochure from the Army Residence Community San Antonio (Godfather **Bolton's** baby) indicates a wonderful variety of friends and associates as initial residents. Included are the **Koishes, Markses, Wards** and **Bill Zimmermann**. **Frank & Lyn** will laze away in So CA until 11 Mar when they'll be at 7400 Crestway, Apt 504, San Antone 78239. We may soon have a new center of gravity!

**Crit Crittenberger** sent a copy of the Valley Forge MA paper containing praises for the quality of a regimental review from the AG of the Commonwealth of PA—**MG Dick Scott!** As Crit notes, the old AF type, mayor and State AG has encompassed quite a variety of tasks for a guy with a narrow, military mind! And now that he & **Flo** are back in Lancaster, who knows!?!?

A million thanks to all who have lent a hand to these efforts. Do keep up the good work! And to all—when the roll is called up yonder (like in Newburgh), **YOU BE THERE!!!**

Jan  
'43

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By the time that you read these Class Notes, you should be ready to pack your bags and depart for our early spring mini-reunion in Charleston, SC from 26–29 Mar. **Bud Hood** (organizer and host) claims that everything is set for our arrival, including the weather with predicted temperatures in the 65–75° range—great for "stolling, shelling and bird watching, but a little too cool to swim." In any event, we'll have a full report with snapshots of this "winter-bashing affair" in the next edition of our Class Notes.

Meanwhile, the Christmas mail from out-of-town brought news that

- Our intrepid rugged adventurer, **Ray Ruyfflaere**, did not make his 5th annual canoe trip down some wild river in the Canadian Northwest Territories (NWT) due to the death of his sister, Florence—which took him back to Bangkok for her memorial service in the International Church during Jul. But, he is planning to reschedule his trip down the rugged Horton River, NWT the coming summer.

- **Brad & Millie Lundberg** are enjoying their "golden yrs" keeping up with their children (their son, Allen, has already ret from the USAF after 20 yrs) and grandchildren traveling the Elderhostle and reunion circuits (including Brad's WW II 95th Inf Div Reunion) and renovating their home in Cocoa Beach, FL.

- **Bill & Mary Dee Starnes'** clan gathered at their daughter (Mary) & son-in-law's 40-acre farm-ranch to celebrate

Christmas along with 3 horses, 10 cows, 4 dogs, 2 cats, a flock of chickens and some "friendly (?) alligators.

- **George & Edna Maertens** have found more time available for tennis, golfing and travel now that George has ret (as of 3 Jul) after 14 yrs as a teacher, counselor and dir of counseling in high schools in the Sun City, AZ area. They also enjoyed their new townhouse in the Fairfield Flagstaff Resort at 7000 ft on a small lake adjoining a great golf course for the 1st time this past summer. Accord-



Jan '43: Maertens introduces Schofield to the Grand Canyon

ing to George, Edna "is not too thrilled" with his latest hobby, which involves trips to RV resorts in their 23-ft trailer, but she is looking forward to a cruise aboard the *Royal Princess* from Acapulco through the Panama Canal to selected Caribbean Isls.

Here, in the Wash area, some 24 classmates and a goodly number of wives met at the ANCC on 6 Nov for our annual fall business luncheon. We were particularly pleased to have **Ginny Harrington, Wendell Bevan** and **Jack Russell** with us—all of whom have recently lost their spouses. During the course of our meeting,

- **Johnnie Baer** (Pres) announced that, henceforth, "wives will be considered as classmates and welcomed to attend any of our luncheons;"

- **Pete Grimm** (editor-in-chief of our forthcoming 50th yearbook) reinforced Johnnie's announcement by stating that he was expanding his yearbook staff to include wives;

- We learned that **Bob Fiss** made a 170-yd hole-in-one with a no 3 iron at the ANCC (Fairfax) golf course on 31 Oct, but still maintains a great handicap for "clobbering" his opponents; and

- **Bill Knowlton** (chm of our 50th Anniv Gift Comm) urged one and all to send their tax-deductible contributions for a to-be-announced gift memorial to the Academy. Checks should be addressed to the West Point Fund (Jan '43), Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, NY 10996.

Less than a month after our fall luncheon, we were saddened to learn of the death of **Bill Fritz's** wife (**Connie**) on 3

Dec after a long battle with cancer and emphysema. During the funeral services at Ft Myer and Arlington Natl Cemetery, the guest chaplain (Wes Arthur), beautifully eulogized Connie for her devoted services to her church (where she was secy to the pastor), to a number of charities, and to her family. Our deepest sympathies are with you Bill!

As indicated in the snapshot that accompanies these notes, **Frank Shaw** ret from his position as DIA's Def Intel Off for General Purpose Forces and the MBFR talks on 1 Dec. As you may recall, Frank



Jan '43: Shaw receives a plaque upon his ret from DIA

was the Dep ASD (Regional Programs) in OASD/PA&E during the early 70s and also served on the Policy Planning Staff in OASD/ISA during the early 60s. In the mos before his ret, Frank traveled extensively to the Far East (i.e., China, Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore), as well as to Brussels and Vienna on NATO and MBFR activities. His wife (**Billie**) joined him in Brussels for his final trip to Vienna, where they were entertained by **Adrian St. John**—our Sr Mil Advisor at the long-standing MBFR talks. Then, on leave they



Jan '43: Partytime with Boots Minckler, Woods and Shaw

drove leisurely through Austria, Ger and France—spending 2 nights at Kronberg Castle (where they were married in 46) and several wks touring the Loire Valley and Normandy, including the beachhead where Frank landed with the 4th Inf Div in 44.

Now, under the category of “what-have-you-been-doing-with-yourself,”

• **Eppy Epperson** has turned to writ-

ing since he ret in 79 and hopes that his trilogy of novels about flying and fishing in AK, the Tet offensive in 68, and Saigon and the Delta in 74 will be published sometime this yr. Eppy has also written a more lengthy novel entitled *Omni-science*, which he describes as “a kind of spiritual history of mankind” and which he’s planning to adapt for a 12-hr mini-series on TV. “More power to you,” Eppy!

• **Ed Bielecki** is now working for TRW in the field of project mgt and scheduling right here in the same Skyline Towers bldg where I’m located. Ed was previously with MDC for 7 yrs and then CSC for 5 yrs.

• **Bob Baden** is keeping mighty busy with Mgt Analysis, Inc in the area of manpower, budget and program analysis, which involves a bit of traveling along the East Coast.



Jan '43: The “candid camera” catches Dempseys and Badens

• **Tom Griess** is apparently “keeping his hand” in the field of military history from his ret home near the **Maertens** in Sun City, AZ, because Barnes & Noble devoted a full page to the “West Point Military History Series, the finest studies ever written on the evolution of military art and science!” including a photo of Tom as editor of the series.

• **Joe Conmy** is still out in the mountains and jungles of eastern Luzon in the Philippines where he is serving as the tech mil advisor in the production of the forthcoming film “Hamburger Hill”—which portrays the heroic battle for this hill in Vietnam by Joe’s 3rd Bde of the 101st Abn from 10–20 May 69. According to Joe, “it’s no picnic,” because shooting for the film commences at 6 am or earlier and continues until dark 6 days a wk. Happily, his wife (**Marie**) has joined him in the Philippines for whatever breaks he may have. We’ll be looking forward to the film release, Joe—perhaps it’ll give the Navy’s *Top Gun* a “run for the money.”

• **Bob Burlin** is still working on the railroad for the remaining NE corridor projects in New England, to include restoration of the historic South Station in Boston. This has involved shuttling back and forth from Concord to their home in Chatham on the Cape.



Jan '43: The Seith clan in the “CA room”



Jan '43: Our recent returnees from Saudi Arabia: Edwardses with Armstrong

The story behind the photo of **Bill Knowlton**, **Jack Russell**, and **Bob Guthrie**’s brothers and sister that appears with these Notes was highlighted in an Army press release which read, in part, as follows:



Jan '43: Knowlton and Russell present shadow box containing Guthrie’s medals to his family

“After more than 24 yrs, the records have been set straight, and the family of 1st LT **Robert Guthrie** finally received the combat awards he earned during WW II with the 8th Inf Div. Guthrie was mortally wounded by machine gun fire on 11 Aug 44 while leading an attack against an airfield near Brest, France. He died 3 days later in a field hosp, but it was not until a classmate from the US Military Academy spent over a yr reconstructing lost records that the recognition Guthrie deserved was realized in a posthumous awards ceremony on 9 Oct 86 at the First US Army Headquarters. Brothers Bill and Jim Guthrie, along

with their sister Lucilla Edmonds, accepted the lieutenant's medals and Combat Infantryman's Badge from First Army Commander LTG Charles D. Franklin. Ret GEN William Knowlton attended the ceremony and explained how he worked for over a yr to reconstruct Guthrie's personnel file which authorized the medals that were somehow overlooked in the administrative confusion of battle-torn France."

**Jack Russell** appears in the photo because he was Bob's tentmate in summer camp and provided Bill with useful info.

As you all know, **Bill Knowlton** has become our "Class obituarian" and has performed a tremendous job in preparing and coordinating the preparation of final obituaries for many of our classmates in the *ASSEMBLY*. However, there are still more to be prepared and, in this context, Bill would greatly appreciate assistance and any "bits and pieces" of info with regard to the following deceased classmates: **Jack Jones, Harry Saunders, Jim McKinney, Dick Hynes, Rod Wriston, L. George Taylor, Tony Antonioli, Dick Hall, Tom Ramsey and Hugh Jordan**. If you can help Bill in any way, just drop him a line at 4520 4th Rd North, Arlington, VA 22203. Incidentally, **Bill & Peggy** celebrated the arrival of their 2nd grandchild, Stephen Petraeus, at USMA on 4 Nov where his parents (Dave & Holly) are stationed. According to Bill, young Stephen is WP's own "Domesday Baby" because his lineage extends back to William the Conqueror and his famous Domesday Book, which provided the 1st census of people and property throughout Britain in 1086. Inasmuch as 1986 marked the 900th anniv of the Domesday Book, it was decreed in London that infants of William's lineage born in that year would be known as "Domesday Babies." How about that?

In closing, we offer our best wishes to **Fred Ladd**, who is battling against malignant polyps, and **Johnnie Ross**, who is struggling to cope with MS.

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**HEIGH-HO** Another yr wrapped up and tied in used Christmas ribbon while some of us wander around aimlessly wondering what 87 has in store for us. It is said that these days before Spring Buck-Up becomes a reality should be used to get our house in order. Put things back in their places as it were. I find that I have either forgotten where they go or have already stacked too much stuff in that spot. One of these things is locating lost classmates: COL Morris Herbert, Dir of Alumni Records, claims they have no valid addresses for the following: **Phil Eastman, Bob Hanna, Sam Jenkins, HN**

**Lockwood, Harry Mazur, Christy Munch, Bob Newman, Clarence Richmond, Walt Roe, Hal Rose, Ralph Scott, RO Whitaker, Jack Winn, and Ivan York**. There must be a room- or co-mate who has kept in touch with these lost sheep, so please forward the whereabouts to COL Herbert at USMA or better yet, call him at 914-446-5860. He states in his letter that USMA has a better handle on its living grads than our brother academies and any civ college, 91% at last count.

**ON THE MOVE** It has happened! **Betty & Les Hardy** have been wintering in AZ the last couple of yrs and this time they forgot to come back. The official new residence is 7625 E Camelback Rd # 117A, Scottsdale, AZ 85251, ph 602-941-4125. **Billie & Gordon Cantlay** have vacated their view of Oahu, moved across the ocean miles to VA where they will be reachable at PO Box 71, Williamsburg, VA 23187-0071. Part of this is dictated by trying to keep up with kids, grandkids, etc. Welcome back! **Betty & Bob McClure** have opted for a 4-acre ranchette in the Sierra Nevada foothills up Butte Creek (presumably w/o a paddle) Canyon complete with nut and fruit trees, grape vines, several outbuildings, about 2 hrs no of Sacramento. It lists as One McClure Lane, Chico, CA 95928-8823. Ph 916-345-2587. Sounds remote but boasting peace and quiet. Along with the Christmas card was a wov of a recipe for hot buttered rum. A poem, too:

We used to live where we are no more,

We've moved where we never were before

You know where we were, but not where we is,

So here's the new address where 'tis.

Our numbers dwindle: Among the many observances from Old Will was the unhappy news that **Hal Neill** passed away on 1 Oct and **Reading Wilkinson** on 4 Nov. I have no immediate details on Hal's death, but he was one of the early Arabists in our Class that had the full treatment: Army Lang Sch, American U of Beirut, then a full tour as an attache in Damascus. Later he and I overlapped in Baghdad when he arrived several mos early as my replacement. **Jack Kidder** dropped me a note on Wilkie. It seems he had been under treatment for cancer for about two yrs before succumbing. Jack mentioned that in spite of pain and physical limitations, he still managed 200-plus yds on his down-the-middle drives which he dryly noted as not being too bad for a man dying of cancer. He was what we call in TX, a "good ole boy." Our oldest classmate, **Pappy Chandler** was 70 when he died of lung cancer last Sep. **Ed Hertel**, a close neighbor at Mercer's Isl, wrote a most informative letter which was added to by his

wife, **Syble**. Pappy, although stricken, maintained a very positive attitude to the



Jun '43: Keefer, Hertel, Syble Hertel, Pappy, Jacqueline Patterson

very end. According to his wishes he was cremated and at the time of Syble's note the place of interment had not been decided. Further she says that **Dottie Chandler's** plans are not firm, but that she will probably stay at the Isl address for the coming yr. In addition to Dottie he is survived by two sons and two daughters.

**AN EYE ON THE GATE Will Cover** reveals that he will write a feature article on the Gate for an early issue of *ASSEMBLY*. He also reports that several of the Wash contingent were hospitalized last fall: **Jack McGregor** with an ulcer, **Bill Roos** for an intestinal infection and **Arch Hamblen** for yet another head tumor (his 4th). All are, happily, fully recovered. Will states in his Christmas card that Wm Rob't Cover, 10 mos, is on the verge of walking and in addition to the illnesses listed above he has been assailed by the 3 Itis brothers, Arthur, Bronch and Bert S. An early Oct visit of the **Bruce Arnolds** to the **Sonstelie** home was highlighted by several pics one of which is displayed herein. Bob says he & Val are toying with



Jun '43: Arnold and Sonstelies

the idea of moving to CO Springs but nothing definite yet.

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, LONG OVERDUE** While reading through this yr's batch of greetings something triggered my memory that **Frank Saul**, like two other classmates reported earlier, had become a Prof Emeritus (Architecture) from Cornell af-

ter 26 yrs at the podium. He & Betty set off on an extended E to W journey through Canada to visit son Geo & wife Sheila in Puyallup, WA and returned E through OR to visit other son, Frank, Jr & his wife, Nancy in Williamsburg, NY. Both lads are USMA products, '73 and '77. Their youngest, John (Beau), is a law off in Ithaca who referees local college and HS hockey games. This yr they are studying Mandarin for a projected trip to China in Apr.

Lee & Anne Hogan recently returned from China and Lee sent on a photo of Anne seemingly off balance while downgrading the Great Wall. Lee's progress report on Gate activities: ground breaking should move up a bit to spring 87. Nancy & Bill Malone are in overall charge of the Reunion. Bill Calnan is doing the planning for the presentation ceremony and Headcastle Morris has secured most of the necessary clearances from USMA and archeological and historical agencies of the Gummint. He, along with Bill Glasgow, Bud O'Connor, and Will Cover, to mention only a few, have done yeomen work.

AND AWAY THEY GO On 6 Nov, Dick Wheeler, Norm Pehrson, and Dave Galas private airplaned to Tucson for a teeny-weeny reunion with AZ residents Don Warburton, Gayle Madison, Jim Betts, Bob Dwan and Roger Ball. In strictly a "what if" session talk arose about a possible reunion yrbook that would commemorate the Great Gate. Although they have done some preliminaries with a publishing rep, it is still mental and not factual. However, if some of you have strong feelings or ideas either way shoot off a note to Dave. Ed Shaifer laid a brief note on me to transmit



Jun '43: Tucson Reunion

some filthy lucre to the gate fund. Roger Hilsman, he of professorial interest in intl politics at Columbia U and former asst secy/State, recently returned from SE Asia and appeared in print in *Newsday* 2 Oct. In Jun the same mag carried his evaluation of the Khadafy cause celebre (our retaliation). He is also the perpetrator of a couple of Letters to the Ed, *NY Times*; the first correcting an erroneous impression of Averill Harriman's role in the Vietnam War, and the second corrects a reader's statement that she finds it strange that the Chinese use ketchup in their cuisine. You tell 'em, Rog! Proves he knows what he reads and remembers it.

NEWS NEWS NEWS Headcastle Morris has been elected as a 3-yr Trustee-at-Large to the AOG. Rocky Iieto, LTG Ret, of the PA, later ambassador to Thailand, has been recalled by Pres Aquino to be min of def on the recommendation of current Army C/S Fidel Ramos '50. The KB Smiths relate that our Walk Jamar sent a letter to all living members of old "L" Co listing members deceased and urging a memorial contri-

bution in their names to the WP Fund—Class of Jun '43. And, guys, providing an obit if none has been rendered. Jake & Ginny Brier sent greetings via a card as did many others for which I thank you.

BUGLER BLOW RECALL Now comes the time I do not exactly relish. The last two yrs our local United Way has gotten bigger and requires more mgt. In those yrs we have run almost to Christmas Eve to make our goal. And since we start the whole show in mid-Aug I find I have two dates each yr when it becomes most difficult to make deadlines. Since Old Will has finally ret from TITAN toys I asked him if I couldn't bounce the ball back in his court, from whence it came and he agreed. Many people have thanked me for doing this difficult job but let me assure you it has been a labor of love except when the news is distressing. I've tried to keep it factual with a little fun poked here and there, for without leavening this could be rather dry. I hope no one has been offended. The joy of hearing from so many of you keeps awakening memories of good times we have enjoyed over the yrs and with them the realization that we have matured, become closer as classmates and persevered against some pretty stiff odds at times. Thanks for letting me visit with you these past yrs. Non Sum Qualis eram (I'm not what I used to be). God Bless,

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What a party! The mini-reunion sponsored by our Carmel Cabal was held 5-8 Oct 86 in and around Solvang, in the Santa Ynez Valley about 30 mi north of Santa Barbara, CA. The lavish ranch, pin-oak and vineyard country provided a beautiful setting, the kind that makes a country boy want to get on his horse and run it, flat out! The Danish Country Inn served as hq and hotel, where we checked in, smeared a little strange lipstick and unpacked for a cocktail assembly and a seat-yourself dinner. The talk lapped over into the jacuzzi outside well past midnite.

Next morning the '44 Breakfast Club was on the air until it broke up for "scouts out" to the hundreds of local junque shops amid the ersatz kitch or, in stark contrast, to the cool serenity of the old Santa Ynez Mission which graces and titles the valley. This back-slud Protestant gives his thanks for such gems which Fr Junipero Sierra strewed along the Western shore. Golfers disappeared for a spell; tennis players allowed how it was too hot for pm tennis under the oaks. As the sun dropped, we gathered in the courtyard of the Gainey Winery, east of



Jun '43: Malone haranguing the crowd at Surkamp



1944: Mini-reunion, Solvang, CA. Hello party!



1944: Mini-reunion, Solvang

town, for tour, group snapshots, a memorable barbeque picnic and generous pourings of their finest. We put the sun to bed and hung the crescent moon atop a lone oak amid the vines. The Cabernet Sauvignon was fine, the blancs were excellent, the snapshots were blurred; must be some connection! Bridge players bid and ruffed into the night; others walked or soaked off le bon repas. (Thanks to **Betty Wear** for the sober, clear picnic photos!)

Tues watched us split for a horse farm, a tour of Vandenberg AFB, and a golf tourney. The truly hardy among us enjoyed a tennis tourney organized by **Emily Wallis**, who planned and delegated so well she didn't have to stay to swelter with us. **Harriet Brundin** put up with her roomy and the likes of **Staser, Anderson and Smith**. My every-five-yrns mixed doubles partner, **Betty Wear**, was there with bells on, but also with a formidable brace on her tennis forearm from a skiing fall at Aspen. Afternoon siesta was welcome. That evening brought a final cocktail party and dinner with prizes to the Geritol athletes, golfers and bridge play-

ers. I can't remember all—or half—the winners, so I pass! It also brought adieus for those headed for early airplanes from LAX on the morrow. Some lucky stay-overs got a tour of Santa Barbara next day.

Many thanks are due to our hosts and sponsors for a well-planned, superbly organized and stylishly executed program carried out at our several different paces to different drummers, as usual, but which still allowed us to be at the right places, on time, and ready to party. Generous thanks are given hereby, on behalf of all, to **Ulli Carley, Hildegard**



1944: Mini-reunion (eating does not yet curse the drinking class)



1944: Mini-reunion, Santa Ynez—early—2/3 still standing beneath the hanging tree

**Mitchell, Betty Rodden, Emily Wallis** and their roommates. They have set a standard to aim at! Just ask any of the other 83 of us: **Pete & Kathie Almquist, Carl Anderson, Lu & Dorothy Armstrong, Jim & Adrienne Bandy, Barbara Brown, Bob & Harriet Brundin, Larry & Sylvia Clayton, Bob & Blanche Codling, Bill & Pat Courtney, Bob & Mary Day, Dick & Betty Erlenkotter, Steve Farris, Bob & Nancy Flynn, Dick**



1944: Mini-reunion, winery picnic (talking in ranks)

& Mary Fowler, Nick Fuller, Chan & Marie Gilson, John & Beverly Glab, Joe & Mary Alice Hale, John & Loretta Hanley, Walt & Pat Harris, Bill Henderson, Les & Martha Hendrickson, Leo Hinkey, Lev & Dorothy Jenks, Jim & Shirley Lynch, Mike & Jeanne Molloy, Roy & Pat Marshall, Barbara (CC) Martin, Bob & Pat Mummy, Bill & Ruth Murray, Bob & Enid Parks, Dee & Virginia Pettigrew, Jack & Ginny Pollin, Owen & Dorothy Reeves, Lee & Audrey Smith, Rock Staser, Bill & Mazzie Steger, John & Annette Sullivan, John & Kay Susott, John & Anne Tkacik, Al Wald and friend Erene, George & Betty Wear, Bob & Jerry Wessel, and John & Jeanne Williams.

Postscript: Staser and Fuller wrote that they were elbowed off the streets of San Fran by the gays and tarts, couldn't intimidate Lynch to fly them to Vegas, so they visited him, sampled the wineries of Napa/Sonoma and headed north for salmon fishing.

Jim & Marian White again this yr, on 18 Oct, hosted a great day at their spectacular home, which rides the crest of the Blue Ridge near Flint Hill, VA, amid the peak of autumn's color. The country style golf (eagle or triple-bogey, nothing in between), croquet, horseshoes, and skeet allowed all to demo their skill and cunning. Sorry to miss the party due to a schedule conflict. Don Gruenther reports that the Whites were aided by the Parsons and the Carl Petersons to put together a wonderful feast and day for a group of 64. All were pleased to greet Betty DeArment, Mary O'Brien, and Ruthie Scott, along with out-of-towners Randy & Becky Cary, George & Barbara Hayman, Doug & Wade Kinnard from down the road a piece in Lexington, Dick & Ann Nalle, Jim & Dorothy Patterson up from FL, and Jim & Helen Young. Our sincere thanks to Jim & Marian for a beautiful fall day in the magnificent Blue Ridge at the house that Jim built!

Al Norton checked in to report an 11,000 mi perimeter trip of the Lower-48 to visit grandchildren and other sights for sore eyes. At Vancouver, he of course ran into the Antigua rep, a lady who, of course, knows Nick. Dean Bressler sent a card from the Vienna Woods during his current trip through the Eastern bloc: Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Ger and Berlin. Most interesting! He was a guest at the Austrian Military Academy.

Paul Emley has been in the hosp recently, but is recovering nicely, Les Hendrickson writes.

It is with keen regret and sadness that we must report the death of Tom Tarpley on 18 Dec 86 at his home in Columbus, GA from complications of diabetes. Services were scheduled at the Ft Benning Main Post Catholic Chapel and for



1944: Flynn, Wear and Cutrona at Flynn's, Glenwood Springs, CO

burial in the Post Cemetery. We send our sincere condolences to Trudy and their 3 sons.

An Oct ad in the *Wall Street Journal* offers "Hudson River Castle, begun 1905 on 92.7 acre wooded mountainside with views; 34,000 sf unfinished interior—\$2.25 million." We know it as "Dick's Folly." Any takers?

On 5 Nov a Class luncheon was held during a rainstorm at the Ft Myer Club. Of the 33 attending, all but one claimed to have voted in the election on the day before.

Some may recall that your scribe has promoted the concept of using a chartered ship from the East Coast cruise fleet for hq, accommodations, bar and party place during our 45th Reunion weekend at WP on 28-30 Sep 89. Tied up at South Dock, such promised infinitely more convenience for this gang, who will be 3 yrs older and maybe a little slower 3 yrs hence. (I can still do Tourist Trap at Vail, but 40 mi on the bus from the Holidome or some-such tires me to contemplate!) Recognizing that cruise ship schedules get in concrete long ahead, we prepared a Request For Bid Estimate for 3 (and 4) day jaunts from NYC to WP, harmonized with the reunion weekend schedule, little cruising. Submitted to 6, only two lines responded. Neither was interested in a 3 or 4 day jaunt, even if tacked onto either end of an autumn ship maintenance standdown; both offered only 7-day schedules. The least expensive was \$1,450, given our guarantee of 100% passenger booking; e.g., we would "buy the ship." Conclusion: the offers are not responsive to our needs, neither for duration nor for cost. I fold my hand. See you on the bus, maybe! GSOYP,A!

'45

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The Sun *New York Times* for 5 Oct 86 ran the comments of 3 experts concerning airline deregulation. Fred Thayer was one of the 3. Fred was concerned that the "bloodletting fare wars" are

preventing the carriers from performing proper maintenance or modernizing equipment. Tom McNeil, who sent me the clipping, remembered that he and Fred had a penthouse (the only one in Ft Worth) in the late 40s for a yr. Tom said that nothing ever happened that Fred did not feel compelled to comment on.

Andy Carhartt spent most of 86 as interim pastor of a Presbyterian church in Casper, WY. Andy had planned to be the interim pastor of a church in Maitland, South Australia during 87. In Oct, however, Jinny had some severe reactions to medication that she had been taking. They therefore cancelled plans to go to Australia and returned to Boulder, CO where they are now living at 4737 McKinley Dr, 80303.

Marty Brewer and Stu Stabley each sent me a clipping from the Oct 86 *AIR FORCE* magazine which contained a most complimentary and well-deserved article about Jack Broughton. The article reviews *Thud Ridge*, Jack's classic account of F-105 ops in SE Asia recently reprinted in paperback by Bantam. It also gave the highlights of Jack's career: 23 yrs in fighters, 114 combat missions in Korea, leader of Thunderbirds, and dep cmdr of the 355th Tac Fighter Wing in SE Asia, where he flew nearly 100 missions, one of a few to be hit by a SAM and survive and one of a few to win the AF Cross.

Marty's letter also told about a great 3-wk tour that he & Jane had in Aug-Sep. They visited Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Leningrad. He said all were spectacular except the USSR. "If they are selling tourism in that country, then the word hasn't gotten down to the working level yet—we were treated rather shabbily."

Minutes of the Class bd of gov mtg on 29 Oct included the following items: responses to mini-reunion in Las Vegas had 67 who will attend, 60 maybe, and 74 who cannot. Pres Dick West reminded all that 45th Reunion is scheduled for weekend of 6 Oct 90 at WP and the Duke football game. A proposal was made to memorialize deceased classmates in the WP Memory Book rather than trying to publish obits in *ASSEMBLY*. Any donation will establish a page in the book located in the USMA library and consisting of 23 leather-bound vols. The bd voted to make a donation for each of our deceased classmates not already in the book along with our 4 classmates killed during air tng as cadets and thus establish a page in the book for each.

Jim Morris wrote from Columbus, GA. Son Jim IV married Clare at WP Cadet Chapel. They had met at grad school at U of SC prior to young Jim's asgmt as a Tac at WP. Jim's mother, age 91, enjoyed the luncheon given for the '45 mothers at Army Distaff Hall. Thanks to our DC-area wives for this thoughtful event. In



1945: McQuarries, Hillmans, Morris, McCunniffs at Jim Morris IV wedding

early Nov Lee & Jim were guests of Hal & Julie Moore in Auburn, AL. While there they saw Auburn beat Cincinnati U in football, had lunch with the Auburn ROTC unit, and noted that Hal & Julie look fine. Hal had that morning run in a 5K race besting many who were 10 yrs younger. The 5 Class members in Columbus have lunch about every mo or so. They include Jim, Hutchinson, Boettcher, Hinman, and Harry Kelly.

Art Fridl had a 17-day trip to Japan, Singapore, Thailand, and Hong Kong this fall. He saw Tommy (HC) Jones' Disneyland in Tokyo—wonderful; visited Johnny's Gems in Bangkok; and ran into Doug Kenna in Hong Kong and Tokyo. Art said, "Ask Doug about losing luggage and trying to find a pair of size 12 shoes in the land of little people." Doug & Jean had also been to Bali and China on their trip. Art asks if classmates have obtained USMA '45 car tags in all 50 states. He has DE and knows that NJ and CT are covered.

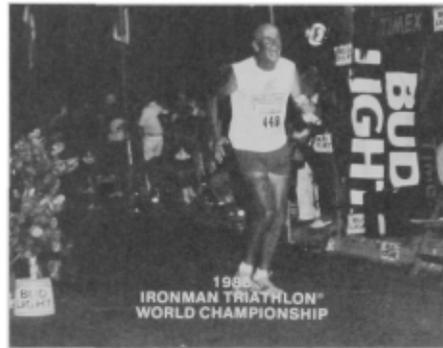
Rolfe Hillman sent me an excerpt of a story published in *ESQUIRE* issue of Jun 86 called *The Captain's Wife*. It was written by James Salter whose name has been changed from James Horowitz of cadet days. It had a picture of Jim on wing of his fighter plane in HI in 47.

Hap Argo sent me the schedule of social events for the DC area. Men's monthly luncheons are held in Sec Army's Dining Room, 3C664 Pentagon. Dates are 11 Mar, 8 Apr, 13 May, 10 Jun, 8 Jul, 12 Aug, 9 Sep, 14 Oct, 10 Nov and 9 Dec. All dates are 2nd Wed except Nov. For all of us out-of-towners, call Hap Argo NLT 9 am day of luncheon at 823-8400 (off) or 780-5895 (home).

The passing parade. Dale Mahan died in St Louis on 11 Oct. He leaves a daughter in St Charles, MO. Del Del Vecchio died in Silver Spring, MD on 23 Nov. His widow Carolyn is at 11700 Old Columbia Pike, #2115, Silver Spring, MD 20904. Jim Hamilton died of a heart attack in West Chester, PA on 21 Oct. Jim was buried at WP. A number of classmates were there. Chuck Curtis gave a fine eulogy at the Old Post Chapel, along with a eulogy given by one of their 8 children. Classmates present included

Benson, Flum, Kenna, Halligan, Morris, Al Thompson, Lessey, Velie, Jim Holcomb, and Curtis. Earl Fuqua died in Pleasant Hill, CA on 15 Nov. His widow remains at their home. Our sympathy goes out to the families of all of these.

Larry Fox did it again. He completed the Ironman triathlon world championship in Kona, HI in Oct and this time came in 5th of those in the 60-64 age gp allowing him to make the awards stand. Congratulations, Larry!



1945: Larry Fox at finish of triathlon

Les & Audrey Ayers completed their Peace Corps tour in Feb. After that they plan to tour South America again, and then in Sep return to Guatemala as retirees but also continue to help on projects they started. Les' status report on their projects



1945: Ayerses' Peace Corps project in Guatemala

said that the school bldg built with '45 contributions is a good-looking structure that is earthquake proof, vermin proof, insect proof and nearly childproof. They have over 6000 sq ft of floor space which includes two large classrooms, a multi-purpose room, two bathroom stalls, a shower, a small storeroom, and a large kitchen. Construction costs were about 1/4 of US costs and only 1/2 of typical AID costs in the area. The children all send thanks. The CARE food storage and dental clinic bldg is also finished but wasn't equipped as of the end of 86. In Nov the cornerstone of the jr HS bldg was laid. From Sep 87 on Audrey & Les look forward to hosting any classmates who visit Fraijanes.

Christmas Card news. Jim & Nancy

Munson's card shows the family tree with roots in MA and branches in NY, VA, NC, and TX. Fay & Yole Worthington heard from Al & Ma Su Muehlke who are still wandering around Europe with no immediate plans to come home. Clair Whitney is ret from Boeing on 1 Jan. Skip & George Hoge had a nice visit from Duncan, Rina, 3 boys, and two retriever pups. Skip keeps up with bridge and George takes care of the horses and the farm. Dick & Joan Jett are expecting all kids for Christmas. Dick is now fully recovered from bypass surgery. Peg & Dave Fink planned to be in northern VA for holidays where Sarah and JP are hosting family reunion with all except Mary expected to be there. Peg heard that Petey Woolley is recovering from a brain tumor. Ras & Martha Rasmussen welcomed their newest grandchild, Caroline, for a 3-wk visit after her return from Burma. Kai and family are now settled in Arlington. Steve Day developed an arhythmic heart condition and Marilyn had a foot op.

Mac McDaniel plans to marry Peggy Woodruff by summer. Mac says she is a lovely widow from Atlanta who has grown children. Bill & Johnni McNamee said the only earthshaking event of 86 was the departure from the college scene of their youngest, Pat. Bill



1945: Bill McNamee

continues teaching school and his latest yrbook picture doesn't show a guy ready for ret. Norwood & Pauline Robinson had a terrific Christmas card with 5 gp photos. The two of them and each of their 4 children with their families were pictured. Nell & Ran Preston had an eventful yr. Sue was married and Ran had a bout with leukemia which is now in full remission. Hank & Nancy Starkey are enjoying life in FL. Bob & Janis Krebs planned to be in Ger with son Rob for the holidays. Son Bill is now a stockbroker and daughter Jan and family remain in Norfolk. Marion & John Myron say that with youngest son Jim married in Nov that all their children are now married and the grandchild count is at 5. Tom Longino ran into Barney Dailey in front of the Ft Gordon PX. Henrietta & Rupe Jernigan flew to Omaha for a couple of wks with Lynn and family over the

holidays. They saw **Van & Bunny Foster** at a couple of cocktail parties in the Fayetteville, NC area. Van looks 10 yrs younger than most of us and is now teaching HS in the area. **Bob & Sophie Herron** planned to have two sons, two daughters and one grandson with them at Christmas. Bob is teaching political science and history at Ft Gordon. **Wynne & Rock McBride** had a ball at the Army-TN football game there in Knoxville. They planned to see all 4 children for the holidays. **Mick & Senator Mary-Jane McMurdo** ask all of us to write our Senators and Congressman to urge that Ft DeRussy be retained for the Armed Services as a Pacific Recreation Area. (Although the Armed Services Comm is for this, the HI delegation led by Senator Inouye wants to turn it into a convention center.) **Faye & Jake Bennet** said 73% of NY Yacht Club America II money came from Ft Worth, TX. (Did you know that, Pops?)

Have an outstanding 87 and please send me your news.

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(161) From the opening play you first thought—here we go again—until the fumble! Navy never overcame that, never led, and it was real sweet! Here's to more of the same, not to mention winning the Commander's trophy as well.

In late Nov 86 I received my beautiful 40th Yearbook. It's certainly a winner. In Dec **Buck Buckingham** called to say that all have been mailed and if yours has not been received by now, contact him. In addition, if you did not order a copy and would now like to, there are some 50-60 extra available. Just mail Buck \$50 made out to "USMA Class of 1946" and he'll send it off. Buck will once again ret, this time on 15 Jan 87. He also said his youngest just graduated from VPI (Dec 86).

It is that time of yr when **Jim Loom** mails me the poop sheets filled out by classmates as they sign up for the roster maintained by the Wash Class gp. My first items come from other poop he sent. Jim's son James married Lori Ross on 23 Aug 86 in Falls Church, VA. Young Jim graduated from CO State, served 2 1/2 yrs with the Peace Corps in Costa Rica, and attended the Harvard Bus School. Jim mailed a very interesting article from the *Washington Post* (18 Oct 86) concerning the Center for Strategic and Intl Studies, whose pres is **Amos Jordan**. The Center advisers include some very well known former high level govt officials, such as **Henry Kissinger**, just to name one.

The next item concerns a change in exec dir for the Army Distaff Founda-

tion. On 1 Jul 86 **Cal Benedict** succeeded **BG Michael JL Greene '41** in that post. Cal had been involved in real estate ventures in DC prior to his selection. The "Bugle Call" newsletter for Distaff mentioned the almost no-waiting list for C or D apts. If you know someone interested get in touch with Cal or Jim.

Now for classmates signup sheet poop. No addresses will be mentioned if they are the same as in the current *REGISTER*. **Cornelius McMillan** stated that **Wes & Mildred Posvar** were hosts for a luncheon held in Raleigh, NC on 13 Sep 86 the day of the UN State-Pitt game. Alumni of Pitt, members of the chancellor's staff and 3 '46 classmates were present: Mac, his wife and **Jim Paschall** and **Lou Creveling** and their wives, all now living in NC.

On 22 Sep 86 **Dick Gruenther** helped **George Patton** take his boat to Chesapeake. He also attended funerals of **Wayne Anderson** and **John Nance**. The mention of John's death brings to mind info I did not have available when the Dec 86 *ASSEMBLY* news went to AOG. John's widow **Claire** has been in a nursing home since Jan 86. John died 8 Aug and had been too ill to work for quite awhile. Her address: **Corydon Nursing Home**, 315 Corydon-N, Middletown Rd, Corydon, IN 47112.

**Al Torgerson** stated that the ring program is doing fine. Two classmates have already benefited by the plan and two are on the list. Al would be glad to hear from anyone now in possession of an extra ring or classmate's ring they are prepared to part with.

**George & Lynn Webb** report: son **Peter** (1st LT Inf) finishing tour in Europe; son-in-law **Dan Cummings** ('83, 1st LT Engr) also finishing a similar tour; daughter **Mary** a nurse in Army's Heidelberg 130th Station Hosp; son **George III** an atty in Manassas, VA; daughter **Heather** a Red Cross nurse; son **Matt** with **Braddock Title Ins Co** in Manassas; daughter **Geneva** finishing at **James Madison U**; son **James** killed in an auto accident Dec 85 and his father died in May 86, so his mother is now living at home with **George & Lynn**.

**Reuben Pomerantz** is building a new home at Boca West in Boca Raton, FL. Spends over half his time in FL, but will keep home in MD for the present. **Ed Joseph** reports their 3rd grandchild, and 1st grandson, **Benjamin**, was born to **Dave & Karen Joseph** on 13 May 86. Also his zip is 22071, not 91.

**Ray Thayer** hosted **Connors, Drinkwaters, Lenzners, Robinsons** and **Sadlers** at his beach cottage in DE for a long weekend immediately following reunion. He said they viewed Bob's home movies of a Class party at Bliss in mid-50s. **Joe & Barbara McKinney** share grandparent responsibilities with **Connie & Bud Sterling** upon the arrival of

**Richard Archer Sterling**, son of **Cathy (McKinney) & Jack Sterling '76** on 19 Mar 86. **Dave Bryant** reports that his son, **Dave Jr**, married **Robin Tarlow** in Boston on 24 Aug 86. **Bob Williams** reports that son #3, **John**, graduated from dental school, U of TN, in Jun, married **Lisa Taylor** 19 Jul 86 and is now at Vanderbilt working on an MBA.

**Judd Schulke** was hospitalized to have a double hernia repaired and right after he got out of the hosp **Delores** broke her arm. Both are now recovering nicely. **Clint Friend**, who acted as his own general contractor, moved into his new house in FL on 31 Jul 86, when it was 94% complete (apt lease ran out). Address: 1115 Carrigan Blvd in Merritt Isl; Tel: 305-453-5425. He called to say he has an 8x10 of the C-2 gp taken at **Buckner** in May. Anyone wishing a copy should contact **Clint**. He also mentioned that **Zeke Jordan, Larry Gordon, Keith Ball** and **Hal Stirling** live nearby.

**Stan Fair** reports their 3rd grandson **Benjamin** was born to his son **Stan Jr** & wife on 29 Jul 86 in Clearwater, FL. **Gran Rouillard** moved from Rochester, NY to VA in Feb 86 sometime after ret from **Lawyers Co-Op Publishing**. **Bob & Betty Richmond** spent the wk of 8-12 Sep 86 with **Ken & Jo Barlow** at their time sharing place in Shipyard on Hilton Head Isl, SC. **Dick Beckner** ret from **Merrill Lynch** on 30 Sep 86 and **Donna** ret from **Capital Guide Force** on 31 Jul 86.

Last Sep 86 **Tom & Millie Provenzano** were hosts to the **Papatones, Pleusses, Ashtons, Derricks, Rovises, Carusos** and **Muir**s at a backyard picnic. **Bob Ahlers** reports his youngest son has graduated from college (May 86) and Bob's rep business is doing well in its 5th yr. **Kyle Bowie** planned to go to Scotland this past Oct for 2 wks. **Ben Landis** reports that on 7 Jul 86 he started his own business, **Law Office Consulting Group Inc**, in DC and he's already profitable.

The Wash contingent had its first gathering of the 86-87 season at Ft Myer Club, 7 Nov. They have about 6 dinners or luncheons each yr; each occasion hosted by members of a former cadet co. This affair was hosted by A-2 with **Duke Wolf** handling the admin aspects and **Dick Stone** the entertainment. They had over 80 guys & gals by going beyond the traditional cocktail and dinner format by including entertainment which was "by popular demand" a repeat of the **Nostalgia Nite** presentation of the 35th reunion. They danced to taped original big band music of the 40s, and the highlight of the evening was the composite film of newsreels from the 43-46 era featuring Army vs Notre Dame and Navy games, exchange weekends at Annapolis and our graduation. The film is available for use at Class functions by contacting **Dick Stone**. **Gina Sinclair**, a weekend guest of **Nancy & Dave Bryant**, was able to join the gp.

**Duke Wolf** has had published by the Sunflower U Press, Manhattan, KS his book *The Infantry Brigade in Combat* which describes the crushing of the 1968 Viet Cong/North Vietnamese Summer Offensive. The book includes combat photos and tactical maps.

On 6 Nov 86 **Tom Campbell** died of a massive heart attack shortly after he ret for the evening. He & **Dorothy** had



1946: Jerry & Erma Bowman

returned home from seeing the musical *Camelot*. Dot was downstairs watching TV when she became aware of a problem upstairs with Tom. A surgeon and next door neighbor were immediately contacted, but could not revive Tom with CPR. Tom was at one time chm of the Atlanta Crime Commission. Dot's address: 2515 Dellwood Dr NW, Atlanta 30305. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Dot and her family. The Campbells have two sons, Tom III and Gray, and a daughter Margaret.

Incidentally, **Spider Reed** called me the day after Tom died and also sent me the obit. He and Tom, along with **AR "Bill" Moore** were roommates at WP and were all living in Atlanta at the time of Tom's death. Spider is pres of his own co involved with hotel and conference room dev. Bill is with Dean Witter. I also understood Spider to say that our cadet Chaplain Walthour is in Atlanta and may have given the memorial services.

In Dec I received two interesting pieces of info from **Rob Rufsvold**. He mailed a copy of Bob Levey's *Washington Post* column of 17 Dec 86. It seems that during A-N game (Levey's words) "Army was in the process of crunching Navy. . ." (I love it) and a Kathryn Miller (no relationship to our Class or necessarily either academy) went to the ladies' room and upon leaving inadvertently left her expensive camera and lens on the shelf. When she got back to her seat she realized, to her regret, what she had done. She immediately returned and, as expected, the worst had happened—no camera in sight. She almost didn't bother with lost and found—this is after all 1986. But just in case a military crowd is different, she did and guess what—it had been turned in. It is not known who returned it, but both services can be proud that a fan at their game was

so public spirited. Would it have happened at a Redskin game, asked Levey? I think, as did Rob, this was worth telling the Class.

**Rob** has had 2 sculpture pieces selected for a "Sculpture to Touch" exhibit that was judged by sculptor Lila Katzen of NY and Harold Snider, a specialist for the Smithsonian in installations for the visually handicapped who is himself unsighted. "Impact III," steel and concrete, will be at the New Art Center, DC and Loyola College, Baltimore while "Fighting Stallions," made entirely of horse shoes discarded by the Caisson Plt, 3rd Inf, Ft Myer will be at Library for the Blind in the Martin Luther King Library in DC during period 4 Mar to 26 Apr 87.

I have included the photo from **George & Joanne Patton's** Christmas card. Their yr had both happy and sad events. Their 1st grandchild Robert Patton was born 31 Mar 86 to Bob & Vicki in Darien, CT. Joanne's mother, invalided at the time, was able to express her happiness at being a great-grandparent for the first time, but, unfortunately, passed away quietly a few days later. Joanne's parents would have celebrated their 55th anniv on 7 Jun, the day that Joanne's sister Marian selected to marry Richard Roberson, LTC, USA ret and their dad insisted the event go as planned. GEN Holbrook, soon thereafter, went in for a 3rd total hip replacement which was a success, but the day he got home he had an unexpected embolism and died (as previously reported) on 1 Jul 86. The Pattons are happy that their daughter Sister Margaret Georgina had a successful experience in Mainz studying psychology; that their son George Jr was selected to represent MA in 87 Intl Special Olympics in horsemanship; daughter Helen performed as Regan in *King Lear*, Royal Academy's London stage; Ben's summer in Spain and foreign affairs studies at GU. The yr did end with a fire at the farm on 8 Dec, but all lives were spared and most of the home survived. Yes, they had quite a yr.



1946: The Pattons

**Kibbey & Peggy Horne's** card brings the news that he had a book published: *Chinese Food for the Modern Marco Polo*. It's about regional types of food and how to read a menu in Chinese. His

students in Taiwan use it as a primer to learn the characters. After the 40th they toured Cape Cod with her sister and brother-in-law **Bob & Ione Evans**. On Kibbey's regular trip to the Far East he toured Tibet for 2 wks. He was almost caught in two avalanches and had to sleep in a room with 8 Tibetans.

**George & Jean MacDonald** sent two photos taken during reunion. Daughter Cassie has returned from 6 mos in Ger which she visited after her college graduation in 86. George participated in the USMA Alumni hockey game also in 86. He has applied to U of MI to be a doctoral candidate in marketing. He's still running. One photo is of the three **Crowleys** associated with the Class—x-46 Bob, Bob and Ed. They had never been photographed together before. For details about each see p 44 of our 40th Reunion Book. The second photo is of 4



1946: Bob, Bob and Ed Crowley

'46 hockey players: Ed Crowley, George MacDonald, **Oliver Moses** and **Ed Drinkwater**. George said, "Old hockey



1946: Old hockey players together

players never die, they just fade into reunion sunshine."

'47

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Please note the "new" address above. It is the same house but we have now been incorporated into the city!

Morris Herbert, Sec & Dir of Alumni Records, AOG, is attempting to locate accurately everyone in our Class. It

would be very helpful if you would send changes in your address to the AOG and to me also. We have about 12 to 15 missing who presumably have failed to do this. Morris informs me that **Al Van Petten** is back living at 2005 Fantero Ave, Escondido, CA 92025 after returning from HI. He is married but unfortunately, has gone blind. I know the CA contingent will be available to help out if needed.

Thanks go to all who promptly wrote or called me to say that they were absolutely sure that the "unk" of several issues ago is Dick Morton '49. I apologize that I gave no one an individual personal response because of the many completion deadlines that I had to make recently with *ASSEMBLY*, 40th Reunion YB, Christmas cards, etc. No excuse, Sir!

**Willy Munroe** stopped by overnite on his trip home to Tucson from ME in Oct. We had a great visit despite Volvo car difficulties while he was here or in the vicinity.

The **Steinborns** checked in with some Reunion pictures; their son Jim will graduate from CSU on 16 May 87; so they will be committed certainly to fly back to WP for reunion rather than drive. Both **Bernie Abrams** and the **Icklers** sent in photos showing them and **George Bland** and the **Delistratys** in attendance for the 1986 Blue Spader (26th Inf) Re-



1947: Delistraty and Boerger



1947: Marge & Andy Anderson



1947: Reunion Comm Aug 86

fatigue supposedly built up in the long meeting. Tom & Barbara were wed on 4 Oct 86 in Santa Monica. Barbara, as are all of our "Girls who come up in Jun," is gracious, intelligent and attractive.



1947: Bill Coghill on a last inspection



1947: Blue Spaders

union held in Carmel-by-the-Sea in Sep. They, of course, were all in the 26th Inf Div in Bamberg together on first assignments as 2d LTs. Much fun was had at Heidi Boerger (Frank) and Mike Rodriguez wedding 2 Aug 86. Heidi reports that it was a perfect day and that she wore the Class garter. It's obvious, from the picture, that **John Delistraty** and **Frank Boerger** enjoyed themselves.

**Marion Steininger** is keeping the men closely organized in coordinating activities in preparation for our 40th Reunion. She held a NE coast comm meeting with dinner at her home in Westport, CT in Aug. The hard workers shown are **Dick McAdoo**, **Marion**, soon-to-be-wed **Barbara & Tom Flattery**, **Dolores & John Novomesky**, **Mockie & Mike Maloney**. Their displayed mirth belies the great



1947: 4 Oct 86—wedding day for Tom & Barbara Flattery

**Bobbi Geraci**, as semi-official family, church and Class photographer, took the picture of **Marge & Andy Anderson** in front of their home in CO Springs in Sep 86. Marge & Andy keep fit hiking, in and up and down, the Rocky Mt range. I am overwhelmed with news about the **Coghills**. In Jun 86 **Bill & Gerry** had tea at 10 Downing St. They were among the 5,791 winners (actually Gerry was the winner and selected Bill as her escort) in the British Airways "Go For It, America" contest to receive tickets to London. A highlight of the trip, of course, occurred when Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher served tea and cakes, and then conducted a tour of her residence. The Coghills spent 9 days in England and 5 days in France viewing the trooping of the color on

Queen Elizabeth's 60th birthday, taking a trip to Sussex in southern England and going to Shrewsbury, where Bill's father spent his youth. In Paris, they visited the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, Les Invalides, Sacre Coeur, Champs Elysees, the Louvre and Notre Dame and later went to Versailles and the Loire Valley. I know that some of you noted Gerry & Bill munching cucumber sandwiches with Mrs. Thatcher on USA TV coverage.

The **Reckmeyers** visited AK in Jul to catch a 60-lb King Salmon with the **Coghills**. What a story! It is not official until I receive separate pictures from both sources. **Nelda & Jim Fraser**, on a tour, visited Coghills also later in Jul. I think we all need to try our luck up in AK.

The 27 Nov 86 *Lubbock AJ* presented an excellent half-page article on **Brent Scowcroft** on the occasion of his appointment by President Reagan to investigate the "Arms to Iran" incidents. Most of the news that follows comes from "early-bird" Christmas cards. **Bobbi & I** departed the middle of Dec to AL to visit daughter Martha/Greg and the grandkids, so this column again had to be composed and was shipped in early. Don't despair; the YB is on schedule. In fact, in Mar when you get to read this issue, you will be able to have your YB. A letter about the YB will have been sent out to all of you on or about 1 Feb.

The **Burners** report meeting the **Buehlers** in Ann Arbor for one of their periodic dinner get-togethers in Sep. **June** also called in Dec still trying to help out with the YB. Compared to other recent yrs, the **Duquemins** did little

traveling this yr, only going up to WP for a football game and in Nov, a short visit to San Antonio. Their son, David, was on TDY to the Far East over the holidays; so **Patt & Duke** flew to Monterey, CA to be with daughter Peggo & husband for Christmas. We were hoping and praying that the **Halligans** would be able to return to WP for our 40th Reunion, but **Marilyn** says that, although **Bob** is holding his own in 86, he probably won't be strong enough for the trip back in 87. I promised Marilyn that the first YB gets sent to Bob. **Dick McAdoo** states that he spent Thanksgiving again with daughter Carolyn & husband Ahmed and 5-yr old Noele in Novato, CA. **Mahlums** and **Faiths**, working hard on their volunteer reunion tasks, have sent a picture to vouch for all the work they are performing. They are shown in the WP NCO Club parking lot after making arrangements for Class picnic.



1947: Mahlums and Faith

**Bill Mahlum** took early ret in 86 so that now their new address is (summer) PO Box 377, Springfield Center, NY 13468 and (winter) 31 Peregrine Crossing, The Landings, Savannah, GA 31411. Here, in Lubbock, we have summer and winter all year around. Their first grandson, **Robert William Bartlett**, was born 29 Dec 85. **G.G. Kent** sent news about his hometown, expanding Silverdale, up there close to Seattle. **Dorothy** presumably had taken son **Daniel** (attending Charles Wright Academy in Tacoma) to Disneyland while **G.G.** was left at home to go handshaking with the bear in the Christmas picture. **George Bland** had recently changed his address to 5309



1947: Which one is the bear?

Huntmaster Drive, Apt B, Midlothian, VA 23113. He is managing a ret home complex in the area. It will be nice if we all look as young and handsome as **George** does in the picture taken on his 64th birthday, when we hit that age.



1947: George Bland

I wonder how many others are planning extended auto or cruise trips in connection with the travel back to WP for reunion? **Marge & Andy Anderson** will be traveling through the Panama Canal and soaking up the Caribbean sun prior to attending reunion. **Mary & Jim Colburn** are very happy to be back in Denver where they continue to make short 4-wheel vehicle tours throughout CO. Let me commend **Jim** for taking **Mary** on the narrow gauge railroad trip from **Durango** to **Silverton**. **Doris Peckham** says she is slowly adjusting to **Bob's** ret last summer from U of GA. However, **Bob** is still working and teaching here and there as many of you have done after "final" ret. I am including a picture of Grandfather **Bob** here because it did not make the YB. **Betty & Bill**



1947: Peckham with granddaughter Elizabeth

**Conger** are looking forward to another trip in the direction of WP in May. Last May, their itinerary included PA, Boston, Bar Harbor, ME, VT, Montreal, Lake George, WP and then Greensboro, NC.

Take care. Get ready now for reunion. Two last comments just in: **Bill Webb** writes that he has been helping **Al Haig** since Apr 86 in **Al's** Political Action Committee—which was organized to permit **Al** to help Republican candidates in the Nov 86 elections. Those over, it

appears that **Al** will announce his candidacy for the Presidency probably in Mar 87. **Perry Gainey** has hosted a fundraiser for **Al**, and others have contributed money. **Bill** says that anyone wanting to help **Al** can write, and as time moves on, he may ask our Class to help. **Pat & Al** have plans now to attend our reunion in May. The **Littlestone's** nest is emptying: **Rick** and **Laurel** are in Denver now working for **TRW** and **Hughes** respectively. **Nanette** has transferred to **Bakersfield**, CA although still working for the same atty. But **Mark**, now six-ft two, remains at home, sometimes, as **Jr** at **UC Berkeley**. **Dick** and **Mark** went "Space A" to Europe last summer and planned a Far East trip over the holiday period. I offered to take **Doris** to **AK!**

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**Lyle & Virginia Walter** checked in with a newsy letter from Tucson reporting on the marriage of son **Eric** to new bride **Loni—Austy & Al Pabst** helped them celebrate. Shortly following the wedding the **Walters** took off on a 6-wk trip to the southeastern US seeing **Jane & Bud Waggoner** and **Toni & Jack Miller** on the way to their time share at **Orlando** and **Epcot Center**.

The Class letter notifying everyone of the reunion plans brought some news from a lot of you. **RO Barton** sent his congratulations to **Jim Dingeman** on becoming Class pres noting that "the job pays well." **Charlie French** sends his advance thanks to the reunion comm on his co notepaper with logo from the Basic Distribution Corp (motors, drives and controls, electrical construction materials), "Nelson French, President." The **French's** Christmas card says, "Have a shocking xmas & an X-static New Year"—are all electrical wholesalers like this? Very impressive, **Charlie!** I bet you haven't told your staff that you wore overshoes in "juice" lab.

**Bill Bandeen** wrote that he planned to come to the reunion and reports the sad news that their son **Kevin** received serious second degree flash burns over 70% of his body from coming in contact with a high voltage power line. **Kevin** will require up to 2 yrs outpatient treatment, but we're glad to hear that the prognosis for long term recovery is good. Finally, **Ashby Foote** also checks in from **El Paso** using co stationery (I didn't have the envelope so can't tell if he used their meter too), reporting that everything is fine; they enjoy the climate (it does beat that in your home in MS) and that daughter **Cissy Anklam** lives in **Alexandria, VA** where they hope to visit during the coming yr. Our own **Ashby** is Asst VP, **Bus Dev, TX Natl Bank**, and his post-

script says the bank is not making any oil loans. Ash, why didn't you say anything about Happy and son Ashby and family?

**Frank & Jolene Robinson** (we remember him as "Lem" in the old days) wrote from San Diego and sent a great picture of a Class party at **John & Pat Withers'** place on Coronado Isl with **Austy & Al Pabst, Lucille & Hank Stelling, and Patt & Bill Byers**. You all look great, although I must say the ladies look far better than you balding old men. Later in the yr



1948: Robinsons, Pabsts, Stellings, Byerses and Witherses at Witherses' home

Hank Stelling sent a Christmas card and reported that he & Lucille had a mini-reunion 18 Dec at the Velvet Turtle in Long Beach, CA with other '48ers **Bill & Betty Cook, Bill & Patt Byers, Jack & Ginnie Myers**. I don't want to confess my ignorance, but what is the Velvet Turtle?—it sounds like one of those places we visited in Juarez on the 1st class trip.

**Dick Stein** sent a note from his current digs in Baltimore, MD. Dick says he also had his ring stolen like **Alice Cockerham** reported in the Sep issue. When looking around for entrepreneurs to replace it he had an outlandish bid from **Bailey, Banks & Biddle** for \$750. Dick declined even though he acknowledged he was an "internationally known philanthropist." Dick, we will look forward to some of that philanthropy in support of the Class Ski Lodge expansion. Dick reports that he is heading up a quasi-public corp responsible for the redevelopment of 250 acres of downtown Baltimore and has raised \$300 million so far.

**Punk Hartnell** let us know that he still resides in Lincoln, IL and life is moving at too fast a pace for him. In recent mos he has travelled to TX to see younger son Steve, and then to see the Pences '46 in Albuquerque, NM, back to Milwaukee for Thanksgiving; then all 3 children joined him for Christmas in IL; and finally off to Wash, DC for the annual Class party 14 Feb. That is quite a fast pace, Punk, and if we were as old as you, in as bad shape, and as smart as we are, we would recommend you slow down.

**Pat & Jack Osteen, John & Anne Bellinger, Bob & Dolly Petersen** were all at the Cloister Hotel near Savannah, GA for the Sea Isl Invitational tennis

tournament. The men were all competing in the tournament—reliable reports on the results indicate that **Ivan Lendl's** #1 ranking was never in any danger.

Further news from **Tom Bowen** up in the Artic at Buffalo, NY. Tom is pres and CEO of Buffalo Truck Sales & Service, Inc. **Bob Mathis** is pres and chm of the bd of Eagle Mount, a foundation located in Bozeman, MT which provides summer and winter programs for the disabled, and early intervention programs for disabled infants, pre-schoolers and their parents. **Lou Schalk** reported that he has been operating full-time in the commercial brokerage bus since leaving Rockwell and the aerospace bus in 74. Skiing, hunting and fishing are still his passions and "when snow is on the ground, a weekend at the family owned townhouse in Hidden Valley, PA is a certainty." Wish that we all looked as good and were in as great shape as you, Lou. While we're talking about skiers,



1948: Lou Schalk on the slopes

**Bob Ward** returned from his annual winter sojourn in ski country (he didn't break his leg this yr) and reported seeing **Lake & Jimi Churchill** in Salt Lake City. Lake has been Dir of Security for the past 10 yrs for all 10 offices of United Savings & Loan.

Received a newsy Christmas card from **Tom & Barbara Clark** in Las Vegas. Their family is widely scattered with Tommy and family in Stuttgart, Kathy in Nurenburg, and Chris with Paine-Weber in CO Springs. Tom & Barbara reported on their trip to the PRC, Korea and Hong Kong. Barbara says Tom was the oldest man on the tour but the only one who climbed all the way to the top of the Great Wall. We would expect nothing less from a '48er, Tom, for after all it was we who were nurtured on the Crow's Nest runs of '44-'45.

'48 had quite a contingent at the Boston College-Army football game. Those who reported in as having a fine time include **Jack & Pat Osteen, and Jack Kastris** who said he saw **Jim & Florrie Tuthill** and family, and **WW & Dusty Scott** who were undoubtedly checking out the quarters they just left to be sure they were being kept up properly. Way to go Scotty! We know there were others



1948: The Clarks at the Great Wall

there at the same time but they didn't report in.

**Jim & Sylvia Dingeman** took an extended trip out west to HI and then worked their way back east reporting on classmates they saw along the way. Jim said the purpose of the trip was to visit the "Troops" (that's the way the Class pres refers to the rest of us). Actually, if the truth were known, the real purpose was free lodging and meals. After seeing their son in the 25th Div in HI, all the '48ers in the area had dinner together—**Phil & Carolyn Whitney** and **Al & Jane Alfonso** were there. Phil is still into diamonds and active in 40 Plus while Al is financially wheeling and dealing to support his habit of getting his golf handicap down to zero. In Albuquerque, NM they saw **Ed Nelson** who is selling his physics talent to the govt or anyone else willing to pay, and **Stan & Corky Thevenet**—Stan continues to break insurance sales records while running his own financial mgt consulting bus; **Arnie & Kit Sargeant** are running a bed & breakfast in a wonderful old adobe house in the Rio Grande valley. On to



1948: Dingeman and Sargeant at Sargeant's bed & breakfast

San Diego where Jim spoke to **Bill Byers, Frank Robinson** and **Buck Borg**. Bill's engr firm keeps him happy; Frank is pres of a co and in final negotiations to sell it off to General Dynamics, Buck is a prof of political science at the U of San Diego where his students tell him his State Dept experience is ancient history. In Tucson, the **Jim McCrays** and **Lyle Walters** are happy as clams (little water out there). Lyle has a new mortgage

outfit going and has plenty of money to lend. While speeding through TX, Jim called **Rod Saville** in Fredericksburg from a phone booth along I-10. **Wally & Nancy Williams** are doing well in Baton Rouge, LA and we understand Wally's back is doing better. Jim & Sylvia's final report is that they got good vibes from you all and '48 troops are really special. We second that sage observation.

Congratulations to **Pete & Lila Shively** on grandchild #4; that makes 2 granddaughters and 2 grandsons—Jocelyn Nadine was born 9 Dec to son Peter & Marie. Glad we finally got it right Lila! Hey guys and gals—you have not exactly inundated me with news since **Jim Macklin** and I have been in this bus. There's just so much huffing and puffing I can do with the scant tidbits that come my way. The dynamics of this process is that there is less than one mo between when you read this column and the next one gets put to bed. So, you need to get your oars promptly back into the stream or you'll be left at the dock with news of you and your friends.

It is again with a heavy heart and deep regret that I report the passing of some of our beloved classmates—**Bill Travis** on 7 Oct in Wash, DC; **Steve Griffith** on 17 Nov in Alexandria, VA; and **Jim Richardson** on 20 Nov in Bogalusa, LA. Also **Grace, Don Deehan's** wife passed on—9 Dec in Vienna, VA. "In all thy ways think on him and he will direct thy steps." (Proverbs 3:6)

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**John Vogel** passed away in Springfield, IL on 14 Oct in a one-car accident near Elgin, IL. John resigned in 55; grad from law school at Loyola of Chicago in 63 and has been a lawyer in IL for the past 20 yrs. His brother Lawrence '42 is preparing the obituary and requests that any of John's classmates having helpful information to please forward it to him: COL (Ret) Lawrence W. Vogel, 10603 Springmann Dr, Fairfax, VA 22030.

**Ted Swett** passed on word of **Ray Drummond's** death as follows: "Bulldog" lost his battle with cancer of the pancreas on 22 Nov 86 and was buried in the Natl Cemetery at Ft Sam Houston in San Antonio on 25 Nov. The Class was represented by **Phil & Marg McMullen** from Englewood, CO; **Bob Orem** from Indianapolis and **Ted Swett** from Bethesda, MD. Phil, Bob and Ted joined 3 of Ray's CIA colleagues as honorary pallbearers. **Betty Drummond** can be reached at 308 Acorn St, New Braunfels, TX 78130. The Class extends its deep sympathy to the Vogel family and to the Drummond family; Betty, Paula, David, Debbie and Mark, as these two class-

mates take their place in the Long Gray Line.

I received several letters which ordinarily would have arrived in time for my last column but due to my ret and move, I submitted the column early. I apologize to the writers.

**Rigor Morton's** picture appeared in the Sep issue of *ASSEMBLY* on pg 103 with the Class of '47 notes captioned UNK and in the column it asked if anyone could identify this character. Rigor reports that the picture was taken when he was a Ger teacher at USMA circa 1956 and how or why it turned up in the '47 column is a mystery, and he is too much alive to be labeled an UNK soldier. He debated whether a lawsuit was in order or perhaps attaching the '47 Class Fund; but after due consideration abandoned those ideas. On a more sober note, Rigor's mother, a widow from the Class of '23, died this past summer and **Maryanne & Rigor** have been busy straightening out her affairs.

**Susie Steel** wrote from Ft Myers, FL where the Steels moved in Apr 86 from Norcross, GA. **Jim** had some vascular leg problems necessitating surgery from which he has recovered; but that gave the Steels the impetus to finally build their dream home in Ft Myers. It's quite large with room for visitors if any of you get down that way—with 8 grandchildren they wanted to make sure they could handle the mob. Their home is on a canal where they dock their 26 ft boat; they've joined the Power Sqdn and are taking courses in seamanship. **Susie** is still into knitting but is looking at lighter weight yarns for the FL area. She has a charted design for needlepoint of the '49 Class crest and will be happy to send it to other needlepoint enthusiasts if you write her at 392 Grenier Dr, N Ft Myers, FL 33903.

Quoted from **Ed Kostyniak's** letter: "Our son **Martin Kirk Long** was married on 9 Aug in Whitesboro, TX to **Cheri Louise Price** a granddaughter of COL **John M. Price '32**—it was a beautiful garden wedding. During the summer, **Zoe & I** motored to the Northeast visiting the Civil War battlefields in AR, MO, TN, VA, PA etc. . . . We wound up at the Trapp family lodge for a few days in Stowe, VT. . . motored to NM, visiting Civil War sites along the Rio Grande, finally locating the elusive Valverde battlefield." Ed is heavily into photography now, including some professional work.

**Arnie Winter** passed on word that **Bobby Jack Stuart** and **Jack Hammack** made a golfing trip to the West Coast this fall and **George Crall** got a few classmates together including **Bill Gustafson** and **Mike McNamee**. **Al Goering's** kids threw a great party to celebrate his 60th birthday—party was a surprise—the kids, who live near Al, called to say their house was full of water and Al came

charging over in his shorts to be greeted by 40 guests. **Dan McGurk's** family also celebrated his 60th with a party at the Los Angeles polo club.

**Bob Nulsen** passed on the picture of a recent Class get-together in NH at the Luebbert's home in Hanover. Pictured



1949: Class get-together in NH at Luebbert's'

are the **Chandlers, Nulsens, Peixottos, Luebberts** and **Kate Metzger—Hayes Metzger** was busy taking the picture. The **Chuck Wasons** and the **Ted Wagners**, other residents of NH, were unavailable the day of the get-together.

**Jack Rust** on his note states "first time ever" and that puts him one-up on a lot of you. Jack held a group session for **Collier Ross** and **Bill Bumpus** who were in Albuquerque on an Army Science Bd visit in late Oct. Jack had to use 2 pictures because **Tom Moses** sneaked out of the picture **Donna Rust** took and into the picture with her. Looks like a lot of muscle in the group, at least I think it's muscle. Jack also sent along a new ad-



1949: Get-together in Albuquerque

dress for **Bob Kemble** now living at 63 Pinon Hill Pl in Albuquerque—guess this means that Bob had ret from the presidency of Lamar U or else he has a long commute.

**Doc DeCorrevont** from Ft Smith, AR says there isn't a lot interesting happening there, except for good weather, good hunting, good fishing and an occasional classmate driving through town. Doc, however, has just set a record as the oldest candidate ever to receive the MBA degree from the U of AR. That happened in the summer of 86 and was a side effort to find a challenge and stay



1949: The group in Albuquerque

out of trouble—is that another way of saying that he was getting in **Peg's** way around the house? Doc didn't say but I wonder if he tried out for the soccer team there; no one would ever remember that he used all his eligibility—it's too long ago.

**Gene & Anne Mechling** have moved from Reston, VA to Easton on the eastern shore of MD. My first question to Gene was what effect this would have on his participation in ice hockey at which he is still active—the answer, Easton has an indoor rink. Gene deserves kudos from the Class for his handling of the scheduling for classmates helping in **Hill Dickinson's** exercise program—it appears that **Mel Agnew** will assume this responsibility. I know I speak for **Nancy & Hill** in thanking Gene for his efforts over the past several yrs. The Dickinsons have recently sold their home in NW Wash and moved to a townhouse just below the entrance to Ft Myer.

**Carl Fitz** has ret from the DNA but decided he wasn't ready for a full cutoff from work and has joined Physical Research Corp in the Annapolis area.

**Al English** has taken a prominent position in the formation of a new WP Soc in the Annapolis area, and they now have about 100 members including **Sid Colson**, **Pat Donahue**, **Al English**, **Carl Fitz**, **Marc Jartman** and **John Magnotti** with the writer and **Gene Mechling** in the process. Al's activities led me to take a look at the offs of other societies and found the following classmates active in 86: **Harry Griffith**—pres, Wash DC; **Arnie Winter**—treas, LA; **Joe Yeats**—pres of MI Soc; **John Sutton**—treas, Kansas City; **Ed Wilford**—VP, Phila; **Dave Chandler**—VP, TN; **Al Austin**—treas, TN and **Lee McCrary**—VP, Central TX. Pretty good representation from our Class.

**Ed Hindman** is working hard on a project for the Vietnam Memorial in Wash, DC.

**John & Marge Maurer** chaired a champagne brunch for the DC crowd at the Radisson Mark Plaza Hotel in Oct. A good show of classmates enjoyed the brunch followed by a Big Band music session. Among the present were

**Charlie & Cindy Adams**, **Ted & Ursula Boland**, **Dave & Mary Lee Bolte**, **Dick & Lois Bowman**, **Jud & Kit Conner**, **Jack & Jane Cronin**, **Hill & Nancy Dickinson**, **Phil & Mary Feir**, **Ed & Billie Howard**, **Bill & Flo Huber**, **Art & Barbara Kingdom**, **Bob & Millie Liichow**, **Gene & Margaret Marder**, **John & Marge Maurer**, **Bob & Sue Pfeiffer**, **George & Carolyn Pollin**, **Duane & Jeanne Smith**, **Orton & Gwen Spencer**, **Dick & Margo Stauffer**, **Doug & Joan Stickley**, **George & Sachiko Summers** and **Ted & Kay Swett**. John did a great job as VP and program chm this past yr.

A note from **Bill Gustafson**—**Jim Hartinger** spoke to the Pasedena, CA Rotary group at the request of their program chm Bill Gustafson last 29 Oct and drew the largest crowd for any of their meetings this yr. He spoke on SDI and Gus reports that it was a terrific speech—**Al Goering** also attended as did **Verne Orr**, former Secy of the AF.

**John Saxon** is still getting a lot of noteriety with his math books—over 3000 schools are now using his texts with verified improved results. John is running into the ensconced bureaucracy though and in Oct he was cancelled from the agenda at a TX math conf where he was scheduled to give a paper. Needless to say, John is still fighting and is gradually winning the support of a number of teachers.

**John Costa** wrote on the '49 attendance at the win over the AF Academy at Michie Stadium. The occasion was a reunion of the great Army teams of the 40s and a portrait of Red Blaik was unveiled in the Winter Sports Complex. **Goble Bryant**, **Hank Foldberg**, **Joe Steffy**, **Bobby Jack Stuart**, **Shorty McWilliams**, **Tiger Howell** and **Art Gerometta** represented our Class. John also reports that **Lew Zickel** and **Ed Marks** made it back to WP for the formal presentation of an acceptance by the Army of the Jewish Chapel complex. Both gentlemen are quite proud of the part they played in the building of this beautiful structure. Lew was the supervising engr for the project.

The Wash contingent had its annual election of offs in Dec and **Duane Smith** is taking over the presidency ably supported by **Ed Townsley** as VP, **Dave Bolte** as treas and your writer as secy. The Bd of Dir is manned by **Don Keith**, **Rocky Marder** and **George Pollin**. Having failed to find a volunteer to take the chairmanship of the 40th Reunion, ex-pres **Geo Pollin** will assume the task under duress.

**Mary Feir** felt that it was about time that there was a Class party in Philly during the Navy game weekend—so she organized one. Bloody Marys, etc before the game, cocktails after the game followed by dinner at Bookbinder's. Partaking in all or part of the above were the hosts **Mary & Phil Feir**, **Pat & Gil Kirby**,

**Freddie & John Costa**, **Jack & Bev Finley**, **Petey & Jack Cox**, **Harry Griffith** plus two sons, **Bette & Frank Hinchion**, **Orton & Gwen Spencer**, **Jack & Jean Albert** and **Ed & Mal Wilford**. Others seen at the game were **George & Jean Hoffmaster**, **Ann & Bob Black**, **Ev Yacker**, **Miers Johnson**, **Al Sarcione**, **Ann & Kirby Lamar** and **Jan & Beno Miller**. Our thanks to the Army team and to the Feirs for a delightful day and evening.

I'm submitting the column early because we will be out of pocket over the holidays; therefore I'll cover info received on Christmas cards in the next column. Before I close, I would like to apologize to **Kitty Peixotto** for calling her Pris in my last column. It's bad enough breaking your ankle without undergoing a name change at the same time.

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And the yrs keep rolling by. This column has been fed and nurtured by the timely reporting of the **DeGrafs** and **Austins** and Christmas letters. What will we do at the end of Mar?

Classmates still make the news. *Army Times* of 2 Sep carried the announcement of **Will Hill Tankersly's** appointment to be chm of the Res Forces Policy Bd. He is serving a 4-yr term eff 19 Oct. The bd issues one general report each yr on the state of the Res Forces and another on readiness; it meets quarterly. **Theda** reports that his membership usually brings him to DC one weekend a mo. All their children are in the Montgomery area, which is nice for them. We are also proud of **Bill Ward**, who was sworn in as Ch, Army Res on 1 Dec. **Elaine**, **Michelle**, and **Greg** were there, as were **Ben Lewis**, **Sandy Oliver**, **Tex Ritter**, and **Bruce Petree**, just to keep him honest. Elaine & Bill are living temporarily at the River Place in Rosslyn until quarters open at Ft Myer. In another notice, the Army War College Alumni Assoc *Newsletter* of fall 86 featured a picture of new academic chairholders, including '50's **DL Adams**, who occupies the General Matthew B. Ridgway Chair of Leadership. The *San Francisco Chronicle* of 25 Nov featured **Eddie Ramos's** pivotal role in Pres Aquino's comprehensive cabinet sweep, in which she discarded the def minister and other ministers for a "fresh start." Eddie was credited with avoiding confrontation between the pres and the def minister until the cabinet changes could be mandated without a split in the govt. We can be proud to have this patriot as a classmate.

Several less familiar faces showed up at the Nov Class luncheon at the Tysons Corners Marriott in McLean, VA (last Wed of each mo). **George Fullerton** at-

tended. He has a private consulting bus and is busier than he wants. Nels Thompson had just returned from summer in ME, and he & Margaret are settled in Annandale, where Nels is a consultant in adv technology missile programs, until the spring thaw opens up ME again.

Weddings seem to increase in frequency. Muriel & Leo Wegner presided over daughter Sally's marriage to CWO Mark Cournoyer on 5 Jul 86. Bride & husband live at Ft Hood where Mark, an attack helicopter (Apache) pilot is assigned. From the photo, it is difficult to say which of the guests is proudest. The competitors from left to right are June Elliot (Charlie's widow), Drew & Kay Rutherford, Andy & Bunty McFarland, Leo & Muriel and Bob Grow and friend.



1950: Wegner-Cournoyer wedding

Bud Blanchard reports doing the splits between McLean and Annapolis, with preference to a riverside townhouse in Annapolis. The high point of his yr seemed to be officiating at the marriage of son Tom (a fighter pilot at Shaw AFB) to Melinda Coward, a southern belle from Sumter, SC. Son Scott was best man, and son Geoff was an usher. Daughters Amy and Margie were bridesmaids. Patti & Jim Kelly report that the 16 in their family last Christmas had grown to 20 when son Paul married Viki with Damian at Ft Belvoir in May. Steve wed Lisa in Jul down in Chesapeake, and John & Anne had a son, Christopher Patrick, in Sep. Quite a crew, I would say. Jean & Phil Harper also had a wedding in the family when Chi-Chi married Randy Garver in Apr and then went off for tough duty in HI. Jean sacrificed, though, and went out to visit them in Nov. While there she had a "wonderful visit" with Maureen & Claude Doughtie in their lovely home. The Harper's daughter Kim finally will transition to civ life for the first time when her husband Chip Williamson leaves the Navy after 10 yrs to fly for Delta. (Delta must have a great attraction, for Peter Romaneski has followed the same path.) Jean also reports that Ann & John Streit and Theda & Will Hill Tankersley attended Chi-Chi's wedding. Lish Lee had a granddaughter

Megan arrive in May and then had a wedding in Sep, when Nancy married Robb. While visiting the newlyweds at Altamonte Springs, Lish had lunch with Ray & Pat McGill and Ann & Bill Clement. She reports it was good to see them all. She also happened into Mary Pharr Love while shopping.

That must have been the yr for weddings, for there were more. Elaine & Pat Wilson married daughter Anne to Richard Gerardi in Seal Beach in Aug. Add to that some remodeling, being grandparents to Bryan 12 and Ginny in Dallas, keeping up on tennis, training a new bird dog, and traveling. Add to the list Lee & Bob Werner, whose son married Eileen in Copenhagen. She is a lovely Scottish girl, one the Werners welcome to their growing family. Woodie & Bill Aman participated in the marriage of their son Paul to Jane over Thanksgiving. The Amans have thrown themselves into gypsy living, selling their summer cottage and even Bill's plane to feed their RV throughout the East.

The social life in the Wash area remains as active as ever. About 20 classmates & spouses met at a restaurant in Arlington, VA on 6 Dec with about the same number of '50 USNA to witness the sparkling victory the Rabble crafted in Phila. Don't tell me it's only a game! Chuck Hammonds and Ty Tandler organized this second Army-Navy get-together. At least two out-of-towners joined the party. Glory & Bob McBride traveled from Pittsburgh. Since he left Natl Steel Corp in Jun, he has been spending all of his hrs keeping Glory straight, so he said. They have been traveling about since Bob ret. However, they found the time to host a wedding in Sep when their daughter Kelly married Webber Hudson. Joe McCrane was in Wash "doing a little thing for the Giants." He confirmed what we reported before: he is on leave from Duke U, where he is working toward his PhD in military history.

The yr's end brought news of busy families and a dizzy whirl of activities. CJ Matthiessen reports on the worldwide activities of his family. Marilee is a soph flutist, student, and world traveller at Yale; Mark studies music, excelling in French horn in the Hartt School of Music at the U of Hartford. Dee teaches music at school and at home, rising before dawn and continuing until night. Jim "loafs" at his own pace, as the Monticello, IA, historian, newspaper columnist, lawyer, and judge. Gwyn & Bob Groseclose continue to see classmates visiting in their home. They mentioned visits from Martha & Bob Morrison, who were reportedly cruising among the Bahamas, and Liz & Ray McCauley from Wilmington, NC.

Joan & Terry Parsons stayed closer to home in 86, but were no less busy.



1950: The Groseclose clan

Eldest daughter Lee works in NY. Tarlton III travels worldwide on behalf of his co looking for opportunities to expand. Terry helps by keeping an eye on the bus on this side of the ocean. Their youngest daughter Dawn lives in the Atlanta area, where she works setting up a new mail order div for her co. Terry & Joan keep a lively pace in bus and charitable projects, such as military hosp visitation, work with lepers, Epilepsy Foundation of America, and others. Terry was awarded the Medal of Merit, 2d class, by the Duke and Prince of Beaufort-Springs, Grandmaster, Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni, for his charitable and humanitarian services to mankind. He is the first person in North America to receive this decoration. Reggie & Sally Lombard are busier than ever with their rare maps bus in ME, and other parts of the world. Their household goods arrived from Rome in Jan and with great difficulty they squeezed them all into their house in Cape Elizabeth. Son Terry and his family are nearby; daughter Kristin is in grad school at U VA. John & Ann Howard are adjusting to life with their last youngster—Lynda Gail—at U So FL in Tampa. John spent most of the yr working with the State of FL Job Service; he & Ann are both busy, but find time for hobbies. John chairs a veterans' comm that plans to build a Vet Memorial Park to honor the vets of all wars. Russ & Priscilla Glenn are excited about a studio they are adding to their home; Pris paints, and the upper floor will be her studio, with the lower floor a workshop for Russ; a bridge will connect it to the main part of the house. Son Russ is a MAJ at Ft Leavenworth with Dee and the two boys. Son Robert, wife Phyllis and their daughter, Jessica, are in Portland, ME. Randy & his wife Joyce live in Atlanta, where they both work. Dave & Carolyn Cameron are enjoying their lives of "perpetual motion" at WP, where Dave is head of the Math Dept. Carolyn, who is an official WP tour guide, showed some of the 3-1/2 million visitors through the post. Daughters Leslie and Susan live in DC. Son Dave, wife Pat and Kate (2) and Anne (4 mos) are in Beverly, MA. Marilyn & Clyde Spence still hold forth at Marion Inst.

They report seeing the **Picks** and **Ross Franklin**, but miss all their friends in the DC. **Joan & Cloyce Mangas** had the whole family with them over Thanksgiving, including 21-mo old **Ronnie**. Their youngest **Tom** is now a frosh at **UVA**, after being honored as a scholar-athlete at HS grad.



1950: The Tate clan

I received secondhand news of **Lyman Hammond** from the pres of the Bd of the GEN Douglas MacArthur Foundation in Virginia Beach, VA. Lyman is doing an outstanding job as Exec Dir. The note said, "General MacArthur has never been serviced by a finer Chief of Staff!" What else did they expect?

**Monty Coffin** reports a new daughter, **Vanessa Arline**, who arrived appropriately on Veteran's Day, 11 Nov 86. Mother **Tanya** who is a student at Clark Tech College, where Monty teaches, has dropped out for a quarter in order to take care of the little one. "She is truly a joy for both of us," Monty writes.

The **DeGrafs** received the enclosed picture of **Blackie Bolduc** with daughters **Patsy** and **Nancy** in front of the Bolduc post office in Canada. He is as caught up in geneology as **Robin DeGraf** is and was in Canada to search out some family ties.



1950: The Bolducs in Canada

After going to the Class Reunion at **AFA**, **Phyll & Hank Singleton** "reveled" in 9 days of rafting and hiking through the Grand Canyon. Sort of the sublime to the ridiculous, but they seemed to have loved it. **Joan & Fred Nickerson** are still traveling (That's where we left them last yr.): Mexico, Canada, New England, etc.

One of the attractions is young **Michael**, who arrived to Nancy & Bill last Jan and is now living in NJ. **Irene & Tut Parmly** had a traveling yr from AZ and CA to England and Scotland. Daughter **Marcie** is expecting her third; son **Bruce** is working at Lake Tahoe; Susan and Carrie are in Burlington. **Betty & Pat Tisdale** wrote a travelog that took them from Seattle to Abu Dhabi to Italy to Amsterdam. In Mar 86, Pat went to Abu Dhabi as med dir of a hosp in Ruwais. As he left home, he "forgot" his crutches. That speaks volumes about the great recovery he has enjoyed from the dreadful fall from his roof. Betty is still with the Pacific Inst as dir of Corp Communications.

As a final item, **Tom Lobe** is confirming arrangements for a mini-reunion at the Homestead, Hot Springs, VA over the Labor Day weekend, 4-7 Sep 87. Of course, anyone can extend if he wants. Tom reports that activities offered by the hotel are golf, tennis, bowling, riding, skeet, hot baths, or must basking in the beautiful surroundings. Tom & **Dee's** hospitality will include a barbecue at their farm, 20 mi from Hot Springs. Everyone should receive an announcement by Mar or Apr. If you have any questions or do not receive your notice, contact Tom at Briarcroft, Millboro Springs, VA 24460 Tel: 703-997-5434.

And so, may this yr be as exciting as the last. . .and may you all tell me about it before 31 Mar.

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In May 87 **Jim & Ann Rockwell** will return to Wash, DC area and prepare for his ret in Jun; the last member of '51 on active duty, Rocky thoroughly deserves the plaudits and acclaim he has received throughout the yrs—all heartily congratulate the Rockwells for their accomplishments and those in the DC area hope their stay in this area is permanent. Since **Ed Peter** ret in 86 he has settled with **Jean** in Libertyville, IL and is very pleased to be living in the Chicago area. While many of us have returned to WP



1951: The family joins Ed for ret at Ft Sheridan

since grad, **Russ Johnson** went back in 86 to get married in the Cadet Chapel; witnesses were David Pratt (who later married Russ's daughter Merry) and Kevin Kimsey, both '86. Later Russ &



1951: The Russ Johnson marriage at Cadet Chapel

**Gloria** honeymooned in Wash, DC where **Gorman & Mary Smith** hosted the newlyweds at the Intl Club. They manage to see **Moon & Margie Mullens** in their hometown El Paso monthly for dinner and bridge; teaching Eng lit and research at the college level, instructing in competitive swimming (private) and instructing the "gifted" in language, arts, and research does keep Russ busy. However, he & Gloria also manage to enjoy weekend boating, dancing, and bridge as often as possible.

REGIONAL SPOTLITE: Southeast—NC, SC regional rep: **Ed Matney**; AL, AR, GA, LA, MS, TN: **George Meighen**; FL, Central AM, So AM, Caribbean: **Russ Walthour**. Once again the input from the regional reps leaves nothing to be desired; they all deserve a vote of appreciation for much effort, many phone calls, and outstanding support from their wives. Incidentally, **Russ & Shirley** were unable to attend the 35th because daughter **Shelley** graduated from Delta's Flt Attendants Sch that weekend; with their youngest, **Perry**, soon to grad from HS in a few mos, the Walthours look to their approaching freedom. In addition to his region, Russ main-



1951: Roommates 35 yrs later—Clemons and Tague

tains close contact with numerous classmates including **Jim Guyer**, **Roy Herte**, and **Paul Summers**. Recently, **Joe & Cecil**

Clemons visited both Walthours and Ray & Betty Tague while in FL from HI for the birth of their 2nd grandchild. The Clemons plan to settle in GA near Walt & Nancy Russell sometime in the future. The Tagues also paid visits to Brooks & Mary Martin in Wash, DC and Bill & Betty Grugin at Hilton Head, SC while attending an art show—naturally, Betty's paintings received the highest of compliments.

John & Marjorie Derrick are in Melbourne, FL where both are teaching at the college level and travel often; most recently to NH, PA, CO & NM—all after the 35th when a daughter was born to John Jr and wife on 9/26/86. The Dericks intend to visit AK in summer 87 (as do Hank & Mary Agnes Evans in CO who want other '51ers to sign up for the AOG tour at that time). Jerry & Carol Reeve, also in Melbourne, who report son, Bobby, a member of Harvard's hockey and football teams, visited Austria at Christmas—to show the advantages of youth, his parents went to Oshkosh, WI. But the Reeves, who travel often, also intend to visit daughter Connie (CPT, USAF) in Las Vegas in Jun 87. Pat & Martha Brian are now residents of FL, Ft Lauderdale, where Pat is water dir for that city.

George Harmon, in Jacksonville, says he's terminated "structural" employment and intends to devote more time to his 10 handicap golf game and provide limited support to Shirley's antique bus; says he may also go into real estate sales in 87, "if moved by the desire or the lack of cash flow dictates." Jack & Evelyn Martin in Gainesville mentioned the super time they had at the 35th (as have so many others!!); however, their biggest event of 86 was the marriage of son Scott—life is now quite peaceful for the Martins with only one son remaining at home. The Red Forresters report all is fine in Ft Walton Beach; during the tax season Red works for H&R Block, and plays a lot of golf during the rest of the yr—he also thoroughly enjoys doing volunteer work with the AF Armament Museum. Fred Irving, Jacksonville, informs us that Alice combined bus and sight-seeing in Nov 86 during a 2 wk trip to China. Sights included the Great Wall, Shanghai, Peking, and Hong Kong while buying items for her store "The Jade Tree." On 9 Dec Pete & Pat Clay joined the Irvings and Fred's parents in a very special day at Ft Stewart—dedication of the new hq bldg which was named for General Irving who commanded the 24th Div through the Pac during WWII.

John Samotis remains active as State Treas SC DAV and VP for the WP Soc of Columbia, besides his highly successful and fulltime realtor duties. Peggy is equally busy as fashion consultant, working with sr citizens, and as a member, Gov's Advisory Bd on Aging and Rest Homes. During the A/N rally at Ft Jackson spon-

sored by WP Soc of Columbia, Art Taylor '52, its pres, presented John (attired in his B-robe, gym trou, cadet cap, and WP warm-up shirt) with the Best Dressed Prize. Seth Scruggs is keeping a low pro-



1951: John won 1st prize

file in Traveler's Rest; he has indicated interest in future minis. Phil Reed is active in real estate activities in Greenville, and Bill Malouche, now in his 10th yr with Michelin Tire in Lexington, heads their Pers Mgt Div. Wife Audrey loves the area and is in great spirits.

'51's *bon vivant*, George Meighen, leading traveler and man-of-the-world, continues to enjoy life to its fullest while escorting Anne to the East coast's most exclusive resort and dining establishments. His present activities encompass banking, construction, travel guides and management, and market research. Reportedly George's father told Anne on her wedding day that "your life with George will never be dull;" Anne, at this point in their marriage, has been heard uttering "AMEN." Naturally, she follows George's example; she has positions in Kelly Girl Mgt, with Maxon Labs (vitamins—rumored by Anne with a smile "to keep George virile"), and the Mobil Travel Agency. Geo reports all funds are needed to keep children Allen and Garrison in a manner to which they have become accustomed. George & Anne thoroughly enjoyed the Army-TN game in the co of Bud & Bette Bacon, Wayne Miller, Dot Shultz (widow of Hal), Barney & Muriel Landry, and Joe Rawlings and son. After a stint with Castle Heights Academy, Bud Bacon has rejoined the semi-ret; he is consulting part-time in pers mgt and human resources with Knoxville firms. Bud says Geo Ritter who is an inveterate hiker and lives nearby in Oak Ridge, TN occasionally and against his will, drags him into the Smoky Mts for exercise and a taste of the great outdoors. After 10 yrs with Intergraph Corp, Wayne Miller, Huntsville, AL ret to complete the many tasks he's pushed aside for yrs; also he's a church elder, on Bd of Dirs for local AUSA, and involved in other local orgns. Remarried recently (Alice died in 84) and knows he's been blessed a 2d time also. Wife Charlotte just completed MSA



1951: The Millers of Huntsville

and continues as Registrar at Intergraph. Also living in that vic are Pat Pattillo and Lum Brantley. Pat fully ret is busy with outdoor activities (homestead and fishing camp), also active in the Am Legion, DAV, Hartselle Hist Assoc and others. The pretty Pat stays occupied with antiques and keeping Pat content and happy. Daughter Kathy, and granddaughter Ashley, returned recently from Australia to the delight of both Pats who say "Life is so good!"

Mike Simpson in Port Hurricane Bay, Minette, AL continues in land dev and the selling of waterfront property on the bay. With a 5 yr old son, Mike manages to stay young in ways that most of us happily have forgotten. Mike travels often to Costa Rica and Honduras; he intends in the future to build a fertilizer manufacturing plant in Honduras. Joe & Carolyn Fant are gradually adjusting to the ways of ret life in Columbia, MS. While Joe does some consulting and renovates rental property, Carolyn has opened a specialty shop featuring gifts and antiques. In Fayetteville, AR Garland Owens has fully ret to concentrate on the important things in life—golfing and fishing. Jessie's interests are aerobics and shopping.

'51 is well represented in the Atlanta area with the Meighens, Gwynns, Kovalskys, Don Sheridans, and Walt Russells all represented. Phil & Sarah Gwynn both enjoy tennis and travel. In addition, now that Phil is fully ret he has a greater opportunity to spend more time for golf, hunting and fishing. Mike Kovalsky is teaching school while Jenny teaches reading as a volunteer. Two of 3 Kovalsky children are married; and Mike & Jenny have one grandchild and are expecting their 2d in 87. Walt Russell has been joined in his practice of law by son Brown who had previously worked as clerk for a US Circuit Court judge in TX. In addition to coping with her homemaker responsibilities, Nancy runs her wallpapering bus in a manner that enables her to express her creativity, initiative, and imagination.

In nearby Stone Mt, GA, Don Sheridan is a commercial pilot, while Jean works part-time as a nurse at DeKalb Gen Hosp. Their 3 children

have completed college—son is a 1LT, USAF, older daughter an interior designer, while the youngest has recently become engaged to be married. **Bill & Betty Grugin** thoroughly enjoy their beautiful home in Midway, GA. Bill spends much of his time helping Betty with her painting activities and in related support—framing, shows, etc. However, he is also VP, Bd of Dir, Hinesville, Liberty County Chamber of Commerce and Sec, Liberty Chap TROA. Betty is a member of many natl and local art orgs as a result of her being a professional artist. 86 was an exceptionally successful yr for Betty and her painting; her corp, the Happy Palette, has received natl recognition. A contract with PIC-TV assures continued recognition; this co provides prizes for game shows to all tv networks. To date Betty's paintings have been presented as special prizes on "Sale of the Century," "Wheel of Fortune," and "The Price is Right." The Grugins are the grandparents of 4 granddaughters and a grandson via daughters Kimberly and Robin. **Bill Owens** says there is no change in his status nor that of Owens Farms; he says although he is not ret, he is slowing down a little. Of course, that's hard to believe when you see the enthusiasm of either Bill or Betty. During summer 86 the Owens vacationed in AK. **Gil Stephenson** is dir, JROTC Program for the Muscogee County Sch Dist (1000 + cadets, 7 HSs). Gil & Phyllis live in Midland, GA near Columbus. As in the past, Phyllis works as a volunteer with handicapped children using horseback riding as a therapy technique. Grandparents of two, their children are scattered. **Bill & BJ Crouch** are in Dothan, AL. Bill is mgr, McDonnell Douglas' Ft Rucker Helicopter Off; he also has a sailplane bus on weekends instructing in flying, towing, etc. BJ is active in Red Cross activities to include counselling and blood drives—she's obviously had a lot of experience through keeping Bill straight. **Harry & Marcie Lombard** are in Kenner, LA where Harry is VP, PB-KBB Inc, providing engr support to Boeing in op of a strategic petroleum res. Says "company is getting into exciting projects so I expect to stay busy and happy for several yrs." Daughter Kit presented the Lombards with their 1st grandchild, a son 8/20/86. Marcie is busy through her church work, bridge sessions, homemaking, and related correspondence activities. **Bill & Millett Cuthbertson**, in Vidalia, LA have the best of both worlds—although ret they are busy, enjoy their surroundings, travel often. At their Oak Harbor home, the Cuthbertsons engage in real estate dev to include clearing of land, developing mineral interests, and researching legal conflicts of title. Millett is pres, Musical Arts; pres, Episcopal Women of the Church; Bd member, Natchez

Children's Home and the Pilgrimage Garden Club. With their children out of college the Cuthbertsons stay active and enjoy their activities.

**SHORT NOTES:** Until recently **June Foster** (widow of **John**) was secy to the Ambassador of Surinam; her next position is Bern, Switzerland. **Billy & Barbara Ellis** are back in the Wash, DC area where BJ is studying for his MA in theology, flying for the Wash Aviation Ministry, teaching CCD, and working full-time. **Otto & Martha Doerflinger** are enjoying full ret. After many yrs with BDM after ret from the Army, they are enjoying the travel, their cabin in WVA, and their grandchild. Otto says Martha is the best grandchild babysitter in the world. **Flor Magsino** asks that any classmates passing through Manila please call him at (H) 833-5165, 8339881 or (O) 8179327, 774442 or 771333. **Clyde Cocke** is now fully ret; his future plans encompass winters in Los Angeles and summers in Southhampton, NY.

**CLASS PEOPLE:** **Don Zurawski**, upbeat, cheerful and positive, as usual, after his recent surgery for cancer of the colon. **Bob Snyder** has turned over his responsibilities as regional rep for IN, KY, OH, WVA to **Dave Bills** after many yrs of outstanding assistance and dedicated support; many thanks from us all, Bob. Also, his quadruple bypass in Nov has in no way inhibited Bob's zest for life.

**SAD NOTES:** Word was received from **George Meighen** that **Everett (Pop) Taylor** died 11 May 85 in Fayetteville County, AL of natural causes; burial was in Belk, AL. Funeral services were held for **Matt Collins** at Arlington Natl Cemetery on 30 Oct 86. **Bob Yerks** coordinated burial activities and gave Matt's eulogy. Classmates attending included **Bobinski, Coughlin, Godfrey Crowe, Cuny, Doerflinger, Ellis, Ewing, Hendricks, Keesling, Leffler, Louisell, Lynch, MacDonald, Tom & Clara McMullen, Mena, Mulder, Myer, Partain, Peloquin, Remson, Stan Sheridan, Steele, Waldman, and Yerks.**

**MISSING CLASSMATES:** The Class and AOG have lost contact with the following '51ers. If the address is known of any of the following classmates please notify either this column or the AOG: **Eric Antila, Ralph Cooper, Kie Doty, James Keeley, Bob Lins, Hal Marsh, Dick McClure, Paul Miller, Bill Moretti, Newt Morgan, Bob Orlikoff, John Osborn, John Powell, Dave Rogers, George Shibata, Donald Smith, Mal Tenant, Ray Toole, Tom Wanko, Bill Woodson.**

'51 **ACTIVITIES:** The Army-Navy game once more provided an opportunity for '51 to get together socially. The turnout appeared to be the best in yrs. Also the **Webber** party was, as **Ab** desired it to be, a Victory Party. Once more



1951: '51's favorite hostess with son

Marge was the ever-gracious hostess; all were pleased to see how well she looked and navigated despite her recent hip and leg injuries. Classmates & wives attend-



1951: The Mulders and McGanns enjoyed the game

ing **Ab's** party included **Beckiewiczzes, Cocke, Cunys, Detars, Elmlads, Fischls, Fosses, Griesingers, Giordanos, Hendricks, Buddy Hoffs, Jorstads, Keeslings, Camilla Kuhn, Larson, Lefflers, Lynches, Bob MacDonalds, McGanns, McMullens, Mulders, Peixottos, Pendletons, Psihas (daughters), Rogers, Webber, and the Tom Williams.**



1951: Joy to the World—Dec 6!

**CLASS LUNCHEONS:** Monthly luncheons at the A/N CC at Arlington have become so popular that the need for increased space necessitates their location to be moved to upstairs in the club. Luncheons are scheduled the 3d Thur of ea mo at 11:30 am on the following dates: 19 Mar, 16 Apr, 21 May, and 18 Jun. Questions—Call **Reb** or **Claudette Barber**, Tel (703)-941-4789. Founders Day



1951: Monthly luncheons are popular—Holle, Zurawski, Dickens

activities are scheduled in the Wash, DC area at the following locations: 6 Mar—Ft Belvoir (includes wives); dress is formal; '51 cocktails & get-together in Yorktown Room beginning at 1830; Ft Belvoir Founders Day festivities—Main Ballroom at 2000. 13 Mar—WP Soc of DC—A/N CC, Arlington, formal dress; beginning at 1830.

**REGIONAL SPOTLITE:** The Midwest will be highlighted in the next edition of *ASSEMBLY*. Inputs are required by 1 Mar. Regional reps are **Dave Bills:** IN, KY, OH, WVA; **Chuck Wallens:** IL, IA, MI, WI; **Guy Jester:** KS, MO, NE, ND, SD.

**Special Consideration:** **Inge Hartnett** sent a special note of thanks to all classmates who wrote letters to **Gabby** during the last days of his illness. These letters were in response to a letter forwarded by **Bruno Giordano** informing '51 of Gabby's state of health. Selected comments by Inge were:

"I wish you could have seen how happy **Ed** was receiving all those letters. While reading them... he cried... He was so touched! (Over 100 and then I stopped counting.) Some of you had not heard about him for 35 yrs and still took the time to write. All the beautiful stories you mentioned... the glorious times at West Point. He lived in those memories.

"If the Long Gray Line wants to do something in memory of **Gabby**, donate blood... That is what **Ed** needed the most... many pints daily... and blood is so rare... many days we had to wait until midnight... there was no donor... platelets for the brave ones... it takes two hours..."

'52

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I'll be putting together my next article on Sat aft, 21 Mar. Getting started each quarter is probably the hardest part about putting together this Class article. This time, I'm sitting here by the Christmas tree, our company has all departed, I've just had a big meal of leftovers from our Christmas feast, and I note the many

blessings God has heaped upon us this past yr. I also note that, for many, those blessings are not necessarily self-evident. For instance, the top item in my list of notes is a copy of the newsletter from the Army Engr Off Wives Club in DC. Leaping out at me from said newsletter is the notice of the sudden and unexpected death of **Jack Gilkey** on 19 Nov in VA. There are no other details, but the Class' hearts and prayers go out to **Maxine**.

The AOG has "lost" 34 of our classmates. If you are one of the following or know the current address of one or more, please report said address to the AOG: **Ahearn, David C; Askenaze, Bernard M; Beiser, George R; Britton, William G; Butler, John D; Carroll, Kelso A; Custis, Arthur B; Espey, John R; Flanagan, Eugene P; Gibney, John V; Grafton, Benjamin M; Grossman, Leland F; Hall, Richard J; Hegberg, Donald E; Henderson, Lewis J; Horan, Edwin P; Jelen, Edward J; King, Robert B; Landon, William D; Lash, Raymond E; Linkenhoger, William L; Lorenzen, Albert I; Lynch, James M; Pereyra, Jorge R; Peterson, James M; Rogers, Richard J; Scalzo, Louis C; Simon, Joseph S; Smyth, Robert T; Truax, Robert H; Walls, Thomas E; Walter, James N; Weed, Mahlon G; and White, Wayne N.**

I received the following from **Ann & Tom Murphy** right after mailing my last article: "The Sep *ASSEMBLY* issue did it! I see my old roommate from D-2 **Ray Koestner** pictured. My shame for not writing to the column and to you is heavy with me. Maybe this note will ease that load. We have now been in S CA 10 yrs having located here in 76 from DC area... Our 8 offspring are all grown with 5 married. Unfortunately, I have to report our first family death—our son-in-law **John Flynn** succumbed to cancer in May of this yr. **John** was 33 & the husband of our oldest daughter **Debbie**, who was born at WP hosp July 54 while I was in Indo China/Philippines on AF asgmt. All else is good news, however. **Ann & I** live alone now in a large CA home on 1/4 acre of grass and pool. After 5 sons left home, I am now the mower and caretaker. I had not used a lawnmower in 25 yrs!!

"**Ann Marie** is well and happy as a grandmother of 4 and 8/9 grandchildren, 3 of whom live in the DC area; **Gaithersburg**. Our daughter **Diane Morris** is producing with husband **Craig**. A daughter out here is expecting in a couple of weeks and a son out here has a yr-old daughter... 7 offspring are with us in S CA. Some moved here with us; 3 others migrated... (I in San Diego—70 mi from us)... **Ann Marie** is a successful real estate sales lady of **Newport Beach, CA**, a nearby bordering city on the beach. I am a sales mgr with a \$60 mil electronics firm in **Santa Ana, CA** called



1952: Tom Murphy

**EECO, Inc.** I travel a lot—as far east as IN on a regular basis. I left **Rockwell** to join **EECO** 6 yrs ago; needed a slower pace, as I found out 2 yrs ago. I ended up with a quad by-pass open heart surgery with ensuing 7 mo of complications... at **St Lucas Cardiac Ctr** in **Kansas City** in mid-83. Went back to work early fall and have been doing fine ever since...

"We occasionally see **Dan Derbes & wife Pat** of **San Diego**. They are world travelers with **Allied Signal** so visits are becoming difficult to arrange. **Jim Paris, C-2**, is my brother-in-law married to my twin sister **Dolores**. They are in **S NJ (Island Heights)**, where they have very successfully established a restaurant business and another enterprise called a liquor pkg store. We see them on their **CA/Mexico** vacations ea yr. **Jim** has not changed since graduation; still the prankster/joker—a real fun guy! We phone back & forth a lot. He sees **Frank Allen** of **NYC** on occasion. We have not been active with alumni out here; just never seemed our bag once we experienced the great 17 yrs in DC with that bunch... We are not certain of our plans for the 35th Reunion... send our very warm regards to all of our good friends of '52... We are available at tel 714-540-3877 if you get to S CA."

Apparently, I misplaced the following note from **Jim Turner** which I received last summer: "When I received the **Class Astronaut Commemorative Project** mailing indicating that no classmates live in **MS**, I decided that if the **Alumni Assoc** realizes I live in that state that perhaps my classmates would like to know also. **Joan & I** have lived since 77 in **Grenada** where I am again the city mgr. Our children are all gone; with **Jim** in **CT**, **Chris** in **TX** and **Rob** in **LA**. Our home is open to all for as short or as long a time as they desire to visit. Our best to all!"

**Bob Woodward** wrote in early Oct, and a Christmas card, "to let you know that on 25 Jul I had a cardiac arrest at the **Melbourne Cardiac Inst** while preparing for a routine stress test. On 28 Jul, I became the owner of a permanent cardiac pacemaker, and am doing fine thus far. The only thing that really bothers me is the 'sticker shock' from all the medical bills! So far **CHAMPUS & MEDIPLUS**

are taking care of the charges. . . Fern is doing OK after my 7 days in the hosp. Also, so far, Brian still has his job at the Cape."

Lloyd Rhiddlehoover sent, "Just a few words from the '52 contingent in CO Springs. The enclosed photo was taken at the wedding reception for our daughter on 31 May 86. Sara Beth (USAFA '86) married Stephen Richards Cliatt, 1st LT, USAF (USAFA'84).



1952: Devins, Cain, Carlone, Rhiddlehoover, Hettinger and Carter

"The photo shows **Herb Devins, Jim Cain, Bob Carlone, me, Jack Hettinger and Hank Carter.** We had a rousing time together! In addition to Sarah Beth being a USAFA '86 grad, our son (Lloyd P Rhiddlehoover III) is USNA '89! I may be the only member of our Class to cover all the bases."

Tom Ayers reports that his new address will be 105 Springlawn Dr, Columbia, SC 29223. But, in this morning's mail, I received this follow-up: "Jan & I were to leave Ger on 2 Jan for ret at the end of Jan—age. However, on Tues, 18 days ago, I was extended til end of Jun. Of course, our household goods and car are in SC. We are going to try 'Space A' on 3 Jan and get our house set up. I'll return but Jan will stay as her mother has to have a knee op. She will probably get back here about the first wk of Apr. Our son Mark '83 got married on 12 Jul here in Heidelberg to a girl he met at Ft Riley. He is stationed with the 1st ID(Fwd). The two girls born in Panama, Julie and Kathy, are married and both have two children; boy and girl. Julie lives in WV and Kathy in Austin, TX. Carolyn is married and lives in CA."

Jim Tow wrote in late Oct, as follows: "Why me, now? I guess it was the enclosed photo that brought it about. I thought it too good not to share. It shows Paul Hains (Peter C) and daughter Alicia Tow at a spring 86 military ball at TCU in Ft Worth. Both are currently srs and ROTC 1st LTs; they expect to be commissioned in May 87 in the Army. A third '52 offspring has joined them at TCU, as Carolyn Day (Jim & Dorothy) has arrived this fall as a frosh. I know it must bother many classmates to know some of us are still young enough to have school

kids. Pete Hains has provided some words on his status; Jim & Dorothy Day reside in Paris, TX where Jim works in real estate and Dorothy teaches. Here in



1952: Paul Hains and Alicia Tow

Duncanville, my neighbors include two other classmates, **John & Ann Hill** and **John & Marianne Brewer.** John Hill has joined me at LTV Aerospace and Def, where he is involved in intl marketing, and Ann deals with the retail world of the big spenders of Dallas. John & Marianne Brewer are busy; he exercises his engr skills on convenience stores and other construction for an oil co while she is very active in many areas, including self improvement at SMU & AAU leadership.

"My work continues as a program mgr for adv def missiles at LTV. Then at the last local election, I picked up the add'l duties of a city councilman of Duncanville. My Barbara seeks to sell houses to all who come to TX so real estate takes much of her time. Our Patricia is a jr in HS, so we'll be here some time yet. And, where is this Ducanville, home of 3-52ers? It is just on the SW edge of the City of Dallas. Y'all come!"

On 9 Nov, **Bill Schroeder** held a farewell party for **Valerie & Bob Haras** anticipating their imminent departure from FL to Australia. Valerie is from Australia and they plan to settle there, at least for awhile. The three photos tell the story of the party; the men told war stories, the women told their stories and the Harases received an ugly farewell gift.

**Pat & Howard Jelinek** report, "Just returned from Ft Benning where our youngest son, Ted '80, was married to Kathy Mitchell. We assembled the entire family for the affair which included Chuck '78, wife and daughter. It was a great weekend. (Howard) recently participated in and won the Jacksonville Senior Olympics. I won 3 gold medals and 2 silver medals in track, swimming and basketball."

**John Keeley** reports that he, "left the US Senate in Oct where I was working for Sen Carl Levin and am now working for GEN Paul Gorman (ret) as his dep in the conduct of a White House review of natl strategy. The report will be due in Jan 88." He also provided the following



1952: Garver, Schroeder, Haras, Cottey and Santilli



1952: Barbara Cottey, Donna Santilli, Joan Schroeder, Valerie Haras and Charlotte Garver



1952: Farewell to Bob & Valerie Haras

reunion info: "John Keeley, the reunion chm, brings us change #1 to announcement of the reunion. The correct dates for the reunion are 25, 26 and 27 Sep. Apologies for any inconvenience. Everyone will be receiving an envelope in the spring which will contain the answers to



1952: Jelinek receiving certificate for most points earned

all of your questions and even a little bit more. We need someone to volunteer to memorialize the occasion and to take care of the publication of a reunion souvenir. Not too much work for the creative types and I can find you some help. Please contact me at 703-548-4642. Sep is a grand time to return to WP and we will have a grand time if the majority of you will join us. Please come."

Ed Note: Although there was more material, because of space limitations it will be held over to the next issue.

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Bob & Nola Breckenridge reported that on a recent visit to the Northwest they had a great reunion with Dick & Shirley Durham in Lake Oswego, OR. Dick was engaged at the time in a race for the Lake Oswego City Council, and his campaign literature describes another classmate who has made a significant contribution to his community. Service achievements include pres of the Bryant Woods Homeowners Assoc, chm of the Lake Oswego Energy Conservation Advisory Comm and nearly 30 yrs as an exec in the OR state govt. With that background the voters of Lake Oswego saw fit to elect Dick on 4 Nov, and he has now assumed his new responsibilities.

Received a change of address card from Jim Dade announcing that he is now located at 4750 Collinos Way, Oceanside, CA 92056. A little too late a notification to impact Christmas card mailings, but travelers to the sunny So CA area now have another potential port of call.

Received an interesting call from Paul Vose right after delivery of the Dec issue relative to trying to find a phone no for Bob Maehr who had been mentioned in that issue. Paul is currently a surgeon for the Group Health Plan in St Louis. He briefly described his asgmts after graduation as consisting of a tour in AK and then 3 yrs with the Dist Engr Off at Vicksburg. He resigned in 58, worked for 2 yrs and then decided to enter med sch from which he graduated in 64. He elected to intern with the Army and spent the next 16 yrs at various Army hosps. Following his ret in 80 he opened a private practice in AL before finally deciding to relocate to St Louis this past summer. He described his current work as more rewarding than being in private practice, and the new location puts him much more centrally located with regards to his children with two being in Kansas City, and one each in Greeley and Denver, CO; Memphis, TN; Reno, NV and MD.

The annual Wash, DC Army-Navy game luncheon was hosted by the Naval Academy this yr and was held at the Wash Navy Yard Off Club on 2 Dec.

Attendees included Jim Bambery, Bob & Carol Bartlett, Dick & Judy Benz, Tom & Ruth Brain, Bob & Nola Breckenridge, Bill Burdeshaw, Don & Claire Davis, Larry & Vi Davis, Norm & Margi Delbridge, Jerry & Ann Goetz, Russ & Barbara Groshans, Bill & Pat Harris, Walt Henderson, Cliff & Jan Landry, Al Lindholm, Jim & Barbara Linka, Jim & Ruth Miley, Cliff & Mary Lou Neilson, Jack Neuberger, Herb Schmidt, Bob & Margaret Schroeder, Al Tardiff, Doug Waters, and Jack Yale. The



1953: A-N luncheon: Bartletts and Goetz

*Washington Technology* quoted Jim as stating that "the opportunity offered by SPC was irresistible, particularly the chance to have a personal impact on every facet of ops, which is not possible in larger orgs. Although valuing the medium size of the co, there is reason to think that we'll be moving ahead on a growth curve." Best of luck Jim in your new position.

As a final note I would ask everyone who is thinking of attending the 35th Reunion to rearrange your calendar. Bob Breckenridge received word from the Academy earlier this wk that DA was working on a plan to have the Army vs Boston College football game, scheduled for 28 Oct 88, played in Ireland. Therefore, as their experience indicates that homecoming events conducted on non-football weekends do very poorly, they suggested we might want to reschedule our reunion. The only open dates revolve around the AF game scheduled for 4 Nov 88. Bob accepted the Academy recommendation so we will be planning for reunion events to start on or about 2 Nov 88 and extend through 5 Nov. Hopefully, with almost 2 yrs to go, most of you will be able to readjust your schedules accordingly.



1953: A-N luncheon: Naval Academy grad with the Neilsons

photos appearing with this article are courtesy of Sam & Nadine Thomas who were in from Cincinnati and attended with a camera in hand. As usual the affair was well handled. The guest speakers consisted of BG Peter J. Boylan, Com of Cadets and Rear Admiral Steven K. Chadwick, Com of Midshipmen. In addi-



1953: A-N luncheon: Burdeshaw, Schroeder, Marge Delbridge, Margaret Schroeder and Brain

tion, Admiral Carlisle Trost, CNO and Class of '53 from the Naval Academy made a very short but effective presentation.

In mid-Dec it was announced that Jim Wade, former Asst Sec Def for Acquisitions and Logistics, who resigned from DOD over what were reported to be turf warfare issues relating to a newly created procurement czar position, had been elected pres and CEO of Systems Planning Corp (SPC), an Arlington, VA based tech services firm. Formed approximately 15 yrs ago, SPC has about 600 employees and performs engr and technology related work as well as studies and analyses.

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Class Pres Jack Miller & Barbara were at WP on 1 Nov as guests of the Supe to officially present our Class 30th Reunion gift, the multipurpose reviewing stand, granite, nonportable, M-1954. Also present were Corky & Andrea Gabbert, Bill & Susan Almon, Cliff & Mrs Flanigan, and Bill & Mrs Ovberg. In his presentation, Jack invoked the spirit of our late Class pres Fred Qualls who, more than any other single individual, generated the energy, organization and support for our reunions and the gift. Over \$7,000 was donated to the Class Gift Fund in Fred's memory by his classmates and friends. Com BG Pete Boylan gratefully accepted the gift as he and Jack unveiled the plaque, after which the party moved into the stand to witness the cadet review. Other guests included Philip & Jean



1954: John Miller and BG Boylan at dedication of Supe's Reviewing Stand, 1 Nov

Meather of SM&G A&E, **Jim Hays'** co; CPT Jim & Ann Hays of WP, representing Jim; Harland Fair, the contractor; and LTC Stan Bonasek, the Army engr. After cordials in the Supe's garden, the gp jogged to Washington Hall for Jack's favorite dish, chicken a la king. The Millers and Gabberts bussed to Michie for the Army-BC game, which they watched intently from the Supe's loge, and then drove to L.I. for a Japanese dinner before retiring to the Gabberts'. **Lou Gross** and **Mark McDermott** were also purported to be at the game. Jack received several compliments on the appearance and utility of the stand, including those from ret Supe LTG Willard and Mrs Scott. Jack says it's a beautiful structure and one of which the entire Class can be proud. It's of a simple design; it's not an edifice complex. Jack said to totally discount any report of an altercation at a L.I. toll booth, where a victorious football fan was trying to pitch into the box 75 cents in cancelled stamps. All charges were dismissed after a plea of temporary insanity was entered. The car will be returned later.

*The Washington Post* in Nov reported that **Jack Galvin**, CG, US Southern Cmd in Panama, will become CG of US/NATO forces in Europe from the hq in Brussels this summer. He replaces GEN Bernard W Rogers, who had the job since, it seems, the Civil War. Many of 'em, **Jack & Ginny**.

A warm, welcome letter from **Len & Joan Reed** (folks, all letters to this column are warm and welcome) informs that they spent a wk of fun, relaxation, world-problem solving and heavy duty bridge with **Larry & Nancy Skibbie** and **Bill & Etta Mae Hannon** on the beach at Nantucket Isl, MA. The Reeds live in the

White Mts in Bethlehem, NH, where they operate **Len Reed & Co**, a p.r., advertising and marketing agency. Larry is DCG of DARCOM in the Pentagon, and they live at Ft Myer. Bill is a sr mgr with SAI in McLean, VA where they recently moved into their new home.

**John Farrar** files from Jerusalem, Israel, where he lives with his wife, **Tamar**, and children **Ilan**, 11, and **Sharon**, 9. John is head of the Dept of Strategic Studies for the Intl Rsch Ctr on Contemporary Soc. This is an Israeli Ministry of Sci agency that publishes a political sci journal, *Crossroads*, on IR, security, economics, the military and space. As a member of the editorial bd, Jack invites academic manuscripts. He also is managing ed and analyst of a related newsletter. Back home, son **John III** & wife **Jessie** are in Rochester doing intl marketing for **Schlegel Corp**. **Fred** is a tax counselor and lives with his wife in Indianapolis, youngest son is a tree surgeon in DC, and **Ginny** is a CPT in the Army Engrs as a maintenance off in Ger.

**Dion & Jenny Johnson** write from across the Potomac that they have returned to DC for good after living in Saudi Arabia for 3 yrs. Dion has ret from DOT and is in the inactive USAR after making 0-6. He ran for and was popularly elected to the position of Single Member District Commissioner of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, representing their Capitol Hill community. Their district includes 2,000 residents, 3 schools, 3 churches, a police substation, a library, a community services facility, a public housing complex, 5 gold rings, a park, and an arts workshop. **Jenny** works for the U of MD developing adult tng programs.

**John Shelter** out of Montclair, NJ phoned a couple times from the home of **Steve & Pat Avery** in McLean, VA where he appeared nightly as he passed through on a tour of the East. Does that star really twinkle, **John**?

**Bob & Kay Keener** say hello from "Windwood," in Gilbert, SC where they remain supple and youthful by entertaining itinerant relatives who come to steal landscaping ideas and onion dip. The couple reciprocated by visiting friends and relations in DC and St Louis. **Kay** is Pers Off at the Dept of Agriculture Soil Conservation Svc, while **Bob** maintains the manor and sneaks away to fish. They also boat, swim and fish in **Lake Murray** and run cookouts for the other islanders. Sounds like a great spot for our 35th Reunion.

**Don Geiger** sent greetings from Port Washington, NY where he lives with his 3 sons, one of whom helped make **Don** a grandfather, which would make anyone's day.

**Jack & Barbara Miller** were busier than the Pres Reagans. The Millers attended the Army-Navy game and reported the following also present with their spouses: **Kerly Barrand**, **Bruce Bidwell**, **Tom De Simone**, **Lou Ginn**, **Jim Henry**, **LeW Mologne**, **Paul Reistrup**, **Larry Skibbie**, **Doug Stuart**, **Jack Sulik**, **Fletch Ware**, **Dick Youngflesh** and **Dick Ziegler**. (How come you guys don't write?) The Millers live in Spring Grove, PA. **Jack** is a prog mgr with BMY in York, building portable combat bridge systems for the Army and Marines. They live in a new home overlooking a lake and the utilities payments. **Barbara** is glad to be back teaching youngsters after the hassle of moving, straightening out the apt of daughters **Ann** and **Lynn** in Burke, VA and shining **Jack's** brass. **Ann** is an admin asst to a Navy consultant, while **Lynn** teaches in Arlington and prepares to graduate from **Geo Mason U**. Son **Steve** is a computer programmer in Germantown, MD, managing a govt contract; his wife, **Robin**, is mgr of a MD natl bank. **Dick & Cookie Ziegler** make their home in **Perkasie, PA**.

**Ed & Jan Pawlowski** report from McLean, VA that they heard from **Bob & Billie Weeks**, who represent the Class in Mexico, MO. **Ed & Jan** attended a Christmas party at the A-N Club in Arlington hosted by **Dick & Diane Hobbs**. Among those present, with spouses, were **Aggie Aguilar**, **Bill Barnes**, **John Broumas**, **Frank Hart**, and **Paul Reistrup**. **Aggie** ret as a BG in the Venezuelan Army and is working on a master's in education at **Geo Mason U** to become a bilingual teacher while teaching math in a HS. We're all going to help him as soon as we find out what two languages he wants to speak. **Aggie** knows we love him, in any language.

**Bill & Marie Weafer** check in from Leavenworth, KS where **Buck** operates an antique furniture repair shop. **Marie**

is busy with volunteer work of all kinds and accompanies Bill to crafts shows. Daughter Ann, husband and son live in Lawrence; youngest Mary works at KU Medical. Weafers visited **Rog & Ginger Browne** in CO Springs and attended **Bill Frier's** dinner party after the A-AF game. **Neal & Mrs Sullivan**, recently moved in from Houston, were also present. Weafers also visited **Bob & Doris Mischak** in KC, when Shad came in with the LA Raiders. **Bob & Marietta Riese** hosted a party for **Jim Surber** who was leaving for the Dutch Antilles to teach scuba diving. Marie writes that **Len & Seley Fuller** after vacationing in England are back home in Corsicana, TX. They are proud grandparents once, so far. The tireless Weafers and **Howie Hunter** represented the Class at Ft Leavenworth on Founders Day. While they were at Ft Lewis for son Bob's wedding, they visited **Paul & Betty Schweikert**. Paul is a bank VP in Tacoma. Weafers' oldest son, Tom '78, is at Ft Belvoir, while Bob '81, is a BC in the 25th Div in HI. Now read that back, slowly.

Over the holidays just passed we also heard from or rubbed shoulders with **Walt & Renate Evans** and **Roy & Fay Muth**. (We had to rub shoulders with them, because they wouldn't shake our hand.)

Thanks for writing. Next holiday is Easter. Hasta till then, and enjoy yourselves. Geshundheit!

'55

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Although the publication date of this article will find us well into 87 with its new tax laws and nearing the end of Gloom Period, I'm still basking in the pleasure that the holiday mailbag brought with so much news from classmates. Coupled with a very lovely holiday brunch here in No VA the day following Army's trashing of the Boat School, there's a fair amount of news to mete out. Some of the best news I can pass on comes from **Ski & Ute Ordway** out in CO Springs, where Ski is w/Sys Div of Computer Sci Corp. They hosted our great ole' Number 46, **Tommy Bell**, last fall on a trip that he and Pat Uebel '56 made to CO to visit Coach Earl Blaik. Tom's recovery from serious illness has been a warm and wonderful miracle for which we're all very grateful. Ski reports that he and Tom and Pat had a great visit with Coach Blaik, who is now brushing 93, but still alive with all those vivid football memories that they shared during their talk with him. Ski admits that in his private sessions with Tom and Pat the football stories get a tad embellished, but they're fun to retell. Tommy, you look like a million, and as the picture shows, all 3 look ready to put on the pads again.

**Joe & Connie Franklin** dropped a nice



1955: Ordway, Bell and Uebel in CO Springs

holiday note to advise all's *muy comodo* in Madrid. Joe will round out his JUSMAG duties this coming summer and encourages any '55ers headed for Spain to check in with them while passing. Joe has seen the dynamic political emergence of Spain these past few yrs in his position. He is very high on Spain's new role in the EC and NATO and holds out great potential for them. Joe reports that **Ted & Marie Livesay** dropped through Casa Franklin last fall and enjoyed the chance to reminisce a little.

Speaking of 3-stars, **Al Edwards**, who is with Figge Intl here in No VA, passed on the pic next below of **John Pickitt**, **Al, George Monahan**, and **Carl Cathey** taken at the annual AF Assoc banquet in DC last fall, shortly before Carl ret. John is Dir, Def Nuc Agency; George is Vice Cmdr of USAF Systems Cmd.



1955: Pickitt, Edwards, Monahan and Cathey at AF Assoc banquet

Another gem in the Yule mail was a long letter from **Walt & Nancy McCrillis** from Columbus, MS, where Rev Walt has his ministry. Walt recounted a slam-bang McCrillis family reunion in KY in Aug that he claims rivalled the 30th we had at USMA! Walt & Nancy's community involvements make a long list that tires one out just to read it. Not only are they fully busy with church matters, but Walt keeps very active with the Ret Off Assoc, as does Nancy. Nancy has just completed compiling a sizeable cookbook which she will publish in early 87. All proceeds will go to church missions; if you're interested at \$7 a copy, write to Nancy at 1211 18th Ave No, Columbus, MS 39701.

By now you will have received and

hopefully responded to the announcement letter from **Jack Goldstein** regarding the planned mini-reunion at Hilton Head in Mar 88. Jack's great work on this proposal has led to a very solid and well thought-out package. As Jack has laid out the events, there are alternative activities for every one and every taste. Hope you're planning to attend.

The yr-end letters also included a very warm and event-filled note from **Jack & Marlowe Viney** in Huntington Beach, CA. Jack continues with Hughes in Fullerton and Marlowe with her med/emergency room work. They managed a trip to Scotland last yr and Marlowe attended a continuing education nursing seminar in the PRC.

On the day after Army's delicious victory over Navy, Wash, DC area '55ers were treated to a super brunch gathering hosted by **Dick & Sandy Wargowsky** in their lovely new home in Alexandria on the Pinecrest Golf Course. Co-hosting were **Dick & Carol Baker**, **Carl & Marsha Cathey** and **Al & Edie Edwards**.



1955: The Wargowskys—holiday brunch hosts

Attendance at the brunch was a resounding response. Buoyed by the great victory in Phila and cheered by the coming holidays, our hosts clearly struck the right chord for a really fine Class get-together. Just can't beat that AF planning! The pictures tell part of the story, but let me enumerate who attended: **Ted & Starla Vitori**, who live in nearby Reston, VA; Ted is with the newly formed Unisys Corp after moving here from San Ant after his 85 ret. Also **Bill & Anita Anderson** were up from Charlottesville, where Bill now practices law. **Ed & Betsy Anderson** and **John & Mary Pickitt** spent some chatting time on Dick's rear deck overlooking the hot tub. Mary looked particularly fine after a long and arduous bout with pneumonia last fall. **Charlie & Rita Flynn** drove over from Annapolis to participate and to say some early farewells to all attending. They are heading west to AZ early in Jan to re-settle near Rita's parents. Rita came aboard at the party on crutches from a severe ankle sprain newly suffered—hope that all cleared up, Miss Joneschild! Charlie had been doing quite a bit of surf fishing and looked in the absolute pink of condition. It'll be a little longer cast in AZ,



1955: Vitori, Anderson, Vicki Roades, Anita Anderson, Starla Vitori

though. Charlie & Rita will be greatly missed hereabouts, but you guys out in AZ are gaining some real great ones.



1955: Charlie Flynn

Great also to see **John Rudski** at the brunch; John is doing a Natl Sci Fnd sabbatical from his faculty position at Trinity U in San Ant. **Bob & Pat Strati**, down from USMA for the game, came farther south to enjoy the brunch. Bob is my super source of Class news in his AOG position at WP. **Bob & Marly Carpenter**, who live in nearby Springfield, joined **Joan O'Brien** for some holiday conversation. Joan has been fully occupied with seminary school studies since Frank's passing in Jul. As a matter of fact, she had her final exam study notes with her!



1955: Stratis, Joan O'Brien and the Carpenters

**Pop & Mollie Warner**, **Tom & Peggy Herren** and **Dick & Greta Masson** were also among the brunch bunch that day. Dick & Greta had just days before moved into their new condo overlooking the

Two Jima Memorial in Arlington, and still up to their ears in moving crates and decorating plans. They proudly claim to have, hands down, the best view of DC around. Pop, Dick and Tom swapped a few greetings in the kitchen, as the pic attests.



1955: Warner, Masson and Herren

**Ed & Marjorie Nidever** and **Bob & Linda Newton** also enjoyed the terrace view of the 1st green at Pinecrest. Incidentally, Bob is the keeper of a full and variously listed computer data bank of '55 addresses, which he can call up by virtually any criterion, even shoe size! If you are interested in a current and full Class address list, drop Bob a line at 3522 Laurel Leaf Lane, Fairfax, VA 22031. **John & Jerra Hotchkiss** and **Jim & Nancy Cutchin** revived some old 2nd Regt memories at the Wargowsky's that Sun too. Jim is legal counsel to the Commissioner of the Nuc Regulatory Commission in DC, and John is with Bendix Corp. It was great also to see **Joan Matteson** getting ready for the holidays. **Carl & Jo McNair** were up from Ft Monroe, where Carl is Ch of Staff of the Army's TRADOC. Both looked great. **Jack & Dotty Goldstein** joined the two **Carls—Cathey** and **McNair** and **Dick Masson** in some *kuchensprech* over the punch bowl.



1955: Masson, McNair, Cathey and the Goldsteins

**George & Mary Monahan** came over from their new location at Andrews AFB to join classmates. George says he really enjoys the new asgmt there. **Jim & Helen Drummond** arrived to share the wassail cup with us. Jim still cmds the Army's OT&E Cmd in No VA. A busy man.

It was great also to see **Dan & Joey**

**Geran** after a lot of yrs. **Jim & Pat Ryan** and **Jim Bergen** also shared the magnificent table that the hosts had prepared. Former classmate **Jack MacAusland** enjoyed renewing old times with **Jim Eddins**. **Connie Franklin** was a welcome sight also, but **Joe** was off on some official escort duties. I enjoyed having a chance



1955: Dick & Carol Baker

to visit briefly with **Ray & Ann Gunderson** also. I'm still fascinated by some of the Pentagon lore that Ray can relate from his days as the bldg com. It's almost as endless as the TV soaps. I sincerely hope I haven't missed anyone that shared that day at Dick & Sandy's, but I won't swear to it. If I have, please forgive, and if you're mad enough, send me a card or letter and tell me who else I missed. You've got to remember, the memory goes first! This was, without question, a great post-victory, pre-holiday gathering that brought some pretty wonderful people together for a few moments of friendship and memories. Our hosts really did themselves proud.

So much for now, but don't lose your fountain pens! I'm happy to see a great many of you using the ease and convenience of the word processor, personal computer letter—that's great. I might even get one of those gadgets that lets your computer talk to mine, then you could really keep the news coming. What I really enjoy, and so does everyone I chat with, is the steady flow of newsy letters and cards, so don't let up. Write, send snaps, keep your old scribe in the know. Take care.

'56

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As I write this report in Jan 87, I still feel the special tingle of our 30th Reunion. While I could only be there for a too short day and a half, and I was only able to visit with a small fraction of the over-400 classmates, wives and offspring who attended, it was indeed a "happening" that will stick with me the rest of my days. Since I arrived after traveling all night from CA just in time to catch the Class buses to the Sat am events, I am not

in the best position to describe those activities that occurred earlier; however, I will share my overall impressions of what happened from then on.

There were a few more wrinkles, a little more grey hair, some expanding bald spots, perhaps some other signs of enhanced maturity; however, the same "something" that is the hallmark of our Class was there—and in abundance!! The Memorial Service, punctuated by **Dave Palmer's** welcome, **Bob Hewitt's** reading from the Holy Scriptures, and **Roger Root's** remembrances of the 39 who have passed on, filled us with pride and reaffirmed our basic belief in ourselves, individually and collectively. Roger Root's appearance alone was a miracle, and we thanked God for this special gift to all of us at this very special time. We greatly enjoyed viewing the



1956: The Roots and Stan Wilker

new reception room at WP which will serve a very lasting and useful purpose, thanks to the generosity of the many who donated and the few who assumed the responsibility of seeing it through to completion. It was indeed fun looking at the many precious (to us) mementoes and photos that are so appropriately displayed in this room. Later, it was thrilling to be honored as special guests at a parade of the full Corps of Cadets, and to note at that time how the Corps has changed in many ways, but still remains essentially the same in most important respects. Having lunch together in the greatly expanded but still most familiar surroundings of the Cadet Dining Hall gave us an opportunity to relive some of our plebe as well as upper classman experiences, and to recall how it was just a few short yrs ago to be together at those tables for 10.

The football game was a disappointment only in the sense that our team ran out of time to win the game, but it was great just sharing the experience of rooting the team on to another touchdown, singing those memorable fight songs, and yelling ourselves hoarse. At the great evening banquet, there wasn't a dry eye when our Glee Club alumni joined current cadets to sing "Benny Havens" and "The Corps." **Doc Bahnsen** gave us a great keynote speech

(as only he can) and reminded almost everyone of our very individual idiosyncrasies as well as past follies. Sun morning came all too quickly; however, our brunch together offered us one more opportunity to exchange greetings, share photos of kids and grandkids and to share our many and varied experiences since grad. No words can adequately describe just "being there"—so I won't say any more at this time.

Thanks to **Maury Cralle**, I have an announcement that the Pres has approved and intends to forward to the Senate—a nomination of **John Foss** for appointment to the grade of LTG. John's next asgmt will be as CG, XVIII Abn Corps. This certainly comes as great news to all of us, and I am confident that John will continue to make us all very proud of his accomplishments.

Speaking of accomplishments, the Bd of Dir of the Natl Mortgage Exchange Interim Corp has recently elected **Sam Alward** as its pres and CEO. The corp is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fannie Mae (Federal Natl Mortgage Assoc), the nation's largest supplier of conventional home mortgage funds. The Interim Corp will look at possible changes in procedures for trading mortgage backed securities with the intent of simplifying deposit and clearing functions. A more standardized procedure would increase efficiency in buying and selling the securities and could lower mortgage costs for homeowners.

**Maury Cralle** also reported on another well attended '56 get-together on 30 Sep 86 at Ft McNair. During the meeting, **Bob Sorley** discussed the upcoming 30th Reunion activities. Several designs for the Class 30-Yearbook were passed around and discussed, and a final decision was made on one design. Those attending in addition to Maury and Bob were **Conn Anderson, Jim Bauchspies, Jerry Burcham, Tom Cody, Bill Cody, Bill Crites, Stan Diez, Bob Dowell, Don Ernst, Gene Fox, Win Frank, Bob Hull, Ted Jasper, Dirk Lueders, Frank Matthews, Al Renshaw, Bill Schrage, Pete Verfurth, Paul Winkel** and **Marty Zimmerman**.

Speaking of **Bob Sorley**, the ed of our *ASSEMBLY*, **Paul Child, Jr COL, USA (Ret)**, gave a special credit to Bob for assisting him for planning and setting the stage for the new format of this quarterly. In addition, **Perry Smith** said that Bob helped him immensely with his new book just before it went to press. If any of you would like an autographed copy of Perry's book *Taking Charge: A Practical Guide for Leaders*, send \$8.00 and your return address to Perry M. Smith, 7217 Van Ness Court, McLean, VA 22101. I would also like to thank **Bob Sorley** at this time for sending me an article in the 4 Nov 86 issue of the *Washington Times* written by Warren

**Strobel**. Mr Strobel based this article on an interview with **John Wall**, Ch of the Army Strategic Def Cmd. John commented during this interview on the most likely impact of recent Congressional mandated budget reductions associated with this country's Strategic Def Initiative (also known as "Star Wars").

As a follow-up to my request at the reunion for more feedback, **Perry Smith** came through by providing the following list of some of our classmates who might be of special assistance to some of us. Anyone interested in settling in FL might contact **Al Hoffman**. He is developing a major piece of real estate about 20 mi west of Tampa. Knowing Al, it will surely be done with style and good taste. Al's address is 949 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater, FL. If you are interested in finding a good stockbroker in the Wash, DC area, you might try **Pete Verfurth**. He has been with Dean Witter for 10 yrs, and I'm confident will give you great service. His address is 3812 Winterset Dr, Annandale, VA 22003. If you are looking for someone to help you with a manuscript, paper or some other publication, **Bob Sorley** is a gifted writer and has helped a good many individuals in this way, including Perry Smith. Bob can be reached at 9429 Garden Court, Potomac, MD 20854. If you are in need of a first rate oral surgeon, you might try **Chuck Young**, 2719 Stickney Point Rd, Sarasota, FL 33581. If you are in the DC or Baltimore area and in need of a thorough house inspection before you buy, Perry suggests that you try **Jerry Amlong**, 259 Waxter Way, Baltimore, MD 21217 or **Bill Crites**, 4195 Carvel Lane, Edgewater, MD 21037.

**Barbara & Bill McPeek** sent a very informative card and note regarding the latest happenings in their family. Their son Jeff was married 7 Jun 86 in Schenectady, NY. They honeymooned in Tahiti and currently are in the market for a home in No NJ. Bill & Barbara also reported a very special event in the life of **Bob Grassberger**. Bob is the new pastor of St Athanasius Anglican Catholic Church in CO Springs. After ret from the AF, Bob served as an engr for BDM in Albuquerque. Then he began teaching mech engr at the U of NM in Albuquerque. A little more than a yr ago, he went to Holyrood Seminary in Liberty, NY graduating from there in Aug 86. While assuming the pastoral post at St Athanasius, Father Bob plans to continue teaching math at CO Tech College in CO Springs. Bob & Diane stayed with Bill & Barbara McPeek when they first arrived in CO Springs.

**Jesse & Anna Blackwell** have returned from New Zealand to HI. Jesse accepted a procurement job at a higher rate with the Army Western Cmd at Ft Shafter. Their new home is on a hill overlooking

the back of Diamond Head and the Wai alae Golf Course (where they play the Hawaiian Open every Feb). Since then they have made a couple of trips together to the Continental US (including our reunion), and have also visited Japan and Korea. Anna has been job hunting,



1956: The Blackwells touring Japan

and to stay otherwise occupied has edited a cookbook to be published by their church.

As all of you already know, **Farrell Patrick**, most ably assisted by his lovely wife, **Nancy**, was the chm of our best ever reunion. However, there was considerably more activity than this for them to report this past yr. To close out



1956: John Patrick-Bethanne Kelly wedding

85 on a high note, their son John married **Bethanne Kelly** at the Cadet Chapel at WP on 28 Dec. Following a honeymoon in NYC, they returned to Ft Knox where John completed his Off Basic Course. John & Beth are currently in Berlin where John is assigned to the 40th Armor in the Berlin Bde. Their son **David** & his wife **Sandy** presented the Patricks their first grandchild 21 Feb 86 (**Kathryn Elizabeth**). Last Memorial Day weekend the Patricks visited with their daughter **Nancy** & son-in-law **Hugh Maher** in Ft Lauderdale, FL.

**Carl & Denny Hattler** attended the reunion and were particularly pleased that so many good photos of Carl's M-2 Co were on display at our '56 Class donated reception room. Their daughter **Diana** married **Dan McDonough** 27 Dec 86. Dan is in the Navy. The couple will reside in Norfolk. **Denny** has become involved in a new org to help those ret

religious in financial need. She is also a Trustee of Canterbury School in New Milford, CT.

**Ray Cannon** is recovering from a bout with kidney stones. **Carolyn** still works part-time for a local bank in CO. Their **Donna** graduated from the U of No CO last Dec. Their other daughter **Janice** is marketing dir for a Seattle co. As previously indicated, it was a great thrill to see **Roger Root & Judy** at the reunion. **Roger** looked quite fit and well on his way to a complete recovery from his heart replacement op. Their son **Steve** is cmding the Hq Co, 35 Sig Bde at Ft Bragg.

**Fred & Cindy Rall** had a wonderful time at the reunion and also report their eldest son **Raoul** has been promoted to LT (Navy) and is flying the E2 Hawkeye aboard the USS *Midway* off Japan. **Fred** is teaching science at the jr high level, and **Cindy** stays busy as the DAR Regent for the Choctawhatchee Bay Chap in Ft Walton.

**Carlton Coulter** took my request for more classmate news quite to heart and sent a most welcome letter containing the following input. **Doc Bahnsen**, our reunion banquet speaker, resides with his lovely wife **Peggy** in Norfolk. **Roger Blunt** lives in Bethesda, MD, and is pres of the Essex Construction Co. **Joel Campis** is moving from Orlando to W Palm Beach, FL. **Bill Carey** lives in Amherst and is heading up a avionics/communications R&D gp for GE. **Mike Cavanaugh** is still with Merrill Lynch and is residing in Roland Park, Baltimore, MD. **John Conklin**, a reunion organizer, heads up several Hudson Valley manufacturing firms. **Mike Conrad**, our most able Class prexy, is a GEN with the Army IG. **Maury & Criss Cralle** live in Burke, VA. **Maury** tinkers at home and helps with MDW's fiscal mgt. **Criss** is ch, Interior Design, Chesapeake Div, NAVPAC, and is currently redesigning the JCS "Gold Room."

**Ace Bowman** is an almond farmer near Atwater, CA. When we saw each other at the reunion, we talked briefly about a possible reunion event at Bass Lake (near Fresno) for CA residents. The idea certainly has some merit, so if there is any interest, I suggest that you contact **Ace** at his home address: 8264 W. Rose Ave, Atwater, CA 95301. I will do what I can to funnel any ideas on this to him. At this holiday time of the yr, I would also like to acknowledge and thank **Bruce & Sharon Wallace** (San Diego), **Art & Alicia Evans** (Redondo Beach, CA), and **Steve & Margaret Boylan** (Ger) for their most thoughtful Christmas remembrances.

As for both **Betty & me**, we are busier than ever with our professions, investments, hobbies and other travel. I have been roaming the country constantly as pres of the Natl Contract Mgt Assoc. **Betty & I** managed a wk of blissful relaxation together in Palm Springs and

Boulder City, NV. Now it is time to look forward to another active yr—and one which we fondly hope will be brimming over with good health and all other good things for all of you and yours.

'57

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Greetings and salutations. I hope that the auspicious yr of 87 has been treating you with the respect a 30 yr grad deserves. Only about 6 mos to go (when you read this), and I trust you have made your reservations at the Suffern Holidome. If not, you better call now. The no is 914-357-4800, ext 416. I'm happy to report that donations have picked up some in the last mo, but we still have a long way to go. The Wash contingent started writing letters to their co-mates and the results have been outstanding. Seventeen members of Co B-1 have contributed and they're the no 1 co. If you haven't contributed, you may be holding up the works, so write that check and put it in the mail today. You can send your check to me or **JJ Cortez** (made out to Class of '57 Fund), or directly to WP as long as you specify that it should be credited to the Class of '57.

Before turning to the mail, it is my sad duty to report the death of **Gitta Circeo** after a long illness with cancer. She displayed tremendous personal courage, keeping her humor and good cheer throughout the last yr, never complaining. We extend our deepest sympathy to **Lou**, and to their children. Anyone wishing to honor **Gitta** is asked to contribute to the American Cancer Society.

Got a note, Christmas letter, holiday card and check from the **Adcocks**—and appreciate them all. **Tom** just got a new car, and when he took it in for some warranty work the odometer reading was 1957. A great sign for the Class. **Tom** asked that this contribution be made in honor of **Jr Gaspard**. He also sent out letters to I-1 files who have not yet contributed, and I trust we'll be hearing from them soon. **Tom & Betty** now have to travel quite a bit to visit their kids since **Cathy & husband Brad** live in Norfolk, where she is on the bd of Children's Hosp and was promoted to VP and gen mgr at Garris Travel, and **Garth & wife Charlotte** are living in Dallas, where he builds houses for **Betty's brother's** co. They built one for **Hershell Walker** and it was included in a recent edition of *Sports Illustrated*.

**Lou Barisano** wrote from St Louis, sent a check and noted that **TB McDonald** put the squeeze on. **TB's** taking care of the co. **Lou** has been working for the Emerson Electric (not the radio and TV one) Electronics and Space Div for 3 1/2 yrs as an integrated

logistics support mgr. He's currently working programs for TOW/ITV depots in Egypt, Saudi, Kuwait and Jordan, and enjoying the challenge plus some occasional travel to the ME. I wonder if he speaks Arabic. He is also involved with the US Marine Light Armored Vehicle—Antitank weapon system and the US Army Chemical Cmd's NBC recon system. I would think an even greater challenge would be speaking Marineese. While the kids were going to school Gail decided she'd go too and earned a business degree. Having learned all about business she decided to stay home. Smart! Lou & Gail are big on St Louis, and recommend it highly as the place to visit.

Ken Bryan sent a note and check from Dallas, following up on the phone call I reported last time. One additional note is that Doug '90 is squared away, doing well and loves WP. Whoever heard of a plebe loving WP and admitting it? Obviously, the Corps has. Received a check (no note) from Bobby Christy. Got a note and double check from Hawk Conrad. He's completing a tour as dep dir of Combat Dev Experimentation Center (CDEC) at Ord, will ret in Jun and move back east to Cape Cod where he intends to do no more than fix up his house and become a local character. I like that—sounds like the thing we'd all like to do and probably would if we could. Hawk has seen Bill Golden at a couple of Kiwanis affairs, but hasn't seen any other classmates. He knows that Joe Shimek and Alex Vardamis are both in the area, but they haven't been able to get together. Oh well, maybe they'll see each other at the reunion.

Joan & Jack Cooper sent a lovely card, with check enclosed, from Freemont, MI, but no info. Thanks for the card and please send some news with the next one. Joe & Joyce Cygler quickly responded to the reminder from Rod McConnell, and made their contribution in honor of Mink Newman. Joe recalled some confusion in mailing reservations for the 25th that we hope will not be made for the 30th. That is, he made a reservation for the hotel room, but did not make one for any of the activities since he thought that would be automatic. They weren't. Thanks for raising the issue Joe, and I trust we'll have it resolved in the typical '57 way. Joe lives in Iselin, NJ and has had the opportunity to see quite a few classmates over the last 2 yrs. Specifically, he's seen Tony Bullotta, Bill Wright, Steve Glick, Dick Murtland, Mac McCullum, Charlie Hug, Jim Armstrong, Les Bennett, Dave Schorr, Len Marrella and Dana Mead. He also provided some personal info. To start, he's still married to Joyce and she keeps busy by taking care of him, skiing, redecorating their home and dabbling in a part-time swimwear bus when not col-

lecting funds for her alma mater, Bucknell. After being a bus consultant for 10 yrs Joe has started a new bus in the East with several partners in the Midwest. The co is called "The Executive Committee (TEC)" and the motto is "A Think Tank Where Everyone Means Business." Their main product is peer advice to CEOs who need help or reassurance in getting their job done. The brochures are quite impressive, and if I were a CEO with a problem I'd certainly consider calling Joe. Thanks Joe, for the questions, the check and the info.

Got another note from Ray Dixon, with another \$1000 check. He persuaded his corp (which he owns) to match his previous personal donation, and sent it in memory of Jim Mooring. You may recall that Jim, who was his roommate, was killed in an A/C accident at Reese AFB on 6 Sep 67. Wife Jimmie is doing well selling pieces of CA, and Ray is trying to start a new co called Facilities Supervision Co, Inc while playing engr with his present co. Sounds overwhelming, but profitable. Thanks for the checks, Ray—they certainly have helped. Got a lovely holiday card from Rich & Pat Daluga in Hopedale, MA, and am happy to report that all is well with them. Barry Fox wrote from Newport News, VA, included his contribution and reported that transitioning back to civ life is not very easy. He was here for the party at JD Smith's house on the 18th, and we enjoyed seeing him. Speaking of the party, it was especially delightful because Fletch Elder returned to his task of cooking and carving the steamship round. We also had some great desserts. Received a letter, picture and check from Steve Glick. Steve became the dep of the T & E Cmd, AMC upon his return from Ger in Jun of 85 and was doing a lot of traveling. Then he was offered one of those jobs you can't refuse in Dec 85, and didn't. So, in Mar he became the pres of Stoeger, Inc, a co located in So Hackensack, NJ that imports sporting guns and is also a publishing house. For those of you who would like to buy Sako rifles, Llama pistols or IGA shotguns, you can call Steve at 1-800-631-0722. The magazines they publish cover the areas of hunting, shooting and fishing; the biggest seller is the *Shooter's Bible*. At the moment Steve's leading a very confused life, trying to build a house in Montville, NJ, traveling to Finland, Ger, and Brazil, and going on a hunting safari to Zimbabwe.

Got a Chanukah card and Christmas letter from Sue & Cliff Goodson. Seems that wear and tear caught up with the athletic duo, and they both had some sports induced surgery. Cliff had trapped nerves in his thumb and heel, and Sue had a torn medial tendon in her right elbow, which put a damper on her tennis game. It also turned Cliff into



1957: Steve Glick on safari in Zimbabwe

chief cook and bottle washer. Hope they survive his cooking. Before the injury, Sue was the over 45 women's singles champ in the northern NM district; hopefully she'll be back on top this yr. They also participated in and won several runs, and made their trek to HI for rejuvenation. Frank Gross sent a check and a note from Lancaster, PA, saying "Sign me up for the Fund." Done, and thank you.

Ray Karsian sent a brochure explaining the IBM matching grants program. Looks good. However, IBM, like several other companies we've heard of, will only match donations directly to the college. Nevertheless, Ray sent his cancelled check and I'm going to see if we can get IBM to match it. I'll let you know if it works. Got a call from Ray Ketchum, who is up at Ft Monmouth, to say that son Ray III was married in Tucson on 25 Oct and is a PhD candidate in botany at CO U. John Loberg sent some pictures, a note, a new business card and a copy of a very interesting letter written by Marge Williams (wife of Gordon) last Feb during the period of Pres Marcos' departure from the Philippines. As you may know, Gordon was the CG at Clark AFB, and was thus responsible for the Marcos evacuation. Fascinating story—history in the making, but a bit too long to put in the column. With Marge's permission, I'll bring it to the reunion. Unfortunately, Gordon was apparently bitten by a mosquito just prior to going to Korea for Operation Team Spirit, and when he landed there he had a fever of 105°. The diagnosis was Japanese Type B encephalitis, and it caused him to lose his short term memory. He was evacuated back to CA, where John and George Kilishek saw him (and played golf). Gordon has been assigned to the Pentagon, and he & Marge have moved back to their home in Vienna, VA. The pictures John sent are of him and Barry Fox at a Century 21 convention in SF, and of him, George Kilishek, Howie Haupt and Gordon Williams at the Travis AFB O Club. The bus card shows that the realty co John is associated with has changed hands, and is Alpha Realty.

At this point, I'm going to have to end the column and report on the rest of the



1957: Loberg, Kilishek, Haupt and Williams



1957: Fox and Loberg at Century 21 convention

mail next time. The volume in the last 2 wks has been overwhelming, and I can't do it all justice. Besides, this way I'm guaranteed to have a lot for the next column. However, I do want to list all the checks received through today so you will know they were received. I should mention that quite a few of the checks were for more than \$100, and some were given in honor of classmates. I will provide the details next time. Checks were received from **John McDonald, Don Press, John Ramsden, BT Rose, Dick Stephenson, Gordon Williams, Glen Swindler, Bruce Turnbull, Mike Petruno, Dave Nottingham, Bob Drudik, and George Kilishek.** Thank you all.

Now for some last min details. **Fred & Nancy Smith** would like to publish a '57 cookbook to help raise money for the Class gift. Please put your favorite recipe(s) on a standard size (8 1/2x11) piece of plain notebook paper (3 ring OK), leaving a 1 1/2 in margin on the left side (for binding), and print or type in black ink on only one side of the paper. Indicate what type of course it is (entree, dessert, etc) and how many it will serve. The recipes will be printed, bound, and put on sale at the reunion. Send your recipes to **Fred & Nancy Smith, Eastover Farm, RFD 1, Woodbury, CT 06798 before 1 Jul 87.** Here's to good eating.

Here's the answer to **Joe Cygler's** question. Please take note. You should receive a questionnaire and reservation form for the reunion events about the same time that you receive this (assuming you are on the AOG mailing list). Be sure to fill it in and mail it back. If you

don't get one, call me. You must make your own hotel reservations and purchase tickets to the football game directly from the AAA. If you do all of the above, we should see you 11-13 Sep at WP and we can enjoy all of the events together. There will be a dinner on the evening of the 11th; breakfast, lunch in Washington Hall, a football game and a dinner at the WP O Club on the 12th; and a brunch on the 13th. There will also be a memorial service before lunch on the 12th.

In the meantime, keep sending checks for the Class gift.

We have now signed a contract to initiate the repair work on the North Gym for the Class gift and will dedicate the project during the reunion. We are also looking for works of art or pictures which can be hung in the hallway. If you have any, or any suggestions, please send them to me.

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'58

*42d Column.* Today is 12/30/86, the 6th day of Christmas. New record. Two columns in a row on time. Unheard of. Actually, the penalty for being late has gone up. If one's column isn't there when the Class is reached (and we are getting always closer to the front of the Class Notes section), the column is left out. Terrible. Have suggested the implementation of a "late rank" instead. If the column is too late for its correct placement by seniority, then move it to the end of the section. Would rather appear after '86 than not be included at all.

On to the news. First letter after the 41st Column was from **Jack May** after he & **Lee** returned from Africa. It is addressed, "Dear Classmates." Don't think **Jack** trusts me, so I'll quote it in entirety: "My wife **Lee** & I just concluded a half-yr high adventure. Our life remains generally passionate, luxurious and harmonious.

"In the spring I was a participant in the Mille Miglia, a 1000-mi auto race around northern Italy. The original event ran from 1927 to 1957, except wartime, and was full speed or more mad-dash. The current race is more of a rally, a mobile homage to the original, and sort of a moving vintage racing automobile museum. Check point and overnight layovers extend the time to 48 hrs. Things are slower, but I managed to top 140mph on several occasions. Still, over 3 million cheering spectators line the two lane roads and crowd around the checkpoints in the tiny villages. I co-drove a 1951 Ferrari '340 America' and finished 35th out of 252 entrants for the 2nd highest finish ever by an American team.

"Our next challenge was Mt

**Kilimanjaro**, the top of Africa, at an altitude of 19,340 ft. **Lee** stubbornly made it to 17,200 ft before succumbing to altitude sickness. I continued to the summit, kicking steps in the deepest snow fall in 3 yrs, remembering Ranger School with each pained breath and exhausting move. We were accompanied by 2 guides and 4 porters, and the climb took 7 days.

"Our adventure continued with a 'Hemingway style' safari in the Matesti area of Zimbabwe, Africa. In 24 days of hunting I took 8 trophies, 4 of which made the world record book. Included were a dandy ginger-maned lion, 9'10" long and 500 pounds, an elephant, and the cape buffalo in the picture which measured nearly 80" and weighed over 2000 lbs.



1958: Cape buffalo

"We culminated our trek with serious sport fishing trips to Bimini and Mexico, and were rewarded with excellent blue and striped marlin. We now plan some indoor fun! Sincerely, **Jack May**"

The 2d letter is from **Nick Carlson**, who included his \$100 check to the 1958 Memorial Fund with the notation, "Please note the check number (aside: it was numbered 1958). When it came up I decided it was time I made the contribution!" **Nick** appreciated the picture furnished by **Joan Collins** of **Nick** and his daughter **Margaret** at the Presidio SF Founders Day. Seems **Margaret** met an '82 grad at the dinner and "they have been a steady item ever since."

Third letter is really a memo from **Pete Kusek** with a clipping from the *Defense News* of 13 Oct 86. The clipping says that **Jack Bradshaw** joined Motorola, Inc of Schaumburg, IL as the dir of Strategic Planning and Policy Dev. Remove **Jack** from the list of lost classmates. Later in late Nov **Jack** called and then made it to the 12/12 ANCC luncheon.

Fourth letter and picture from the Army-TN game. "**Tommie Thompson** arranged a trip for whole gang from Huntsville, AL. At pre-game brunch we ran into **Walt Patterson & Sue** who had driven from SC. Our son **Roy '86** flew in from El Paso for the weekend so Army's winning was icing on the cake. All our best, **Kay Lou Tomlinson.**"



1958: Thompson, Patterson and Tomlinson

Fifth letter from **Gary Graves** enclosed TWO checks, \$100 each. One was for the Class Memorial Fund, the other for reunion down payment. Graves reports that "unless something major comes up, we plan on attending the 30th reunion." He goes on to say that "Sylvia has worked for a newspaper and she prompted me a little too—she says reporters need input." Scribe says *AMEN!*

**Gary** adds they ret in '79 to hometown USA, Salem, IN, where he owns and operates an automobile body repair bus and Sylvia sells real estate. They restored a beautiful old house in the historic part of Salem. Both daughters are married with two children each (4 grandchildren!). Son Scott is a yearling at USMA. And a thought which many can endorse, "The **Ramsdens** are surely gracious friends who have done a lot for moms and dads like us and our children" (offspring who are or have been cadets during **Jim & Rae's** tenure at WP).

Sixth letter is from **Roger Waddell**, "I am sending a second \$100 check to WP for our Memorial Fund. There are several reasons for my deciding to do that. First, 'everything I am or ever hope to be, I owe to WP and my squad leader.' If it had not been for WP, I'd have never met **Laurelei** (you spelled her name wrong, by the way). And, I had the good fortune of having several good squad leaders.

"Then on page 39 of the *ASSEMBLY*, there was a WP Fund report for FY 86. I was embarrassed to see that from 25 yrs before us to 25 yrs after (1929-1983) only 7 classes had lower contributions than ours. I also noted that you said we were woefully short of our \$50,000 goal.

"Finally, I'm getting sick and tired of always reading that M-2 had the most people here or there or have done this or that. So, I want to challenge the other members of A-1 to make our co the first to have half our numbers making a \$200 contribution to our Memorial Fund. I don't know how we stand on getting the first \$100 (aside: nor does your scribe). Maybe A-1 can be the first to have 100% making the \$100 contribution if no other co has done it yet. Do you or the WP Fund have info that would show how we are doing by co? (aside: No, sir, but I'll find out.)

"Really, \$200 does not seem like a large amount 30 yrs after having received that \$40,000 education that was given a nickel at a time. Also, \$100 extra is not really significant unless it is your last \$100.

"If you don't happen to see *Aviation Week* on a regular basis, the Gulfstream IV is featured on the cover and in a pilot report in the last issue. We are aiming for certification just before Christmas with delivery of 10 or 11 to customers this yr. Best wishes, **Roger**"

Next letter is the first after the *ASSEMBLY* with the 41st column was received. **Don Johnson** writes, "I couldn't resist!!! The totally incomplete list of Poop Schoolers in the Class of '58 certainly got my attention. The list is incomplete by about 100 names. Perhaps you did it intentionally—to drum up more mail from the unnamed parties. If so, good move. If not, good move.

"I (Don Johnson) count myself among the illustrious group. And the sailor Tom you mention must be **Tom Cartwright**. Add to the list **Jim Wildey**, **Mike Luck** (ex '58), **Arv Doucette**, **Jerry Dunn**, **Doug Sedgwick**, **Ron Short**—I'll quit and let them all contact you."

"I have logged 12 yrs at Lynchburg College, and life as a college prof is fun. It's even more fun when one gets the chance to play games with the front office. Currently, I have applied for promotion (now there's a system for you—one actually APPLIES for promotion) to Full Prof. . . but I do not own a PhD. . . how do you promote someone who makes significant contributions but hasn't had all his tickets punched? I am not betting on me!

"I have now logged 18 yrs in the same house. Time sure. . . flies. **Don.**"

**Tom Smith (TK)** sends tragic news that his nephew, **Andrew Paul** (16), son of **Dave & Jane Parsons**, drowned at Diamond Lake in Dayton, MN on 2 Jul. There is virtually nothing one can say to express adequately the sympathy which '58 would like to say to Jane, Dave and their surviving children **Jonathan** (18) and **Becky** (12). Dave's father and brother came up from TX to share the vigil between Andrew's being missing while swimming with two friends and the recovery of his body on 4 Jul.

**Tom** goes on to say that **Dave** had recently served two terms on the school bd and before that had been on the city council. Andrew and his family were known well in town. Sad. As the psalmist wrote, "his soul fleeth before the morning watch. . ."

While east for the Army-AF game, the **Smiths** visited **Branch & Nancy Worsham**. Branch was "originally a MN type and this was the first time (Tom) had seen him since graduation." I-2 picture was taken at **Palmer McGrew's** in summer of 85.



1958: McGrew, Webb, Schwar and TK Smith: I-2 Reunion

Before the Christmas cards, a birth announcement: Sarah Elizabeth arrived on 24 Oct 86 to **Susie & Joe Guenther**. Sarah weighed in at 7 lbs 11 oz. Joe added, "Some of us are out here having kids when most of the Class has grandkids. According to their Christmas card last yr, **Karolyn & Harry Kramp's** daughter **Laura** was born on 9-30-85."

That clears up the mystery in the 41st Column re youngest child in the Class. Last 3 in order are **Cuthbert Powell Stearn Hutton** on 6/10/85, followed by **Laura Kramp** on 9/30/85, and now displaced for the honor of youngest by **Sarah Elizabeth Guenther** effective 10/24/86. Any more contenders out there?

**Bill & Marlene Cibosky** were here for 12/5 potluck at the **Salisburys'** and then to the A-N game via the **Lawton**-arranged train with USNA '58. The picture shows **Toftoy** in racing trim after the Ocean View Triathlon last Jun. All



1958: Toftoy after Ocean View Triathlon

should remember that **Chuck & Patty** will host the DC picnic next summer, having volunteered to take over from **Chuck & Patsy Densford**.

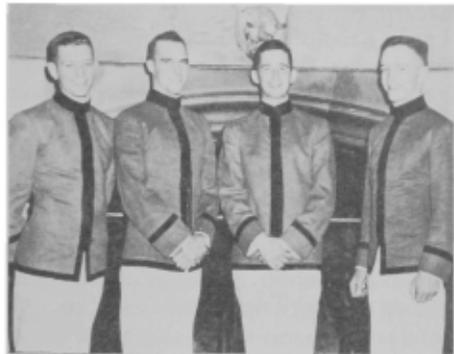
Miscellaneous. First call on 9/29 after mailing the last column on 9/27 was from **Gene Scales**. He was proclaiming "Goat Power" because 4 of the last 6 "legitimate" goats are within a 30-mi radius (listed in "goat order," that is bottom to top): **Bill Kelley** is in San Marcos, **Buck Griffin** in San Ant along with **John Soper** (new one-star dep cmdr of some AF Log Cmd at Kelly AFB) and **Gene Scales** himself (the hive of the gp, it is all

relative, as Albert Einstein told us).

The two "legitimate" goats not there are **Larry Bullis** here in DC area and **Fred Easley** in Santa Barbara, CA. Not legally goats, but having managed to graduate behind Kelley were (top down) **Bruce Davenport** in West Palm Beach, FL; **Jack Tierney**, another Texan in Harlingen; and our luncheon arranger, **Mark Sigurski**.

**ACHTUNG**—the DC luncheons are now MONTHLY, still on the 2d Fri. The formula has been made easier at **Jae Stanton's** suggestion, request, plea. Spread the word. Be in DC at the ANCC on the 2d Fri of each and every mo.

The 12/12 luncheon was well attended. Sorry, **Roger Waddell**, M-2 had the most there with **Bradshaw**, **Brintnall**, **Schroeder**, and **Van Fleet**. **Otto Thamasett** was a first-time attendee (he's only been in DC area since 76 or so). **Jae Stanton** reported that **Chuck Densford's** father died and was buried at WP. **Jim Ramsden** was the Supe's rep at the funeral. "May it be said, 'Well done, Be thou at peace.'"



1958: Can you identify these plebes?

Look at the Homecoming 86 pictures in Dec ASSEMBLY. **George Lawton's** father, **LTG Lawton '22**, was the oldest graduate present at the ceremony and led the P-rade.

This thing is too long, but that's your fault, thanks for the poop. Remember, the deadlines are 31 Mar, 30 Jun, 30 Sep and 5 Jan, but now that really means that the columns should be at WP in the editor's hands by those dates, so back off a wk or two for your poor scribe.

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I am sorry to report that **Bud Imler** died following heart transplant surgery in Philadelphia on 29 Dec. The Class extends its heartfelt condolences to his wife **Marjorie** and to his family and friends. **Marjorie** is at their home in Wilmington at 33 Harleck Drive (19807).

**Steve Klein**, who is still with AEG in Ulm, writes that he met up with 3 classmates last Nov at a Ger-American indus-

trial coop conf in Munich. **Don Kendall**, who is with NATO in Brussels, was there with his wife **Helga**. **Frank Salvatore** was in from Norwood, MA, where he is marketing dir for Spears Associates. And **George Williams**, who is in charge of foreign high tech business dev for Kaman Corp, was in from Rosslyn, VA. Steve says they were all surprised and quite pleased to find themselves in an ad hoc mini-reunion of almost one-percent of the Class.

**Bruce Bradley** is a captain with American Airlines and has been for 22 yrs. That and advancing age, says he, give him the kind of seniority that puts him on transcontinental and Caribbean flights out of JFK. **Bruce, Jr** (27) was married in Sep and daughter **Beth** (23) followed in Oct, so our pilot is reluctantly preparing for grandfatherhood.

**Bruce** is single again and helping to integrate the former female bastion of Beaver College in Glenside, PA, as he works on a master's in psychology (counseling). He hopes to work with chemical substance users and abusers when he ret from the airline at age 60. He still keeps in touch with **Tom Munz**, who is doing well in the land acquisition bus in the Chesapeake Bay area. **Tom** recently married **Liz**, who **Bruce** says is a very lovely and intelligent lady. **Bruce** invites calls from classmates visiting the So Jersey Shore. He's in the Ocean City section of the phone book.

As reported last time, **Jim & Phyl Walsh** are now living in Boonsboro, MD, which turns out to be so of Hagerstown, if that helps. **Phyl**, who has wanted a kennel for her dog breeding business, has turned the garage into one, and now **Jim's** 1972 VW makes do in the snow. They have been thinking about getting a couple of sheep or goats to keep the lawn trimmed.

**Jim** is still on active duty, travels frequently, and finds himself in DC about one day a wk. **Phyl** is still the only elementary counselor in the county and continues to love her work. Son **Jay** returned from Ger in time for the holidays and should now be in the adv course at Ft Sill. **Jay & Grace** have two children: **Matthew**, who is 2 1/2, and **Bridget Marie**, born last 22 May. Daughter **Terry** is a nurse in HI where her husband **Rick** cmds a co in the 25th Light Inf Div. Son **David** is doing well at Springfield College in MA.

**Jay Weisler** writes from his law offices in Brenham, TX that his Class ring is in need of a major overhaul by its maker. Does anyone remember the name and city of our manufacturer? Was it **Dieges & Clust**? Is that the right spelling? Memory fades. **Jay** says he motored down to Houston last Nov for the WP Soc luncheon. **Pete Dawkins**, in town for Lombardi Awards, was the speaker, and **Jay** saw **Bill Marshall** and **Sandy Beach**

as well. Says he spoke by phone with **Andy Kuschner** in AK a while back and everyone was fine.

**Phyllis & Irv Broocke** have moved to Richmond where **Irv** is the newly appointed state dir of Engr and Bldgs. He is responsible for the Capital Outlay (new construction) program statewide, and he manages the bldgs and other facilities in the capital area of Richmond. He says it's a very interesting job.

**Irv's** son **Bill** (24) graduated in industrial engr from VA Tech in 84 and is presently employed by the Navy in Crystal City. Son **David** (20) is a soph at James Madison U in Harrisonburg, VA and is majoring in biology. The new Richmond address for the Broockes is 2011 Cambridge Dr (23233).

**Winnie Schepps** is still busy as a psychotherapist in private practice at Baptist Hosp in Birmingham, and his wife is a cancer counselor at Univ Hosp. Daughter **Laura** (13) is quite a dancer, according to her father, and son **Scott** (11) is a sports enthusiast. **Winnie** tells him about his coaching the L-2 intramural track team to a bde championship. **Winnie** says he still follows his interest in choral singing and is active in church programs and a barbershop quartet group. He also enjoys playing the banjo, a skill he first picked up as an abn trooper at Ft Campbell. The family was hoping to visit **Winnie's** parents' graves at WP last Oct.

**Joe Enright** writes to tell us how much several members of the Class enjoyed donating \$100 per head to the Class Fund last fall. **Jay & Camille Warren** conceived the great idea of a fund-raising cruise, cocktail party, and picnic in the waters off Annapolis on 13 Sep. The Warrens donated their 39-ft luxury sailing yacht *Salina* and had it well stocked for the occasion. The wine flowed, the wind was up, and the weather cooperated in making it a very enjoyable outing. The skippers didn't really want help, according to **Joe**, but got plenty anyway from their able-bodied (?) crew of **Bruce & Diane Porter**, **Mike & Felicity Gillette**, **John & Karla Moellering**, and of course **Joe & Terry Enright**. **Joe** says that **Jay & Camille** will plan future cruises if enough couples want to test their sea legs.

**Joe** is still intl rep for FMC Corp. He & **Terry** don't get older, he says, but their children do. **LT Mike** (USNA '82) is a naval aviator flying off the *Nimitz*. On 11 Oct daughter **Kris** married a Navy pilot who participated in the raid on Libya. He went back to sea the day after the wedding. At least that part of service life hasn't changed.

**Polly & I** were pleased to see the **Enrights** at a Christmas party at the home of **Bob & Julie DeMont**. We also saw the **John McNeurneys**, and there may have been some classmates in other rooms that we missed. A good time was had by all.

Al Breuel says he can still handle his DOE job which consists of energy statistics, systems analysis, ops research, data processing, automated publications, and I don't know what all. In addition, he attends George Mason U at night in pursuit of a secondary school math teaching certification, something he hopes to use upon ret from service. He also tutors math in the evenings, so wife Joan must seldom see him.

Al's children keep him active, he says. John is now 16 and active in sports. Al coached soccer for 5 yrs, but now has calmed down into a steadier role as parent spectator. His married daughter, Meg, lives only 20 min away in Woodbridge, VA, so that her 5-year-old son, Michael, is near enough at hand to keep grandfather in shape.

Deadline for the next issue is 30 Mar. If you attend your local Founders Day gathering, please let me hear about it.

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Thank heaven for mail; I've once again been rescued by those kind few who have written.

"Hawk" Hastings, sr VP at Hartford Specialty (Insurance Co) sent along a golf photo with "Bucky" Keating, Ty Wilson and himself. Apparently, "Mick" McManus took the photo and couldn't find the timer/delay button to get into the shot.



1960

Dan & Jitske Smith dropped a note from their Haley's Comet Cruise in Apr. They say that out in the Lesser Antilles on that moonless black sea was certainly one of the better places to see that fuzz ball. Theirs, this time, was one of the French liners and they liked it better than any previous ones. It reminded Dan more of the trips his family used to take trans-Atlantic and to the Orient in the 50s. This fall, Dan spent a mo in Europe. The excuse was a family wedding in the Hague. The rest of the time, Jitske did a "medieval" journey of Normandy and Brittany. The weather was absolutely gorgeous. No, she didn't travel by donkey! but rather by rental. She went to

those spots that had associations with 13-15th C. They report that their family is fine. Their son Sybren is the last one still in college. They send their best for 87.

Gene Brisach called and related the details of an Army/Navy pre-game party in DC at which the DC Reunion Comm elected Mike Mireau as chair. They ask that we all consider a yrbook for the 30th. Mike's planning a network of co reps (preferably in DC) with the task of getting their co-mates out to the reunion. Probable site is off post in the WP vic in fall of 90.

John Denton enclosed a photo of himself in a fun run sponsored by the Columbia-Presbyterian Hosp in NYC. Pres-



1960: John Denton

ently, he is ch of Pediatric Orthopedics at the hosp. John advises that since 81 his co has had an M-2 mini-reunion each yr at one of the WP football games. Any and all sizes of the Class are welcome to drop by and join them. He'd be most willing to hear from anyone interested in the details regarding which game the mini-reunion will be held. Imagine if John'd been born 20 yrs ago, he could pass himself off as the inventor of "Doctor Dentons;" ask your wife—she'll tell you they're a type of kids' pajamas.

Sharon Arnold, admin asst to Al Dunlap, writes: "I am admin asst to Mr AJ Dunlap, Class of 1960. I thought you might be interested in the enclosed article which appeared in the 1 Dec 86 issue of *Business Week* starting on p 98 about Sir James Goldsmith. You will note that the article describes Mr Dunlap's present business ventures and his relationship with Sir James. Perhaps some of this would make interesting reading for your classmates in your next edition of *ASSEMBLY* magazine."

"Goldsmith's key American captain is Al Dunlap, a former West Pointer who runs the timber interests from the SC resort town of Hilton Head. Dunlap, who turned around Lily-Tulip Inc, has slashed costs at Goldsmith's timber properties, mainly in the Northwest and New England. Goldsmith acquired each of Diamond's 1.5 million acres at an average cost of about \$118. And Crown's land came in at barely \$55 an acre.

Because little worldwide acreage is expected to become available for cutting before 2000, any tightening in timber supplies in the Northwest and British Columbia could send Goldsmith's holdings soaring to \$1,000 an acre over the next decade and a half, say lumber industry analysts.

"If Goldsmith wins control of Goodyear, Dunlap is likely to take charge of that property, too. Dunlap's credo: 'Minimum staff, minimum logging, minimum expenses in every way,' says a former Crown exec. For his efforts, Dunlap, like other Goldsmith execs, stands to earn a fortune. He has \$10 million worth of Oriental stock options."

George Finlay wrote a nice letter of considerable length and news. I include almost all the letter, as most of us have spent some time in the area in which the Finlays live.

"Since I didn't fill out my 3x5 card at the reunion last yr, I still owe you—so here goes, one yr later:

"After I ret in Jan 83, we built a house with a large studio and gallery in Gnadental, the small Ger village where Doris was born. It is about 4 mi west of Schwäbisch Hall which was my first permanent asgmt in 61. We have a great southern exposure looking out over rolling farm land.



1960: The Finlay home in Germany

"I've been working at building up my art career and things are working out fairly well. I do drawings, etchings and watercolors mostly. Enclosed is my latest etching. About once a yr, I have a show of my work in northern Ger featuring lighthouses, fishing boats—thatched roof buildings. I do local scenes of Schwäbisch Hall too. There will be 2 shows here in Schwäbisch Hall with my work opening in Dec. One is a one-man show in the new open air museum—the museum is a great addition to the attractions in the area. Doris frames my work and we manage the shows together. I've agreed to illustrate a book in Ger on farming life in this area a century or so ago and to contribute to an American book on folk art. I'll do a section about a noted Ger furniture painter, Roessler. My line of drawings of Ger scenes is expanding and doing well as prints. I

have been giving watercolor classes to Ger sr citizens and to American off's wives on post. Recently, drawings of mine have been presented by military orgs over here to GEN Otis, C-in-C USAREUR, and to Ambassador Burt, the Amer Ambassador to W Ger. After a layoff of 11 yrs, I've finally gotten back to doing the military caricatures again. Did one in Apr on the Chinook helicopter and have 3 planned for next yr.

"My trip to WP for our reunion was a great experience—I know others felt the same way. Of course, not enough credit has gone to our classmates at WP who helped make it a super weekend. The Lewises were wonderful hosts for me. After much consideration, I hope to capture the serenity of our Class memorial park by Lusk Reservoir in a watercolor. If it turns out, I'll check on how we can use it to add to our Class fund. So the art is going in several different directions at once. Much of art is gaining a name and that takes work. (The dollar at only two Ger marks has a stimulating effect too!)

"The Army hasn't forgotten me. Each yr I am invited to an arty function or two as a guest. This yr, I am going to the 17th Arty Bde's St Barbara's celebration in Augsburg. I also attend the annual Gotz von Berlichingen feast hosted by the 242 Arty (Lance) in the Jagsthausen Castle. Gotz is the robber baron with the iron hand who told the sheriff in 1550 or so to kiss his rear when the sheriff had the castle and Gotz surrounded. He lived to the ripe old age of 82. Tells you something about what type of philosophy contributes to a long life. Interesting that the Arty can find me over here, but the USMA Founders Day people here don't seem to send invitations to retirees living in Europe. When I was secy of the Founders Day function in Heidelberg, I had AOG make a run of retirees in Europe. Got grateful folks from Turkey, France—all over.

"Doris is an official tour guide for the city of Schwäbisch Hall; and is busy describing this very beautiful city to folks from everywhere. This fall, she escorted 24 American ladies on a folk art tour throughout So Ger for 2 wks. Chance to return to her former job as a travel agent.

"Other things keep us busy too. Doris is deeply involved with the local Ger Amer Club, and I am a member of the local Rotary Club—one of the few Americans in the Ger Rotary Club system over here. I'm responsible for our club's youth program.

"We are always glad to see classmates & their wives over here. Paul & Pat Cerjan and Bill Schroeder have been the only ones to come by to date. I realize that the dollar will have to strengthen a bit (maybe much) before we can expect many more visitors from the States; that may take a while, unfortunately. Drop by and see us when you come to Europe next time."

Jim Smith writes from Detroit:

"Since I have been out of touch with almost everyone forever, I thought that I would let you know what is going on with me. I bailed out of the AF in 73 and have worked in various areas of finance since then. A few yrs ago, I decided to do financial planning for individuals, so I set things up to operate as an investment advisor. For the most part, I have been specializing in reducing clients' taxes, but if the Tax Reform bill goes through, I may have to go back to work for a living. (Commence work, Ed.)

"Since Grand Rapids is midway between Detroit and Chicago, I seldom see any classmates unless I go to some WP function out of town. There are a few other grads here in town, but I am the only one from '60."

Henry F Drewfs, Jr was nominated by the pres of the US for promotion in the Army to the rank of BG says the press release. Hank is currently dep cmdr of



1960: Henry F. Drewfs, Jr.

the Army Intelligence Center and School, Ft Huachuca, AZ. He was previously assigned to III Corps, Ft Hood, TX. Sharon is the daughter of ret Army COL Aaron E and Helen E Blewett of 73121 Highland Springs Dr, Palm Desert, CA. Hank is a 1956 grad of US Grant HS, Portland, OR and earned his master's degree in 69 from the U of So CA, Los Angeles.

Others to 0-7 in latest list were Frank Partlow, Craig Hagan and Dane Starling. Hope I didn't miss anyone.

That's all folks!

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The highlight of the fall for the Class was the 25th Reunion of nearly 400 classmates, widows, wives, sweethearts, children, and assorted groupies. Without further embellishment, here is an alphabetical list of the attendees: Adams, G., Alexander, T., Altmeyer, Babbitt, Bacon, Baird, Barrick, Barry, Bazan, Beckett, Behrenhausen, Bennett, Berra, Blanda, Blesse, Boeve, Born, Boylan, Breslin, Brown, E., Brown, R., Bruner, Buckner,



1961: A view from "posers"—reunion

Busdiecker, Cameron, Carlton, Carroll, P., Carroll, T., Cerasoli, Clough, Coddington, Conant, Connolly, JC, Cornelius, Counts, Dahle, Denney, DeVries, DiCarlo, Dickson, Dluzyn, Downey, A., Dreesbach, Drummond, Egan, Eielson, Eiland, Evans, Eyler, Fischer, Fishburne, Gabriel, Gaither, Gibson, Gilmore, Glass, Glidden, Goldstine, Goldtrap, Granemann, Graves, Grisoni, Halpin, Hampton, Hannon, Hardiman, Harrington, Heiman, Heimdahl, Henderson, Higginbotham, Hillier, Hodell, Hodges, Holmberg, Hoy, Hricz, Hruby, Hyde, Jones, Joulwan, Kee, Kenney, Kilkenny, LaBorne, Lammers, Lancaster, Landry, Lawrence (Mrs), Leech, Lionetti, Livingston, Looram, Mace, Mackie, MacLean, Madsen, Maio, Mallory, Mathison, Matson, Maus, McBee, McCann, McCarthy, McConnell, McCurdy, McGinnis, McGrath, Meissner, Mercer, Miller, Dave, Miller, Donn, Mucho, Myerchin, Neiger, Nichols, Nicholson, Offringa, Oliver, Olshansky, Palmer, Paone, Peters, Phelps, Plodinec, Prather,



1961: At Paones'—Brunner, Neiger, Lucy Paone, Xenos and Paone

Protzman, Pryor, Randall, Randolph, Raynis (Mrs.), Rennagel, Rosenkranz, Sager, Sawtelle, Schultz, Sciple, Scivoletto, Scott, Seidel, Seidl, Seltz, Seylar, Shaffer, Shearer, Shipley, Shroyer, Siegenthaler, Sievers, Silverman, Skillman, Skotzko, Smith, Ed, Smith, Geo, Smith, PW, Sollohub, Stanley, Staub, Steege, Stewart, Stone, Stoneham, Taylor, Teal, Tedrick, Tilghman, Tobin, Underwood, Urette, Vader, Vallye, Vanderbush, Vander Els, Votaw, Walters, Webster, Welsh, White, Williamson, Windsor, Winters,



1961: Bazan with Tedricks

Witherspoon, Woodward, Yost, Zaldo, Zimmerman. Late arrival: Ganderson.



1961: Rousseau in Carlisle at the Molly Pitcher monument

The Christmas mailbag was woefully inadequate despite good intentions expressed at the reunion. So, here's what's happening: **Jack & Betsy Dorr** continue to enjoy the Winchester, VA area, home base for the MEAPO. Daughter Mary Jo is a sr in accounting at William and Mary, where she is on the honor council, as well as other activities—looks like a chip off the old block! Michelle is a jr at James Madison in social work and enjoys skiing. Julie is the newest driver in the family, a jr in HS, and busy with foreign languages and history clubs. Jack reports that **Bruce Halstead** ret from active duty at the end of Oct. Our best to Bruce in his new career—rumored to be with a beltway bandito firm.



1961: Mary Jo, Julie and Michelle Dorr

**Jim & Kim Strachan** are settled in San Jose, where Jim is the exec asst to the district 3 county supervisor, a grad of '64.

Jim is thinking about running for the school bd in 88. Best of luck Jim—Silicon Valley's schools deserve your leadership. Children Kim Trang, Hugh and Kimmy are at San Jose State. Shawn is working for a graphic arts co, and Jimmy, 17, is a HS sr hoping to attend USMA. Jim is in contact with **Joe Czuberki**, **Bruce Abraham**, and **Pete Gleichenhaus**, dep post cmdr at the Presidio—tough duty, Pete, but hang in there!

**Dick & Gail Clarke** report that all 3 sons were home for Christmas—Rich, an aide in Giessen; Mike, high honors grad of GA Tech (now working in West Palm Beach); and Scott—who has exchanged the Tac Dept for the Physics Dept to be his personal challenge. Dick is now mgr of Schneider Design—about 50 people.

Well, dear hearts, that is about it—**Marty Ganderson** has volunteered to take the column henceforth. His TDY budget is bigger than mine, so you can expect some onsite work.

Thanks for your support over these past few yrs. Godspeed.

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Commencing with this issue, **Bill Mogan** has assumed the scribe duties for the Class. Many thanks to all of you who contributed so extensively to **Seth Hudak's** tenure.

Congratulations in order to **Mack Howard** on his appt as civ aide to Sec Army Marsh. **John Bode**, budding actor



1962: Installation of Mack Howard as Civ Aide to Sec Army

and Raleigh-Durham lawyer, attended the ceremony at Ft Bragg.

Congratulations to new MGs **Reimer** and **Horton** in the Army and AF respectively. Also, new AF Res O-6s **Gilstad** and **Schredl**. BG-nom **Bob Ord** is scheduled for Korea, while **BG Fred Gorden**, who attended **Art Brown's** ret, moved to ADC 7th Inf at Ord.

Latest rets include Army—**Kirschenbauer**, **Boozer** and **Handy** with AF departures **Janicke** and **Randazzo**. **Bill Mogan** writes of **Mack Howard's** visit and meeting **BG Wayne Downing** at



1962: The Mack Howard family



1962: Art Brown ret ceremony

**Bragg. Duane Slater**, **Tom Simcox** and **Mogan** work for Talley Def Systems in different areas. **Bill Mogan's** son went to space camp in Huntsville this past summer.

**Bob Rintz** married **Bonnie Brandolino** in Jun 86. They reside at 1 Dove St, New Orleans, LA 70124. The **Bob Culps** are well in NY. Bob is a WP In Res off. **John & Mary Darrah** moved to 740 Bunkers Cove Rd, Panama City, FL 32401 (904-784-3645) where J.D. Industries and subsidiary cos make \$125 million annual sales.



1962: John & Mary Darrah on their boat

**Matt & Barbara Whelton** are well in TX with 2 sons in TX A&M and daughter grad from Miami of OH. **Lew & Linda Brown** are in Concord, MA where Lew has been attempting to set up a semiconductor firm. **Jim Spencer**, **Frank Miller** and **Steve Arnold** did a prop-blast jump together Aug 86 at Bragg. Others at Bragg include **Downing**, **Blumhart**, **Kriesel** and **Pardi**.

**Chuck Ivy** won a \$3.6 million lawsuit



1962: Spencer, Miller and Arnold prior to jump at Bragg

in Atlanta according to a news article sent by **Dan Denison**. **Scotty McGurk** is at Ft McPherson. **Rusty Wilkerson** nearby at Campbell writes of Knoxville's UT game where **Ulmer**, **Starbird** (c/o Nashville dist), **Simcox**, **Brewer**, and **Wertz** were cheering our team.

Congratulations to Thomas Christopher **Brewer** born 10 Mar 86 at 8lb, Soz at Franklin, TN. Should be a Class note of some distinction! **Jim Weiss** is HCA Corp Parthenon Pavilion administrator for one of the larger health care facilities in the US.

Need to remind all of you to get biographies and data to **Phillips** for reunion. Remember your ads for 25th Yearbook. Thanks to **Tom & Mary Walker** from FL East Coast for your generous "ad" support.

**Seth Hudak** and the **Chuck Shaws** attended A-N WP Soc of FL get-together. Both work at USCENCOM, MacDill, FL.

Peace and Rest in 1987.

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**Matt & Kay Miller** are the proud parents of **Katharine Elizabeth** born 7 Dec 86 at Ft Belvoir, VA. The baby, mother, and father are all doing well. I've been updating the list of approximately 75 classmates in the DC area. If you arrive or depart please let me know. New arrivals in DC include **Rudy & Sandy Ehrenberg** and **Dewey & Joanie LaFond**. **Rudy** is a dean at DSMC and **Dewey** is a div chief in the ACE's off in the Pentagon. **John Littlefield** left Eastern Airlines and is now working for an investment firm in Exeter, NH setting up a computer system. His son **John** is at UT State studying civil engr; daughter **Kate** is looking at colleges in PA.

**Art Conlon** reports that 3 former roommates from M-1 got together for the second time in 23 yrs. **Pete Kelly** had **John Dunn** and Art up to Knoxville, TN for the Army-TN game. The only other classmate there was **Russ Simonetta** who also came to visit his son, a student at



1963: Conlons, Kellys and Dunn; Army-TN game

TN. **Pete** lives in Knoxville and works for a North American Phillips subsidiary. **Bonnie & Art** drove up from New Orleans; they live at 135 D'Evereux Drive, Slidell, LA 70461. **Bill Millerlile** is in New Orleans as the advisor to the 377th TAACOM.

**Pete & Nancy Weyrauch** sent a picture of classmates at Ft Sill at a ret party for **Wendell Gideon** who spent 4 yrs as Ft Sill's SJA. His outstanding service was



1963: Gideon's ret party

recognized by a Legion of Merit and induction into the Order of Saint Barbara. **Wendell** and family departed for AR where he will be teaching law. **Jerry Harrison** is the asst commandant of the FA School. **Ron Steinig** is the post IG and is a great help to **Mike Keaveney's** 75th FA Bde who "really is glad" to see Ron when he "comes to help." **Tom Karr** has taken charge of the Weapons Dept at the Arty School and is quite busy adding the Pershing, Lance, and MLRS systems to his cannon portfolio. **George Moses** is working for a local co in Lawton and is very active in local govt and civic orgs. **Pete Weyrauch** was the Ft Sill chief of staff after 3 super yrs at Ft Hood with the 1st Cav Div. **Pete** had hoped to stay at Ft Sill for another yr but alas, he is being promoted to general and sent to Italy. **Nancy & Pete**—thanks for all the info!

**Dan Willson** took a Thanksgiving "space A" trip to Europe and brought back the following info: he visited **Dick Guthrie** who is chief of staff for the Allied Forces Berlin. While there had a mini-reunion with **John Counts**, who commands the Seventh Army Training Cen-



1963: Mini-reunion in East Berlin

ter at Hohenfehls, and **Gordon Waugh** who now lives in Geneva, Switzerland running his computer software co. While



1963: Waughs and Guthrie

in Munich, **Gordon** had cocktails with **John Shirley** who is an instr in a DOD school. **Bill Boyce** is chief of staff for the 3rd Arm Div, and **Rich Goldsmith** has finished cmd and is now the G3 of V Corps in Frankfurt. In London, **Danny** visited **Tim Grogan** finishing up the Royal Defence College. **Tim** will be the ADC of the 8th Inf Div in Jan 87.

**Dan Willson** will be moving to Myrtle Beach, SC in Jan 87 to be the sports and recreation dir of the Kingston Plantation, a new resort area. He plans to have golf and tennis tournaments set up by next summer. **Bob Lewsen** reports that he is now ret but is remaining active as a dependent since his wife **Susan** is a CPT in the ANC. **Bob** works for ARINC Research Corp in Annapolis. **Bob & Susan** live in Fairfax, VA. **Mike Jenks** is in Dallas, TX working in construction (I think) for the Army and AF Exchange System. Congratulations to **Dick Scharf** who received the award as Prof Engr of the Year by the GA Prof Engr Assoc. **Dick** is currently stationed at FORSCOM in Atlanta. **Mike & Marcia Summers** had a very nice Army-Navy game party at their beautiful home.

On 10 Dec we had our annual Class meeting at Ft Myer. **Mike Vopatek** was elected to take **Dan Willson's** place on the exec comm. **Mike Summers** agreed to serve as chm for another yr. Classmates in attendance at the meeting were **Drewry**, **Farris**, **Hall**, **Betaque**, **Ischinger**, **Coe**, **James**, **Willson**, **Heiden**,



1963: Army-Navy game at Summers'

Beach, Hartman, Dunn, Byrne, Vopatek, and Lee. Since the turnout was lower than expected and we had a minimum of \$120 at the bar, your classmates in attendance did their best to meet the minimum. Marty Ischinger gave an excellent report on the educational fund. You will be receiving a mailing directly from the educational fund comm shortly.

New subject: We now have 14 Class sons and daughters attending the service academies (two have already graduated). Mike Summers will send a letter to members of our Class to vote on a memo. We also discussed getting organized for our 25th Reunion. Thank you for your cards, notes, and phone calls. Please contact me within 2 wks after you receive your ASSEMBLY to get your news into the next issue.

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First, let me apologize to Dave Bramlette and John Otjen both of whom were selected for BG on the last list. Waldo Freeman is in the area and consequently was the only selectee who stuck in my mind. Belated congratulations guys.

'64 was well represented on the Sec Army's train to the Army-Navy game. Dick Chilcoat, Doug Bennett, Jed Brown and I with assorted relatives in tow, contributed in no small amount to the post-game revelry on the trip back to Wash. Jack Grubbs had fixed me up with tickets on the 50 yd line, but I did manage to wind my way to the far reaches of the stadium and the Class section during half time. If you think that 22 and a butt yrs would have improved our seating, you are dreaming. Despite the location, the game appeared to be well attended by our group.

The mail bag contained a bit more than its usual meager offering this quarter. It must have been a result of the holiday spirit. I appreciate it anyway I can get it. Thanks!

Jeff Kleb notes that Bob Ballagh recently arrived at SHAPE and provided info on several 06 promotions. I note that

almost every name on the Dec and Jan promotion lists was a '64 alum; so numerous that I shall not mention them here, but refer you to the *Army Times*. Jeff also called my attention to an article in the Nov issue of ARMY magazine which highlighted the exploits of one LT Joe (Bob) Lake during what the author (GEN DePuy) characterized as "one of the most gallant stands of the Vietnam war." It's worth reading and as a bonus a photo of LT Lake is included.

Marty Michlik signed in with his first letter ever to the scribe. He was moved to do so following a mini-reunion of sorts in Korea when Barry McCaffrey passed through on TDY in Oct. Attendees, who gathered for the included photo, were Marty who is dir of joint programs for the Korean Mil Assistance Group; Jay Missal at US Forces Korea; Carl Magnell, the Eighth Army Engr; and Howie Boone who is the Far East Dist Engr. Barry is still asst com at Ft Benning and reportedly loves it.



1964: Missal, Magnell, McCaffrey, Michlik and Boone

Bits from Jeff Lewis: Bumped into Ed Sims and Ben Sternberg at the TN game. Ed is ret and working in the Huntsville, AL area, and Ben continues with Burlington in Greensboro, NC. Ken Bloomfield appeared at the Rutgers game and reported moving to Manasquan, NJ and working with Paine, Webber in Manhattan. Frank Lambert visited WP in Sep for an admissions conf. He is working for Kidder, Peabody in San Jose, CA and is no longer effective in one-on-one basketball.

Jeff, as you will recall, is the admissions czar at WP, and reports he is getting great support from the Class in his recruiting efforts: Sam Burney, area coordinator in Auburn, AL; Gene Sullivan, DC, Northern VA and MD; Dick Nowak, Dallas, TX; Chet Kempinski, Erie, PA; Bill Murdy, NYC; Jack Faddis, pres, WP Soc of Chicago, and Larry Strickland, pres, WP Soc of Orange City, CA.

Hugh & Donna Morton have moved to no NJ from Omaha. Apparently Hugh is working for a firm that is undertaking some major subway work in NYC. Kim Winkler has also relocated closer to our rockbound highland home. Jeff says

Kim's digs in Central Valley can be seen from OP Charlie (you all remember where that is!).

Kevin Murphy was spotted at the Wake Forest game, in from CA visiting his son who is a cadet candidate at the prep school. Also visiting WP to visit plebe son was Jim Bigelow who is an instr at Carlisle.

Two of my old roommates, Bob Reich and Bob Wynn, got together recently in Ger to exchange notes, and decided that my early influence upon them had a direct effect on their subsequent successful careers. Bob Reich is the CO of



1964: The Wynns with daughters and the Reichs

the 22d Sig Bde in Frankfurt, while Bob Wynn is CO of the 2d Sig Bde in Mannheim. Were these guys ranked into the Signal Corps? Denny Culp is a neighbor of Bob Reich in Frankfurt, and he reports running into Mike Davidson, Judd Hughes, Denny Seiler, and of course, Jeff Kleb. Bill Jackman, now the Army attache in Montevideo, Uruguay, reports that he is leading the good life despite the included photo to the contrary. His



1964: Jackman and son: "a chip off the old block"

injury was a result of rugby; his son's basketball. John Murray is just across the Rio de la Plata with the mil group in Buenos Aires. Bill notes that he has a pool in the back yard and the ocean in the front, and that guests should come in the summer, Dec through Mar.

Ben Sternberg checked in from Greensboro, NC, motivated to write following Army's great last minute victory over bowl-bound TN. "We witnessed a

truly remarkable football game. Remember when we used to chant 'the last quarter's ours?' Ben, as I noted earlier in this tome, continues in public relations with Burlington Industries. Also in the Greensboro area is **Howie Schue** who is with AT&T. Ben enclosed an article announcing Howie's promotion to O6 and detailing his extensive active and res career in AF intelligence.

**Mike Amrine**, in an effort to make up for the lack of past contributions, wrote a 3-pg letter providing an update on his activities and those of other sundry engr. The photo included with his letter shows Mike and offspring Michelle and Michael following his completion of his second and perhaps last (according to him) triathlon. When working, Mike is



1964: Mike Amrine with kids at triathlon

the KC Dist Engr, a tour he expects to complete next summer. In his travels throughout the dist he has run into **Hal Winton** who does the Army Studies Program at Leavenworth; **Brink Miller**, also at Leavenworth; and **Gerry Weiner** on the staff at Leonard Wood. Mike also reported the following engr asgmt changes: **Jed Brown**, XO for the Army undersecy; **Roger Yankoupe**, from Seattle to replace Jed as TRADOC Engr; **Dwayne Lee**, from CO of the Louisville Dist to CO of the Waterways Experiment Sta at Vicksburg; **Roger Baldwin** and **Ray Knell**, both in the Pentagon; and, **Don Koterwas** in CO Springs (some of these are not new, or maybe have been previously reported, but I use what I get). Mike closed with a comment which I determined to interpret as a compliment regarding the long abandoned saga of new-cadet Jacunski. For all you fans out there I give fair warning that the saga may continue. It all depends on whether your input is sufficient to sustain six ASSEMBLY issues a yr.

Our final letter of the quarter came from **John Ward**. You may recall that several yrs ago John put out a directory entitled the '64 *Legal Brigade* which naturally enough contained the names, addresses and specialties of all the lawyers in the Class. Now that more of the Class is casting off mufti to engage in civ pursuits, he proposes expanding this directory to include other professions: "I



1964: Jacunski, Tiplady and friend

am sure that it would be useful to classmates in various walks of life to know which classmates are involved in which industries and in which areas of the country. Often, a quick phone call to someone who knows a particular field can save a lot of wasted effort. In addition, there may be opportunities for establishing business relationships—not just for the lawyers, accountants, and financial planners—but in numerous other endeavors."

We considered the creation of such a directory in conjunction with the 20th Reunion, but the idea was put on the back burner, principally because of the press of other business. Perhaps the time to undertake such a project is now. It might prove useful to us old soldiers as we approach the inevitable necessity of seeking new careers. **John** has volunteered to take on this project if any interest is expressed. Send all postcards, letters and flaming arrows to 111 East Wacker Dr, Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60601.

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Greetings once again from Chicago! We all hope that your holidays were happy and that you are on your way to a very prosperous and healthy New Year. Santa Claus brought lots of nice letters from the troops, so here goes. **Janet Dyer** writes that she & **Jim** and the children are in great shape and that Jim has a new job. Last Sep, he was appointed to the Sr Exec Service and is the asst dir for CCCM in the off of the Sec Dec. This is a big promotion for Jim and we all congratulate him. It turns out that Jim is also a private pilot and took the family on several trips in his airplane. Janet is a paralegal and her firm is merging with a large Richmond firm. From **Wes & Linda Taylor**, I learned that Wes is still traveling for the Chief and hopes to present his findings in Mar. He'll begin some of his pre-cmd course work in Jan, and they'll be moving to Benning in Jun with a change of cmd sometime in Jul. It was also good to hear that he has completed

the eulogy on **Jamie Bryan** and it should be published shortly. Thanx!

On one of my travels to the great NW, I made a number of phone calls to see who was in and around the Seattle area. Had a nice chat with **Grant Fredericks**, who got out in Jun and is now with the WA State Dept of Natural Resources, running their engr dept. This group manages 5 million acres of land. He & **Anita** are doing very well and are enjoying their roles as gentlemen farmers. They live on about 6 acres and have some horses and raise Schipperkes (pure bred, short black hair, small dogs). They just bought 60 acres and will be building a house there soon. Grant also filled me in on **Charlie Brown's** parents. Also received a great picture and letter of the **Radcliff** family. I thought **Bob** was also in



1965: Radcliff family

the Seattle area but by the time I tracked him down, he was down in San Fran. He is the dep CO of the Western Recruiting Bde at Ft Baker. **Bruce & Anne Gailey** will spend a portion of Christmas with them. They re-established their friendships in Seattle. Bruce is still in the silk screen business.

**Clair Gill** wrote with the address of the **Hemingways** (**Chuck's** parents). We will send a 20th Yearbook off to them. Clair also reports that **Rory Kistler** (**Bernie's** widow) and sons, Bill and Bernie, are in Atlanta. Bernie is a sr at U-of GA and Rory is working for the Lt Gov of GA. Bill is a PhD candidate in natural physics at Berkeley. Clair, thanx for completing **Bernie's** eulogy for the ASSEMBLY in conjunction with **Ron Floto** and **Marie & Dennis Lewis**. Please send me a copy. The Gills (all 5 of them) were up at WP for the Army-AF game. **Sherry** is a local girl from Cornwall, although her family is no longer there. They will be off to Europe in about 6 mos. Clair retained cmd of the 7th Engr Bde (just north of Stuttgart). Sherry has spent a lot of time in the PR business.

My good Irish Catholic friend, **Mike Leibowitz**, wrote with some great pictures of his family. Mike has taken a sabbatical from politics and decided not to run for re-election. **Judy** is a field supervisor for the NJ lottery, a job she loves and is doing especially well in.

Mike, did anybody ever tell you that you could easily take the Achmed Yamani—Look Alike Award (deposed oil czar)? Happy Chanukah, my friend.

In the best-family-picture-in-uniform category, the **DeFranciscos** take the award standing up. **Joe & Lynne** are back in DC



1965: The DeFranciscos

and I'm sure they're just absolutely ecstatic to be back there with all the brass. Upon their arrival, they bought a new house in Springfield. Joe is on the Army staff in the War Plans Div, and Lynne is now working at Bloomingdale's and loves every min of it.

**Pat Kenny** wrote his "mea culpa" letter which I will quote without observation, "I made a gross error in leaving IL to go to my sister's house in WI: all I did was catch grief from 3 sisters." Pat, I don't want to say that I told you so, but . . . Pat reports on WP contingent, some of whom everybody knows about. **Bob & Diane Doughty** are there and he's the head of the History Dept, **Jim & Elaine Golden** are there and he's in Soc Sci, **Lou & Judy Csoka** (BS&L), **John & Adrienne Wattendorf** (BS&L but currently attending the Army War College) and **McELeices**. **Paul & Anne Barber** are



1965: Class at McELeice home

on their 2nd tour with the Just Dept and their son, Paul, Jr, is now a cow and wears stars. **Howie & Betsy Reed** are on their 2nd tour with the Math Dept, **John & Carol Knowles** are still there and he's with engr. **Don Rowe** may not be permanent in the Dean's Off, but he's been there longer than the average bear. **Tom & Cynthia Johnson** are assigned but live in Cornwall with a beautiful view of the

Hudson. Don is the dir of the Science Research Lab and works with Dr Edward Teller who just received the Thayer Award. **Mike Applin** is one of the Army's experts on SDI and works at the Pentagon. **Sonny & Sherry Ray** work with Pat in the Com's Off. Sonny continues to be a great athlete and spends a great deal of time with the water polo team.

Last summer, **Tom & Sheila Genoni** ret and went to Albuquerque, NM where Tom is doing the same thing as when he worked with **Tom Johnson** in the Science Research Lab, only he's now doing it for a commercial firm. **Mac & Diane Gill** are at Western MI U in Kalamazoo where he's a PMS.

Several sons are cadets, namely **David Hurley**, **Eric DeFrancisco**, **George Gehringer**. Speaking of **George Sr**, he recently ret as a financial consultant in Cherryhill, NJ. **Pat Kenny** has offered to help any of the Class offspring who are at WP. In closing, Pat mentioned that the best write-up in our 20th Reunion Yearbook has to go to **Bob Bradley** (to say nothing of the picture).

**Jack Lowe** mentioned that **John Pickler** is at Ft Sill where he is the DCS-OPNS for the post and will take over 8th Inf DivArty. **Dan Benton** is the head of the gunnery dept. Also received another PR report from a law firm in Phila indicating that **George T. Bell** has become "Of Counsel" and will be practicing out of Harrisburg, PA off where he will concentrate on state and local taxation matters. Until Nov of last yr, George was the chief counsel to PA Dept of Rev (as reported last time). Prior to that, he was in the off of the Chief Counsel of the IRS serving as asst regional counsel. He graduated from Akron Law School in 72. His new law firm, Morgan, Lewis and Bochius is one of the country's largest law firms with approximately 490 lawyers and offices all over the US.

As you'll see in the accompanying pictures, **Jim & Julie McELeice** were kind enough to have a little get-together after the game at their new quarters. In



1965: Class at McELeice home

attendance were **John & Carol Knowles**; **John & Karen Longhouser** came up from Wash where John works for the Chief.

**Jim & Darlene Hopkins** came up from Wilmington, DE, where he's been a chemist with DuPont for 10 yrs. **Tom**



1965: JP Greene and John Longhouser

**Barron** stopped in for a visit before returning to NYC. Tommy has joined Dunn & Bradstreet in their strategic planning op, and he tells me that **Ray Paske**, who left the intl ops with American Express, is now a SVP and has intl responsibility (except Europe) for D&B. **Gill & Virginia Curl** came down for the game from Poughkeepsie where he is still a sr engr with IBM. Their youngest child will be leaving HS soon, and they may consider looking at IBM overseas.



1965: Class—Army-AF game

**Bob Doughty** apparently has two new historians who will be teaching for him this yr. One is Palmer '56 as in the Supe and the other is Flint (as in the Dean).

I don't know how it got started but a trivia contest ensued around the great food layout that **Julie McELeice** has prepared. See if you can answer some of these questions. Who was (is?) the Class treas who somehow ended up with \$2,000 of Class funds just after graduation and has invested them very wisely and just made a transfer of over \$11,000 to the Class fund? If your answer is **Jon Thompson**, you are correct. Jon is still down in Memphis and I understand that **Steve Olson** works with him in the farm equip business. Speaking of Class funds, barring any unforeseen surprises, we will end up with over \$2,000 profit from the sale of the reunion yearbooks. A lot of that credit goes, once again, to **Rollie Stichweh** and his great money-raising crew. Speaking of yearbooks, we still

have a few left and if you're interested, a check payable to the Class in the amount of \$35 to the address above will do it. If some of you have still not received your yearbook, it's probably because you owe the Class some money for the reunion. If there's any doubt, drop me a line.

**Mac Gill** has apparently taken an ROTC job out in MT somewhere. **John Wattendorf** went to Carlisle for one yr and then will return to USMA. **Chuck Pfeiffer** was on Long Isl but is apparently moving back into NYC where he produces commercials and apparently was/is a model. Reports had him at WP in a Chuck Pfeiffer outfit. Also on the good news front, I understand from **John Knowles** that the award plaque for **Bobby Arvin** has been approved for the new gym and will be very similar to the olympians awards which will be on the opposite (that is the right) wall as you enter the gym. **Dave Kuhn** is now working on the final design. They are hopeful that the plaque will be up for the spring presentation. John, if pictures are taken, would you please send me one in time for the 6/30 cutoff?

I have been supplied with more names for the 0-6 list: **Mike Applin**, **Bill Connolly**, **Tom Genette**, **Steve Harman**, **Dave Jones**, **Bill Hecker**, **Jack Keith**, **Chuck Nichols**, **Gene O'Neill** and **Dick Williams**. Congratulations!



1965: Dick Williams and Eddie Sharkness

Well folks, that's about it from Chicago on this Christmas Eve. **Judy & I**, as well as our 4 children, wish each and every one of you a happy holiday season and a very prosperous 1987. Please keep those cards and letters coming, and by the way, we're making great progress on the obituaries on the names and addresses of the next-of-kin, but we're still missing some. I really want to get this accomplished so here are the names of the ones we're still missing: **Carl Arvin**, **Anthony Borrego**, **James Bryan**, **Alexander Clark**, **Jerry Clark**, **Richard Collins**, **Leonard Davis**, **Spotswood DeWitt**, **James Echols**, **Richard Endicott**, **Robert Gagne**, **Michael Glynn**, **John Hays**, **John Hutton**, **Gary Kadetz**, **Robert Lee**, **Kenneth McArthur**, **George Menninger**, **Michael Momcilovich**, **Chester Myers**, **George O'Toole**, **Charles Wuertenberger** and **Robert Zone**.

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As you can see from the heading, there's now a new Class scribe. **Jerry Cecil** told the Class at the reunion business meeting that his encroaching senility made it impossible for him to continue. Then in an unmatched "classmate" act he proposed that since there were no other nominations, his erstwhile friend and ex-roomie, Rance, should take over. This treachery was met with relieved cheers that muffled my shriek of horror; although Jerry had been with me all weekend and even saved me a seat at the meeting, he told the Class and me at the same time. My buddy. All seriousness aside, I'm delighted with the opportunity and pledge myself to raise the literacy of the column from Jerry's Kentucky swampland, and to keep any further mention of Jerry out of the column. I don't care if he's elected pres; you won't read about it here.



1966: March on for 20th Reunion



1966: Farrells, Daly and Loftin

The big news, of course, was our 20th Reunion. AOG says it was the largest one ever, and it's hard to imagine a more enjoyable one. **Art Mulligan** and the comm at WP did an absolutely fantastic job and deserve our unqualified thanks. Almost everything they did was perfect; they even arranged for great weather. Their only shortcoming was the last drive against Holy Cross; some namby-pamby apologists may not want to fault our Class comm for that, but duty is

duty. By the way, I saw **Cam Ely** exchanging money with someone there in the stands. Who was betting against Army?

To those who couldn't attend, you



1966: Memorial service



1966: Dinner, 20th Reunion

must get hold of the fantastic reunion book they put together. They're all there, from **Agnew** to **Zurla**; everyone who attended, and a lot who didn't. Since that book (and everyone's memories) are so full of info, I won't try to relive everything, but just make a few observations. It was a very warm and sharing time, with the warmth of rekindled friendships and the sharing of new and old experiences. It was a time for feeling good about each other, and where we came from. Some people said that at earlier reunions there was a distance between those who got out and those who stayed in, as if there were silent recriminations and judgments. But at this reunion there was only joy and exuberation at being together, and pride in all friends' accomplishments. Everyone who was there has his favorite memory—maybe of the boisterous get-togethers where you couldn't finish greeting one old friend before another came up; or of a quiet dinner in Cold Springs with one very special couple; or marching on the Plain again in front of the families, and then teasing the female captains to smile or "pop it up" during pass-in-review.

Much of the talk was of those not there, both living and dead. The memorial service, when we honored our 46 fallen classmates, was very moving. But there were also many private memorials all



1966: Reunion dinner

weekend, like the flowers on Joan Arthur's grave, or when Leigh & Karen Wheeler invited Marty Walsh's ex-fiancée, Linda Spinelli Allegretti, up from the city for a special dinner.



1966: Reunion dinner

And, of course, there was much talk of living classmates not there, too. In some cases absense makes the talk more libelous, but there were a lot of guys who've dropped out of sight, and are sorely missed by their friends. Let's try to bring those guys back into the fold; they need to be told that they won't still be called a "gray hog" if they use this column to let friends know where they are. Where are you, TK? Please send more pictures of the reunion, since most of the ones with this article are left over from the last issue. Especially send funny or candid ones; Bill Ferguson, you still owe me the one of David Haines' wife, Barbara, trying to call attention to her fur coat by a strategically placed laundry tag. You can't bribe me, Barbara.

One other impression from the reunion: the bios and conversations revealed a pretty impressive group of guys, people who are really coming into their own making valuable contributions (and in some cases, big bucks) in many walks of life. We have an amazing number of drs and lawyers, which some attribute to our "Vietnam experiences." But rather than dwelling on that experience, Doug Thornblom and Bob Scales suggested looking forward to where our Class is going, particularly those still in the military. Many of our civilianized classmates were asking, "how many still are on active duty; what does it look like for



1966: Reunion dinner



1966: Reunion dinner



1966: Reunion dinner

promotions, cmds, schooling for our Class; any generals yet?" The next few yrs should see our Class getting close to staging its coup, and I'll try to trace that for you. Jim Gibson has provided an update on our AF classmates and that will go in too.

Since you haven't really deluged me with letters yet, the news is sparse. Here at Ft Bragg there are 3 of us commanding bns: Randy Medlock, Frank Hartline, and me (with Doug Thornblom just down the road at Ft Jackson as a 4th); Freddy McFarren back from Carlisle is working in Corps G-3, and Jim Gleason is the Corps SJA and already an O-6. George Crocker should come back to Bragg, where he was bn cmdr and G-3, when he gets out of Carlisle, if he ever learns how to do a PLF from a tree. Steve Williams also just left the Corps G-2 to go to Panama. And Mike Brennan ret from here this summer to be a private eye (doctor).

Speaking of drs, Tim Jeffrey is still at El Paso, where he's head of the Psychology Dept at the William Beaumont Army

Med Center. His wife Louise also has her PhD in psychology and practices locally. Tim has given up marathons for chasing Kerrie (2) and Robbie (1) around. He still looks great, except for his regrettable moustache.

Speaking of ugly, Joel Gartenberg stopped by on a visit from Ft Ord, where he is the 7ID G-5. He said he & Marge are also beginning an eel skin products import bus, and he had some awfully nice looking stuff. Now we've got Rich Amatulli importing on the East Coast, and Joel on the West; do you suppose they plotted that out when they were Ranger buddies 20+ yrs ago? I believe Peyton Ligon, Mike Penning and Bill O'Connor cmd bns there, and Fred Mauer, one of our first O-6s, is ret from DEH to go into city managing.

Dick Murray is another early O-6 who just got out at Leavenworth (from the Army, not the jail this time). Jim Jenkins, Bob Albright, Dave Arthur, and I believe Fritz Ernst and Don Murphy are also teaching at Leavenworth. Sorry if I missed some, but the only letter from there was from Tam Arthur, whose sweetness compensates for most of Dave's faults. You can see Dave in the photo being told by Chaplain Camp that his baldness is beyond the miracle stage, and to put that ridiculous cap back on.



1966: Memorial service—Chap Camp, Arthur, Grice and Roseborough

Finally, if there are any spelling or typographical errors in this article, or in fact the whole magazine, you can blame it on Johnny Phillips. He's vp of the firm in Richmond that publishes it. I suspect he got the contract so he wouldn't have to join AOG—right, John? In any case he, Janet and kids are doing great there, except for his beard. You owe me, Johnny. And you all owe me letters and pictures.

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This will be short and sweet, sports fans. I have already broken my first New Year's resolution, to never be late with these notes again, and have now passed

the panic stage by a matter of several days. So here I sit, fortified with a liter of Ireland's very finest whiskey while I try to muddle my way through your Christmas correspondence and make sense out of it. You will note, I am sure, that I made no reference to Christmas gifts. Once again the US Postal Service misrouted all of your offerings to some unworthy person. At least I will not be burdened with the necessity of writing lots of thankyou notes. Although it would have been nice.

**Janet Hale** is all upset. The Army keeps telling her it's time for her over-40 physical (Janet is still an Army Res MAJ in the Nurse Corps). Janet claims that is not possible, that someone has obviously made a clerical error. I have known Janet for a long time, and I agree that an error has been made. The Army should have started bugging her for the physical several yrs ago.

High Roller Roll Call (let's dispense with the trivia quickly). This yr's War College list includes **Dave Baggett**, **Dick Black**, **Dave Mosser**, **George Newman**, and **Bob Griffin**. Also, **Dave Peixotto** and **PJ Penny** were selected for the Army Research Associates Program. In addition to these worthy souls, **Ty McCoy** has once again been singled out; this time, he was the recipient of the Patriot of the Year Award from the Ft Worth, TX, Civic Leaders Assoc. Previous recipients include such luminaries as H. Ross Perot, Congressman Jim Wright, and GEN David Jones, former Chm of JCS. Ty, of course, continues to muck along as the Asst Secy of the AF. You guys have all done OK. You may fall out and make sandwiches.

While we're on the subject of high rollers, the Jan 87 issue of *SOLDIERS* mag has a good article featuring our favorite tinker toy man, astronaut **Woody Spring**. The article, which is a feature on the 3 Army offs in the astronaut program, has a particularly good photo of Woody learning what it's like to be dragged along the ground by a parachute. Too bad they didn't try that little exercise in the sugar beet fields we used to use as DZs in Ger. Being dragged at high speed through a sugar beet field will do wonders for your reaction time, not to mention your hemorrhoids.

Christmas card gossip. The **Vineys** are all alive and well at Ft Benning, where **Steve** earns a buck as cmdr of the 8th Inf Tng Bn, after a stint as dep cmdr of the 75th Ranger Regt. **Sue** stays busy doing all the things a bn cmdr's wife does as well as being a mom. Their oldest son **Mark** turned down both Army and USMC ROTC scholarships in order to enlist in the abn inf, in hopes of garnering an Army appt to USMA. Son **Doug** stays busy doing whatever it is HS kids do.

**Hart Lau** sent along the following 2 photos from last summer. The first, taken

in Jul, shows **Hart** with **Karla & Bill Cates** and **Dave Peixotto**, who he saw during a visit to Albuquerque for some irrelevant reason. Dave is the Alberquer-



1967: Lau, Cateses and Peixotto

que Dist Engr, and **Bill** is king of all EF Hutton activities from Saskatoon to Sonora. He may be the only guy in EF Hutton nobody will listen to. The second picture shows **Hart** enjoying the hospitality of the **Brian Mahoneys** in Boston—apparently, **Hart** used to welch a lot of free meals off them when he was going to school up there. **Hart** has now left that civilized lifestyle and is assigned to NATO Hq in Brussels. Interesting town, Brussels. I was TDY there this past Oct, and it just happened my trip coincided with the World Prostitutes Congress, also in Brussels. I kid thee not.



1967: Lau, Mahoneys and a gaggle of kids (4 Mahoneys and 1 Lau)

**Dick Kline's** dad dropped me a note in Dec to let me know that **Chuck Gantner** isn't the only guy in the Class who can still pass the Ranger swim test. Last summer, **Dick** entered a 10K swim meet for men 40-44 in Tucson, AZ. He's even got a gold medal and a certificate from the Intl Masters Swim Assoc. Not bad for an OF. Anybody who wants to challenge him to race can find him at 3313 W. Renee Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85027.

The **Jerry Hines** clan is still lounging around Thousand Oaks, CA, where **Jerry** continues to fight crime and preserve the American way of life as a hit man for the FBI. His big trick this past yr was solving a \$116K burglary case, where the money was robbed from a couple of ATMs in a

L.A. bank. **Jerry** got the arrest on 2 bank security guards (gives you a real secure feeling about your money, doesn't it?) along with recovering \$75K from the crawl space of a house. That got him an incentive award and a letter from the dir. **Joyce** is now the dir of the Rolling Oaks Child Dev Center. I should send her my sons; they need developing. Their girls continue to excel at all they do; the oldest, **Joy**, has been accepted early to Rice U. As the picture shows, **Jerry & Joyce** have produced a lovely pack of girls.



1967: The Hines family

Had a nice conversation with **Ray Roe** not long ago. He's up in the five-sided anthropology exhibit as ch, War Plans Div, DCSOPS. This news does not give me a warm fuzzy feeling inside. I have seen how **Ray** plans things. All is not lost, though; he departs in May to assume cmd of the 42d FA Bde in Giessen, FRG. As you can see from the photo **Ray & Bernice** are another couple that got the formula for producing girls down pat.



1967: The Roe family

Nice note from **Mike Kush**, along with the photo of him assuming cmd of the 6th Cav Sqdn at Ft Knox last summer. He and the kids are enjoying life in treadhead country. His son **Aaron** has already made a reputation as one of the best soccer goalies in the region.

The following qualifies as one of the better stories of 86. Some of you will remember, I'm sure, the sight of **Ken Strong** and the other mule riders riding their big, smelly friends up and down the football field, leaving piles of mule ca-ca lying about for the opposing teams



1967: Kush assumes cmd of the 6th Cav Sqdn, Ft Knox

to frolick in. Last Jul, Fuerte's old mule Buckshot was formally ret at WP after 25 yrs of good and faithful service. WP agreed to turn Buckshot over to Ken, so he is now living out his days in relative splendor on Ken's farm in Elba, AL, kept company by the Strong's quarter horse, Dixie. The whole Strong family—wife Sara and girls Emily, Elena, and Elizabeth attended the ceremony at WP, along with the Supe and classmates Ace Clark, Hobie Pillsbury, and Mike Cox's wife Anita. The Supe presented Ken



1967: Ken Strong and family accept ret certificate and custody of his old roommate, Buckshot

with Buckshot's blanket and DA Certificate of Ret. Buckshot was last seen, decked out as in the old days (when men were men and women were our dates, not our classmates) as the star attraction in the Elba homecoming parade.

Ken, by the way, continues life as an optometrist in Elba, with part-time duty as a USAR off. In that capacity he recently changed jobs, leaving his job as the ops off for the Birmingham USAR school for an IMA asgmt in Europe. This summer he'll be at the War College for the corresponding studies program, along with Hobie Pillsbury, Paul Bigelman and Randy Pais.

Phil & Joy Kinney are finally all settled in their new digs in Oxford, NC where Phil works as process engr supervisor with Lenox China. This past Oct he also graduated from Duke U with his MBA. Joy has gone back to school in order to finish her degree at Meredith College in Raleigh. She's also a co-

chairperson of WINGS, which she says is the non-traditional age student group on campus. I must ask: at what age does one become non-traditional? This is another family with only female genes. Daughter Jill is a frosh at Appalachian State U, Sally is a HS soph, April is a 4th grader, and Amy is in the 1st grade. That's a pretty good spread.

The Gilberts are enjoying their time in the land of fruits and nuts. Tim is in the Inf off at Sixth Army HQ at the Presidio of San Fran. They even gave him pink calling cards with cute little rifles on them. Well, I guess one must adapt to one's environment. Carolyn is working part-time at something or other, and the kids are busy being kids, which, we all know, can be very dangerous.

Way back in Sep I got a note from Bob Sellars along with a nice check for the "Save the Class Ring" caper (the check has been deposited in Suzi's FY87 HI trip fund). Bob reports that Bob Nolan, among other things, has become a wind surfing fanatic. He has a deal with Mistral to set up schools and sell boards throughout the Caribbean. He has already managed to talk Sellars into buying 2 boards, which should tell you something about Sellars.

John & Gael James's Christmas card included the photo of the class blowout at WP in Sep. New arrivals at the Rock



1967: Class party, WP, Sep 86

last yr were Dick & Leigh Releford (Orthodontist), Mike & Donna Norton (Anesthesiologist) and John Hart (English P). Gael also provided an up-to-date roster of Class sons and daughters in the USMA Class of '90: Brennan Marion, D-3; Scott LaBouliere, A-4; Penelope Lenz, G-3; Doug Hamilton, C-3; Scott Baggett, B-4; and Mike Blaney, D-1. Hope I didn't miss any; if so, I'll give myself the Welsh Rarebit Award next time. John, by the by, finally finished his PhD.

Alright kids, that's it. I've got to stay up all night and study for my mandatory AIDs test tomorrow—that's one test I do not want to fail. By the way, I invite all of you to join me in my campaign to have the 5th of Dec declared a natl holiday. That is the date, in 1933, when prohibition was ended with the ratification of

the 21st Amendment. I can think of no better example of the democratic process winning over the forces of evil. One final note; you guys did pretty well this time with letters and pictures. In fact, I am inundated with pictures. If you don't see your's this time, I'll get it in the next one. Thanks, keep up the good work. Take care, boys and girls, and keep the faith. God loves you. BEAT NAVY.

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Thanks again for a good holiday turnout of cards, notes, pictures, and tacky yr-end letters addressed to "Dear Family and Friends." You must know how I hate multiple choice—so next yr, please circle what we are.

Besides Henry Riser being nominated by your scribe for the Thayer Award, important news which missed the last article by a matter of hrs came from Hank & Maggie Gregor. On 14 Jul, Maggie gave birth to David Alexander Lee. Hank wants everyone to know that after he has delivered over 2000 babies and being a board certified OB/GYN dr for almost as many yrs as he spent in the Army, he is 40 and still fertile.

But Hank & Maggie aren't the newest parents—or the only new parents—in the Class. Note the picture of the Dalens and Joneses (I guess Trish Dallen and sister Gayle Jones make John and Chuck brothers-in-law as well as classmates) in which they seem to be cradling a well wrapped 4 ft sub at the Army-Navy game. Wrong-o mule breath—the infantry-blue-boy contains John III, born on 29 Sep. John & Trish wanted to baptize young Jay in an Army victory early in case pressing duties such as War College attendance or job search calls them away next yr. Actually, John sounds quite busy and involved with his computer science program duties, since Trish has purchased sweatshirts for Christina, Amy and Jay which say, "My Dad's a PAP in G&CS—If you see him tell him I love him." Thanks also to John for most of the Army-Navy game pictures. Chuck & Gayle are enjoying Omaha, where Chuck is at the Engr Dist.

Speaking of new family additions and the Army-Navy game, Mike Heart provided some '68 input and photo of classmates and spouses taken at another grad's home in the Rockies. Not pictured are Vic Farrugia's daughter, Charlotte, born 23 Mar, and wife Stephanie. Steph was home taking care of Charlotte and cooking for Vic. Vic and Mike reportedly have goofy grins because they're both trying to make a living in commercial real estate in Denver, and going nuts in the process. Jim Thome's smug grin has developed while doing one-to-three



1968: Joneses and Dallens with John III at the A-N game

working on a PhD in CO Sch of Mines before returning to WP just prior to our reunion.



1968: Farrugia, Harts and Thomes at A-N in the Rockies

Along with thanking **Henry Riser**, thanks also to **Dutch & Megan Hostler** for a great break from job hunting so we could relax at Nags Head, NC and attend the Army-Navy game. Because Megan elected to remain in NY with the boys, Dutch had an extra ticket for the game, which I was allowed to use. We had great seats next to **Bruce & Sue Sweeny**. Bruce & Sue came down to the game from Ft Monmouth where Bruce is the PM for Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment, and Sue is kept busy with ever additional members to the Sweeny clan.



1968: Puffer with Sweenys at A-N game

**Rick & Mary Rhoades** had an Army-Navy game party at Ft Benning and had **Gary & Patie Halstead**, **Steve & Ketty Rogers**, **Joe & Barb Fowler**, **Walt & Kay**

**Curl, Pat & Nina Toffler** over. **Gary & Patie** are proud to announce that their



1968: Hansens with Hostler at A-N game

son, **Scott**, received word of his early acceptance and appointment to WP for the class of '91.

Another '68 Army-Navy celebration is presumed to have taken place in Houston, TX where **Bob & Carol Shimp** report that they saw **GB Weeks** and **Billy McAdams**. Last yr, Bob got back in the



1968: JJ Clarks at A-N game

trenches—only this time it was sprinkler trenches after earning his contractor's license to put a system in at the Shimps' local church. Carol is also spending lots of time with the church and David's PTO.



1968: Bill Miller and son at A-N game

The fall luncheon in the DC area was put together by **John Keane** and held in an out-of-the-way dining room at Pentagonia. When I walked in, it struck me that the Class could use a Grecian *Formula* rep more than a Class barber. At the luncheon was **Surry Everett**, who is



1968: The Rich Brookes at A-N game

now supporting the Army Staff as a premier data processor. **Marv Wooten** made it to ODCSOPS and is now working somewhere in the maze of the five-sided wind tunnel creating ops ops. **George Nippel** dropped in to place 3x5 cards on Pentagon bulletin boards advertising his fishing boats for sale. I know that you'll find this hard to believe, but it's **Gordie Tillery**—not **Gordie Crupper**—who is working with **Bill Gardepe** in Crystal City and in the halls of Congress on SDI projects. Bill noted that no matter what great things classmates do, and how they are praised by others, they are always vulnerable to other classmates who really know about us.

Class pres **Dave Ohle** got some time off from his National War College joint ops instructor duties to remind us that **Fred Johnson** needs all the help he can get in organizing our 20th in just a yr and a half. Fifteen-yr photo albums should be ready by then. Get your druthers and requests for info in to Fred now. We're gaining some seniority; however, late reservations could end you up at the Bates Motel or (even worse) Big Ed's barber chair. Remember being on flirty wishing for a room at the Thayer? The Class is now sr enough to wish the other way around.

**Jack Mayer** seemed happy to have the job of DC classmate organizer lifted from his still powerful shoulders; however, he still looks tired due to his duties with the CBO. Another haggard classmate was **Mike Peters**, who is still manning the USSR desk at ACSI. **Mike Wells** broke his silence with the Class by at-



1968: Ohle, Rogers and Jordan at Keane's party

tending. **Joe Mangino** is still instructing newcomers as to how the Army Staff should work, and **Terry Laughlin** continues to grip and grin in OCLL. **Jim Carman**, who is now with the Mobilization Systems Planning Activity, and about to become the ch of Spt Sys Div with the IEW PM, brought the news that **Chuck Canella** moved to DMMC to be the PM for EW Systems and Trailblazer, and **Bob Swedock** PCSed to SHAPE. **Ken Nicholson** seemed happy to hear that **Andy Shaffer** is doing so well smuggling cats to a taco vendor in Juarez. He has done so well in the MIS bus with El Paso Natural Gas that he has been promoted to a position in which he is expected to totally automate the firm within the next 3 mos. **Andy & Betty** took a break last fall to perform some philanthropic work for local natives in HI and to provide Carl Mauldin with more American Express material.



1968: Llewellyn, Mayer and Madera at Keane's party

Also at the luncheon was **Monte Anderson** who brought the sad news that **Ray & Liz Vinton's** 15 mo old son, **David**, drowned in a swimming pool last Sep. The Vintons are asking donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation be made in **David's** name.

DCA golden voicer **Dick Steiner** volunteered 60's tapes for the fall '68 party hosted by **John Keane**, and for the reunion. John's party attracted not only most of the folks who attended the luncheon, but was enhanced by much better looking wives. **Norm O'Meara** wouldn't talk at either the luncheon or the party for fear of being misquoted or divulging exactly how many yrs he now owes Uncle Sugar to repay for schooling. It was good to see **Ed & Peg Thal** out again after the arrival of their latest last yr.

OK, you high rollers who coyly requested that I forward you my resume upon my ret can stop pondering your shoes and wracking your contacts to find a spot for me. Thank you all for your work and support, but—at least as of this writing—Gerard has a job. After all my searching, I've learned what you call a classmate who leaves the service prior to 20. Boss! And guess who it is! **Henry Riser** has not only shown great support

for me, but he has also convinced his—now our—org to try my hand at being sr engr and working in PM, C3I, and log spt for some pretty neat non-Army def projects.

Next time, we'll really appoint some Co reps, hear about **Dennis Manske's** latest marathon personal best, tell who's overweight, bald and has gum disease, discover where **Henry & Karen Riser's** oldest MD state soccer champ goalie son will start college, and discuss which bankers are going where between TX and the East Coast. If you don't wish to be entered into any of the above categories, write or call to tell your side before someone else tells it on you. Contrary to what appears to be popular belief, this column is not merely a spectator sport. This quarter, you should have lots of classmate interaction with Founders Day dinners and reassignment orders in prep for the summer. Please share by the end of Mar, and be careful because you're all we've got.—DAVE

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This col is being written on 4 Jan, covering news and photos received since 26 Sep. Next deadline is 30 Mar, so please send your correspondence by 25 Mar.

We begin this time on a sad note. **Reggie Pettitt's** wife, **Margo**, died on 20 Oct 86 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. A memorial service was held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Falls Church, VA on 22 Oct and attended by the **Fowlers**, who drove down from Schenectady, NY, **Lew Levy**, **Bill Taylor** (F-3), and myself. I know the entire Class joins me in extending sympathy and prayers to **Reggie** and son **Adam**.

On a brighter note, the Class turned out in force at the big win over Navy in Philly. Seen before, during, or after the game were **Albanese**, **Anstrom**, **Barber**, **Bird**, **Blake**, **Brittain**, **KC Brown**, **Ralph Crosby**, **Cross**, **Dolton**, **Drower**, **Fahl**, **Glacel**, **Guernsey**, **Heesch**, **Jarvis**, **Jenkins**, **Ken Johnson**, **Kimmitt**, **Labelle**, **Leone**, **Maasberg**, **May**, **McCaslin**, **McGovern**, **Metcalf**, **O'Connell**, **Osterhoudt**, **Pohlmann**, **Renner**, **Richards**, **Richmond**, **Greg Smith**, **Speltz**, **Tigges**, **Wanless**, **Wheelock**, **Doug Williams**, and **Terry Young**. **Jim Richards** had recently moved to NY with Sithe-Energies USA. **Jack Guernsey** and **Charlie Jarvis** teamed with members of the Class of '71 in the Phila area to arrange a post-game reception and buffet dinner at the Hilton next to the stadium. I think that facility is where we should locate our Class activities in future yrs, because it is both easy to locate and a great place to wait out the post-game traffic jam. Thanks to all who helped set up the event.

The big news for most active duty classmates was long-awaited promotion to LTC. **Harry Dolton** and **Barbara & Bob Glacel** hosted a great promotion party at the Glacels' in Burke, VA in Oct. In attendance were **Bob Berry**, **Bill Foster**, **Lois & Jim Johnson**, **Sherrye & Mike Landrum**, **Michy & Casey Scull**, and **Holly & me**. As a correction to my report last issue, **Mike Landrum** is now working for Rep **John Spratt** (D-SC) on the first leg of his Congressional Fellowship. **Sherrye** is now teaching at **Flint Hill Prep**. **Bill Foster** is on the OSD staff and gave me some nice thoughts on **Jim Eisenhower** at a lunch we had in Oct. **Bob Glacel** is due to leave later this yr for a yr in Korea commanding 2/17 FA, while **Barbara** recently joined **HAY Systems**.

**Jim Johnson** also had a nice promotion ceremony/party at the Pentagon in Oct. In attendance were **Lois** and the children, **Jim's** parents, and **Bob Berry**, **Harry Dolton**, **Bill Foster**, **Bob Glacel**, **Reggie Pettitt**, **Mike Tesdahl**, and me. **Lois & Jim** are en route to WP this summer for a perm position in the Hist Dept.

**George Albrecht** sent his annual holiday message from downtown Derwood, MD. He & **Joan** had seen **Lois & George Barstis**, who is fin dir for Spacecom in Gaithersburg. **George** also said **Jerry Morelock** is due to cmd 570 FA Gp in Ger in Jul, while **Dennis Tighe** was due to take cmd of 1/319 FA of the 82d Abn at Ft Bragg. **Marie & Jim Adams** are in Mainz, Ger, where he works for Network Systems, Inc.

Also taking cmd at Ft Bragg was **Ed Kersey** with 2/504 Inf, while **Rick Frykman** is now XO of the 82d Divarty. **Rick**,



1969: Frykman promoted to LTC by Diane and her father MG Shiely, Jr

who was my roommate for the last 7 mos at the Academy, recently returned a pair of dress gray trou he had been lugging around for 17 yrs. He (and the nametag) say they are mine, but I find that hard to believe because they were a touch tight at the waist.

**Bill Ward** sent a nice letter from Ft Benning, with two pages of reflections on **Jim Eisenhower**. **Bill** had been XO of 36th Engr Gp (as an infantryman) and was due to be an advisor to the 29th Inf Div of the VA NG at Ft AP Hill. **Bill** said

**Bo Moore** is practicing law in Columbia, SC, while **Brian Raymond** was due to come from FL to run (along with Bill) in the Inf Marathon at Ft Benning.

**Pat & Hugh Donohue** sent a long letter and photo from Ft Polk, noting that he, **Bob Brigham** (Ft Gordon), and **Dave McDermott** (Andrews AFB) are now Fellows in the American College of Surgeons. **Joe Cornelison** was in touch from



1969: New Fellows of the American College of Surgeons: Gooden '71, Brigham, Donohue and McDermott

Panama and said he had seen the following at the annual SJA's conf in Charlottesville: **Bill Aileo** (Ft Sam Houston), **Joel Alvarey** (1st Arm Div), **Howard Curtis** (Presidio of SF), and **Mike Nardotti** (1st Cav).

At Ft Knox, **Doug Williams** took cmd of 1/77 FA on 10 Dec. **Barb & Tom Whitaker** were in attendance from Ft Wayne, IN. Doug & Carol had been at Army-Navy the Sat before, so it was a very nice wk. **Jay Harper** and his son Jay had traveled from Little Rock, AR, to see Army beat TN earlier in the fall. (Why a bowl bid for TN and not Army?)

**Peggy & Jim Love** sent a nice letter and photo from Ft Hood, where they had joined a good gp of classmates in celebrating Army's big win over Navy. **Gregg**



1969: A-N game at Feuges' at Ft Hood

**Jones** sent a long letter from Terre Haute, IN, where he is on an AGR tour as APMS at Rose-Hulman Inst of Tech. **Janine** and their 3 daughters are still living in KY for now. Further west, **Linda & Dan Cox** are due to leave Ft Leavenworth this summer for cmd of 2/7 Cav at Ft Carson. **Cindi & Paul Raglin**,

on the other hand, have been extended at DNA in Albuquerque until Jul 88.

**Kris & Doug Freeley** are in Aurora, CO at Fitzsimmons, where Doug is ch of Ophthalmology. **Steve Fall** is also there, as a thoracic surgeon. Doug had seen **Doug Fitzgerald**, who was traveling in the West from his consulting position in MA. It seems from a number of letters I received that those listed in the last col as our "first wearers of eagles" are not the first. Doug Freeley has been a COL since Jun 85, while **Tinsley Rucker**, and perhaps **John Clapper**, have also been promoted. My error.

**Pam & Bruce Wheeler** are at Madigan Med Ctr in WA, with **Scott Smith**. Bruce had also seen **Bob Hoffman** at a sports medicine symposium. In CA are **Julie & Rich Ashley**, who is PMS at Berkeley, and **Mickey & Lee Rempel** (USMC), who welcomed Megan Lee on 11 Sep. Lee was still overseas with his helicopter sqdn, but made it home for Megan's arrival. In HI are **Pam & George Coan**, who cmds 2/11 FA. George said he had seen **Bill May**, who is due to cmd an inf bn in Ger this summer.

Already in cmd in Ger is **Red Taylor**, who cmds 4/9 FA (Pershing) in Heilbronn. Red had spoken to **Steve**



1969: Taylor family as Red assumed cmd of 4/9 FA

**Rhyme** during a stopover in Charlotte, NC, and he located **Walt Strother** in Marietta, GA, **Bill Jones** en route to bn cmd in Augsburg, and **Bob Kuhn** at Ft Leavenworth. **Marcy & Pete Heesch** are in Bonn, where Pete recently became the asst Army attache. We missed seeing each other while he was on TDY to DC, but did catch up briefly at Army-Navy.

The last card from those on active duty was from **Chris Cole**, who announced his marriage to Cathy Beavers on 9 Dec in Basel, Switzerland. Congratulations!

**Lynne & Fred Noll** sent the first card from the civ side of the Class. They are in Elmira, NY with Corning, and Fred located **Bob Foos** in LA and **John Suermann** in the private sector in Chicago after having left the NRC. Also in NY are **Pat & Mike Barszcz** in Buffalo. **Maggie & Mike Kelly** sent their card from CT, but announced a move to Minneapolis where Mike will work with UNISYS.

**Peggy & Bill Smith** hosted a very nice open house at their new home in Gaithersburg in Oct. One-fourth of the '69 Army Rugby A side was in attendance: **Bill Foster**, **Greg Foster**, **Bill Smith**, and myself.

**Colette & Greg Smith** wrote from Washington Crossing, PA, with an update on the **Remmels**, who are moving from CA to Tampa. **Peg & Dan Gruenke** wrote from Chicago with news of their second son, **Colin Daniel**, born 17 Sep 86. Dan is trading stock futures on the Mercantile Exchange. In Atlanta, **John Russell** was promoted to Sr VP Ops at Days Inns of America.



1969: John Russell, new sr VP ops at Days Inns of America



1969: Kessenich receiving trophy from Super; Jack Faddis '65 at left

In Belmont, CA, the **Rick Whitakers** welcomed Alexander Ace on 14 Aug 86. **Siobhan & Bill Burke** are in L.A. and had seen **Tom Wheelock** and **Cor Westerhoff**, who are in the area, and **Bruce Laswell** and **Frank Finch**, who had been in CA on bus and honeymoon, respectively.

Two letters from Surrey, England: **Vicki & Carl Commons** are in Epsom Downs (within an hr of both Heathrow and Gatwick), while **Gesine & Arnie Haake** are in Camberley. The Haakes had been visited by **Annie & Jeff Kimball**, who are at SHAPE in Belgium. Received a news release, which played prominently in the *Washington Post*, announcing that **Ken Johnson** is now pres and ch oper off of Hadron, Inc, a high tech co hdqtrd in Fairfax, VA.

**Steve Metcalf** has offered to spearhead the drive to raise funds for **Jim Isenhow-**



1969: Haake and Kimball at Bears-Cowboys game in UK

er's memorial fund. Checks sent to the WP Fund at AOG specifying "The James P. Eisenhower Memorial Fund" will be properly credited to the acct. Steve may be reached at Bear Stearns at 212-952-3958.

AOG has recently computerized its Academy address list and doing so identified many bad addresses for the Class. Please send directly to the AOG addresses for the following: Larry Anderson, Bahr, Beard, Beckworth, Bible, Al Brown, Brundage, Caranto, Carlson, Cooper, Dalum, Jon Davis, DiNicola, Dupere, Fahl, Ferraro, Fisher, Fitzhenry, Frey, Funderburke, Furneaux, Gray, Groves, Halloran, Hilburn, Bob Hoffman, Hutchinson, Illingworth, Ireland, Kerr, Kithcart, Knabb, Knickerbocker, Kopp, Logan, Lynch, Male, Maxson, McCarty, McMin, Merhar, Minor, Navor, Noreen, Oliver, Ozimek, Pedersen, Ploss, Rohacik, Roseta, Rowan, Ruwet, Rynearson, Schiraldi, Schoville, Shafe, Skells, Stevenson, Stewart, Stoutner, Swenson, Tabela, Thompson, Van Atta, Vequist, Wallace, Welsh, West, Wielkoszewski, Mike Williams, and Woodbury. You could also send addresses to me for forwarding to AOG.

That's it. Until next time, Holly joins me in wishing you and yours a bright spring. God bless to all in '69.

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'70

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In starting out this quarter's epistle, it is only fair to recognize the efforts of Joe Reeder and Jim Crawford. These guys have been putting out for our Class as if they were pulling an all-nighter before WGR's (something they never did on campus). Joe and Jim have both been struggling to maintain a good list of addresses for our Class—helping out the AOG in the process. The more addresses that are complete means the greater potential for even better reunions than our last. And Joe has really been helping out in rustling up support for the Class Fund. Dunning classmates ain't no fun,

but when we consider what it's going for, it all becomes worthwhile.

And speaking of Class Fund—all of you high paid corp execs and field grade off can certainly afford to part with a paltry sum of \$25.00 (or more) for the "Class of 1970 Gift Account." If you haven't sent your shekels to the AOG as part of the fund drive, then take this opportunity to make amends. The coffers are increasing, but we still need your help so that the Class gift to WP can be a really special thing.

Address maintenance for the '70 alfa roster is quite a task—we lose some, we gain some, usually keeping track of upwards of 92% of us. A while back, Frank Romano wrote in and all but accused me of remaining under my brown boy too long, since I didn't know that Tommy Miller was a big-time basketball coach at U of CO in Boulder. More on Tommy later. Fortunately, Frank didn't dwell on my ignorance, but instead continued with other info. Frank filled in some background on his own situation. He was in Europe for 8 yrs as a JAG off, then as a civ atty in USAREUR. He's currently holding down a position as legal counsel for the Corps of Engr Dist in St Paul, MN. He's also in the res as SJA for the 205th Inf Bde at Ft Snelling, MN. The unit is a round-out bde for the 6th Inf Div in AK. During his last annual tng, he was up at Ft Richardson. He worked a bit with John Beasley, and claims that John is doing well. Frank is entertaining thoughts of a new job as corp counsel somewhere, so he & his wife Gill Lane may be in for a change of scenery.

Frank is a pack rat. He sends all his old newspapers to me, not even to the Boy Scouts for their paper drive. For instance, he sent me a copy of an old Denver paper. As I leafed through it, I noticed that there was also an article in it on Kurt Markus, a 5 pg photo essay. Instead of lining the cat box, I read it. Kurt is a photographer. I take pictures, but Kurt is a photographer—he takes art. His subject is cowboys of today's West, which grew out of 9 yrs experience at *Western Horseman* magazine. Unfortunately, I don't have any examples to show, but his recent book of photos was a winner of a graphic design award from the American Inst of Graphic Artists.

Another page from Romano was going to be the starter for the fireplace, but a headline saying that Tom Miller was the new head coach of basketball caught me short. Sure enough, Frank had indicated that I might run him down at the U of CO athletic dept. After boning up on the potential kindling, and learning that Tom had worked as a grad asst for coach Bobby Knight while earning an MBA, and had moved to a head coaching job at Cornell, I gave him a call. It only took a couple of tries before I caught him between recruiting pitches. He told me

that most recent Miller history has him hired at U of CO on 2 Apr last. Three days later he was married to Cindy, whom he had met while coaching at Cornell. Tom claims the life of a head coach doesn't leave much time for other stuff, since when he isn't coaching, he's recruiting. He says Cindy has entered the job market, I hope not due to lack of companionship.

Gil Tam checked in from HI to tattle on, among others, Bobby Schaf. Although it had been some time, Gil had talked to Bobby when he was an engr for NASA at the Johnson Space Center in Houston and feels that he may still be in the AO. Gil also reports on Claude Ishida. Claude works full-time for the HI ARNG in the G3 shop. So when Gil goes to the armory to drill in the G1 shop, they have an opportunity to compare notes from the staff meetings. Gil talked with Tom Walker recently and was informed that Tom was transferred by IBM from the Houston off to the Dallas op. Les Kahalekai, as part of his job at Redstone Arsenal, periodically must travel to the Mauna Kea Observatory in HI, presumably to verify that there are stars with which to war. It allows Les an opportunity to soundly thrash Gil at the local golf pasture.



1970: Jim & Ronni Oxley, Reunion 85



1970: Skip & Peggy Lane

Once again you may notice some very badly taken pics dating back to Reunion 85, which have been resurrected from the bottom of my camera junk drawer. If you wish to avoid looking at these awful excuses for photos, then send better examples of your own work. After all, the pictures are about all I can get Phil



1970: Jim Lovelace

Krieger to look at. Like *Playboy* magazine, he says, why bother with the articles?



1970: Melissa & Shelby Stevens



1970: Barbara & Buzz Shiely



1970: Ed & Pat Carlson

Bill Knowlton, on the other hand, wrote in to express admiration for my choice of photos for the Dec issue, as well as to verify an address and to express concern. That is, Bill, a la Benny Havens, thinks promotions are very slow. Not to worry, Bill. Army personnel

officials, the keepers of the Army Book of Lists, project that promotions from the 1985 LTC Army category list will begin in Jul and run through Sep 88.

An unsolicited phone call came in from Les Sumner, who was visiting in Indy one day. It seems he picked up a new position as a marketing consultant for the Howard Marborough Group (HMG). They are involved in work for the US Olympic Comm, and somehow are tied into the planning and setting up for the Pan Am games. The games are being held in Indy this summer, and Les is one of their advance men. He obviously called to warn me that he might come back, and I should be ready. Right, Les, the beer is on ice.

In the ball & chain dept, Steve Swain recently tied the knot with Jane Alison Charnley of England. And a handsome couple they are, as evidenced by the attached photo. Steve was working to set



1970: Newlyweds Steve & Jane Swain and friend

up a new merchant bank in NYC and London. He has been a regular attendee at Army football games, and has frequent contact with Mike Johnson, the thoughtful provider of this item and two of the pictures shown.



1970: Mike Johnson with Debbie Matthews and friends

Another picture in here somewhere immortalizes the assembled rabble at the DC area picnic last yr. If you have a good jeweler's loupe, you might be able to spot Bill Taylor, Jim Price, Steve Westbrook, Ron Riggs, Tom Haller, Jim Hayes, Joe Reeder, Rich Rutledge, Skip Lane, Phil Kensinger, Nelson Johnson,

Jim Kee, Jim Crawford, Roland Carter, Harry Crumling, Bill Squires, Bill Williams, or Steve Starnier. You might also



1970: DC picnic

see Charley McGee, Bill Knowlton, Rick Keller, Jim Murray, John Pavlick, Bill Adams, Dale Adams, John Ekman, John Greenwalt, Mike Coulman, Charley Velez, or Matt Fleumer. You WON'T see, however, Tom Costello or Ross Kelly, since they apparently eschew photographic association with such raff, even though they did attend the party.

Pete Cramblet, out at Ft Lewis, has had a hard time trying to locate Bill Hahney. If anyone has any clues to current location, let me or Pete know. Pete notes that salmon fishing in WA does not require one to be a fisherman. Even Pete goes home with a full creel after each of his frequent outings.



1970: The Vogt family

Pay attention. The address at the top of the column is changed. It is now my real street address. The postmaster got tired of stuffing the vast amounts of mail from all you beanheads into my little-bitty box. Also, I heard that 3 guys from 4th Regt came by my place for a brew last month, but nobody answered the door at the post office.

If you want to see your name in bold print, in an internationally distributed magazine, then make a call, send a letter (with picture), smoke signals, something, and I will ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good.

# '71

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Reporting again from the friendly confines of Yongsan, Korea. Worry not, mom, I'll be home in 485 or so days, commies willing. It occurs to me that at 37, I act much like a beanhead counting the days to Recognition Day. Another conditioned response that I have been unable to break over the yrs. Nice place, this Korea. At this writing, I am experiencing late Jan Hudson Valley weather with Los Angeles air quality on top of a day-after Snuffys head with a gloom period attitude. Come visit some time.

Please note my new address. I am convinced that my machinations to secure a trip to the reunion resulted in my transfer. These guys just don't understand their priorities. I now serve as the XO to the CoS for US Forces Korea, MG Olson '57. Now, if I stay in this job until 1991, perhaps I can make it to the 20th reunion.

All reports received indicate the Oct reunion was a smashing success. Special recognition is in order for our '71 cadre at WP: **Al & Kathy Patterson**, **Sam & Janie Pride**, **Ben & Patricia Hackman**, **Buck & Cathy Walker**, and **Chris Arney**. Folks, we recognize your untiring efforts and sincerely thank you for your diligence, patience, and competence in orchestrating another Professionally Done event. Our Class pres, **Bill Tryon**, solicits our assistance in establishing committees to formulate and execute plans for the 20th reunion and the presentation of the Class gift to the Academy. By the 20th reunion, we should have a definite goal and a financial plan to reach it so that a gift presentation can be made at the 25th reunion. So all you talented folks articulate in financial matters and even you grunts inarticulate in anything but the current cost of Budweiser, step forward and write Bill at Box 150-C Loretta NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114 or call at 505-898-3129. Bill mentioned that one of the highlights of the weekend was the presentation of **John Shoemaker's** Class ring to USMA. John's close friend, **Joe Rhyne**, accepted the ring for USMA from Susan Shoemaker Gurick.

The occasion of the reunion spawned several letters. Of note was a humorous, sometimes ribald, newsletter from that august A-3 Co historian, **Huck Bolz**. No info, of course, just some ramblings about no Avenger poop in the *ASSEMBLY* and the fact that A-3 had the most (12) classmates return for the reunion. It is comforting to know, however, that such co comradeship still exists and that a vehicle is in place to perpetuate communications. Huck did mention that **Pat & Genie Fligg's** oldest son, Michael, is



1971: Shoemaker ring ceremony

now a jr and has been talking to the Army cross country guys. Yes folks, at the next reunion we will exchange photos of our children's college panty raids.

**Jerry & Eileen Thompson** concur that homecoming weekend brought about a special feeling. After almost 3 yrs at Bragg, Jerry reported to the Pentagon and his job as the North African action off in the Politico-Military Affairs Dir of the OJCS. Now settled in their special home in Burke, VA, Eileen is ready to renew energies toward her Mary Kay business. Giving equal time, here's a civ endorsement of the reunion. **Joe & Jane Fox** think the reunion was great, too. The Foxes (plus 4 children) enjoy life in their home of 10+ yrs in Castleton, NY. Joe travels extensively through Empire State by virtue of his mgt job with the SUNY system and his position as the S-3 for a res engr bn.

Our great friends the **Mansagers** sent greetings from the sunny clime of central CA where **Bard** is completing his tour at Ft Ord. Not satisfied with the good life in



1971: The Mansagers

their Salinas home (complete with a hot tub), the Mansagers took a wk-long cruise to Mexico with ports of call at Puerta Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas. To complement their Love Boat special, they also made the trek back to WP to share lies with the hoodlums in E-3.

I have erred again. This has become a disturbing pattern as my brain cells degenerate from an overload of kimchi and OB beer. Contrary to my last column, the **Suermanns** are not at Ft Carson, as reported. **Tom** is assigned to the new Army

Space Agency as a theater spt planner, but lives in CO Spgs. Jeez, I got the right state, didn't I? Tom mentioned that **Gordie Dietrich** recently moved from DC to the SDI test bed at Falcon AFS, east of CO Springs. The Dietrichs are new proud parents, circa fall 86.

As the XO, **Dick Bridges** had the unenviable, but proud duty to inactivate his ADA bn prior to departing Europe for Ft Leavenworth last summer. Nursing a



1971: The Bridges family

cracked rib from intramural combat soccer and serving as the consummate ldr and social chm for his staff group has kept Dick off the prisoner-infested streets at CGSC. Dick anticipates an asgmt to the Off of the Chief of Public Affairs in DC come Jun 87.

**Don Elder** continues as an Armor bn XO in lovely downtown Ft Polk. In Apr, however, he will be posted to El Salvador for duties as the ops off for the Mil Gp. Although it is an accompanied tour, **Chris & Don** are still not sure that housing is adequate or affordable following the recent earthquake in San Salvador. Don tells of **Glenn & Marcia Weidner** and their impending asgmt to Panama. Glenn is attending staff college at the Sch of the Americas at Ft Benning and has been assigned to the J-3 shop in SOUTHCOM reporting in May.

Now let me tell you about my HI (first asgmt) running buddies, **Hardin, McDonald, and Hagenbeck**. Actually, they were fierce inter-bn competitors, but you know how friendships are made. Anyway, I'm proud of these guys. They've come a long way since the decadence and slime of Waikiki. **Dave & Deborah Hardin** and assorted children are tucked away at Ft Lewis. Dave has been a S-3 since last summer. He sees **Ron Carpenter** (dep G1, 9ID), and **Butch Ferguson** (XO, 15th Engr Bn) around campus. **Chuck Swannack** visits from Ft Ord where he is the S-3 of the 9th Regt, 7th ID. After distinguishing himself as an Inf bn XO for 15 mos at Ft Lewis, **Pat McDonald** has the opportunity to be a co cmdr again, this time for HHC, I Corps. **Buster & Judy Hagenbeck** left Down Under in Dec after 18 mos with the Australian Inf Centre. Buster now serves as the XO for Inf branch at MILPERCEN.

You know, I just can't figure out that Rabble. Have a good yr . . . lose to Navy. Have a wishy-washy yr . . . Commander-in-Chief's Trophy! Guess the right attitude is to always give support no matter their fortunes. **Mari & I** hosted an Army-Navy party for classmates in country. Of



1971: Army-Navy '86—Korea

the 10, only 3 boycotted. **Terry Thomason**, a lawyer up in Uijonbu, was on mid-tour leave and our resident engr, **Mike Hunter**, was on TDY. LTC(P) **Il-Soon Shin** had a church function. **Il-Soon** has completed successful bn cmd and works on the ROK JCS staff. Attendees included **Gordie Schnabel** and **Jim FitzHarris**, Inf bn XO's close to the DMZ; **Steve Wilcox** and **Steve Rice** from JUSMAG here in Seoul; **Danny Ferris**, an Air Cav trp cmdr; and **Bill Sabata**, an engr bn XO down south.

Must go make New Year's resolutions. The first will be to never again have your secy buy your wife's Christmas present!

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The yr is moving quickly already and there is lots of news of job and asgmt changes, family additions, and activities. Also, many are anticipating our 15th Reunion in Oct. More about that later. Let's see who's doing what these days.

Last Aug, **Chris North** hosted a party of '72 mates in and around the Wash DC area. The mini-reunion was well attended, with the following 19 appearing: **Greg Bowman**, MD & **Joan** are living in Silver Spring, MD. **Gary & Donnarae Sarpin** are with Lukens Steel in Downingtown, PA. **Dennis & Stefanie Wagner** are still with FMC Corp at McLean, VA. **Hud & Rolly Berrey** also at Walter Reed AMC with the **Bowmans**. Also, **Ty & Joanne Hughes**, with the US Army Legal Svc Agency. **Doug & Nancy Wise** live in Reston, VA while he is in the off of the Sec of the AF. **Jay Kimmitt** is still with the House of Rep Approp Comm staff. **Ken & Diane Dzombar** live in Herndon, VA and assigned to OJCS. **Tom & Jodie Folk** live in Fairfax, VA where Tom is an atty. **Tony & Rhonda**

**Dedmond** are with HQ Lab Cmd and reside in Columbia, MD. **Tom & Nancy Davis** are getting a touch of Marine life at Quantico, VA. **Eric Mellinger** is a GM-13 Program Analyst in the off of Strategic Mobility, Military Sealift Cmd. The **Harlans** reside in Bethesda, MD. MAJ **Bill** is assigned to the IG and MAJ **Betty** is at Walter Reed. **Paul & Judy Dunn** live in Waldorf, MD where he works out of the Asst Ch of Engr Off, HQDA. **Steve Dooley**, still single, is with the US Army Student Det, George Wash U. **Pete & Carmen Palmer** live in Springfield, VA while he's assigned to ODCSOPS. All these showed up at North's for the get-together along with **Chris Feudo** and **Bill Chalk**. North provides an extensive list of classmates living in or around the DC area, but unable to attend. This includes **James, Manguso, Harper, Stafford, Barton, Siemar, Krepinevich, Van Dam, Haseman, Burkley, Pavlick, McDonald, Gorzelnik, Rich Martin, King, Shafer, Cunningham, Wyatt, Grantham, McGuckin, Fornecker, Thomassen, Keith Jones, Fluemer, and Jackson**. By the way, North is assigned to ODCSOPS and lives in Alexandria, VA.

The **Ward Bursley** family had a busy 86, including a move from CA to NC and the birth of Susan Elizabeth. Ward's former co, SBS, was acquired by MCI which created an opportunity in Greensboro, NC. So, they relocated across country, vacationing for a few days at San Fran and Sequoia Park before returning to the southeast. Back in CA, the **Bursleys** were near **Rick & Lee Timboe**. Their two young soccer players keep them busy, as well as Rick's duties as a Long Beach State Administrator. He also takes advantage of the unique opportunity to assist with the football program. **Bursley** has attempted to track down **Dan Jenkins** and **Harry Irwin** in Carolina, but without success. **Jim & Kathy Bowden** are still in Ger. Also, **Doug & Kathy Apo** have been located; he's with DNA. (You're right, Ward, that Adv Magic, Physics III did pay off.) **Kathy** has her hands full with children, **Noelan, Kris, Blaine, Blake, and Caitlin**. Another family ever increasing is the **Waldbuesers** of HI. They report the addition of **Lance** who arrived last Apr. **Wally** continues as the TRADOC LNO to the 25th ID. He also stays busy as OCF regional rep. The **Waldbuesers** and **Van Antwerps** share leadership duties of an ever growing Bible study gp. **Wally** also reports that **Tony Russo** has been seen working around the islands but is rumored to be headed for so CA and restaurant mgt. The most recent acct of **Jim & Sue Veeder** and clan says they're settled and happy in Seattle. **Jim's** doing well as a consultant to Boeing and **Sue's** busy in the LaLeche League in addition to violin, gymnastics, ballet, etc of their

4 kids. The western front continues in good hands, including those of **Mark Gay** with the 8th ID in Bad Kreuznach. He has taken on additional duty as son **Chris'** basketball coach, and **Sue** helps out at the Job Assistance Center. **Ben & Vickie Martin** are in the 3rd yr as Asst Dist Engr, Vicksburg, MS. Praises to **Bursley** for his patience in seeing his update in print.

There were a few notes from the past holiday season. Included was an update from **Emilie Rich**. Hubby **Pete** is in Korea and **Emilie, Natalie, and Mark** are living in El Paso. **Pete** is S3 in an armor heavy bde and has enjoyed planning and conducting tank gunnery exercises, especially since he's an Inf off. **Emilie** has been substitute teaching since Oct. She's headed for Korea soon to visit **Pete** and to shop in Seoul. **Pete** will be assigned to Ft Bliss next summer. **Natalie** and **Mark** have enjoyed visiting friends and relatives in dad's absence, but anxiously await his return, no less.

Got a copy of **Moon Ducote's** inaugural H-2 Newsletter last fall. He's still trying to track down several co-mates, so the response was slack. He did have news of a few, including **Paul & Janet Vuksich** and boys in San Fran. **Tom & Laurie Spears** are in No Largo, FL. They have seen others like **Bob Woodside**, who resigned from the AF and joined **Martin Marietta** near Orlando, and **Bill Welch**, whose folks are St Petersburg residents. **Cliff Willis** has remarried and resides in Sridell, LA with **Myriam** and her daughter, **Melissa**. **Gus & Nancy Manguso** are still in Bowie, MD. **Tom & Jennifer Sweeney** and **Mike Driscoll** are both with Pfizer, the former a newly promoted prod mgr and the latter a proj mgr. The **Sweeneys** have two children, **Tommy (8)** and **Christina (5)**. **Driscoll** and the **Sweeneys** live about a block apart. Recent **Leavenworth** grad **Dick Liebert** is an XO in the 3/11 ACR and patrolling the E Ger border. The ever increasing southeast US contingent includes **Steve & Masidonna Hicks** and **John & Doris Sullivan**. **Steve** teaches physics and schematics at the Columbus Voc and Tech Sch. In addition, he coaches cross country and has become an avid runner. They live in Midland, GA. The **Sullivans** now reside in Key Biscayne, FL with their 5 yr old. Newsletter publisher **Ducote & Terri** are in Dunwoody, GA where he's in the tech mgt and org dev consulting bus. He and **Tom Schuler (USNA '72)** are founders of the bus. We'll look forward to your update on the H-2 crew, **Moon**.

It is interesting to note how '72 continues to "staff up" for future USMA classes. The B-1 newsletter from **Geoff Wilhelmy** includes no less than 4 birth announcements from 86. These are **Bianca Elizabeth Linda**, daughter of

**Randy & Karen Brown**, born 22 Apr; **Todd Michael**, son of **Steve & Anne-Marie Geary**, born 10 Mar; **David John**, son of **Roger & Debbie Miller**, born 7 Oct; and **Chase Daniel**, son of **Dave & Debbie Sanders**, born 8 May. The Browns are enjoying life in Jamaica, where Randy has been busy attracting the apparel industry to invest there. He reports that bus is extremely good. Geary anticipates a move to CO Springs. In addition to the arrival of son David, the Millers had a hectic yr in 86 with an unanticipated new job. Roger was promoted to natl sales mgr for electronics plastic products. This coincided with a major remodeling project which kept him extremely busy. Roger & Debbie are almost back to normal now with that behind them. Dave Sanders is now bd chm of his data processing co in Franklin, TN. Wife Debbie continues to teach special ed at the 1st and 2nd grade levels.

**Scott Adams** continues his Inf Sch asgmt. He spends most of his time writing FMs, evaluating TRADOC products and on TDY trips to places like Ft Irwin and Ft Carson, where he visited with the **Wilhelmys**. Scott's wife **Margie** works for a Columbus newspaper. The **Bruce Clarks** are settled in Dallas after he bought a real estate appraisal firm last Jun. **Becky** is a career consultant as well as mother to two daughters, age 4 and 7. **Shaun Conlin** now operates out of Ft Bliss as CO of 66th MI Co. He has supported tank bdes from Ft Knox and Ft Irwin. Kannapolis, NC's number one citizen, **Tom Dayvault**, was inducted into his HS's hall of fame last yr. He has developed a successful contracting bus and continues to serve as exec vp of the Chamber of Commerce. **Judy** stays busy, also, as speech therapist for the school system and as secy of the So Piedmont Health System. **Dr Blake Gendron** is still in emergency med at Ft Lewis and recently completed CGSC. Wife **Patti** finds time for piano lessons in between soccer and swimming events of their 3, ages 8, 6, and 3. **Al Geraci** has been XO of the 26th Sig Bn for a yr and **Tom Hendrix** is now S-3 for 2/34th Inf. **Thom Thomas** has computerized Korea and will join his wife **Vicky** at Ft Rucker soon. She has recently completed her Adv Course.

The remainder of the B-1 update is primarily civ in nature. This includes the admission of **Ben Williams** to the bar upon his grad from law school last yr. As a reservist, Ben spent some time in Egypt on Bright Star last yr. **Dave & Sally Ralph** are still in Cape Girardeau, MO. They sponsored a West Ger exchange student for 6 mos last yr, and Dave's extracurricular activities include serving as pres of the local Optimist Club. **Clyde Gibson** spends long hrs doing image processing for his robotics



1972: The Kirkbrides

co. He & **Debbie** live in Ridge, NY. **Gordon & Rosemary Hart** got moved into their new house. He's a contract mgr for TRW and she's in the real estate lending bus. **Gary Potter** still flies B727s for Continental Airlines out of Houston. His bachelor lifestyle includes skiing and backpacking in CO, as well as some AF Res duty.

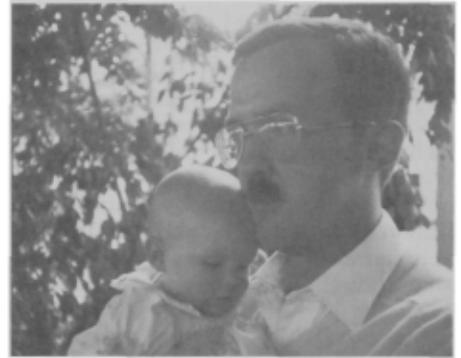
A final quick reminder about the 15th Reunion. Those with up-to-date addresses should have received a form from the reunion comm by now. Please get those in to help with planning. The reunion will take place on 15-17 Oct, with several events scheduled for the weekend. Thur, the 15th will be registration and a welcome party that night. Fri and Sat will have tours, luncheon, Class parties, and, of course, the homecoming game against Colgate Sat afternoon. **Rollie Dessert** and **Lou Reyna** are on the planning comm and are working hard so that those attending can enjoy the weekend. A detailed schedule will appear in this publication in Jun and Sep. Hope to see everyone there.

Whoa, hold the presses! Here's a late, late update on the **Ducote** report. **Bill & Nancy Sterrett** are still in PA and moved to a new home recently. He's a general supervisor of Industrial Relations, Heat Treating and Inspection for Lukens Steel, Conshohocken plant. They have two children, **Stephanie** (9) and **Billy** (5). **Kweon & Linda Stambaugh** are temporarily stationed in FL and expect to be going to Tripler Army hosp, HI. He's doing a fellowship in facial plastic surgery. There are 4 children, **Kweon** (13), **John** (10), **Mikol** (6), and **Kim Sue** (4). One thing we failed to mention about **Ducote** earlier: he & **Terri** added boy no 6, **Mark**, last Labor Day.

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Hope your holidays were full of peace and joy. It's 30 Dec as I write this article, and the best I can hope for is some joy from being with friends and relatives. Peace and quiet are definitely not a part of my holiday season. As you remember

from the last article, I decided to spend this Christmas with my in-laws in beautiful West Jersey, in a small quiet village along the Delaware River. Had I slept next to the Delaware River, things might have been quieter. **Kathleen**, the 4 kids and I are staying with my mother-in-law in a large, 4-bedroom, two-story house. Having spent some time with us in our cozy stairwell last summer, mom decided to lessen the culture shock by having 5 other brothers & sisters and one lazy cat share the house with us. Another brother-in-law & his family live down the street and shared nearly all meals with us. A field grade off with nearly 14 yrs in the Army, someone to answer my phone, a car that's nearly paid for, and I come home to share a bathroom with a cat who knocked over the Christmas tree as we slept Christmas Eve and tried to blame me because I was the first to arrive at the scene of the accident—not a pretty sight!



1973: Butch Baker and daughter Megan

Yep, just when you start to think you're somebody, your mom comes along and reminds you where you came from. But I put up with it all 'cause in the words of my main man Bruce Springsteen "Nothing matters in the whole wide world/when you're in love with a Jersey girl." Of course Springsteen, like Shakespeare, has something for everyone and also wrote, "Got a wife and kids in Baltimore Jack/I went out for a ride and I never went back." Luckily for **Kathleen** this isn't MD and with all the siblings that flew in for the holidays there's a 3 wk wait for the family car.

Let me begin by saying "hi" to **Jim & Jean Fuehrmeyer** and the girls **Erika** (9) and **Katie** (5) (My God daughter, bless her heart). Jim and I are best friends and in honor of this near sacred bond of friendship we write each other at least yrly. This yr I received letters from both Jim & Jean. Jean's was especially interesting because it was written this yr in English and not Ukranian. They are planning a trip to visit us in Frankfurt next summer. Summer is an especially good time because we can lodge house guests on the balcony. We picked up this space saver tip from the latest issue of "Innovative Stairwell Living." If you're

a late riser staying with us in the winter you run the risk of someone turning the shower on you before you get out of the tub in the morning, and there's also the problem of the night light in the bathroom. Still if they can put up with us, Jim, Jean and crew can spend all next yr at the Baker Hilton! Jean's life is as hectic as ever with a class of preschoolers 3 days a wk—"the wild bunch," Jean's words not mine. Katie began kindergarten with an eye toward adv studies in nuclear physics and Renaissance drama, while Erika is taking the 4th grade adv homework course. Jim's still turning a few dollars outside Chicago as a CPA, and fantasizing about becoming a trappist.

My next card came from an H3 alumnus and family in Elliot City, MD. **Doug, Kathi, Carol (8) and Paige (5 1/2) Ferguson** come on down! A yr ago they spent a skiing Christmas with Kathi's family in Ober-ober Lech, Austria. Kathi may not be in contention for intl downhill competition, but she is as active as ever in ballet teaching for Goucher College and Curyl Maxwell Ballet. Last Feb (86) she performed in a computer music ballet choreographed by Camille Izard. In his new position as principal engr at Westinghouse, Doug has been logging quite a few miles. (Principal engr? Wow! I'm sure Doug and I shared several math and science classes together, and I always thought he was just as confused as I was.)

**Rhona, Dr Bob Knight's** beautiful wife, writes from their home in Silver Spring, MD. Dr Bob is practicing, what we're not sure, at Walter Reed. Actually he's a hematologist-oncologist. (Race once more to your dictionary if you think Bob is a permanent duty officer always "on call.") They have two red-haired sons Brian (7) and Sean (4). Rhona assures me that the hair is a product of recessive genes.

**Bill & Chris White** wrote me another computer letter on a single 3-foot long piece of paper. I did, however, shame



1973: The Bill White family

Bill into adding a personalized handwritten note at the end. I suspect Chris must have helped him with the spelling. Bill did have the good taste to choose a

subdued crayon color. Bill is still with TI. He's managing marketing strategies for Asia and South America. With 9 1/2 yrs as a CPT in the Res, Bill is due to get promoted in Feb 87. He mentioned something about branch transferring to Inf when it became time to cmd a bn, but I am sure he had been imbibing in the Christmas spirit. Chris is still a teacher's aide at a private school for children with learning disabilities. Just before posting his letter, Bill added that the stability of family life in old TN may be disturbed. He & Chris have to decide whether or not Bill should make a "career enhancing" move with TI to Philly or Boston. Sounds like the co wants Bill to spend more time with troops, get his boots dirty, or something like that. Keep us posted Bill.

Bill wrote that he's been in touch with **Rich Fiore** who is an asst SJA with 10th Inf Div, Ft Drum. Bill informs me that Rich's wife and son Nickolas (2) are with Rich!! "Rich's wife" is with a large law firm in Watertown. This is all well and good Bill, but I don't have our 10th Reunion book with me and I do not know Rich's wife. In light of how far the women's movement has come in the last few yrs, please provide a given name a bit more personalized than "Rich's wife" next time you write.

Received a letter from **Bill & Wendy Fox** and children Leslie (11), James (9) and Katie (6) sending greetings from their home in Martinez, GA. Bill is still stationed at Ft Gordon. Also received a card from **Donny & Cyndy Atkins** in DFW Airport, TX. (Come on Donny, I know you can do better than that. Drop me a line and let us know what's happenin'. I didn't sweat out Beast with you in the same plt to get just a card every 14 yrs or so!)

My next letter came from Thomas Adcock '57. His brother-in-law is our own **Chuck Woodrow**. Chuck has his own co that specializes in building custom homes in the Dallas area. In fact, his co is presently building a home for Herschel Walker. *Sports Illustrated* pictured the house in its 17 Nov 86 issue. (Not bad for a guy who dropped out of college,—not Chuck, Herschel.) Supervising the building is Garth Adcock, Citadel '85, Tom's son, uncle Chuck's nephew. Anyway, now that that's out of the way, how 'bout it Chuck, need a partner, or a helper around Jun 93? Someone who knows nothing about engr but could possibly write your brochures. He works cheap evidenced by the fact that he will have spent 20 yrs in the Army.

Finally, I received a "Guppy Gazette" last Oct from **Bruce Zukauskas**. I hope the info is not too dated, but Bruce has helped me through some very lean times in the scribe business, and I'll never short change his contributions. FROM

G-4: **Don Riley** is spending an additional yr at Leavenworth, and his article "Serve Your Soldiers to Win" should have appeared in the Nov 86 issue of *Military Review*. (Not being a regular MR reader, notice how cleverly I phrased that so if the article didn't get published I won't have to print a retraction.) Don says a few of the Guppies got together with their former TAC, the "Gripper," aka MG Thomas N Griffin, CG 3d AD. **Norm & Terri Hoerer** and family headed for the Russian Inst at Garmish. I'm sure Norm is still kicking and screaming about the raw deal! Remember, for a good time always jump at asgmts with the word "institute" in the title. **Terry Meehan** left WP for Leavenworth and stopped at Ben Harrison for the DINFOS course. Don't ask, I have no idea what DINFOS stands for (if you are reading this COL Capps, I know that the last sentence should have been "... for what DINFOS stands," but it sounds stupid so I've decided to boldly go where no grammarian has gone.) Terry was the distinguished honor grad, proud moment indeed!

**Jim & Debbi Baugh** should be with the 7A CATA in Vilseck. Jim's training Justin (2 yrs old) to play linebacker for the Army CI '07. Wise choice given college tuitions these days. **Sandy Rubinstein** is still in NYC but at a new address in Brooklyn; write me and I'll give it to you. **Bob Hines** is still with MA Bell but moving from State College, PA to Lancaster, PA to Wilkes-Barre, PA to Pittsburgh. Bob has been promoted to dist mgr of SW PA, proving that tour equity has some meaning in the civ world. "You can't homestead and get ahead,"—what a great title for a Springsteen song. Write and I'll give you Bob & Lynne's new address (another less than subtle plea for grist to feed my insatiable ASSEMBLY mill). Finally, I come to **Bruce Zukauskas** the man who has single handedly saved many a '73 ASSEMBLY article, but whom I shall never forgive for letting me go off to Korea and seal my fate for 20 yrs. Bruce's Army Res annual tng took place in Iceland and coincided with the summit meeting. Bruce, having memorized useful Icelandic phrases such as "This cold would turn your nose hairs blue," escorted TV, radio and news reporters who covered the summit from the NATO base. He also worked behind the scenes preparing for Reagan and Gorbachov's arrival. Still employed in his civ job by Nuclear Metals, Inc, Bruce was detailed to stand on the Reykjavik airport runway and "glow" if a power failure occurred during the landing of AF One. Thanks Bruce, and the nation thanks you.

That's it buckaroos; until the summer. . .

God Bless

**'74**

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Sure was a good feeling seeing Army trounce Navy in Dec. The feeling permeates not only the WP environs but also wherever the Rabble exists. Rah! Received a ton of classmate Christmas cards; it really spoils me for my other quarterly efforts. Glad to get the mail but at the same time it's an effort doing justice to all. Also I was very encouraged to hear from a number of first-time writers: so the long (lost) gray line is shortened a bit.

I grouped these cards geographically, so let's start in the West. **Mike Bradley** sent a note and family photo from CO Springs; the photo made its way into the last article. Mike is on the staff and faculty at USAFA for his 3rd and last yr of instructing the zoomies. He, **Jackie**, **Michelle** and **Michael** are looking forward to seeing old friends at Leavenworth this summer where Mike expects to be in C&GS. Last summer he and Jackie visited with **Steven & Christina Hashem** in Philly. Steve recently started working for GE in Valley Forge.

Others in the West writing in are **John, Laraine, Carol** and **Carrie McCoy** in Bakersfield, CA and **Jim Martin** in CO Springs. Next time you two will have to impart a few words of wisdom on your happenings. Also **John & Rosa Blanco** send Christmas greetings from Las Vegas; John still doing nuke experiments in the desert as long as the powers to be permit them being conducted.

The **Mahar** family is now well settled in S CA in Moreno Valley where their new home is big enough for all comers. **Tim** is a research design spec with Gen Dynamics while also a gen's aide in the Res. **Jean, Tara** (11) and **Timmy Jr** (3) are very active and adjusting well to CA living.



1974: The Tim Mahar family

Also in S CA are the **Flyers**. **Dave, Elena, Alexis** and **Raquel** are doing well. Dave is with a law firm and highlights some of their litigation: "We depose a



1974: The Dave Flyer family

number of experts on causation of accidents, fires, machine or metal failures who have their own 'laws' of physics—glad I kept my old O.E. books." The Flyers celebrated Army's Squid trouncing with the **Merle Miller** family. Dave, tell Merle to send in some info on the motion picture business. Maybe we can get up a WP production, "The Ghost of North Area," or something.

A first-time writer, **Roy Crawford**, contacts from Ft Lewis, WA to where he had PCSed last summer from Ger. In Ger he was ch of Force Dev in 1st PERSCOM and then ch of Mil Pers Programs in the 8th ID G-1 shop. Now at Lewis he is



1974: Roy & Vickie Crawford at Lewis

adjutant of 9th DivArty. Roy says he isn't even FA, and was Inf until he transferred to AG 6 yrs ago for med reasons. This summer he is to take cmd of the 9th Pers Svs Comp. Says he can be of super help to classmates at Lewis with personnel needs. Wife **Vickie** of 11 yrs is an RN and they own a large home with ample space for visitors. Of others, Roy notes that **Bill & Judy Parker** were their neighbors in Bad Kreuznach, Ger, and Bill is the 8th ID DAMO. At Lewis, **Gary Rodvelt** was Bn XO of 1/84 FA but has since moved on.

**Jeff Sachau** has been enjoying his joint cmd job in CINCPAC. He's an Emergency Action Off in the Abn CP, which consists of flying on EC-135Js. The little calling card says: "Blue Eagles: Average Guys Doing a Hero's Job." Not bad for a Redleg, and the flight pay doesn't hurt either I bet. He's gone 1 out of 4 wks but that'll change this summer with PCS to someplace. Wife **Linda** stays busy with



1974: The Jeff Sachau family in HI

church work and caring for the four—some: **Daniel** (9), **Kimberly** (7), **Jessica** (3), and **Timothy** (1). Jeff puts out a call to A-4 Gator buds **Lloyd Scott** and **Jim Kinnaman** to contact at 4321 Punihi St, Honolulu, HI 96818.

Several letters from the Lone Star State. **Joe & Mary Bonnet** are well and busy at Ft Hood. Joe is now XO of 1/7 Cav and has been busy with field tng and working an exchange with his outfit and the Queen's Life Guards in Windsor, England. He is due to attend C&GS this summer. **Mary** was promoted to GS-13 at OTEA in Falls Church, VA but continued working at Hood on the RPV (remotely piloted vehicle) test until this summer. At an Opns Res symposium in Ft Lee last fall she ran into **Mitch Dosssett, Carter Thomas** and **Greg Parlier**. Anyone in need of a plush 4-bedroom in Killeen, TX next summer should contact the Bonnets.

Another good ole 150's lineman, **Steve Marino**, drops a line from TX. Despite oil business in a slump, Steve still made a promotion to reservoir engineering advisor with Mobil. He & **Rägi** have done extensive traveling, the highlight being on a boat at the 4th of Jul celebration in NY Harbor. Steve's address is in Kingwood, TX, a town I can't find on the map (Rand McNally), so it must be dinky; but it must be of significance to Mobil Oil because the **Andreottas** live there too. Let me introduce you two neighbors! **Mark & Val** moved west last yr from CT. His position is eastern regional sales exec—Nat Gas Marketing. Needless to say Val busies herself with their half dozen, feels it's kind of a break with the 2 eldest in school. "It is interesting to go out with all the kids; we are always asked—Are they all yours?"

**Fred Borman** writes from NM and says after moving 7 times in 12 yrs he, wife and 2 boys finally feel like calling their present place home: Las Cruces, NM. Says it's a great city and only 40 mi north of El Paso and Bliss so invites anyone to stop by. Fred must still be in the car business because the printed stationery had "Borman Ford-Mazda... -Chrysler-Plymouth."

On the AZ-NM border, the **Joe Hunters** are doing fine. **Donna** is still working

for Navajo Nation Family Planning in Gallup, and Joe is ch of Phy Therapy, Ft Defiance Ind Hosp, AZ and a LT Cdmr, USPHS.

Moving into the Deep South, **Chris & Karen Sargent** write from Ft Rucker. Chris now cmds F Co of 9th ATB, the Blackhawk Co at Rucker, and he's happy to be flying again; they started instructor pilot tng in Jan. Karen is into drafting.



1974: The Sargents at Rucker

I somehow missed announcing a new arrival to **Scott & Eady Myers**. Jordan is now about 8 mos old and has changed mom and dad's lifestyle to say the least. Scott works for Rust Engr in Birmingham.

**Kingsley Fink** writes for the first time. He works for FL Power and Light Co as an ops supervisor, overseeing fld engrs who design the distribution facilities. Kingsley is still in the FL NG as a bde



1974: The Kingsley Fink family in FL

finance off of a unit in Tampa; he's not too thrilled about the drill weekends. He & **Brenda** have 4 boys all involved in soccer, baseball and basketball (what about football?): keeps mom and pop on the move. Good to hear from our old QB!

On to the E Coast. Christmas greetings from **Andy & Ann Knight** in Yardley, PA. Last summer Andy accepted a new job as engr mgr for Johnson-Mathey, a precious metal coater of catalytic converters. He's also in the USAR as a public works off in a civil affairs unit. Andy, **Steve Hashem** is in a CA outfit in Philly; is it the same? Lastly Andy is cubmaster of son Eric's Cub Scout Pack. Ann still keeps her hand in acting and doing TV commercials.

The **Rochettes** are enjoying their one-

yr tour at Newport, RI where Denny attends Naval Cmd and Staff College. **Louise** landed a job with Newport Family Counseling Center while the young'uns, Renee and Mathieu, have made new friends. It appears that in Jun they'll be off for another 1-yr tour at a major univ while Denny gets educated in artificial intelligence . . . "an appropriate program for me." He said it, not me.

Received Christmas greetings from WP folks, to include **Vic Roeske** in his 4th and final yr with the Math Dept. Also **Bob, Susan, Daniel and David Bell**, last yr with the English Dept; they're due for C&GS this summer. A lot of the throng at WP will empty out this summer—ya'll let me know where you're heading.

The **Bob Thorsens** are settled into their new home in Waldorf, MD, 20 mi SE of DC in scenic S MD. Bob is a computer engr for Vitro Corp, and **Beth** teaches 7th and 8th grade language arts/reading in Waldorf. Their threesome include **Katie (6), Matthew (4) and John (2)**. Visitors are welcome, 301-932-8174.

More on the DC crowd. The **Flayo Kirks** are now sporting a Springfield, VA address. Flayo, our zoomie lawyer, is on an AFIT asgmt this yr and is working on a LLM in govt contracts at G.W. Univ. **Donna** got her MBA from GA College last Jun.

Something ironic. In Dec, **Dan French** and **Tom Hinkel** were both in Munsen Army Hosp here at Leavenworth, and they even shared rooms during their stay. What's really ironic about this is



1974: French and Hinkel: roommates to the end

that these guys were cadet roomies in A-4; just can't seem to break 'em up.

A little Ft Leavenworth news. 1st sem is over and the 2nd half is full of electives and all kinds of good stuff—undoubtedly "the best yr of our lives." Where have I heard that before? PCS orders for students and SAMS folks are slow in coming due to DA considering tour extensions, etc; may know by next issue. We had a good '74 party in Oct at the local Hunt Club bldg; it was well attended and so good that we followed it with an Army-Navy bash: the real reason we whipped the crabs. This latter party was



1974: The Jim Grunseth family in IL

organized by **Jeff Anderson** along with the **Bob Kimsey/Dan French** crew. This spring, don't forget about your poor ole scribe, especially let me know where everyone is moving to, etc. Deadline is April Fool's Day.

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Greetings to all members of "Courage and Drive '75." Even though I'm writing this in Jan, you won't be reading this until Mar. I hope 1987 has blessed you with good health & happiness. I also hope you are still smiling over the score of the '86 Navy game. I know I am! I was the OC the day after the Navy game, so **Kathy & I** made the trip to Phila and back in one day. It was worth it. We cheered all the way home.

There is now in existence, a Class of '75 Gift Fund. When contributing to AOG, funds earmarked as '75 Gift Fund, can be made available for use by our Class. AOG retains control of these funds.

I have received a list of our classmates whose whereabouts are currently listed as unknown. Mail to these members has been returned to the AOG by the post office, marked "address unknown, no forwarding address." If you know how to contact any of these classmates, you can contact me or write directly to AOG. These members are as follows: **Ronald Anderson, Michael Blom, John Boehmler, Rawskia Bradley, Mark Burington, Robert Busick, Terry Byce, Robert Byers, Carl Carrano, Marc Cates, Gerald Cauley, Salvatore Colatarci, Michael Collura, Michael Cooley, Craig Cunningham, Patrick Devens, Dean Dickey, Mark Dunaiski, Darrell Edge, Gregory Fogg, August Fucci, Kevin Gaylor, Carl Gerhiser, Larry Gibbs, John Gilbert, James Glasser, Keith Gordon, Edward Grimm, Robert Grossman, Gary Hale, Roger Hamilton, Thomas Huey, Charles Hunt, Nicholas Johnson, Robert L. Johnson, Ioane Keehu, Gerald Kelley, Charles Lee, Richard Lineburg, Gregory List, Walter Lowe, Lee Lowrey, Ephriam Martin, Enrico Mazzoli,**

Malachy McGree, James McIntyre, Stephen Moore, Jean-Luc Nash, Ramon Nava, Michael Nichols, Leslie Nishida, Mark Oetken, Theodore Osuniga, Joseph Parker, Raymond Perkins, Jeffrey Perry, John Peterson, Roderick Pinkney, Allen Plumley, Patrick Pollard, Randy Rapp, Reinhard Ratz, William Reed, William Repass, George Sanford, John Schoonover, Terry Shapiro, Keith Sims, Harry Starn, Norman Stone, Willie Thigpen, Hugh Thomas, Michael Tigner, Stephan Tonello, David Washechak, Ross Weber, Forest Williams, James Williams, Michael Williams, James Wisenbaker, and William Wittman. I hope we are able to locate everyone on this list.

Dempsey & Darla Darrow came to visit and accompanied Kathy & me to the USCC Christmas Ball. Dempsey spent



1975: The Pardues and Darrows en route to USCC Ball

the weekend saying a lot of hellos to old friends. He also kept a houseful of the firsties we sponsor in stitches with stories of his days as a cadet. They all complained of aching sides from laughing so hard. Darla reports that Demps has really sharpened his acting skills and that during his spare moments, he's been spending a lot of time on stage. Move over Clint Eastwood! You have some competition! John Talbot and I have had several visits via AT&T. John is the S-3 of the Div Engr Bn at Ft Riley. He seems to be enjoying life in the Sunflower State, even cut down his own Christmas tree. Steve Hetz phoned from Ft Gordon. He & Mary are expecting a new little Hetz. Steve is doing his general surgical residency at Eisenhower Army Hosp. Fred & Liz Dierksmeier are at Ft Leavenworth where Fred is attending CGSC. He writes that he & Liz are thoroughly enjoying the new experiences of parenthood. Al & Carol Fehlings are at Ft Benning. We had a visit with Al and family last spring and all look great. Al is an IOBC co cmdr and keeping busy. Daughter Kristina is growing fast.

Eric Troup recently left the Army and is working for NY Telephone in Manhattan. He & Karen live near Peekskill and are expecting Troup #4. They are the proud parents of 3 boys, Peter, Eric, and



1975: The Talbot family



1975: The Dierksmeier family

Roger. One of Eric's last official duties while assigned to ROTC/UofAL was to go to Ranger School where he graduated DMG. Rich & Sharon Langhorst are at Ft Rucker. Rich is working as an experimental test pilot with the Apache Test Branch of USAAVNDA. Daughters Elizabeth (4) and Carolyn (2) are growing quickly. Fred Harvey is still with the IG at Ft Carson. This summer he should be replacing Rick McClure as S-3 of 3/29 FA. Rick hopes to become the XO. Fred spends his spare time working on a degree in EE and playing with his computer. He & Sheri report that daughter Sarah turns 5 in Feb. Chuck Baker wrote from TX. He and Ken Decker celebrated July 4th together. Chuck, Debbie, and



1975: The Chuck Baker family

daughters seem to be enjoying life in the Lone Star State. George Cherolis sends greetings from Albuquerque. He is currently assigned to Kirtland AFB working on his secondary FA49, joint Army-AF Test. George was recently engaged to Lita Chiquito and wedding bells should



1975: Decker and Baker, 4 Jul

be ringing in Apr 87. His next PCS will be to CGSC this summer.

Mike Genetti is in CA working on his PhD at Stanford. He & Lori are keeping busy taking care of the jr Genettis, Michael and Annie. Jim & Barb Coffey



1975: The Genettis in HI

are in Albany, NY. Jim spends a lot of time flying over WP. He is assigned to the 336 Med Det (USAR) at Stewart Army Subpost. One of the popular missions for Jim's unit is dropping parachutists, sometimes into Army home football games. Jim Missler is one of these jumpers. Jim C left IBM this summer and is working as a first officer for Command Airlines, an American Eagle commuter. Jim, Barb, and daughter Kathleen (4) invite anyone in the area to drop by 14 Windsor Dr, Albany.

My suspense date for the Jun issue of the ASSEMBLY is 30 Mar. I'd like to hear from as many of you as possible, so drop me a line.

Happy Easter to All.

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Greetings again and many thanks to all of you who responded to the relative dearth of material from the last column. We have a good amount of news.

Locally, I had the opportunity to see several folks during the past 3 mos. While at USMA for a meeting, I saw John Brown who's there in Soc Sci. Passing through the O Club, saw Reamer Argo, Hank Keirse, and Buzz Moser. All,

except John, haven't seen since '76. The trip to WP was brief but had the opportunity to see Army whip AF—what a game!! As part of the trip, passed through Ann Arbor, MI where I spent some time with Kip & Sally Edwards. We also saw an upset there at the MI-MN game. Froze to death and am glad to be living here in TX right now. Kip & Sally both like Ann Arbor and their jobs. Kip just finished the hosp expansion program and took me for a tour through the basement of the hosp where robots transport everything from one place to another. Star Wars revisited.

One of the more recent letters comes from Ed & Mary Cardenas. This has



1976: The Cardenases

been a busy yr for them in Lawton, their 3rd yr there. Mary's working hard with Discovery Toys, and they've seen recent rewards with a trip to Club Med in Mexico this winter.

This winter finds Gus & Kathy Ortiz in Gainesville, FL where he's working on a master's degree at U of FL in computer engr. They'll be there for 2 yrs so they



1976: Gus Ortiz—100th free fall

bought a house and Gus rides to school on his motorcycle. Jimmy, Carlos, and Kathy moved down from NY in Jul when things got settled.

Jeff & Stacy Jones sent a delightful letter, full of stuff from Rochester, NY where Jeff's with the USAR. Their plans include off to grad school in EE this summer. Danyel is now 6 1/2 and Bryce is 5. As you can see, both are good-looking kids. Jeff included a co roster of addresses including those for Chuck Allison, Steve Babula, Leon Begeman,



1976: The Jeff Jones family

Frank Cerny, Skip Cook, Stan Drwal, Jay Fordice, Jeff Groh, Bruce Hoelscher, Wood Ivandick, Jimmy Johnston, Tom Kurasiewicz, Glenn Lesniak, Paul Maier, Dave Morin, Kevin Olson, Karl Prinslow, Greg Schmitz, Pat Sullivan, Troy Thames, Bob Twomey, Len Tylenda, Jeff Wike and Chuck Zaruba. Of the bunch, a capsule of our Class, 14 remain in the service and the rest work for many corp heavies including Ratheon, Texas Instruments, Boeing, and Mobil. If there are any other such lists, please remember to send courtesy copies to the AOG as they're often helpful in getting the rest of us addresses.

From time-to-time I receive press releases. The several this time included one on Ed Guillermo who recently participated in "Celtic Cross IV" in light inf FTX. Ed's the CO of the 10th Recon Sqr. Darrell Crawford just assumed cmd of B/82, Combat Av Bn at Ft Bragg. Finally, the publisher of the *OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN IN AMERICA* lets us know that Ed Colchado, who's working in NYC, is amongst their fold.

A nice note from Donna & Mackey Ives finds Mackey working for JAG in Ger. Mackey likes his job and Donna enjoys shopping for local bargains. They've traveled to Austria; down to Heidelberg for Founders Day where they saw Wayne & Diane Trujillo; to Turin where they saw Mike & Temple Wood; they missed Joe & Julie Hardesty in Turin while they were in Ger. Allison loves it over there and, no doubt is tobogganing down the snowbanks even as you read this.

Bob & Teresa Dalton also wrote from the locale where Bob is the dep AG of the Berlin Bde. All's going well with raising David and they'll be there for another yr or so.

Gail & Joe Drelling sent many holiday tidings. Joe finally sold his sailboat (after 4 yrs)! Gail's been working hard on handicrafts including quilting Christmas tree skirts. Mike's doing well with traveling including Expo 86 and HI.

Kip & Sally Edwards sent a Christmas card and enclosed some reunion pics. Some of the folks pictured sent Christmas cards. Gloria & Dick Jackson were together over Christmas, and I had a

chance to talk with them. Dick's transiently up at the JAG sch in Charlottesville, VA (a beautiful place!) and will be there for a few more mos after which time they'll be heading to a new asgmt. The LaBellas are still in CT and John's doing a superlative job at work.

Mike & Olivia Mickalonis bring us up to date after their move from Austin to Martinex, GA. Mike's now with DuPont and Olivia has started up an interior/landscaping design co.

Some cards from the folks at WP begin with Nell & Carl Horn's. They, as can be seen, are doing well. Another card came from John Hetzel who enclosed the I-1 pictures from the reunion; 12 of 23 attended. They enjoyed the visit and got a



1976: The Horns

chance to see their former Tac offs COLs MacFerren '66 and Kenny '65. Their



1976: Reunion 86

weekend was highlighted when the guys all visited the Central Guard Room for an "inspection visit" as Butch Brennan was the "OC" the night of the dinner dance. John is currently in grad school at the U of IL and doing well as the first semester is finished. In addition to the folks in the picture, Cathy & Keith Simms were also able to make the reunion. John & Alicia Williamson also send their holiday greetings from WP. It's their last Christmas there as John is off to DLI in Jul and then possibly a Panama tour. They've enjoyed the 3 yrs at WP. John reminds me that Dale & Judy Vincent have been awarded 2-yr fellowships at Walter Reed starting next summer. Both are high-powered jobs



1976: Reunion—Co B-4

and should be enjoyable. **Mary Pat & Greg Stone** are still at WP and will be there for another yr. Greg says that **Rick**



1976: Dale & Judy Vincent

& **Karen Marchant** are still at Ft Lewis and doing well. **Jim McGinnis** is in NC and working for Corning—**Lynne** is also doing well. **Bo Twerdowsky** works for Macy's in NYC (Sc note: I'd better not let **Donna** know—I'll go broke after we move there). **Jeff Bruckner** is now the aide for the CG of 3rd ID. **Steven Naughton** works for the plastics div of Mobil Chem in Frankfurt, IL. **Skip Hall** is teaching World History to the plebes. He & **Nancy** are doing great with the 3 boys—Russell, Blake and Seth. The last WP note is from **Dave & Michele Finkelstein** who sent a baby announcement in Aug. Allison Sarah was born on



1976: Homecoming 86—Co A-4

2 Aug. **Dave's** enjoying his work in the History Dept.

**Leigh-Ann & Mike Maloney** sent a nice note from Moscow, ID where Mike's finishing up his last 6 mos with



1976: Reunion: Grimm, West, Mauro, Driscoll, Sloan, Wolff, Szoka, Mabee, Hetzel, and Staley

ROTC—then another yr to finish an MSCE. They've taken advantage of the



1976: The Maloneys

location to visit family in CO, camp in ID, and travel to the Teton Park in WY where Mike climbed the Grand Teton with 8 of his cadets. Mike talked with **Jim Munday** who's at WP with OPE. They occasionally see **Mark & Ginny Hedman** who are farming in Mattawa, WA. They're doing well. Their 3 boys, Daniel, Luke and Joel help Mark with the farm work.

Another card brings good tidings from **Kristyne & Chuck Kilgore**. They're doing well in Cinnaminson, NJ. **Steve & Kathy Nash** also sent greetings about reunion time. They're doing well with Steven currently working with the Wilmington Engr Dist in Raleigh, NC. (Raleigh also happens to be Steve and Kathy's hometown and both sets of grandparents are there.) Steve's currently hobbling around after rupturing his achille's tendon twice and having it surgically repaired. Prognosis is for a complete recovery. **Danny and Steve** (identical twins) are now 6 and **Mary** is 3.

That's about it for news. On the home front, **Donna** and I will be moving to NYC in Jul for 2 yrs. Although it should be busy, we hope to get up to WP for some games. If anyone's in the area, please look us up and visit. The new address will be in the next issue. As you read this, please pick up a pen and write. It's surprising how many folks read this column regularly and would love to hear about *you*. All the best, Ian

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We are on the home stretch!!!! See you in 7 mos. All of you should have gotten a letter with details on our Oct reunion dated 15 Nov 86. If you have not, let me know or get in touch with AOG. One of the enclosures was a list of 65 "lost" classmates, for which AOG has inaccurate addresses on file; if you have any current addresses please notify AOG.

**Tracy Bricker** wrote a note over the holidays. **Marty** was promoted to LCDR (0-4) on 1 Oct 86, 10 days before leaving on a 6-mo deployment on the USS *JF Kennedy*. As best as I can tell, that makes him the first member of the Class permanently promoted to the equivalent of MAJ. **Marty** should return in Feb, just in time for the arrival of their third child.



1977: Bricker being frocked

**Tim Fong** barely missed the last deadline so he gets to head up the news from WP. After 9 yrs of silence he provided the abridged version of his career. One yr in Korea with the 2nd ID, marriage, followed by 5 yrs (and two children) at Hood with the 1st Cav, Sig Ad Course and right to grad school at MI State U. **Tim & his family** (**Suk, Lani Mei-6** and **Timmy Jr-3**) arrived at WP last Jun. He has joined the ranks of the P's in the Dept of G&CS (on the comp sci side). Most of the other classmates in G&CS have been mentioned in the ASSEMBLY before (last date mentioned in parenthesis), but I will list them all: **Tom & Linda Kuchar** (3/86), **Lloyd 'Carm' & Mary Lou Carmack**, **Craig & Teresa Gaetzke** (12/85), **Harry & Cindy Scott** (12/86—see below), **George & Anna Tilley** (12/85) and **Carl & Ann Swanson** (12/85). Thanks **Tim**, better late than never !!!!

**Tim's** letter leads nicely into my next bit of news. I have been had!!!! For those of you at WP this is probably old news, as I understand the G&CS crowd (among others) had a good laugh with my last article. **Harry & Cindy Scott** married in Dec 77 and not "recently" as the article stated. **Harry**, I hope the misinformation did not inconvenience you a great deal,

my apologies. By the way, Congratulations!!! I understand that you entered and completed the Philly Marathon—that is certainly something to be proud of.

I am sure you all enjoyed our convincing win over Navy and celebrated in your own special way. A group of classmates got together at the Marriott in Philly to celebrate; they were **Dave Brooks** (also into marathons, he entered the Marine Corps Marathon), **Tom Dougall**, **Greg Harding**, **Mike Keith**, **Rob Kehlet**, **Steve McManus**, **Harry Scott** & others (I think?).

From the BABY dept I have 3 reports. Last Oct **Ken & Dottie Miller** had their second child, **Ashley Grace** (their oldest is Andrew-2 1/2). **Mike & Kathleen Dowe** had a boy in late Nov, after two girls. Last but I would like to think not least, **Susan & I** were blessed with an early Christmas present. **Gregory** was born on 5 Dec and is a real joy. **Ashley** and **Lauren** are like little mothers and enjoy their new brother thoroughly.

**Scott Leishman** reports from the Big Apple where he is marketing food grade chemicals for Pfizer. He recently moved into the city, finding some time to attend law school at Fordham and managing to have a "good time" as you can see by the enclosed picture of a wedding reception at WP (**Hawk Holloway** is in greens on the right side). Other scoop provided by **Leish** finds **Harry & Ann Summers** just having their third child (girl, boy, girl). **Harry** is in Chicago working for MCI. **Bill & Angie Scully** are still hovering in the DC area, where he works for the Bell Phone Co. **Scott** ran into **Trent Frederickson** at WP Soc of NY luncheon. He was on terminal leave and interviewing in NYC where he is living. **Hawk, Sally** and 2 (?) **Holloway** are at Ft Devens playing Green Beret. **Bill & Donna Keating** are still in the Atlanta area with Merrill Lynch "breaking stocks." **Craig Pieringer** is also in the stock trade in NYC with Prud Bache. **Leish** also ran into **Vinnie Viola** at the opening day football parade. He was sporting a smaller version of himself on his shoulders. Thanks for all the news!!! If any of you would like to get in touch with **Scott** let me know.

I received a news release from American Hosp Supply (AHS), which had a good update on **Rand Ballard**. He had been appointed to the position region mgr over the Memphis and Little Rock offices for AHS. **Rand** joined AHS in Jun 82 as a mgt understudy in Seattle. Since then he has held subsequent positions as Area Order Services Mgr in Seattle, Region Ops Mgr in Spokane, Region Ops Mgr in Cedar Rapids and Region Mgr in Fargo prior to his current asgmt. AHS is a distributor of hosp supplies & equipment.

**Mike Kanner** and **Les Kayanan** put



1977: Leishman and Holloway at WP

together a Benning update. **Les** is with the Combat Dev Dir where he is the XO. He is joined there by **Ken Stevenson**. **Les & Pam** have been improving drama in the area. The Combined Arms Tactics Dept (the teachers and writers) has the greatest number of classmates. **Mike** is a doctrine writer (a hell of a thing for an Armor off) there while his wife, **Paula**, is stationed at the hosp and is on the 0-4 list. Also in Tactics are **Paul Melody** and **Dennis O'Keefe**. **Paul** is a bachelor and teaches tactics while **Dennis** is a leadership instructor. **Matt Martin** is our only rep in the Dir of Tng Dev. At last check, he was a project off. All of the above mentioned classmates are commanded by **Ralph Garduno**, Cmdr 10th Co, the Sch Bde. **Vic Tise** and **Chuck Busick** are at the Sch of the Americas. **Vic** arrived via UCLA (see ASSEMBLY 9/86) and is teaching the C&GS Course, while **Chuck** arrived via Panama. Other people assigned to the sch cmd are **Steve Hoogland**—S3 Ranger Dept and **Kurt Meckstroth**—JAG. On the FORSCOM side are **Pat Zais**—3/7 Inf and **Steve Gouthro** (see below). A few classmates are civ in the area: **Bret Lewis** is selling insurance, and **Kerry Mess** was working for Nabisco (before the plant was sold). At last contact he was going to school. Classmates in sch are **Tom Begines**—pursuing a doctorate at UNC and then going to WP as a "P," **Crannie Butler**—also at UNC en route to WP next summer, **Joe Lynem**—Auburn U, **Carlos Calderon**—FL State U as part of FAO tng. News of some of our foreign classmates finds **Julio Somoza** alive & well (parts unknown); **Eric Javier** is living an exciting life as the aide for GEN Ramos in the Philippines. The last bit of news finds **John Mangan** working for TI out of Dallas. Thanks for collecting all that news, I certainly appreciate it.

**Steve Gouthro** wrote from Ft Benning where he has been since May 84 with 2/10 FA. After 18 mos of cmd he is now the bn FDO for the "only non-TACFIRE unit in the Army." While in cmd he had the opportunity to take his btry to NTC twice and went on winter REFORGER '85. His next asgmt will probably take him into the public affairs arena. As you can see by the picture, **Steve's** family is

growing. He is pictured with **Lynn** and newest addition, **Stephen Jr** (born 22 Feb 86). Born a month premature, he is healthy now, and to keep with tradition the picture includes the ever present rugby ball. **Steve** has been coaching and playing rugby for the Benning side and has also managed to play for the Army Select Side the past two yrs in interservice competition.



1977: Steve, Lynn and Steve Jr Gouthro

**Doug, Barbara** and **Michael (3) Biggerstaff** are still at Ft Sam. He completed his aide asgmt and is now responsible for all the emergency rooms/facilities at Brooke AMC. **Barb** is teaching at the Adv Course.

I spoke to **Mike & Anna Donahue** over the holidays. They are still in the outskirts of New Orleans where **Mike** works for a food distributing co (Consolidated Co). He compares the job to being a CO, which he seems to enjoy a great deal. **Anna** has been working for Visitors TV, co-hosting a mini "Good Morning America" type show that is seen in local area hotels.

**Fred Mills** wrote from Ger (Stuttgart I believe) where he is the HHC cmdr, 11th Avn Bn. **Fred, Janet** and **Katherine** are doing well and making the most out of the extended tour by traveling more on weekends. He expects to be returning to the States in Aug, but does not have any clues as to the final destination. Some other news finds **Sam Maizel** working at JAG in Giessen.

A quick note from **Rick & Karin Shaw** finds them at the U of WI—Madison. He will complete his master's there next summer and will be a yr in Brazil prior to reporting to the Dept of Foreign Lang for the 88-89 sch yr. All that translates into missing the Class reunion . . . however, the **Shaw's** have extended a warm welcome to anyone looking for a bed & breakfast abode in Rio.

**Tom, Sue, Sean** and **Shannon O'Connell** provided an update from frozen MN. **Tom** and **Paul Anderson** are working for FMC in Minneapolis, trying to convince the Army to put an automatic loading system into the M1 tank. **Paul Newell** is also in the area working on Army programs for Honeywell. **Newell** and **Tom** are in offs for USMA and are in

the Res. Anderson is a co cmdr in a Res bde in Minneapolis. Tom had high hopes for Vikings . . . sorry!!!



1977: The O'Connells

The **Holloway** Christmas letter finds them still at Ft Knox. **Chuck** is now the LnO for IN & MO . . . a job that calls for a little more travel. Nonetheless, he continues to undertake a myriad of extracurricular activities that include an MBA, asst scoutmaster, dabbling with Cub Scouts and let's not forget to mention coaching soccer and baseball. **Gale** has given up the Thrift Shop for a greater good. In Sep she took a Red Cross course on dental assisting and is now volunteering at the clinic for about 15 hrs a wk. She continues to have the problem of not being able to say NO!!! That translates into: secy/treas for David's Cub Scout pack, treas for her wives' group, team mother for Chuck's team and very much involved with the church. Don't you guys ever slow down?

A Christmas card from **Armin & Doreen Cruz** finds them still in North Miami, FL. Have any of you heard of the whereabouts of **Jim Wyman**? I understand that he has left the Army and that his last asgmt was at Bragg. Please give me a call if you know where he is.

Prior to closing I wanted to share some of my operating guidelines. Most of these might be obvious but worth mentioning: I am committed to publish an article in every issue of the **ASSEMBLY**. This means not missing very inflexible due dates at the end of Mar, Jun, Sep & Dec. I like to mail the notes about a week before they are due. To insure that your news gets in, please have the info into me by mid-month.

Every input will be recognized. I have yet to exclude any letter or phone call. I do edit your comments and try to include all received info.

I attempt to eliminate duplicate info and not repeat news that has been mentioned in the last two articles. After that . . . all of our memories get jogged.

Any classmate will be mentioned whether he graduated or not.

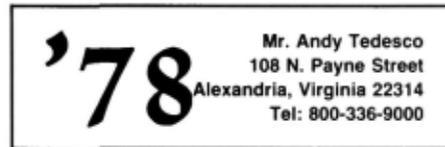
I will stop placing addresses in articles. If you need an address please call or write me.

To publish a picture it must have a

classmate in it. I will send in all pictures with classmates. You might have noticed the size of the pictures in the new publications. I recommend that you have pictures with large subjects, otherwise there is little clarity.

I welcome any suggestions to improve the column.

I hope this is of help to you.—Keesy



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Lots of news this time, thanks to a vacation last time. Let's get right to it!

**Jim & Sue Nalepa** were married in Chicago on 12 Oct. They met in Chicago and quickly found out that before all their travels they both attended the same HS. Jim is really enjoying his job as VP of sales with Murdoch & Coll, a real estate developer. **Rob Fess** is managing the print dept at Manville in Cincinnati. He is doing quite well and happy. He said that he was tired of moving and will probably stay put for a long while. **Mike & Betsy Moyer** have moved to Boston. Mike is working with Honeywell on def related contracts and loves it. **Roland & Lynn Smith** have left TX for Cincinnati. Roland is now working for P&G Brand Mgt. **Bruce Wilhelm** just started with ARINC in Annapolis. He is working with **Roger Brown** consulting on UH-1 maintenance. **Wayne White** will be leaving Ger shortly. His tour at Nuremburg went quite well. I saw Wayne in Ger and he has a beautiful wife and 2 adorable daughters. They will head for Ft Hood, garden spot of TX. **Mike Collins** has been working quite hard at GE but took a wk off in Oct and went to Maui. **Ray Grado** is still with Mobil. He is SW dist sales mgr for institutional products. I think he is in Temple, TX or thereabouts.

**Curtis Harris** is still making money the old fashioned way—he earns it at Smith-Barney. He is going up to see most home games at Woops. He will be promoted to LA soon. **Rick & Lisa Metro** have a little baby daughter, Beth Ann, born 24 Jan 86 at Andrews AFB. Rick is stationed at the



1978: Bannantine, Harris and Hashem '74 at Wharton grad

Soldier Spt Cen and will attend the FBI Acad before a Feb PCS to Ger. **Frank Taylor** is up at WP teaching history. **Frank Lester** is at Lackland AFB. **Tony**



1978: Rick & Beth Ann Metro

**Smith** has a new son, Andrew (good name!), born 9 Mar. **Kenny Williams** is still a Tac at USMAPS along with **Flip Brandli** who just arrived. Tony is the secy of the WP Soc of NJ and abn shuffled the USMAPS half-marathon in under 2 hrs. **Bill Cetera** is also in Tony's guard outfit, working during the wk for AVRADA at Ft Monmouth.

**Fred Orr** called me from Indianapolis. He is still holding forth with USPA. He was down in Ft Worth helping out with tng the rookies. **Slash** was not around. **Ron Prichard** is really enjoying his job with Trauner Assoc in Philly. **Robby**, born 6 Feb, is keeping him busy also. **Dan Gagaris** is working on a hosp project in Dayton at Wright-Patt AFB.

**Ken Graves** has graduated from CASSS, but I didn't get any word about his follow-on asgmt.

**John & Nancy Morrison** dropped a couple of pics and a note. **Rick & Sue Steinke** were married 6 Dec, same day as Army's Big Win. After a Hawaiian honeymoon they will stay in Portland where Rick teaches ROTC. Also attending the



1978: Steinke's wedding

wedding were **Kay & Darcy Anderson**, both work with EDS in Dallas, and **Dave & Deb Mayer** who were married 6 Sep. Dave is also teaching ROTC at Portland State. **Dan & Joann O'Dell** had a baby girl in Nov; Dan is with E-Systems in Dallas.

**Randy & Marianne Hill** are holding



1978: Dave & Deb Mayer

forth in Valencia, CA. Randy works at Jet Propulsion Lab as an artificial intel computer scientist. He finished his master's



1978: Randall & Marianne Hill

in comp sci at USC. Marianne works with the Greater LA American Heart Assoc. Rudy & Julie Garcia are in Madrid where Rudy is finishing his master's in, what else, Spanish. They recently had a son, Eric, born in Jun. Gary & Liz Wilson sent me a Christmas card from school. Gary was an asst tac during Beast and now has C-2. They really enjoy being back, but find it very busy. Gary finished his master's at Auburn U.



1978: The Wilsons at West Point

Blair Ross checked in from Panama. He has made several vacation trips to friendly El Salvador with his A Team from 7th SFG. He & Linda were expecting their first child when he wrote in Nov. Jose Morales was also there, working as the logistics advisor. He & Velyna, married last yr, are going to LEDAC at Ft Lee after his tour in Central America. Jose Olivero is also a team ldr with 3/7

SF. Donna and Jose, Jr are doing fine. Jose recently became the first American to graduate from Guatemalan Ranger School and was also Distinguished Grad.

Dick Thompson will be getting married in Jan to Cindy Northrup in Tacoma. Jim Yuengert will be best man. Both are getting MS in civil engr at UC-Berkeley. Dick is going to the Chicago Dist while Jim heads to Korea, Far East Dist.

Dave Rich tore up NPG by hanging "Beat Navy" banners from Hermann Hall, the main admin bldg. Toni, of course, played a major role in the op. Dave kept the keys for 5 hrs til the Squids busted down the door. Hooray for '78! Dave also managed to do some studying and starts DLI in Jan.

Bill, Sue, Billy, Brian, Katie & Steven (whew!) Wrinkle sent a family picture. The boys are playing soccer which must break Bill's heart. He also had to learn the rules as asst coach, long way from being a fullback in TX. Jeff & Carol Benchich live nearby and get together occasionally. Wrinks is still at Grumman and travels to White Sands and cmds a btry in the Res. He didn't say what he does with all his free time. Scott &



1978: The Wrinkles

Shawn Jeffers are at Ft Benning with their little ones, Mason, 5, and Patrick, born in Sep in Stuttgart. Scott was with 4/9 FA (Pershing) in Heilbronn.



1978: The Jeffers family

Chris & Marcia Maitin are down in Bryan, TX where Chris should finish his master's at TX A&M soon. They report to WP in Jul. Marcia said that John, 5, and Hilary, 2, are a real handful! Orlando



1978: The Chris Maitin family

Rodriguez has been promoted by Mobil. He is in sales up in Portland, OR. Mike Wickham, Leo Cyr, and Jim Keating are with MCI up in NY. Mike is in intl sales, Jim is in sales and Leo in ops. Bobby Olds is now in marketing out in Denver. Ski is working for my co now in Atlanta.

Bill & Sheila Lemnitzer were in town over the holidays. We went out for a drink. Bill is asst to the general at Ft Sill. He had a cmdr in Hanau before returning to the States. Bill is working on his master's at OKC and they have a 3 yr old daughter. I saw Randy Hearn in Ger in Dec. He was leaving Nurenburg and the Army. He started out FA and transferred to the Cav after a couple of yrs and spent most of his time in Ger. Chuck Eddy has left Raytheon for Sanders up in NH. He will be working as a QA engr along with Tom Dolan.

Bill & Lindsley Harner are expecting their first child soon. Bill will be going to grad school at SC and then on to be a Tac. Bill sees lots of guys out at Ord: Monte Warner is a btry cmdr, his 3rd cmd, I think. Tim McKaig is at NPG, as are Mike Creen, Kevin Crawford, and Mike Lally. Mike Creen and Lally are studying ORSA. Kevin is studying Middle East affairs and will head to Egypt after DLI. Ken Breshnahan is also at Ord, in DivArty; he also picked up a master's in OE. Bob McNamera is also at Ord with the div engr. Don Lewis cmds a rifle co at Ord and his wife is expecting their second child.

Phil Scriber called from Ft Eustis. He is in the maint shop for 7th Trans Gp. Phil was working on finishing his master's too. Bill Graves is a co cmdr in Panama. Bill got married last yr to Sandra, a girl he met in San Jose. Mark O'Neill and Wally Anderson live in Hong Kong studying Chinese and working in the FAO program. They just got back from Tibet and will be there until Dec 87. Tough life! Tim & Cyndi Hope have a baby daughter, Katie, born in Oct. Tim is with the SF at Ft Lewis, but shuttles back to Asia also.

That's all for now. For those of you who missed my last column, it wasn't there because of lack of info. Enough said. Please keep in touch, call me if you like—it's TOLL FREE and I enjoy hear-



1978: Anderson & O'Neill at Great Wall



1979: Mike & Deanna Herman

ing from everybody. Happy New Year!

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Greetings from WP,

As I was preparing to type this column I received a call from **George Fedun**. George & **Kathy** were blessed with the birth of their daughter **Jill** on 3 Aug 86. George & **Kathy** are living in the NYC area as George now has to earn his money the old fashioned way—he earns it—at **Smith Barney** where he is an acct exec. So if anyone is in the NY area they can give George a call at 1-800-522-4482.

I also received a letter from **Vic Robertson** who reports that he has completed a tour in Korea and is now at Ft Benning.

**Jim Rodgers** finally thought he should write after being mentioned by others. After 3 yrs in Ger and IOAC, Jim was off to Ft Hood where he spent 30 of 39 mos in cmd. First he was a bde S-1, HHC cmdr, then a cmdr in a Bradley Bn. During this time Jim was deployed 3 times to the NTC. Presently he is fixing to move to AK with the 6th ID (Light) where he will work in his secondary (PAO). Other future plans include a wedding in Mar to **Virginia Fowler**. Jim did go on record saying, "She's the best in the world." A few other classmates that Jim has seen at Ft Hood include **Chris & Bonnie de Graff**—Chris is a cmdr in the same bn, **Mike Austin**, **Jerry Reyes**, **Scotty Easton** and **Keith Carpenter**.

**Mike & Deanna Herman** wrote a letter while on a MAC flight going back to Ger, but first to catch up on the news. This last Jun Mike left Ger after 6 yrs—four and a half yrs were with the 82nd Engr Bn and the last 18 mos with the Nuremberg Area Off of the European Div of the Corps of Engrs. Mike truly enjoyed both the work and the Bavarian beer. However, returning to the States was not a total loss, for Mike brought along a fiancée. **Deanna McClure** was a DODDS teacher in Bamberg and they were married 5 Jul 86 in Stockton, CA. Since the wedding Mike & Deanna have been at

Ft Belvoir where Mike was the class ldr for EOAC 8-86. The future holds a job as the engr readiness advisor at the Presidio, in the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge. Anyone in the area is invited to drop by. A few classmates Mike has seen include **Steve Chura** who was Mike's best man at the wedding after being a roommate for over 4 yrs. **Steve** hung up his Army uniform last Oct and is now working for TX Instr in MA. **Kevin Nestor** was at EOAC where he was attending schooling as a Reservist. **Parker Smith** was also at Ft Belvoir and was working in the off of the Com. Well, as Mike's plane was about to attempt an in-flight refueling, he thought that was more shaking than his handwriting could endure.

I wanted to say thanks to **Jim & Patsy Trehame** for their Christmas card and letter. The big news there is the addition to the family in the form of **James David** being born 19 Sep and weighing in at 8 lbs 1.5 oz. **Rebecca** is adjusting to no longer being a baby of the family but rather a little lady who loves to care for her little brother. After departing from Ger last Mar, Jim went to CAS3 while **Patsy** stayed with her parents in Lexington. Now the family is reunited at Auburn where Jim teaches ROTC and has been selected for a fully funded op research master's. **Patsy** has been keeping busy with the two children and ladies' Bible study, sewing, painting and wall papering their 3 bedroom house. The Christmas break will be spent visiting parents' home for the holidays.

The final letter was from **Lloyd Darlington** who wrote to say that he is scheduled to leave Ger in Feb en route for CAS3 and then Auburn for a yr before he will become a Tac. Remembering the day I learned I was to return to WP I can understand the joy and excitement that filled him. **Lloyd** also says that the OCF at Baumholder has continued to grow and that is definitely good news. Some classmates that **Lloyd** has seen include **Bruce Uphoff**—cmdr for 8th MP Co of 8th ID, and he told **Lloyd** that **Steve Schauwecker** is flying helicopters in Fulda. On a regular basis **Lloyd** has seen **Dave Halverson**. **Joel & Amy Anderson** saw **Lloyd** while they were visiting

friends in Baumholder last Thanksgiving. **Joel** says it is hard to get used to normal work hrs in Graff and trying to decide whether or not to go skiing each day, but someone has to do it. **Bob Groller** will be turning over his second cmd in Mar and then he & **Joyce** will be off to Cincinnati, OH for an ROTC asgmt. **Leo Brooks** is in his second cmd with A Co 1-75 Rangers at Savannah, GA. **Charles "HOOP" Hooper** is now at DLI studying Chinese, then off to CAS3 and grad school and an 18-mo tour in Hong Kong. GO FAO! **Doug Busch** is commanding a trp in Amberg and **Greg Chura** is headed to be a Tac after attendance at U of SC.

As many people are getting ready to PCS, please drop me a note, for the best way to keep the Class informed—is to write.

GOD BLESS.

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Greetings again from Atlanta. One of the benefits of writing this column is staying in touch with so many classmates. Just after last issue came out, **Maureen Ham** called to say that she & **John** live only a few mi away from our house. **John** is attending GA Tech for a master's in aero engr.

**Tim Staggs** was in town on bus, so we were able to meet briefly. After 5 yrs as a tanker, **Tim** now works as a brokerage consultant for Provident Life & Accident in Phoenix. **Tim** says that **Doug Lenhoff** is also working in a similar position for the same firm.

Speaking of tankers, **Charlie Ruppert** surfaced at the TN game in Knoxville (a stunning last-min upset by Army that was a joy to watch) looking pretty scruffy after several wks of leave. By now **Charlie** is spruced up and back in the saddle, taking on his third cmd, HHT Sup Sqdrn at Ft Bliss. **Polly Ruppert** works in the coronary care unit at Beaumont Hosp. **Charlie's** Christmas card was the only one we received with a picture of a tank . . . and they say no one knows the real meaning of Christmas anymore. **Charlie** is something of a polygamist, being simultaneously in love with **Polly** and various tracked vehicles (see picture). I don't think the UCMJ considers that a criminal offense, however.

**Jay Harris** writes from Piscataway, NJ where he works for Johnson & Johnson Hosp Serv as a customer serv supervisor. He & **Karen** are proud parents of **Jeffrey**, who is two. **Jay** mentions that **Paul & Julie Mobley**, with their two children, visited recently. **Paul** works for Schneider Trucking Co in Green Bay, WI. **Mark & Debbie Hurley** also visited;



1980: A classic love triangle: Charlie & Polly Ruppert and tank



1980: The Songers take a break from scholastic pursuits

Mark is in the second yr of an MBA program, and Debbie plans to start law school soon. Mark spent the summer as an intern with Goldman Sachs in NYC, undoubtedly mastering the arts of arbitraging leveraged takeovers and opening greenmail. Other news from Jay: **Nick Lordi** works in Newark for NJ Bell, and **Dan Shaver** is now in SJA at Ft Dix, where his love of verbal combat can finally be put to good use as an atty.

**Nancy Gucwa Ramsland** is finishing a cmd of an S&S co in Kitzingen. She ran into a lot of classmates in a 3ID CPX in Oct; **Bob Toguchi** is assuming a bridging cmd, his second; **George Stone** is on a second FA cmd; and **Ron Collins** is busy with computers. **Andrea Hollen** cmds a co in the 123rd Sig Bn.

**Tom Wilhelm** wrote from the Canadian Land Forces Cmd and Staff College in Ontario, having left (temporarily, of course) his wife **Cheri** in the AK cold. After CAS3 and the FAO course, they will be reunited at Monterey, where Tom will attempt to learn Russian. **Stu Whitehead** went to the Canadian course just before Tom, and is now at Ft Knox. **Mark & Lorie Stevens**, with new son Alexander, are en route to MIT. Tom says the end of an era came when **Paul Martin** was recently married—**Martha**, welcome to the Class.

**Bill & Cathy Condron** wrote from Charlottesville, VA. "BC" is getting a law degree; Cathy works at the UVA Children's Rehab Center as an RN. They watched the Army-Navy game with **Dana Chipman**, who has just finished law school at Stanford and completed JAG Basic en route to 3ID. Bill is half-way toward his goal of getting back out to the Real Army as a JAG off—miscreants, beware.

**Tony & Nancy Songer** are both getting PhDs at UC Berkeley: Tony in CE, Nancy in science ed and computers. They were married in Napa Valley, CA in 83; Tony resigned after an asgmt at Ft Lewis in 85. They invite classmates passing through the Bay Area to stop by. This was Tony's first letter to the ASSEMBLY since graduation—thanks, Tony, and please don't wait another 6.5 yrs to let us know what you are doing.

**Jack, Pat, and Meghan Matthews** are (as the song says) "goin' to Kansas City," where Jack will be working in the CE Dist Off rather than conforming to the song's remaining lyrics. **Dave & Noelle Jesmer** are condo-dwellers in Hinesville, GA where Dave is an S-3 for an Inf bde at Ft Stewart. Noelle plans to teach Arabic on post.

Army Hometown News announced the CAS3 graduation of **Charles Clark** and **John Valentine**; also, that **Jon Nussbaum** cmds a co with the 33rd Armor at Ft Knox.

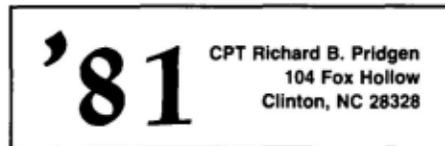
AOG sent me a long list of "lost" classmates. Many of you are not keeping them informed of your latest address—please do so, and check with nearby classmates to make sure they do the same.

Thanks to those who sent Christmas cards—the next deadline is the end of Mar, so get your news in right after you put this issue down.

I am doing some research on a topic of particular interest to our Class: the admission of women to USMA in 76. I would like to hear your side of the story— anecdotes, facts, opinions, gripes, or sheer gossip. Let me know how you were affected by the whole process.

Finally, I will repeat my offer to send the brief essay I wrote about looking for a civ job. Those who asked for it the first time around have found it to be helpful. Please send an SASE if you want one.

Until next time, take care and God bless you all.



Our Class reunion held last Oct at homecoming was a big success. The weather was perfect as it was one of those beautiful fall weekends. For those of you who did not attend, we had a party Fri night at the train station. On Sat there was a review on the Plain, and after the Holy Cross game an alumni dinner was given at Washington Hall. Most of the credit for this extravaganza should be directed towards the chm of the '81 Reunion, **Bill Dauer** & his wife **Linda**. If

you notice a longer column this quarter, you may attribute this to me being a pest during the alumni dinner. Thus, please keep the info coming. The majority of letters is still from civilians newly liberated.

From the placements of the Mess Hall: **Dave Ochs** just DEROSed from Ger to Ft Sill for the Adv Course. He was previously a bn FSO with an Armor bn in Mannheim. **Bob Vasta** spent his first tour with the 82nd Engr Bn in Bamberg. After the Belvoir Adv Course, he & wife **Gloria** went to the 39th Engr Bn at Ft Devens. Bob has been a BMO at Devens and is now the B Co cmdr. He & Gloria have 2 children, Megan born 17 May 83 and Brittany born 20 Jun 85. **Eugene "Geno" Salazar** is attending the U of CO Sch of Dentistry. He & wife **Terri** were married in May of 81 and have a 2 yr old son **Geno II**nd. **Bryan Richardson** was an asst S-3 of 2nd Inf Tng Bde, Ft Benning. He took cmd of a tng co last Nov. **George Baker** was a tank plt ldr in Korea (82-83) and then a BMO at Ft Carson. After graduating from AOAC in Apr 86, George has been the AOB sr class advisor. He hopes soon to go to Ger and the 11th ACR.

**Fred Ondarza** is in Honduras TDY 6 mos as a protocol off. His permanent asgmt is Ft Ord. **Mark Schroeder** recently got out of the service and is an industrial engr with Michelin Tire Corp in Greenville, SC. **Dave Schoewe** is flying OH-58D helicopters at Ft Rucker as a plt ldr and instructor. **Drew Marsh** is a mgt consultant in Wash, DC. He & wife **Beth** have been married a yr now. Drew spends his free time as a HS referee. **Matt DeHaven's** first tour was at Ft Knox, and he is now an asst S-3 for the Devil Troop Bde, Ft Polk. He & wife **Joan** were married 2 Jul 82 and their son **Matthew Jr** was born 18 Dec 85. **Henry Hacker** is working as a general med off at Ft Hamilton, Brooklyn. He describes himself as "the caretaker of miscellaneous aches and pains." He has been married 3 yrs to **Hope**, a rehab specialist working also in NYC. **Steven Cozza** is shrinking heads as a psychiatry resident at the Mecca—Walter Reed. **Arlon Jahnke** is working as a general med off in CA. He wants to get into the urology/orthopedic field. **Ed Trudeau** is trying to be an eye dr at Ft Campbell. He was just let out of Fitzsimmons, CO. **Dan Robie** is the bde surgeon for an 82nd Abn unit. **Bob Payne** is still running in numerous triathlons and trying to get ready for a long tour in HI. His objective is making the All-Army Cross Country team. Bob spent 4 1/2 yrs in the 1st Cav Div, Ft Hood, in an FA bn and also on the Div Arty staff. He adds that he is still single and plans to continue that MOPP level. **Rod Wade's** contribution is drinking beer and living in Carson. **Scott Wagner** is a civ now and an engr in

Lancaster, PA. He cmds an air cav troop in the PA NG. He & wife **Betsy** have 2 boys, **Matthew** and **Benjamin**. **Mark Reisweber** is an instructor pilot at Ft Rucker. He married **Debbie Deljano '82** who is in an MP co there. **Lance Manion** and **Jerry Koening** both work on Capitol Hill. Lance works for the off of Public Policy and Natl Security Affairs. Jerry is in the White House in the off of Presidential Pers.

Class pres **Mark Hogan** was sorry he could not attend the reunion. His wife **Lydia** gave birth that day, 18 Oct, to **Jessica Karen** weighing 9 lbs, 11 oz and 22" long. Mark adds his praise to **Bill &**



1981: Mark, Lydia and Jessica Hogan

**Linda Dauer** for their leadership in making the reunion a big success. Mark has been assigned to MDW as an aide for LTG Ballantyne and MG Hilbert. Now he & Lydia are headed back to Ft Benning where he expects IOAC should be a breather from the hectic pace. Bill Dauer is assigned to the MDW, Ceremonies and Special Events Dir. He works with high level functions and events at the White House, Pentagon, and Arlington Natl Cemetery. **Mike Miner** was the PM at Ft McNair, DC until Oct and is now an MP co cmdr at Ft Belvoir. **John Shultis** is a co cmdr in the Old Guard at Ft Myer and **Mark Armstrong** will be coming in early 87. Mark Hogan reminds the Class to update the AOG with new addresses. It is especially difficult trying to keep up with PCS moves. Civs are even harder to locate unless you write in to AOG. Mark's address is Rt 3, 8 South Pleasant Lane, Clyde, TX 79510.

**Gary Bechard** served as Northeastern Regional Jr ROTC Program Coord at Ft Bragg. After receiving his master's degree from Central MI U in bus admin, Gary left the Army to join the banking industry. Last May, Gary was appointed a mgr of Southern Natl Bank of NC. He is married to wife **Elizabeth**, formerly of Lumbertown, NC. They have one child, **Brendan William**.

**Ed Trudo** went to med sch at Pittsburgh, receiving his MD in May 85. He met his wife **Katie** there and they were married in Oct 85. He completed his internship at Walter Reed in Wash, DC in Jun 86 and is currently working in

ophthalmology at Meddacc, Ft Knox. Later he plans to do a residency in ophthalmology. Ed was at Walter Reed with 3 other drs: **Steve Cozza**, **Steve Karan**, and **Dan Robie**. Who knew **Steve Cozza** starred in *Out of Africa*? Steve was touring Africa during the filming and was asked to play the part of a British soldier bringing supplies to **Meryl Streep**.

Also at Knox is **Jim Karas** and **Brian Bowers**. Jim is recently a civ, and he & wife **Donna** are living in Louisville, KY. Brian is in an engr unit on post. Also a civ is **John Birk**, attending law sch in Indianapolis.

**Steve Dupont** is enjoying the long awaited freedom of civ life in Greensboro, NC. Last May he started work as a stockbroker with **McDaniel, Lewis, and Co** in Greensboro. He is adjusting well to the suit and tie, trading stock, and the lack of early morning 82nd callouts. He asks that anybody passing through his area give him a call at (919) 378-1882. **Kirk Lawrence** is cmdr of C/6 56th ADA in Ger. Both he and Steve would like to know what ever became of **Gus Stafford**. **John Minahan** will soon be attending the Engr's Sapper sch—Ranger sch was not enough. He had just completed a successful cmd of B/27th Engr at Ft Bragg. **Dave Hull** has moved to Long Island to start his new career in the insurance field.

**Bruce Turner** claims the dubious distinction of being the second '81 member to outprocess from the Army at Ft Dix. Last Apr he returned home to Tampa, FL and is now the supervisor of Customer Relations for Tampa Electric. "Still single and loving it," Bruce said the 528th Arty Gp in Turkey had several '81 members. With Bruce was **Nate Foyt**, **Jeff Williams**, and **Pat Heekin**. Bruce sends "Merhaba" to all his "ABBI" buddies. Four WPers went to Turkey—4 civs returned. Nate is now an engr in Columbus, OH. He & wife **Denise** are the proud parents of a little girl named **Sarah**. Jeff and Pat just returned to the States and are on the civ job market. Bruce has also been in contact with **Dick Blatt**. He & wife **Mary Ellen** have been at Ft Rucker forever and are scheduled to be civ job hunting soon. Bruce is active in the WP Soc of the West Coast of FL, and Tampa Electric is using his honor comm experience. Now Bruce delivers speeches to Tampa Bay business on his favorite topic, ethics.

A special note of thanks to **Buck & Katie Connor**. I spent a wk house hunting at Ft Riley last Dec, and they were my gracious hosts. They arrived on post Jun 85. Buck was A Co cmdr 3/37 Armor, and since last Nov has been HHC cmdr. Also linked up with **Mike Clidas** and **Ralph Palermo** in a bar in Manhattan, KS. Mike married wife **Tracy** in Apr of 83. She is a Transportation CPT and the couple is enjoying the good life. Mike's

latest adventure was taking his NINJA Kawasaki motorcycle from KS up to Ontario. Ralph is an asst S-3 of 1st Bde. He & wife **Anne** have 3 children: **Ashley 5**, **Christopher 3**, and **Lindsey 2**. Also at Riley are **Tim McDeaver**, **Paul Denardo**, **Brian Pliastead**, and **Dave Brown**. See you all soon in the wheatfields!

The Hometown News Service blurbs: **William Crocoll** has assumed cmd of B Btry, 5th Bn, 52nd ADA, Ft Stewart. **Ed Hazel** has assumed cmd of Co A, 78th Engr Bn, Ger. Ed is married to **Kathryn**. **Stan March** assumed cmd of Co B, same bn as Ed. **Paul Coleman** arrived for duty with the 2nd Arm Div, Ft Hood. **Brian Groft** is now a co cmdr with the 33rd Armor Bn, Ft Knox with wife **Bonny**. **Darrell & Lucy Vydra** are with the 3rd ADA Bn in Ger where **Darrell** is an S-1.

At Ft Knox I bumped into several classmates. **Tim Stoy** has returned from Ger where he and I were together in Aschaffenburg. He has been assigned to the 4/54 Inf Bn of the 194th Bde as the S-1. Newly single, he has been here since last Jul. **Bobby Shields** is a cmdr in the Armor Sch. He married while assigned previously to a cav sqdrn at Ft Hood. Bobby has kept in contact with the following: **Archie Davis** is now ch of Minority Recruiting at WP. **Steve Carter** is an engr co cmdr at Ft Hood. **Rich Hooker** went to Pathfinder sch. He is a cmdr in Ft Rucker and was previously in the 82nd. **Steve Klotz** is stationed in Frankfurt as an engr cmdr. **Kevin Smith** is in aviation in the 4th Bde, 1st AD. He married **Julie** in Jan 82.

Remember, half of the column was gathered at the reunion. Keep your letters coming.

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Hello, '82. Hope your 87 is going well. Mail is kind of light this issue, but a few folks we haven't heard from are checking in for the first time.

One of these is **Jeff Scott**. Originally commissioned in the FA, Jeff spent time in a det in Italy. Following that asgmt, he went up to Stuttgart to work in the VII Corps G2. In Jan of 86 he branch transferred to MI and he recently PCSed to Ft Drum. He'll be working in the 10th Mtn Div G2. In May of last yr he & **Manrica** were married in Bassano del Grappa, Italy. Peter Thimm '83 was the best man. Now she's got to get used to those Ft Drum winters. Congrats, Jeff.

Another guy who is enjoying Europe and recently wed is **Chris Schopfer**. Chris left EOBC a few yrs ago for his asgmt in the 317 Engr Bn in Eschborn, near Frankfurt. He was a plt ldr until Mar 84, when he took the job as bn S1. After 16 long mos as a staffer, he took A Co,



1982: Manrica & Jeff Scott



1982: Sharon & Chris Schopfer

where he's been ever since. In Sep 85 he returned to USMA to get married at the Catholic Chapel. He & Sharon got married the same day that Hurricane Gloria hit the eastern seaboard and many of the guests couldn't attend. But the sun came out after the ceremony, a good omen according to Chris. The Schopfers aren't lonely for Select Few co in the bde, as **Mike & Kim Jasenak**, **Bill Murphy**, **Kevin Griffith**, **Bob Turko**, and **Tey & Karin Wiseman** have been close by. Chris has A Co, Tey has B Co, and Bob has HHC.

**Steve Sanders** is just beginning his stay in Ger. He's in the III Corps HQ in the 63 Exercises Div. Steve just left IOAC and had a good time just cooling his jets for a while. One of his pastimes was playing lacrosse. He and fellow intramural lax hero **Bill Lutz** joined with old pro **Bill Sardella** on a team. Bill S is now a player-coach at Ft Hood.

**Mary Ann Bates-Cummings** drops a line from Hood, where she's been ever since Dec 82. She's finished her cmd of HHD 720 MP Bn and took the bn S4 posn. During her stay at Hood she got hitched to a fellow MP, **Steven Cummings**, a U of AZ grad. They were married in 84. Mary Ann and **Mark Condry** recently competed in the post triathlon, a 1 km swim, 18 mi bike, and 10km run. **Greg Brockman** is nearby as an AH-64 pilot who will soon take cmd of a co. **Donna Peterson** is in the III Corps SGS and **Kyle Gerlitz** is an asst bn S3 in the 3d Sig Bde. Mary Ann has seen quite a few 82ers come and go during her 4 plus yrs at Hood. **Caren Cahill Washuta**, **Phil Hallenbeck**, **Joe Hajost**, **April Hughlett**, **John Hill**, **Gerry Nowotny**, **Liam O'Con-**

**nell**, and **Tim Wright** have crossed her path at one time or another.

**Ken Dahl** and **Celia Flor Cruz** have just returned from a tour together in Ger. Ken came back stateside to be an artilleryman at IOAC and Celia is in flt sch. They plan to go to Korea when they're finished with schooling. Between the 2 of them, they've kept contact with dozens of people and gave a quick run-down on quite a few. **Bill Hedges** and **Jim**



1982: Beach party with Nadeau, Dahls, McPhersons, Benehaley, Bagbys, Swanson and Francis

**Bagby** are Armor offs in IOAC with **Ken Stump Francis** & his wife **Letty** are also at Benning and were heading to HI after IOAC. **Dave Nadeau** was off to Ft Irwin for a tour upon completion of IOAC.

**Joe Doty**, **Pat Sweeney**, **Brian Lauritzen**, and **Dino Harris** are attending FAOAC at Ft Sill. **Joe** & his wife **Pat** and son **Reece** will be going to Bragg. **Pat & Cynthia Sweeney** have 2 daughters, **Taylor** and **Samantha**, and will be off to AK for their next asgmt. **Brian** & his wife **Janet (Ruszkiewicz)** are awaiting her branch transfer to AG. **Dino & Gail Harris** and son **David Jr** finished their stay at Ft Sill and are now at Ft Hood. **Bob & Diana DeMange** and their 2 daughters **Christine** and **Samantha** are now at Ft Lewis. **Bob** finished up ADAOAC at Ft Bliss after spending 3 yrs in Schweinfurt, Ger. **Steve Jackan** left ADA to become an infantryman and cmded E Co, 2/30 Inf in Schweinfurt. He is in IOAC and is married to **Melinda Miles '81**. **Bob Grow** spent 3 yrs as an enlisted soldier in Special Forces, advancing from Cpl to SSG. He was distinguished honor grad from Special Forces sch. He went to OCS and is now in flt sch as a 2LT.

**Mike Woodgerd** is now stateside after a tour in Ger. After finishing up Armor OAC in Oct, Mike headed for Ft Carson, where he is now the co cmdr of D Co, 2-34 Ar. **Tony Wickham**, **Tom Pratt**, **Juan Hernandez**, **Joel Jebb**, **Dave Palamar**, **Abe Abrams**, and **Gideon Sinasohn** were in his OAC class. **Tony**, **Joel**, **Dave**, **Abe**, and **Gideon** all earned PT awards. **Tony** got married in Oct in Dublin, Ireland. **Mike** was there and **Bill Sorrell** was the best man.



1982: IOAC

Class pres **Mike Hogan** is now at Ft Dix awaiting the chance to take cmd of a basic tng co. **Mike** & wife **Natalie** enjoyed their stay at Ft Benning as he attended IOAC. Between PCSes, they've been traveling, hitting HI for a quick vacation, TX for Thanksgiving, and VA for Christmas. They topped it all off with a visit to the Army-Navy triumph. While at Benning, he saw **Dan Grymes**, who was there for jumpmaster sch. Quite a few of his IOAC buddies were celebrating. **Russ & Debbie Kautz** were married just prior to the adv crs. **Bo & Sharon Dyess** tied the knot just after IOAC. **Ron & Mary DeSantis** were wed in CO Springs, CO. **Brad Denham** was Ron's best man and **Pete Adams** was there, too. Other folks celebrated new arrivals. **Dan & Beth Buning** welcomed son **Billy** in Apr. **Chuck & Margaret Oliver** celebrated the birth of **Brooke Michelle** in Jul 86. **Brooke** is their second girl. **Pat & Nina O'Farrell** also have 2 children now, as son **Bradley** was born in Oct. **Mike** also heard from **Rick Sullivan**, who is at FAOAC and is a newlywed.

**Mike** also had some official bus to relay through the column. The Class 5 yr Reunion will be held 16-18 Oct 87. Tentative schedule: Fri night: Class social/get-together; Sat: parade and Army vs Colgate football game; Sat night: Homecoming dance at Ike Hall with '77,'72,'67 etc. These are traditional activities, so there probably won't be much change from this game plan. (We all know about attempting to change USMA tradition). We have one problem at this point. We need '82ers who are currently assigned to USMA or to posts in the NE US to give a hand with organizing the activities. If you can lend assistance, please contact **Mike Hogan** at 1st Bn, 3rd BT Bde, Ft Dix, NJ 08640-7010. Duty phone: Commercial 609-562-3481/3348; Autovon 944-3481/3348.

**Mike** will be sending out a letter to the Class soon and requests that you update your address with the AOG. Lastly, he'd like Class secy **Charlie Baldwin** and treas **Dan Grymes** to contact him at the above address/nos.

The aviators of '82 have been coming back to Ft Rucker for OAC. Last issue the

column gave a run-down on a number of them and we'll tell a few more tales. **George & Terri Kunkel** went to Ger for their first tour and are back stateside for the adv crs. Terri gave birth to **Heather Nicole** in Jun 86 in Wiesbaden. **Charlie Yomant** just returned from Ger, too, and may be staying at Rucker for his next tour. **Monty Benehaley** left Rucker in late 86 and headed for avn maint off school at Ft Eustis. He sends the photo of a Panama City, FL beach party that saw quite a few IOAC and Avn OAC buddies hook up.

Last issue we forgot to mention **Harold Dabney** and **Jim Straus**, who began the adv crs in Nov 86. The class that began in late Dec includes **Graham Galloway**, **Patti Schaefflern**, **Bob Donahue**, **Al Peterson**, **Greg Brockman**, **Phil Duffey**, **Brian O'Leary**, **Paul Merritt**, **Phil Curtin**, **Kevin McPoyle**, and **Warren Phipps**. There are a few new dads in that crew, including **Phil**, **Brian**, and **Warren**. **Warren & wife Sylvia** welcomed son **Brian** in Apr 86. **Kevin & his wife Heather** had their second child, **Meghan**, in Oct. **Paul Merritt** will have an interesting follow-on tour as he going to study electrical engr at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.

This may be the last time some of you read the column in uniform. Some of you are ETSing and heading out into the civ world. Good luck and remember to continue to correspond through the *ASSEMBLY*. Your Class historian is leaving Ft Rucker an Avn OAC grad and will head back to Ft Campbell. Feel free to call and tell us what's up.

'83

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I really hate to start off on a down note, but I need to relate to you some sad and belated news.

**Joe Zellmer** recently informed **Michael Boulegeris** of the tragic auto accident which took the life of our classmate **William George Groeger**. The date of the accident was 10 May 86 and the location was the vic Ft Hood. Certainly many of our classmates will want to extend their very belated sympathies to **Bill's** wife and family. (Mrs. William Groeger, 3205 Lonesome Trail, Georgetown, TX 78626.) **Bill's** family—**Karl** and **Elizabeth**, older brother **Karl**, younger sister **Lisi** and younger brother **Andrew** a plebe at USMA; Mr. and Mrs. **Karl Groeger**, 210 Pleasant Grove Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853.

**John Coates** has run into the following folks at Ft Knox: **Sue & Marty "Bobo" Bobroski** at AOAC; also at AOAC are **Debbie & Mike "Woody" Woodruff** and their little girl, **Ashley**; and **Lisa & Ted Martin**, XO in the 10th Cav.

**Marvin Meek** tells me that he, **Joel Liberto**, **Russ Hall** and **Greg Salata** all ended up in the same Arm bn in Ger as co XOs. "Only **Russ** is married, his wife's name in **Sandra**. The rest of us just pass the time executing ALCOHOLITHONS! We're up to Alcoholithon IV, but have changed to having 100 night parties. **Joel**



1983: 3rd Bn, 34th Armor XOs

recently had his 100 night party (100 days until departing Ger) and as **Joel** would have it—a 'smashing' success. **Joel**, **Greg**, and myself are heading on to AOAC while **Russ & Sandra** head to the Benning School for boys."

**Tom Scheu** tells me that **Bill Selma** and **Chris Pokorny** have both left Ft Carson for Ger with their cohort btrys. He has run into **Ron Costello**, **Bret Bredehoff**, **Dayne Dilks**, **Jim Johnson**, **Ed Wolwender**, **Rick Daubt**, **Debbie Barts**, and **Wayne Richardson** who had a baby boy, **Carl Knowlton**. He is currently running the bn's S-3 show. His job, 2 daughters, **Erin** and **Laura**, and going to school full-time at the College for Financial Planning are really keeping him busy.

**Juan Chaves** has this to say, "I've had quite a different experience than all of you. Got my master's of mech engr at Rensselaer Polytech Inst on May 85 and started working in Costa Rica. Right now



1983: Carolina & Juan Chaves

I'm working as maintenance mgr in a factory that makes the plastic pet bottles for Coke and Pepsi. It's a lot of work, but I like it. On 5 Jul 86 I got married to **Carolina Evans** (she is not from the USA though you may think so because of her last name)." His address, APDO 4489,

San Jose 1000 Costa Rica.

"A few months ago I (**Bob Finkenaur**) gave up my job as aide-de-camp for the III Corps Arty Cmdr and my roommate **Marcus Hamilton** took it from me." **Bob** has run into **Bob Bridgford** and **Shawn Darraugh**, but the best deal was when "**Dayne Dilks** was home a few wks ago from Ft Carson to visit his parents in Binger, OK and invited **Marcus** and me up for the weekend. As usual his mother's cooking was out of this world, and we all ate enough to last a wk. If **Jon Elliott** could read this he would know what I mean, because he has had first-hand experience when we were in OBC together."

**Tim Dean** says, "**Kess's** house has been a real party pad. Their latest and greatest was a Halloween costume party. He lives with **Roger McDonald**. **Scotty Miller** is here now from Ft Bragg; he's in 2/75 Rangers along with **Matt Brand**; they're always out of the net on their top secret mission.

**Terry Ward Gerton** is in Ger now with her husband and ran into **Vicki Nelles** and **Ed Loomis** at the Dining Facility Manager's Course. She's run into several '83 couples: **Sara Fotsch & Eddie Gaba**, **Jenny Campbell & Pete Foster**, and **Sharon Reardon & Bob Shiftlet**. **Rachel White** married **Rui Cunha** '82 and has a baby boy. She was part of **Jan Tiede's** and **Paul Swicord's** wedding at WP on 23 Nov.

**Doug Dribben** says some familiar faces are returning to Ft Belvoir: **Jim Kenney**, **Chris Downey**, and **Joe Rusbarsky** not to mention the veterans **Ed Newman**, **Brendan O'Shea** and **Joel Johnson**.

"On a personal side, things have really changed. I married the lovely **Maura Sherman** on 24 Aug 85, and we now have a son **Brian**, born 15 Sep 86. I also have a stepson, **Kevin**, born 26 Jul 82, making me probably the only member of our Class with a child almost 5. My next tour



1983: Doug Dribben and family

after the Adv Course is law school. I was picked up for the FLEP program and will change castles for wreath, sword, and pen in 1990."

First I'll start with the combination congratulations.

John Coates married Angela on 11 May 85 in Louisville, KY, and she is currently studying Russian at the U of Louisville. Joshua Andrew was born 14 May 86 and loves to eat and watch TV.

Congratulations to Mark Snyder. "My wedding was held on 8 Aug 86 in Aschaffenburg, Ger. Attending were two fellow forever H4 'Hogs'—Dennis Polaski and Dan & Mary Cummings; Jeff, Lisa, and Lauren Snow; Joe, Jeanne, and James Snodgrass, and Bob Kock."



1983: Mark Snyder and friends

Dan & Cathy Gilewitch announce a new recruit, Nicholas John, who reported for duty 28 Sep 86 in CO Springs.

Christopher & Michelle Mathews Putko announce the arrival of their second son, Robert Mathews, born 1 Sep 86.



1983: The Thames family

Tim Dean "was living with two 9th Av Blackhawk pilots Dan Shanahan '82 and Pat Mackin in a primo bachelor pad right on the beach of lovely Lake Louise in Tacoma before I decided to give it all up in Aug when I was married. The little



1983: Jean & Tim Dean

woman, Jean, is from an AF family so she's been around the world from Turkey to Japan, OK to HI—she'll adjust well to the Army life. Her sister, Gail, is married to CPT(P) Joe Drelling '76; they are also stationed here at Ft Lewis. Several classmates and grads were able to attend the wedding at Evergreen Chapel. Mike & Josephine Bowman flew up from Hood; Mike was one of my groomsmen. Gary Pieringer and Dan Kessler were in charge of the sabre bearers and did a fine job!"

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Hello '84! This column is going to be straight to the point because I'm really short on time. I do hope that everyone made out well on the CPT board!

The biggest and best news that I have is that our classmate and friend Ricky Stephenson is still with us! It appears that Ricky had amnesia. He was found in FL and is now undergoing tests at Wright-Patterson AFB. I'm sure everyone is as happy as I am that he's back. We wish you a speedy and complete recovery, Ricky!

Tony Chung was in the Ft Bragg area recently and gave me a call. Tony was married in Sep. He & wife Jun are enjoying life at Ft Hood. I guess plebe roommates have a special bond and like to do things together. Tony's roommate, Dennis Cahill, was also married in Sep. Dennis & wife Betsy are also enjoying marital bliss. Congratulations!

I received a letter the day after I mailed the Dec column from Al & Ree Porambo. Their family grew in Aug with the birth of daughter Alyssa. Like they



1984: The Porambos

say, "a picture is worth a thousand words!" Congratulations! Al also mentioned that John & Kathy Cho were married in Jun. There to congratulate them were the Porambos, Jerry Farber, Gary Clark, Kent Bradley, Bob Molinari, Joe Lindhart, and Rich Livermore. All of the '84 drs are doing well. In addition to Al, John, Jerry, Kent, and Gary, they include Jeff Lawson and Rod Rowe. Keep up the good work guys!

Randy Lee dropped a note from Greece and did such a fine job that I'm going to honor his request to print it as written. "Steve Minear was TDY from FRG with his merry band of engr for almost 6 mos here at my weapons det in Perivolaki, Greece. He was busy putting his WADS in my igloos. What?!! That's



1984: Greek "gods" Minear and Lee

not actually as obscene as it sounds (remember, this is the land of nude beaches and "ouzo"), just some arty and engr talk. Anyhow, Steve left this summer vacationland just in time to get back for Oktoberfest in Karlsruhe where he claims to party with Curt Cozart, Dave Danielsen, and Mark Morin.

"As for me, I got married last Nov. Martha (not Greek, by the way) & I should be in HI this Feb for my third incredibly hard-to-take asgmt in a row after one yr apiece in Monterey (DLI) and Greece. There is an incredible amount of work here, but while I was at COMSEC school in FRG we got a chance to visit Ben & Mary Blas who now have a brand new baby boy, Jake! Congratulations! Martha & I expect Mike & Patty Rasmussen to visit us here in Oct. Greece is an amazing and interesting place, but it'll be nice to get a little bit closer to CONUS!" Thanks for the "poop" Randy! Maybe you should write the column!

Marc Cerniglia and Jim Hooper dropped a line from the Big Red One (Fwd) in FRG. They are in the same cav trp where Jim is the XO and Marc is spt plt ldr after both served in tank, scout and cav plts. Since they are in a separate cav trp they often augment border units during tng exercises. As a result they regularly travel all over Europe. To quote them, "In spite of all of this, Jim remains married and Marc remains celibate!" Others that they sent news on follows. Dave Breuhan is spt ldr for 1/1 Cav in Schwabach. Larry Kendrick is a Hawk plt ldr in Kaiserslautern. He is married to a hometown girl from Gulfport, MS named Sue. Marty Neese has managed to get 6 mos cmd time in the ADA. Mike Ferry is the proud father of two children who look just like mom, Stacy. John Buckheit and Mike Scheppe are in 1/16 Inf Bn. Randy

Penrice is in 1/1 Cav while **Tom Burke** is currently a general's aide in the 3rd Spt Cmd. Finally, I have a message from Jim to **Dick Hewitt** who he wishes to thank for talking him into going Cav. Jim says, "... how are your feet earth pig?!"

**Dave Showerman** writes from HI where he lives in a big house with **Terry Lawrence** and **Scott Sajer '83**. Dave is a tow plt ldr in 5/14 Inf while Terry is XO for HHB, 2/11 FA. Dave has heard from **Andy Schmitt** who is doing great in FRG and **Dan Rice**, who is stationed in El Paso, TX along with **Jeff Martin**. Dan and Jeff are currently flying UH-1s but hope to be flying Chinooks soon. According to Dave, they've both wanted to fly those "big birds" since graduation! Dave has also run across other classmates in HI including **Mike Broski**, **Rob Scott**, **Carl Grunow**, **Heather Quinnan**, **Gary Lambert**, **John & Kirsten Lambert**, **John O'Brien**, **Toby & Susan Green**, and **Ed & Stephanie Wentworth**. Ed is currently the ADC's aide. Dave also ran into **Ricky Myhand's** older brother who says that Ricky is doing great at Duke med school! Dave says he's been waiting to hear news about **Forrest Smith** who's in FRG. Drop one of us a line Forrest! Thanks for all the info Dave!

News from Ft Stewart came from **Doug Bentley** who is in the 92nd Engr Bn. **Paul Johnson** is there also along with a number of grads from '85 and '86. Doug is currently working in the bde S-3 but should be the 92nd's const off starting in Feb. Doug went to the Syracuse game last fall and saw **Pat Wray** who is at Ft Dix after attending grad school at Lehigh. He also heard from **Luke Fox** who is at Ft Campbell which enabled him to see Army beat TN. Others that Doug has heard from include **Dave Black** who is at Ft Ord but is scheduled for a rotation to the Sinai and **Alex Lambert** who is in his 3d yr of med school at Howard U in Wash, DC. Thanks, Doug, and write again soon!

My good friend **Luis Parada** wrote from the "front lines" once again. He has been transferred to an anti-terrorist bn in the province of El Salvador most hit by the war. It is a spartan place with no roads, electricity, etc. but Luis was promoted one yr ahead of his peers and made a co cmdr after the transfer! Congrats! Luis is still separated from his wife, **Brenda (Amster '85)**; she is in Panama, but they see each other about once a mo. Luckily his family was not hit extremely hard by the much-publicized earthquake! Keep up the good work Luis!! **Eric & Tanya Belcher** wrote from Ft Richardson where they enjoy great skiing but very short summers! They enclosed a family portrait with their horses, **Pepper** and **Rye**. Eric is currently the asst S3 of the law enforcement cmd. The Belchers have seen a number of classmates including **John & Helen**



1984: The Belchers

**Buzzell**, **Jeff Schmidt**, and **Ron & Sharon Aizer** who are all at Ft Richardson. **Tom & Josette Perkins** and **Craig Bohn** sometimes visit from Ft Wainwright.

**Herbert & Katie McMaster** sent a lovely picture of their little girl **Katherine** who was born in Sep. Unfortunately, I can't print it! Please remember that I can only publish pix with '84 grads in them! Congrats, Herb & Katie, please send a family photo and I'll be happy to run it in the next issue.

I received a number of Christmas cards and would like to thank all who sent them! **Doug Friedly's** family sent one and said that Doug is doing well at Ft Lewis where he is now the XO of his btry. **Ed Morris'** mom wrote and said that she and Ed had finally made their long-planned trip to Israel where they had a great time. Ed is currently in FRG. How 'bout a letter for your old roommate, Ed? Another friend, **Dean Chang**, wrote from Ft Lewis where he has heard from **Ted Devens** who, you'll remember, is in Turkey. Dean and **Eddie Cadena** have been doing some investing in the rising stock market. Hope you guys make a million!

I also received a card from **Ron White** who is at Ft Polk. He visited WP last May to get "hitched." He & wife, **Phyllis (Erkins '86)** will be together at Ft Stewart soon. Attending the wedding



1984: Ron & Phyllis White with attendants

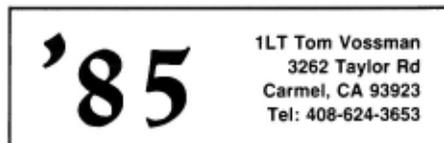
were **Eddie Gamble**, **Matt Oliver**, **Kenny Brown**, and **Wayne & Dorinda (Smith) Lambert**. Eddie recently got married to 1LT **Phyllis Knight** at Ft Polk and Kenny married his wife, **Cathy**, this past summer. Congratulations to all. Ron

recently transferred to QM and is currently the Class III plt ldr, 4th Spt Bn. Kenny is the bn adj of 1/40 AR, Eddie is XO, HHC 5th ID, and Matt is the FIST for 3/70 AR.

**Ron** ran into other classmates during travels to Ft Benning and Ft Knox. They were **Gerren Grayer** who, you'll remember, is the DCG aide at Ft Benning, **Dan & Patti (Donnelly '85) Shea** who are at Ft Carson, **Paul Peterson** who is at Ft Knox, and **Derrick & Gerri Anderson** who have been blessed with two lovely daughters. Others at Ft Polk include **Bob Percy**, **Patti Painton**, and **John Hutton** who is working to join the MSC. Thanks for the info Ron!

My two most faithful correspondents also sent cards. **Fred & Robin Meyer** are at Ft Lewis. They are doing well and **Dianne & I** look forward to seeing them at the adv course next yr! **Sue (Lenio) Sine** also wrote. She & husband, **Eric '83**, are doing great at Ft Ord. Sue is now the chief of the ASPS, part of the G-2 office. She's run across **Bob Stone**, who is in Eric's bn, **Hal & Alycia (Abeyta) Prukop**, **Ken Lindell**, **John Heller**, **Roger Rettke**, and **Jerry Schlabach**. Thanks to both the Meyers and the Sines for writing so often!

Well, I've already gone on longer than I intended. Have a safe and happy spring! How about that Army Team?!!



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Hello again from rainy CA. I trust everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday season and have started what we all hope to be the best of New Years. The Army team sure helped us "deck the halls" early with the resounding defeat of Navy in Dec. Oohwah

Well unfortunately, although I enjoy writing to ya'll tremendously, I don't look forward to the times I have to be the bearer of bad news. Over the Thanksgiving holiday, **Bill Gore** and his sister lost their lives in an auto accident in HI. It was a very tragic accident and certainly one that we would never think could happen to such a great friend and fellow officer. Our sincere condolences go out to Bill and his sister's family and friends. I know that he will be remembered by all of us in a very special way. I've talked to **John Lopes** and we decided to take up contributions from the Class and then present a fund in memory of Bill to the Association. If anyone cares to contribute, please send your contribution to me. Then John and I will do the rest.

I just received a call from **Bob Felieu** concerning how info is put in the *ASSEMBLY* because he felt I had neglected to include his info. Let me explain my dilemma. My deadline for each issue is

the last day of each fiscal quarter. In other words, my deadline for submission of the Dec issue was 30 Sep 1986. Therefore, if you sent me a letter on 5 Oct, for example, that info won't be published until Mar of 87. I understand your feelings about this, BELIEVE ME, but the AOG must meet printing deadlines. Bob, I thank you for bringing this to my attention. If I do happen to forget someone, know that it was not overlooked intentionally and a simple nasty note won't hurt my feelings.

Joining **Bob** as a graduate of Ranger sch class 11-86 was **Russ Lachance** (Distinguished Honor Grad), **Dee Bryant**, **Ted Wilson**, **Terry McKendrick** (who is heading off to the Old Guard), **Paul Howell**, and **Paul Barker**. Currently, **Bob** & his wife are stationed at Ft Benning where he is serving as an XO for the 2nd Inf Tng Bde. **Dan** & **Lisa Tidwell** are doing great in Ger. Oh yeah, "all isn't well" **Dan**!

Another letter received on 3 Oct 86 was from **Ayron** & **Michele Kamp**. They were married in Utica, NY nearly 2 yrs ago and have started what I'm sure is the largest family in '85. **Ayron** works for



1985: The Kamp clan

D/3/4 ADA at Ft Bragg with **Jimmy Apodoca** who was married to the former **Diane Ireland** in Aug at Ft Bragg. **Dave Zylka**, presently here at Ft Ord, was married to the former Miss **Patty Orasin** in Endicott, NY on 26 Jul 86. As you can see from the photo, several Armadillos attended this wedding. Not only has



1985: Find the armadillo

**Ayron** probably earned himself the silver cup, but he's also proud of being the

only '85 member to qualify for 4 bedroom govt quarters.

**Neal** & **Mary Anne Lovell** made a run for the cup as **Sean Patrick** was born on 27 Mar 85. Currently, they are stationed in Dexheim, FRG where **Neal** serves as a plt ldr for a Ribbon Bridge Co. He has seen **Scott Roesler** (who's working for a new car), **Craig Guth** (probably looking to break Soviet codes), and **Gary "Mac" McAvoy** (still sulking over the Red Sox defeat. Of course not nearly as bad as **John Gill** who can only say "wait for basketball!") He also mentioned that **Chris Porras** was married to **Mike Jimmerson's** sister, **Marilyn** on 27 Sep 86.

Heard from **Anne Machie**, who following Blackhawk qualification, left to join our forces in FRG in Giebelstradt. Several classmates graduated with her to include **Deb Haller**, **Bobby Doerer**, **Dan Rizika**, **Cindy Franz**, **Morgan Lamb**, **Pete Morrissey**, **John Wilson**, **Kurt Fields**. **Doug Rombough** was married to the former **Kathy Carr** in Oct 85, and they are now stationed at Ft Carson. She also mentioned **Tom Holguin** and **Lorelie Wilson** were headed to Ft Bragg, and **Bill Solms** will be flying Apaches at Ft Hood.

**Mike Staver** wrote to me following Ranger School where he, **Joe Cecin**, **Brad Allen** (here at Ft Ord), and **Jim Tully** graduated on 2 Oct 86. From the



1985: Rangers smiling?

picture, can you picture these guys as Army's 1984 8-3-1 team Starting Line-men? I recently received a note to congratulate **Maria Garcia** for being awarded the AAM in Korea where she was assigned to the 362nd Sig Co. Also joining **Bill Solms** at Ft Hood will be **Dave Wood** and **Keith Robinson**. **Dave** said that **Mark Salazar** is currently going through the Chinook Course and will be heading to Ger with his fiancé **Diane Berndt**. **Pam Cardin** was recently married to **Lt Scott Martis** in IL on 9 Aug 86. She is currently stationed in Ger working with the 4th FA Det. **Mary List** met her in Ger where **Mary** is assigned to the 77th Maint Co in Babenhausen. **Bernie Casey** is also stationed with **Pam**, and he too went to DLI prior to going to FRG. By the way, **Pam**, if that E7 said good things about me he's right, if he didn't,



1985: Pam Cardin's wedding

he's being chaptered out of the Army anyway! **Pam** also says hello to **Charlie Mallory**.

Speaking of which, 'Ol **Chucko**, while not threatening my life (his fiancé did though), has brought it to my attention (weekly since 1 Dec 86) that I failed to mention that he is engaged to a lovely, wonderful, charming, dynamite young lady, **Colleen**. **Colleen** has been out here several times and well, she has simply become one of the Ft Ord clan. I can only say that the remorse I feel for neglecting these two can only be lifted by a personal invitation to their wedding. "C and C" don't forget me!

**John Todd** wrote to me to put his bid in for the cup. Sorry **John**, don't think you & **Virginia** will get it, but hey, good effort! **Virginia (Condit) Todd** is down in Honduras for 4 mos where she has seen **Mike Manley**, **Ed Tifre**, and **Tim Riehl**. **John**, it's true, I do live with **Bob Werthman**, and I seriously doubt if he has changed any. "Spontaneous **Bob**," as we know him, keeps the house rockin'!

Well I'm back now—had to take a break to work on the tan; a feat hard to do in Dec.

**Paul Cal** wrote to me from a place which has more sun than CA, the Sinai. While **Nello** was trying to go, **Paul** slipped in and got to work for the Multinational Peacekeeping Force for 6 mos. He traveled to many places and is looking forward to returning to Ft Bragg to rejoin his fiancé **Lynette Thomas**.

Congrats to **Ken** & **Leslie Hodgson** for their newest addition to the family, **Ken III**, who was born 27 Sep 86. **Ken** & **Leslie** are currently stationed at Ft Lewis along with **Charlie McCaffrey**, **Jeff Brown**, **Dennis Shanahan**, **Brian Rapavy**, **Jamie Hensen**, and **Johnson Chin**. Congrats is also in store for **Kendall** & **Linda Clark** who also had a recent addition to the family. **Jon** & **Linda Call** round out the families with newborn children, and **Ken** says he'll send me a shot of the first 3 members of the Class of 2010 soon. Finally, **Ken** has sent mercenaries out in search of **Dwayne Walker**, **John Morris**, and **Bill Weldon** who seemed to have disappeared or lost their writing abilities.

**Maureen (Finnessey) Collins** was

married recently to Brooks Collins on 23 Aug 86. "Mo," it's ok that he's a Citadel grad; at least you didn't switch services.



1985: Brooks and Maureen's wedding

"Mo" has been busy with trips to England and Puerto Rico for duty (yeah right!) and Barbados for a honeymoon.

Glenn & Tracy (Sager) Seymour are doing great at Ft Bragg. Glenn is a rifle



1985: 3-86 Ranger class, Ft Benning

pltd ldr for 1/505 PIR and Tracy is a rigger for 407th S&S Bn. With Glenn being abn, and his wife being a rigger, let's figure out who wears the pants in the family! Corine "Corky" Hall called me from Ft Bragg to announce her engagement to CPT Ed Fox '81. She's doing super and has seen many classmates there. It was great to hear from you. Darrell Irwin also called to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. He's doing great as usual.

Jeff White wrote me a book—I guess I deserve it, but I'll start sharing the info with you in segments. That way I'll have enough back-up material for 4 yrs. Jeff is living with Mike Foley and Mike Allen in an apt in Ft Bragg. Much like Nate Sassaman here at Ft Ord, the "Mike Duo" is leading successful football teams on post. He mentioned that Thor Markwood is a special ops "stud" at the JFK Center. Other than running into several classmates in and around the area, Jeff says he simply trains to be ready for whatever happens. Oohwah! Thanks for letter bud!

Here at Ft Ord, the most recent news is that Jack "3-spot" Harrington got engaged at Christmas to Kari Wolsky, a super girl from SD. The ring was huge,

so don't ask Jack to borrow any money until . . . oh . . . 1992! As you can tell, we celebrated this Army victory in style here at Ft Ord. A few of the gang decided an alert to Ft Lewis (-7 wind chill) sounded better so they missed the bash.



1985: Army-Navy at Ft Ord

After drinking a beer to each of them, the mood was simply, "That's all right, that's OK, we're going to party anyway!" Myself, I'm off to Ranger Sch 3 Feb-2 Apr and then Sapper's Light Leader's Course 26 Apr-18 May. Keep the letters coming and throw in a few photos now and then. Keep Bill and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Good Luck and Godspeed in 1987 and remember—"ONLY THE HUNTER SURVIVES!"

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It's 3:00 in the x-morning and I'm wondering where my children are. But it's ok cause everyone has been so WONDERFUL in writing to me this time. I'm touched. I cried. You all make me so proud!

My life has been splendid. John Bacot and I traded asgmts so don't bother writing to me at Ft Riley. But don't write to me at 3rd Arm Div either, because I traded that off too, to go Pershing. So keep the cards and letters coming to Ft Sill until May, or until I push the button. Some people say Pershing is the Kiss of Death but I think of it as a Kiss from the Spiderwoman.

From the world of ADA, Mike Curran was wed to Sheri on 6 Sep 86 in Houston and spent their honeymoon in Toixtapa, Mexico. Dave Regan ushered, while Darryl MacDonald, Ted Hanley and Bobby Nabb came all the way from Ft Sill to fill the pews. Mike said ADAOBC was filled with a large group of derelicts to include Greg Blezinski, Bobby Ness, Mark Aubrey, Howie Curtis, Billy Shiffer, Jimmy Belanger, Teo Hoyt, Eric Schiedemantel, Chris Reilly and bringing up the rear (drum roll, please!) Kim Warren! Mike, you did leave one thing out. What about parties? I know in that crowd there are a few of you who are



1986: Michael & Sheri Curran

married. So I hope ya'll aren't becoming too domesticated.

There is some unfortunate news from Ft Bliss. Bill Purcel was nearly crushed by a Vulcan while on a field exercise. He was sleeping by his track and inadvertently rolled away from it and got partially run over by another track. (That's some deep sleep.) Luckily, the driver stopped, and Bill only suffered torn and strained muscles in his back. Bill, you lived!

From the AR side of the house, Hark Thorton says that Jay Bob Jones and Pat Kilroy are the "motivated tankers." Kevin Drevik had an overnight marriage (to whom and when, I don't know; so get off my back!) But Hark, Ed Pasquena, Andy Bunn, Chuck McLaughlin, Rick Corman, Steve Smith, Eric Wesley, Edgar Pigott, Joel Hodge, and Steve Cummings, took Kevin to a sleeze club in Louisville called The Toy Tiger for his "batch" party.

In the land of Ft Benning, some wild news has occurred. My HERO and yours, Steve Strifler received the ARCOM. Steve was minding his own business, walking into ARCO for his weekly trim. Behold, a common criminal had the barber shop at gun point, demanding that he was #15 and that #17 had cut in front of him. Fortunately, the creep's back was turned to Steve. Steve acted without hesitation and grabbed the lowlife from behind, knocking the UZI to the ground. As the UZI landed on the floor, it fired, shattering the mirrors and aftershave. Steve said, "Get the place cleaned up. I'll be back tomorrow and you better have some aftershave because I hate that burning sensation after a razor."

Brett Barraclough and Andy Eger were talked into teaching scuba down in Panama City, FL. The picture that accompanies this portion of the article was taken by Brett's wife Donna. Thank you, Darling.

Brian Drinkwine says Ranger Sch is difficult. Yes, he's tired. Yes, he's cold. But, having 2 buddies surely takes the load off Brian! Hopefully, while in Ranger Sch, Brian won't have to rewrite a Mil Art paper the same night a ER403 project is due.

Stephanie Stephens was honor grad of Abn Class 7-87. (Think those abn sgts liked your PLFs). Also, in that class were



1986: The Armor Group at the Northwestern game



1986: The Scuba boys in Panama City

Monica Sheppard, Kaye McKinzie, and Mark Lee.

Myra Bridgeman got married on 4 Nov. She became Mrs Jim Peterson. Myra met Jim at MPOBC and fell in LOVE. She & her hubby are now in Ger.

Now to the world of "big guns" and "crater analysis" ... Ft Sill! Tommy Bates and Kevin McKelvy were in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" way back in Oct. Tommy played the role of Harding and Kevin was one of the cranky hosp attendants.

Dave Werntz and Phil Youst threw some fab parties. (You Be Ill'n) The Halloween blowout was too much. Nick Bellucci won best costume. Nick dressed as a Chippendale dancer. Dave made his own Twinkie outfit. It looked so real you could taste the cream. Tom Deflippo came as a Bozo, which was par for the course. Steve Kazmerak arrived as something from the Black Lagoon. He yelled at me with 'AAAAHHH' for 45 mins until I guessed who he was. (Quit playing with my head!) Steve Cannon was hip for the '50s especially with his sidekick Rocky Balboa played by Stan

Olson. (Give us a break, Stan.) That's all I can remember from the party.

As far as FAOBC, I can only speak for my particular section. Every class turns into the *Sherman Lane Show* played to the "Woody the Woodpecker" theme song. John Lynch comes up with the most outrageous comments. Wayne Locklin and Charlie Moses share their piercing jokes. Bobby Locket sleeps through every class and still manages to pass the tests. Rick Lange just sits back and enjoys the fun.

When the Com stopped at Ft Sill gathering info on how WP had prepared us for our careers, Larry Hughes said the most interesting comment. I quote, "I've been here for 2 mos and the only HOWs I've seen are the ones driving down the road."

Mary Huston wrote and "she said" 13 more joined the ranks on 20 Dec. Mary if there is anyone I want to hear from, it's you. Write me again soon.

I've had a good time writing this letter. I'm sorry, in the last issue I forgot to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. But since Easter is next mo, please, no one run over Peter Cotton Tail! That could be devastating to little kids. Wish you all the best in your careers. Good luck and I'll see you in 3 mos.

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game together on TV at the Officers Club, Memphis Naval Air Station. Everyone had a fantastic time and agreed that we should conduct the combined party each year to watch the game. Well over 100 persons attended. Members of the local Cadet Parents Club also were able to attend with us.

The 1987 Founders Day dinner will

be held on 7 Mar 1987 at the Summit Club, Memphis. BG Roy Flint, Academic Dean, has confirmed that he will be our guest speaker. The Parents Club will be invited to join us.

The society has become more active in the Admissions Program, and we intend to continue that way. We are also working hard to locate and recruit more local grads. Anyone interested in society activities may contact me at 50 Grovedale Street, Memphis, TN 38119 or call 901-755-1223.

Paul F. Hamm '73

### West Point Society of the District of Columbia

Spring activities planned by the society include the following:

Founders Day Dinner 13 Mar 87  
Army-Navy Country Club. Society members and guests

Spring Luncheon 7 May 87 Ft Myer Officers Club. Society members and guests

Maxwell D. Taylor Leadership Award 29 May 87 Ft Monmouth. USMA Prep School faculty, students and guests

Persons interested in attending any of these programs contact LTC (Ret) Philip A. Farris, 8527 Minerva Court, Vienna, VA 22180 (PH: 703-573-4051).

### West Point Society of Los Angeles

The West Point Society of Los Angeles turned out in force at the Los Angeles Air Force Station Officers Club in El Segundo on 6 Dec 86 to help cheer Army on to victory over Navy. WPSLA president Grover Asmus '46 was in attendance along with members from



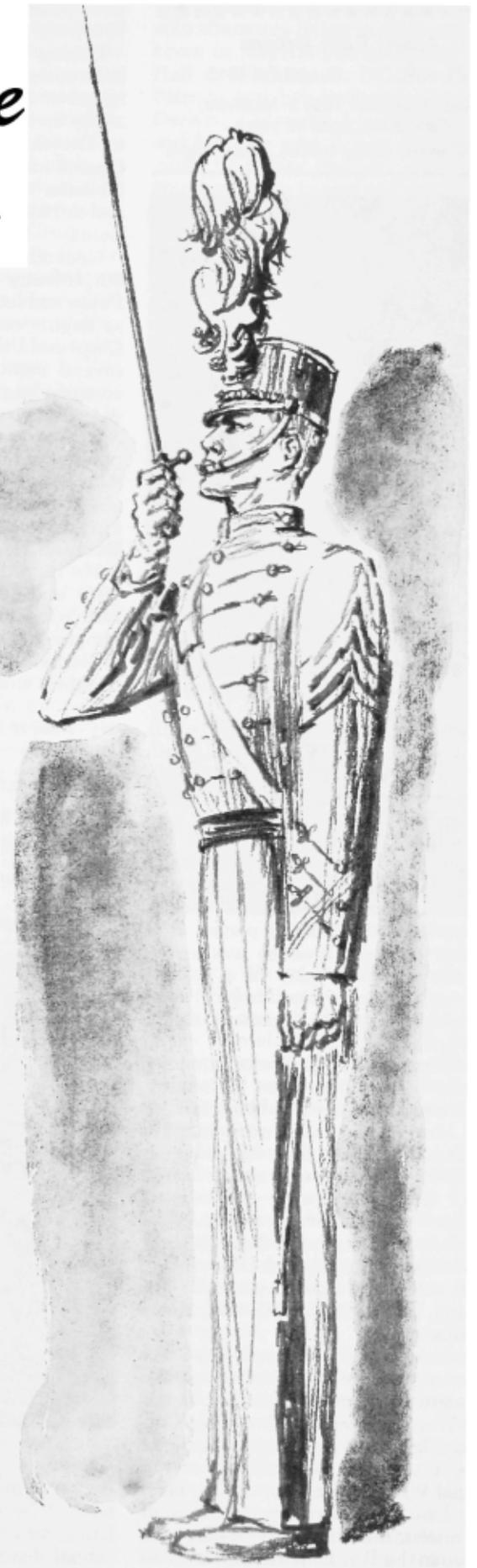
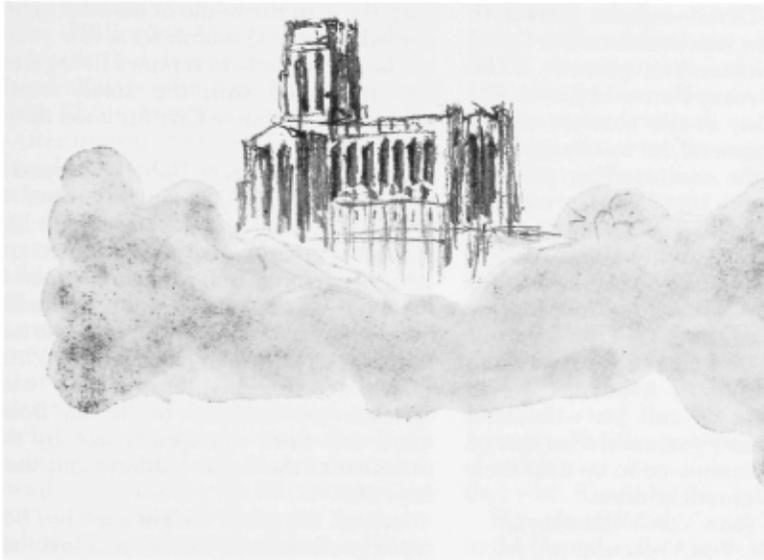
West Point Society of Los Angeles cheers Army on to a convincing win over Navy.

classes ranging from '32 into the 80's. The party was the latest in a traditional joint affair with Navy's LA Society, featuring a luncheon buffet, viewing of the game on wide-screen TV, high-spirited banter, and lots of socializing before and after the game. The outcome this year made the occasion especially enjoyable to the West Point contingent. Prosaically, the Navy folks responded with a "Wait 'til next year."

Roger Wolf '65

# 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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at the time, for an Army sponsored two and a half month tour of the European battlefields. The Infantry School at Benning was next, and then his first troop assignment at Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City, Utah. There his life changed when he met and married Rhoda Ballyntyne, a young University of Utah coed who had grown up in Honolulu and then moved to Salt Lake City, where her father was in the copper mining business. Shortly after their marriage, the young couple left for a new assignment in the Philippine Islands, a trip which was really their honeymoon. During this assignment he commanded a company of the Philippine Scouts.

After returning to the US in 1925, Bob served in a number of Infantry troop assignments and in 1927 attended the Signal School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where Bob, Jr., the couple's first child, was born.

Bob's career underwent a major change in direction in 1931 when the Army sent him to the University of California Law School at Berkeley. After three years there he graduated and began life in the Judge Advocate General's branch. Military legal assignments followed, first with the 4th Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, then with the Army Staff at the Munitions Building in Washington, DC, and then again with troops in 1938 at Schofield Barracks with the Hawaiian Division. While in Washington, he received his second legal degree, a Master of Laws in International Law, from Georgetown University.

By 1938, when Bob was assigned to Hawaii, his family had increased to five. Patricia Mae was born in 1929 at San Diego and Anita Louise in 1933 at Berkeley. In June 1941, Bob returned to the Army Staff from Hawaii, missing Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor by just six months. Upon his arrival in Washington, DC, he found that the Army was undergoing rapid expansion and in 1942 was assigned as assistant judge advocate general for personnel. In this position he was responsible for selecting large numbers of lawyers from civilian life to carry out wartime military duties, insuring that commands had requisite legal support, and for establishing a school for new judge advocate officers. When World War II began, there were only 84 judge advocate officers; by the end of the war there were several thousand.

Bob's requests for wartime overseas duty were turned down until 1945, when he was assigned as deputy judge advocate for the European Theater. As the war in Europe drew to a close, the demands on legal staffs increased, and Bob worked hard to handle the load with rapidly diminishing resources. This period was marred by personal tragedy when his daughter Anita died of polio in Washington, DC in 1945.

The high point in Bob's career came in 1946 when President Truman appointed him to represent the United States on the United Nations War Crimes Commission in London. This multinational commission oversaw the war crimes trials in Europe and negotiated international disagreements emerging from the trials. As the United States commissioner, Bob worked for the State Department and lived near the embassy on Grosvenor Square. During this assignment, he visited most of the Nazi concentration camps and saw firsthand evidence of the brutal atrocities that had been committed. One of the major problems at this time was to sidetrack attempts by the Soviets, who were enraged by German atrocities against them, to execute without fair trial numbers of innocent Germans. As a result of his work during this period, Bob was listed in *Who's Who in America*.

Post-World War II duties back in the United States included assignments as Army Judge Advocate for the Fifth Army at Chicago, the Sixth Army at San Francisco and the Fifth Army at San Antonio. Finally, in 1955, after 37 years of military service, Bob retired and settled with Rhoda in San Antonio.

Bob immediately became immersed in the financial management of the estate left by his parents. He developed an intense interest in the stock market and read widely on the subject. One project he thoroughly enjoyed was establishing a "Wednesday Stock Market Luncheon Club," which he informally managed for over 20 years at the Fort Sam Houston Officers Club. After a few years, however, the club became one of San Antonio's favorite institutions for exchanging Army reminiscences, and the stock market received dwindling attention. Bob's work with investments paid off as the estate prospered.

In 1955, Bob had two serious heart attacks and was hospitalized for some time. When he was released he found himself weakened considerably and his activities restricted. Despite this handicap, he and Rhoda became enthusiastic travelers. In addition to yearly visits to Colorado to escape the San Antonio summers and to visit daughter Patricia, Rhoda and Bob visited Europe, the Far East, Hawaii, Canada and Mexico during the retirement years.

All who knew Bob considered him a kind and sensitive person, always interested in others, and always ready with a friendly word. He loved animals, particularly dogs and took delight in afternoon neighborhood walks. Perhaps his most loved qualities were his compassionate understanding of others and his wonderful good humor. He brought good feelings and warmth to us all, wherever he went.

Bob passed away very quickly on 27 February 1984 of congestive heart fail-

ure. He is survived by his widow, Rhoda, who alternates living in their retirement home in San Antonio and Army Distaff Hall in Washington, DC; his daughter Patricia and her husband who live in Denver, Colorado; his son Robert, Jr. and his wife who live in McLean, Virginia; their four children; and a great-grandson. He is buried with his daughter Anita in Arlington National Cemetery.

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**Maurice Wiley Daniel**

NO. 6704 CLASS OF 1920

Died 8 February 1986 in Sarasota, Florida, aged 89 years.

Ashes scattered in the Gulf of Mexico



**Maurice Wiley Daniel**

MAURICE WILEY DANIEL was born in New Albany, Indiana, 1 October 1896, the third son of Oliver W. and Aline Petery Daniel. He graduated from New Albany High School and attended the University of Louisville, Kentucky, graduating in 1918 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Senator Harry S. New of Indiana offered him the opportunity of taking the competitive examination for the United States Military Academy at West Point, which he did. Dan was a patriotic young man and, thinking he probably wouldn't rank high enough in the exam for an appointment, he also applied to enter the Army Air Force. He passed those tests, and was being sworn in when an associate said someone by the name of Daniel had been appointed to West Point. It was Maurice Daniel, who was now with the Army Air Force! Senator New arranged for him to be placed on an inactive list until he passed the physical for USMA, then Dan was given an honorable discharge from the Army Air Force.

All of Dan's military life found him striving to do his best for his country. He

believed in and lived by the standards of the United States Military Academy. His class, that 14 June 1918, was given the option of graduating in two or three years. They chose two years and graduated in June 1920.

Dan had been an athlete in high school and college, playing football and basketball. At the Academy he won his "A" for football, was captain of the basketball team and won his numerals, and was heavyweight wrestling champion.

He and his brothers were all mechanically inclined, and though he was assigned to the Infantry, he transferred to the Field Artillery during graduation week. He attended Field Artillery School at Fort Knox, and then was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington. It was there he met his future wife, Catherine Johnson, who was visiting her sister at Fort Lewis. She returned to Honolulu, Hawaii; fortunately, Dan was ordered to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and he renewed his courtship. They were married 31 December 1923 in a small church. His classmate Freeman Cross and his wife Jean were their attendants, and other classmates were guests. Dan and Katie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary New Year's Eve 1973 at their home on Siesta Key, Florida. They had built their home when Dan retired, and he lived there until June 1984. Katie had died 30 October 1982, and he was saddened and bereft by her death.

Dan's progress in the Army was steadily upward. In 1930 he attended Purdue University and graduated in June 1931 with a Master of Science in engineering. He was an instructor at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma for five years. In 1936 he was ordered to the Command and General Staff School and graduated in 1937. He then served as a battalion commander with the 17th Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, and following other assignments, was sent to Washington, DC in 1941 as liaison officer with the Department of the Army Armored Force.

Wherever they were posted Dan and Katie took their responsibilities seriously. They also enjoyed an active social life and visiting with new friends and old.

In June 1943, Dan was ordered overseas where he was artillery commander, 1st Armored Division. He then moved up in command responsibilities and in August 1944 was promoted to brigadier general. He joined the 1st Armored Division at Rabat, Morocco, then moved to Oran, Algiers in preparation for the assault on Italy. Dan commanded his troops through the Cassino front, and the Anzio beachhead, on to the north through Rome, the Po Valley, Viterbo and Volterra. Later he commanded Combat Command A, Light Armored Division, to capture Brescia, Bergamo and Como, cutting off enemy withdrawal from western Italy. At the end of the war

he commanded the division and moved it into Germany for occupational duty. This is a very brief account of the terrible fighting in Italy and the heroic efforts of many men. (Dan never talked of it.) He returned to the states in January 1946.

With a Congressional reduction in forces, he was reduced to his permanent rank of colonel. In 1948 he became deputy chief of staff, Fourth Army, Fort Houston, Texas and served until October 1949. At that time he was ordered to the Berlin Military Post as deputy post commander and later became post commander. In July 1951 he was promoted to brigadier general and assigned to V Corps Headquarters, Darmstadt, Germany where he commanded V Corps Artillery from 8 August 1953 to 28 June 1954. He and Katie returned to the states, and Dan retired 31 August 1954, after more than 36 years of service in the Army. They enjoyed their home and entertained their many friends. They traveled extensively and enjoyed bridge and golf.

Dan was a quiet man, an excellent host and a good friend. Having no children of their own, they were very caring and interested in their nieces and nephews and their godson. Dan enjoyed his weekly bridge game and played golf with his friends until poor health interfered. He played bridge until the last few weeks of his life.

Dan had moved to Lakehouse East in June 1984 and was respected and admired by the residents and staff. His death, 8 February 1986, was a new beginning for him. He left seven nieces and nephews who have all, in some way, been touched by the kindness and caring of a loving uncle. We will miss him. We're very proud of him.

*Aline Louise Daniel Miller  
Next-of-kin*

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**Alfred Henry Johnson**

NO. 7898 CLASS OF 1926

Died 8 March 1985 in Harlingen, Texas, aged 80 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas

JOHNNY A. H. was the first born of Emily Hynes and Peter Alfred Johnson of Donnybrook, North Dakota. His mother had decided that if they were blessed with a son he should be educated to pursue a military career in the service of his country as had her father in his native England. When she was elected as mayor of the town, she soon became acquainted with numerous bigwigs. Among them was the congressman of the district. He appreciated her enthusiasm for the military and promised her son an appointment to one of the service academies, if he could pass all the requirements. Everything was fine until A. H. almost blew his



**Alfred Henry Johnson**

chances. Said congressman came to the service station where Johnny was pumping gas. When his tank was filled he wrote out a check, which Johnny refused, saying he was ordered never to accept any payment other than cash. The congressman was irate, and called attention to just who he was. Johnny again said, "Sorry sir, but I gave my word." This convinced the purchaser that maybe this kid was OK, and they departed friends. Johnny promised to do his best for him at the Academy.

Johnny entered West Point on 1 July 1922. He loved his years there. He was no linguist, as many of us were not; however, he maintained an academic standing in the top ten percent of his class. Upon graduation on 12 June 1926, he elected to seek a career in the Air Service.

Johnny began his flying training at the Primary Flying School at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas and when he completed that, he progressed to the Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, San Antonio. He was one of seven classmates to graduate. While in San Antonio he met his future bride, Muffet, and they were married before he reported to his first station, as a bomber pilot at Langley Field. Two years of service in the 20th Bombardment group followed. While there, he expressed his desire to attend the Air Corps Engineering School at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio and entered this school 1 June 1933. This was a 12-month course, demanding much study and application. Today's graduates are awarded a Master's degree in aeronautical engineering. Upon graduation, he was assigned to duty in the power plant branch of the engineering division of the Air Materiel Command. He loved his work and soon became an expert in supercharging. This skill led to his assignment as project officer and test pilot of the XC-35 airplane, built by Lockheed. This proved to be the world's first successful pressure cabin airplane. Johnny and

his classmate "Admiral" Sims flew the XC-35 for its first 100 hours of flight testing, much of it at altitudes above 30,000 feet. This accomplishment won the Collier Trophy for the Air Corps in 1937, and the Distinguished Flying Cross for Johnny.

Good engineers are always in great demand. Johnny served a total of 17 years in many challenging positions in the Air Materiel Command, both before and after the war. A detail as head of the Central Procurement District at Detroit from 1943-1945 came next. Many aircraft engines were manufactured in his district.

Johnny was selected to be the leader of one of the intelligence teams formed at the close of the war to travel through Germany, closely following the retreating German forces. His team consisted of himself as a skilled aeronautical engineer, another prominent aeronautical engineer from industry, plus two armed enlisted men and a jeep. They drove through Germany as fast as they could over demolished roads, stopping at aircraft and armament factories to determine progress in German research and development of new tools of war.

That accomplished, he was anxious to see action in the Pacific and he was there for the surrender. Duty in Okinawa and Tokyo came next. Then back to Wright Field for a change. Next, duty in Washington for two most interesting assignments. The first was with the Petroleum Administration for Defense and his last was as chief of Logistics for the Joint Chiefs. While on this assignment he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. He was a major general when he retired in 1957.

Johnny was with the Champion Paper Company for the next three years. Then the easy life of Southwest Texas beckoned and he moved to Harlingen in the very tip of Texas, known as Majic Valley. He was a successful cattle rancher until he got bored and decided to spend the rest of his days hunting, fishing or playing golf or gin with the boys. He was good in all these activities.

A classmate said, "Each of us who knew him and served with him has had our lives enriched by Johnny's friendship and by his compassion for others." Throughout his career Johnny combined technical expertise, management ability and leadership. His was a hard act to follow. Quietly and without ostentation he personified complete dedication to DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

He was a heavy smoker and this sin eventually took its toll. Cancer of the throat developed. Talking became difficult and painful. He had the best of care in Harlingen and in San Antonio. The fine doctors at Wilford Hall Air Force Hospital did all that they could for him. He fought a valiant fight, but he passed away on 8 March 1985. He is survived by

his devoted wife of 57 years, Muffet, and by two brothers and three sisters in North Dakota and Montana.

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### Harry Purnell Storke

NO. 7969 CLASS OF 1926

Died 4 December 1985 in Richmond, Virginia, aged 80 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Harry Purnell Storke

WHEN RICHARD WILLIAM Storke and Laura Taylor Storke sent their son Harry to West Point, from McDonough School in Maryland in 1922, they could not envision his amazing and unusual career. After graduation in 1926, he followed a path of rare assignments, marked by excellence.

He attracted attention early, in 1929, as a member of the winning field artillery Knox Trophy Battery. Five years later, after graduating from the Fort Sill Battery Officers Course, he was selected as an ROTC instructor at Iowa State College. This led to an instructorship in 1939 in West Point's English Department. As an additional duty, our hard worker became secretary of the Board of Trustees, Association of Graduates, and in that capacity he originated and worked as first editor of *ASSEMBLY*.

But all of Storke's tour at our Alma Mater was not filled with contentment. With World War II raging all over the globe he felt sidetracked until orders at last, in 1943, sent him to Sicily to fight as II Corps Artillery Officer. He became one of the leaders who conquered the Germans at Cassino.

A star student, he graduated from the National War College in 1949. This led to a Joint Chiefs of Staff assignment in NATO where, in his words, "I was a member of three spade workers who helped organize administrative papers and became a member of the Standing

Group's first staff." Then he went on to Frankfurt to work as part of General Thomas T. Handy's first staff in forming the European Command. Handy pinned a star on his shoulder. Harry next commanded the 1st Division Artillery. His ability, now widely known, gained him a second star and he became G-4, US Army Europe.

Storke put smooth English into pronouncements as chief of Information in the Pentagon from 1957-1959. Orders to Korea, where he commanded I Corps Group 1959-1960, were a relief from Pentagon politics, although this demanding assignment took him away from his wife Lois (Sawyer) and their daughters Lois (Pat) Davenport and Carolyn (Mueser) and four grandchildren. His third star was scant compensation.

1961 found him commanding the NATO armies of Greece and Turkey, leader of Allied Forces Southern Europe with residence at Izmir, Turkey. He retired for physical disability that year but did not hang up his glove; he confounded friends by accepting the presidency of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. They asked one another, "How will our sharp military commander succeed in an academic position? He's been used to soldiers leaping to attention saying 'Yes, sir.' Now he faces instructors and professors!"

Harry exhibited patience that surprised everyone, including himself. First, he put his shoulder to Worcester Polytechnic Institute's building program. Then came the crowning achievement of his career. "I'm proudest," he said, "of starting the planning that changed Worcester Tech's curriculum." This, in turn, produced the high reputation, status and effectiveness of one of the nation's leading schools. Dean M. Lawrence Price hailed Harry's eight year incumbency as "Tech's most successful presidency in the past 100 years."

His faithful and beautiful wife of 46 years, Lois, died in 1974. In 1975 he had the top fortune to marry the charming and capable Elizabeth Davidson.

The Tacs of 1925 selected Harry Storke as cadet captain. His contemporaries in the Corps approved the choice and knew they were serving with a leader who would go far in serving our Country.

Harry P. Storke, staunch friend, extraordinary leader.

—Russell P. Reeder, Jr.

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### Harry McNeill Grizzard

NO. 8022 CLASS OF 1926

Died 29 March 1985 in Claremont, California, aged 79 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

HARRY MCNEILL GRIZZARD, born in the small town of Naples, Texas on 22 June



Harry McNeill Grizzard

1905, was raised in Brownwood, Texas and Fort Worth by his mother, who was widowed when "Griz" was only 14 years old. A country boy who decided to attend West Point because of the encouragement of a local judge, he left the state of Texas for the first time in his life and entered the Academy just two weeks after his 17th birthday. For a youngster of that age, West Point was the kind of jolting experience that only someone with Griz's courage and determination could have accepted with such good humor. In fact, several of his classmates recalled vividly that their first "introduction" to Griz was, while bracing in ranks, hearing an unknown first classman belting out in apparent frustration, "Mister Grizzard, I am growing weary of constantly telling you to wipe that big smirk off your face."

Having graduated from what was then an 11-grade Texas school system, Griz struggled with academics; he managed always, however, to stay one short step ahead of the Academic Board. He developed into a fine bantamweight boxer and was elected captain of the boxing team his first class year.

During the 15 years between graduation in 1926 and the beginning of World War II, Griz—always a proud doughboy—was fortunate enough to be able to serve most of the time with his first love—soldiers: Fort Sam Houston; Fort Snelling, Minnesota; Schofield Barracks; Fort Benning; Fort Brady, Michigan; Puerto Rico; and Camp Ord. In almost every assignment he was able to command troops, duties which gave him not only extraordinary satisfaction but, even more important, prepared him for the difficult responsibilities he faced during World War II and, later, the Korean War.

It was during his tour at Fort Snelling that he met Elizabeth Wuest, a Cincinnati belle who was visiting her aunt and

uncle at the post. They were married on 10 October 1931. They were later blessed with a lovely daughter, Harriet, and were still enjoying life and each other when they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. A great team, they were both equally devoted to the Army and its people and were loved and respected by the many friends they made at every level at every post.

Shortly after the beginning of World War II, Griz was assigned to the 363rd Infantry Regiment of the 91st Infantry Division. Serving first as a battalion commander and later as the regimental executive officer, he saw heavy combat in both North Africa and Italy. Typically, however, one never heard Griz tell a war story unless it was to recount a humorous incident or some particularly outstanding achievement of one of his men. What he himself had personally experienced or accomplished was never mentioned.

Following World War II, Griz returned briefly to Fort Benning, but then in 1948 was one of the first officers selected to serve with the American Mission for Aid to Greece during the communist rebellion. After three years he returned for the third time to the home of the Infantry, Fort Benning. He was then given command of the Officer Candidate Regiment which had been organized to train the hundreds of platoon leaders needed for the Korean War.

Many good things happened during this tour at Benning, both personally and professionally. Their daughter Harriet met and later married Sandy Meloy (then a second lieutenant and now retired as a major general, USMA 1953), who was the son of one of Griz's closest friends, the late General Stan Meloy (then a major general and commandant of the Infantry School, USMA 1927). And Griz completely reorganized the officer candidate system from top to bottom. The policies, procedures and even the program of instruction which reflected so much of his leadership, remain basically unchanged to this day. One has only to visit the Officer Candidate Hall of Fame at Fort Benning and note the impressive number of colonels and general officers who graduated between 1951–1954 from Griz's OCS program (many of whom are still serving on active duty) to grasp the full extent of the long-term influence he had on the entire Army. His final assignment as the Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Florida found him reaching retirement still doing what he did best and enjoyed the most—leading and influencing young men.

Subsequent to retirement he lived in Abilene, Texas for three years. In 1959, he moved to Claremont, California where he and Elizabeth enjoyed every minute of a still-busy and rewarding life.

From 1960–1967 he taught physics

and chemistry at Brown Military Academy, took graduate work at the University of California, Los Angeles and Pomona College on a National Science Foundation grant, and in 1968 was selected to serve on the Los Angeles County Grand Jury. He was president of the Claremont University Club, president of the Claremont Lawn Bowling Club and chairman of the Claremont Chapter of the Red Cross.

What kind of a man was Griz? For his 79th birthday, one of Griz's Claremont friends, Richard Armour, put it this way:

"Harry Grizzard, better known as Griz,  
Is easy to find, for you'll know where he is  
Just listen for joyful, melodious laughter,  
Where it comes from you'll find the good Griz you are after.  
But that laugh isn't all. What you can't hear or see  
Is a heart that's as loving and warm as can be.  
Hearty laugh, laughing heart, always wide-open door,  
If you've Griz for a friend, you need nothing more."

Above all, Griz was a soldier who accepted every assignment without complaint and never asked for special consideration. He was a man of uncommon common sense and contagious enthusiasm; a gentleman in the best sense of the word; a man of steadfast, unflinching integrity; a proud member of the Long Gray Line who, even during the toughest periods of his last days, never lost those very same traits that enabled that young 17-year old to gut it through Beast Barracks in 1923—courage, determination and one of the world's greatest senses of humor.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his daughter, Harriet Meloy; his grandson, Stan Meloy, IV; and two granddaughters, Sharon Meloy and Katie Meloy Lally.

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**Robert Graham Lowe**

NO. 8089 CLASS OF 1927

Died 6 November 1984 in Washington, DC, aged 79 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ROBERT GRAHAM LOWE departed this life in peace and now rests beside his beloved wife of fifty years. He died, as he had lived, a gentleman and a scholar, faithful to Duty, Honor and Country. His daughters and grandchildren are proud to uphold the principles he espoused.

Bob was born at Fort Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands, 8 June 1905 where his parents, Lieutenant William Laign



Robert Graham Lowe

Lowe and nurse Mattie Porter Pannill were married. His father was serving with the 13th Cavalry and his mother was one of the original members of the Army Nurse Corps.

Bob's dad, after being drafted into the service twice, decided to make the Army his career. With his sister Virginia and his parents, Bob moved from post to post. His military training began early when he attended Marion Institute, Marion, Alabama and later Randolph Macon Academy in Virginia. World War I found the family in Galveston, Texas where Bob, as a Boy Scout, helped his dad in recruiting duties. Returning to Galveston after the war (the family home since the Civil War), he graduated from Ball High School in 1923.

Stu Wood, one of his roommates and closest friends who maintained contact throughout the years, wrote, "From childhood, Bob aspired to become a West Pointer. To this end he worked diligently in academics at high school and the two preparatory schools he had attended. Entering the Academy in 1923 at age 17, he found that knowledge of Army life and prior military training at the prep schools were of assistance in overcoming the physical and mental tortures of Beast Barracks and surmounting the rigors of the remainder of plebe year. He subscribed to the policy: 'Keep your eyes and mind open, your mouth closed and volunteer for nothing during plebe year.' It stood him in good stead.

"As a cadet, Bob was fascinated by the Academy. From the start of academics, he never got sidetracked from his aim to rank high in his class and attained this goal. During periods of recreation, however, no one could have been more charming, relaxed and entertaining.

"While he did not permit his academic aspirations to suffer, he participated enthusiastically in sports. A member of the gym squad for four years, Bob was a

mainstay of the first winning Army gym team in 1927 in his event, the side horse. He also did well in the Indoor Meets of 1926 and 1927. An expert pistol shot, he was on the Pistol Squad his last three years and proved himself to be a valuable asset to the Army's strong pistol teams of that era.

"Some of Bob's friends realized that he possessed talents in the area of entertainment. They convinced him of this, so he proceeded to devote himself unselfishly to make life more enjoyable for others by rendering outstanding performances in annual Hundredth Night Shows and summer camp productions of Color Line. He was equally effective in the roles of singing, acting, female impersonation and dancing, and male or female tap dancing. He delighted in entertaining others.

"Bob possessed throughout life an unusually keen, droll sense of humor. Strangers were inclined to consider him to be diffident and naive. As friendship developed, however, they were quickly disabused of such judgement. His roommates remembered well that on occasion they, as plebes, joyfully witnessed Bob use his subtle, innocent-seeming thrusts to destroy the hauteur of certain overbearing, obnoxious upperclassmen in the embarrassing presence of a gaggle of lowly plebes."

Standing high in his class and being an accomplished equestrian, Bob chose the Cavalry as his branch. He was posted first to the 5th Cavalry, Fort Clark, Texas where he met and married Katherine Gregory, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) D.D. Gregory ('01) and niece of Colonel Wallace B. Scales ('98), commanding officer of the regiment.

In his early career he served also with the 6th (Fort Oglethorpe), 11th (Presidio of Monterey), 26th (Fort Stotsenberg, Philippine Islands) and 10th (Fort Leavenworth) Cavalry Regiments in many capacities as well as attending various schools such as Chemical Warfare, Cavalry schools (Troop Officer and Advanced Equitation) and Command and General Staff. Trap Trapnell adds that, "The Advanced Equitation Course was the goal of all young Cavalry officers in those days. In the graduating exercises, one of the most sought after trophies was the *Baron De Geer* prize for Olympic Course Jumping. Bobby was the winner in our class."

In 1941, sensing that the day of mechanization had arrived, he transferred to the Armored Force and served as a battalion commander with the 68th Armored and 41st Armored Division (Camp Cook) and was Division Trains commanding officer during the Third Army push through Belgium to their meeting with the Russians in Czechoslovakia. At the end of the war he became successively G2, XV Corps and assistant G2, Headquarters, Third Army

in Germany and public information officer, Headquarters, US Forces Austria.

Upon returning to the States he was assigned as executive officer, Research and Development Office, Chief of Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe. In 1951 he was designated as commanding officer, Reserve Command, 2nd Armored Division followed by assignment as commanding officer, CCA, 2nd Armored Division when the division arrived in Germany. Returning to DC he became chief, Armor Branch. His last assignment was chief, Reserve Military District of Washington, DC. During these years he was awarded the Legion of Merit; Croix de Guerre with Palm; Croix de Guerre with Gold Star; American Defense Medal; American Campaign Medal; European, Africa, Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars; World War II Victory Medal; Army of Occupation (Germany) Medal; three Overseas Service Bars and the National Defense Medal. These decorations acclaim him as a dedicated, efficient officer and a soldier of intelligence, tenacity and attention to duty.

Upon retirement, Bob took on a second service career as field director, American-Korean Foundation. In his seven years in Korea, he received many accolades from the Korean government, not the least being a Doctorate of Law from the University of Seoul. In 1968, Bob and Katherine returned to their home, "Stony Run," in Virginia where they lived until her death in 1979. He then moved into smaller accommodations in DC until his death.

Bob and Katherine had two daughters, Katherine and Laura; eight grandchildren; and at the time of his death five great-granddaughters.

He was a fine, outgoing, friendly and popular man, a loving father and above all, interesting and lots of fun to be with.

As Trap says, "I don't know of anyone I liked better. His sincerity, integrity, sense of humor, and loyalty were of the highest order."

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**Emmett Felix Yost**

NO. 8457 CLASS OF 1928

Died 12 April 1985 in North Redington Beach, Florida, aged 81 years.

Interment: St. Albans Episcopal Church, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida

EMMETT FELIX YOST, better known to his friends and family as Felix, came to us from the heart of the wheat belt at Downs, Kansas. He was born there 7 October 1903, but the farming life was not for him. The long hot hours in the sun and a favorite uncle having graduated from the Naval Academy were incentive enough to prepare for a military career. After a one-year stint at Kansas State Agricultural Col-



**Emmett Felix Yost**

lege at Manhattan, Kansas in 1923, he entered West Point in 1924.

As a cadet Felix was best remembered by his classmates as being a quiet, rather shy person who had to work very hard academically. Yet through it all he still maintained a keen sense of humor. Rules and regulations never seemed to bother him. He was always very meticulous and methodical in everything he did, and this carried over into his military career.

After graduation in 1928, as a second lieutenant, Infantry, he attended the Air Corps Flying Training School at Kelly Field, Texas. He transferred to the Army Air Corps in 1929. His first assignment was at Selfridge Field, Michigan as a pursuit pilot, squadron engineering and supply officer for the 27th Pursuit Squadron. It was here that he met and married Mary Beatty of nearby Richmond, Michigan. In November 1931 they moved to Wheeler Field, Hawaii where Felix was squadron engineering and armament officer. Their first child, Mary Diane, was born 2 July 1934.

In August 1934, he was assigned to the Flying Training Command at Randolph Field, Texas as a flying instructor and flight commander. He remained at Randolph until 1939. Their second child, David Felix, was born in 1937.

Felix was next assigned to Dallas, Texas with the mission of establishing a civil contract flying school. He attended the Air Force Tactical School at Maxwell Air Force Base in 1940, returning to Dallas and then on to Pine Bluff, Arkansas until 1942. His next assignment was at the Air Force Advanced Flying School at Waco, Texas as commanding officer. In 1944 he moved to Del Rio, Texas to be commanding officer of the B-26 Transition School where he stayed until 1945. For his part in training pilots for the Brazilian Air Force, the president of Brazil awarded him the Brazilian decoration "Commander of the National Or-

der of the Southern Cross."

His next tour of duty was on Okinawa with Headquarters Eighth Air Force, Plans Division where he remained until 1947. Upon returning to the United States, he was assigned to the Troop Basis Branch, Directorate of Manpower and Organization at Headquarters United States Air Force. In 1948 Felix was assigned to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence in the Special Project Office. He became chief of the Supplemental Research Branch in 1950 with the same directorate, where he remained for a year.

In 1951, he became inspector general of the Eastern Air Defense Force at Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, New York. In 1952 he transferred to Headquarters Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado as inspector general. During 1953 he attended a military management course at George Washington University. He was then assigned as the commander of the 85th Air Division at Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, DC where he remained until his retirement as a brigadier general in July 1958.

Felix and Mary settled down to their retirement years in North Redington Beach, Florida. Two or three times each week Felix was on the golf course. With a house right on the water he was able to enjoy boating and fishing as well. He remained active with the Lions Club and worked closely with the city government, serving on different commissions over the years.

Mary, his wife of over 50 years, passed away in 1983. Felix is survived by David F. Yost of North Redington Beach and Diane Hickey of Clearwater, Florida; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Felix will be remembered best for his truly gentle spirit, kind nature, and strong sense of "duty, honor and country." He had a wonderful, quiet sense of humor and will be missed greatly by all those who knew and loved him.

*Ralph Hickey  
Class of 1953*

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**Paul Donal Harkins**

NO. 8620 CLASS OF 1929

Died 21 August 1984 in Dallas, Texas, aged 80 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

"ONLY SOLDIERS AND millionaires could ride horses," mused Paul Harkins in 1922 and this casual reflection started him on a 42-year career of distinguished service to this nation.

Paul Donal Harkins, General, United States Army, was born in Boston, Massachusetts on 15 May 1904, the second of five children of Edward Francis Harkins



**Paul Donal Harkins**

and May E. Kelly. His father, a newspaper editor and dramatic critic in Boston for about 50 years, had a great influence on his character and attitudes. As a result of his father's professional interest, Paul received a well-rounded foundation (sometimes willingly and more often not so willingly, he later recalled) in the many cultural events presented in Boston at that time. His parents' philosophy and guidance instilled in him qualities that stayed with him throughout his life, such as courtesy, self-discipline, and hard work.

In 1922, influenced by a close friend in the National Guard, Paul joined the 110th Cavalry of the Massachusetts National Guard, "just to learn to ride a horse." During the next three years, he rose from private to sergeant and also developed into an outstanding polo player, a sport he later played and captained at West Point, and continued to enjoy for over 25 years. One night at evening drill it was announced that anyone who wanted to go to West Point through the National Guard could take the entrance examination. Although at age 20 he had been out of high school for some time, he enrolled in Chauncey Hall in Boston and then, reinforced by an intense, disciplined program of home self-study, passed the examination and received his appointment as a member of the Class of 1929 on his 21st birthday. The *HOWITZER* of 1929 states that "Paul has the means by which the most true and lasting success may be assured. Outspoken and frank in his opinions, he has the most acute discrimination between right and wrong." That prophecy was continuously upheld to his final days.

Upon graduation in June 1929, Paul was commissioned a second lieutenant of Cavalry and assigned to the 7th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas.

These were instructive and happy days. The tempo of the times permitted performance of a wide variety of jobs—all of which contributed a solid foundation for his subsequent military development. Competitive polo was a major activity of the regiment and Paul's skill as a player continued to grow as he excelled for the strong Gary Owen team. Also, while at Fort Bliss, he met, courted, and in 1933 married the love of his life, Elizabeth Mae Conner. The following six years found Paul at Fort Riley, Kansas as a student and then instructor of equitation at the Cavalry School.

In 1939, Paul was assigned to Fort Myer, Virginia where for the next two years he commanded F Troop, 3rd Cavalry Regiment. Here began a close working association with the regimental commander, Colonel George S. Patton, Jr., which was to continue until General Patton's death following World War II.

In the months building up to United States entrance into World War II, Paul participated in the Louisiana and Pine Camp maneuvers, served briefly with the 1st Cavalry Brigade at Fort Bliss, and then in January 1942 joined General Patton's 2nd Armored Division at Fort Benning, Georgia. In August, he became General Patton's deputy chief of staff of the Western Task Force, preparing for the invasion of North Africa. As Paul left Washington on 22 October for Norfolk, Virginia, he said to Betty, "Honey, if I'm not home for dinner tonight, I'll write you a letter. You take off for Texas." The invasion force sailed the next day, and he didn't come home for dinner until three years later. Paul landed in Africa with the assault landing at Fedhala Beach on 8 November 1942.

Concurrent with the fighting in Africa, when the decision was made to invade Sicily, Paul played a major role in planning that highly successful operation. In July 1943, he landed on D-Day at Gela as deputy chief of staff of General Patton's newly formed Seventh Army and remained with the Seventh Army throughout that campaign.

In February 1944, Paul moved to England and became deputy chief of staff of the Third Army, again under General Patton. He participated in the final planning for operations in Normandy and commanded the London element of Third Army Headquarters. He landed in France on 12 June 1944 and served as deputy chief of staff of Third Army throughout the European campaign and the occupation of Bavaria. In October 1944, he transferred with General Patton to Fifteenth Army Headquarters as deputy chief of staff.

Paul served throughout World War II as one of a group of about eight staff officers that General Patton took with him to Africa, Sicily, England and finally, to the continent of Europe. In his

position as deputy chief of staff for operations, he was the primary staff coordinator for operations ordered by General Patton. Paul's ability to act as an extension of the commander was never more evident than during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. He accompanied General Patton to Verdun to report to Generals Eisenhower and Bradley concerning the Bulge north of Third Army's left flank. Third Army, which was attacking east and preparing to break through the Siegfried Line, was directed to attack north to the southern edge of the Bulge. At that crucial juncture, Paul was the staff. That afternoon, General Patton went to Luxembourg and Paul returned to Third Army Headquarters to brief the staff and tell them what had to be done. When he rejoined General Patton the following day in Luxembourg, Third Army elements were already moving north.

Following General Patton's death after the war, Paul escorted Mrs. Patton back to the United States arriving on Christmas Day, 1945. Two months later, he began a five-year tour at West Point as assistant commandant and then as commandant of cadets. Many years later, after retiring from active service, he reflected that this assignment was one of the top experiences of his career. He sought to imbue in the young men of the Corps his own devotion to duty, high standards, and personal ideals. Perhaps Paul's contribution as commandant was best summed up by the eminent historian and scholar of military leadership, Douglas Southall Freeman, who wrote following a visit to West Point: "To me you personify the things that mean most in the development of young soldiers. . . . America is exceedingly fortunate that you combine all three of these qualities [soldier, educator and friend of youth] and, in addition, set the young men so noble an example of character and devotion."

It was while at West Point that Paul, using General Patton's notes, diary and selected letters, annotated *War As I Knew It*, edited by Mrs. Patton. It was also during this assignment that he played his last polo, competing in several matches on a West Point officers team against teams from the New York area.

In 1951, Paul was assigned as chief, Plans Division, G3, Department of the Army and the following year was promoted to brigadier general. In April 1953, he reported to Korea as chief of staff, Eighth Army under General Maxwell Taylor and was promoted to major general. In December, he became commanding general of the 45th Infantry Division and, when that division returned to the United States, he assumed command of the 24th Infantry Division.

In the summer of 1954, Paul returned

to the G3 office in the Pentagon, where, in recognition of his extensive experience in military plans and operations, he was appointed to the International Affairs desk. His skill as a coordinator and staff planner again enabled him to effectively and smoothly carry out the responsibilities for Department of the Army level supervision and direction of Military Assistance Advisory Groups and Missions in 42 countries throughout the world. In July 1956, he became the last G3 of the Army. When the reorganization of the Army staff in early 1957 eliminated that title, he became assistant deputy chief of staff, Operations, Department of Army.

July 1957 brought promotion to lieutenant general and assignment to Izmir, Turkey where Paul served three years as commander of NATO's Allied Land Forces, Southeastern Europe. During his three-year command, he was instrumental in creating a modern support and communications infrastructure for NATO forces in Turkey and Greece. Paul had to dig deep in his reservoir of tact, diplomacy and persuasion to forge and maintain a harmonious effort throughout his staff and the command.

Upon leaving Turkey in 1960, Paul moved rapidly to Hawaii to become deputy commander-in-chief, US Army, Pacific. Shortly after his arrival, the rumblings in Southeast Asia began to escalate, and he began his active leadership role in United States efforts in that turbulent area. In April 1961, as the situation deteriorated in Laos, Paul was selected to command a joint task force deployed initially to Okinawa and then moved forward to the Philippines. Events did not require the commitment of the task force and its units were returned to their home stations.

The day after New Year's in 1962, Paul returned to the United States and met in Florida with President Kennedy, who informed him that he was to be the commander of United States Forces in Vietnam and was to be promoted to general. In February 1962, he flew to Vietnam as the commander of United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. Later his enormous responsibilities were expanded even more when, in an effort to improve the overall direction of the United States military assistance effort throughout Southeast Asia, he was also named commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Thailand.

During his two and one-half years in Vietnam, Paul worked diligently to upgrade the combat readiness, especially the intelligence and logistical capabilities of the Vietnamese armed forces. He was in the field constantly visiting Vietnamese units throughout the entire country. Just as the expanded military assistance effort was becoming more

productive and effective, Paul had to deal with the chaotic events and series of governmental upheavals that stemmed from the overthrow and assassination of President Diem. Paul chose not to publicly discuss the decisions and actions within our government that contributed to that unfortunate episode. However, he did sum up his attitude in his debriefing for the US Army Military History Research Collection: "When you are sent over there by the President to back a man, who is the president of another country, then you have people... fighting that, and giving orders which weren't even cleared by the President of the United States, it's a hell of a way to run a railroad, as far as I'm concerned." Those words from the *HOWITZER* years earlier, "he has the most acute discrimination between right and wrong" still held true.

Paul returned to the United States in July 1964 and retired the following month. (He had served nine of his last 14 years of service outside the continental United States in Korea, Turkey, Hawaii and Vietnam.) He and Betty settled in Dallas, Texas, where they lived happily for the next 20 years. In 1968, he worked for 20th Century Fox as the military advisor to the award winning movie *Patton*. He and Betty spent six delightful months making the movie in Spain, Morocco and Crete. About the same time, he wrote *When the Third Cracked Europe*, in conjunction with *Army Times*, which retraces the Third Army's route from the Channel to Czechoslovakia. Later, he returned to Europe with Betty to travel much of this route for the second time.

At about the age of 75, Paul began to study painting and developed into quite an accomplished artist. Painting provided him with many hours of enjoyment and satisfaction, and his paintings now hang in the homes of many of his grateful friends.

Paul was a family man—a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who took great joy in the love and companionship of his family. He always credited his wife, Betty, with a large measure of the success of his career. A friend quite accurately commented after his death that Paul and Betty always remained lovers. At his retirement ceremony, Paul stated that she "always responded to the demands of military life whatever the hardship and separation. As a good soldier in her own right, she has justly earned, and I share with her the honor accorded me on this occasion."

Paul Harkins served the Army and the nation well and faithfully. He was continually called upon to perform missions of great responsibility and consequence which he carried out with a calm, deliberate, determined spirit. He was an officer of uncompromising integrity and devotion to his country. The ideals of

West Point guided and inspired him throughout his 35 years commissioned service; he truly lived by West Point's motto of Duty, Honor, Country. His values and principles remain with those who were privileged to serve with him, for all were enriched by that association. He has earned a grateful "well done" and now stands with dignity and respect in a place of honor in the Long Gray Line.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Elizabeth (Betty) Harkins of Dallas; his daughter, Virginia Carter (wife of Leslie D. Carter, Jr., USMA '48) of St. Petersburg, Florida; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with V for valor with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, European Campaign Medal with eight service stars, Korean Service Medal with two service stars and numerous foreign decorations.

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### Wilbur Stone Jones

NO. 9035 CLASS OF 1931

Died 16 August 1977 in Wheeling, West Virginia, aged 67 years.

Interment: Wheeling, West Virginia



Wilbur Stone Jones

BILL JONES DIED in mid-summer, 1977, at his home in Wheeling, West Virginia, the victim of a wholly unexpected heart attack. Apparently in the best of health one day, he was gone the next.

Bill was the son of a soldier, Brigadier General James S. Jones, Class of 1903, and the grandson of a soldier, Colonel George H. Sands, Class of 1880. He was born into the Army at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont. A few years later his father was

assigned as a tactical officer at West Point. The family lived in one of the (even then) "old" quarters on the hill near the Catholic Chapel. With such close ties, it seemed only natural that following his prep school days Bill would seek appointment to the Military Academy. That he did, and on 1 July 1927 he returned to West Point in company with all the plebes of the Class of 1931.

His record as a cadet was marked by the style of distinguished performance which was to characterize his later life. Blessed with a receptive and facile mind, academic excellence was easily attained; Bill generally stood at or near the top of his class. Physical fitness was always important to him. He was a diver on the swimming team, and an All-American soccer player. He worked harder to make these teams than he ever did to remain in a first section. From the 1931 *HOWITZER* (of which he was editor in chief) comes this quote, "Far into the realm of empiricism one needs to go to explain the admixture of disciplinary inaptitude, mental genius and social propriety that make up the cocky young adjutant with the cap on the back of his head—Bill Jones." The author of that line wrote it with minimal abuse of the truth.

The adjutant routine stems from Bill's appointment his first class year as battalion adjutant of the 3rd Battalion and his corresponding move from "B" to "I" Company. (There remain among graduates of the Military Academy those who remember there was indeed an "I" Company in the 3rd or "Lost" Battalion.) About that time also, in the early summer of 1930, Bill and his classmates enjoyed what was then known as the "Virginia Trip." There was ample time for extracurricular activities, including meeting the Norfolk city manager's daughter, Calvert Truxtun. He called her "Truxie."

Following graduation, Bill resigned his commission in the Regular Army; in those pre-World War II days second lieutenants were in abundant supply and the Army did not discourage such resignations. His purpose was to attend the graduate school of Business Administration at Harvard University. Here he had dual objectives: to prepare himself for a management job at Stone & Thomas, his family's department store business, and to pursue Truxie, who was then attending Smith College in Northampton. Both objectives were attained. Following graduation from the business school about six weeks after the bank holiday in 1933, Bill undertook his work at the store and married Truxie.

His apprenticeship at Stone & Thomas, which had been founded by his great-grandfather and was then managed by his father, was abruptly terminated by

General Jones' death in 1940. Bill assumed responsibility as general manager and with a recovering economy, took advantage of recurring opportunities to expand the business. At the time of his death, the company had grown from a single store in Wheeling to a chain of twelve stores throughout West Virginia.

World War II interrupted Bill's business career. Once again commissioned, he re-entered the service as a captain, assigned initially with the 18th Field Artillery at Fort Sill and subsequently there as tactics instructor and executive officer of the Officer Candidate School. In 1944 he was assigned to the 65th Division Artillery as S-3 to prepare for deployment to the European Theater of Operations. Bill served as executive officer of the 65th Division Artillery during the division's 850 mile march from Le Havre to Erlauf where they met the Russians. In combat he demonstrated the same firm, quiet leadership skills that would serve him so well in his civilian career. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Cluster and Air Medal for his service; he was discharged in November 1945 with the rank of colonel.

Back home in Wheeling once again, Bill continued to guide the destinies of Stone & Thomas and of the Security Trust Company as well. Increasingly he devoted his skill and energy to community activities. He was a leader in the formation of the Wheeling Area Conference on Community Development. The Ohio Valley General Hospital and Wheeling College will long remember his generous efforts in their behalf. He was chairman of the Wheeling Park Commission, which administers the city's widely recognized parks system. When a championship golf course was constructed in the park, Bill was asked, "Whose idea was this?" Bill, who loved the game, said simply, "I had something to do with it." That was typical. A newspaper editor had this to say about his work with the community organizations and interests: "Mr. Jones. . . served them with a quiet dignity, style and grace." In 1980, his community recognized his contribution to public service by inducting him in the initial class of the Wheeling Hall of Fame. He would have been embarrassed by the honor.

Bill and Truxie Jones had a wonderfully happy, long and fruitful marriage. Their sons Jim (a lawyer in Washington) and Bill, Jr. (West Point, Class of 1967, now with the store in Wheeling), and their daughters, Calvert Armbricht in Charleston and Peggy Palmer in Cincinnati, have brought them twelve grandchildren. Bill always said, with good reason, that he was proud of his kids. With equal reason, they are tremendously proud of him.

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### Jaime Velasquez

NO. 9044 CLASS OF 1931

Died 5 October 1979 in Manila, Philippine Islands, aged 72 years.

Interment: Manila Memorial Park, Manila, Philippine Islands



Jaime Velasquez

JAIME VELASQUEZ was born in the town of Baliuag, province of Bulacan, Philippine Islands on 4 April 1907, the son of Juan Velasquez and Maria Camacho, members of prominent families of Bulacan. After finishing the primary and intermediate schools in his hometown, Jimmy attended University of Philippines High School in Manila, graduating in March 1924. Shortly after completing his first year in the College of Engineering, University of the Philippines, he was appointed by Major General Leonard Wood, then Governor General of the Philippines, to West Point.

Admitted as a Filipino cadet, Jimmy entered the Military Academy with the Class of 1929 on 1 July 1925. In the summer of 1927 he spent most of his yearling furlough visiting different countries and cities in Europe. When Jimmy returned to West Point from leave, his physical examination revealed that he had tuberculosis. He was immediately placed on sick leave and sent to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado. With his fighting spirit and firm determination to get well, plus the excellent medical attention and care he received in the healthful climate of Colorado, Jimmy successfully overcame his ailment. Pronounced to be completely cured of tuberculosis by the medical authorities, he returned to West Point in August 1929, joined the Class of 1931 and graduated on 11 June 1931.

Jimmy was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Philippine Constabulary. His first assignment of three years

was to the Philippine Constabulary Academy at Camp Henry T. Allen, Baguio, as an instructor.

Before the inauguration of the Philippine Commonwealth on 15 November 1935, the Philippines were divided and organized into ten military districts. Jimmy was assigned as assistant district commander, 10th Military District, which was comprised of the island of Mindanao and the Sulu archipelago. He assisted in the organization and establishment of the district headquarters, and of the camps and stations for the training cadres of the district. In late 1935 Jimmy returned to Manila and served first as commanding officer of a weapons company, then successively as aide-de-camp to the chief of staff, Philippine Army, and as secretary to the Philippine Army general staff.

There followed tours as student at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Class of 1938, and at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Class of 1939. Upon his return to the Philippines, Jimmy was assigned as Commandant of Cadets, Philippine Military Academy. The Constabulary Academy where he taught for three years was converted, in 1936, into a Military Academy, patterned after the US Military Academy. In 1940, after a short tour as regimental executive at Camp Parang, Cotabato, Mindanao, Jimmy was detailed as aide-de-camp to Commonwealth President Manuel Quezon.

When the Philippine Army was mobilized in 1941, Jimmy was relieved as aide to President Quezon and assigned as chief of staff, 91st Philippine Army Division. In December 1941 Jimmy's division fought the Japanese in central Luzon and helped insure the orderly withdrawal of the South Luzon Force to the Bataan peninsula. On Bataan the division repulsed repeated Japanese attacks against the western flank of I Corps under the command of Major General Jonathan Wainwright. About three weeks before Bataan fell and on request of President Quezon, Jimmy was again assigned as his aide-de-camp. Jimmy accompanied President Quezon and his family in their escape from Corregidor to Mindanao, then to Australia and the United States.

After he was released as aide to President Quezon, Jimmy took the three-month battalion commander and staff officer course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning. Then he joined the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment which was organized, equipped and trained on the West Coast. He was one of its battalion commanders in the New Guinea and Southern Philippine campaign. Thereafter he served successively as assistant G-2, US XI Corps and as assistant G-2 of General Walter Krueger's Sixth US Army during its operations against the Japanese in

Eastern and Central Visayas, and in Southern Luzon. After the liberation of Manila, Jimmy was appointed deputy commander, Military Police Command, Army Forces Western Pacific and subsequently as provost marshal general, Philippine Army.

On 4 July 1946, when the Philippines was granted independence, Jimmy resigned his AUS commission as a colonel and was commissioned on the same day as a colonel, Philippine Army. He was immediately assigned as his country's first military attache at the newly established Philippine Embassy (formerly the office of the Philippine Resident Commissioner) in Washington. While on this assignment he participated in the negotiation of the Mutual Defence Assistance Pact between the Philippines and the United States. In 1950 Jimmy returned to the Philippines and, after a short tour as chief of staff, Philippine Service Command, he retired in 1951.

Jimmy joined the Ayala Corporation in 1951 as administrator of the Hacienda San Pedro-Makati, and subsequently as vice president and director, Ayala Securities Corporation, and as chairman of the board, Ayala Investment and Development Corporation. The development and transformation of Hacienda San Pedro-Makati, a vast expanse of riceland adjoining the Fort William McKinley (now Fort Bonifacio) military reservation, into a modern city, with villages of expensive houses and zones of apartment condominium towers, high-rise hotels and office building complexes, and well laid out shopping and service centers, were largely the product of the planning, engineering and executive genius of Jimmy Velasquez. He retired from the Ayala Corporation in March 1967 and served as a consultant to that firm until December 1973.

In 1973 Jimmy was elected chairman of the board, Bank of the Philippine Islands. He was also a trustee of Filipinas Foundation, Incorporated for three terms.

As a distinguished public servant on loan from time to time from the Ayala Corporation from 1954 to 1960, Jimmy served his government as Commissioner of Customs, as a member of the Reparations Survey Mission to Japan, and as a member of the Monetary Board, Central Bank of the Philippines. His long and faithful service to his country, in both public and private endeavors, was characterized by jobs well done and in keeping with the highest tradition of "Duty, Honor, Country." Writing about the death of Jimmy Velasquez, a noted Manila columnist said, "...they laid to rest Jimmy Velasquez, retired Ayala Corporation top executive and one of the rare breed of public servants. He was Commissioner of Customs in an era of graft, but he carved a career that bears emula-

tion. Of the late Jimmy Velasquez, it may be said that he served the Armed Forces in war and peace, the government and the private business sector with honor and dignity that will have to be equaled. Few men have died and left such a legacy. . . ."

Jimmy's decorations include a Silver Star, Legion of Merit and Commendation Ribbon from the US government, and a Distinguished Service Star with Oak Leaf Cluster from the Philippine government.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Maria Theresa (Techie) LaO Velasquez; two daughters, Teresa Velasquez Fernandez and Anabel Velasquez Alejandrino; two sons, Juan Velasquez and Javier Velasquez; and five grandchildren.

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### Jack Wallace Rudolph

NO. 9764 CLASS OF 1933

Died 29 September 1985 in DePere, Wisconsin, aged 76 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



Jack Wallace Rudolph

SON OF DOCTOR Solomon F. Rudolf, a physician and surgeon who served in the US Army Medical Corps in World War I, and of Mary M. Casey Rudolf, the ebullient and restless spirit we knew as Jack Rudolph was born in Ellsworth, Wisconsin, 22 October 1908. When he was 11 his family moved to Green Bay, which he thereafter considered his hometown. On graduation from high school in 1926 he attended Lawrence College in nearby Appleton for three years, during which he started writing, changed the spelling of his name to Rudolph, sang in a choir and met among his classmates a Wisconsin girl, Leora O. Calkins, who three decades later became his wife.

In 1929 Jack received his appointment

to West Point; entering with the Class of 1933, an association he was to cherish throughout his life. At West Point his academic performance was marked by excellence in English, in which he often led the first section and stood first in the Class yearling year. In his extracurricular activities also there was a foretaste of the fields in which he would achieve distinction in his later career: he was sports editor of our cadet monthly, *THE POINTER*; and, although without any music education, he became director of the Catholic Choir, in each case for two years. And it was at West Point, of course, that Jack's fellow cadets first came to recognize his special personal qualities—zest and enthusiasm, a puckish sense of humor, the tenacity of his convictions. . . .

Starting his commissioned service with three years as a second lieutenant at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, Jack was assigned and promoted during his 20 years of service in a pattern similar to others in his class. His year at the Infantry School was followed by tours with regiments at Fort Leavenworth, Fort Davis (Canal Zone) and Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

Early in World War II he attended a wartime "short course" at the Command and General Staff College, after which—a signal distinction—he was retained as an instructor for two years even though he had not yet been in combat. That was a time when it was of crucial importance to instruct hundreds of officers destined for key positions in units which would soon be fighting. Those of us subjected to his tutelage remember him as an outstanding instructor—dynamic, forceful, humorous—who knew both his subject and how to hold the attention of his students.

Starting in 1944 Jack moved rapidly through a variety of assignments: a short tour in the European Theater, a brief Pentagon assignment (Intelligence), and as a public information officer in Hawaii. Returning from Hawaii to Fort Lewis, Washington, he reactivated, organized and initially trained the 38th Infantry Regiment, known in World War I as "The Rock of the Marne," a duty he later viewed with particular pride. In 1953, on completion of that assignment, Jack retired at Fort Lawton, Washington and returned to Green Bay. There he began his no less interesting and varied career in civil life.

A few years after Army retirement and during his 17 years with the *Green Bay Press-Gazette*, he described himself: "...an editorial yo-yo. I'm a feature writer, music-art critic, write straight news and sports, do rewrite, edit a business and financial page,—and in my spare time bounce around wherever I'm needed." And some 20 years later, having retired from the *Press-Gazette*, he reported that he had been busy as a free-

lance writer, had written a book, *Birthplace of a Commonwealth*. He later wrote another, *A Pictorial History of Green Bay*, and had articles published in a number of magazines, including *American Heritage*.

In his personal life, Jack was to know both happiness and tragedy. In 1936 he married Mona Hansel of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. She died in 1957. Later he married his pre-West Point, Lawrence College friend, who had progressed to becoming a college teacher of English and literature. He often expressed his delight in having Leora Calkins Quinn as his wife who thenceforth comforted him, inspired his work and perhaps criticized his English.

Jack applied his outstanding talents as his milieu demanded and permitted. His varied careers symbolize his restless professionalism. First, the high point of his military career was organizing and commanding the famed "Rock of the Marne" 38th Infantry Regiment. Then, faced with the post World War II reduction of the Army and possible years of doldrums such as those following World War I, he chose to return to his former vocation, journalism, in which for 17 years he was eminently successful. Finally, with the Golden Years closing in and threatening to slow his creative activity, his fertile mind and talents turned directly to his twin college avocations, music and free-lance writing.

In music he reached a pinnacle as a member of the Wisconsin Governor's Commission of Fine Arts; yet perhaps a greater tribute was paid to his talent and intensive self-training with his 1600 records, when the Green Bay Symphony dedicated a performance to his memory. In its program he was cited for his writing and other support of music activities which in fact spanned 14 counties.

In free-lance writing Jack published two successful books and numerous articles in leading historical and sports magazines. He maintained his colorful style without damage to a high level of historical accuracy. His authorship echoes will be heard again in 1986, a year after his demise, by posthumous publication of his final article in *American Heritage*.

Thus Jack had three successful careers, became one of the best known citizens of the Green Bay region, loved and was beloved by his wife and family and was at last interred at West Point, where the pride of his lifetime had its roots. As he would have said, "What more could a man ask on Planet Earth?"

Leora survives him, as does his sister Katheen Rudolf. He had no children, but showed his real esteem when he referred to his step-daughter, Mrs. Lea Marshall, as his daughter and to her two children as his grandchildren.

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### Thomas Herbert Beck

NO. 9793 CLASS OF 1933

Died 16 December 1984 in Fairfax, Virginia, aged 75 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Thomas Herbert Beck

"A SOLDIER AT HEART," wrote his *HOW-ITZER* biographer in 1933, "Tom will be a credit to the Class and to the Corps." Tom Beck's whole life testifies to the truth of that prediction. As soldier, officer, gentleman—as husband and father—as comrade and friend—in all these roles he set a shining example of what the Class and the Corps are all about.

Thomas Herbert Beck, son of Thomas Beauregard and Emma Joye Beck, was born in Society Hill, South Carolina, 10 October 1909. After attending Saint David's Academy (where he won his letter in baseball) and Norry Industrial School, he enlisted and served two years in the 83rd Field Artillery before winning an appointment to West Point in 1929. Widely known and well liked as a cadet, he roomed for four years with William F. (Bill) Ryan, building a friendship which was to endure as long as they lived. Both were to enjoy distinguished careers and both would be general officers.

Upon graduation, Tom was appointed second lieutenant, Infantry and assigned to Fort McPherson, Georgia, where he commanded a company in the 22d Infantry and served as aide-de-camp to Brigadier General R. O. VanHorn. Here he met his future bride to be, Rosalyn Pate, an Army daughter. Then in the summer of 1936, now a first lieutenant, he was transferred to Fort Clayton in the Canal Zone, serving for two years with the 33d Infantry.

While at Fort Clayton, in 1938 Tom

"took the big step" at the Cathedral of St. Luke (Ancon, Canal Zone) and married Rosalyn, a union which was to last until his death, over 46 years later.

From Panama, Tom was ordered (summer 1938) to the Regular Course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia; and upon completion of the nine-month course to Fort Ontario, New York. Here he was again a company commander, this time in the 28th Infantry, with which (as a captain) he moved to Fort Jackson in September 1940. While there he attended the first short course at the Command and General Staff School (Fort Leavenworth); and at Fort Jackson his and Rosalyn's first and only child, Brenda, was born in November 1941. With his division alerted for combat he moved to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, then to the Desert Training Center near Yuma, Arizona, thence to Camp Forest, Tennessee and finally overseas in November 1943.

During World War II Tom had the distinction of serving for more than three years as assistant chief of staff G-3 of the 8th Infantry Division—service which included training in the Arizona desert and in Northern Ireland, before going into Normandy (July 1944) and taking part in the Normandy, Northern France and Central European campaigns. Promoted to colonel, he took command of his old regiment, the 28th Infantry, in 1945, in time for the campaign in Germany.

At the war's conclusion Tom was assigned first to the Infantry School (as instructor), then to the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk (as student). Upon graduation from AFSC he was ordered to the Philippines, where he was successively G-1 at Fort McKinley, then deputy chief of staff and chief of staff of the Philippines Command, headquartered at Camp John Hay, Baguio.

In 1950 Tom had the distinction of being selected to attend the National War College, at which he was the only Army member of his West Point class. This was followed by Pentagon duty in the Department of Army G-1 Division. From there he went to Korea where he assumed command of the 180th Infantry, in his words, "the best regiment in Korea," 27 May 1953. Subsequently he was appointed as senior US advisor to the Korean Infantry School (1953-1954).

From Korea he returned to Benning for three years with the staff and faculty of the Infantry School. There in 1957 he won his star and was promptly transferred, with Rosalyn and Brenda, to Alaska where he became the deputy commander, US Army Alaska and commanding general, Yukon Command. "The family," Tom reported, "Seems to enjoy the 'Far North' climate." Brenda graduated from high school in Fairbanks, attended the University of Alaska and married Renwick George Congdon, Jr., a

fellow student from California, in 1961; she continued her studies for another year.

Meanwhile, 1960 found Tom back in Washington, this time serving with the Joint Staff as deputy J-4. From there he was transferred to the Army Materiel Command for his final tour on active duty.

The awards and decorations Tom earned during his long and distinguished career reflect the quality of his service: the Silver Star, three Legion of Merit medals, the Bronze Star medal, the Army Commendation Ribbon and the Combat Infantryman Badge with Silver Star. His foreign awards included the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, and the Korean Ulchi with Silver Star. Of them all he said he was proudest of the Combat Infantryman Badge.

"I retired 31 May 1963," he wrote, "to take a whirl at real estate. Retired completely in early 1968, but remained in our home in Fairfax. Unfortunately joined the 'heart brigade' (angina), but Rosalyn takes good care of me and I have no complaints. . . ."

In "full retirement" Tom bore his increasing heart problems with courage and fortitude, qualities which had marked him throughout his life. He and Rosalyn shared a deep pride in Brenda, her husband "Wick" Congdon, and their growing family (Rick, Cathy, Chris, Mike and Caryn), visiting them annually in Alaska for many years.

Brenda, Wick and their three youngest children later moved to Washington (state), where in October 1984 the whole family met to celebrate Tom's 75th birthday—Rick and Cathy from Alaska, Tom and Rosalyn from Virginia—"all nine of us had a real family reunion for a week." "It was," to quote Tom, "the greatest birthday of my life!"

It was also his last, for on 16 December 1984, as it must to all men, death came to Tom—suddenly, quietly and gently, as he watched a Redskins game on his TV at home, with Rosalyn in a room nearby. No man could ask for a kinder passage into the world beyond.

Besides his wife Rosalyn, Tom is survived by his daughter Brenda and her husband, and their five children.

Extracts from letters to Rosalyn speak eloquently of Tom:

—"Our country has lost a dedicated professional soldier and for many of us, a wonderful and inspiring friend."

—"Tom to me had no parallel as a commander, officer, gentleman and friend—he was one of a kind."

—"He was most helpful in my early career, and a great friend from then on. . . ."

—"In war and peace, always a credit to the profession of arms."

—"A remarkable person. One of our finest and best liked classmates."

Thus did Tom Beck abundantly fulfill his *HOWITZER* biographer's forecast: "A soldier at heart, a credit to the Class and to the Corps."

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### John Martin Breit

NO. 9800 CLASS OF 1933

Died 6 October 1981 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 71 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas



John Martin Breit

JOHN MARTIN BREIT was born in San Antonio, Texas on 28 January 1910, the son of Martin M. and Eva Boucher Breit. In San Antonio he graduated from Breckenridge High School. His early interest in and considerable aptitude for a military career led him to attend two summer Citizens Military Training Camps and to participate actively in the Breckenridge High ROTC program. As a senior he was the cadet battalion commander. After his graduation he joined the Texas National Guard and became a first sergeant almost immediately. Very soon thereafter he was selected to attend the West Point Prep School at Fort Sam Houston where he competed for and won his appointment to West Point, entering in July 1929.

At West Point, John handled the military requirements easily and skillfully, excelling in rifle marksmanship. He was captain of the rifle team during his first class year. While the academic curriculum posed a greater challenge, he handled this also with relative ease. He graduated and was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry on 13 June 1933, having won a wide circle of friends in all classes and being highly respected for his uncommon good sense.

Returning to San Antonio on graduation leave, John met and fell in love with

Nancy Buck, daughter of Major General Beaumont B. Buck, USMA Class of 1885. They were married on 19 May 1934. This happy union was blessed with a son on 11 November 1937, William Martin Breit, USMA Class of 1960. Fitting into the Army was easy for John and Nancy and throughout their service they were very popular with everyone with whom they served.

John's 30 years of service were about equally divided between the Army and the Air Force with a slight edge to the Air Force. Prior to World War II his posts included Fort Meade, Maryland; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Crook, Nebraska with a tour in the Philippines with the Philippine Scouts at both Petit Barracks at Zamboanga and Fort McKinley near Manila.

The outbreak of World War II found John at Fort Ord, California. In June of 1942, after a brief stint at Camp Luis Obispo, he assumed command of a battalion in the 362nd Infantry at Camp White, Oregon. His battalion later achieved the top Army Ground Forces score in Infantry Combat Proficiency tests. This achievement was recognized by his assignment in August of 1943 to the Infantry Training Branch of Army Ground Forces in Washington. Here until early 1945, his expertise was used to the fullest in preparing Infantry units for their ultimate test in battle. During this period he was, in the summer of 1944, an observer with the Seventh Army during the invasion of southern France, gaining invaluable firsthand combat experience. Having been promoted to colonel in October 1944, John assumed command of the 135th Infantry, 34th Division in March of 1945 and led it brilliantly during the Po Valley campaign in Italy. His leadership is credited in large measure for the success of his regiment in decisively defeating the enemy, capturing more than a thousand prisoners and helping to bring about the surrender of the 40,000 men comprising the 75th German Army Corps.

Returning to Washington and Headquarters Army Ground Forces for a year after World War II, John was one of five Army officers selected to attend the Air War College at Maxwell Field, Alabama with the first composite class of officers from all of the services. Upon completion of the course in 1947 he became the director of Plans, Alaskan Air Command, transferred to the Air Force shortly thereafter and continued in this assignment until his return to Washington in 1949. He served in the Air Force Plans Directorate for a year before attending the National War College. Then came two years with the Joint Strategic Plans Group, Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1953 he became deputy air provost marshal, was promoted to brigadier general in 1954

and continued in this position until his assignment in 1956 to France for two years, serving first with the Joint Construction Agency and then with Headquarters European Command. Upon his return to Washington he became the Air Force director of the Office of Special Investigations. Promotion to major general came with this assignment in which he continued until 1962 and his assignment as Air Force deputy inspector general for Security from which he retired in 1963.

John's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Ribbons and the Italian Merito diGuerro.

After retirement John joined the Research Analysis Corporation in McLean, Virginia. Beginning as an analyst, he showed his considerable ability and advanced rapidly to senior analyst and then to department head in which position he continued until his second retirement in 1970.

San Antonio was still home to John and Nancy and back they headed to enjoy a richly deserved retirement. Blissful happiness it was for more than ten years until John, after a relatively short but distressingly painful illness, died of cancer with Nancy at his side in October 1981. While it was his lot to suffer during his last few weeks, he met these adversities with the same calm and unselfishness that characterized his life.

John's military career was truly that of a faithful, loyal, dedicated, selfless and distinguished officer. He always seemed instinctively to sort out the important facts, to make the right decision and to go calmly and unflinchingly through with his purpose, whatever obstacles opposed. He will be remembered by all those fortunate enough to have served with him as a conspicuously outstanding officer. As a husband, father and friend he was truly a man for all seasons. He has added great luster to the Long Gray Line.

*L.K. White, USMA 1933*



**Robert George MacDonnell**

In 1929 he enlisted in the Army and attended the West Point Prep School at Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, Hawaii. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy from the state of Washington. Bob stood high in his class at the USMA and upon graduation in June 1934 was appointed a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

As a cadet Bob was an outstanding student who was well liked and respected by all. His cadet activities were by no means limited to academics. As to sports, he was a devotee of tennis, swimming and squash, and his "goat" team classmates will attest to the great job he did as a linesman on the "Engineer" team.

The 1934 *HOWITZER* extract describing Bob's cadet service could just as well have been written in 1984: "Remarkably adept at all things to which his hand or mind has been turned, he has managed by no mean margin to demonstrate his intellectual capacity and ability." Bob's lifelong record of accomplishments certainly attest to the validity of this assessment made by a classmate over 50 years ago.

Bob's first assignment sent him to Bonneville, Oregon for work on the new dam site as assistant to the District Engineer, Portland, Oregon. Here he met and courted Harriett (Sis) Burks, a student at Oregon State University and a daughter of a civil engineer working on the Bonneville Dam. Bob and Sis were married in November 1935. In August of that year he was ordered to the 6th Engineer Regiment at Fort Lawton, Washington as a company commander.

In 1937 he attended the University of California at Berkeley and was graduated in 1938 with a Master of Science degree in civil engineering. The MacDonnell's first son, Robert Irwin, arrived in December 1937. Bob was next assigned as assistant to the District Engineer at Sacramento, California and

subsequently as a student at the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

During the period 1939 to 1941 he served with the 8th Engineer Squadron in the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort McIntosh, Texas. While there Bob and Sis' second son, Richard Burks, was born in October 1940. In 1941 Bob was sent to the faculty of USMA as an instructor in engineering and served in that capacity until June 1943. While there the MacDonnells were blessed by the arrival of their daughter Marguerite C. (Micky) in November 1942.

From June 1943 until January 1944, he was director of training, Engineer Unit Training Center at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

Bob served as assistant engineer and later acting engineer of the Eighth Army in the Pacific from November 1944 to May 1947. He participated in the New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon and Leyte Campaigns.

Upon his return to the US, he was assigned to USMA (1947-1951) as associate professor in Military Art and Engineering. He next attended the Army War College, graduating in 1952.

From 1952-1953 he was assigned as the engineer, VII US Army Corps, Stuttgart, Germany and from 1953 to 1955 served as deputy chief of staff for that organization. Bob considered this assignment to be the most challenging and rewarding three years of his military service. Returning to the US in 1955, he was assigned to the Army War College as director of a course in national strategy.

On 1 August 1956 he was promoted to brigadier general and named assistant commandant of the US Army Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. In July 1958 he was assigned as division engineer, San Francisco and assumed command of a construction agency composed of 18 officers and more than 3400 civilian employees which was responsible for the supervision of construction totalling over \$200,000,000 yearly. Construction included missile programs of national importance and was in progress at 57 Army and Air Force installations and 45 civil works locations.

On 1 April 1962 he was appointed director of Civil Works and promoted to major general 1 May 1962. As director of Civil Works he was responsible for the planning and execution of an annual water resources program of over one billion dollars, carried out by an organization of over 28,000 employees and the operation and maintenance of Civil Works facilities having a total cost of more than \$18 billion. On 1 March 1963 he was appointed deputy chief of Engineers. In this capacity he was chairman of the US Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors.

Bob's final assignment was division engineer, Lower Mississippi Valley Di-

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**Robert George MacDonnell**

NO. 9944 CLASS OF 1934

Died 19 August 1984 in Washington, DC aged 73 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ROBERT GEORGE MACDONNELL was born in Spokane, Washington, 10 May 1911, the son of John Grant and Marguerite Crane MacDonnell. His father was a retired regular Army major and a veteran of the Spanish American War and World War I. Bob attended grammar school in Spokane, Washington and high school in San Antonio, Texas.

vision, and president, Mississippi River Commission, Vicksburg, Mississippi; chairman, Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors; and Federal Representative, Red River Compact Division. He retired from the Army in 1969.

After retirement, Bob became a legislative assistant and advisor to Senator John Stennis (Democrat-Mississippi). The following is a brief extract from a personal letter written to Bob, by Senator Stennis, upon the occasion of his second retirement (1980) from government service: "I had great faith in what you told me and (knew) I could act on it in confidence. Further you have meant a great deal to me—to the other staff members and the Mississippians because of the high competence of your professional advice and counsel and the diligence with which you pursued all of your work. To me you personify the best in all your endeavors."

Bob's admirable qualities and achievements were myriad. A review of his official military and civilian assignments reflects an exceptional capability of shouldering and successfully discharging complicated, sensitive assignments involving great responsibility. His extraordinary memory, natural modesty, great sense of humility and genuine empathy for the feelings of others were a few of his prominent qualities that contributed to his successful handling of difficult problems.

Bob's wife, children and grandchildren were always uppermost in his mind. He and Sis reared a loving, closely knit family that held the respect and admiration of all who knew them. Friends and acquaintances confided in him and often sought his opinion and advice. His quiet, thoughtful demeanor invited confidences, and he was an attentive listener who understood and respected the views of others. He was not one to blurt out his views or try to impose them on others. However, when asked for his opinion he readily expressed it clearly and concisely. A very religious person, at the age of 43 he asked for instruction in the Roman Catholic faith and was christened in that church in 1953.

He was an enthusiastic advocate of all sports and particularly enjoyed tennis, golf, swimming and fishing. In his latter years when his health began to fail he gave up tennis and golf but continued his daily swimming routine until the last few months of his life.

Bob was a true patriot. He often remarked to his friends what a wonderful privilege it was to be an American. In 1954 he prepared a brief paper entitled "What America Means to Me." The following extracts from this paper eloquently portray his views on family and country: "To me America means tolerance, stability, and love of life, family

and home—In American family life lies our true national strength—for it was in our homes that we learned the fundamental doctrine of human rights and where there was born the love and pride in our Country that became a part of each of us—So long as we shall live in these ways, with tolerance and mutual respect for one another, with stability and confidence, generating in our family lives new strength for each generation, then our pride need never falter, our nation never fail. This is what America means to me"

Bob and Sis resided the past 15 years in the Washington, DC area where they lived full and happy lives shared with many classmates, their wives and other friends.

Bob's military honors included the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal. His foreign decorations were the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

Bob MacDonnell's life and service to his country eloquently exemplified the hope expressed in this petition extracted from the West Point Alma Mater: "and when our work is done, our course on earth is run, may it be said 'well done,' be thou at peace."

Bob is survived by his beloved wife Harriett (Sis); two sons, Robert Irwin and Richard Burks; a daughter Marguerite (Micky) Daniel; two brothers, Gordon and Jack; and eleven grandchildren.

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**Elmer Hardic Walker**

NO. 10372 CLASS OF 1935

Died 27 November 1985 in Tampa, Florida, aged 75 years.

Interment: Garden of Memories Cemetery, Tampa, Florida

ELMER HARDIC WALKER was born on 26 January 1910, the son of Elias H. Walker and Laura Berton Walker. He was graduated from Blackshear, Georgia High School in 1928 as the top student of his class. For the following three years he taught in the school from which he had graduated.

In 1931 he received a congressional appointment to the Military Academy, joining the plebe class entering on 1 July of that year. With his background in teaching he soon gained the nickname of "Prof" which evolved into "Prop," by which he was known best to his classmates. On meeting "Prop" one first noticed his deep southern accent but soon was impressed by the preciseness of his thought and his gentlemanly manner and conduct. During his four years at the Military Academy his academic strengths were in English and history.



**Elmer Hardic Walker**

He possessed a keen sense of justice and duty and had no toleration for anyone who did not measure up to his high standard. He made friends easily and always enjoyed a spirited and friendly discussion of a subject.

On graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry and assigned to Fort Screven, Georgia, a former Coast Artillery post directly on the ocean with a beach and small component of troops; known as a battalion post, it was a good place to begin an Army career. Lieutenant Walker was a good soldier and a friend of everyone when he left his first post.

His next orders took him to Hawaii (in those days still considered "foreign service" and a very choice spot to be in). Also in that long, long ago, lucky lieutenants there could request an extra year's service, which Lieutenant Walker did. He then married a very charming girl in Honolulu, to prove that the Army was "NOT all work and no play."

He returned with his bride to "the States" and criss-crossed the country again, stopping at and moving on to military addresses familiar to us all—Forts Lewis, Bliss, Leavenworth and Benning. A couple of his military years were devoted to a desk job at Headquarters, Army Military District of Georgia in Atlanta. He had one more overseas tour, on the island of Hokkaido, Japan. He returned from that exceptional duty, again to the East Coast and settled into an apartment in Arlington, wearing a colonel's eagles on his uniform and rounding out over 20 years of active service in a pleasant assignment of duty in the Inspector General's Office in Washington.

In these latter years, Colonel Walker married again, an old friend of the Screven tour, and after the charm of Washington paled, Elmer retired with 60 days leave due him.

We did not rush into retirement, but

slowly picked our stops from Washington to Savannah, Georgia for which we had happy memories. From there we mapped a trial run of all of Florida, finally deciding on Tampa for "home." We bought a house there and have lived a routine "retirement" life: leisure, travel, time for gardening, time for serious reading, and our grandchildren like to come visit here in Florida.

*Jean S. Walker*

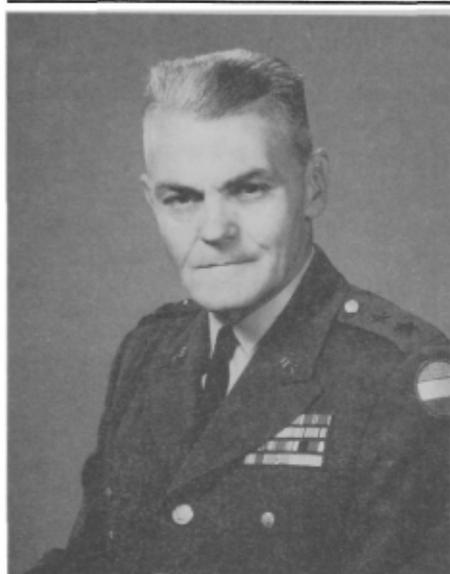
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**William McGregor Lynn, Jr.**

NO. 11102 CLASS OF 1938

Died 23 January 1985 in Tucson, Arizona, aged 71 years.

Interment: Torrington, Wyoming



**William McGregor Lynn, Jr.**

**THE GARDENER**

"He has always been a gardener.  
His greatness lies,  
Not in earthly accolades,  
But in the gardens he has grown.  
"His gardens are people,  
The lives he has touched,  
"In us he has cultivated wisdom,  
And truth, integrity, humility,  
And most of all, love.  
"He has planted us firmly in the  
sunlight,  
Nurtured our hopes and dreams,  
And allowed us to grow.  
"I will always remember,  
This quietly determined gardener.  
"This soldier, manager, planner,  
Scholar, thinker, leader.  
My Father,  
Working in his garden.  
"A slightly disheveled figure,  
Dressed in baggy bermuda shorts,  
Armed only with a putty knife,  
And a firm resolve,  
To make the flowers grow.  
"My Father the gardener.  
A strong, loving, gentle warrior,

Bringing purpose and meaning,  
To the beauty of God's earth."

—Will, ex-1971

**WILLIAM MCGREGOR LYNN, JR.** had flourishing gardens wherever he went, beginning at his birth in Torrington, Wyoming, 11 July 1913, the son of Will and Janet (Reid) Lynn. The University of Wyoming (1932–34) and the Class of 1938, United States Military Academy, were enriched by his efforts.

Field artillery assignments at Fort Knox, Fort Sill and the Armored Forces Board culminated in his participation during World War II in the conquest and occupation of Germany as executive officer, 8th Armored Division Artillery. Next his garden flourished in the Chemistry Department at USMA and the Korean War, where he served as executive officer, 7th Division Artillery during the Inchon landing and subsequent combat on the Korean peninsula.

His garden grew its first star in 1962 as he commanded the 4th Infantry Division Artillery at Fort Lewis, followed by a stint as chief of staff, Alaskan Command. While there he supervised emergency actions resulting from the 1964 Anchorage earthquake. His wife of 25 years, Madelene Pearce of Louisville, Kentucky, died shortly thereafter. A second star brought him additional challenges as comptroller, Continental Army Command, and chief, Joint US Military Mission for Aid to Turkey, from which he retired in 1968. His decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and Air Medal.

After his distinguished military career, Major General Lynn joined the faculty of Syracuse University and the gardens grew. He went there to become director of the Army Comptroller Program. However, his talents were quickly recognized, and he served concurrently as executive director, Center for Management Services and associate dean of the School of Management from 1976–79, when he was designated professor emeritus. He retired from the faculty in 1982 and moved to Tucson, Arizona, where he succumbed to lung cancer.

Major General Lynn is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Maudie (Connolly) Lynn, three children and five grandchildren.

—A loving Flower

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**Ted Irving Sawyer**

NO. 11115 CLASS OF 1938

Died 7 August 1984 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 71 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

**TED IRVING SAWYER** was born 24 September 1912 in Pawnee City, Nebraska,



**Ted Irving Sawyer**

the son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sawyer. He attended Pawnee City schools, where he was a four year honor student in high school, and salutatorian and president of his senior class.

In 1934 he graduated from the University of Nebraska, having majored in business administration. During his senior year he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy and entered the summer of 1934. During his years at West Point he served as corporal, sergeant and lieutenant of H Company.

After graduation Ted's first assignment was to the 12th Field Artillery, 2nd Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; later he commanded a battery of the 15th Field Artillery beginning a career which encompassed 30 years of dedicated service to his country. Other assignments included the 9th Division at Fort Bragg, the 97th Division in Europe and I Corps in Japan. Later he served twice in the Pentagon; Headquarters United States Forces, Salzburg, Austria; the 1st Division, Fort Riley; Military Assistance Advisory Group, Republic of China, Taiwan; and chief of staff, US Weapons Command, Rock Island, Illinois. His last assignment was as senior military advisor to the New Mexico National Guard, Santa Fe.

Some of the schools he attended were the Field Officers Course at Fort Sill, Command and General Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth and the Air War College.

Among his decorations are the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medals, as well as the French Croix de Guerre with Star and the Czechoslovakia War Cross.

Ted retired at Fort Bliss in 1968. Bill Vail, who was his roommate for all four years at the Academy, retired at the same ceremony, and Ted felt that this continuity gave that occasion special meaning. The retirement years in San Antonio were busy and relaxed with many golf games,

trips in the US and abroad, and, best of all, the pleasure of being with his family, good friends and classmates. These were well deserved years after long and faithful service to his country.

Ted and I were married in San Antonio in 1939. We are the parents of two children: John, who lives in California with his wife and two children, and Susan Klish, who lives in the Washington, DC area, where her husband is stationed at Bolling Air Force Base. We had a wonderful life together and I shall always remember those happy years and the opportunities to experience so many good and interesting times. Ted was a true officer and gentleman as well as a most loving and devoted husband and father.

His roommate of four years says of Ted: "Despite his being a college graduate when he entered the Point, he was never condescending to a wet behind the ears 17 year old. He was a wonderful roommate—considerate, tolerant and helpful. Ted had a great sense of humor but also a serious side that revealed itself in many a bull-session where his love of country and dedication to duty became evident.

"First class year, along with most of the class, we faced the problem of branch selection. Ted was analytical in his approach, and in his effort to narrow the field, talked his roommates into a camping trip by horseback into the Popolopen area. Horses, fodder and rations were signed for, and the expedition left the Cavalry stables. It was a disaster. It rained and a horse got loose during the night and took off for home. So much for the Cavalry! Eventually Ted selected the Field Artillery and I the Coast Artillery, so our paths went their separate ways until 1968 when we were retired at the same ceremony.

"During the years we had been able to occasionally get together. Both of us had married super young ladies who enjoyed each other. We played golf and bridge and had a wonderful time. The last time we were with Ted and Elizabeth the golf wasn't possible. Ted knew the problems he faced, but he wasn't about to allow others to share those problems. The same strength of character, the same wonderful sense of humor that had set him apart during cadet days were so very evident in the dignity and courage with which he faced his entry into the 'Long Gray Line.'"

*E.L.S., W.H.V.*



**Jasper Jackson Wilson**

and Mrs. T. A. Wilson. He attended grammar school and three years of high school in Sikeston and was graduated from high school in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Appointed to the Military Academy from Missouri, he was graduated 92nd in his class and chose the Cavalry as his branch. He was married on graduation day, 12 June 1939, to Evelyn Gregory, and his first assignment was to A Troop of the 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss, Texas.

When war was declared, Jap transferred to Armor—the XIX Armored Corps, Camp Polk, Louisiana. He worked in General Patton's war room before and during the invasion of Sicily and rejoined the XIX Corps when it moved to England and then into France. Most of World War II he served in the 2nd Armored Division and brought his command, the 82nd Reconnaissance Battalion, home to Camp Hood, Texas in February 1946.

The following four years were spent at West Point as mathematics instructor and associate professor. He then went to Germany with the Army Security Agency and the 2nd Armored Division; the Armor Board at Fort Knox; two years in Turkey, followed by an assignment as Dean of Resident Instruction, the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth.

During the Vietnam war, Colonel Wilson served as special liaison officer between the US Ambassador and the Vietnamese chief of state, executive officer for the US Army Chief of Staff, and chief of staff of the 25th Infantry Division. After his third tour of duty in Vietnam he returned to his family in Arizona and assumed the duties of chief of staff of the Strategic Communications Command at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

At Fort Huachuca he retired from the Army after 30 years service and entered the University of Arizona where he earned a Master's Degree in education, followed the next year with a Master's in education-

al administration. For eight years he taught science before retiring again to a life of skeet and trap shooting, training his English setters, hunting and fishing.

A brilliant man, loyal and dedicated officer, delightful companion, his last battle was fought against pancreatic cancer. Though fought like the true trooper he was, this was a battle he could not win.

His decorations include two Distinguished Service Medals, a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, three Legions of Merit, three Air Medals and numerous decorations from the governments of France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Vietnam, and the USSR.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn; two daughters, Wendy Sticht of Phoenix, Arizona and Carole Alexander of Weatherford, Texas; a son, Jasper J. Jr. of Tucson; a brother, T. A. Wilson of Seattle, Washington; and four grandchildren—Suzanne and Michelle Alexander, John and David Sticht.

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**Ralph Earl Freese**

NO. 12548 CLASS OF 1941

Died 20 April 1968 in Fairfax, Virginia, aged 51 years.

Remains donated to the George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, DC.



**Ralph Earl Freese**

RALPH WAS BORN in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania on 29 March 1917, son of Mary Alice (Powers) and Ralph Freese. His family later moved to Harrisburg where during his school years he was active in sports and scouting, becoming one of the youngest Eagle Scouts in the country. Always a husky young man, he excelled in wrestling and football, which in 1935 led to a football scholarship at Knox College where he majored in journalism and English literature. The following year he transferred to the College of Franklin and Marshall to take advan-

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**Jasper Jackson Wilson**

NO. 11426 CLASS OF 1939

Died 17 January 1986 in Tucson, Arizona, aged 69 years.

Interment: Arizona Post Cemetery, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

"JAP" WILSON WAS born in Sikeston, Missouri on 30 September 1916, the son of Mr.

tage of better athletic opportunities. While there he became interested in the Military Academy and applied for an appointment.

So, in July 1937 Ralph came to West Point with a strong ambition to make it in corps squad athletics. Unfortunately his aspirations did not materialize because of a severe shoulder injury during football practice fourth class year, which put an end to his athletic career. For a time he lost interest in extracurricular activities and withdrew into the solitude of the "red comforter" and literary diversions, both classical and contemporary. Rejuvenated during yearling furlough, Ralph developed new interests which, among other pursuits, involved testing the patience of the Tactical Department. He lost, of course, but in the process he became king of the area first class year and clocked about 1500 miles in the process. Undaunted, Ralph retained his sense of humor and the carefree, easy-going personality apparent only to those who knew him well.

After graduation Ralph joined the Air Corps and attended the usual flight schools before earning his wings as a bomber pilot. He first saw action in the European Theater as a B-17 combat pilot with the 381st Bomb Group, Eighth Air Force in England. There he flew 33 missions over Germany between March and August of 1944 before being transferred to intelligence work. For the next three years he served as a staff intelligence officer with Strategic Air Force Europe in France and Germany. For his outstanding service and exemplary attention to duty Ralph was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and five Air Medals.

The start of the Korean conflict found Ralph already in Japan as an air intelligence officer with Headquarters, Far East Air Force from which he flew B-29 combat missions on his days off. For his exceptional service in that assignment he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and five battle stars. Returning to the States in 1952, Ralph was assigned to the Fifteenth Air Force at March Air Force Base, California, once again as staff intelligence officer.

In 1956 Ralph was forced to retire due to medical disability resulting from a heart attack. Now, with time to spare, he decided to take advantage of the GI Bill and go back to school. He enrolled initially at the University of Redlands, California, receiving a Master of Arts degree in comparative literature and then went on to pursue a Doctorate in the same field at Claremont College nearby. He had successfully completed all requirements, except his final dissertation, when he accepted a position in 1959 with Motorola, Inc. in Riverside, California as a "thinker" in long-range planning. After four years there he was trans-

ferred to Washington, DC with the Long Range Planning Division when the Riverside Research Laboratory was closed in 1962. Ralph continued with Motorola until January 1968 when he retired for the second time to establish his own consulting business.

During his years in Washington Ralph renewed acquaintances with classmates he had not seen since graduation. He became very active in the Washington contingent, playing a major role in the organization of the 25th reunion at West Point and in the publication of the class silver anniversary "Black, Bald and Gray" yearbook.

On 20 April 1968 Ralph was again stricken by a heart attack, but this time could not muster the strength to overcome it. He died quietly at home before rescue assistance could be summoned. Since he had already willed selected vital organs to medical research, his remains were donated to the George Washington University Medical Center. Unfortunately, no specific arrangements were made for final disposition of the body so Ralph does not have any tangible memorial at Arlington or West Point to commemorate his service to his country or his association with the "Long Gray Line."

In tribute to Ralph, it must be said, that in the final accounting his record of service, his personal achievements and devotion to family and friends contradict the image he portrayed at West Point. His zest for living, broad experience throughout his several careers and depth of understanding uniquely endowed in Ralph a "Carpe Diem" philosophy to enjoy today and leave the future to destiny.

*"Be Thou at Peace" wherever ye  
may rest.*

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### James Rayford Sykes

NO. 12606 CLASS OF 1941

Died 24 January 1977 in Boynton Beach,  
Florida, aged 59 years.

Cremated and ashes buried at sea.

FROM PLEBE DAYS when most of us first met him until the end in Florida where he and Ann had settled, we remember Jim as "fun loving and good humored with a ready smile." Jim was an enthusiastic yachtsman. When he fully retired he based himself in southeast Florida on the Intra Coastal Waterway. There with his 41-foot boat *The Ragged Edge*—on the *Ragged Edge of Poverty*—he laid great plans for retirement. Unfortunately, failing health restricted him and kept him increasingly closer to home.

James Rayford Sykes was born in New York City on 9 October 1917, the son of William Jarvis and Louise (Alley) Sykes,



**James Rayford Sykes**

Jr. His mother and father were divorced prior to his birth and he was raised by his mother and his uncle. Jim, a graduate and football letterman of Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia, attended Staunton Preparatory Academy in Cornwall, New York before entering West Point.

Jim's years at West Point as a member of Black '41 are best described by the following extract from the *HOWITZER*: "Jimmy came to us seemingly a conscientious soldier. His ability was shown in Beast Barracks, but with Plebe Christmas he deserted his Martian qualities for the lighter pursuits of dragging and hopping." Jim loved West Point, particularly the non-academic activities. Football, lacrosse, hockey and skiing were sports enjoyed along with dragging. And, of course, academics took second place to the above important activities. Nonetheless, although a goat, he was able to select his branch, the Infantry.

On 12 July 1941 Jim married Helen Marie Courtwright of Grand Rapids, Michigan. From this marriage four children were born. The marriage ended in divorce in 1949.

Jim's first assignment was the 24th Infantry Division in the Pacific Theater. In 1943 he joined the 69th Infantry Division, accompanied it to Germany and stayed with it until the end of hostilities. He remained in Europe until the end of 1948 when he returned home to Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Having previously completed the Basic and Advanced Courses at the Infantry School, Jim became first a student and subsequently an instructor at the Armored School. In 1953 he graduated from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth and returned to the Pacific, this time as division supply officer and battalion commander, 7th Infantry Division in Korea. In 1955, Jim, a lieutenant colonel, re-

signed from the Regular Army. His awards included the Combat Infantryman Badge, three Bronze Star Medals, three combat stars and six theater ribbons.

Following his resignation Jim accepted an engineering position with the Trunkline Gas Company in Houston. In 1957 he was transferred to Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company's New York executive offices as general sales manager.

1962 was a rather historic year for Jim. On 2 May he married Ann-Marie Dunn of New York and almost immediately thereafter, while retaining all of his current responsibilities, was named the manager of the Washington office.

Jim's father was unaware of Jim's existence until Father's Day 1966 when at wife Ann's urging, Jim contacted him. This resulted in a joyous meeting. Later, son and Mr. Sykes joined those of us who attended our 25th Class Reunion at West Point.

Many of us in the Washington area fondly remember those wonderful years. Jim had a zest for activity—generous, cheerful, helpful, witty; and his home was always a gathering place. Many an enjoyable '41 Class function was held around the Sykes' pool or in their lovely home.

In 1975 Jim retired for good, packed up his wife, dogs, and worldly goods and moved to Ocean Ridge, Florida where Ann still remains.

Jim is survived by his wife, Ann-Marie Sherwood; four children, James Jr. in West Germany, Roger M. of Houston, Ann Ekstrom of Boyne City, Michigan and Jane Nims of Grand Rapids and seven grandchildren. His son Thomas W. Sykes predeceased him.



Keith Gordon Lindell

At West Point, "Red" was quick to demonstrate both intellectual skill and efficiency in the academic field, winning stars in three of four years. He also worked with the *HOWITZER* staff for two years, becoming the circulation manager first class year, despite time-consuming pilot training. But he particularly earned the gratitude of his classmates by being an academic coach for four years. His two roommates both cited him as the prime reason for their eventual graduation.

In January of 1943 Keith Lindell graduated tenth in the class, as a cadet captain, with stars and as one of the first West Pointers to graduate with Air Corps wings. Six months after graduation he was in India and then China, flying with the Chinese American Composite Wing. First a flight leader and then operations officer, he became squadron commander of the 28th Fighter Squadron by December of 1944, commanding Chinese pilots flying P-51s. He won the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, the Air Medal with Cluster and the Purple Heart. In appreciation the Chinese awarded him Chinese wings and the Breast Order of Yun Hui.

A return to teaching English at West Point was an anticlimax after such active combat service. Within a year he requested a return to Air Corps duty and was sent to research and development at Eglin Field. Then came graduate work and a Master of Science in aeronautical engineering from Stanford, a short Pentagon tour, exchange professor at Annapolis, and a return to the research and development field—the work which he enjoyed so much and in which he spent the remainder of his military career. His academic talent was again shown when he won the Terman Award for scholarship at Stanford.

In our ten year book he mentions that right after graduation he went to Georgia

by way of Montana "...to check on a brunette." Shortly after his return from the wars, he and the brunette Lish (Mary Alicia Krebsbach) were married. They were to have five children during the following military years.

Keith played an integral role in the early days of space flight. He acted as project engineer for the Dyna-soar program, the X-13 (VTOL), X-14, X-15 and X-18. In October 1958 the services were asked for senior representatives for the NASA Mercury Program, but Keith was requested by name to be the Air Force representative for our first manned space program. This was considered one of the most prestigious assignments in the research and development field of the time. While at Langley, he was responsible for the training and development of the seven astronauts selected for Project Mercury.

Keith left Langley Field for the Space Systems Command in Los Angeles after the first manned suborbital flight, and served there until his retirement in 1963. He worked in government sales with the Garrett Corporation until shortly before his death on New Year's Day of 1981. There are several characteristics to his career: a search for challenge, dedication, the application of intellectual discipline, and the thrill of being part of our moves to explore space. As Alicia put it, "if there is a common theme in the life of Keith Lindell it would be summarized by the West Point motto, 'Duty, Honor, Country,' and he brought his considerable intellectual skills to the support of these goals."

He is survived by his four sons, by his daughter, and by his former wife, Alicia.

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**Keith Gordon Lindell**

NO. 13047 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 1 January 1981 in Fresno, California, aged 61 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

AS WAS COMMON in the 1930s Keith Lindell, a product of Wyoming, had to fight to enter West Point, despite all the early indications of extraordinary competence. A high school graduate at 15, he won a four-year scholarship to the university of that state. But he had his heart set on the Military Academy and left the university after one year to enlist in the Regular Army. To his distress, a tough physical ruled him out in the Regular Army appointment competition, citing foot problems. Undeterred, he took the tests given by the two Wyoming senators, won first place in both, was offered both Annapolis and West Point, passed the physical and entered with the then Class of 1943, after serving in both the 9th and 1st Infantry Regiments.

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**Charles Edward Hardy**

NO. 13152 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 1 February 1986 in Palo Alto, California, aged 66 years.

Cremation, at sea, off California

IN SO MANY ways, Chuck Hardy was just the kind of young man West Point looks for—big, smart, with one year of college, he loved athletics and bodily contact sports. His high spirits and sense of fun were at the center of many a rat race or water fight in summer camp. Even in the gloom period, Chuck's presence lightened the mood of his division in barracks.

He was born in San Francisco to a military environment. His father and mother were both natives of California and his father retired, after World War II, as a major general in the National Guard of California. Chuck graduated from Balboa High School and attended Berkeley for one year. At the same time, he served in Battery A of the 250th Coast



Charles Edward Hardy

Artillery, winning a National Guard appointment to our class.

With his size and natural athletic ability, Chuck was a three-sport man at West Point. In football he played end for two years and won his monogram. In basketball he played guard and won his major "A." In track he also won a major "A" in second class year but graduated before his final season. Despite the demands of sports and flying, he graduated at the one-quarter mark academically.

The usual sequence of flight courses prepared him for assignment to the Ninth Air Force in the European Theater of Operations, flying bombers in support of D-Day and beyond. By September he had acquired a Distinguished Flying Cross and nine Air Medals. The 386th Bomb Group moved to France in October of 1944, and Chuck was pulled up to the operations division. But he still continued to fly, for a total of 52 missions with more Air Medals. Then, during the Ardennes Battle, in Chuck's words, "Christmas morning found Number 53 splattered all over the landscape." Not only was his flying career over, but a long period of hospitalization could not prevent amputation of his left leg. In November of 1946 he was retired as one of the first lieutenant colonels in the class, with the Purple Heart and 5 battle stars.

To a lesser man of athletic ability and proven competence, this would have been a devastating blow. But Chuck's good humor and character enabled him to start again as a civil servant and accountant. This in turn led to data processing and computers, long before those monsters were household words. Chuck became involved with the design and programing of business and operating systems. He worked successively for the aeronautronic division of Ford and then Lockheed Aerospace. The 1962 move to Lockheed enabled him to come back to the area he called home, the Los

Altos area. He was particularly noted as a co-developer of the COBOL Report Written Feature, now in common use, which helped to standardize and simplify reports generated by the use of COBOL computer language.

Four months after graduation, Chuck married Hazel Henderson of North Carolina. While the marriage ended in divorce in the mid-1950s, Chuck's two fine children, Michael and Rebecca, were born during that time. In 1961 Chuck married June Wollbrinck of California, who was to be his loving companion for the next quarter century. When Chuck retired in 1973, he and June moved to the Monterey Peninsula where they enjoyed sailing, golf and bridge with close friends.

About a decade ago, Chuck's health began to fail in a series of complications which led to his death. His entry in our *HOWITZER* visualized him a general in Washington in the 1980s; there is no doubt that the events of Christmas morning in the Ardennes cut short a very promising commissioned career in what was to become the Air Force. And yet he still continued to make a contribution to country and national security in a civilian capacity, moving into computer programing long before most of us were aware that computers would play such a role in America in our lifetimes. His life is a proud memorial to dedication and perseverance in the face of obstacles.

Charles Hardy is survived by June, by his two children, and by his brother, James Hardy of Kauai, Hawaii. The memorial service and military rites, conducted at the Post Chapel of Fort Ord in the presence of family, classmates and friends, was followed by cremation in the Little Chapel-by-the-Sea at Pacific Grove. The life of this outstanding airman started and ended in his beloved California; we shall all miss him.

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**James Emerson Bush, Jr.**

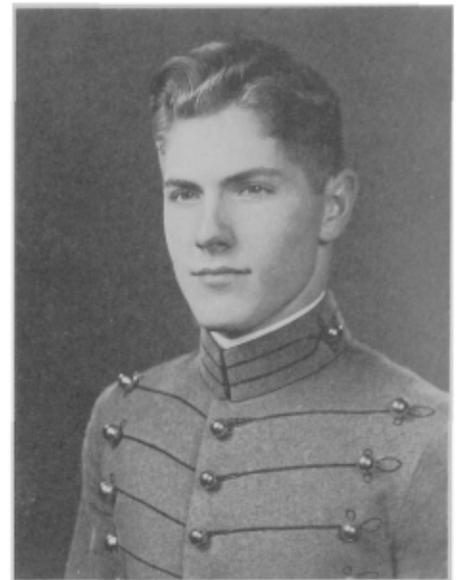
NO. 13253 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 27 May 1944 in Shinshow, China, aged 22 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

JAMES EMERSON BUSH, JR. ("Bushie" to his family) now rests in peace in Section 34, Grave 2403, of Arlington Cemetery. His West Point ring, with a touch of magic, brought him there from an obscure grave in Shinshow, China.

"Bushie" was the first of three sons of Colonel and Mrs. James Bush to graduate from West Point. From his earliest days he had two loves—West Point and sports. He was a natural leader. In sandlot sports he was the pitcher, the quarterback, the captain-of-the-team sort of



James Emerson Bush, Jr.

guy. In school he was the popular scholar. He won a scholarship to Cranbrook School (1937–1939) where he excelled in sports, academics and extracurricular activities. He won a competitive appointment to West Point from Michigan, entering a month after graduating from Cranbrook.

At West Point "Bushie" survived the shock of plebe year and grueling yearling academics, and at his earliest opportunity began to fall in love—with one young lady after another. But his final love was the Air Corps.

Completing his aviation training in South Carolina, "Bushie" qualified in P-47s and volunteered for service in Europe. Instead, he was assigned as an instructor until he finally broke loose by volunteering for P-40s with the Flying Tigers in China. In the fall of 1943 and in the spring of 1944 he led his Chinese wingmen in forays against the Japanese. On the fateful day of 27 May 1944, Captain Bush, age 22, was shot down by Japanese Zeros over Shinshow, China.

Three years later a West Point graduate, Harold H. Buth, Class of 1945, was walking down a street in Seoul, Korea. He noticed a young native wearing what looked like a West Point ring. He apprehended the Korean, turned him over to local authorities and alleged what appeared to be the theft of jewelry from a US officer stationed in Seoul. When the authorities tried to track down the "James E. Bush" whose name was inscribed in the ring, they were shocked to find from the Pentagon that the owner had been killed three years earlier. Intensive interrogation of the prisoner revealed that the Korean had been a prisoner of the Japanese in China, had seen "Bushie's" plane shot down, and was on the burial detail which dug the shallow grave and robbed the body of the ring.

The most amazing part of the story is that the Korean was able to lead the

Quartermaster graves registration team from Korea back into China—back to the shallow grave—and back out with “Bushie’s” remains shortly before Mao’s Communist forces overran the area for good. Recovery would have been impossible had it not happened in time! So a fine airman now lies among his comrades at home.

—GMB '45, his brother

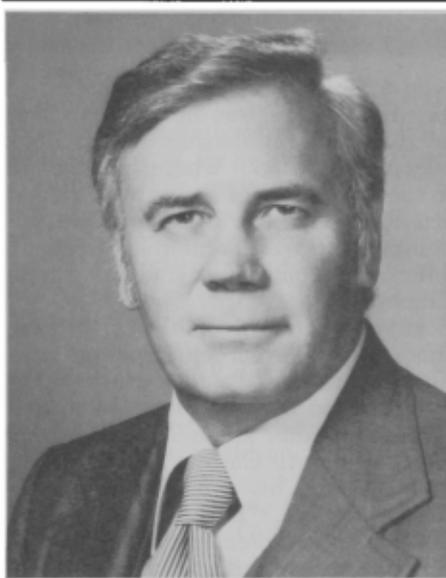
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**William Eugene Lewis**

NO. 13338 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 23 May 1985 in San Jose, California, aged 65 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



**William Eugene Lewis**

BILL LEWIS was born and spent his early life in Illinois. An Eagle Scout, he graduated from the local high school in 1938, and then spent a year at junior college, while searching for an appointment to West Point. In the 1930s, a program called Citizens Military Training Corps gave young men a chance to spend the summer as soldiers in military training. Bill took advantage of this opportunity, and it gave him a taste for military life.

At West Point, his ready smile made him many friends, while his Irish background led him to intercollegiate boxing where he won numerals as a plebe. But there was another side, shown by his interest in the Concert Orchestra, the Chess Club, and his avid reading of good literature. He was commissioned in the Signal Corps, but air and space always beckoned.

Bill’s overseas service was with the Air Corps in the Southwest Pacific. He was one of the first of the class to attend the Command and General Staff College, following this with Washington service in what was to become the Air Force. While at Leavenworth he married Mary New-

man; however, the marriage was destined not to last. His two sons were born in the next few years, one in 1946 and one in 1950.

From 1948 the Air Force began preparing Bill for responsible positions in nuclear and missile technology. He won a Master of Science from the University of Iowa in 1950, participated in nuclear testing at Eniwetok and was assigned for his first tour with industry at the Hughes Aircraft Company. He worked on the Sidewinder missile in New Mexico, with industry again in New York and at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

In 1958 Bill went back overseas to Wheelus Air Force Base in Libya, that most important base to Mediterranean operations. The Lebanon crisis of that era very much involved Wheelus. But technology called, and in 1960 Bill became an Atlas project officer at Vandenberg Air Force Base. He also served with the Ballistic Missile and Ballistic Systems Divisions at Los Angeles and at Norton Air Force Base. In 1963 Bill retired and continued aerospace work as a civilian in the San Francisco area. Working first for Philco as a management engineer, he soon formed his own consulting firm—Quantum Management—originally in Sunnysvale and then in San Jose.

Bill and Wanda met in the early 1970s; they were married in 1973 in the Moffett Field Chapel. Bill ran for Congress in 1978, representing the Republican Party. While his bid was not successful (two years later it might have been), it showed his interest in public service. He was active in the West Point Society in San Francisco and in the Retired Officers Association there. Bill loved the challenge of new ventures and had written several book manuscripts. In short, he led a full, healthy and well-rounded life.

In May of 1985 he was suddenly taken ill and died within a few weeks, to the distress and disbelief of all who knew him. He is survived by Wanda; by his two sons, William A. of Modesto and Steven L. of Los Angeles; and by his mother and brother, both of Dallas. The last words of the eulogy written by his son say it all. “Bill Lewis will be remembered as a good and honorable man who was proud to have served his country and as a devoted husband, father and friend. He will be missed.”

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**John Brooks Reese**

NO. 16180 CLASS OF 1947

Died 3 July 1985 in Manhattan, New York, aged 61 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

JOHN BROOKS REESE, a highly intelligent, poised and articulate gentleman,



**John Brooks Reese**

went into private industry not long after he resigned from the Army. Jack joined a firm in the city of New York known as Herbet Theatrical Shoe Company, a firm that catered to the entertainment industry and to schools. Apparently his experience as “business manager” at West Point, his aptitude as an artist, and his genial disposition soon made Jack an indispensable part of that business. The firm issued a mail order catalogue which featured artistic creations, and Jack’s expertise was invaluable. Jack became a stockholder in the firm, and at the time of his death was the sole owner of the firm he joined as an employee.

Very bright, Jack could be termed an intellectual; but he never flouted his intelligence, and had the knack of getting along with people. He was a tolerant, rational human being.

What sort of a man was John Brooks Reese? Perhaps most indicative were two of his last wishes: that his body be donated to science, and secondly, that his entire business go to two of his most loyal employees, both of whom had been associated with him for many years. The value of the business given to the employees was considerable.

Jack’s personal life included an unsuccessful marriage, and the death of his young and only child, a son. He kept his private life to himself. However, I was privy to some of his activities. Although he made a comfortable living and lived well, the accumulation of money was not important to him. As a hobby, he staged shows for children and adults, planning costumes, lighting and sound effects; and so professional was his work that at one of his presentations over 600 persons attended. He designed and hand built furniture, helped his friends design their houses, and painted portraits of children.

John Brooks Reese’s training prepared him to serve his country as a soldier,

but gave him the capacity to serve and function well as a civilian.

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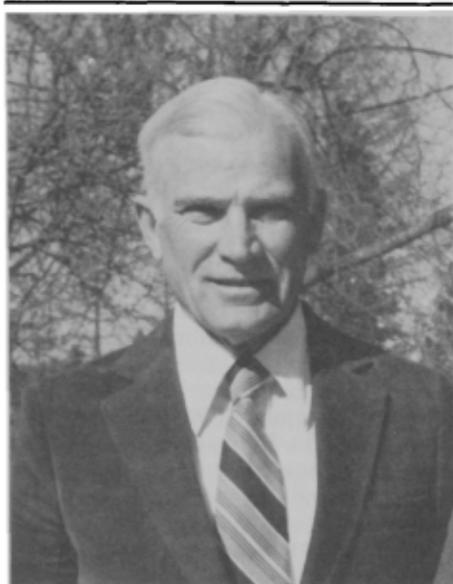
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**Henry Charles Otten**

NO. 18162 CLASS OF 1951

Died 1 March 1984 in Bigfork, Montana, aged 57 years.

Interment: Bethany Lutheran Cemetery, Bigfork, Montana



**Henry Charles Otten**

HENRY CHARLES OTTEN was born on 30 November 1926 in Lewistown, Montana, the son of Herman Claus and Florence Mary (McMillan) Otten. His mother died when he was eight years old. Loving relatives helped his father to rear him amid the harsh realities of the Great Depression, in wheat country, suffering through years of devastating drought. Known as Charles or "Charlie" to all those who knew him before graduation from Fergus County High School in 1944, he was "Henry" or "Hank" subsequent to his enlistment in the US Army Air Corps.

Serving in Peiping, China, he was recalled to the United States, appointed to the Military Academy, and sent to the Preparatory School at Stewart Field. From there he entered the Academy in 1947.

During his cadet years he was an usher at the Protestant Chapel, a member of the Spanish Club and vice chairman of the Honor Committee. Graduating in the upper third of his class, at the height of the Korean War, Henry chose the Infantry as his branch of service. After brief tours at the Infantry School and at Fort Riley, Kansas, he found himself in the 32nd Infantry of the 7th Division in Korea. Severe wounds received in combat resulted in the above-knee loss of his right leg and in a prolonged hospitalization in Japan and San Francisco.

Always one to make the most of any

situation, Henry courted and won the hand of his occupational therapist, the beautiful and talented Jane Banning Graves of Alhambra, California.

Reflecting love of country and the Army (and perhaps a streak of obstinacy), Henry refused medical retirement and transferred to the Corps of Engineers. He returned to his esteemed West Point and taught Military Topography and Graphics.

Later, he earned a Master's degree at the University of Ohio and was assigned to topographic duty in Chile. Other military assignments included the Engineer Center at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the Department of Army Staff, Headquarters Military Assistance Command in Vietnam, and Headquarters European Command in Stuttgart, Germany and the Army Map Service.

Henry was a full colonel when he retired from the Army in 1974. Settling near Bigfork, Montana, he became engaged in community and church affairs. He served on the school board, the church council, and was a member and past master of the Bigfork Masonic Lodge.

Humble, yet proud; loving life, but loving service more; duty to God, Country and to those he cherished framed his every thought, word and deed. Despite his hardships, Henry was a man looked to for courage wrapped in humor. He enjoyed a good joke, especially when the joke was on him. He was active to the last moment; his death, the result of a falling tree, was not atypical in life as Henry lived it.

Besides his wife Jane, three daughters survive: Katherine, Anita, and Elise.

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**Marvin Alvis Jeffcoat, Jr.**

NO. 25902 CLASS OF 1965

Died 12 December 1985 at Gander, Newfoundland, aged 42 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ON 12 DECEMBER 1985, Marvin Alvis Jeffcoat, Jr., along with 247 of his soldiers, died in an airplane crash in Gander, Newfoundland, Canada. He was returning to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky after a six-month deployment of his battalion task force to the Sinai as part of the United Nations Middle East Peacekeeping Force.

His body was returned to West Point where full military honors and funeral services were held on 27 December 1985 at the Cadet Chapel. The services were conducted by Chaplain John E. Folk, who was assisted by Lieutenant Colonel Jeffcoat's uncle Dr. Ivy and Chaplain (Retired) Carl R. Stephens, a close personal friend. Commanders' tributes were given by Colonel John P. Herrling and Major General Burton D. Patrick of the 101st Airborne Division.



**Marvin Alvis Jeffcoat, Jr.**

The eulogy was given by Brigadier General James W. Crysel, a long-time friend and former commander.

Marvin was born in Salina, Kansas on 18 April 1943, the son of Marvin Alvis, Sr. and Jewell Evelyn Jeffcoat. He was born in military surroundings while his father was stationed at Camp Phillips, Kansas. He lived on or near several Army installations as he grew up, and his father served in various assignments overseas and in the United States. Marvin was active in sports and the Boy Scouts. In 1958 he became an Eagle Scout in Aberdeen, Maryland.

After graduating from high school in 1961 at Junction City, Kansas, he was appointed to the United States Military Academy by Congressman W. R. Poage from the 11th District of Texas. West Point was his first choice and he enthusiastically joined the Class of 1965 shortly after his 18th birthday. When he graduated in June 1965, he was commissioned in the Infantry and reported to Fort Benning, Georgia for Airborne and Ranger training.

His first unit assignment was with the 20th Infantry Battalion at Fort Clayton, Panama Canal Zone, as a platoon leader. He also served as an instructor in the Noncommissioned Officers Academy. It was during this first assignment that he met and married Nancy Morency on 9 July 1966. In November 1966, he reported to Vietnam for duty with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. As an infantry platoon leader, company executive officer, and assistant operations officer, he was twice wounded and received the Silver Star for valor and Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. Before leaving Vietnam, he was selected to be the aide-de-camp to the brigade commander, Brigadier General L. H. Schweiter. When he returned home, he saw his newly born daughter, Wendy Ann, for the first time.

The next year was spent as a training company commander at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. A second tour to Vietnam began in November 1969 and he was assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. He commanded Company C, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry for six months and performed as the brigade S3 air officer for the remaining six months of this tour. He returned to Fort Benning once again and attended the Infantry Officers Advanced Course. He was then selected to attend graduate school at Tulane University where he was awarded a Master's degree in Operations Research and Systems Analysis. His degree utilization tour was at Fort Benning as a project officer for the design and development of the Army's modern anti-tank weapons system. Three years later (1975) he was early selected to attend the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Following graduation from C&GSC in June 1976, he once again reported to the 101st Airborne Division, now located at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He served first as the operations officer (S3) of the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry and later on the division staff as the operations officer for the G3, and director for plans and training. It was during this assignment that he was directly responsible for planning and preparing the units of the 101st Airborne Division for rapid deployment in support of various contingency plans.

From late 1978 until November 1981, Marvin was assigned to the Army Staff in the Pentagon. In December 1981, he was reassigned as the executive officer for the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division in the Republic of Korea. He remained in this position for 18 months and extended for an additional year in Korea in order to serve as the G1 of the 2nd Infantry Division. He was everything and more that a brigade commander could have asked for in an executive officer. He carried the same outstanding performance into the division G1 assignment. He next returned to the 101st Airborne Division to assume command of the 3rd Battalion, 502nd Infantry in October 1984. He had been in command for 15 months and was returning from the Middle East with a part of his battalion task force when the air tragedy occurred.

In the eulogy given by Brigadier General Crysel, he stated that "Lieutenant Colonel Jeffcoat was full of life and he lived every day to be all he could be. He

loved his soldiers and his officers. Their welfare, success and professional development were always his primary concern. He loved his friends and gave so much of himself to express his appreciation for their friendship.

"He was truly a soldier's soldier who was tireless, demanding, had high standards, was a firm disciplinarian; and yet he was filled with compassion, concern and sympathy. He was a great leader who was a loyal, dedicated and faithful friend who never let any of us down or backed away from any tough job or heavy pressure. Simply said, he was a winner.

"We miss him terribly. He cannot be replaced. We are all better men and women for having known him. We also know that he was doing exactly what he wanted to be doing and was at the place for a commander to be, as tragic as it was. He was with his troops, his staff, his commanders, his command sergeant major and his battalion colors.

"We pray that he will rest in peace as we dedicate ourselves to carry on in his memory and strive to live up to his high standards in all that we may ever do."

Lieutenant Colonel Jeffcoat is survived by his daughter Wendy, a student at Florida State University; and his former wife, Nancy, who resides in St. Petersburg, Florida. His parents, Master Sergeant (Retired) and Mrs. Marvin A. Jeffcoat, Sr., reside in Waco, Texas.

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**Brian Douglas Haller**

NO. 38424 CLASS OF 1981

Died 12 December 1985 in an air accident at Gander, Newfoundland, aged 26 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

CAPTAIN BRIAN D. HALLER, United States Army, formerly of Hampton, Virginia and a native of Wilmington, Delaware died Thursday, 12 December at Gander Air Force Base, Newfoundland.

Captain Haller lived with his wife, Madeline Myers Haller at 203 Short Street, Clarksville, Tennessee. He was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky where he served as commander, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 502nd Infantry of the 101st Airborne Division. Brian had been on temporary duty with the United Nations peacekeeping force in the Sinai and was on the way home to Fort Campbell when his death occurred. He was officially identified as a victim of the crash of the chartered Arrow Air aircraft-



**Brian Douglas Haller**

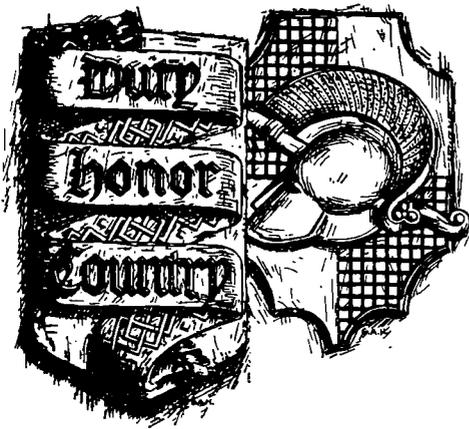
that had stopped in Gander to refuel.

Brian was a 1981 graduate of the United States Military Academy and a 1977 graduate of Kecoughtan High School in Hampton, Virginia. At West Point he was a cadet captain. He was both ranger and airborne trained, having gone through ranger training as a cadet at West Point. While a student at Kecoughtan High School, Brian served as the midshipman commander of the Navy Junior NROTC unit, and his drill team won the national high school drill team championship in Washington, DC in 1977.

Brian earned the Eagle Scout award as a member of Troop 84, Hampton, Virginia where he had served as junior assistant scoutmaster. He also earned the Boy Scout God and Country Award and was a Brotherhood Honor member of Boy Scout Kecoughtan Lodge 463 of the Order of the Arrow. He won the junior national championship in Force Five sailboats in 1975. Brian was very active in church life and the Christian community.

Madeline's home prior to her marriage to Brian in 1981 was in Warwick, New York. Survivors also include Brian's parents, Colonel, US Army (Retired), and Mrs. Douglas L. Haller, of Williamsburg, Virginia; a sister, Kimberly H. Baum of Williamsburg, Virginia; a brother, Christian L. Haller of Alexandria, Virginia; and a grandfather, Leon C. Haller of Wilmington, Delaware.

After a memorial service at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 16 December 1985, Captain Brian Haller was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.



## Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of December 1986 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Thomas H. Monroe	1914	21 September	1986 .... Eureka, California
John D. Chambliss	X-Aug-1917	18 July	1986 .... Long Beach, California
Robert T. Foster	Jun-1918	5 October	1986 .... Anniston, Alabama
Richard G. McKee	Jun-1918	16 September	1986 .... Santa Monica, California
Virgil F. Shaw	1919	26 November	1986 .... Clearwater, Florida
Edward L. Strohbehn	1919	26 October	1986 .... Winter Park, Florida
William W. Ford	1920	9 November	1986 .... Danbury, Connecticut
Harold T. Miller	1920	18 October	1986 .... Long Beach, California
Daniel F. Healy, Jr.	1924	2 October	1986 .... Alexandria, Louisiana
Harry B. Davis	X-1924	31 August	1986 .... West Reading, Pennsylvania
Basil L. Riggs	1926	27 October	1986 .... San Antonio, Texas
Arthur M. Burghduff	1927	18 September	1985 .... Buffalo, New York
John L. Hines, Jr.	1927	19 November	1986 .... Washington, DC
Christian G. Nelson	1927	17 October	1986 .... Oswego, New York
Robert K. Perrine	1927	23 August	1986 .... Newville, Pennsylvania
Bryant L. Boatner	1928	16 December	1986 .... Alexandria, Virginia
Theodore D. Ellsworth	1928	21 November	1986 .... New York, New York
Allison R. Hartman	1928	25 October	1975 .... Boulder, Colorado
Thomas L. Sherburne, Jr.	1928	6 December	1986 .... Monterey, California
Roy E. Lindquist	1930	19 November	1986 .... St. Petersburg, Florida
Charles F. Densford	1931	22 November	1986 .... San Antonio, Texas
Walter H. Esdorn	1931	6 October	1986 .... Boca Raton, Florida
John P. McConnell	1932	21 November	1986 .... Bethesda, Maryland
William O. Blandford	1933	25 October	1986 .... Martinsburg, West Virginia
James G. Balluff	1935	19 November	1986 .... Monroe, Louisiana
George E. White, Jr.	1936	9 July	1979 .... Morgantown, West Virginia
Carl F. Lyons, Jr.	1937	10 November	1986 .... Boca Raton, Florida
Homer Brett, Jr.	X-1937	6 November	1985 .... Chevy Chase, Maryland
John P. Healy	X-1937	20 November	1986 .... Washington, DC
John N. Davis	1939	11 December	1986 .... Longwood, Florida
Walter M. Vann	1939	6 December	1986 .... Whispering Pines, North Carolina
Joseph S. Grygiel	1941	31 October	1986 .... Charlotte, North Carolina
George D. Hughes	1942	21 October	1986 .... Pompano Beach, Florida
William H. Morgan	1942	10 November	1986 .... Fort Collins, Colorado
John S. Chandler, Jr.	Jun-1943	30 September	1986 .... Seattle, Washington
Harold A. Neill	Jun-1943	7 November	1986 .... Brentwood, New Hampshire
Reading Wilkinson, Jr.	Jun-1943	4 November	1986 .... Georgetown, South Carolina
Thomas M. Tarpley	1944	18 December	1986 .... Columbus, Georgia
Marcello J. Del Vecchio	1945	23 November	1986 .... Silver Spring, Maryland
Earl W. Fuqua, Jr.	1945	15 November	1986 .... Pleasant Hill, California
James C. Hamilton	1945	21 October	1986 .... West Chester, Pennsylvania
Dale E. Mahan	1945	11 October	1986 .... St. Louis, Missouri
Tom C. Campbell	1946	6 November	1986 .... Atlanta, Georgia
Stephen M. Griffith	1948	17 November	1986 .... Alexandria, Virginia
James W. Richardson, Jr.	1948	20 November	1986 .... Bogalusa, Louisiana
William H. Travis	1948	7 October	1986 .... Washington, DC
Ray F. Drummond	1949	22 November	1986 .... New Braunfels, Texas
John O. Vogel	1949	14 October	1986 .... Elgin, Illinois
John M. Tatum, Jr.	1951	27 May	1986 .... Bamberg, South Carolina
Clarence D. Gilkey	1952	19 November	1986 .... Springfield, Virginia
William B. Gore	1985	23 November	1986 .... Wahiawa, Hawaii

