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Dear Graduates and Friends of West Point:

Today's cadets enjoy quite a few more opportunities to get away from the confines of the Academy than were available in former times. Improvements in America's transportation network—most notably interstate highways and jet aircraft—provide a degree of mobility undreamed of in the first century and more of West Point's history. The evolution of pass and leave policies has kept pace with advances in travel. From the early days when cadets remained here two full years without a break, to those times many of you will recall of very limited chances to get away, to today (when even plebes may leave at Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as for a weekend each semester), the trend has been consistent.

Ever wonder what cadets choose to do when they can take off for some distant destination? A surprisingly large number go not to relax but to engage in constructive activities, often rigorous and almost always developmental. Let me share with you the story (told in his own words) of one such trip, a 72-hour pass taken last fall by Cadet Theodore Thome, Class of '93.

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Sir,

On the weekend of 18–20 October 1990, I competed in the U.S. Triathlon National Championship at Las Vegas, Nevada.

I began preparing intensely around the middle of August following summer military training at Camp Buckner. On 19 August I did my first of five consecutive triathlons. My training consisted of averaging about 3 miles swimming, 100 miles biking, and 25 miles running per week. This is about one-half the mileage I should have been putting in. To compensate, I concentrated on quality workouts. I worked on this during intramural time, before and after drill practice, and during other free time. Major Hayes (Department of Chemistry) provided coaching and support throughout my training. By sitting on a special diet table that had extra bread and cereal, I was able to have a diet suitable for training.

Upon qualifying and receiving an invitation to the National Championships, I sent up a request for a special pass. The hotel arrangements and the entry fee were taken care of by my coach with funds from Cadet Activities.

I arrived in Las Vegas Thursday evening. On Friday I traveled to Lake Mead, located approximately 27 miles from Las Vegas, to place my bike in the first transition area. I woke up at 0400 on Saturday, race day, and got to the race site by 0530, where I put all my gear in its respective transition area and prepared for the race.

Lake Mead had fairly rough waters due to the high winds. I completed the 1.5K (.9 mile) swim in approximately 25:00, about 2 minutes slower than my usual time. This was mainly due to the rough water and low visibility. After the swim, I ran about 700 feet to the swim/bike transition area, where I put my biking shoes and helmet on to begin the 40K (24.8 miles) bike leg of the race. The first 8 miles were all up hill. The remainder of the course was fairly flat, but the winds were high. The combination of wind and hills made the bike leg very challenging. I completed this portion in 1:12:29, slower than usual. With two down and one to go, I began the run portion. After running the first 100 meters or so, I realized that I had forgotten my jersey, which had my race number on it. I quickly made the adjustment, only to lose about a minute or more of my time. The first part of the run was fast, downhill and tailwind. Miles 3 and 4 went through part of the desert on a utility road. This made traction a little tough. The second part of the run included challenging hills and headwinds. I finished the 10K (6.2 miles) run in under 40:00, about 3 minutes slower than usual, bringing my total time to 2:22:23 for the 1.5K, swim, 40K bike, and 10K run.

I ended up getting 9th place among 56 finishers in the 15–19 age group, and 158th place among approximately 2,200 competitors overall. Army won the competition among the 4 military branches. I was 4th among the Army competitors, for which I received a medal and a pair of sunglasses. At 2100, the official awards ceremony was held in the Aladdin Hotel. Here, Army and its top 5 finishers were recognized for winning the competition among the military branches.

I departed the awards ceremony early at 2210 in order to check out of the hotel, get to the airport and catch my flight at 0025. I arrived at Stewart Airport at 1030 on 21 October, and was driven back to West Point by my coach.

The weekend was busy, challenging, and rewarding. Thank you for your support in making this trip possible.

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One cannot observe today's cadets closely for any length of time without being impressed. Seemingly blessed with limitless energy, they are competitive and confident, eager and ready to take on the tough challenges. They are worthy custodians of the storied reputation of the Long Gray Line. They will be superb future leaders for our nation.

Best wishes from West Point.

Dave R. Palmer
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Superintendent

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Dear Fellow Graduates:

By the time you read this, a couple of months will have passed since the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia, but it's never too late to talk about a victory over Navy!

Let me tell you (if you weren't there) that it was absolutely the most exciting and satisfying Army-Navy game I've ever seen! A gray and overcast morning turned into a blue sky and a pleasantly cool day by kick-off, and when Army co-captains Mike Mayweather and John Robb won the toss, it was all down hill from there on for Navy!

Two things were particularly impressive during that long, but very enjoyable, afternoon in Veterans Stadium. First, the spirit and enthusiasm of the Corps were superb. And second, Coach Jim Young's vaunted "aerial circus," Army's ultimate weapon, that finally put the icing on the cake!

It has been said many times that you can throw out all the records when Army plays Navy. The team with the indomitable will to win usually prevails. This has never been more true than in the 1989 and 1990 games. A year ago, Navy showed us what determination and a never-say-die attitude can do. This year, it was Army that overcame fumbles and penalties at key moments to hold on and win. I've never been prouder of an Army team than I was on December 8th in Philadelphia. In the stadium, you could sense the determination to *not* let the Corps and the coach down, no matter what.

The leadership of everyone in the chain of command at West Point, from the Superintendent through the Commandant and First Captain Doug McCormick, made it clear to the coaching staff and the team that the Corps was solidly behind them. The Army spirit, rising slowly in the weeks before the game until the moment of kick-off, was sustained at a fever pitch throughout the contest. And the team did its part.

There was, I believe, another factor in our victory: Army's football lettermen. A few weeks before the game, Coach Young wrote to several hundred grads who had lettered in football, men from the classes of the 'twenties through the 'eighties, and asked them to write a letter to the Army team. There were over a hundred replies, and Coach Young shared a few of those letters with me. They were all inspirational, but one letterman's comments speaks for all. He said, in part:

> ". . . As a former Army football player, let me forewarn you regarding the Navy game on December 8th. For as long as you live, you *will never* forget the outcome of this game . . . the outcome is in your hands alone. All the old lettermen had their chances and are now living with those memories. Sixty minutes of football is a small sacrifice for a lifetime of memories!"

The jewel of the afternoon, of course, was Willie McMillian's 36-yard touchdown pass to Myreon Williams. It was Army's only pass of the afternoon, and it came on the first play of the fourth quarter. With the season now over, it's fair to make a calm analysis of Coach Jim Young's passing attack. The best way to do this is to compare Army's passing game with the best in college football in 1990—Brigham Young University, led by Heisman and Maxwell Trophy winner and All-American quarterback Ty Dettmer.

During the season, Dettmer threw 562 passes and completed 361 for 5,188 yards. Forty-one of Dettmer's passes were for touchdowns. Army, on the other hand, threw 61 passes all year, completed 28, for a total of 723 yards and 6 touchdowns. Now, admittedly Dettmer's completion percentage and total yards gained were better than Army's. And, it's true that having thrown more passes, he passed for more touchdowns.

But, for passing efficiency, it's Army by a clear margin! Dettmer threw touchdown strikes on only 7.3% of his passes (41 of 562), while Army scored on 9.8% of its passes (6 of 61). Of Army's 28 completion, 21.4% went for touchdowns, but only 11.4% (41 of 361) of Dettmer's completions resulted in scores. (Dettmer could take a lesson or two from McMillian and Williams!)

With this win over Navy, Jim Young closes out a memorable career at West Point. He took over a program that had one winning season in the previous 10, suffered through a 2-9-0 campaign, and then made a bold and risky decision to change the system and start over from scratch. We all know what happened in the next seven years. A leader of integrity and a role model for his players, Jim Young has set an example that all West Point graduates can be proud of. I wish him well in the future, and I'm delighted that he will continue on at West Point in another role.

This letter has been about football, but all varsity, club, and intramural sports are equally important at the Military Academy. The tradition of excellence in athletics continues, and it must ever be so. West Pointers—Army officers—must be brought up in an atmosphere and environment of success and winning. Army teams, at all levels, play a vital role in the development of our cadets.

Sincerely,

Denis F. Mullane
President, Association of Graduates

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Letters to the Editor

Walking the Area

The following two letters concerning the "Walking the Area" article in the January 1991 *Assembly* may be of interest to our readers and to researchers as well. Other contributions are welcome and will be added to manuscript materials in the USMA Library Special Collections.

George Pappas

Dear George:

I thoroughly enjoyed your article in the *Assembly* which arrived today. I suspect you are to be the author of the forthcoming article on some of the offenses which resulted in tours. I will relate a rather unusual incident which may be of interest.

I was a part of the Class of 1946 which was sent to various bases in the U.S. to undergo Primary Flight Training. My base was Chickasha, Oklahoma. Once we got settled into a routine, the authorities at West Point forwarded unmet demerits for appropriate action. Accordingly, I was walking off my final demerit one Saturday afternoon while dreaming of the pleasures to be afforded me in Oklahoma City that evening. My reverie was suddenly interrupted by the command, "You man, halt." I knew intuitively I was the "man" and halted. Immediately I was face to face with an angered captain who informed me that I was walking in an unmilitary manner, the hour did not count, and I was assessed an additional five demerits, meaning that weekend and another were lost!

Upon completing Primary Flight Training, we cadets returned from various training bases to Stewart Field to undergo Basic Flight Training. I arrived at Stewart Field with unredeemed demerits. On a dismal Saturday afternoon, I was walking off the final hour for the final demerit when suddenly I heard, "You man, halt." Certain I was the "man," I halted, immediately to be faced by the same angry captain I had encountered in Chichasha, Oklahoma, a couple of months earlier! I later learned that Captain Handy had just arrived, having been transferred, and was proceeding to the orderly room to sign in when he observed me walking in an unmilitary manner. The punishment was the same.

Very truly yours,
John R. Castle
(Class of 1946)

Dear COL Pappas,

Read with interest your article on "Walking the Area" in the Jan 91 *Assembly*. I am amazed that you were able to gather so much information on the subject and sure that you found the work both interesting and rewarding.

Noting that you intend an article following on offenses, perhaps the below will add to what you discover otherwise.

In 1944 I got a nine-months slug (148 hours) for buzzing Popolopen. There were inadequate scheduled tour hours the entire first class year, so I left owing some six or eight unwalked hours. Apparently there was no provision for the authorities to require walking the area in such a case or they would have done so. Anyhow, there went first class year in confinement.

Am curious to know if the nine-months slug has ever been equaled or exceeded.

Good luck on your next article.

Sincerely,
James C. Williams
(Class of 1945)

Support Assembly Content

In my view *Assembly* is an outstanding alumni magazine. It compares favorably with other alumni magazines with which I am familiar. There is no other way that USMA graduates can keep abreast of current activities at West Point. And a printed publication offers the option to skip those items of no interest to the reader (as opposed to audio or video publication, for example).

Your recent increase to six issues per year is a big plus. And it seems to me that over the years you and your predecessors have tried to provide those materials of most interest to the bulk of your readers. For myself, I would much rather read the principal speaker's speech to the graduating class than poetry that may be better suited for a literary magazine.

While I am a severe critic of most recent changes at West Point, I am not offended by repetition of "Duty, Honor, Country" as it appears in *Assembly*. Nor do I believe it would be appropriate for *Assembly* to be the sounding board for those who do not have the Academy's best interests at heart.

Keep up your good work.

Sincerely,
Gerhard W. Schulz
Col, USA Ret, USMA '49

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Regarding Gordon Livingston's wholesale denunciation of the contents of *Assembly* (Letters, January 1991) (in which he found, among many other things, too much mention of "Duty, Honor, Country"), one comment seemed to me particularly revealing of his outlook. *Assembly* includes, Livingston complained, articles written when "somebody we never heard of retires. . . ."

Thinking back, it seems to me he must be referring to the articles describing the careers and contributions of retiring heads of departments. They are, of course, invariably officers with long service in the Army and many years at West Point. They have typically had an influence on a whole generation of cadets. They are, moreover—at least to most of us—our classmates, our former fellow members of the faculty, those who taught us in the section room. It is difficult to understand how, to any West Pointer, they could be people he has never heard of, let alone how he could be uninterested in what they have accomplished or begrudge them a valedictory article.

In any event, I hope you will not allow whatever it is Dr. Livingston has in mind to supplant the current interesting, informative and comprehensive coverage of what is happening at West Point and to West Pointers. I harbor the strange idea that that is what an alumni magazine is for.

Sincerely,
Lewis Sorley
Class of 1956

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Was amazed to read Gordon Livingston's letter in the latest issue of *Assembly*. If Mr. Livingston desires controversy, he just commenced the action. He can read any newspaper of today and do battle with many great thinkers? Suggest he do so.

I liked the submission by Andy Byers '50, in the September issue. But cannot truthfully say as much for the poem submitted by Gordon Livingston as written by Frank Finn. Just what the hell was Frank trying to say? Eloquence? Nah.

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Back: The West Point Rugby Team, East Coast Champions; see article page 27. Photos by Major Brian O'Gorman.

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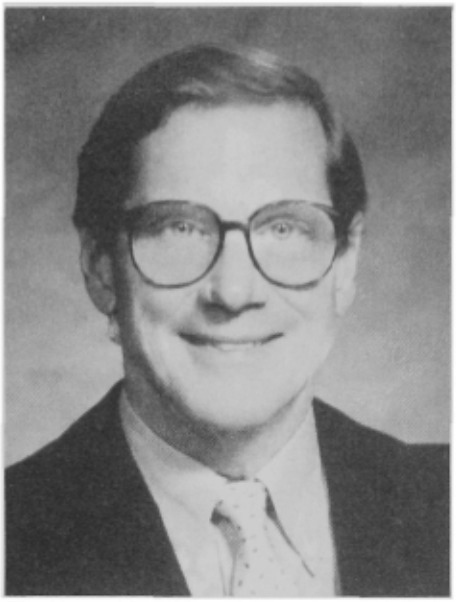
Distinguished Lecture Series Presents the Honorable William E. Simon

Former Secretary of the Treasury

The following is an abridged version of a lecture presented 29 November 1990 by the Honorable William E. Simon, former Secretary of the Treasury and current Chairman of the Board of William E. Simon and Sons, Inc. Mr. Simon's lecture, entitled "America in an Age of Dynamic Change," was presented as part of this year's West Point Distinguished Lecture Series. The lecture series brings prominent scholars, public officials, and businessmen to West Point to address cadets and the West Point community on important issues facing the United States and the world. The theme for this year's Distinguished Lecture Series is, "America in an Age of Dynamic Change." This year's series has special significance to West Point because it is dedicated to the memory of Dwight David Eisenhower on the centenary of his birth. The lecture series is made possible by a generous grant from the USMA Class of 1951.



The Honorable William E. Simon

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. . . It is always a thrill for a layman like Bill Simon to visit these historic grounds, to see where so many greats of our past would start out to become captains of commerce, astronauts and presidents—leaders who would fight for freedom, open the heartland, expand frontiers of science and space, and bring vision and victory to the dream called America. And, then, of course, to see and share our country's pride and our deepest hopes for the future as each of you now takes your place in the Long, Gray Line. . . .

Confidence is one expression of character which, itself, is won or lost, built or diminished, day-by-day, year-by-year, as we learn to hold fast to deep-rooted principles, and to stand strong in the storms of life.

One of your graduates, Douglas MacArthur, exhibited unsurpassed self-confidence. . . . Yet, the supreme confidence of a Douglas MacArthur was not part of the package that came with his birth, like the color of his eyes or the feel of his skin. Confidence is one expression of character which, itself, is won or lost, built or diminished, day-by-day, year-by-year, as we learn to hold fast to deep-rooted principles, and to stand strong in the storms of life. It is character that defines an individual and that directs and determines the destiny of a nation. This is the priceless heritage that West Point has given America, and that we urgently need to renew in these troubled times.

One of your most famous graduates, General, and later President, Dwight Eisenhower, spoke of the great contribution West Point makes in this regard. Ike said, "even in the event of a complete disarmament there is still a vital role for West Point. Even if we just turned our graduates back into the body politic it would be good. The graduates are trained people who understand their duty—and they do it." He was speaking about a standard of character and achievement as high, pure and impregnable as this old fort itself. He was speaking about a tradition, from those first days when, on these bluffs overlooking the Hudson, West Point supplied Washington's troops and warded off British attacks, to recent times when a more sinister threat—an outbreak of cheating threatened the integrity of this institution. Always, West Point stood firm. Like a rock of integrity, you have upheld your honor.

When General John Schofield dedicated the Battle Monument here in 1897,

Ike said, "even in the event of a complete disarmament there is still a vital role for West Point. Even if we just turned our graduates back into the body politic it would be good. The graduates are trained people who understand their duty—and they do it."

his words came close to capturing the essence of West Point. He said, "this granite shaft stands not as a memorial alone, but for a principle. It bears witness to the supremacy of discipline and education in the vocation of arms. The most sublime fact in American History is the perfect discipline, patient endurance, undoubting confidence of final triumph even in the midst of temporary defeat.". . .

You have, I believe, an expression here for one who embodies that perfect discipline, strength in adversity, and courage and confidence to meet any challenge on the playing field, the battlefield, in every walk of life. West Point calls it "the whole person." Isn't this what makes us understand that when one of your own, Robert E. Lee, said, "Do your duty in all things; you cannot do more, you should never wish to do less," that he would always do his? When Ulysses S. Grant sent word to President Lincoln from Virginia, saying, "I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer," that he would stay on that line and that he would prevail? That when General MacArthur left the Philippines saying, "I shall return," that this was no bravado or cheap rhetoric, for his character told us that he would return—in triumph? Washington, Lee, Grant, MacArthur, Bradley, Eisenhower, America's proudest patriots, giants whose footsteps we may never fill, for in Kipling's words, "all that we have of freedom, all we use or know, they our fathers bought us, long, long ago.". . .

Yet, wouldn't they be the first to warn that what was purchased and paid for long ago could so easily be lost today? Just as this old fort had to be defended with vigilance by those before us, passed on from generation to generation, so, too, must we watch over freedom in our time

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with perfect discipline, patient endurance and the undoubting confidence of men and women of strong character and high, moral principle. The United States is striving to do this at this decisive hour in the history of the world. America is leading an international effort to preserve peace and stability in the Persian Gulf. . . .

Today, criticisms of the President's efforts to hold the line on spending, while continuing to rebuild our economy, and keep America's defenses strong to deter dictators like Saddam Hussein, reminds us of a truth as old as time—leadership is lonely.

Leadership is understanding how to prevent problems from becoming crises, by summoning this nation's will to meet its highest responsibilities now when we must. . . .

It was lonely for Washington. It was lonely for Lincoln, for Roosevelt, Eisenhower, and now Reagan and Bush. Those men knew that true leadership is not scoring highest on the voters' Richter Scale of individual wants and satisfactions. Leadership is not managing our way from crisis to crisis. Leadership is understanding how to prevent problems from becoming crises, by summoning this nation's will to meet its highest responsibilities now when we must. . . .

What are those responsibilities? Defending freedom, and creating a powerful, productive economy which, itself, is the ultimate basis for our deterrent and for every citizen's opportunity to build a better, more fulfilling and abundant life . . . .

We know the foundation for success—a strong economy and a strong America. . . . And we know the only real prescription for lasting prosperity and for peace through strength. It's the same prescription General Schofield gave us nearly 100 years ago, when he spoke of winning other battles in other times. It is confidence that comes from a nation's character tested in the fire of adversity. It is discipline sharpened and honed by time-tested principles of prudence, work, savings, investment, and free and unfettered trade.

It is the will to win that can surmount any setback, because the working people of this country can out-produce, outcompete and out-sell any other people in the world, if their government will just ensure them a level playing field and the incentive of real rewards for honest toil.

These are the principles and ideals that have given our country the greatest prosperity, the highest standard of living, and most importantly, the greatest individual freedom in the history of all mankind. These principles have never failed America when we've had the courage to live up to them. Rebuilding our industrial might and technological power will strengthen America to fulfill our ultimate responsibility—to defend freedom and lead the West. When Alexander Solzehnitsyn addressed the students at Harvard in 1976, he said, "If America does not lead the free world, the free world will not have a leader."

Like it or not, unfair as it may seem, the fate of the free world depends largely on us, on an America willing to sacrifice, to send the bravest of our brave to foreign lands, to contain the bullying and aggression of dictators, and to help those who hunger and struggle for freedom, as we ourselves were helped over 200 years ago.

We must remember that freedom is only as strong as freedom's defenders, that the one, specific provision the founding fathers put into the Constitution was the provision for our common defense. Yet, today, at a time when our forces are stretched perilously thin as a result of our commitment in the Persian Gulf, defense spending, as a percent of GNP, is sinking to levels not seen since Pearl Harbor.

I would remind you of the great historian Gibbon's words when he described so eloquently the downfall of ancient Greece: "In the end," he wrote, "more than they wanted freedom, they wanted security. They wanted a comfortable life and they lost it all—security, comfort, and freedom. When the Athenians finally wanted not to give to society but for society to give to them, when, the freedom they wished for most was freedom from responsibility, then Athens ceased to be free." . . .

Freedom is winning, because under President Reagan in the 80's, we made a commitment to leadership, and we kept it. Now, as we look ahead to the challenges of the 90's, that commitment must be renewed. For, if we do not have leaders willing to support a strong military in this country, and support for alliances and allies that will modernize their armies and pull their fair share—if we don't have that kind of leadership then, ladies and gentlemen, we have nothing in this country and the free world will not have a leader.

That is where you and I come in. Because, meeting this challenge is going to require superior people willing to serve their country. The kind of people Sam Johnson had in mind when he said, "An officer is more respected than any other man who has so little money." The kind of people who appreciate, instinctively, what it is that makes America such a great country compared to the Soviet Union and China. What it is that permits this system to clothe, house and feed our people more effectively and generously than any other system in the world; what it is that enabled the United States to fight a war on two fronts and to reverse the totalitarian tide in World War II. Some say it's been our land and resources, but the Soviet Union has more land, and greater resources than we do, yet they depend upon us to provide them the food and products they need. Others say America's success has been due to the quality of our people. But blessed as we are with one of the largest, most talented populations on earth, the Chinese are five times more numerous. Their civilization was developed far in advance of ours, but their standard of living lags light years behind.

No, ladies and gentlemen, it is freedom—our national commitment to liberty and individual dignity for all Americans. This is the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution—the living document that is the framework for all our freedoms, the guiding star for the oldest, and still the youngest, most revolutionary, successful endeavor for human progress the world has ever known.

You are here to defend our constitution. And with that commitment must come the wisdom of discerning that there is an inextricable link between our personal, political and economic freedoms; that they are, in fact, indivisible, for history so clearly shows that once economic freedoms are permitted to disappear, our personal and political freedoms will not long survive.

But it is you who know best that there can be no peace, no prosperity, without freedom; that while the price of freedom may be great, no price is so great as losing freedom. . . .

Today, our people look out on an economy ballooning with debt, a weak stock market, tensions in the Persian Gulf bringing the possibility of another energy crisis, drugs rampant in our streets, and an insidious disease silently stalking and spreading through our society. Some people look at these problems and they say America is in a free-fall. They say that we are going down—just like the fall of the Great Roman Empire. Well, I don't believe it. Not for a minute.

I don't believe it, because I see an America filled with people who aren't about to let that happen; people who care deeply about this glorious country and its future; people who believe too much in their own potential to ruin their lives doing drugs. People who believe

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too much in America to stop waving the flag, when others would burn it and trample it to the ground.

These are the people America always turns to in her darkest hours. And the place we know we will find them is here, here among sons and daughters of fathers who carried the torch of freedom on the beaches of Omaha and the cliffs of Normandy, in the Solomon Islands and on Pork Chop Hill and in the Delta and the Central Highlands of Vietnam. It is your families, so often ravaged by war, who hate war the most. But it is you who know best that there can be no peace, no prosperity, without freedom; that while the price of freedom may be great, no price is so great as losing freedom. . . .

We are the leader of the free world. We are still the hope and inspiration of people everywhere. Our whole history is a struggle not for power but for principle, for an ideal—in Lincoln's words, for that "something in the Declaration giving liberty, not alone to the people of this country, but to the world for all future time."

We offer hope to all people; we dominate none. The only land we occupy is under the grave sites where our heroes rest. They paid the ultimate price. The price we are asked to pay is not as high.

You were meant to lead America.

We are not asked to do as much. But we must accept the burdens of leadership. The costs may be borne, if we are to have liberty, and if we are to have prosperity for our children. That is why we are doing what we are doing. That is why, in Winston Churchill's words, we must never, never, never retreat from standing up for freedom in the world—as we have in Nicaragua, in the heartland of Europe, along the Berlin Wall, to the most distant ridge in the bitter cold of the DMZ.

Your time will soon be at hand to step forward and assume the mantle of leadership—not just on the defense perimeters of the West, but in the boardrooms and classrooms of America, and, I would hope very much, in the corridors of Washington, D.C. . . . While I've said this before, I've never believed it more than now. We are a nation beset by many problems; oh yes, this is true. But there is no problem, not one, that we cannot overcome, if we are led by men and women of high moral principles, strong spirits, clean hearts, and faith in God.

Ladies and gentlemen, General Schofield's words were meant for you. You were meant to lead America. And may the tribute to your leadership be remembered in a new monument here at West Point and across our land: a monument to excellence. The loving recognition of this Academy, your children, and our country to West Point's cadets that because of what you did, because of your perfect discipline, your patient endurance, and undoubting confidence in every trial, America turned her setbacks into victories.

You in the next generation can look back and say, "We made the 1990's the lift-off into a 21st century that brought forth the most glorious years this country and its people have ever known." And then we can turn over to our children, and to our children's children, a country that is stronger and that is better economically, morally and spiritually than the one we inherited.

Thank you very much.

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Letters to the Editor *(Continued from page 2)*

I have shared the *Assembly* with many friends around the country in the last 38 plus years and have received nothing but high praise from them for the quality of this publication. I say keep the format as presented. It is a first class report of the Academy, its people and activities.

What say you other 21,999 subscribers?

Sincerely,
Marcus "Ollie" Oliphant
Class of 1952, Group II

Supports Livingston

Gordon Livingston wrote a letter published in the January 1991 issue that I wish I had written. So the least that I can do is second the motion he has made and call for a serious review of the content of *Assembly*.

While I am reminded by your footnote to his letter that the "purpose of the Association of Graduates is to further the ideals and promote the welfare of the Military Academy," I see no reason why *Assembly* need so solely focus on West Point *per se* for its editorial content.

By its unique position, *Assembly* is the journal of record of the lives of the thousands of men and women who comprise the group known as graduates of West Point. For most of us these lives have extended far beyond our four years at the Academy and now encompass experiences and accomplishments unrelated to West Point.

Are not these experiences and accomplishments of importance and worth telling to our fellow graduates? Can we not "further the ideals . . . of the Military Academy" through the deeds, thoughts and beliefs of its graduates? Does West Point represent nothing more than the Academy itself?

I would like to read Brent Skowcroft's views on U.S. foreign policy and learn about his experiences as National Security Advisor to President Bush. Certainly, the travails of Pete Dawkins as a candidate for the U.S. Senate in New Jersey would make more interesting reading than repeating his oft-mentioned accomplishments on the football field. If Rand Araskog had gone to Harvard, would not his views on management and his experiences at ITT have been published extensively by his alma mater? I'd like to read first-hand what my classmate Mike Dugan said at his Gulf press conference.

A business associate of mine who graduated from Notre Dame keeps copies of his alumni journal in his office. Recently, while waiting for a meeting to start, I found myself so engrossed with a recent issue that I borrowed it to read on a trip. I even copied one story that I wanted my wife to read. Can any of us really say that *Assembly* has that attraction?

In the years since graduation I have not lost my love of West Point. But I am not a cadet anymore nor are my fellow graduates. We are different people with—hopefully—expanded views of the world and broader ranges of interest. For *Assembly* to be relevant it needs to address that more mature, more worldly audience.

Sincerely,
Richard F. Trabert, '58

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John Prince Markoe, USMA 1914
A Pioneer of Civil Rights

by Jeffrey H. Smith, Ph.D.

A West Point classmate said of John Prince Markoe that a prince, indeed, he was. Handsome as a Greek god, stalwart, athletic, he was frequently mentioned as All-American end on some great Army teams. Later he joined the priesthood and in his work on behalf of blacks was a forerunner in the field of civil rights.

Only a versatile, multi-faceted man—soldier, priest, and pioneer activist—could have packed so many accomplishments into one lifetime. Following the 100th anniversary of John Markoe's birth, it seems appropriate that his story be told.

Cadet John Prince Markoe

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota on 1 November 1890, John Prince Markoe could count among his ancestors many notables. The ancient rhyme called the Philadelphia Rosary of first families goes:

Morris, Norris, Rush and Chew,
Drinker, Dallas, Coxe and Pugh,
Wharton, Pepper, Pennypacker,
Willing, Shippen and Markoe.
(Burt, 44).*

The first Markoe to come to the American Colonies was Abraham, who as a sympathizer with the Revolution, founded and was captain of the Philadelphia Light Horse, later known as the First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry. Organized in 1774, it was made up of gentlemen of fortune, chiefly members of the Schuylkill Fishing Company and the Gloucester Fox Hunting Club. Acting as bodyguards and couriers for Washington, they escorted him as far as New York, where he started for Cambridge to take command of the Continental Army. (Leach, 1). The official history of the troop states that in 1774 Captain Markoe suggested the design for its standard. Sometimes called the Markoe flag, it was unique among all early Revolutionary War standards, being the first to boast the thirteen stripes which symbolized the union among the colonies. (Lapsley, 260).

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Among the succeeding generations of Markoes who served their country with distinction was an uncle of John Markoe, General George W. Morgan, who served on Grant's staff and attended the surrender at Appomattox. With this heritage, it is not surprising that Markoe was appointed to West Point in 1910 and that one of his brothers, Francis, followed him there in 1912.

John's rugged physique made him a welcome addition to the Army football team. When practice sessions for the 1911 season rolled around, Markoe grabbed a first string left end position he was to hold for three years. His talents, along with those of such players as Hoge, McEwen, Merillat, Pritchard, Lanphier and freshman prospects Dwight Eisenhower and Omar Bradley, gave Army's coaches an optimistic outlook.

It was an optimism that proved well founded as the cadets dealt successfully the following three years with such opponents as Navy and Harvard, turned back a Yale team that boasted the great Tim McCoy, and defeated the Carlisle Indians with the legendary Jim Thorpe in a bone-crusher. Of that particular game Markoe later recalled that when tackling Thorpe he "had the sensation of being lifted—and hit, oh so hard." (USMA Archives).

They would have gone unbeaten but for an unknown Notre Dame team that came quietly out of the west in 1913 to play Army for the first time. In what proved to be the first major contest in the East in which the forward pass (then a comparatively new offensive weapon) was used extensively, Gus Dorais teamed with end Knute Rockne to beat mighty Army 35–13, stunning the overflow crowd at the cadet's field on that wild and historic Saturday afternoon. (The *New York Times*, 2 November 1913).

Pictured are three generations of Markoes. John's grandfather, William (seated front center) is backed by his five sons. The first on the right (seated) is John's father, James. His five sons are from left, Robert (seated), Francis, John, William (back row center) and James.

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Despite this surprising upset, however, the cadets' season ended on a win-

*Not only was he a descendant of the Markoes, but was, on his mother's side, the grandson of John S. Prince, a former mayor and early resident of St. Paul.

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The Army team after its victory over Navy in 1913. Team captain Benny Hoge holds game ball; Markoe is behind him to the right.
Dwight D. Eisenhower Library
Abilene, Kansas

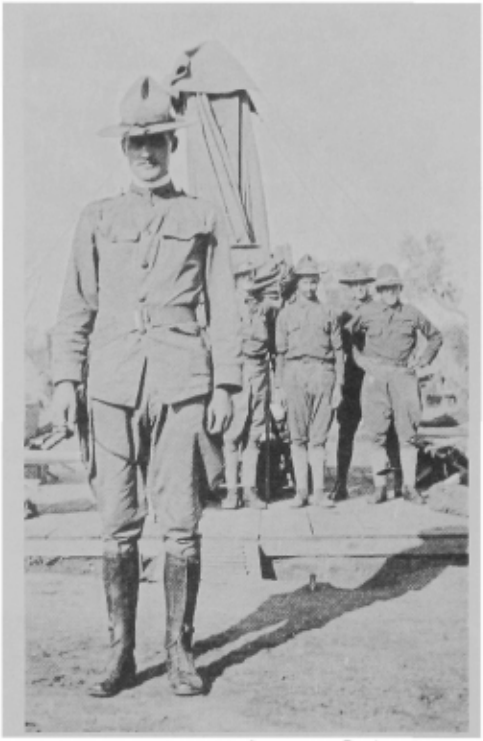
ning note as they smothered a tough Annapolis team, 22–9. That day, before President Woodrow Wilson and 42,000 other fans at the Polo Grounds, it was Army's turn to use the pass as Markoe combined with Pritchard for some long gainers in their own version of the aerial game. (The *New York Times*, 30 November 1913).

Following that storied 1913 football season that produced so many legendary figures of the game, Markoe won honorable mention on the Walter Camp All-American Team. Graduating on 1 June 1914, the estimation of John Markoe by his classmates in that year's edition of the *Howitzer* presents a remarkable portrait of this man. Throughout his life as soldier and priest, those who came into contact with him could well echo their words:

> "Of no one in the class do we think more of than John, and there is no one who more deserves our esteem. Taken all in all, there is everything to like and nothing to dislike about him, and in the nobility of manhood he stands out as a true and loyal prince." (USMA Archives).

Following graduation, Lieutenant Markoe had little time to recall his cadet days at the Point. Sent to the Mexican border, he became part of the contingent alerted by the beginning of the Mexican Revolution. Assigned to the 10th Cavalry, Markoe led a unit of black troopers patrolling the border out of Fort Huachuca, Arizona. With a tolerance lacking in most tradition-ridden career officers, he was quick to recognize the merits and talents of the blacks serving under him and he instinctively fraternized with them.

Unfortunately for John Markoe, however, his heavy drinking—begun at the Point—now led to the wrecking of saloons all along the border. The "Blue Goose" tavern in Donna, Texas was particularly hard hit. There, with the aid of some of his troopers, he began demonstrating various football plays, having a drink now and then to keep things on a social basis. Some other soldiers challenged his team, and as the drinks multiplied, the play became more serious. No "time out" being called, the place ended up in a shambles. And though no score was kept, a terrific time was had by all.



Lt Markoe with the 10th Cavalry at Ft Huachuca, AZ (1914).

Later on during the tedious campaign against the Yaqui Indians, young Markoe slipped into Mexican territory for more action, where he demolished a bar and attempted to drag another officer in for a drink. He subsequently found himself in Naco, Arizona facing a general court martial. Arraigned and tried on charges of drunkenness on duty and conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman, he was found guilty and dismissed from the service. The court martial was confirmed on 10 March 1915 by order of Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, Acting Chief of Staff. (USMA Archives).

Following his dismissal Markoe returned to Minnesota and went into the lumber business. The federal government was building a large dam on the Mississippi River at St. Paul, and timber had to be removed from several islands in the river's channel. With a partner, he secured a contract to clear the islands. Turning lumberjack and recruiting a crew, he set about cutting the timber and floating it downstream to a sawmill. Later he joined the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Company which was making ammunition for the British and Japanese armies. From a minor position, he became assistant to the general superintendent.

Homesick for the Army, however, Markoe enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard in 1916. This time it was Private Markoe and his destination was Texas where, as a member of the 2nd Minnesota Infantry Regiment, he followed Pershing in his futile search for the elusive Mexican bandit, Pancho Villa. Besides allowing him once again to wear the military uniform, this stint on the border provided the setting for a reunion of West Pointers. Spaatz was there. So were Brehon Somervell, U.S. Grant III and Ike, recently married and stationed at San Antonio.

After months in the heat and dust of unmapped terrain, the Punitive Expedition withdrew northward to Columbus, New Mexico, the town Villa had raided almost a year before. There, on 5 February, Pershing stood on a grandstand and watched his men (the largest force to enter Mexico since the War of 1846–48) march past. Among the officers was Captain John Markoe, recently promoted to that rank by the governor. Shortly thereafter, he was mustered out of the National Guard at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Meanwhile, John Markoe had been

Private John Markoe (right) of Minnesota National Guard, on the Mexican border in 1916.
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thinking earnestly about what he should do with his life. His younger brother, William, was studying for the priesthood, and upon entering the Jesuit novitiate in 1913, enrolled John in what the scholastics called the Brother's Club. The club was made up of their blood brothers who might consider joining the Jesuit Order. Finally, he received a letter from John saying he had decided to change his Army uniform for the black robe of a Jesuit. (William Markoe, 10–11).

In February 1917, John P. Markoe arrived at Florissant, Missouri, some fifteen miles northwest of St. Louis. There the ex-military man entered the Society of Jesus, the order founded by Ignatius of Loyola, once a soldier himself. But now instead of an Army post, he walked in silence to classes or through the spacious gardens and vineyards amidst scores of young men in black cassocks.

With one career already behind him and hardened by the realities of life, he was not an ordinary Jesuit novice. He soon became greatly interested in work being done by other Jesuits with poor blacks living in scattered communities along the Missouri River. One of these was Sandtown, located across the river from St. Charles. Here they distributed food to those in the village and nearby. From Sandtown they soon began serving the small all-black hamlets of Anglum and South Kinloch. Markoe's own experiences in this work would deeply commit him to a lifetime goal of doing everything possible for the spiritual and material needs of blacks in this country. And on 15 August 1917, in a truly exceptional gesture, he and his brother, William, pledged themselves toward that end. (William Markoe, 19).

After three years at Florissant, Markoe was sent to St. Louis University and the University of Detroit for further studies. He was ordained to the priesthood on 27 June 1928 at St. Francis Xavier Church on the campus of St. Louis University. Later he would serve on the faculties of a number of Jesuit universities, teaching mathematics, philosophy and astronomy.

But it was his parish work in St. Louis during the early years of his priesthood that brought Markoe into the civil rights struggle. There, he discovered that the Catholic Church had entered its own Jim Crow era, with blacks segregated in churches, barred from schools, and denied admission to various associations. Gradually, blacks were channeled from all parts of the city into one parish—St. Elizabeth's—which since the 1870's had operated as a mission for them. (Feit and Nolan, 10).

As co-pastor with his brother of this church, Markoe worked toward the goal of integrating blacks into the Catholic parishes and schools of the city. Such

Father John Markoe. Markoe Collection

efforts proved to be a precursor of similar attempts at integration in many other dioceses throughout the country. Beginning with a well-organized public relations program that included a local weekly radio broadcast, the opportunity to reach a nationwide audience soon came with the publication of the *St. Elizabeth Chronicle*. With its slogan, "Justice and Charity for All," the *Chronicle* featured a wide variety of articles on interracial matters. Within three years, the *Chronicle* had acquired national prominence, having become the unofficial organ of the Federated Colored Catholics of the United States.

By 1930, St. Elizabeth's was accommodating three thousand blacks from all over the greater St. Louis area. In its heyday, there were over sixteen active organizations, some attracting interested whites who later formed a fund-raising group called the White Friends of the Colored Catholics. Yet more than anything else, St. Elizabeth's sparked an attitude of pride, and in the following years black teachers, lawyers, and businessmen would give it a spirit and driving force. (Feit and Nolan, 11–12).

Due to a lack of foresight, however, the Church forfeited a splendid opportunity to back a thoroughgoing interracial movement on the model of St. Elizabeth's. By so doing it failed to take the lead in a movement for racial equality whose time had come. As for John Markoe, the fruit of his efforts over the past few years appeared lost.

Throughout the decade of the 1930's, Markoe served on the faculties of Marquette University in Milwaukee, St. Louis University, and Regis College in Denver. But his heavy drinking continued and the early years of the Second World War found him stationed at St. Joseph's Hill Infirmary, located in the hill country southwest of St. Louis. Here he was both patient and chaplain to the incurable alcoholics.

Following newspaper accounts of the war's progress, Markoe learned of the exploits of classmates such as Ralph Royce who led the first bomber attack on the Philippines. And the former soldier's spirits were lifted during this period by frequent letters from old buddies like Mark "Opie" Clark, George Stratemeyer, and Carl "Tooey" Spaatz who wrote after the Tunisian Campaign that "every now and then Ike and I swap stories of the good old days, and when the war is over, hopefully we can all meet again." (Spaatz to Markoe, 27 May 1943).

There even appeared the chance he might join them when in July 1942 General Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander-in-chief of U.S. Forces in the European Theater, asked that his old friend from West Point be sent to join him in Northwest Africa as chaplain of the Headquarters Staff. His superiors, however, would not release him. Eventually General Spaatz made an affectionate compact with him. If John would pray for the two of them, he, Spaatz, would drink for both of them. Finally, in the summer of 1943, his drinking years ended, Father John Markoe returned to St. Louis and the struggle he had left behind.

Assigned to St. Malachy's, one of the city's black parishes, he soon became a member of the St. Louis Race Relations Commission and chairman of the Housing and Living Conditions Committee. The culmination of his work there came in 1944 when he launched a successful effort to integrate the student body of St. Louis University. In this struggle he was supported by a few Jesuits of similar persuasion and by an old friend from St. Paul, Raymond Crowley, who was city editor of the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*. Pulitzer's newspaper was presently waging a campaign against racial segregation at the University of Missouri. It was not long before their combined efforts attracted national attention and received support from black newspapers like the St. Louis *Argus* and Pittsburgh *Courier*.

The mounting pressure to admit blacks to St. Louis University became so great that by the early winter of 1944 the Schools of Social Service and Commerce and Finance were accepting increasing numbers of applications from them. Within a few weeks, five blacks were registered and an official statement of policy change was front-page news throughout the state. (St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*, 11 February 1944).

It was a significant victory because the integration of St. Louis University (oldest west of the Mississippi) in 1944 soon led to the opening of all Catholic schools of the diocese to blacks and eventually to the repeal of a law requiring a segregat-

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ed public school system in the state of Missouri.

As for John Markoe, the Jesuit who dared to move events in that direction, a new assignment awaited at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. There in the immediate post-World War II years his work on behalf of blacks found its broadest scope and brought him national recognition as a forerunner in the non-violent, direct action approach to the most critical social problem of our time.

Soon after his arrival at Creighton, Markoe swung into action by organizing a student group known as the De Porres Club. It was an appropriate name for those interested in the problems confronting blacks, since Martin De Porres was himself a black who had been declared blessed by the Church. Because membership was open to all, the De Porres Club soon attracted students from other schools and people from all walks of life. Nor was it long before a number of returning war veterans joined.

With a growth in knowledge and experience coupled with the *esprit de corps* imparted by their mentor, John Markoe, club members employed techniques to fight racial discrimination that would later become part of the mid-century American street scene. In so doing, they anticipated the actions of such major national organizations as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Congress of Racial Equality, and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

It was in housing that this group first confronted discriminatory practices. By adopting zoning ordinances and restrictive covenants to stop the outward push of blacks into white neighborhoods, Omaha simply mirrored what was a national phenomenon. During the 1940's, as the black population of the city increased, more were moving into "fringe areas," today a part of the expanded ghetto. One of these new residents was Woodrow Morgan, a World War II veteran, who purchased a home from a white owner in the fall of 1950. There was an ugly reaction. Neighbors hurled bricks through the windows and threatened to harm the family if they moved in.

Informed of the matter by Whitney Young, recently appointed director of the Omaha Urban League, Markoe and his group decided to meet the issue head-on. On the morning the moving van was expected, he sat on the porch of the vacant house. Several neighbors walked by, asking the priest if he were looking for the former owner. "No," replied Markoe, "we're waiting to help the new owners move in." (Forster and Epstein, 273). When the van approached, a mixed group of De Porres members helped carry in the furniture, while the neighbors stood by, astounded

Some De Porres Club members with Father John Markoe at Creighton (1948). Markoe Collection

to see them working together with their spiritual leader first among them. There was no incident and within a few days the hostility toward the Morgans had melted away. (Forster and Epstein, 274)

An early challenge was posed by the discriminatory practices of the city's largest roller skating rink. Informed that blacks were not allowed to skate there, club representatives met with the manager to encourage a change of policy. Unable to sway him from this position, they forced the issue when a mixed group met there to skate. With the blacks again denied admittance, the case ended up in court where the manager was found guilty of violating the state law forbidding such discrimination. Additional prodding of this type found the roller rink soon afterwards opened to blacks.

Employing the same non-violent direct action techniques, the club went on to challenge the discriminatory policies of many public eating places. On one occasion, Markoe and some De Porres members were asked to leave a restaurant. However, they would not move until served. (John Markoe, 24). Like the four black college students who years later sat down at an all-white lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, they asserted their independence, expressed their freedom, made their demonstration. In so doing, they employed a pioneer technique for fighting racial discrimination, the sit-in.

Under John Markoe's leadership, the De Porres Club challenged, with some degree of success, discrimination in housing, recreational facilities, and restaurants. They proved more persistent over the years, however, in fighting discrimination in the area of employment. Embarking upon its first job campaign in 1950, the club picketed and organized a successful boycott of the local Coca-Cola plant. Thousands of handbills urging Omahans to "refuse to support discrimination by not buying Coca-Cola" were distributed. Next, a petition was circulated among the ghetto businessmen requesting them to stop selling that product until the hiring policy was changed. The campaign was so effective that within six weeks two blacks were hired and the company gave a pledge of future fair employment. (The *Omaha Star*, 27 July 1950).

Success followed at three laundromats and a dairy before another major campaign was launched, this one against the city transit company. A few years before Martin Luther King would demand that black bus drivers be employed on predominately black routes as part of a resolution to end the Montgomery bus boycott, Markoe's group was demanding that the Omaha Transit Company employ black drivers on all of the city's routes. (The *Omaha Star*, 26 September 1951).

Again, the pickets were used along with handbills, this one reading, "If you must ride, protest by using 18 pennies." Unlike its previous campaigns, however, the campaign against the transit company was a more drawn-out effort. But within two years, in large part due to the continuous agitation of the De Porres Club, black drivers were being hired on routes throughout the city.

Picketing, boycotting, and battling in the law courts were not the only weapons used in bringing about the needed change in hiring practices. In time, social and civic organizations were called on for help, and increasing support was received from the black press and ministers who urged their congregations not to patronize boycotted businesses. The De Porres Club also began to attract its share of national attention. Roy Wilkins of the NAACP was particularly impressed with the campaign against the transit company. And in 1952, the club affiliated with CORE. Of all the CORE chapters in the country, it made the most sustained efforts against employment discrimination, even though its greatest successes came before joining CORE. (Meier and Rudwick, 60).

Confronted with the natural attrition which such groups eventually experience, the De Porres Club's decline had begun by the mid-1950's. But by then other voices were being raised in a growing nationwide civil rights movement. The year 1954 brought the epochal Brown v. Board of Education decision from the Supreme Court, a ruling that ended any legal basis for racial discrimination in public schools.

While the civil rights movement was

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Picketing with civil rights marchers.

Civil rights campaign—crossing the street.

Fr. Markoe was honored numerous times in later years for his civil works in Omaha.
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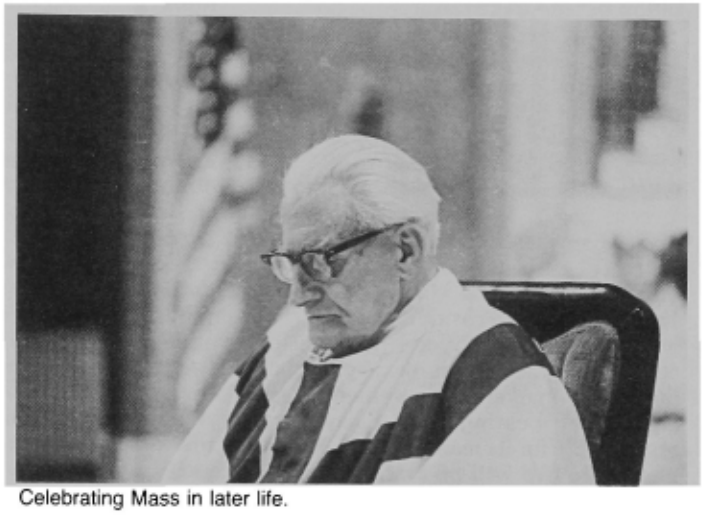

Celebrating Mass in later life.

gaining momentum in the South, an aging John Markoe brought to bear all the energy his smaller group could muster against the discriminatory hiring policy of the Omaha Public School System. This policy prohibited qualified blacks from teaching in high schools and purposefully concentrated all black grade school teachers in the ghetto. True to its tradition, the club backed its stand with direct action as picket lines encircled the grounds of the board of education. "Omaha? No Little Rock!" the placards read. Climaxing the campaign was a city-wide petition drive demanding an end to racial discrimination in the public school system. In this, its last effort, the De Porres Club helped spur the change that occurred two years later when, under a more progressive superintendent, the status of the city's black teachers began to improve. (Smith, 194).

As its history drew to a close, Markoe and the group he inspired could look back with particular pride on a number of successful campaigns in a crucial field of human rights, equal employment opportunity. Through it all, Markoe's unshakable conviction had impelled his followers to continue the battle he had long ago begun, and to press for the full enactment of the principles he championed.

Although his pioneer civil rights organization had ceased to function by the late 1950's, Markoe continued his efforts in the following years on behalf of the city's black population. He died in Omaha on 27 July 1967.

For John Prince Markoe, descendant of a fine old Philadelphia family of patriots, West Pointer who served with the greats, and for fifty years a priest in the army of Loyola, the decades of strife ended appropriately with a military funeral. At the Jesuit plot high atop a hill overlooking the city, an officer draped his coffin in a flag and a squad fired the volleys. As the bugler sounded taps, no finer tribute could one conceive than a parting chorus from the Class of 1914. "Well done! Be thou at peace."

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The 1873 Inauguration Parade—The Rest of the Story

by Charles R. Isleib

Behind the scenes, unobserved by the admiring thousands who watch the Corps of Cadets or the Brigade of Midshipmen on parade, often lie exciting human stories—none more dramatic than those connected with President Grant's (USMA 1843) inauguration parade of 1873.

This was the first time academy cadets had been invited to participate in a Presidential inauguration, and the administrations of the two academies were far from agreement as to its desirability. Secretary of War William W. Belknap was enthusiastic; his General Order No. 2, sent to USMA Superintendent Thomas Ruger on 13 January 1873, " . . . required the presence of the Corps, Officers and the Band on March 4th (for) the Inauguration of President Grant." This would, he thought, "add much to the character of the ceremony . . . especially due to the marked improvement in discipline and bearing since I have been responsible for its management. The duties of the trip will be a relaxation," he thought, "from the severe discipline of the Academy." He added a cautionary note: "I trust that the young gentlemen of the Academy will remember that their every movement will be closely criticized by friends and foes, and that they will act—to add to their high reputation."

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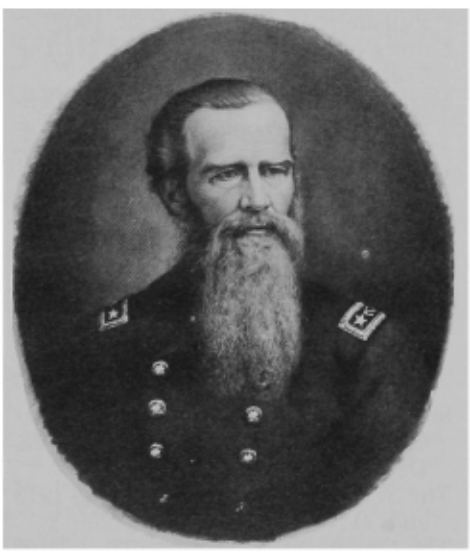
This two-month notice gave the Military Academy cadets ample time to sharpen their close order drill under the personal direction of Commandant Emory Upton (USMA 1861), who used a metronome "to establish perfect cadence and attain remarkable accuracy in the manual of arms," as one cadet wrote later.

Secretary of the Navy George Robeson and Naval Academy Superintendent John Worden were not at all enthusiastic about their midshipmen's participation in the inauguration. They thought that time off for such a visit "would be detrimental to the midshipmen's studies, tire them, and due to unusual indulgence in the hospitality of friends and relatives, possibly put many on the sick list." However, on 3 March, one day before the event, Rear Admiral Worden ordered that the brigade would "visit Washington to take part in the ceremonies." He, too, revealed some concern about how the young men would comport themselves, continuing, "the cadets from the two national academies will be under the eyes of the President, Congress, and many thousands of people, and comparisons will be drawn between the two organizations. I confidently trust that when the issue is made it will not, from any failure on your part, be unfavorable to the Naval Academy. Any breach of discipline or propriety committed by a midshipman must reflect upon the whole Corps—each individual should feel specially charged with increasing the confidence of the country in this institution as a school of discipline as well as of learning."

The midshipmen and engineers rose at 0430 Tuesday, 4 March, and after breakfast at 0600 marched to the railroad depot in Annapolis, boarded cars and left for Washington at 0700. The temperature stood at 9° F, far below normal— it had dropped 13 degrees since the previous evening.

In the meantime, the Military Academy had developed plans to make the inauguration a 4-day campaign. Sunday morning, 2 March, was spent packing clothing and bedding in trunks and 3x3x5 ft. crates, and moving their furniture and personal belongings into locked



Rear Admiral John Worden (USNA 1838), Superintendent, USNA, 1873. Worden assisted in the construction of the USS *Monitor* and was its commanding officer during the battle with CSS *Virginia* (*Merrimack*) at Hampton Roads, VA, in March 1862. (USNA Archives)

Emory Upton (USMA 1861), Commandant of Cadets, USMA. This artillery officer, a "brilliant combat leader," breveted 5 times in actions from Manassas to Selma, twice wounded, died by his own hand in 1881. (USMA Archives)

Thomas H. Ruger (USMA 1854), Superintendent, USMA. Ruger was breveted BG 3 times in Civil War actions, retired a MG in 1897, and died in 1907. (USMA Archives)

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storage. (Evidently, there was concern that the empty barracks would attract furniture robbers or looters.) The entire Corps of 217 cadets then marched across the frozen Hudson River in "break step" to Garrison, NY, where they boarded day coaches for the 60-mile trip to New York City.

The cadets were assigned coaches by company, and then occurred the most violent incident of the week, as described by Ernest A. Garlington (USMA 1876), then a plebe:

"My classmate Gresham and I found a seat and disposed of our kits—knapsack and rifle. Two members of the third class, late in entering the coach, approached and one of them, Cadet Ballance, said 'Plebes, get out of that seat;' Gresham prepared to vacate; I remained seated, feeling that I was entitled to the seat, and knowing that this cadet had no authority in the premises. The other cadet, J. G. Bush, truculently thrust himself toward me and said: 'You d—d s.o.b., get out of that seat.' My rifle was at my left side; I arose, reaching for the rifle (Bush evidently thought I was obeying his command), and, with all the force I could muster, aimed to bring it down upon his head. Fortunately for him, and me too, perhaps, the rifle caught in the canvas of the coach, broke the force of the blow and gave him time to throw up his arm to receive it; it struck him on the hand, breaking several bones. At the moment I wanted to kill him. Of course there was a great commotion and when I found myself I was outside of the car on the platform in possession of my kit. (Note: Garlington was a fire-eating South Carolinian, Gresham a Virginian; Bush was from Connecticut, Ballance from Illinois; North-South animosity was not rare in 1873.)

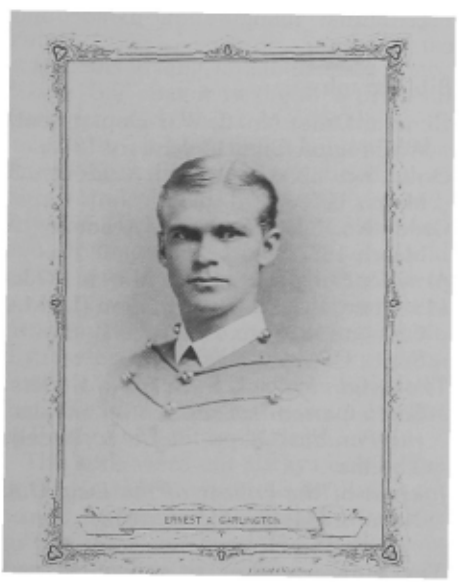
"There was no one in sight. After a few seconds, General Upton came out of the ticket or telegraph office, observed me, approached and asked me what I was doing there. I replied that I had no place in the coach. He rushed me up to the baggageman and told me to get in—the train started at once. It was not a pleasant ride down to New York, though I had all the room and comfort I wanted.

"I had been violently enraged over the unprovoked insult and it required a long time to recover my poise. When we detrained at the dock in New York City—the entire train was routed to the dock on the Hudson—I joined my company. We embarked on some sort of a steamboat and transferred to Jersey City. I have always remembered that during the trip over the river the band played a beautiful selection—one I was, and am now, very fond of: the hymn from the opera *Der Freischutz*; it was quite in tune with my mood. We were marched to a hotel near the station for supper. I was not interfered with in any way until sometime during the evening en route.

"We occupied ordinary day coaches, and the night was very cold. Large stoves were placed in each end of the coach, were kept very warm, and those occupying seats next to them became very uncomfortable; I was assigned one of those seats and not allowed to exchange from time to time as the others were. We arrived in Washington the next morning, marched to the Ebbet House, corner of F and 14th Streets, and quartered on the fourth, or top, floor, which had been vacated for use by the cadets. All the rooms were filled and pallets made down in the hall (plebes were assigned to the pallets), but I was *overlooked*.

"I sat down on my knapsack to await results. The first sergeant of the company, Sibley, passing, saw me and asked what I was doing there. I replied I had no other place to go. After a moment's hesitation he said, 'Come with me.' He and Cadet Sergeant Cecil occupied a very small room, just space for a double bed. Sibley said, 'You can stay here with us,' and I occupied the *middle of the bed*

President Ulysses S. Grant. (USMA Archives)



Cadet Ernest A. Garlington (USMA 1876), born in South Carolina in 1852, attended the University of Georgia 2 years before being appointed to USMA. He won a Medal of Honor in the Indian Wars and was, for 11 years, Inspector General of the Army, retiring a BG and dying in 1935 at the age of 81. (USMA Archives)

Cadet James C. Bush, 22 years old in 1873. After graduation he saw service as an artillery officer in the Philippine Insurrection and retired on disability as a major, dying in 1905. (USMA Archives)

Cadet in c. 1873 dress uniform. This cadet's coatee evidently had not been tailored to fit as tightly as was stylish among the "spoonier" cadets. (USMA Archives)

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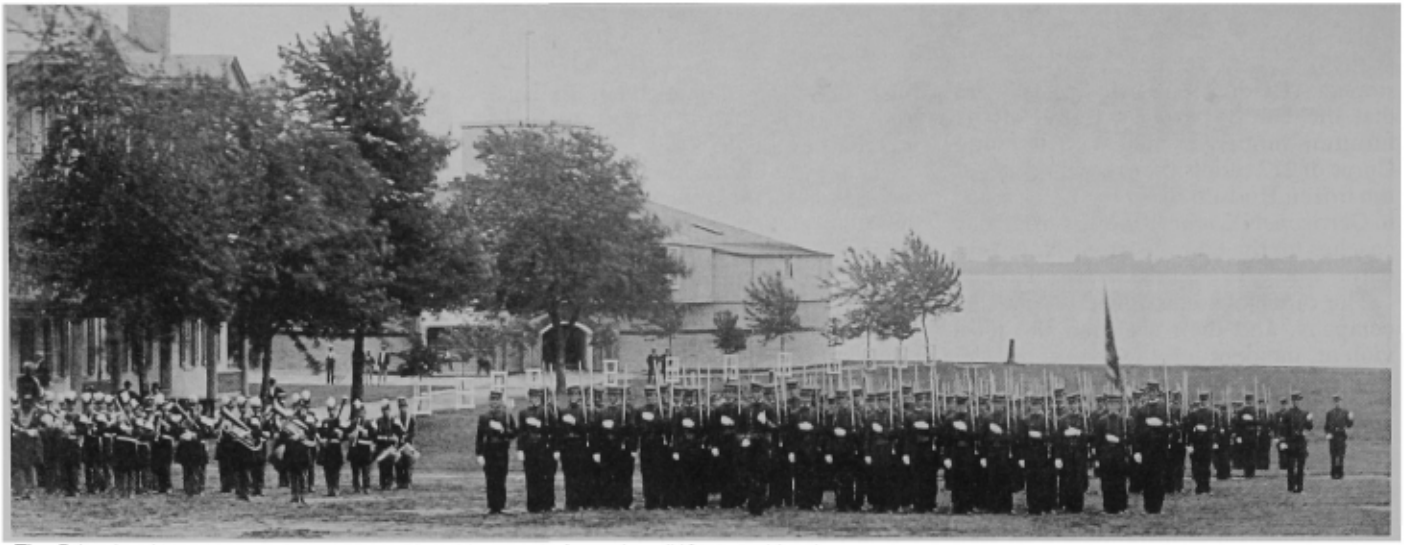

The Brigade of Midshipmen (c. 1873) and band in parade formation. (USNA Archives)

during our stay in Washington—the only plebe sleeping in a bed, as far as I knew—the only one in my company, at least.

"The day of our arrival the cadets were given, each, a small amount of money—the plebe class received three dollars each. I spent the greater portion of mine for a seat in Ford's Theater to see Charlotte Cushman in *Les Merriles*."

Tuesday, 4 March 1873 (Inauguration Day) was a bright day, glorious with sunshine, but with wind at almost gale force when the hour for battalion formation arrived. With the mercury at 9°F, the wind chill factor would have been −35°F. Garlington continues:

"The Commandant had left the decision as to wearing overcoats or not to the first class; their vanity got the better of their judgment. I have never been so uncomfortable from cold, though I have experienced below −50° arctic temperatures; arrayed in our very tight and close-fitting coatee, thin white gloves, light-weight underclothing—the wind drove the cold right through to the skin. I could scarcely keep my rifle on my shoulder, and when it was shifted to the position of 'support arms' it came very near getting away from me each time. The wind caused several dress hats to escape from their owners and go bouncing down the hard surfaces of the street to be redeemed by the spectators.

"On Pennsylvania Avenue the exhibition drill that we had practiced at so long and hard received great applause from the spectators. During one of the more complicated evolutions the platoon to which I belonged, commanded by G.F.E. Harrison, wandered off in the opposite direction from the rest of the battalion, receiving extra applause from the crowd who thought it entirely regular and proper.

"The cold was especially trying as we stood in formation on the East Plaza of the Capitol during the swearing-in and address of the President. The cadet adjutant, W. H. Coffin, was overcome and keeled over and was taken to a nearby house and revived—it was said by a stiff drink. His failure to resist the cold was very probably assisted by his very tight coatee, for the 'spooney' cadets of the period wore their coats as close-fitting as they could persuade old Morrison, the tailor, to make them, especially the adjutant."

The midshipmen, in the meantime, observing the overcoat-less military cadets, had discarded their overcoats as well; they had been instructed to wear double underclothing and wore "well-padded jackets," so their parade duty was perhaps slightly more comfortable than that of their West Point counterparts. Not departing till Tuesday, the midshipmen were aware of how cold it had turned.

After the inauguration ceremonies the General of the Army, Sherman, entertained the Corps of Cadets for tea; the Corps was then invited to the Inauguration Ball, with a 0230 curfew.

The midshipmen, after a few hours' afternoon liberty to visit their friends and relatives in Washington, boarded their railroad cars at 1930, returning to Annapolis the same day they left—no overnight in a hotel, no Inauguration Ball invitations, no refreshments available, no opportunity to demonstrate their vaunted howitzer drill during the parade—just the next day off, excused from duties and classes, to rest and recover. The USNA OOD Journal recorded that supper in Annapolis was at 2350.

As for the Military Academy cadets, Garlington continues:

"Returning to New York City on Wednesday, 5 March, the weather had moderated and the streets were canals of mud and slush. During the march from the Armory (where the Seventh Regiment had prepared a buffet for us) to the New York Central Station, the Commandant's horse slipped and fell, covering itself and General Upton with mud and slush, but neither was injured. Upon arrival at West Point, General Upton complimented and congratulated the Corps upon the wonderful showing it made in Washington, commended the excellent discipline it maintained while absent from West Point, and rescinded all punishments. The authorities were never made aware of my difficulty with Cadet Bush. His injury had been explained as a 'fall' when he went to the surgeon for attention. As he never apologized for the language used toward me, Bush and I never 'made up.' "

The press was highly critical of the "harsh treatment of the cadet midshipmen," the "gross mismanagement (of the Secretary of the Navy's Office) at Washington, [the] inexcusable neglect of these lads, who at their Naval Academy have so often given hospitable receptions to officials from Washington, encountering in return cold and careless greeting at the Capital."

It was 28 years before the Corps of Cadets participated again in another Presidential inauguration parade and ceremonies.

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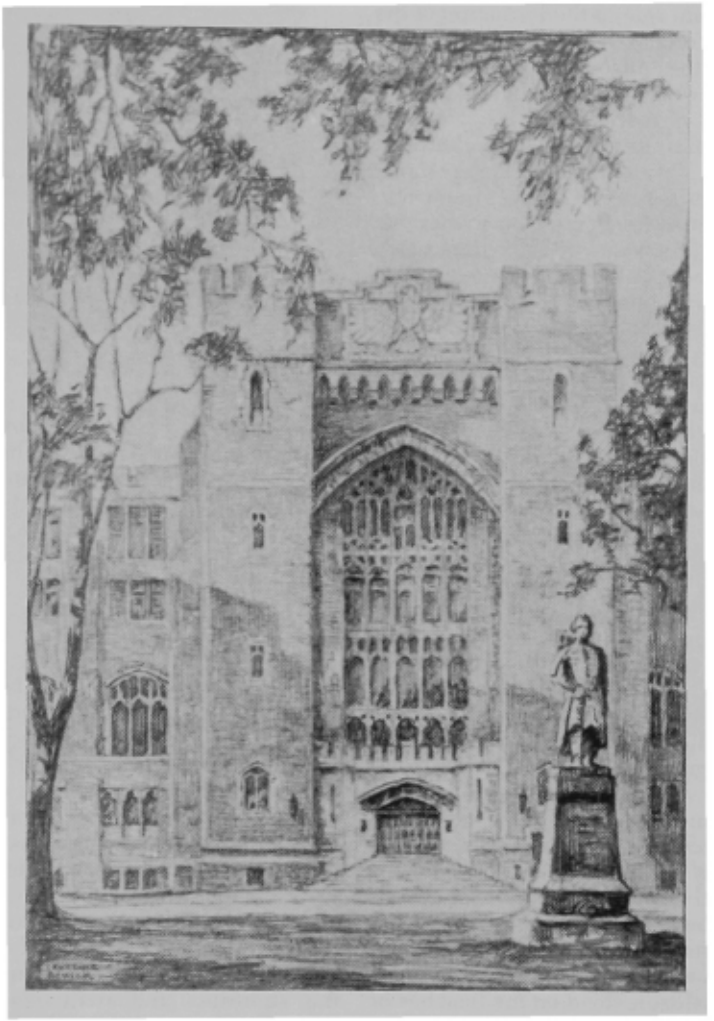
An Ex-Cadet Reflects on the Road Not Taken

The letter that follows was submitted to ASSEMBLY by Colonel Walter Krueger, Jr., Scribe of the Class of 1931, with the permission of the writer. It is from one "foundling" to another. The letter expresses some of the anguish that may accompany those who leave the Corps before graduation, an anguish that those members of a class who do graduate may not appreciate fully. The letter also evokes nostalgia for bygone days. Editor



27 December 1966

Lt. Col. J. W. Baker
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Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12866

Dear Jim:

Today is December 10, 1966. I began my reply to your letter of June 24, 1966, months ago, shortly after its receipt. My reply was to be no ordinary answer to a letter; it was to be an account and summary of the years gone by since last we trod the Plain. With this brief preface, I now enter the body of my letter.

All these years since 1929 I have been faithful in my attendance at the Shrine, and all the while, I did not know, nor did I appreciate the fact, that there might be another and others of the Class of '31 who were grieving by reason of failure to attain the goal of graduation from West Point.

It seems so long, and indeed it is, since I saw "3.0" Baker in the area of South Barracks, and heard him exclaim, "I 'maxed' it," holding up his hand with the thumb and second finger meeting, to form a circle and his index finger extended—the "O.K." sign. And it has been equally long since I heard on one cold morning in February of 1928, the 20th to be exact, while waiting for formation in the same South Area the exciting, albeit, distressing news, that one of our classmates was AWOL. I learned a little later that "3.0" Baker had gone to see his girl in Boston without authorized leave.

The gods were not always unkind; as in this instance, when Cadet Baker returned, he escaped dismissal but was put on the area; and goodness knows how many hours expired and the soles of how many shoes were worn thin by the repeated treks back and forth across the gravel paving of South Area in completing the prescribed penalty of punishment tours. He could have walked to Boston and back and had distance left over for good measure.

A year later, and I had to face my own Gethsemane. And though I had no difficulty with other subjects, I was deficient in "Analit" and "Descript"—subjects that had I but taken a year later I would have passed. Thus, was I set upon my course of "it might have been;" thus began the endless stream of fitful, though sometimes pleasant, dreams of being back at the Point: sometimes visiting and advising other cadets that I was going to return; or having returned, in dreamy experience, failing the exam again, or, sometimes, passing it. Then, as the years mounted in lengthy procession, the visits would be marked by my presence as a cadet and engaging in cadet activities, including athletics (which contributed so greatly to my failure), notwithstanding the fact I was then some twenty odd years older than my classmates in these fantasies. As the years lengthened even more, I still remained a cadet in the sleeping hours.

It does not matter that my feet were set on a different path than that upon which my classmates trod; I refused to accept the unalterable fact of reality. And no mourner ever experienced greater sadness or endured a more prolonged bereavement than I.

As the years became decades, there was still no surcease. There were accomplishments of the graduates of 1931—the pictures of promotions and appointments to positions of authority. Even the deaths of classmates, publicized, only served as salt in the unhealing wound of failure.

Moments that were meant as diversionary entertainment, did themselves but accentuate the tom-tom of defeat. The Smothers Brothers in their laugh-provoking antics were surrounded in an aura of sad memories. Their father, "Rabbit" Smothers, dead on the Death March, a former member of the baseball team at West Point and whom I played

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against in the championship game (which L-M Co won) in the Summer Camp League. I recall the baseball which we all signed after we had won the championship. And I distinctly remember Don Zimmerman as one of our stalwarts, who was destined to play such an important role in the formation of the new Air Force Academy.

Often, the unseverable ties to the Academy were tightened by the recorded deaths of members of other classes when I was a cadet: Banta, Vandenberg, Frietsche, Travis and, oh, so many more.

Like yourself, I have never been able to completely reconcile, no matter the cogency of reasoning to the contrary, my leaving the Point. It does no good to theorize; but how does one leave off so doing? Nor will we, if I may include yourself, acknowledge any predestined force within our lives. We know certain things now existing, would not be so had we taken the other path. We also realize that our bones might be whitening under the blanching sun of an African desert. My son would not be my son as he presently is had I remained to graduate. Both his mother and I would have undoubtedly married others. The many lives you have influenced by your teaching and benign guidance would never have been, and the young men and young women who were your students would never have married as they frequently did and do, through classroom beginnings.

Those who died subsequent their graduation, and who were our classmates, receive a special tribute and a somewhat deeper reverence is held for them and their memories. Somewhat like our own separation from the Academy, their separations were likewise permanent, in that they no longer lived. Don Donaldson, dead on the beaches of Normandy; Freddie Saint dead in the South Pacific; Isbell in Korea; Blanning likewise dead in the Pacific, and oh, the greatly mourned others. Terry, F.G., with whom I had just begun to cement a strong friendship before I had to leave, killed in his plane in the European Theater. All the moments of blissful camaraderie that might have been shared with these for a few more years had I run my full course at West Point, have sometimes seemed the cruelest loss of all.

It does no good to criticize the system as it existed at the time: the fact that a few years later the descriptive geometry course was abolished and was taught in drawing or that there was a great waste and an unreasonable loss of many talented persons who would undoubtedly have been of great service to their country had the opportunity not been denied them because of their failure to pass mathematical or other subjects at a given time. The unalterable decree that failure

in one subject was sufficient for dismissal was not subject to review. The fact that in countless thousands of universities only the one subject failed had to be made up, and there were no rules that required a new admission, as such, only emphasized the distinction between West Point and other schools. Nor was there ever any opportunity given or provided for making up the lost ground and regaining one's place in his class. In my own instance, I was wedded to West Point, but I was also chained by my devotion to the Class of 1931. I had no desire to graduate in another class; the original writing was that I was to graduate in 1931. The "finger" had written that, and I did not want it changed. And in those days, how long, how endless, four years in the future seemed to us in the blitheness of our youth! Now, we fully understand the Biblical appraisal of the shortness and swiftness of time. Whatever the "system" lacked, we chose to be cadets and, therefore, made ourselves amenable to the rules.

We will not let ourselves forget this heart-tearing experience of our early lives. We have become so filled with this particular sorrow that our lives would not be the same without it. In the words of Tennyson, "A sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things." And so it will be, I am sure, until the remembered sounds of the barracks, the laughter of fellow cadets, the remembrance of the uniform dictated by the flag at the Guard House, the indescribable feeling experienced at reveille in the cold of the darkness of a winter morning, the beauty of the Corps attired in the white of summer and the change to the parade uniform of dress gray "fifty-fifty"—the blue-gray full dress coat with the white trousers, the cartridge belt snugly fitting the waist and the cross belts secured by the glistening breastplate, the immaculate shako (tar bucket) all, so finely envisioned—so these will all be in memory until there is no longer any mind alive to house their recall. I could go on and on: the Corps in columns of platoons marching to the mess hall, Grant Hall, gone with us into limbo, yet remaining when we visualize the smart movements as the platoons broke into column of squads at the mess hall's entrance.

The pranks, tears and joys were endless. Cadet Smith, F.G., holding a saucer with an egg on it as he made complaint to the Officer in Charge as to the egg. And when the O.C. opened the egg, a dead mouse was revealed, initiating "18 tours and 20 confinements" for Freddy Smith. This was the same lighthearted Freddy who was a couple of classes ahead of us and now is a retired former Lt. General in the Air Corps.

And as I mentioned a little while ago, something of us also was put into the Air Force Academy instilled by Zimmerman and by Briggs, the latter you will remember as a first classman when we were plebes, and who was the first Superintendent at the Air Force Academy. Incidentally, the mention of the name "Zimmerman" brings to our own minds Joseph Buford Zimmerman—one of the unfortunate victims when the Army was flying the mail in the '30's.

A while back, I came across, of all things, a real keepsake—my napkin ring. You will remember the silver napkin ring with Academy USMA on it and the cadet's name on the opposite side of its silver enclosure. I polished it up and put it away in a drawer, [where], I am sure in a few years I will run across it again and will repeat the ritual of polishing and returning to a place of safekeeping.

Thus, the mind goes on and on. But, always, when contemplation has ceased, we are still on the outside viewing those happenings and things within through

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USMA and the Study of Chinese History

By Lieutenant Colonel Lee T. Wyatt III, *Department of History, USMA*

Since the end of World War II no region of the world has changed more dramatically than Asia. Colonial empires have collapsed and economic and social change has been sudden and extensive. The center of gravity for U.S. global interests has been shifting to Asia as Americans realize the importance of Asia to American foreign policy and economic well-being. No portion of the region has been as important and dynamic as China, and the Department of History is making every effort to insure that West Point cadets, America's future leaders, are aware of the events that shape China and the issues that confront China.

Cadets are first exposed to Chinese history as plebes upon taking a two-semester world history survey course. About sixty percent of each incoming class is enrolled in this course. During this sequence, cadets are exposed to the foundations of Chinese history from the earliest civilizations in the Yellow River Valley to contemporary events such as the Tianamen Square confrontation in 1989 and the pending return of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China in 1997. Students in the Department of History usually study China more in depth in the International and Strategic stem of the history major or field of study. Other cadets from the Social Sciences, Foreign Area Studies, and Geography fields of study also are enrolled in Chinese history courses as part of their interdisciplinary programs.

The department's elective and advanced course offerings in Chinese history include *The History of China* which traces the important political, military, social, and economic developments of modern China from the High Ch'ing Dynasty (ca. 1750) to the present, and a *Colloquium in Asian Warfare* which allows cadets to study the military thinkers and institutions of China, Japan, India, Vietnam, and Korea. This year an additional block of instruction was added to assess the historical development of the Philippine insurgency. Cadets who major in history also write a senior thesis. In recent years a number of the theses have dealt with topics in Asian and Chinese history.

The department will offer a new course in the spring of Academic Year 1991–92 entitled *Asian Warfare*, which will explore strategic thought and the historical evolution of Asian military traditions. The course is intended to expand cadet understanding of Asian history and the conduct of the military art in non-western societies.

LTC O'Dowd, Department of History, at the Tomb of Mao Tse-Tung, Beijing, People's Republic of China, Oct. 1990.

The pinnacle of the Department of History's Chinese and Asian history program is the "Stanley J. Love Award." This award is named for Stanley J. Love ('46), an individual whose love for Asia was kindled during his first active duty assignment to Japan after graduation from West Point. The Love Award, which has been presented every year since 1987, recognizes the graduating cadet with the highest average in the history courses focusing on Asian history. In 1990 Cadet (now Second Lieutenant) Scott A. Baggett received the award. His senior thesis was an analysis of the training programs of Chinese warlord armies in the 1920's. Earlier recipients of the Love Award studied President Nixon's Vietnam Strategy, the views of General Joseph Stilwell and John P. Davies and General Albert C. Wedemeyer's mission to China.

The pursuit of excellence has not been limited to the classroom. In recent years the department's scholars have undertaken wide-ranging travels to support their teaching and research interests. In 1986 Major David Finkelstein visited a host of research collections to prepare his analysis of Sino-American relations and their impact on the establishment of the Republic of China on Taiwan in 1949–50. Major Finkelstein's study has been accepted by the faculty of Princeton University as his dissertation for the doctorate in history. Lieutenant Colonel Edward C. O'Dowd traveled to Hong Kong and Taiwan in the summer of 1990 to conduct research on Chinese strategic thought in the 1920's and 1930's. His study was conducted primarily at the *Academica Sinica* in Taipei. An article entitled "Chiang Pai-Li and the Evolution of Chinese Strategic Thought, 1932–38," which is partially based on this research, has been accepted for publication by the U.S. Army Center for Military History in a forthcoming collection on the events leading to World War II. Funding for several trips was provided by alumni donations.

No program in Chinese history intended to educate future leaders would be complete without the study of Sun Tzu's *Art of War*. The department has recognized the important influence that Sun Tzu has had on Chinese history and western perceptions of Chinese military

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thought. Thus, the department sent LTC O'Dowd as a delegate to the "Second International Symposium for the Study of Sun Tzu's *Art of War* held in Beijing, China on 16–19 October 1990. The symposium was attended by scholars from the United States, Canada, Thailand, Taiwan, France, Germany, Denmark, the United Kingdom, South Korea, and the People's Republic of China. The program provided a unique opportunity for scholars to discuss a wide range of topics. The conference addressed diverse and controversial subjects such as the sinological implications of Sun Tzu's phrasing and an analysis of Sun Tzu's application to Strategic Game Theory and Nuclear Disarmament. LTC O'Dowd's contribution was the presentation of a paper entitled "Sun Tzu and Morality in War."

Major Lonnie Henley ('78) is another example of the type of officer who energizes the department's program of study in Asian history. Major Henley, a Rhodes Scholar who studied Chinese politics and literature at Oxford, is one of the Army's leading China specialists. Major Henley has completed two tours in Korea and performed a wide variety of strategic intelligence assignments. He is currently working on his Ph.D. in Chinese history at Columbia University in New York.

In the recent past, westerners viewed China as clouded by myth and shielded by distance and unfamiliarity. However, China's presence and significant influence in a rapidly changing world demand attention. The Department of History at the United States Military Academy has been active in stressing the importance of the study of Chinese and Asian history. The reward for this realization and approach will be a better understanding of China by those leaders who will guide America into the 21st century.

An Ex-Cadet Reflects on the Road Not Taken *(Continued from page 16)*

the glass of departed years. We will not acknowledge the wind has passed over, and the former things are no more. We will not recognize that "what might have been, could never have been."

We are hurt every time we read of some change to be made at the Academy, in buildings, or in the lives or customs of those who live within its walls. Frankly, it strikes us as sacrilege that that which we once knew, will not be any more. Incidentally, there is a booklet out entitled *West Point—A Way of Life*. In this book, and for your information, at page 45, there is a nighttime picture taken of what would be the northeast corner of our North Barracks. All the rooms are emblazoned with lights and that room which was 2644 is included—the room where I spent my plebe year, and as I am reliably informed so also, in years before me, dwelled Dwight Eisenhower. This picture impressed me, bringing back the old days as they were, and is perfect in its exemplification of asides of life at the Academy—the wetness outside and the complete world within the Academy barracks. With the rain, we can close our eyes and picture the dinner formations made in darkness, the marching in the rain-swept streets, the puddles in hollows, the attire of raincoats and rain hats, sloshing through the water to and from barracks or Summer Camp. And speaking of the latter, it is no hard feat to bring to mind the water, so cold in the morning when we poured it into the wash basins outside our tents.

Oh, the memories! And yet, how different they might have been, as to consequence. I think of a certain plebe whom I came upon when I was a yearling. He was crying as though his heart would break, but he was reluctant to talk about his trouble. However once he had been persuaded to divulge the source of his grief, I learned he was charged with having a girl in a family way and he feared he might be forced to leave the Academy. Had this same thing occurred today, I would know that his offense was one purely civil, not criminal, and that while the liability of child support might be imposed, there could be no deterrent to his being a cadet, since technically he was not married when he entered the Academy and could not be forced to enter the ranks of matrimony. But in those days, I could only offer sympathy: no knowledge, remedy or strength of a defense fortification. I might advise you that in this realm of "might have been," that cadet did graduate and, the last I heard of him, held the rank of major general.

And so, "3.0" Baker, your classmate's feet are all entangled by the water lily and honeysuckle vines of the past. But, try as he may, he can only become more immeshed in retrospect. The day he moved from Summer Camp to North Barracks, coincident with the return of the cows from their furlough, he, later on that evening, was crossing the Plain which was heavy with the dew of heaven, so heavy, in fact, it sloshed and squirted from his shoe tops as he walked through the grass. Away in the distance, over at the edge of what had been Summer Camp, the yearlings were having a color line and one of his classmates, Earle Hockenberry, was singing "When Day Is Done." It was twilight, and as I have said, the grass was heavy with dew, and the beautiful tenor of Hock's voice impressed the scene and the song upon the mind of this old classmate. Now, recently, Earle Hockenberry shuffled off this mortal coil, taking his place, at last, in "the long gray line," entering into our field of used-to-be.

Finally, may our last tattoo be not in preparation of taps to come, but instead, may taps be withheld forever, and the sound, only Release From Quarters; may we, as you have made the description, cadets at heart, when we leave, carry with us the lasting sensations of the exhilarating cold of winter in the Highlands, the breath of spring, tender as it can only be on the banks of the Hudson, and the delightful warmth of summer that moves gradually into the artistry of fall. And, lest we forget, may there be eternally imprinted in our mind's eye, the vision of the lights of Newburgh shining in the distance as low-set stars upon the horizon in the atmosphere of an autumn night.

Then may we, once again, and for the final time, climb the hill from the station to the Elysian field above, enter and move into the vacant files so long held open for us. And may our comrades greet us, as cadets of old were wont to welcome one another upon return from leave or furlo.

At last, shall "X days" be delivered of their number, and in that realm of Time Everlasting may we have and enjoy the cherished blessings of the true comradeship which we had been denied for, lo, these many years.

Sincerely yours,

Richard P. Watts
X-'31

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Academic Limits

By BG GERALD E. GALLOWAY, JR., *Dean of the Academic Board*

The Academic Enrichment Program

You, a hard charging second classman bound for the Armor branch, are interested in tank gunnery. You are enrolled in the mechanical engineering program, but you can't put your finger on how, in the "real world," they develop new weapons systems. Perhaps you have found Mil Art to be the most fascinating subject you have ever taken, but can't find time to get out to look at some of those battlefields you have spent hours studying in a book. The solution? Sign up for the Academic Enrichment Program!

As a result of the 1989 USMA Institutional Self-Study and follow-on decisions by the Superintendent, the West Point experience has been divided into baseline and enrichment components. All cadets must complete clearly defined baseline academic, military and physical programs. (The academic baseline, as I indicated in my last column, is 40 courses.) In addition, all cadets, except those remanded to the Summer Term Academic Program (STAP)—summer school, must complement these baseline experiences with participation in three-week enrichment opportunities during the summers preceding their second and first class years. For these cadets, the summer training program is divided into three components: a baseline military training detail, a leave, and the enrichment period. I would like to share with you a little about the academic side of enrichment.

The inaugural enrichment program during the summer of 1990 was a resounding success. Cadets were given a choice of participating in military enrichment (airborne, air assault, etc.), physical enrichment (special courses or internships), or academic enrichment. Skillful coordination by the academic departments identified over 150 different academic opportunities, 75% away from West Point, from which over 1800 eligible cadets could make a choice. Forty percent of the eligibles (730 cadets) chose one of the academic opportunities. Not surprisingly, most second classmen chose a military enrichment, while a majority of first classmen selected the academic enrichment program (AEP).

The academic departments identified enrichment programs that provided outstanding educational and skill development opportunities and reinforced the Academy mission to provide cadets the attributes essential to continuous professional growth. These enrichment opportunities not only supported hands-on experiences found in branch specific jobs, but also offered training in many functional area positions that augmented the cadets' education at West Point.

Cadets pursued branch-related enrichment opportunities by assisting in construction inspection in some 45 Corps of Engineers districts throughout the United States, analyzing the aircraft power systems of UH-60 helicopters at the Aviation Systems Command, investigating possible defects in tank materials at the Tank Automotive Command, and designing, for the Military Traffic Management Command, an international deployment management tool that is currently being used to support Operation Desert Shield.

Many cadets chose to supplement their chosen fields of study or majors by pursuing enrichment opportunities in those disciplines. Some interesting examples include research on orbital debris at the Johnson Space Center, work on combat simulation models at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, modeling and simulation on the K-1 tank at Hughes Aircraft Company, study of the efficacy of catalysts in chemical warfare agents at the Chemical Research and Development Engineering Center in Aberdeen, Maryland; writing, at the Pentagon, deployment orders for counternarcotics operations in South America, and internships with the National Security Agency and Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Seventeen cadets traveled with senior faculty members to Europe to trace the U.S. and German movements during the Battle of the Bulge. Eight others retraced Pickett's charge and stood in the fields of Antietam.

As we prepare for the 1991 summer training period, we are encouraged and excited by the benefits accrued by academic enrichment. Foremost is the opportunity for each cadet to reach a new level of academic excellence. Participation brings together the knowledge gained in the classroom with applications in the dynamic worlds of engineering and social sciences. Cadet involvement extends the classroom into the research laboratory, or the desk of the decision maker. Frequently cadets bring their experiences back to West Point to conduct individual research projects.

Perhaps the most ringing endorsements of the program come from the cadets who have participated. "Sir," one cadet noted, "the experience away from West Point opened my eyes to another side of the Army and to the exciting challenges that will face me later in my career." Maybe, academics and what comes after West Point are tied together!

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The COM Reports

By BG DAVID A. BRAMLETT, *Commandant of Cadets*

Army/Navy

Of course, I have to start off my report by commenting on the 91st meeting of Army/Navy football. Please indulge me, as my class and I suffered through four years of defeat (1960–63) and this was my first time to be there when Army beat Navy. I cannot recall any other game with as much intensity in the air. The Corps was behind the team from march-on through the singing of the *Alma Mater*, and there was never a doubt that the team was going to respond for the Corps. The Corps roared from start to finish, making all of us proud of them and the team. From my vantage point, I was particularly pleased with the Corps' obvious recognition that their sincere enthusiasm and support for the team must be balanced with their responsibility to represent West Point and the Army to the nation and the world. Of course, as the Com I returned home to review the videotapes to insure that my initial observations were similar to those who watched the game on television (what else would you expect from the Com?).

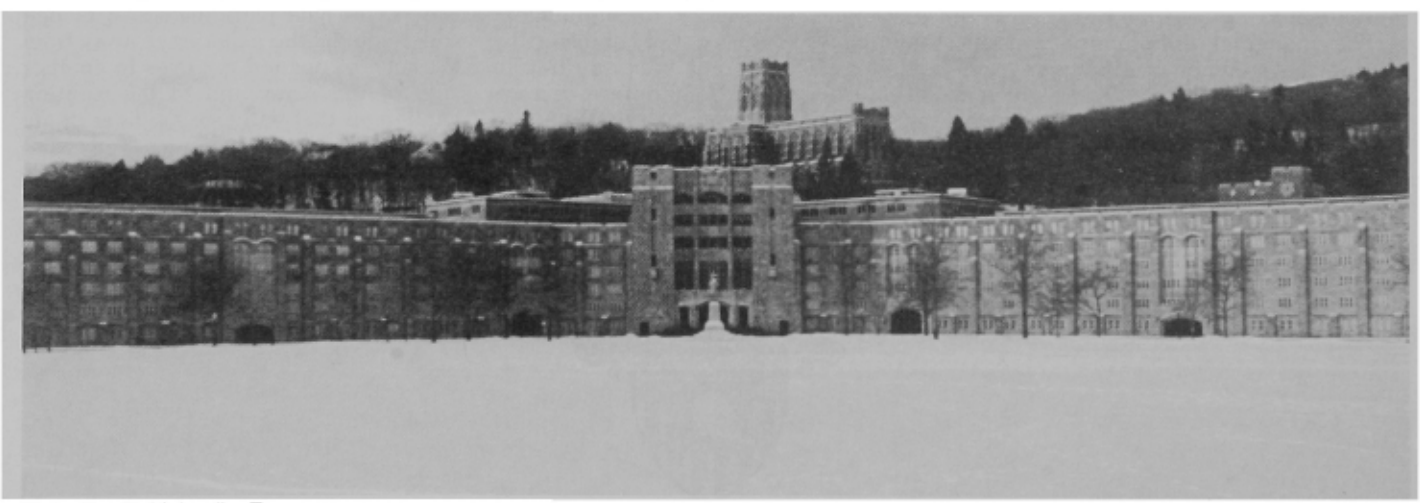
Though most of you saw Army's 30–20 victory, you may not have known that we also pummeled Navy in Lightweight (150-pound) Football, 37–7, at Annapolis. We had not won there in 10 years, so it was particularly gratifying for all of us. Between these two football victories, we also nipped Navy in Men's Swimming, 130–113, by winning the final event, the 400 free-style relay. This is probably old business by now, but it's sure fun writing about it in December.

Sir, may I make a correction?

That phrase usually applies when a plebe has made a mistake and wishes to correct it. In this case, many of us have a mistaken perception that I hope to correct with accurate information. This past year, we have received letters and questions from a variety of sources that either question or assert that women have a disproportionate share of the leadership positions at West Point. As you would expect, the focus is on cadet captains.

Over the past ten years (1981–90), 9.4% of all first class cadets were women. If women were selected to be cadet captains at the expected rate, then 9.4% of all cadet captains would have been women. The data that has been collected shows that there have been only three years where women held cadet captain positions at a rate slightly higher than their proportional share: 12.7% in 1983, 11.6% in 1984, and 11.7% in 1990. One year, in 1988, only 5.0% of the cadet captains were women. The overall number of 7.8% for this ten-year period indicates that women have experienced slightly less than proportional selection to the rank of cadet captain. What causes a contrary perception to persist is puzzling, but it does persist. One explanation may be that last year we had a first captain who was a woman, as well as three of our twelve battalion commanders. Then, as always, those cadets earned their stripes. Another explanation may be that during Graduation Week firsties are allowed to wear the stripes of their highest rank attained; what may look like a disproportional number of women as cadet captains is really an accumulation of the entire year. As the data shows, some years we have had proportionally representative classes, and others not so representative, but there is nothing to support the perception that women get more than their "fair share." The women have proven themselves to be fine additions to the "Long Gray Line." Many of the incorrect perceptions that people have about women at the Academy are exactly that—incorrect perceptions. All of us can be rightly proud of our institution and of the cadets that make up that institution. Which brings me back to my opening comment reflecting pride that we all should have in the way the Corps conducted themselves at the Army/Navy game. What a way to end a semester and my first year as Com.

By the time you read this report, I will have already started on my Founders Day trips. If last year is any indication of the time I will have, I look forward to March with great expectation. I hope to have the opportunity to meet and talk with many of you. Until then, or my next report, best wishes throughout this new year from the office with the best view of the Plain.



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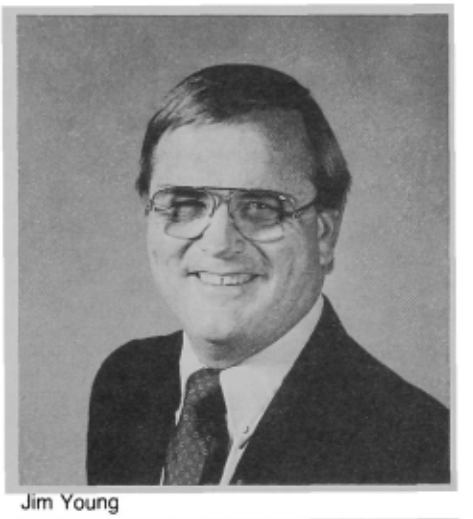
The DIA Reports

By AL VANDERBUSH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*

Army 30–Navy 20. That score means a lot to many people, especially Coach Jim Young, who on 8 December 1990 completed his eighth and final year as head coach of the Army Football Team. Jim's accomplishments here at West Point are many and have been written about and heralded by his peers, the media, alumni and Army fans throughout the world. Jim took the team from a losing, floundering program to one which is now winning and competitive in the Division I ranks. Jim rebuilt the football program on a solid foundation of:

- **Intensive recruiting**
- **Sound football strategy and tactics**
- **Year-round conditioning, strength and diet programs**
- **Effective use of the scarce resource of cadet time**
- **Efficient planning and organizing**
- **Quality facilities**
- **Emphasis on team mental attitude**
- **Leadership**

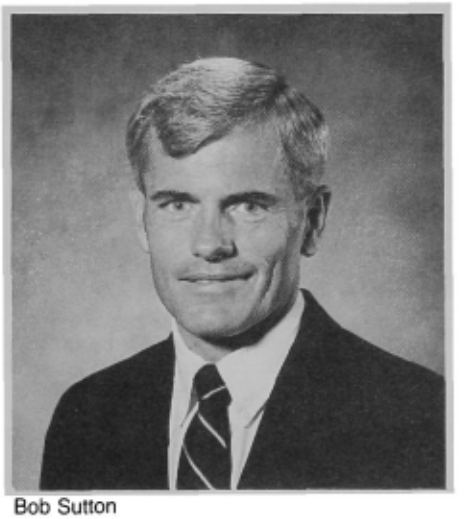


Jim Young

Our new coach, Bob Sutton, who has been here at West Point with Jim Young for the past eight years, has the challenge of keeping the program at its current level and hopefully making it even better. Coach Sutton understands what it takes to be successful at West Point and is focusing on the same fundamentals that Jim Young established and maintained. I have full confidence in Bob's leadership, football coaching abilities, and recruiting talents.

It will take a commitment by us all to give Bob the same resource and moral support that was developed and institutionalized while Jim Young was coach. A cooperative effort by coach, team, Corps, administration and alumni is essential for success.

Coach Young's words to our team before the 1990 Navy game sets the tone as we look ahead to 1991 and beyond: "We have to be together as a single mind to win this game."



Bob Sutton

Well done, Jim Young.

Lead on, Bob Sutton.

BEAT NAVY!

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Victory: How Sweet It Is

100th ANNIVERSARY ARMY-NAVY GAME

Story and photos by Spec. John Barker, photo editor

It's a battle that's a century old. Army vs. Navy. It's always an emotional contest, but this year's 30–20 victory over Navy may have been the sweetest ever.

Beating Navy on the game's 100th anniversary would be satisfying enough, especially after losing to them in the final seconds of last year's game; but the cadets also managed to give Coach Jim Young the best going away present an Army head coach could ask for—a victory over Navy.

It was a game Coach Young and the cadets will remember forever. For the senior players, it will probably be the last game they will ever play, and for Young, the last he will coach. He finished by beating Navy for the fifth time in eight years.

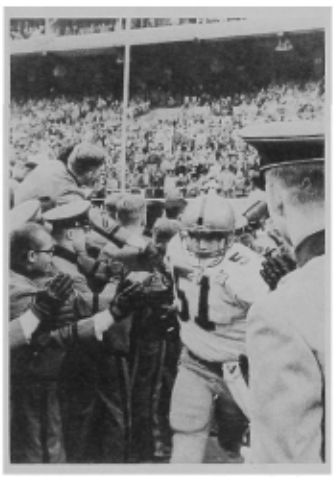
Willie McMillian, Army's junior quarterback, ran the wishbone almost to perfection, gaining 402 yards of total offense. McMillian himself had a career-high rushing total of 195 yards. He also threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Myreon Williams on Army's only pass play of the game. Navy won't be pleased to find out he'll be returning next year.

Mike Mayweather, who was in contention for this year's Heisman Trophy and who is currently Army's career rushing leader, ended the game with 87 yards rushing.

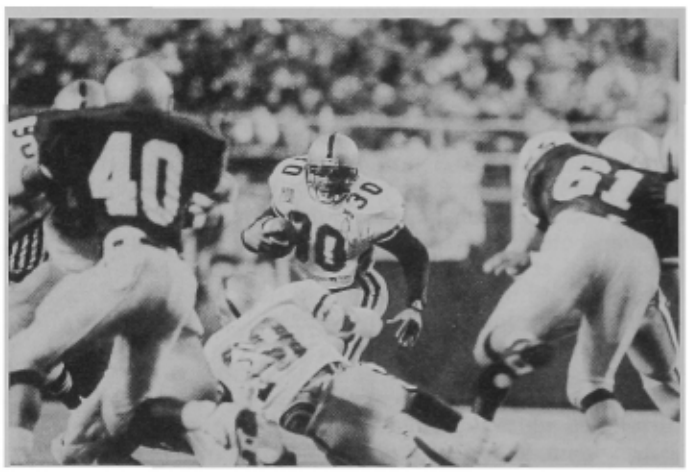
This year's victory over Navy tied the series at 42–42–7, but wait till next year! BEAT NAVY!

Courtesy of *Pointer View*

Gatorade-drenched Army Head Coach Jim Young has something to smile about as he walks off the field, knowing he will retire from coaching with his fifth victory over Navy in eight years.

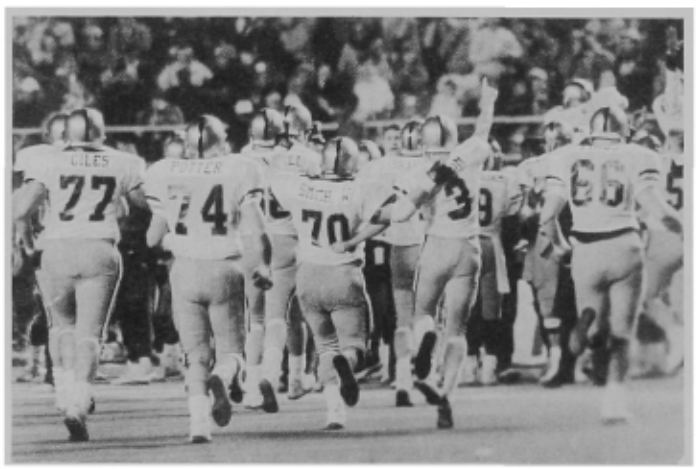


Jeff Johnson enters the playing field while he and the football team are cheered on by the Corps of Cadets.



Mike Mayweather uses some good blocking to maneuver through Navy's defense.

Myreon Willams scores after catching Army's only pass of the game, good for a 35-yard touchdown.



The kicking team celebrates while leaving the field, after kicking the extra point that made the score 30-20 over Navy.

Mike Mayweather and Calvin Cass share a victory embrace after they helped lead Army to its 42nd win over Navy.

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One Hundred Years of Army Football: 1890–1990

By Marc Berman

If the football field is like a battlefield, as some say, is it at all surprising that a brilliant football tradition developed at West Point? Consider the following comparisons to war: in the famous words of General Douglas MacArthur, "Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that, on other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory." When a brigadier general, Omar Bradley said of football, "No extracurricular activity I know of can better prepare a soldier for the battlefield." And in his autobiography, *You Have to Pay the Price*, Earl "Red" Blaik, Army football's legendary coach from 1941–58, wrote, "In its steep physical, mental and moral challenges, in its sacrifices, selflessness and courage, football, beyond any game invented by man, is closest to war."

Army football began 100 years ago on 29 November 1890, when Army accepted a challenge from Navy and a cadet named Dennis Michie formed the first West Point team. An inexperienced Army squad lost to Navy on the Plain at West Point by an overwhelming score of 24-0. It was the beginning of a fascinating rivalry between the two service academies; so strong, in fact, that it is said the "success" of Army's football season revolves on the outcome of each year's Army-Navy game. This season, Army prevailed by 30-20, tying the series record between the two teams at 42-42-7 in this first century of Army-Navy competition.

The importance of winning, especially the Army-Navy game, is ingrained in Army football players. They are drilled with the notion that a successful football team means a morale boost for the country's armed forces around the globe and projects a positive image for the military in general. "Whether it's correct or not, winning football games is important to the image people have of West Point," Army's former football coach Jim Young said in Joseph Dineen's book *The Illustrated History of Sports at the U.S. Military Academy*. "I mean, people look out on the football field and see future leaders of our country there. You should be winners at Army. It might not be right to think that way, but that's the way it is."

The values learned in the game of football are called upon in other areas of a soldier's life. "Football is about teamwork," said Charlie Gabriel, a quarterback on the 1949 Army team. "Whether you're flying an airplane, driving a tank or playing football, you have to trust the guy on either side of you." "Football has all the ingredients important to a youngster—integrity, discipline, teamwork, commitment," said Winfield W. Scott, starting halfback on the 1948 team, a retired Air Force lieutenant general, and now the superintendent of the New Mexico Military Institute. "If you're going to be a warrior, you could learn those lessons on a football field, which is better than any other leadership laboratory you could erect."

The 100th anniversary of football's birth at the Academy was celebrated on 3 November when Army defeated Rutgers 35-31 at Michie Stadium. An invocation by Chaplain Richard P. Camp, Jr. preceded earlier ceremonies (transcript from his inspirational speech follows), and over 250 returning Army lettermen were introduced at half-time. They spanned 72 years of Army football history, from Brigadier General Arthur Pulsifer (Ret.), Class of November 1918, to members of the Class of 1990. Pulsifer, at 95 the second oldest living football letterman, is junior only to James Van Fleet, Class of 1915, a starting halfback on the undefeated 1914 team.

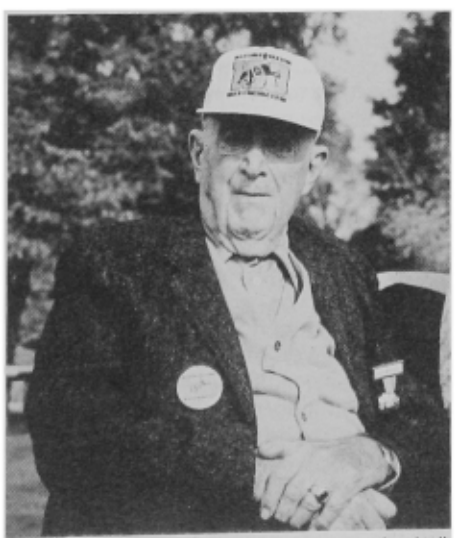
Army Football At-A-Glance

1890s

Army played just one game in its first season, 1890, responding to a challenge issued by Navy. The cadets, featuring just three players who had any football experience, lost to Navy 24-0. Revenge came quick, Army winning the 1891 game 32-16 on the way to a 4-1-1 record.

Army posted a 35-22-5 record in the '90s, which saw the fledgling Army-Navy series interrupted for five years because leaders of the academies were fearful the game would cause bad feelings between their graduates.

There were six coaches during this era, including Dennis Michie, who as a cadet coached the first Army team and coached the 1892 team. Capt. Michie was killed during the Spanish-American War in 1898, at age 28, while leading a charge up San Juan Hill.



Arthur Pulsifer, Army's second oldest football letterman and a starting tackle on the 7—1—0 1917 team, observes the cadet parade prior to the Army—Rutgers game.

1900s

From 1900 to 1904, Army posted a 31-9-5 record and beat Navy four of five times.

Some of the stars included Paul Bunker, a tackle and halfback who won All-America honors in both positions in 1901 and 1902. Quarterback Charles Daley was an All-America in 1901 and later served two terms as Army football coach, from 1913–16 and 1919–22.

Others who earned All-America honors from 1900 to 1906 were end Walter Smith (1901), center Robert Boyers (1902), center Arthur Tipton (1904) and back Henry Torney (1904–05).

1910s

Army did not have a losing season. The cadets posted two unbeaten seasons, the team going 9-0 in 1914 and 1916 under Daley.

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Four players won All-America status: Elmer Oliphant (1916 and 1917), tackle Leland Devore (1911), end Louis Merillat (1913) and center John McEwan (1914).

The decade saw the beginning of the Army-Notre Dame rivalry, which the Irish lead 34-8-4. Boosted by the passing connection of Gus Dorais-to-Knute Rockne, Notre Dame won the first game in 1913, 35-13.

1920s

Army achieved national notoriety in this decade, posting a 69-19-7 record. Chris "Red" Cagle gained All-America honors for three straight seasons, from 1927–29.

Army became a big-time draw around the East, as 1921 became the first year the cadets were allowed to play off the post, excluding the Navy game, according to Dineen's book on West Point sports.

An Army-Yale game in New Haven, CT, drew 74,000 fans. Army set a school scoring record that still stands, beating poor Bowdoin College 90-0 in 1920.

In 1924, Army football had a new home. Michie Stadium, built over a frog pond, was ready in time for the 1924 season.

Voted twice as All-America were center Ed Garbisch (1922, 1924) and tackle Bud Sprague (1926, 1927).

Guard Gus Farwick (1924), end Chuck Born (1925) and halfback Harry "Lighthorse" Wilson (1926) were all All-America selections.

1930s

The 1930s marked the success of two of the finer coaches in Army history, Ralph Sasse, who achieved a 25-5-2 record in three seasons from 1930–32, and Gar Davidson, who compiled a 35-11-1 record in five seasons.

According to Dineen's book, Sasse requested a transfer from West Point before the 1932 season, his enthusiasm for coaching drained by the death of Cadet Richard Sheridan in the 1931 game against Yale.

Charles "Monk" Meyer, the thick-framed quarterback (glasses, that is), was a key to Army's success in 1935 and 1936, as the cadets continued to be a national power. Despite his smallish 143-pound frame, Meyer was regarded as a fine runner and passer, though never received first-team All-America honors.

"He was not a very pre-possessing football prospect," Davidson said in "Field of Honor."

"Monk couldn't see well. How the hell he got into the Academy I don't know. But he was bound and determined that he would be a regular football player."

The 1936 Army-Navy game was notable because it marked the first time the game was moved to Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium (later to be named John F. Kennedy Stadium). The game had outgrown Franklin Field, which held only 78,000. The 1936 game drew 102,047 at Municipal Stadium. Navy won 7-0.

By the end of the decade, Army's fortunes turned sour, greasing the way for the hiring of a legend. After Davidson stepped down after the 1937 season, Bill Wood took over. In 1938, Army was 8-2 but in 1939, the cadets slipped to 3-4-2 and were shut out by Navy 10-0.

Two great Army halfbacks exchange greetings: Glenn Davis '47 and "Monk" Meyer '37.

1940s

Army was 1-7-1 in 1940 and blanked by Navy, 14-0. Brigadier General Robert L. Eichelberger watched that game just days after assuming the superintendent position at West Point. The week before, he watched Penn rout Army 48-0.

In *Gridiron Grenadiers*, a book by Tim Cohane, Eichelberger was quoted as saying, ". . . I was impressed Saturday by the way the cadets cheered our team right to the end of that 48-0 beating by Pennsylvania. It looks as if we are developing the finest bunch of losers in the world. By the gods, I believe the cadets deserve a football team which will teach them how to be good winners. Our system of graduate-officer coaching is outmoded. We ought to go out and get the best coach in the business."

He was talking about Earl "Red" Blaik, who was coaching Dartmouth, having developed the Big Green into an Eastern power in a seven-year reign. Blaik was wooed from Dartmouth and so began "the glory years"—the most prosperous period in Army football history.

In one season, the change was startling. From 1-7-1 in 1940, the cadets improved to 5-3-1 in 1941. From 1941–49, the cadets posted a 59-10-5 record, featuring five unbeaten seasons. Army was voted the national champion in 1944 when it was 9-0, routing Notre Dame 59-0, Penn 62-7 and Navy 23-7. Army outscored its opponents 504-35 that season.

In 1945, Army repeated as national champion with a 9-0 record, whipping Notre Dame 48-0, Penn 61-0 and Navy 32-13.

The season of 1946 was not so clear. The cadets rolled to a 7-0 record and faced Notre Dame on 9 November 1946 at Yankee Stadium in what everyone regarded as a showdown for the national championship. The cadets' 25-game winning streak also was on the line.

In one of the most famous games in college football history, the teams fought to a scoreless tie—the first time Army's legendary running-back pair, "Doc" Blanchard and Glenn Davis, "Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside," had no side to run their magic.

Army then beat Penn 34-7, and in a thriller of an Army-Navy game, the heavily favored cadets hung on 21-18, after taking a comfortable 21-6 lead at halftime. Army finished with a 9-0-1 record.

Notre Dame (8-0-1) was voted No. 1 in the AP poll, with Army second, giving Notre Dame the mythical national championship in an announcement that shocked the unbeaten cadets. Army's archives indicate differently, listing the cadets as national champions.

Blanchard won the Heisman in 1945; Davis achieved it in 1946. Other standouts that played on at least one of those three unbeaten teams included quarterback Doug Kenna, guard John Green, end Hank Foldberg and quarterback Arnold Tucker.

1950s

The decade started promisingly enough as the cadets won their first eight games of the 1950 season. But in the season finale against Navy, Army lost its chance for another unbeaten season as Navy won 14-2.

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Army lettermen of the '50's march at half time in Michie Stadium.

That was the ominous sign of what was ahead.

Scandal rocked West Point and its football team nine months later, triggering the most agonizing period in Army football history.

Called the "Honor Code Scandal," 90 cadets were expelled from the Academy in August 1951; 37 were football players.

With practically his entire varsity squad dismissed—a team many figured had a chance at an unbeaten season in 1951—Blaik faced the epitome of coaching challenges. And he rose to it.

The 1951 season was a struggle—Army finished 2-7, including a 42-7 blowout loss to Navy.

In 1952, Army showed signs that the crumbled dynasty was being rebuilt. Army was 4-4-1 and on its way. The following season the cadets were 7-1-1—winning the Lambert Trophy—and 7-2 in 1954.

In 1955, Blaik faced a severe quarterback shortage—the team still feeling the after-shocks of the scandal. During spring practice, Blaik decided to switch Don Holleder, an All-America end, to quarterback—a position he had never played, not even in high school. The media heralded it as "Blaik's Folly," but it became one of his greatest calls. Blaik didn't care about Holleder's passing skills. He cared about Holleder's leadership ability and thought his presence would enable Army to beat Navy.

Blaik was right. Holleder led the cadets to a 6-3 record and a 14-6 victory against favored Navy.

From the rubble of the 1951 scandal, the cadets reached the pinnacle in 1958—as the cadets were 8-0-1 and beat Navy 22-6. That was Army's last unbeaten season.

Also, 1958 was the year of "the lonely end"—a formation that caught the fancy of the nation's fans. The "lonely end" was Bill Carpenter, an aggressive end who would line up 15 yards either to the right or left of the quarterback. Carpenter did not huddle with the team, remaining at the line of scrimmage, getting his signals from the foot movement of the quarterback.

Carpenter was not the only player to attract attention. Halfback Pete Dawkins became Army's third Heisman Trophy winner and halfback Bob Anderson earned All-America honors.

Blaik shocked the college football world by quitting at season's end. He guided the cadets to a 121-33-10 record from 1941–58.

There would never be an Army coach like him. There would never be an era for Army like that era ever again.

1960s

It began in this decade—Army football losing its edge on other major college programs because of the rise of professional football. The cadets have never regained that edge.

As some of the top high school football recruits began looking to the best manner in which to prepare for a big-bucks NFL career, their choice obviously was not Army. Not with Army's five-year postgraduate commitment to the military.

"It sure put a dent on recruiting," said Tom Cahill, Army coach from 1966–73.

Army posted a 60-37-2 record during the 1960s. Dale Hall took over in 1959, enjoyed two winning seasons, but lost to Navy three straight years, leading to his dismissal.

The 1962 and 1963 Army-Navy games were memorable for the spectacular performances of Navy quarterback Roger Staubach, who won the Heisman in 1963. The 1963 game was postponed to December in wake of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Paul Dietzel was Army coach from 1962–65, collecting a 21-18-1 record before resigning.

Cahill was hired and did what no Army squad had done since 1958—win eight games. The cadets' 8-2 record and their 20-7 victory against Navy earned Cahill national coach of the year honors in 1966. Army was 8-2 the following year and 7-3 in 1968.

Bruising running back Charlie Jarvis was Army's premier player that decade—rushing for 2,344 career yards, fifth on Army's all-time list.

Despite beating Navy 27-0, the cadets were 4-5-1 in 1969 and their despair had only just begun.

1970s

West Point officials would love to erase this decade from the Army football record books. Aside from the brilliance of quarterback Leamon Hall, the 1970s were mostly negative.

The decade produced just three winning Army teams, with three coaches, Cahill, Homer Smith and Lou Saban. Army's record in the 1970s was 36-68-3.

Why the sudden decline? The NFL continued to gain in popularity, which was detrimental to recruiting. Another factor hurting Army's recruiting was that the military, in general, took an image-bashing in the wake of the Vietnam War. Plus, the cadets were playing a very difficult schedule.

The cadets were 1-9-1 in 1970. In the 1972 season opener, Army suffered its worst defeat—losing 77-7 to defending national champion Nebraska. Cahill was fired after the 1973 season—Army's worst in history as it lost all 10 games, including a 51-0 loss to Navy.

Smith was fired following a 4-6-1 1978 season and Saban resigned after one season after his team went 2-8-1 in 1979.

At least there was Leamon Hall, who became the most prolific passer in Army history, setting 15 cadet passing records. His favorite receiver was Clennie Brundidge, who holds Army's career records for most receptions, most yards and most touchdown catches.

Hall closed out his career in 1977 with a 17-14 victory against Navy, as the cadets broke a four-year losing streak and finished with a 7-4 record.

1980s

Saban's resignation after the 1979 season gave way to the hiring of Ed Cavanaugh, Army's fourth coach in eight years. Yes, stability in the coaching ranks was another problem that beset the cadets in this era.

Army began the decade with three straight losing seasons—and five consecutive overall. Enter still another football coach, Jim Young, former head coach at Purdue and Arizona.

". . . I wasn't interested in coaching any place," Young said in Dineen's book on the history of Army sports. "This job appealed to me more than any would have but I don't know why. There was a personal challenge to meet, to make it a

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successful program, and the individuals I'd work with appealed to me."

Young brought to Army the wishbone offense in 1984, and he brought back winning.

After a difficult 2-9 start in 1983, Young's Army teams reeled off an 8-3-1 record in 1984 and a 9-3 record in 1985. The cadets accepted their first bowl bid, and edged Michigan State 10-6 in the inaugural Cherry Bowl at Pontiac, MI. In 1985, Army played in a second straight bowl game, beating Illinois 31-29 in the Peach Bowl at Atlanta. In 1988, Army posted a 9-3 record and played in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas, losing 29-28 to Alabama.

Reflecting on Army's revival in the 1980s, Young said in Dineen's book, "There's more of a pro-American attitude in the country." Young added that this new attitude has made recruiting easier at West Point in general.

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Nate Sassaman became Army's first quarterback to run the wishbone in 1984 and Doug Black became a premier running back, rushing for 1,148 yards in 1984, setting a single-season record that has since been broken.

Other standouts of the 1980s included George Mayes and Doug Pavek, who both participated in the East-West Shrine Game. Defensive back Dave Charest, center Dan Enright, defensive back Mike Williams, defensive end Larry Carroll, linebacker Jim Gentille, defensive back Eric Griffin and offensive guard Don Smith participated in the Hula Bowl. Smith was Army's last All-America, named in 1985.

And then there is Mike Mayweather, the 5-8, 184-pound halfback, considered too small to make it big on the big-time college football level. Mayweather has become the most prolific runner in Army history. In last year's Army-Navy game, Mayweather broke Glen Davis' career rushing mark of 2,957 yards, and is now Army's all-time leading runner with 4,299 yards. He is also Army's first All-America since Don Smith in '85.

1990s

Coach Young, after completing his fifth winning season in seven years, resigned; his replacement is Bob Sutton, the team's defensive coordinator.

The 1990s decade promises to be a successful one for Army, if the first season is any indication. In the game against 15-point favorite, Syracuse, the cadets rallied in the fourth quarter to take a 14-13 lead before the Orangemen surged to a 26-14 lead. That game prompted Tom Cahill, now a radio commentator for Army football games, to say, "the cadets just didn't quit, did they? Hey, if they ever quit, we're all in trouble."

Army ended its season with the sweetest victory of all—a 30-20 victory over Navy, surely won, in part, by the overwhelming support of the 4,000 cadets and countless Army alumni and friends who turned out to support the Black Knights in Philadelphia.

Invocation of Richard P. Camp, Jr., USMA Chaplain

The following is a transcript of Chaplain Camp's inspiring words to Army's football lettermen, past and present, delivered on 3 November at the site of the first football game at West Point, the contest with Navy on 29 November 1890.

"When you win you get a feeling of exhilaration; when you lose you get a feeling of resolution; you resolve never to lose again!"

Vincent Lombardi's words speak for the spirit of Army football. That hasn't changed! A lot has changed since the cadets and midshipmen played here 100 years ago. The field has been moved and now they play on artificial turf in Michie Stadium. The equipment has changed. Today cadets have helmets with secure face-guards, helmets that are padded with an inflatable air cushion. Other equipment is lighter and stronger. Perhaps more significant than equipment is the strength and agility of the athletes. A strength program with excellent equipment has made today's football player a much stronger person than his forebears. The game is more complex, both offensively and defensively. Techniques are more scientific, both physically and mentally.

Thankfully many things have not changed! Good football players are still driven by enthusiasm, heart, courage, and guts. Discipline hasn't changed! Today's athlete still needs poise to accompany his reckless efforts. Today's cadet, like you, still dreams of being Saturday's hero and is willing to pay the price each practice to make that a reality. And the Corps hasn't changed! Today's football players are still cadets first with the demands of the academic and military standards always held high. Pride hasn't changed! Men stand shoulder to shoulder against an opponent, determined to stand tall for the pride of the Army team. You felt that! Being here today brings some of that feeling back to you. Standing here today in this historical spot is evidence that that pride continues. Your successors, who are the Army team of today, will carry that same pride, discipline, and spirit to victory in Michie Stadium this afternoon because you surround them and you inspire them.

In these few minutes I would like to invite you to be thankful for this tradition. Take a moment to thank God: for memory, for friends, and for the influence of the game.

Memory can be a wonderful gift. It enables us to play back old tapes in the mind; to recall games and to relive experiences 10, 20, 30, 40 years ago! It allows us to feel the excitement, the pride, and the satisfaction of having played and of having done our best.

Thank God for people! For teammates, some who stand with you today, whose camaraderie remains a cherished treasure. Thank God for those teammates and coaches who taught you, and inspired you. Be thankful for your heroes, and the unsung heroes who taught you that there was more to be gained from the game than glory. Some of those who play in your memory are no longer alive—but they stand with us today in ghostly assemblage. We remember many of these teammates who stood so proudly on the field of friendly strife who died so nobly on other days and other fields. Thank God for teammates who today stand at their post; in Saudi, on other posts around the world, some in business or industry or on the farm; still standing tall! Still making a difference! Still motivated by Duty, Honor and Country.

Let's be thankful for the game. For this unique vehicle that binds men together in violent combat; for this vehicle of fun we call football—of commitment, of courage, of teamwork, of battle. Thank God for blood, sweat and tears which for so many became the training ground for other battles on other fields.

Now as I offer a prayer, I invite you to link hands and let's give thanks together.

Lord, as the sons of Army football, we pause a moment in the steady march of life to give you thanks for your faithfulness through the years. Indeed "time like an ever rolling stream bears all its sons away; they die, forgotten as a dream dies at the opening of day." Continue to be with these men. Let their influence continue to build on the strong foundations of this noble tradition. Be with those who share this unique heritage as they serve in distant places. And accept our thanks for those of this great family who have crossed to the other side of death. May we be worthy of their sacrifice, and of Yours! Amen.

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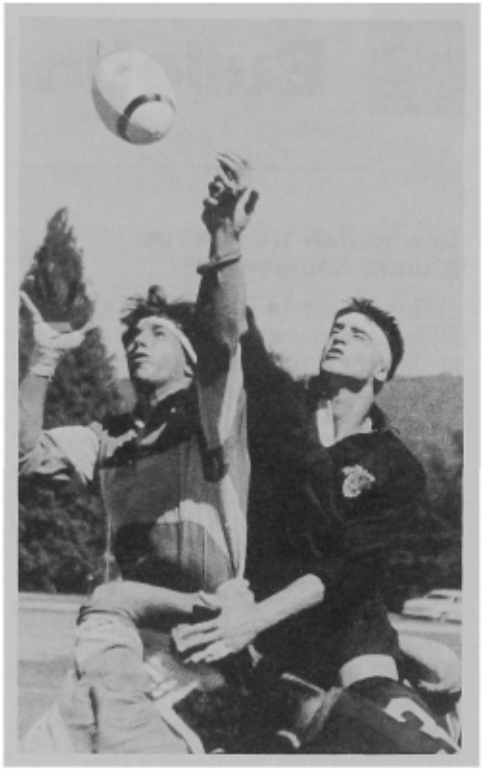
Army Rugby Wins East Coast Championship

Army—Eastern Collegiate Champion, 1990; Orlando, Florida, 1–2 December.



The Rugby Club completed its most successful fall campaign in the thirty years that the game has been played at West Point when it won the Eastern Rugby Union Championships by defeating the University of Maryland in the finals, 50–6.

Competing at home in the Northeast Tournament a few weeks earlier, both Army's "A" side and "B" side were entered in the four-team tournament. The "A" side (named the Army Black team) defeated Harvard 22–16 to reach the Northeast finals, while the Army Gold team defeated Princeton 20–15 and Cortland State 22–3. In the championship game, Army Black defeated the Army Gold team 51–8.

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Mahan '70, head coach of the Army Rugby Team, is ably assisted by his officer in charge, Major Brian O'Gorman of the Irish Guards, and six assistant coaches.

In Orlando, Florida Army faced Loyola of Maryland in the semi-final game before a large and vocal contingent of Army parents and friends. Loyola played a spirited first half and left the field trailing by 16–9. In the second half, Army scored 30 unanswered points to win, 46–9. Army again started slowly against Maryland in the finals, and led 16–6 at halftime. But whatever threats the Army coaching staff delivered between halves appeared to work, as the cadets rolled to a 50–6 victory.

Army Rugby 1990
Won 14 Lost 0

ARMY	6	Glasgow University	0
	12	Columbia	0
	36	Army "B" Side	0
	28	VMI	0
	68	Hofstra	0
	65	Rutgers	3
	57	Fordham	6
	71	U.S. Merchant Marine Acad.	0
	94	Fairfield	0
	20	Air Force	0
	22	Harvard	16 (NE Playoff)
	51	Army Gold Side	8 (NE Playoff)
	46	Loyola (Maryland)	9 (Eastern Playoff)
	50	Maryland	6 (Eastern Playoff)
	626		48

By winning its third consecutive Eastern Championship, Army has been invited to play in the final four for the National Championship on 3–5 May in Houston, Texas. This will be Army's third appearance in the past three years. In 1990, Army finished second to Air Force, who went on to win the national championship. In 1989, Army was ranked third nationally.

The Eastern Rugby Union consists of 192 teams, reflecting the strength of this 1990 Army club that again finished first. After the Eastern Tournament, eleven players were selected for the All-East Team, and eight were Army ruggers. In addition, eight Army players were named to the Combined Services Junior Select Team. Selected from all military rugby players under 26 years of age world-wide, this national level team plays US and foreign national teams.

One of the great attractions of rugby for the cadet is the implied promise that everyone has an opportunity to play the game. Army fields four teams, or "sides." In addition to the "A" side's 14–0–0 record, the "B" side (Gold Team) won 9, lost 2, and tied 1 game. The "C" side won 7 and lost 1 game, and the "D" side won 3, lost 2, and tied 1 contest. One of "D" side's losses came at the hands of the Army "C" team, 12–0.

West Point alumni in the greater Houston area are eagerly looking forward to watching their team bring home a national title in May!

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Bulletin Board

Graduation Week 1991 Alumni Reunions

This year the Classes of 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941, and 1951 will have reunions at West Point during the period 26–29 May 1991.

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

Sunday, 26 May

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

Monday, 27 May

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

Tuesday, 28 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, Washington Hall (guests invited)
1700—Class Dinners

Wednesday, 29 May

1200—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 Directorate of Academy Advancement, USMA, West Point, NY 10996.

Typically, members of reunion classes will have received information concerning reunions from their Class Reunion Committee before 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.

Founders Day 1991

The following is a listing, as of 7 January, of Founders Day gatherings for 1991 that have been established with the Directorate of Academy Advancement, USMA. Graduates wishing to attend may obtain the name of the local point of contact by phoning LTC Fishburne (Ret), Directorate of Academy Advancement, 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 15 April 1991.

DATE 1991	LOCATION	SPEAKER
1 Mar	Long Island, NY	Commandant
	Huntsville, AL	Dean
2 Mar	Picatinny Arsenal, NJ	Commandant
	Jackson, MS	Dean
	Tallahassee, FL	Dir of Admissions
	Annapolis, MD	GEN E. C. Meyer
5 Mar	Presidio, CA	Superintendent
6 Mar	Portland, OR	Superintendent
	Minneapolis, MN	Commandant
	Cape Kennedy, FL	Director of Athletics
7 Mar	Sacramento, CA	Superintendent
	Milwaukee, WI	Commandant
8 Mar	Ft. Ord, CA	Superintendent
	Ft. Ben Harrison, IN	Commandant
	Louisville, KY	Dean
	Ft. Gordon, CA	Director of Athletics
9 Mar	Orange County, CA	Superintendent
	Cleveland, OH	Commandant
	El Paso, TX	Dean
	Greenville, SC	Director of Athletics
10 Mar	San Diego, CA	Superintendent
	Cincinnati, OH	Commandant
	Austin, TX	Dean
11 Mar	Tucson, AZ	Superintendent
12 Mar	Phoenix, AZ	Superintendent
	New Haven, CT	Commandant
13 Mar	Carlisle, PA	Commandant
	Charleston, SC	Director of Athletics
	Ft. Leonard Wood, MO	Dean
14 Mar	Ft. Polk, LA	Dean

Local Business Donors

As part of our annual fund-raising program, the AOG solicits businesses that operate in the West Point community. These businesses play a role in supporting West Point and its programs.

If you have the opportunity to patronize any of these establishments, tell them that you appreciate their support of the Military Academy.

Army National Bank
Days Inn of Newburgh
Fairway Testing Company
Graber the Florist
Geis Auto Mall
Wm. F. Hogan Funeral Home
Roy C. Knapp & Sons
Kopald & Kopald
George A. Logan & Sons

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DATE 1991	LOCATION	SPEAKER
	Jacksonville, FL	Director of Athletics
15 Mar	Kansas City, KS (Noon)	Superintendent
	Ft. Leavenworth, KS	Superintendent
	Boston, MA	Commandant
	Dallas, TX	Dean
	Miami, FL	Director of Athletics
	Salt Lake City, UT	COL Toffler, USMA Staff
16 Mar	Ft. Carson, CO	Superintendent
	Washington, DC	Commandant
	Ft. Sill, OK	Dean
	Tampa, FL	Director of Athletics
	Hilton Head, SC	GEN E. C. Meyer
	Tulsa, OK	COL Toffler, USMA Staff
	Houston, TX	COL Hudgins, AOG
17 Mar	Denver, CO	Superintendent
20 Mar	Nashville, TN	Dean
	Charlottesville, VA	COL Wilson, USMA Staff
21 Mar	Ft. Monroe, VA	Director of Athletics
	Raleigh, NC	COL Wilson, USMA Staff
22 Mar	St. Louis, MO	Dean
	Ft. Benning, GA	Director of Athletics
	Knoxville, TN	COL Wilson, USMA Staff
	Bethlehem, PA	Dir of Admissions
23 Mar	Atlanta, GA	Director of Athletics
	Ft. Lewis/Seattle, WA	Mr. Mullane, Pres. AOG
	Detroit, MI	Dir of Admissions
24 Mar	Pittsburgh, PA	Dir of Admissions
7 Apr	Los Angeles, CA	Mr. Mullane, Pres. AOG

Founders Day in Europe

United States Army Europe and Seventh Army will celebrate Founders Day the evening of 16 March 1991 at the Heidelberg Officers and Civilians Club. All graduates, spouses and friends of West Point are invited to attend. As the event grows nearer, details will become available via news media and mailers.

Mariners Harbor Restaurant
Marine Midland Bank
News of the Highlands
P & P Quick Copying
Palisades Motel
Phil & Neals Restaurant
Ramada Inn of Newburgh
Schade's Restaurant
Suffern Executive Park Hotel
Uncle Chu's Restaurant
West Point Federal Credit Union
West Point Tours, Inc.

Flight Project

The campaign to raise funds to commemorate West Point's contribution to flight is nearing completion. Ninety-five percent of the target of $850,000 has been raised. Two of the three phases of the project, the Flight Memorial and Arnold Auditorium, have been offered to and accepted by the Secretary of the Army. Contracts have been awarded for the Flight Memorial. Contract specifications are being developed for the Arnold Auditorium. The third phase, the flight related displays in Mahan Hall, will be offered as soon as the needed funds are raised.

If you have not yet participated in this campaign (2000 graduates have), contributions marked "West Point Fund—Flight" may be sent in the envelope provided with this issue of ASSEMBLY. Now is your chance to support a project which will remind the nearly three million annual visitors of West Point's important contribution to flight.

Class of 1950's Chiefs of Staff

In the Nov 1990 *Assembly* there was a short article stating that the Class of '36 was the only class to have had three Army Chiefs of Staff. While we cannot argue that point, I believe that the Class of '50 is the only one to have had three sitting Chiefs of Staff at one time:

John Wickham—C/S US Army
Charlie Gabriel—C/S US Air Force
Fidel (Eddie) Ramos—C/S Philippine Army.

William B. DeGraf
Chairman, BOG, '50

Women's Basketball Starts Strong—Beats Air Force

Army's Women's Basketball Team moved up to Division I play for the 1990–91 season and for the first 10 games, the results have exceeded expectations. The Lady Knights have won 8 and lost 2, including championships in two of three tournaments they have entered. Particularly impressive was Army's 76-58 win over Air Force in the finals of the Florida Tech Invitational Tournament, a victory which evened the overall series against Air Force at one win apiece.

Army's women are also ranked number 1 of all Division I women's teams in scoring defense. The Lady Knights have yielded an average of only 49.1 points per game, while scoring 64.4 points per game themselves. A young team, with only two seniors on the roster (Jennifer Hankes and Stephanie Tutton), the cadets are coached by Lynn Arturi-Chiavaro, now in her fourth year as head coach.

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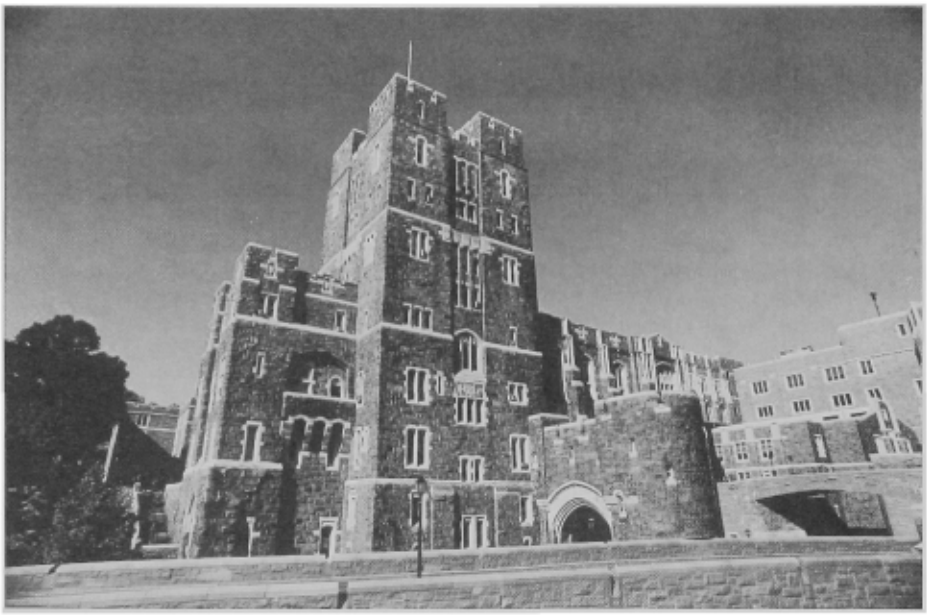
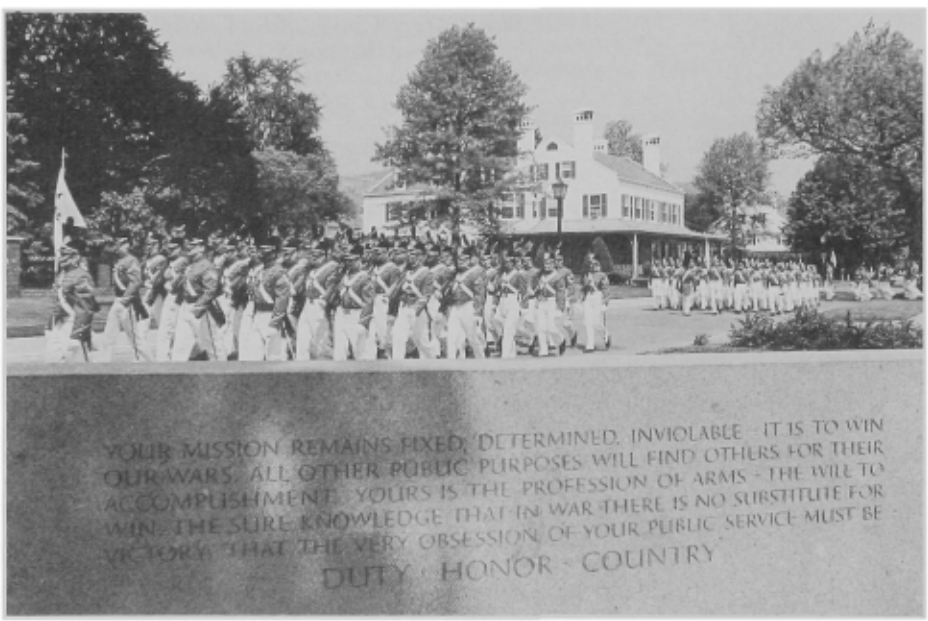
The Class of 1940's Illustrated History of West Point



The fortress-like administration building, with its 160-foot tower, is the tallest all-stone masonry building in the world. Inside, a chamber of particular interest is the academic board room, a vaulted Gothic hall illuminated by stained-glass windows blazoned with the symbols of the arts and sciences.



The Long Gray Line marches past the Superintendent's quarters in formation. Duty • Honor • Country•

It has been traditional for West Point classes to mark special anniversaries of their graduation by a gift to the Academy. However, when the gift committee of the Class of 1940 began to consider an appropriate tribute for their 50th anniversary, they rejected the usual type of memorialization and were drawn instead to a novel project—a history of West Point.

In making that decision, however, the committee insisted that this should be a fresh new history—a history of West Point as a place, as well as a history of the Military Academy as an institution—for in the minds of the committee, and in the minds of other graduates and even of the general public, the two were inseparable. That approach suggested a profusely-illustrated history, and in pursuing that challenge the class joined with Harry N. Abrams, Inc. of New York City, the foremost international publisher of high quality art books and illustrated histories.

Woodie Vaughn, who was then the class president, explained the reason for the unusual gift: "Most graduates believe that the Military Academy and its graduates have been strongly influenced by West Point's dramatic natural setting and by the character of its buildings, fortifications, monuments, and trophies." In line with that vision, the setting and the structures have been brought together and are highlighted in this book. A freshly researched institution history of the Military Academy is interwoven with a new physical and social history of West Point that unifies the visual and physical aspects of that record.

This 288-page book will be about the size of the *Howitzer* and will contain over 100 color plates and another 200 black-and-white illustrations. The book opens with a photo-essay, entitled "West Point for All Seasons." This piece visually depicts a year's activities against the backdrop of West Point's spectacular setting and scenery. Illustrations for the texts are drawn from numerous sources, but particularly from the USMA Library Special Collections, the USMA Archives, and the West Point Museum.

The author of this new history is Dr. Theodore J. Crackel, executive director of the *Papers of the Commanding Generals*. Dr. Crackel has written extensively on the Military Academy's early history. His book *Mr. Jefferson's Army* deals at length with the founding of the Academy at West Point. Dr. Crackel is a historian with over twenty years active military service; he taught for six years

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The cadet mess in Washington Hall can accommodate the more than 4,000 men and women who constitute the Corps of Cadets.

These quarters on Professor's Row were originally contructed in the 1820s. Known as "doubles," they are mainly of stone contruction.

Cadets of the fourth class are "recognized," as upperclassmen shake hands with them (late 1980s).

Members of the Class of 1940 prepare to march in the graduation ceremonies of 1990, as they celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation from the United States Military Academy.

with the USMA Department of History. He has also taught in the Department of Strategy of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and was director of Military History and Strategy Studies at the U.S. Army War College.

This book sheds new light on West Point's history in the period of the Revolution and the years immediately following—examining in detail the Academy's antecedents at West Point and elsewhere. It reexamines the motives of Thomas Jefferson in founding the Academy, and of Jonathan Williams, the first superintendent, who did everything in his power to effect the school's permanent establishment at Washington rather than West Point. The book looks anew at the contributions of Swift, Partridge and Thayer, and reexamines their roles in establishing the institution on the rock that is West Point.

The *Illustrated History of West Point* examines, for the first time, the origins of the Tudor-Gothic architecture—the motif that so dominates the Plain today and that has become identified with West Point. The book also breaks new ground in examining the often tense relationships between permanent faculty and the shorter-term superintendents. Although that examination begins with Partridge and Thayer, it focuses most strongly on the superintendencies of Richard Delafield, John Schofield, Albert Mills, Douglas MacArthur, Maxwell Taylor, Garrison Davidson, and Andrew Goodpaster—and their interaction with their respective academic boards. The book also takes a fresh look at the origin of hazing, and the evolution of the Honor Code and System.

Being the first major work about West Point since Stephen Ambrose's *Duty, Honor, Country* (1966) and John Lovell's *Neither Athens Nor Sparta* (a 1979 comparative study of the several service academies) this new book looks intently at the years of turmoil since the EE304 cheating scandal of 1976. It studies the aftermath of that event—in particular the work of the Borman Commission and the Army Study Group. It examines the increasing erosion of power of the academic board, the whip-sawing curriculum changes that have moved the Academy from a fixed core curriculum to electives and academic majors, and it notes the effect of increasing turbulence in the permanent faculty.

Given all this, however, the book is first and foremost about West Point *the place*. As such it is graced with a superb selection of illustrations from every period of West Point's history. The Abrams staff—in selecting the photographs and art that appear in the book, and in the overall design—have done a masterful job. *The Illustrated History of West Point* is a book that will be treasured by people who care deeply about West Point and the United States Military Academy. It is a project of which the Class of 1940 can be justly proud.

Details concerning purchase of the book will be distributed to all readers of *Assembly* in the coming months. A special pre-publication price will be offered at that time. It is anticipated that the first edition of the *Illustrated History of West Point* will be available early next fall. This volume will initially be offered for sale by the Association of Graduates, but will soon thereafter be available in bookstores across the country.

Theodore J. Crackel
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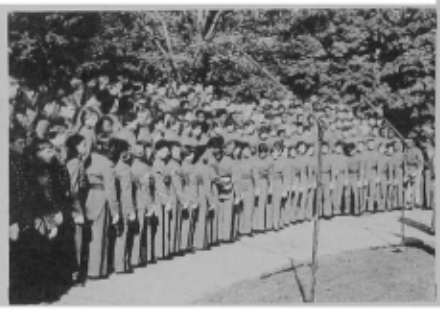

Private Funding Brings Excellence to West Point

Some Questions and Answers on Giving to West Point

Our fund-raising program consists of Annual, Special, and Planned Giving. In 1991, a Class Reunion Giving element will be staffed. The Annual appeal supports recurring requirements for Military Academy programs. The Planned Giving Program uses bequests, trusts, insurance, and annuities for the future benefit of West Point. Special Giving includes fund raising for projects where there is a one-time, non-recurring need for money and cultivating corporate and foundation support. Class Reunion Giving will entail helping USMA classes select gift projects and organize for fund raising. Donations through all sources bring excellence to the Military Academy and benefit the Corps of Cadets.

Why does a federal institution need private money?

While the government recognizes its obligation for well-educated military leaders, there is debate over what that entails and how much it should cost. Many graduates comment that fund raising is an invention of modern times, but soliciting private funds has been around since West Point's founding. Jonathan Williams, the first superintendent, used private funds to supplement the curriculum. He established the American Military Philosophical Society to expose cadets to diverse academic topics. Members contributed funds to assist Williams in enriching the cadets' course of study. While West Point has changed over the years, the superintendent still relies on private support to expand the prescribed curriculum and bring excellence to the cadet experience at West Point.

Why can't West Point raise its own money?

As representatives of the federal government, authorities at USMA may not solicit private funds. The Association of Graduates performs this function through its West Point Fund. The AOG is a tax-exempt, publicly-supported, charitable organization incorporated under the laws of New York State. The AOG is listed in IRS Publication 78, *Cumulative List of Organizations*. Its Federal Tax Identification Number is 14-1260763. Gifts to the AOG receive all income and estate tax benefits allowable under the law.

What is the West Point Fund?

The West Point Fund is the repository of all contributions made for the benefit of West Point and the Corps of Cadets. Successor to the Superintendent's Fund, the West Point Fund was formed in 1972. Its establishment marked the beginning of the AOG's formal fund-raising program.

What is the relationship between the West Point Fund Committee and the Association of Graduates' Development Office?

The West Point Fund Committee (WPFC) is a standing committee of the AOG composed of volunteers. Its mission is to advise the Board of Trustees and the Development Office with regard to the raising and use of funds. The Development Office in the AOG headquarters is staffed by paid employees and performs all fund-raising functions. The Director of Development serves as permanent secretary of the WPFC.

Why give?

Private funding brings excellence to West Point. By giving, you will have the satisfaction of supporting important programs, many of which rely on private funding for their survival. Through their contributions, graduates and friends of West Point express their loyalty to and support of the Military Academy's goals and purpose. Donating provides an opportunity for friends and family members to become involved with West Point. Annual giving is a way to stay in touch with and feel a part of West Point.

What happens to my unrestricted gift?

An unrestricted gift supports recurring programs which receive an annual grant. Unrestricted gifts permit greatest flexibility in allocating funds to the programs of greatest need. The West Point Fund Advisory Committee, composed of representatives from the major USMA activities (Dean, Commandant, etc.), evaluates requests from USMA agencies. This committee recommends the distribution of unrestricted money for the upcoming academic year. The *Support Through Giving* pamphlet included with the annual solicitation indicates the programs that receive funding.

What are restricted giving purposes?

A donor can earmark a contribution for almost any purpose. Also, a donor can send a gift and ask that it be applied to several different purposes (e.g., half for their class fund and half unrestricted). Giving for class projects is a popular alternative with many donors. Most USMA classes have accounts with the AOG, and class funds are held in escrow until a class and USMA decide on a purpose for the money.

Donors can also contribute either for West Point or for the

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Association of Graduates. A gift to West Point can be further restricted for education, athletics, activities, admissions, or specific programs under those categories. Donations to the AOG cover the expenses involved in providing services to West Point.

What size gift is appropriate?

Our primary goal is to increase the number of donors to our program. Participation is a reflection of support for the Military Academy. Some USMA classes suggest that classmates give an amount equal to or a multiple of their graduation year (e.g., the Class of '55 donates $55 or $155). A donor might consider tying the size of a donation to the levels of our donor recognition program. We send token thank-you gifts to donors when they indicate this preference. A calendar is available for a gift of $50, a chrome pen set for a $200 contribution, and a gold-filled pen for $500. Additionally, a gift of $3000 or cumulative lifetime giving of $6000 qualifies a donor for the Major Donor Plaque. Donations which exceed $100,000 entitle donors to special recognition including invitations to selected Academy events and inscription of their names on a plaque. These plaques honoring donors of West Point are located in Eisenhower Hall.

How often will I be solicited?

Our fund-raising year runs from April through March. Each year in late summer, graduates are solicited as part of our annual fund drive. If you respond to the first appeal, you will not be resolicited until the following summer. If you do not donate, a follow-up letter is sent in the fall and again after the first of the year. We intend these letters as a reminder. We understand that some letters get misplaced and some donors wait until the end of the calendar year to make charitable contributions. In addition to these appeals, the AOG will occasionally solicit donations for a specific project, such as the Memorial to Flight, and classes that are fund raising may request contributions.

How do I donate?

The AOG will accept gifts of money, securities, and real estate or personal property. If you send a check, specify either West Point Fund or Association of Graduates and any further restrictions. The AOG also accepts donations by credit card — Mastercard, Visa, and American Express. Donors considering stock gifts can call the Development Office and request our *Giving Appreciated Securities* pamphlet for more information. Donations of real estate and personal property are evaluated individually.

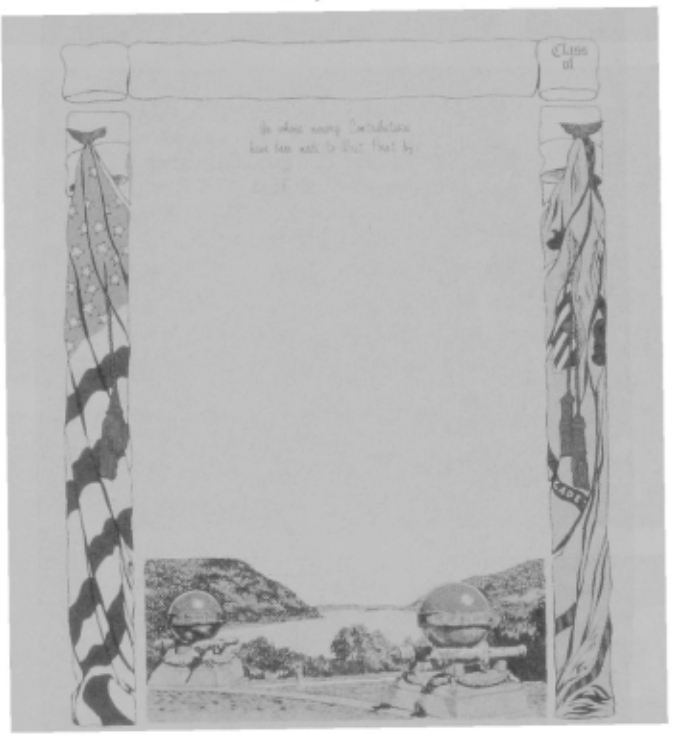
How can my business or employer contribute?

Many companies are involved in a partnership with education and express their support through charitable contributions programs. A matching gift program will match donations made by eligible employees to qualified programs with corporate funds. To learn if an organization participates, donors can consult their personnel officers or request a copy of the *Double Your Dollars* brochure from the Development Office.

In addition to matching gifts, some corporations donate money, equipment, or services to universities. Graduates of West Point involved with such organizations have proven instrumental in obtaining grants for the Military Academy. Companies often seek employee advice in setting their donation agendas. Graduates can help by educating their employers about West Point's need for private funds.

How can I honor deceased classmates?

The West Point Memory Book was created to honor deceased graduates, family members, and friends of West Point. Any memorial donation to the West Point Fund or Association of Graduates establishes a page in the Memory Book. The page



lists the deceased person's name, year of birth and death, and USMA class (if applicable), as well as everyone who has contributed in the name of the deceased. The Memory Book Corner was a reunion gift of USMA Class of 1927 and is located in Cullum Hall.

How can I get further information?

You can direct your questions, comments, or suggestions to the Director of Development, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996 (telephone: 914-445-5773).

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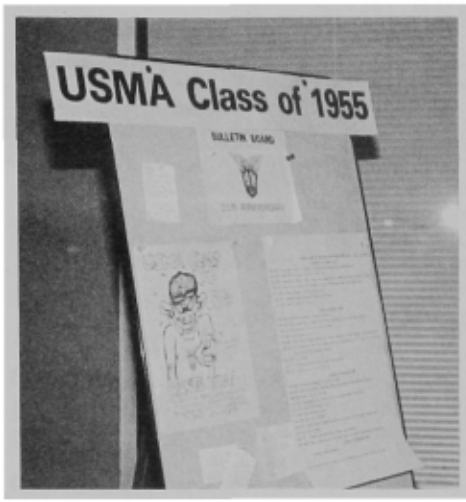
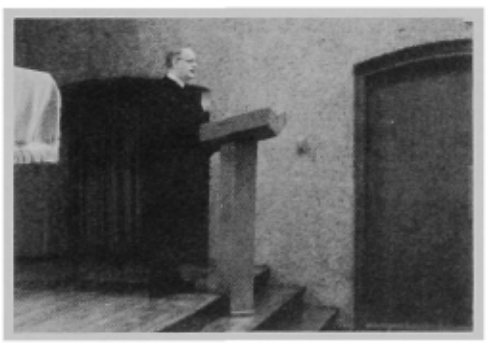
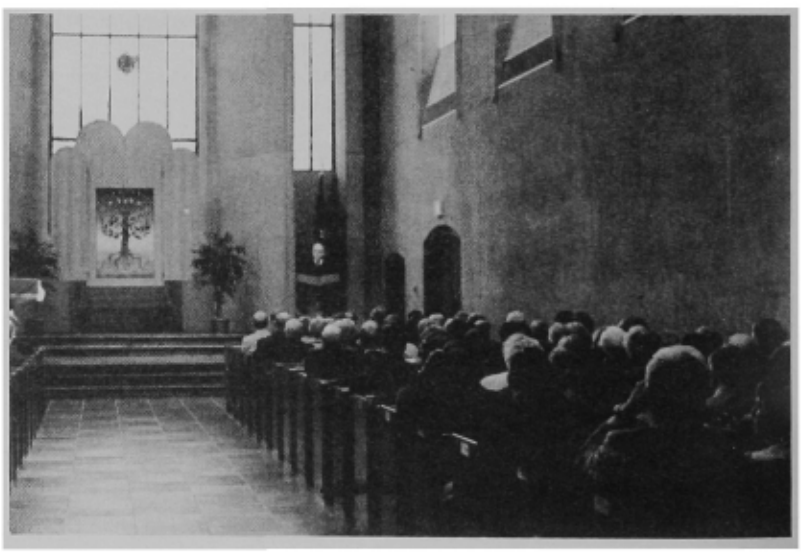
Class of 1955 Celebrates Its 35th Reunion 8–10 Nov at West Point



In what was clearly its most energetic and well-prepared reunion to date, the Class of 1955, numbering some 135 members strong, accompanied by spouses and friends, bringing the total of attendees to over 285 celebrants at times, gathered at the Sheraton Hotel in Mahwah, NJ, to fete and feast the observation of its 35th reunion. Shuttling back and forth to various events at USMA in a five-bus caravan, '55-ers conducted a moving memorial service at the beautiful new Jewish Chapel, a business luncheon at the spectacular Eisenhower Hall, reminisced in the full autumn velvetness of the Academy grounds, and capped the gathering at Saturday's Army-Air Force football game. There were those very wise classmates who opted to listen to the game on radio in Holleder Sports Center, while the remainder chose to prove just how thoroughly drenched the human body can become while riding out the year's strongest downpour in Michie Stadium. This was a jewel of a reunion; we're all retired from the military now, and the camaraderie of new life directions and second careers was a strong common denominator for this superb get-together. Special thanks go to classmate Dan Dienst for making this entire event come together so perfectly. On to the 40th!





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Class Giving Profiles

Score Another for '55

by Joan S. Grey

At its 35th reunion in fall 1990, the Class of 1955 announced a gift to the Flight Project. This gift is significant because '55 is implementing a strategy which allows the class to capitalize on giving opportunities as the need arises. Since its 30th reunion, the Class Executive Committee has been able to respond to targets of opportunity with donations. These are targets of opportunity which represent the needs of the Military Academy and the fund-raising objectives of the Association of Graduates.

In 1985, the class established a unique concept of "living" and "lasting" gifts. Beginning in 1980 the Class Committee requested that classmates donate $55 a year towards these gifts. This permitted the class account to amass a sum which produces a significant amount of interest annually. The class responded favorably because individuals were in concert with the class goals and were agreeable to providing modest annual gifts.

Artist's sketch of the Flight Memorial.

Statistics on '55

Participation	Fiscal Year
29%	1986
31%	1987
34%	1988
39%	1989
31%	1990
33%	Average

- 55% of '55's members have donated over 5 years.
- Endowment value: $150,000
- Total value of gifts: $95,000

1985 presentation of Class of '55's "Living Gift" by (l to r) Carl F. Ullrich, former Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr, (Ret) former Superintendent; and MG Joseph P. Franklin, (Ret) former class president of '55.

The "living" gift has entailed donating the interest accrued from '55's class account to the Army Athletic Association. The Director of Intercollegiate Athletics designates the sport to which the annual disbursement applies. In recent years, basketball, lacrosse, and wrestling have benefited from '55's largesse. A plaque located in Holleder Center recognizes '55's contributions and lists the sports receiving gifts.

The class finances "lasting" gifts out of the principal of its West Point Fund account. At its 50th reunion, '55 intends to make a major gift with the balance of its class account. Interim gifts have supported the Flight Project, the Scholarship Program, and Corps Squad "A" winners plaques.

The Flight Project is a campaign to honor West Pointers who have served the country in flight. A three-phase tribute will recognize the accomplishments, leadership, and sacrifices of West Point fliers. Arnold Auditorium in Mahan Hall was dedicated to General Henry H. Ar-

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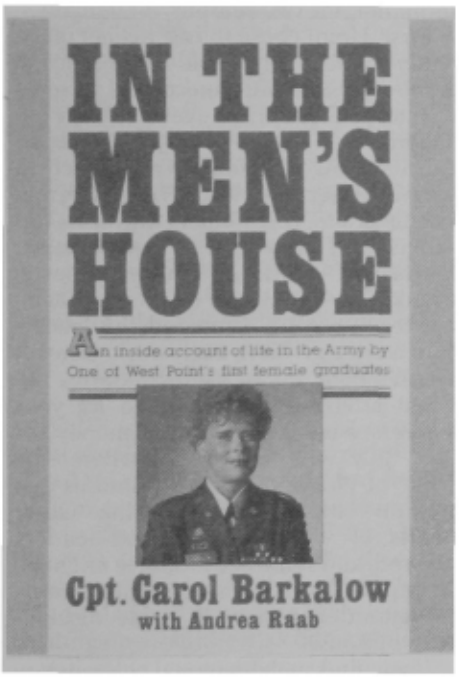
Book Reviews

IN THE MEN'S HOUSE

By CPT CAROL BARKALOW with ANDREA RAAB, *Poseidon Press, New York, NY, 1990, 282 pages with photographs, appendix and chronology.*

The issue of women in the military is a topic which still generates debate in many circles of American society, including active Army units and schools. Today, while the reality of numbers reflects about 11% of the Army and the United States Military Academy populations are women, the nagging question still remains in the minds of some people, both military and civilian: can women really cut it in the Army?



CPT Carol Barkalow, USMA '80, has authored a book which stands as a personal testimonial that "yes," a woman can successfully perform the duties of a cadet at West Point and as an Army officer. She relates her story chronologically, dividing the book into three sections, separating the cadet years, initial duty as an Air Defense officer in Germany, and time as a Transportation Corps company commander into distinct phases of the author's military experience.

As a member of the first USMA class to include women, CPT Barkalow was a participant in a social experiment never before attempted on such a scale. Writing from journal accounts kept throughout her cadet life, CPT Barkalow takes the reader through many of the events and experiences common to all cadets as well as the unique problems faced by women, especially during those first ground-breaking years. She pulls out selected vignettes of cadet life from each year rather than attempting to exhaustively re-create the daily routine she experienced for four years. This allows her to focus on incidents and explore the feelings and perceptions of the cadets, faculty and administrators as needed to explain the "how and why" of these situations. Through this, she makes the sometimes confusing traditions and procedures of USMA understandable to the uninitiated reader.

Those who have never been exposed to the unique events of R-Day, Recognition Day, Camp Buckner, etc., can begin to appreciate the anxiety, challenges and personal triumphs all cadets feel as they pass these and other USMA milestones. The reader also feels empathy for the young female cadets as they endure the sexual harassment and hazing inflicted on them by the male establishment for daring to attempt to be part of their world. The segments dealing with the unique situation of being one of the first "women of West Point" were the most interesting for me to read. I got the sense that by explaining to the reader why the male cadets, faculty and staff reacted to the women the way they did, the author was also coming to terms with the treatment received.

Roughly half the book is devoted to the cadet experience, while the second half deals with the author's active duty time, ending with the completion of her company command tour. Again, CPT Barkalow is able to translate the insular, clannish world of the Army into language those with little exposure to the military can understand. Many of her insights into the initiation of brand new officers to the unique world of dedication, mission-first-personal-life-last which most officers experience in Germany, transcend gender and branch. CPT Barkalow uses this portion of the book to comment on other than male-female issues in the Army, as well. She reflects on the duties and responsibilities of command, of different levels of authority, and on issues such as the status of unmarried vs. married officers in the eyes of the military bureaucracy. Again, the unique situations and problems of being a woman in a small, isolated, traditionally male world is brought out powerfully through the view of someone who actually experienced the frustration, loneliness, exhilaration and successes of the moment. An understated point, but worth noting by the reader, is the fact that the author was challenged, given the tough jobs, and did, in fact, succeed.

The final section of the book deals with CPT Barkalow's experiences immediately prior to and as a company commander. Widely regarded as the best and most rewarding duty in an officer's career, command of her Transportation truck company obviously was a challenging and fulfilling tour. In addition to providing insights into the life and workings of command as any officer experiences it, her individual viewpoint and those of other officers and noncommissioned officers on the question of women as commanders and in combat are examined. Other issues concerning the frustration women feel in the military as a result of not being able to share thoughts and feelings with other women are also discussed in terms of CPT Barkalow's personal experiences.

The appendix and chronology dealing with the admission of women to the service academies (particularly West Point) and listing key dates for American Army women in the twentieth century were eye-opening. I wished after finishing these additions that I had read them before the body of the book because both provided insights into how the massive bureaucracy of the military moved toward the assimilation of women into the force.

In the Men's House is a personal account of one woman's hard, sometimes painful, climb through the trenches to a successful military career. Her focus on the difficulties faced by women in achieving success is what sets this book apart. While the major focus highlights CPT Carol Barkalow, woman cadet, woman officer, her personal goals for happiness, for someone to share time

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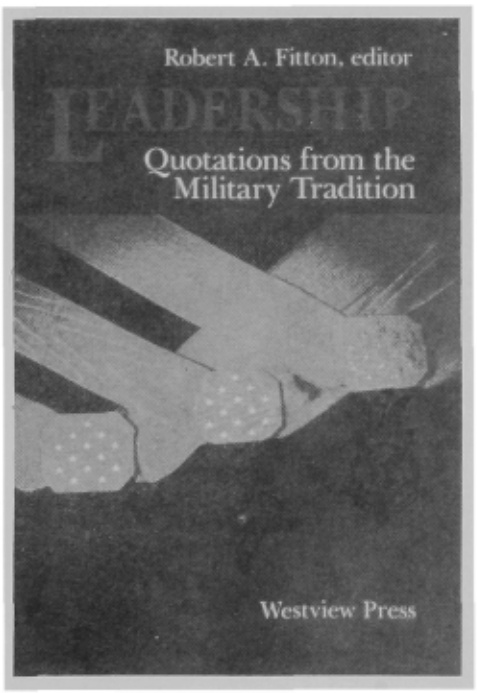
and experiences with, is applicable to both sexes. Her views on professionalism, on caring for soldiers, on setting and enforcing high standards, on doing the best job possible at all times, are definitely not gender-specific. I found this to be much more than a first-person account of what it was like to be one of the first women at West Point. It demonstrated to me that there really isn't much difference between dedicated, caring male and female leaders. It is a readable book which can be enjoyed by anyone interested in USMA, the military, or leadership in general.

Reviewed by Captain Sharon R. Duffy, Department of Military Instruction, USMA.

LEADERSHIP: QUOTATIONS FROM THE MILITARY TRADITION

By ROBERT A. FITTON, ED. *Westview Press, Boulder, 1990, 382 pages*

As a young battery training officer, I recall hanging a quotation outside of my office door: "The best form of 'welfare' for the troops is first class training." I attributed this quotation to Field Marshall Erwin Rommel. I suppose I might just as easily have put up a sign that said "I think that training is the best form of welfare," but something told me that my shameless name dropping added just a little validity to my pitch.



Let's face it: from the electricity of battle to our most mundane daily administrivial chores, we of the profession of arms often seek succor in the words of our martial fathers. Barbara Tuchman notes our predilection for quotations in *The Guns of August*, where she writes that "nothing so comforts the military mind as the maxim of a great but dead general." I suspect she is right on target; how many of us can honestly say that we have never been impressed or inspired by one particular quotation or another? How many of us have never clipped, ripped, or xeroxed a particularly insightful or comforting turn of phrase, or prescription for how to conduct our lives?

LTC Robert A. Fitton (Ret.) has combined a career-long passion for such quotations with the willingness to compile and publish them. The resulting compendium, *Leadership: Quotations from the Military Tradition*, makes for stimulating and compelling reading.

This book of quotations and other selected readings provides reams of advice from and for leaders. While the majority of the quotations come from our predecessors in uniform, the words of philosophers, politicians, and poets are also represented. The quotes are conveniently organized into chapters according to the single most relevant theme (initiative, teamwork, etc.), but each can also easily be indexed according to author.

One cannot help but appreciate Fitton's herculean labor of love, as he grouped 320 pages of quotations into eighty different categories, particularly since so many might fit under several subjects. How vexing it must have been to decide whether, for instance, Don Quixote's utterance, "An honest man's word is as good as his bond," (p. 129) is best collected under the rubric of character, truth, honor, trust, integrity, or virtue! Fitton chose integrity.

While the main title of the book suggests that the quotations focus on the subject of leadership, Fitton has chosen to interpret the concept of leadership somewhat expansively. Hence, while the book contains many sections on what might be considered "traditional" leadership issues (caring, cohesion, motivation), it also covers topics that many would consider more tangential to the actual "process by which a soldier influences others to accomplish the mission" (p. 179, an excerpt from *U.S. Army Field Manual* 22-100, *Military Leadership*). Nevertheless, the very diversity of included topics (adversity, danger, emotion, humor, luck, and peace) only serves to underscore the complex, multifaceted, and often intangible nature of the task.

I was apprehensive upon receiving this book, in that I suspected Fitton may have failed to "get thar the fastest with the mostest" (a curious and undoubtedly Yankee-perpetuated misquotation in itself, since Nathan Bedford Forrest really said, "I always make it a rule to get there first with the most men"). After all, Colonel Robert Debs Heinl (USMC, Ret.) had already published *Dictionary of Military and Naval Quotations*, a dense, sprawling and unfocused collection of military quotations. This encyclopedic 1966 work seems to accomplish precisely what Fitton reports to be his purpose: "to distill and bring together the most memorable thoughts, words, and concepts concerning leadership from the military tradition."

Although both books are similarly formatted with quotations placed under various subject headings, Fitton uses eighty categories while Heinl employs nearly a thousand. Subjects such as "ruse-de-guerre," "war correspondents," and "chairborne warfare" are found only in Heinl's table of contents. But how much of the ground covered in Fitton's book is redundant when cross-referenced against the more comprehensive Heinl text? In fact, when a random sample of quotations from Fitton's book were searched for in the earlier book, I found that 43% of Fitton's quotes were included in Heinl's book.

Conversely, only 6% of a random sample of Heinl's quotes could be found in the newer text. Should we then conclude, based solely on quantitative analysis, that Fitton's work is superfluous? I think not, for two reasons.

First, Heinl chose to cast his net much wider by devoting considerable space to grand strategy, battle anecdotes, personal tributes and historical events. Fitton has adhered to a much more precise focus, concentrating on human issues such as what qualities make leaders effective, regiments proud, and soldiers brave.

Second, Fitton appears to have taken the task of "distilling" quite seriously. Frankly, I was not sure what he meant by the term, until I compared the leadership advice given in each work. Consult Heinl's book if you want Frederick the Great advising you never to let your soldiers have much pocket money, or else they will desert. Elsewhere, the Duke of Wellington will remind us that soldiers enlist solely for drink. Other pearls of wisdom from past leaders abound, and some of the advice might be helpful if flogging, caning, and running the gauntlet were still viable disciplinary options.

If you find such historical commentary useful or fascinating, then you will probably prefer Heinl's edition. On the other hand, if you prefer to read quotations already culled for applicability and relevance to modern leadership situations, Fitton's "distillation" is exactly what you are looking for. [This is not to say that the historical perspective is not represented; Frederick the Great is quoted 14 times in Fitton's book.]

One should not interpret Fitton's editing as an attempt to adhere to some sort of politically correct US Army "party line" about leadership. Even without the

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incitations to flog recalcitrant soldiers at every convenient opportunity, quotes can be found which seem to offer dubious advice. For instance, what possible event could have spurred General Pershing to utter the spectacularly unhelpful remark, "All a soldier needs to know is how to shoot and how to salute." (p. 289)?

There are some fascinating clashes between quotes, further evidence that Fitton has refused to edit this book to support a particular leadership philosophy. For example, consider the question of discipline. Can we measure "real" combat discipline by observing a unit's performance in daily garrison duties? Consider these disparate answers:

> "Administrative discipline is the index of combat discipline. Any commander who is unwilling or unable to enforce administrative discipline will be incapable of enforcing combat discipline. An experienced officer can tell, by a very cursory administrative inspection of any unit, the caliber of its commanding officer."
> —GEN George S. Patton, Jr. (pp. 83–84)

> "By true discipline, I mean that willing and cheerful subordination of the individual to the success of the team which is the Army. This kind of discipline is not to be confused with the external appearance of traditional discipline; the salute, the knock on the orderly room door, the formulae of deference to superiors—in short, military courtesy as it is rigidly prescribed in our field manuals. The latter have their place, particularly in the peacetime Army; but they are not the indices of the discipline which really counts."
> —GEN Maxwell D. Taylor (p. 86)

Which is right, or more right, or under what circumstances is either right? This is but one of the frustrating but fruitful dilemmas that an attentive reader will be left to ponder. I will leave for you to discover others, including the diametrically opposing counsel of Sun-Tzu and S.L.A. Marshall regarding the wisdom of treating one's soldiers as one's children.

Still other comparisons yield insight into what might not be a disagreement, but simply good and better advice:

> "I learned that good judgment comes from experience and that experience grows out of mistakes."
> —General of the Army Omar Bradley

> "Fools say that they learn from their own experience. I have always contrived to get my experience at the expense of others."
> —Prince Otto von Bismarck-Sconhausen

If we take Bismarck's words to heart, in reading books like this, aren't we fellow conspirators?

Up until this point I have only discussed Part One of Fitton's book; there is also a smaller, appendix-like second part entitled "Readings on Leadership." This final section is composed of about a dozen different letters, speeches and lists which contain either prescriptions for how to lead, or the inspiration to lead well. Included in this section are cadet prayers from the three military academies, lists of "do's" or "don'ts" from leadership disciples like General Bruce Clarke and Brigadier General S.L.A. Marshall, and a stunningly insightful letter from Marshall de Belle-Isle (1684–1761) to his son upon the latter's assumption of a regimental command.

Leadership: Quotations from the Military Tradition is well worth it's $19.95 price. There is plenty of cerebral fuel for the inquisitive reader/leader, and my copy has already become an indispensable reference. One of the real advantages of this book is that you can pick it up, open to any page and read, without fear of losing continuity because there is no plot or thesis to follow.

If nothing else compels you to read this book, consider this: someday, you might have a blank space on your training room door, and you may want to adorn it with the maxim of a great but dead general.

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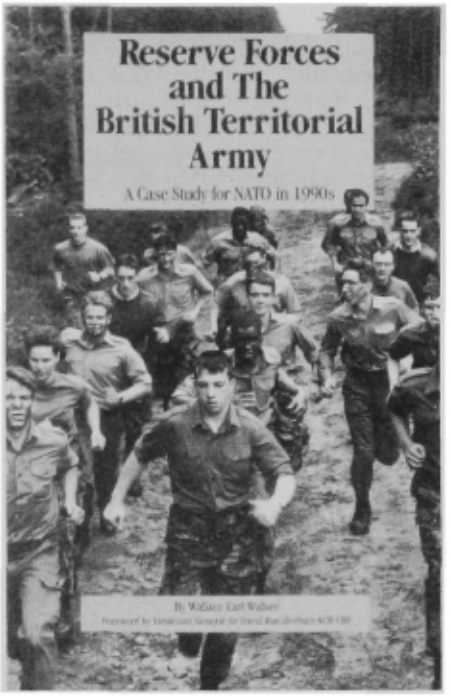
RESERVE FORCES AND THE BRITISH TERRITORIAL ARMY, A CASE STUDY FOR NATO IN THE 1990s.

By WALLACE EARL WALKER. *Tri-Service Press, London, 1990. 203 pages.*

The author is an acknowledged expert on the subject of Reserve Forces so this very readable and informative book is both well researched and factually correct.

His aim was to look into the character effectiveness and long-term viability of the British Territorial Army, addressing the dominant issues and limitations which plague reserve forces: those of manning, training and equipping the force.

He traces it back to the volunteer movement of the nineteenth century and notes that what still attracts people to join is the camaraderie, the adventure and the social and economic benefits. He shrewdly assesses its position in British society, and sees it, not as a national organization as such, but as a collection of local clans based on counties. The structure and



identity being more tribal than national despite the "one Army" concept.

However, the book is not an historical study. But it was written as events in Europe were starting to redraw the map, review the threat and role of NATO, so it is an assessment of the Territorial Army before peace broke out.

It is probably our good fortune then that the Warsaw Pact threat has disappeared, if his conclusion is valid that as a force it is not effective enough to perform its role of reinforcing the British Army in Germany, which is where three quarters of the units are committed in time of war.

Perhaps the military planners in the US Army have similar doubts over capabilities and training requirements after initial hesitancy in deploying "round out" brigades to the Middle East. Certainly there are many similarities between the Territorial Army and the National Guard, and anyone interested in the latter organization will find this book both interesting and enlightening.

Reviewed by Brian O'Gorman, Irish Guards, British Exchange Officer, Department of Military Instruction, USMA

THE WAR OF 1812: A FORGOTTEN CONFLICT

By DONALD R. HICKEY. *University of Illinois Press, Urbana and Chicago, IL. 1989, 457 pp with maps, notes, illustrations and index.*

Professor Hickey is right on target by subtitling the War of 1812 as "A Forgot-

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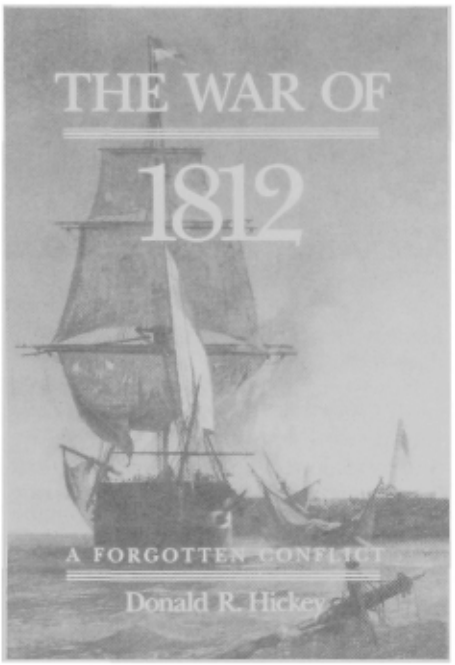
ten Conflict." When USMA graduates recall this war, they struggle to recollect any dramatic role that West Pointers played. However, much like typical Americans, they might remember the writing of the "Star-Spangled Banner," the British burning of the nation's capital, or the Battle of New Orleans. According to a statistical analysis of the War of 1812–14 published in the 1946 *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets*, at that time there were 111 living graduates, and of those, 99 participated in the war. Ultimately, seven graduates died from battle wounds.



Some graduates may even recollect learning that the uniform, "Cadet Gray," was chosen as a uniform by West Point to honor those soldiers who fought so admirably at the Battles of Chippewa and Lundy's Lane. This is legend and one which Hickey, regrettably, has perpetuated. Actually, in 1816 the War Department authorized the use of "gray sattinet" uniforms by the Corps of Cadets because the color "looks well" and the "price . . . better suits the finance of the cadets. . . ." Thus the choice of color was one of looks and economy rather than any other reason.

Since West Point had only been in existence for ten years at the outbreak of war, graduates were too junior to be selected for senior positions of command or to have a major influence at the upper echelons of command of the Army. Yet, they performed well as staff officers and as military engineers. Hickey does mention one, Eleazer Wood (USMA 1806), who constructed Fort Meigs on the Maumee (Miami) River in Northern Ohio. In the Campaign of 1813 the British were unable to capture the fort because of its stalwart construction. There were other graduates who performed well. Some of note were Joseph G. Swift (USMA 1802), Joseph G. Totten (USMA 1805), and William McRee (USMA 1805). Hickey fails to mention any of them. General Winfield Scott would say of McRee, "In my opinion, and perhaps, in that of all the Army, he combined more genius and military science with high courage than any other officer who participated in the War of 1812." This oversight is not a major criticism of the book but probably of interest to readers of *Assembly*.

As Hickey suggests, this war also may have been "forgotten" because from a military perspective the war was fraught with ineptitude from the top—Commander-in-Chief and Secretary of War—to field commanders such as Major General James Wilkinson and Major General William Hull. Though there were moments of success, the United States can be thankful that the British were weary from some fifteen years of war with France. Ultimately, the United States was fortunate indeed to achieve a draw. As a consequence of the poor military performance during the war, soldiers and military historians do not study the War of 1812 like the major wars won by the United States. Hickey suggests that analyzing failure may be more valuable than studying success, a notion that has considerable merit.

Yet for those readers interested in studying the military strategy, operations, and tactics of the War of 1812, they will find Hickey provides a very general treatment of these matters at best. This shortcoming is further aggravated by poor maps in support of the text. In fact there are only four general maps: The Northern Theater, The Atlantic Theater, The Southern Theater, and The War at Sea. For the most part these maps only provide the reader with a basic idea of where military actions took place. This work is not a book that I would recommend for the study and analysis of military operations.

However, Hickey does provide a broader treatment of the Republican policies and their impact upon politics, diplomacy, economics, and finance during the war. To be certain these are critical and complex matters for a democracy attempting to wage war successfully, and within this context Hickey provides an excellent analysis. From these perspectives, the book is most valuable for those who may be involved in the formulation of national policy and strategy that may lead to war and for those who may be called upon to wage war.

Hickey presents these complex and interrelated issues in an incisive manner. The issues include the confused and faulty strategy involving economic sanctions prior to going to war, the decision to declare war, the importance of popular support for a war, the various effects of strong anti-war sentiment and action, and the difficulty of raising and financing a military establishment for an unpopular war. Studying Hickey's assessment is certainly relevant to current events associated with the Middle East.

Hickey's opening chapter, "The Road to War, 1801–1812," addresses the immense failure of economic sanctions, such as an embargo, as an element of national policy. Such policies, in combination with sword rattling while concurrently neglecting military preparedness, sowed the seeds for the initial military failures. If the use of military force is to be a viable element of national policy and strategy, then the government must maintain the military establishment at a credible readiness posture making it capable of executing policy through war. Hickey's analysis of the Republican movement toward declaring war is insightful. The United States was not prepared to conduct war, and it is easy to understand how the war commenced so poorly for the Americans.

Hickey also addresses the importance of popular support for a war. The War of 1812 was the most unpopular in American history. The vote for declaring war (House 79–49 and Senate 19–13) clearly reflected a lack of consensus for resorting to armed conflict. The chapters on the Baltimore Riots and the Hartford Convention illustrate the deep-rooted divisions between the pro-war and anti-war factions. The problem of raising a military force as well as the economic issue of how to finance the war was rooted in the issue of popular support. Others were concerned with incurring a national debt as well. Later, the focus became control of the national debt through taxation and reduced spending.

For those who want to study this war in greater depth, Hickey's book is an excellent resource. He has provided some 114 pages of endnotes and this thorough documentation should be very valuable.

Hickey should be commended for renewing interest in this neglected war. The book is well written and based upon sound scholarship. Certainly, it will be a welcome addition to professional libraries of historians and professional soldiers.

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News from the Societies

CENTRAL NEW YORK

The WPS of Central NY held a fall dinner meeting at Giovanni's restaurant on 8 Nov. Pres **Hodge Hodgskin** '52 honored the previous co-presidents of the WPPC, John and Mary Smith, and congratulated the new pres, Andrew Kelly. The Smith's son, Matthew graduated in the Class of '90.

Pres Hodge Hodgskin '52 and Ex-Pres WPPC John Smith.

The guest speaker, CPT Cindy Jenkins, was a counselor at the Cadet Counseling Center and special assistant to the Superintendent USMA for woman's issues. Cindy provided an insightful talk on recent changes that have occurred at the academy, especially in the areas of military training and in the 4th Class System. She also discussed the female role at WP from the standpoint of a member of the staff and faculty as well as that of a female cadet currently attending the academy. Her comments provoked lively exchanges between those present including the oldest graduates present, **Paul Curtin** (Jun '43) and **Jack Buckley** ('48), the youngest, **Mike Stimson** ('85) and several of the cadet parents including Gene Hunter (son-Gene, '92) and Andrew and Kay Kelly (son-Drew, '94).

If you have any questions concerning this article, my phone no. is (315) 422-2008 (work) or (315) 637-5275 (home).

—Ross Irvin '68

DC

The annual winter luncheon of the WPS of DC will feature LTG **Brent Scowcroft** (Ret.) '47, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, as guest speaker. The affair is scheduled for 23 Jan at the Ft. Myer (VA) Officers Club. A large turnout is expected to hear Gen Scowcroft's timely remarks concerning the Persian Gulf crisis.

LTG **Willard W. Scott, Jr.** (Ret.) '48, President of the WPS of DC, has announced 16 Mar as the date set for the 91 celebration of Founders Day in the DC area. The event will be held at the Radisson Mark Plaza Hotel in Alexandria, VA. Spouses are being invited.

Together with the local WPPC, our society has asked graduates and their families in the DC area to offer sleeping accommodations and provide local transportation for the Cadet Glee Club which will be here during the Cherry Blossom Festival 5–7 Apr 91. The WPS is providing some funds to help cover the cost of transporting the Glee Club from WP to Washington and return. Those willing to open their homes to cadets have been asked to call Jim or Marilyn O'Brien at (703) 250-1127.

BG **Michael J. L. Greene** (Ret.) '41 has informed Gen **Scott** and the Board of Governors that he plans to step down from his position as executive director of the society during the spring-summer of 91. The executive director is an appointive position that Mike Greene has held for 10 years. During his tenure, the society has increased its membership significantly and has seen singled out among West Point societies for a number of special achievements. The Board of Governors regrets Mike's decision to leave but expresses gratitude for the outstanding job he has done in behalf of our members and for USMA. We are asking members interested in being considered for this position to call Gen Scott at (703) 360-0617 or LTC **James O. Younts, III** (Ret.) '68, Secy, at (703) 455-3266.

—Phil Farris '46

GREATER HOUSTON

New officers and directors have been selected for '91 for the Houston Society. They are: Officers: Pres—**Roger Balog** '69; 1st VP—**Jeff Alt** '62; 2nd VP—**Gerry Hoffman** '65; Secy—**Ron Hudson** '58; Treas—**Joe Cantu** '80; Directors: **Sal Manzo** '39; **Bob Lee** '45, **Jim Sigler** '58, **Dick Sundt** '59, **Jeff Alt** '62, **Jerry Seay** '62, **Jon King** '65, **Randy Pais** '67, **Tom Parr** '67, **Jock Joseph** '69, **Billy Martin** '69, **Lane Morehead** '71, **Chuck Minshew** '72, **Sam Gemar** '79, **Joe Cantu** '80.

Year-ending events included the usual squareoff with the Houston Crab Society for the Army-Navy bash, followed two weeks later by the 5th Annual Service Academy Ball. 1991 gets off to a rousing start with our "Bi-Invitational" recruiting event for promising new cadet candidates. Featured speakers will be Bob Sutton, **Al Rushton** '59, and our own **Sam Gemar** '79, just safely down from the Nov Space Shuttle mission.

—Jeff Alt '62

NEW ENGLAND

The WPS of New England was proud to host Ambassador Herman F. Eilts, former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and to Egypt, at our Nov luncheon meeting in Boston, MA. He shared with us his thoughts concerning the current Iraqi occupation of Kuwait. His comments were "real time" and gave us a better sense of Middle East tensions. **L.F.B. Reed** '54 inspired us further by making the trek from Bethlehem, NH to Boston for the meeting.

In our continuing efforts to share with our local Parents Club an understanding of the WP experience, **K. Henninger** '58 was recently a featured speaker at the Parents Club business meeting. Korky outlined the value of a WP education to those assembled. Mr. Jim Amnott is pres of the WPPC. He and his wife Anne are proud parents of **Craig** '88 and **Glenn** '90.

Future functions for the WPS of New England include Founders Day with the Commandant as guest speaker.

—Ellen Groschelle '82

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The WPS of NH gathered a strong turnout for a tailgate party on 8 Dec and watched the Army Team beat the HELL out of Navy. We also held our annual business meeting and elected the following officers: Pres—**Jim Steiner** '78, VP—**John Griffith** '78, Treas—**Ron Hall** '78, and Secy—**John Marshall** '78. Local newspaper and television media covered the event and interviewed alumni about the Persian Gulf situation.

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Upcoming events include our Founders Day dinner on 16 Mar 91 and all northern New England graduates (NH, MA, VT and ME) are especially invited to attend. For further information on the society or activities, contact Secy **John Marshall,** (603) 891-1488.

—John Marshall '78

NEW JERSEY

The WPS of NJ cordially invites you to the Ft. Monmouth Officers Club on Sat, 16 Mar, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Army football. Come join **Pete Dawkins** '59 and other past football heroes in reliving the days of Army football greatness. The Army Athletic Association has provided us with 2 pairs of tickets for the Army-Navy game in Philly on 7 Dec 91, and these will be raffled off to 2 lucky attendees that evening. All graduates, family members, and friends of WP who have not received invitations but desire to attend, please contact **Tony Smith** '78 at (908) 364-7708 or **Everett Lucas** '67 at (908) 542-1641.

BEAT NAVY!!

—Tony Smith '78

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA/ NEVADA

The WPS of Northern California/Nevada is a new name that reflects the geographic dispersion of the members of this society. The word "Nevada" was recently added as a result of the growing number of graduates from the Reno area who have joined those of us in the Central Valley area of CA to form the Northern California/ Nevada chapter. We continue to have an active membership of about 70 with another 100 graduates in the area that we cover who also attend our functions.

On Sunday, 21 Oct, following a request from our Reno members, led by **Elliott Gritten** '54, the society held a champagne brunch and boat trip on Lake Tahoe aboard the *M.S. Dixie*. A total of 15 members of the society, plus wives and other family members gathered and had a wonderful trip in perfect autumn weather. Later that day a party was held at the Lake Tahoe condominium of **George Grayeb** '52, and most of those who attended the early morning boat trip returned for the afternoon party.

Also in Oct, our society elected new officers for the coming year. New officers are: Pres—**Larry D. Smith** '62; VP—**Donald N. Williamson,** '52; Secy—**M. Thadd Buzan** '79; Treas—**Charles A. Edwards** '52; and Admissions Coordinator—**E. A. "Charlie" Hart** '78. The new officers took over their offices on 1 Nov.

We offer a sincere thanks to **George Grayeb** '52, our outgoing pres, who organized this WPS 3 years ago. He took the initiative and got us going as a group in our own right. Without him there would probably not be an active WPS in Central Northern CA and Northern NV.

On Saturday, 8 Dec, over 30 members of our society and members of their families and friends, gathered at the "Sports Bar and Grill" in Fair Oaks for our annual Army-Navy game rally. The society hosted the drinks and snacks for this event and with the Army victory over Navy a satisfied glow settled over the participants. **Loren Ayers** '31, the oldest graduate present, addressed the group at the conclusion of the game. Not to be outdone **Mark Triplett** '84, the youngest graduate present (and also a former member of the Army Team), added his comments to the meaning of being a member of a winning team in an Army-Navy game. The events ended with the singing of the "Alma Mater" and a call to keep this event as one of the fixed annual events of our society.

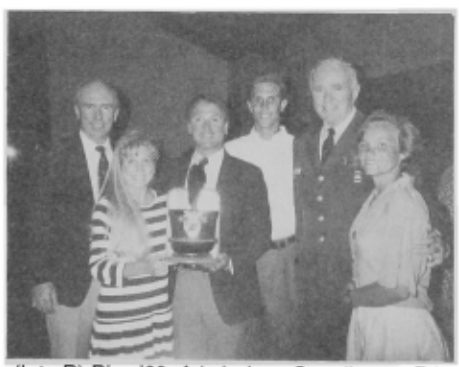
We are already hard at work planning our next event, which is Founders Day. LTG **Dave R. Palmer,** the Superintendent of the Military Academy, has already accepted our invitation to be our speaker, and we are looking forward to this event with great pleasure. Our function is planned for Thur evening 7 Mar in the Officers Club at McClellan Air Force Base, Sacramento, CA.

For information on our society contact our Secy, CPT **M. Thadd Buzan,** 1480 Pebblestone Way, Sacramento, CA 95833. Thadd's office telephone number is (916) 649-0146. If you are in or near the Central Northern CA valley area or in Northern NV we invite you to participate in our functions.

—Larry Smith '62

ORANGE COUNTY

At a ceremony in the late spring, the WPS of Orange County recognized Tustin High School for their singular achievement in sending nine of their graduates to WP over the past six years.



(L to R) Rice '60, Admissions Coordinator; Erin Cunningham '94; Duffy Clark, Tustin Principal; Dan Taylor '94; O'Connor '54, WPSOC President; Jennifer MacLean '94

—Fred Rice '60

PUGET SOUND

A Joint Service Academy Dinner was held at a Seattle club on the evening of 4 Oct. The affair was arranged by the local West Point and Annapolis Societies for the alumni and their ladies of all five service academies. Following dinner a form of "Trivial Pursuit" was played with prepared questions restricted to the academies and their graduates. The centerpieces from all of the tables were awarded as prizes to the ladies at the table having the most correct answers. Our thanks go to CPT Hal Lewis '56 of the Naval Academy and BG **Coburn Smith** '31, COL **Charlie Howze** '31 and **Clair Whitney** '45 of USMA for making the arrangements.

BEAT NAVY!!!!

—Win Curley '41

SILICON VALLEY

Nov was an active month for our society. On 16 Nov, we held our annual meeting and business luncheon. The members approved the election of new officers for 91 and the expansion of the governing board to include six new directors. The new officers will be **Ralph Adams** '65—Pres; **Charles Dwyre** '60—VP Membership; **Tom Strehle** '77—VP Programs; **Chuck Depew** '60—Secy; **Jose Solera** '78—Treas. New directors include **Rodger Bivens** '63, **Mike O'Neal** 57, **George Young** '56, **Mike Froncek** '70, **Bob Luster** '81, **Tim Lavelle** '70.

On the evening of 29 Nov, **Mike Froncek** '70 organized the "West Point Night at the *Nutcracker*." A sizeable contingent of us met for a Benny Havens hour at the San Jose Center for Performing Arts and then viewed the excellent performance of *The Nutcracker* ballet by the San Jose Cleveland Ballet. Upon the completion of the performance, we were given a back stage tour and met with some of the performers and company directors. Many thanks to Mike for a great evening.

On 8 Dec, we joined the WPPC of Northern CA for an Army/Navy Football game party at the Elks Lodge in Redwood City. Close to 100 people were in attendance to see Army whip Navy. Food and drink were bountiful, Army football cheers were sung with gusto, and all kinds of prizes were raffled off. The only hitch occurred when the cable on the main TV went out with a few minutes left in the game; so we crowded into the bar area to watch the TV there that was hooked up on antenna . . . must have been sabotaged by a disgruntled Navy rooter since by that time the outcome of the game had been determined.

A final note on the game: prior to the game we sent a "Spirit Gram" for the Army team to be delivered by the members of the Math Dept that were running

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from WP to Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia. Assuming they arrived, it must have worked! . . . how far is that, anyway?

—Rodger Bivens '63

SOUTH TEXAS

The WPS of South Texas hosted an Oct picnic with over 100 attendees. A great time was had by all, and the presence of a German style "oompah" band added to the enjoyment. In Nov a nostalgic evening of the "40's & 50's" music was enjoyed at our Fall Hop which included dinner and dancing.

The WPSST will be presenting a motivational book to each of the 20 cadets sponsored by the society in the Class of '94. The book, to be sent during the "gloom period," is to recognize their achievement in persevering through their 1st semester. To date it appears that all sponsored cadets from WPSST have successfully completed Beast Barracks and the first semester.

Forthcoming events include the following:

11 Jan—Election of new directors and buffet dinner; 16 Mar—Founders Day dinner.

All graduates in South TX are encouraged to join us in our social activities. It is not necessary to join the society to do so, but we would welcome membership to further society objectives to better support WP. Annual dues are only $10. For further information contact Ken McCollister at (512) 498-1007.

—Joe Peisinger '54

SPACE COAST

The colors were brighter than usual and our members were better looking than ever as we filled Patrick's Space and Missile Room for a 3 Dec Christmas party. Pres **Dick Henry** '49 introduced the society's new officers who had been elected at the summer barbecue, and **Bill Cairnes** '36 announced the results of our annual "Charlie Chase '33" Golf Tournament. Classmates had a chance to greet old friends, and the "new" arrivals at the brilliantly successful Indian River Colony Club, the Space Coast's Retired Officers Community, showed up in good numbers. **Bud Major** '37 and **Clint Friend** '46 led some inspired Christmas carols, ending up with as much of "Army Blue" as we could remember. The evening ended with a resounding resolve to BEAT NAVY! And we followed up with a fine turnout at the joint Army-Navy Game tailgate party at the Patrick Golf Course on game day. Way to go, BIG TEAM!

This year's Founders Day banquet will be at the Patrick Officers Club on 6 Mar. Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, **Al Vanderbush** '61, a member of the famous '58 Lambert Trophy football team, will be the speaker. For reservations, contact Secy/Treas **Kevin McKeown** '77, 1555 Karney Avenue, N.E., Palm Bay, FL 32907 (Home phone: (407) 676-0959).

—Dick Henry '49

TALLAHASSEE

The WPS of Tallahassee, FL, celebrated the Army-Navy Game with a television party at the Killearn Country Club and Inn on 8 Dec. Local U.S. Naval Academy Graduates and guests were also invited. About 40 persons were in attendance with USMA Classes ranging from 1936 to 1978.

Our next scheduled event will be Founders Day dinner on 2 Mar 91.

—Horace Schow '55

EL PASO

Our El Paso Area Society regular monthly meetings for Oct, Nov and Dec featured speakers who helped us learn more about the Mid East situation. In Oct, Dr. Aaron Segal, Professor of Political Science from U of Texas El Paso and former Rhodes Scholar classmate of Pete Dawkins, presented excellent insights about the economic, religious and geopolitical factors so influential in the region. In Nov, MG **Don Lionetti** '61, commander of the U.S. Army Air Defense Center and Ft. Bliss, told us about the highly successful and very rapid deployment of over 9,000 troops of the 3rd Arm Cav Regt and the 11th ADA Bde from Ft. Bliss, TX. At the Dec meeting we were treated to a slide show terrain walk of the entire Saudi country, with a presentation by MAJ Wayne Geery, who returned recently from a two-year military assignment in Saudi Arabia.

Speaking of beating Navy, our society feels strongly that our last annual pep rally held at the Ft. Bliss Officers Club on 7 Dec contributed mightily to the Army victory. **Ashby Foote** '48 was the rally organizer. Army cheers were led by the dynamic duo of **Ernie Roberts** '49 and **Lake Churchill** '48.

Our pep song leader was **Russ Parker** '54. Goat procurement was started by **Levin Lee** '39, who handed off the sissy Navy goat, Billie I, to goat handler, CPT **Amy Kearns** '81. Pep talks were delivered by **Lionetti** '61, **Oblinger** '53, **Behrenhausen** '61, **Witt** '40, **Hayden** '45, **St. Rose** '90 and **Ed Givens'** father, from our parents club. LT **Jeff Meek** '90 was production manager for BEAT NAVY sheet hanging, sound system, goat entrance and a host of other tasks. Approximately 80 participated in the cheers, songs, and cadet dress contest, by MAJ **Jeffrey Welch** '76 & his wife.

On game day, 40 of us gathered at the Ft. Bliss Officers Club before a large screen TV to cheer the Army Team to its 30-20 victory. Area Class of '45 members, wives and guests gathered at **Buster Hayden**'s house to work their special brand of magic to achieve our victorious results.

Parents club and society members gathered at the El Paso International Airport on the evening 21 Dec with a Mariachi band to give a traditional El Paso "welcome home" to our area cadets arriving from West Point for holiday leave.

The WPPC of El Paso and So. New Mexico held their annual "welcome home" dinner on 23 Dec at the Eastwood High School cafeteria. Charlene Ruddock (William, Class of '92) was in charge of decorations. Assisting her were Fina Lerma (Rene '93) and Martha Arciniaga (Larry, '94).

A special tribute in the form of a "roast" was given to COL **James "Buster" Hayden** (Ret), head of admissions in the area, by cadets presently at the Academy, and by CPT **Jimmie Apodaca** '87 representing the graduates. Through his many hours of volunteer service, COL Hayden has been instrumental in gaining admissions to West Point for over 160 area students and many more to other academies. His continued support of the cadets and parents is credited with the high retention rate for this area.

LTC Don Pruitt (Ret) & Celia Pruitt (Don '90 and Ron '91), leaders of the parents club, presented COL **Hayden** with a gift from the parents and a special album of the 14 years of classes he has assisted. A gift was also given to Mrs **"Sugar" Hayden** for her support. A letter of appreciation from LTG **Dave Palmer,** Superintendent, was also presented.

Special guests were MG **John Oblinger** (Ret), pres of the WPS & **Mrs. Oblinger,** and members of the Air Force and Naval Academies, whom COL **Hayden** has also assisted, and their families.

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Report from the Classes

'15

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John B Hudson, Jun '43, recently sent me an article from the *Lakeland FL Ledger* of 11 Nov 90, about our **James A Van Fleet**. It is headed "The General, the 'Greatest Cmdr' at 98, Still Has the Will to Win." This article gives much info about Van Fleet and his present mode of life. I will send it to WP later.

Alice Mason is still in the nursing home. She sent best wishes to '15. **Bruce Eloise Lorch** sent news of her large family. She also sent best wishes to '15. **Marguerite Gilkeson** congratulated me on my being the oldest living grad of WP. She spent Thanksgiving Day at Palm Coast, while her son Tom and his family went to Charlotte, NC.

Mary Tate also sent best wishes to '15. At age 90 she is taking life very easy. She has a nice young woman from Trinidad with her who is kind and helpful. She also has good neighbors who are very helpful and take her to church. **Lucy Fox** is reasonably well and still at the Conv Hosp. She will be 96 in Dec.

'16

1916: Colonel Richard Clarke Birmingham, 26 Nov 1893–5 Sep 1990, RIP

Apr '17

MG Frederick A. Irving
1101 S. Arlington Ridge Rd.
Apt. 1110
Arlington, VA 22202

It is with great sorrow and regret that I inform all concerned that MG **Milton Halsey** died 24 Oct 90 at Monterey, CA. He was buried in San Fran National Cemetery. We all extend great sympathies to **Kathryne**, who resides at 200 Glenwood Circle, Apt D-2.

Aug '17

Jun '18

COL E. W. Gruhn
15 Stillman Avenue
Cornwall-on-Hudson,
NY 12520
Tel: 914-534-9464

Nov '18

MG C. H. Chorpening
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San Antonio, TX 78239
Tel: 512-653-3306

It is great to be able to say that NO sad news about our few (14) living mbrs nor about our many Class widows has been reported.

The next issue of *ASSEMBLY*, which will be mailed about 14 Dec, will have some info in the Bulletin Board section about the 3 Nov celebration and ceremony at the Point, but the Mar *ASSEMBLY* will carry full details about the "A" honorees. Our classmate, **Art Pulsifer**, did attend and has kept me fully informed by ltrs and cards about his trip. Being the oldest wearer of the "A" present, he was particularly honored in every possible manner, even to having a "pretty young girl" from the Athletic Assoc Office push his special wheelchair at all times. Art stayed with a cousin who lives in Middletown, NY, which is about 25 mi from the Point. The newspaper there devoted an entire front page to Art, with photos and many complimentary remarks. From all that Art has sent me it can be easily seen that he, as they say, "stole the show."

Nov '18: Art Pulsifer watches Army players run onto the field during the 3 November football game [reprinted from the *Times Herald Record*]

As usual, we heard from **Chief Brimmer** with two ltrs this period. More or less routine now that he has all the storm windows up and is devoting his time to figuring out how to catch that lunker trout that has been evading him for many yrs.

Some of you may have noticed that on pg 62 of the Nov *ASSEMBLY* our Class was not given credit for gifts to the Academy. This has now been called to the attention of the authorities at WP and has been corrected. Actually, in accordance with the approval of the Class, approximately $31,000 was turned over to the WP Fund in Jan 87. This fund was given with the understanding that it was to be used to acquire selected exhibits for the new MUSEUM. It is believed that the project is now close to completion, possibly completed.

Received a fine ltr from **Lucy Bowman**. She is still sorting out papers that **Frank** had kept through the yrs and found a copy of the ground rules established at our 30th Reunion for the CABOOSE CUP. Some of you may recall that it was originally awarded to **Mary** & me when our Anne was born. And now Anne has been married for nearly 20 yrs and has 3 children of her own! In my next notes for *ASSEMBLY* I may include more info about the CABOOSE CUP.

Lucy, as most of you know, is quite an expert at writing limericks—so much so in fact that she had a small book of her better ones printed some yrs ago. On the first anniv of the FAIRFAX they had a big celebration in which they imitated the movie awards. **Wannie** received a prize as a "Walker." Lucy wrote a fine

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limerick to honor Wannie and his great accomplishment. He was pleased, said he was going to frame it, but did NOT want me to include it here. So I won't.

Received a telecon from **Al Riani** in early Nov. Pleasant chat but no news worthy of reporting.

Vic Broome called me from his home in FL in early Nov to let me know he and quite a few mbrs of his family will occupy a box at the Navy Game. I told him that he was great, bring back a WIN over Navy, and that my oldest grandson and my triplet great-grandsons would also be there but not in a box. Maybe they could get together at the half. In any event—BEAT NAVY.

Although you will not see these notes until the Mar 91 issue of *ASSEMBLY*, I wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. At our upper middle ages we all have some aches and pains, but let us keep the Class spirit high and always be optimistic.

'19

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El Cajon, CA 92020
Tel: 619-447-8412

Oops! I did it again. In the Nov issue I put an extra "i" in **Winfred (Skelton)**. Please correct it on your Class list.

Gladys Ely and her brother-in-law, John Ely '42, alerted me to a fairly new tradition at USMA—annual celebrations of 100th annivs of graduating classes to which all descendants of mbrs of the anniv class are invited. Gladys and John plan to travel to USMA to attend the 29 Apr events honoring the Class of 1891, of which MG Hanson E Ely, John's father, was a mbr.

Research revealed that six '19 grads were sons of 1891 grads. They are **John Armstrong, Alex Bennet, Sladen Bradley, Louis Ely, Harris Scherer** and **Stone Sorley**. Some of the '19 fathers have grandson and great-grandson grads as well. However, to my knowledge, the Armstrong family provides the only unbroken link from 1891 through 1919 to later classes. Their lineage is as follows: Frank Spear Armstrong 1891, son **John Dimmick Armstrong** '19, grandson John Loveland Armstrong '46, and great-grandsons John Loveland Armstrong Jr '78 and Mark Halsey Armstrong '81. I'm sure you'll agree that they are due congratulations.

The comm has done its best to locate descendants of 1891 grads, but those who were missed and are interested should announce themselves and ask for more info from the Comm Chm, BG Michael JL Greene, at 8501 Cyrus Pl, Alexandria, VA 22308.

George Dillaway is happy that his dr pronounced his lens implant replacement a success, thus clearing the way for the DMV to reinstate his driver's license, which they did—but only for a yr!

Connie & he celebrated their 7th wedding anniv on 8 Dec 90 and rejoiced in the arrival of his 6th and 7th great-grandchildren, Michael Church on 17 Oct 90 in Grange (near Adelaide), Australia and Natalie Bell on 19 Oct 90 in Concord, CA. Their mothers are cousins. A very sad event touched their hearts when George's 12-yr-old grandson, Daniel Dillaway of Las Cruces, NM, died on 9 Nov 90 of heart trouble of 7 yrs' duration. Our condolences to all the family.

Fred & Lynne Marlow claim nothing of interest to rep. **Hei & Ann Heiberg** were in the midst of a move and temporarily out of touch. **Adna & Viv Hamilton** joined a gp of about 25 USMA grads at AF Vil to view the Army-Navy game on 8 Dec. It was gratifying to be able to savor the outcome of the game as well as the delicious brunch. After 16 days in the hosp and 3 wks of loving care by nieces in her AF Vil home, **Mildred Stearley**'s broken hip is mending nicely and she is almost self-sufficient. Her many friends help with things she is still unable to do, as she must still use a walker and is forbidden to drive.

Although **John Hardin** stays close to home these days, he has TV, radio, and mags to keep him current with world events and a 4-mo-old kitten to care for and keep him company. **Alex Bennet**'s Doberman, 7-yr-old Siegfried II, is a good friend to Alex and an excellent watchdog even though he is confined to the solarium and the yd because of his taste for upholstery and draperies! **Dick & Emma Ovenshine** reside in the Health Care Ctr of Wash House in Alexandria and seem to be in fair health. Both are confined to wheelchairs—Dick as the result of a fractured hip some time ago, and Emma because of a no of falls, though hers were without serious consequences. They must live apart because of the different levels of care ea requires, but they are able to enjoy ea other's company most of the time and always take their meals together.

We send our love and concern to **Herb & Anabel Jones**. Although Anabel returned to Knollwood after a stay at a Bethesda nursing home because of a bad fall, Herb, at this writing (mid-Dec 90), was in Georgetown U Hosp. **Conchita Sorley** left the comforts of Knollwood to visit her sons in Oct—two wks in Vancouver, BC with son Lewis, daughter-in-law Bernadette, and grandchildren Michael (5), Andrew (4) and Mary Katherine (2); thence to Layton, UT to spend time with son James, daughter-in-law Cindy, and grandson Steven (3). Back at Knollwood, she was busy in mid-Dec planning a 29 Dec birthday party for **Dorothy Ferenbaugh**, whose brother George Van Way from CA, and her daughter Dorothy Ann of NY, are expected to attend.

It is again my duty to rep losses we have sustained since the last report. **John Denny** died of complications from diabetes and heart problems on 4 Nov 90 at Beverly Manor Convalescent Hosp in Laguna Hls, CA where he had lived for more than a yr. Private services were held at McCormick Mortuary in Laguna Hls, followed by interment in Rose Hls Cemetery in Whittier, CA. He is survived by **Eunice**, his daughter Joan Bliss of Los Altos Hls, CA and his son Edward Denny of Tucson, AZ.

Dottie Wilson died on 5 Oct 90 at a nursing home in Savannah, GA, where she had recently relocated from Knollwood in DC. **Conchita Sorley** represented the Class at a graveside service on 29 Oct 90 in Arlington Natl Cemetery, where Dottie was laid to rest with **Roy**.

Nina Wood died at her home in Albuquerque on 15 Oct 90. Her daughter, Dorothy Wood, and son, Edward, attended Eastern Star services in Wilbur, WA and at graveside in La Follotte Cemetery near Almira, WA, her childhood home.

'20

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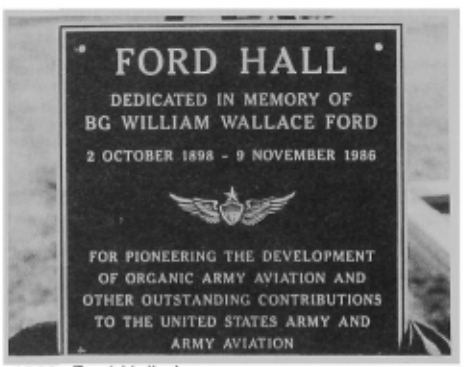
MG Rudolph Ostovich III, CG Army Aviation Ctr at Ft Rucker, AL, conducted an impressive mil review and memorialization ceremony 21 Sep designating the Gen Academic Complex Bldg as **Ford** Hall, honoring **Wally** Ford as one of the founding fathers of Army aviation.



1920: Ford Hall plaque

1920: MG Ostovich, displaying Ford Hall plaque to Sarah Ford

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The bldg was begun Sep 84 and completed Aug 90 at a cost of almost $3 million. It is a two-complex, 16-classroom facility where over 3000 flight students receive over 12,000 hrs of instruction annually on the latest aircraft systems. Guests of honor at the ceremonies were Wally's widow **Sarah**, daughter Elise Ford Knapp, eldest son William Wallace Ford Jr, sister Elizabeth Ford Sprowls & Willard, and long-time home friends Rayman & Rosemarie Strother.

1920: At dedication of Ford Hall: MG Ostovich, Willard Sprowls, Elise Ford Knapp (daughter), Sarah Ford, Bill Jr (eldest son), Elizabeth Ford Sprowls (sister), and Rayman & Rosemarie Strother (long-time friends)

Wally was recognized as a visionary who foresaw the value of using light aircraft for observation and adjustment of field artillery fire. In 1942 he established the Dept of Air Training at the Field Arty Sch, Ft Sill, OK and trained numerous pilots of the "Grasshopper" planes which proved very effective in WWII. A new Army Aviation museum has also been recently erected. Its Hall of Fame is operated by the Aviation Assoc of Amer. According to Dr John W Kitchens, Aviation Branch historian, among its narrative and pictorial exhibits will be one on fixed wing training, featuring Wally as one of the most important early leaders in the history of Army Aviation.

Sammy Samouce '24, your scribe's brother, died 8 Dec 90 in the Mt Vernon Hosp, Alexandria, VA, not far from his home in the Fairfax Army Ret Home. He had not been well for yrs.

Elton Samouce continues recuperating from a broken thigh bone from a hard fall 27 Sep. She is in bed and wheelchair in nursing care at Goodwin House West Ret Home, where she & **Duke** live. By Jan she hopes to walk with a walker.

Ollie Garvin writes: "The services for **Crump** were really beautiful, though so few old friends left to attend, but the Cathedral was surprisingly full of many younger friends." COL George E Handley (Ret), daughter Kakii's husband, gave an inspiring eulogy. Ollie has adjusted to the new ret home to which she & Crump moved after '20's 70th reunion. Her new friends and her chil-

1920: Duke and Sammy Samouce at 24 May 87 wedding of Sammy's granddaughter Barbara Russell (now CPT Bucknam, USAF surgeon of heavy bomber sqdr on alert for Saudi Arabia). Photo by Bill Meder '60

dren and their families help sustain her.

Anne Holle continues courageously to overcome loss of use of rt hand. Has now taught left hand to write, type, play the organ and piano, and even to keep her & **Charles**' tradition of sending out Christmas cards by 1 Dec with full description of the yr's doings. She is spending Christmas with cousins in Albuquerque.

The **Routheaus** have not been too well for some time. **Jo** is quite happy to see well again after a long siege with a cataract oper and lens implant by very competent young USMA grad drs at Walter Reed.

Sherm Hasbrouck has also had cataract difficulties in one eye and is beginning to have them with the other. He & **Clara** have just returned from a leisurely drive to FL, visiting friends along the way.

Kay Burns was given a glorious annual family reunion by her 5 Withers ('25) sons last May at Pauley's Id, SC near historic Georgetown and home of many Withers families. After a wonderful trip to Switzerland in Sep, she had another reunion at her home Thanksgiving Day.

1920: Family reunion May 90 at Pauley's Id, SC: Kay Burns with her 5 Withers ('25) sons, Dr MAJ Ben '74, Pete (GA St ROTC), COL Geoff '62 (Ret), Navy CPT Bill (USNA '58, Ret), and MG George K Jr '56 (Ret)

There will be 12 for Christmas with **Selby Stratton** and daughter Julie—son Bill's family from Tulsa, OK and daughter Terry Flagg's from W Redding, CT. "A crowd for me, now," says Selby, "but it will be fun to have one-yr-old great-grandson for his first Christmas."

Rosalie Doolittle wrote **Selby** that she is not active in anything now and has slowed down. She did go to Santa Fe to an American Rose Soc mtg, where she saw many friends and was given a citation for 40 yrs of outstanding service. With more time now, her enjoyable garden is above average. With a large family (she has 10 great-grandchildren) but only one grandson nearby, she has much family going and coming—a divorced granddaughter happily remarried in her home and another coming for Thanksgiving from U of VA. She is spending Christmas with son George Jr in Portland, OR.

Anne Rousseau is sad to see '20 dwindling so swiftly. "I'm among the very fortunate ones, healthwise. . . looking forward to my annual Christmas-New Yr holiday cruise," she says.

1920: Bill Coe with daughters Linda (left) and Anne

Which reminds me—as of now we have 17 classmates, 11 wives and 32 widows living, counting **Pacita Martelino** from whom or about whom I have had no word since the Sep 86 *ASSEMBLY* (see Class notes in Sep 90 *ASSEMBLY* and changes since).

'21-'22

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Two more mbrs of the Class have joined the "90 Club." **"PD" Lynch** celebrated his 90th birthday on 15 Dec and **Cort Schuyler** on 22 Dec. Congratulations and here's wishing you many more.

Bev Kane wrote me that she has had some heart trouble, and has spent some time in the hosp. I hope this finds you feeling lots better, Bev.

Cort Schuyler's wife, **Helen**, is suffering from congestive heart failure. Cort's health remains pretty good, so he wrote to me. Like **Bev**, above, I hope this finds you feeling lots better, Helen.

Mabelle Strong's new address is 29 Grey Moss Ct, Savannah, GA 31406.

Cort Schuyler sent me a news item

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about **Freddie Hein** that was published in the *San Antonio Express News*. Freddie died of heart failure on 4 Dec. The article covered Freddie's life from his high sch days to when he ret in 1953. Freddie never married. His only immediate survivor is his sister, Anna Engelking of San Angelo. On behalf of the Class, I extend to Anna our sincere sympathy.

'23

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Our condolences to **George Stewart** on the loss of **Louise** on 1 Nov. A memorial service was conducted at Asheville and burial was at PSF Cemetery where her ashes were interred beside those of her son. Ann Enderton Pugh sent me a beautiful tribute to her father, **Herb Enderton**, dated on his 92nd birthday, which concluded, "when you think of Herb, let it be with a sense of celebration of his life. I know he was an exemplary father. I think that he was also a good husband, a good friend, and a good soldier. We will all miss him!"

Erroneous poop will always stimulate a ltr, and corrections are gratefully received. Celebrating his 89th on 24 Oct, **Lee Shafer** writes that he & **Esther** are both in good health. Esther has recovered nicely from serious surgery and is as "active as ever" at home. "She has never used a cane," Lee informed me. Lee uses a cane, due to a stroke in 83, but still drives his car and needs no walker or wheelchair. **Pinkey Palmer** has given up his walks by Lake Merritt and rarely leaves St Paul's Towers, but in early Nov he hosted a mini-family reunion with son Hunter '52 & wife from Asheville and daughter from Long Beach. **Ray Pierce** left Sequoias Infirmary in Aug but still requires a walker. Both he & **Mary**, due to failing eyesight, no longer drive their car. They depend upon public transportation and frequent visits from son Bill.

The **Craigies** and the **Rosenbergs** are near neighbors so see a lot of ea other. **Bill** writes that the latter play a lot of bridge, an excellent outlet for **Louise**, whose mobility is impaired by arthritis. He rep that **Mo Cavender** was in fine fettle at **Lyle**'s big 90 celebration. Bill & **Victoria** celebrated their 65th on 16 Dec with lots of family present. Bill's change of address has left little time for golf, but he still shoots his age. **McGehee** take note! Bill delivered a eulogy at the memorial service for Curtis LeMay at March AFB Chapel, and was an honorary pallbearer at the interment at AFA Cemetery. **Robbie Robinson** is battling prostate cancer, but after surviving two heart attacks, he feels he can win this struggle.

Jack White proudly announces that he & **Alice** are now great-grandparents of a blue-eyed blond, Theresa Marie. Jack kept healthy this autumn picking apples (at least 10 bushels), raising chrysanthemums, and raking leaves on his two-acre lawn. The Whites are both well and look forward to their 65th on 2 Jan. Jack rep an abundance of wet weather, which we earnestly wish could be diverted to these parts.

Battle Horton writes that he has lost some mobility. He gave up golf two yrs ago and exercise now is limited to walking with a cane. He has become an authority on drs, hosps, and tests, but so are we all in '23! **Dorothy** is the social mbr with bridge and church activities. When they left Presidio Monterey for HI in 26, they could have purchased a Pebble Beach lot for $500 but had no thoughts of ret, much less the $500. The Hortons are in almost daily contact with **Sallie O'Shea** and rep that she is enjoying good health.

A note from Don Frazer '70 included the announcement of **Earl Gruver**'s induction into the Ordnance Hall of Fame at Aberdeen PG on 11 May. His accomplishments included his role in gunnery dev and support of the mechanized force before WWII. During that war, Earl supported the British Eighth Army with US ordnance equipment including depots, shops, and schools, and in the 50's was a leader in developing plans for mgt of missile maintenance. A personal note: our Purdue ROTC summer training was held at Ft Knox. Whenever we needed ordnance, authorized or otherwise, we could depend upon Earl to do his level best to help us.

Ed Howard has been having a difficult time. **Edwina** has been seriously ill for more than 4 mos and is only beginning to regain her health. In addition, Ed's sister & brother-in-law died recently. Nor has life been a bed of roses for **Wendell Johnson**. After several blackouts, he is now in Fairfax Health Care Ctr and doing OK. **Ruth** is with him for most of the day, including lunch and dinner. In mid-Nov, they enjoyed a family reunion with Wendell Jr and Ellie, Barbara and two grandchildren. In his note, Wendell included a biography of our honorary classmate, **M Louis Vauthier**. He was our fencing coach, one of the 5 out of 6 sports in which Army played and whipped the Navy in 1922–23. Can any class match that record?

The U of AK Southeast published a long profile of **Judge Noyes** summarizing his career as "Army off, husband, father, poet and author who distinguished himself in every facet of his life. He was a visionary who balanced his idealism with pragmatic necessities." In her ltr, **Lily** noted that in his last yrs **John** had been trying to get a branch of the U of AK started at Juneau and had picked out the site. Even though he did not live to see it, his dream has been realized. By his first wife **Eunice**, John had two sons. His 3rd son was born to **Lily**, his second wife, after John died in a plane crash in 56.

'24

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The 50th anniv of the Airborne troops was celebrated in Wash, DC in Sep. **Rupert Graves**' 517th RCT was represented by a couple hundred marchers. It was led by ret LTG Richard Seitz, who had commanded Rupert's 2nd Bn during WWII. At the beginning of the war Seitz had just graduated from KS Univ and had received his commission through the ROTC.

Milrae Nelson announces her marriage on 1 Sep to Woodrow Wirsig, a resident of Princeton, NJ, and a longtime friend and golfing partner of Milrae & **Otto**. They will live at 4872 SW Bimini Circle North, Palm Beach, FL 34990. We offer our congratulations to Milrae and wish the happy couple all the best.

The Wash gp of "the Twenty-four Wives" met for lunch at the Westchester on 8 Nov. The following ladies were present: **Bo Craig, Fran Crosby, Muriel Elmore, Agnes John, Betty MacCloskey, Kitty Smith, Marguerite Stevens, Hazel Van Way, Lo Vogel, Marian Weinaug** and Lillian Hopper, a guest of Marian. The table was prettily decorated by Mr Peacock, the maitre d'. The menu included a fruit cup followed by chicken á la king, plus a parfait of peppermint ice cream with chocolate sauce for dessert. It was especially nice to have Agnes John come in from Richmond, VA for the occasion. Last Jan Agnes sold her beautiful house in Bethesda and bought an equally nice house in Richmond. Both of her daughters live there: Judy Ware, who has one daughter and is with the Reynolds Co, and Phyllis Olney, who has a son and daughter and is an orthopaedic registered nurse in Richmond. They all live within walking distance of ea other.

We regret to announce the death on 13 Oct 90 of **Martin Frank Hass** at Biloxi, MS. He was buried in the Arlington Natl Cemetery on 19 Oct. His next-of-kin is his nephew, Mr John A Islin of Chicago, IL. The Class made the usual contribution of $25.00 in his memory to the WP Fund for the Class of '24.

Earle Everard Partridge has been rep as having died, but we have no info as to the date or circumstances. Will anyone having this info please inform the secy-treas?

Elizabeth (Betty) Mary Gibson died in San Ant on 24 Nov 90. Interment was in the Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery following the Funeral Mass. Memorial con-

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tributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Wellington Alexander Samouce, also known by all of his friends simply as "Sammy," died on 8 Dec at Alexandria, VA. He was buried in the Arlington Natl Cemetery on 13 Dec. The Class made the usual contribution of $25.00 in his memory to the WP Fund for the Class of '24.

'25

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Some 10 mbrs of the Class have not paid their Class dues for the yr 89–90. It is requested that they mail their checks for $10.00 to COL **HY Grubbs** (Ret), Box 615, Shalimar, FL 32579. The Class Fund is now slightly in excess of $2,000.00. It is believed that with the receipt of delinquent dues the Class Fund will be sufficient to take care of any unforseen needs. Consequently, the collection of Class dues will be suspended beginning 1 Jul. Some classmates have paid their dues beyond the suspension date. Those funds will be returned to their respective donors.

On 13 Oct 90, **Soap Suttles** died of cancer in Biloxi, MS. According to his cousin, WE Thomson, Rt 7, Box 20, Columbia, MS, who is the next of kin, Soap had lived in Biloxi for the last 4 yrs, but had been seriously ill for only the past few mos. He was cremated and his ashes were interred at WP.

Ernie Holmes died suddenly at his home in Maui, HI on 29 Oct 90 while watching the Mon night football game on TV. He had several operations during the past few yrs, but recently had been doing quite well. Ernie is survived by his wife, **Lani** (Mrs Ernest V Holmes, RR2, Box 260, Kula, HI 96790). After a funeral service, his body was cremated and the ashes strewn on the waters along the coast of Maui.

On 15 Jun 90, the WP Soc of HI staged a formation for newly-appointed entrants to WP and their guests. **Frank Steer** attended and gave the following pep talk to the newly-appointed entrants:

"I entered WP 70 yrs ago on 1 Jul 20 and 15 yrs later returned as an inst in math for two yrs and in chemistry and electricity for 3 yrs, making a total of 10 yrs at WP. That qualifies me to advise you on what to do and what not to do.

"Since 1802, 68,005 persons have been admitted to WP, but only 46,961 have graduated, not including the Class of '90. That means about 30% have failed. That is, about one out of every 3 cadets didn't make it. There are only 34,619 plus the Class of '90 living today. Think of that, less than 36,000 WP'ers alive. You are joining a very exclusive minority gp. I could name more than 20 universities that have more than 36,000 students on their campus on any sch day.

"You will have ample time to prepare for ea class. We were allowed 1 1/2 hrs of study time for ea one hr of class work. Use that time—don't sleep if off or read magazines. The discipline is strict—obey the rules.

"I made a lot of mistakes. I had mil training at OK A & M in 1917 and after WWI, as a freshman, in 1919 at OK Univ. During WWI, I participated in 3 battles. When I entered the Academy, I thought that what I didn't know about the mil wasn't worth knowing. I referred to the upperclassmen as slackers and draft dodgers. I bet $50.00 with one of the mess hall waiters that Notre Dame would beat Army. None of these things gained me much favor with the upperclassmen.

"It costs the taxpayers about $200,000.00 for ea grad. Also, if you are a good student you may qualify for post grad training as a dr or lawyer at govt expense. We have 28 drs at Tripler Army Med Ctr alone who are WP grads. Therefore, try hard to conform and don't buck the system which has been working well for 188 yrs."

In this and past issues of our column most of the info and refe ences concerned classmates. That info and those references are still valid. But, I would like to appeal to the widows and children for info about themselves. We all belong to the '25 Class family. Just because a classmate passes away does not mean that the widow and children are forgotten. The friends you made or served with back at Ft X, Y, or Z are still interested in where you are, how you are, and what you are doing. Please send me the info so that I may get it out to them.

'26

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Because he contributed liberally to a European trip for his daughter and two granddaughters, **Hal Forde**'s travels in 90 have been diminished. But (literally and figuratively) you can't keep a good man down, and he's searching for a tour through Malaysia and Indonesia, vowing to cobble up his own if he can't find one set up through the travel industry. He has come up with advice valuable to all of us using commercial flights. He claims that airlines now are required to furnish passengers, aged 80 yrs or over, a wheelchair at the departure terminal. And, he warns, don't be a bumpkin and call such old fuds as us "sr citizens;" the proper buzzword is "chronologically advantaged." Hal spent the Thanksgiving holidays with **Betsy**'s family in WY and now figures on a tour of the Natl Pks in UT.

For 14 yrs James S Purcell, youngest son of classmate **Frank Purcell**, has shared an apt in Oxon Hl, MD, with his mother. But this yr, **Mary Louise Purcell** has had a long series of med disasters, starting immediately after the death of oldest son when one calamity followed another. As a consequence she moved into a nursing ctr. Though Mary Louise cannot talk, she is alert and has some understanding. So, amiable reader, please add Mary Louise Purcell to that small and deserving list of familiars who need our comfort; see p 70, Nov 90 *ASSEMBLY*.

A cheerfully upbeat ltr from Class Pres **Red Corderman** admits that he & **Virginia** have slowed down quite a bit this yr but are "reasonably healthy." That is a phrase which occurs in a significant no of reports which filter in here and has to be translated, according to the writer's *Weltansicht*, as meaning anything from mighty fine to frightfully bad. To anyone knowing both Cordermans, Red must mean that they are in top shape. He adds that the **Bayers** show little change in their conditions.

Peg Chipp, widow of classmate **Marvin McKinney**, visited her son in Wayne, PA over the Thanksgiving holiday while husband Jack went up to see his daughter on Long Isl, NY. This arrangement works out handsomely and has been followed once annually for some yrs. Peg also mentioned that the "snow birds" are beginning to arrive in time to enjoy what she calls the best part of the FL winter season.

The Class unites in sympathy for **Earl Ringler** and in condolences over **Wave**'s death in Oct. She had been failing slowly during more that 3 yrs with no hope for improvement. The sad decline of her once-lively and merry disposition had become esp difficult for our classmate to bear. The Class commiserates with you, Earl, and wishes you well.

According to **Peg**, she & **George Hickman** are holding their own. They observed Thanksgiving in Knoxville, TN, with 3 daughters, 2 sons-in-law and 2 grands. Daughter Peg, who works in the TN (?) Dept of Aging, taped an interview on the importance to the elderly (chronologically advantaged) of executing, while able, power-of-attorney forms. She worked her dad into the interview. According to wife Peg, he looked fine ". . . and enjoyed being a TV star. There's plenty of spirit in this '26'er!"

Though the organization for which **Angela Kaylor** has done so much volunteer work has folded (the older women died or became ill and the younger ones found jobs), her efforts to give something back to the nation through helping others have not slackened, and she still finds plenty to do. She belongs to the DAR, holds an off and performs some services for the Veterans Hosp and some

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mtn schools. Though she claims at heart she is not a volunteer, she cannot resist helping when the call comes. Meanwhile, a series of unpleasant incidents have pursued her. First, a driver ran a red light and smashed up Angela's car. In as much as no witness saw the accident, she could not collect insurance to help pay for the whopping big repair costs. Next, a body accident involved a sprained wrist and stitches on her elbow. Finally, her son announced that he was leaving his wife and divorcing her. Angela, the Class admires and respects the volunteer work you still offer society and the verve of your lifestyle.

Kay McFarland considers that she is getting on well. Her two sons have pressed her to escape the cold winter climate of Coeur d'Alene by spending time with them in the South. But with many life-long friends in that city and a comfortable apartment, she prefers to stay put.

Babe deShazo is quite pleased with the improvement in her condition. And she is happy as well as amazed as the nos of her great-grandchildren pile up: 9, with another due by the time you read these notes.

Jeffrey G Smith, who is the grandson of classmate **Geo Smith** (KIA, Ger 45) has appealed to '26 for info on or anecdotes concerning his grandfather in order to round out a biography of George. Now Jeffrey has moved, settling into a location he deems more permanent than his last one. So if you have anything that might help, please write him: Jeffrey G Smith, 183 Heather Ridge Ave, Newbury Pk, CA 91320. The Class wishes you well in this project, Jeffrey.

"I'll celebrate Christmas in Hong Kong with son David (an intl lawyer), his wife and 3 grandchildren," **Frances Hutton** writes. She is quite pleased with her ret ambiance, recalling that she & **Church** had arranged to occupy it long before they had to so that the Huttons had a fine choice. Now Frances finds her inability (or reluctance) to drive during darkness an annoying restraint—don't we all?

She had wanted all her life to see the Taj Mahal, and during the Christmas holidays of 89, **Martha Johnson**, widow of '26'er **HW Johnson**, learned about Elderhostel. She liked what she learned and signed up for a trip to India, leaving in Oct 90. Martha is enthusiastic about the services Elderhostel promised and provided: all arrangements for the journey, lectures, visits to numerous celebrated places (including the Taj Mahal, of course) and a wk's stay with an Indian family who spoke excellent English. They treated Martha's gp like family, even to include an invitation to an elaborate engagement party and to the wedding two days later. With satisfaction, Martha adds, "I've seen what I wanted to see." Incidentally, she is not the only mbr of '26 to enjoy the magnificent services of Elderhostel. To learn more about that gp, write the scribe—or perhaps **Marge Brady** or Martha would help.

'27

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I received a nice note from **Robert Wohlforth**. Bob resigned shortly after grad to follow his passion for books. He has been commuting from Ridgefield, CT to NY book publisher's offs for 58 yrs. He can be given credit as one of the founders of "The Friends of the WP Library." He also claims to have lived in the same house with the same wife for 60 yrs. **Art Roth**, a frequent contributor to this column, rep that "our scribe had a nice dinner at the St Francis Yacht Club on the occasion of his 85th birthday. 85th? Yes, Paul is a little younger than most of us. The Class was represented by **Gar & Verone Davidson, Tom & Marg McManus** and 'Note Taker' Art." Art also rep that he talked to **TJH "Trap"** on his 88th birthday in the same mo, Nov. Trapnell & **Betty** are settling in their new home at the Fairfax at Belvoir, and they both are well.

1927: Paul Berrigan, Tom McManus, Gar Davidson and Art Roth, San Fran Bay area

1927: Marg & Tom McManus, Gar & Verone Davidson, Art Roth and Paul Berrigan celebrating Paul Berrigan's 85th birthday at the St Francis Yacht Club, 26 Nov

Mac Miller brings the news! His **Jean** had sent a note to **Barbara Curtis Cooper** to congratulate her on joining '27 USNA. Mac noted the passing on of **Mal Bauer** in *ASSEMBLY* and has taken steps to send a Class contribution to WP in his memory with a request for a pg in the Memory Book. A consolation note to his widow (supposedly) brought out the news that she had pre-deceased Mal on 3 Oct 88. The Millers made a trip to Dallas to attend his WWII regimental reunion and another trip that included a visit to **Blair & Dot Garland** in Red Bank, NJ, and the Duke game at WP.

1927: Tom McManus, Gar Davidson, Art Roth and Paul Berrigan

New addresses: MG & Mrs **George E Martin**, 1700 3rd Ave West, Apt 908, Bradenton, FL 34205; and Mrs **Barbara Cooper**, 4645 Hill View Dr, Mt Helix, La Measa, CA 92041.

'28

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Some sad news to rep. **Paul Breden** died 25 Oct in Clearwater, FL. He was buried at WP on 5 Nov. **Dave Traub** attended the services, extending condolences of the Class. Mbrs of the family included a sister and Paul's son, J Paul Breden Jr.

James Green died 16 Nov at Princeton, NJ. He was buried at WP on 2 Sep. Unfortunately, news of his death did not reach **Dave** in time for him to attend the funeral, so we had no rep there. He did call **Nancy**, Jimmy's wife, to convey the condolences of the Class.

Katherine B Coverdale died 28 Nov in Newport News. A graveside service was conducted 3 Dec in Arlington Natl Cemetery. Survivors included a daughter, Norma C Brumback of Newport News, her brother ADM C Briggs of San Diego, CA, 8 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Tom Wells spent a couple of days with us in Oct. While here we had a game of golf together. He is well and in good spirits. On leaving here he flew down to FL to visit the **Wileys** and then on to TX and from there to CO.

That's about it. Write me or telephone when you go places or do interesting things.

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Note: next deadline for May *ASSEMBLY* is 15 Feb.

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Bill Francis sent in a prog for the Awards Ceremony and Athletic Review, held Tues, 11 Jun 1929. It brought back many memories and also some sadness for the many awards so few are still here to enjoy: **Bill Vestal** for the Penn Relays and **Slim Vittrup** for the Drake Relays (where **Tiny Jark** set a world's record for the discus); **George Keeler** the only team captain. Winners of the Major "A:" **Danny Sundt** in lacrosse, and Vestal and Vittrup in track; Minor Sports "A:" **Paul Steinbeck** in soccer, **Bob Cook** in gymnastics, and **George Keeler** in golf; Academy monograms in football for **Danny Sundt**; **Don Stevning** as basketball mgr, and **Billy Greear** for managing polo and **Ralph Strauss** for rifle. Miniature lacrosse sticks and a sweater to Danny and miniature track shoes to the two "V's," Bill and Slim.

These notes will be short, as **Dot** took a fall the night of Pinecrest anniv party and broke two bones in her wrist. What a way to celebrate! We hope to be lucky enough to have the cast off for Christmas dinner. There are more things you just can't do with one hand, so even though she's kept her requests to a minimum, I don't have as much time as I would like to devote to the notes.

Paul & Josette Thompson have just returned from a "MINI" vacation in the Dutch half of St Martins, near Aruba. He's busy on the "Boscobell" project, which is an "environmental pk" sponsored in a large part by *Reader's Digest*. The Supe, USMA is also on the Bd.

Since the last notes went to press, we have learned that **Benny Wilmer** died 25 Jun and was interred at Terre Haute, IN. His widow, **Zelma**, thanked the Class for the expressions of sympathy and the memorial contribution to the WP Fund (AOG). Similar contributions were made to Knollwood in memory of **Della Caraway**, who died 24 Sep; to the Audubon Soc in memory of **Luster Vickery**; and to the "Mt Mitchell Exhibit of Clean Air" for **Marshall Stubbs**, who died 20 Nov. Marshall was interred at Arlington after graveside services attended by **Harriett**, their daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, plus **Nichols, Sykes and Vittrup** from '29. **Bill Vestal**'s long siege came to an end 26 Nov. His memorial service was held in the Chapel at Ft Sam Houston, with burial in the family plot in Pasadena, CA. **Jim Stephenson** represented the Class. As was the case of **Marion Montgomery**'s death some time in 89 and unreported, so it was with **Ella Thompson**, who died this past May (no other info). I hope more '29'ers will follow **Margaretta Ghormley**'s example, as she told Dr Harriet Stubbs to advise me, which she did.

On a happier note, **Kay Parks** married Adm Stanley H Gauer and will be spending part of ea yr in HI at 4614 Kalowea Ave, Honolulu, HI 96816. This isn't an address change, but it is a happy note: **Miriam Keeler** has established (via a Charitable Remainder Trust) the Gen **George E Keeler** Golf Scholarship at the Col of Charleston. Some of their accomplishments which make this so appropriate were discussed in recent Class notes so I'll only refer to a couple of them: volunteer golf coach; faculty rep for intercollegiate athletics at a time when it wasn't a popular subject there; and after ret from the faculty, one of the very few to be honored with the "College Founder's Medal." Having been snowbound in Charleston by the storm in Seattle last yr, they found it was so pleasant in Charleston that they are doing it again in 90. **Tom Conley** is hanging in there despite cardiac arrest and "ping" strokes, and sent a contribution to the Class Fund. **Lee Meyer** returned from Walter Reed to Knollwood after a small stroke and is relearning how to walk, talk and write. As **Dot** can attest, it is a slow process. **Emma Rasmussen** is also there after her second hip oper. She says it's slow and it slows her down. **Lois Stephenson** is now using a cane in lieu of a walker after her hip surgery.

Hope **Slim Vittrup** and **Jackie Nichols** are successful in rescheduling a '29 luncheon at the Fairfax. They have a head start with **Slim, Calloway, Dee Dee Armstrong** and the **Strausses** living there.

The Smothers Brothers are booked for a performance at the Eisenhower Theater on 20 Jan 91. You can be sure there will be a lot of visitors in the '29 Corridor that day.

In the current Mayo Health Ltr there is quite a section on "Continuing-Care Health Centers" (CCHC). They say, "It's not easy to make the changes that come with moving to a CCHC—but you're still in charge—and you'll be planning for the future at a time you can make the most of a new life. You must be in reasonably good health to enter, and many CCHC's have a waiting list. Expertise and financial stability are more important than whether the owner is in a religious/fraternal gp or a profit corp."

On 8 Dec 90 Class Pres **Paul Thompson** rep as follows on the upgrading of the Class '29 Gallery just off the auditorium in Eisenhower Hall: "Remember—at our 60th Reunion, May 89, we asked Bill Yost, Dir of Activities at the gallery, what if anything might be done to improve the gallery. Bill answered, 'two things: (a) extend the wall carpeting to cover both sides of the gallery, thus almost doubling the area available for exhibits; and (b) modernize the gallery lighting.' Bill compiled a rough estimate of the cost of the improvements: $40,000.

"Meanwhile, classmate **Dobie Kraft** had willed a sizeable bequest (about $700,000!) to the WP Fund. The Supe had his own idea as to how the proceeds of the bequest would be spent (on relocating and improving the baseball field), but he approved the allocation therefrom of $40,000 for upgrading of the Class '29 Gallery. Readers of Class notes will recall that, at that time, we were thinking in terms of a fund ensuring adequate maintenance of the gallery for all time to come.

"The additional wall carpeting was duly installed, and has been a resounding success. It came in at about $20,000, leaving about the same amt for the modernizing of the lighting apparatus. That is the rub. After much (time-consuming) research and consultation, Bill Yost concluded that short-cuts in quality would have to be made to stay within the cost limit of $20,000. He put the dilemma up to me. I asked what the cost of absolutely top-flight lighting would be. The answer: $30–35,000. I have taken the liberty of authorizing, in the name of the Class, that the top-flight route be taken. Bill is proceeding accordingly; he estimates the project will be completed by May 91.

"So, $35,000 $20,000 = $15,000. I will make every effort to get an additional allocation of $15,000 from the proceeds of **Dobie Kraft**'s great gift (the baseball field has not yet been moved). Meanwhile, there are other arrows to our bow, and I am not worried. I am happy to think that our gallery will be more attractive and more useful than ever.

"As for the Fund for maintenance of the gallery, let us remove it from the back burner when all the dust from the upgrading of our gallery has settled.

"It was real fun watching the Navy game!"

Freddie Lincoln, in a report just before the closing date, says that she, accompanied by daughter Fritzi and son Dan, joined "Little" Abe for the dedication of the **George A Lincoln** Hall at Ft Leonard Wood in Apr; she then continued on to Wash to attend the annual reunion dinner of the WP Dept of Soc Sci faculty. In the summer the Hq for the Lincoln Family reunion—39 strong and 4 generations long, was at her house.

Midge Ward enjoyed a before-Christmas visit from her daughter Midgie.

Two more last-minute items: **Marion McDonald Sheppard**'s lens implants work so well she wears glasses only for night driving and close work. They are planning to fly to AK and return by ship and to HI and outer isls.

Tommy & Rose DuBose's daughter

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Gwynne was married to William W Austin in a gala ceremony described by one of the guests. "The bride was radiant as she walked down the aisle on the arm of her handsome father, in her designer gown of ivory silk shantung over peach lining, sweetheart off-the-shoulder neckline and fitted beaded alencon lace bodice accentuating her tiny waistline. Gwynne's 8 bridal attendants wore black silk two-piece gowns with peplum backs, and carried calla lillies tied with black silk rope. Beautiful Rose DuBose chose a floor-length gown of periwinkle blue chiffon, with high neckline and long sleeves. The bodice and paneled skirt were beaded with periwinkle blue pearls and irridescent sequins. Mrs Austin Sr of OK, mother of the groom, selected a two-piece silk suit with long straight black skirt and bronze bodice, with a jacket of dark purple ribbon lace. Both mothers carried mini-callas tied with foliage and satin ribbon. The reception was at the Citrus Club of Orlando, with the buffet and guest tables decorated with white freesia and tulips. The seafood table was centered with an ice carving of angel fish in seaweed, topping a mound of shrimp and other seafood."

Another late report: **Pat & Betty O'Hara** returned from two wks in CA welcoming **Elizabeth & Steve Lane**'s son Christopher Michael and seeing that he was started in the right way. Pat reassembled the well-traveled baby bed he made for Elizabeth in 47 and in which all of the O'Hara grandchildren have slept.

As of 1 Dec, we are 58 classmates, 42 wives and 111 widows.

'30

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In late Oct, I had two very nice notes from **Clara Francis Ruestow**, thanking me and all our classmates who attended **Paul**'s funeral at Arlington Cemetery on 16 Aug. She plans to spend Christmas on Long Isl with her daughter Claire, and while there, will look over the rental situation. Clara Francis also has VA in mind, where she has a son and a sister. I am sure I speak for all of us who live in this area when I say we would indeed be happy to have this lady join us.

Our fall luncheon was held as scheduled by our Pres **Ludlow "Pete" King** at the Ft McNair Off Club on 2 Nov. Those attending were Pete King, **"Fergie" Ferguson, Sid Wooten, Bill Whipple, Bill Carter, Adam Koscielniak, Max Janairo, George Duehring, Ben Beasley, Ned Moore,** and **Millard Lewis**. Ferguson and Whipple were particularly welcome out-of-town guests. **Andy O'Meara**, one of our most faithful attendees, was AWOL, hunting pheasant in WI and, he added, quite successfully too. We were also sorry not to have **Bob Porter, Sterling Wright,** and **Frank Waldrop** with us. An excellent lunch was served in the Pershing Rm. During the meal Pete related his most reccent accomplishment as a sculptor. His hometown, Okema, OK, needed a bust of a typical Okie pioneer as a memorial to all farmers and cattlemen of Okfuskee County. Pete selected a dear friend, an Okie farmer, as his model. The resulting bust was a real success, one of his best pieces. It was so well-received that Pete & **Betty** were invited to its unveiling, and given every honor the town could think of. He was also officially cited by the State of OK for his contribution.

1930: Final salute to MG Paul Ruestow USAF at Arlington Cemetery, 16 Aug

The matter of a mini-reunion was discussed at the luncheon with very mixed results, particularly as to location. Your scribe was invited to *sample* the Class and our Class widows on this matter. He will do so as soon as practicable.

Sid Wooten sent in a very nice ltr 4 Nov. **Mary** & he spent 3 days at the Tides Inn on the mouth of the Rappahannock. It proved to be very enjoyable. **Tillie & Sterling Wright** live nearby and were guests of the Wootens for lunch. "Ster" is active in the church, conducts a

1930: Clara Francis Ruestow at Paul's funeral

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reading gp, participates 3 morns a wk in an exercise class, and gives much time to the comm of Whitestone, VA. Tillie looks just the same, still bright and animated. However, for the last two yrs she has been confined to a wheelchair. Sid considers both of them to be real credits to the Class. My very sincere thanks to you, Sid, for your timely and interesting ltr. I am in real need of more such ltrs from y'all out there!!

Louise Richardson sent in a lovely note 20 Nov to tell me how Mrs **Nancy** Strell relates to the Class. Nancy was a cadet-girl who married **Samuel Roth**, now deceased. **Jim Richardson** wrote his obituary in 84. Sam & Nancy had two sons, one of whom is a WP grad. Nancy attended the 55th Reunion. Her address is on our latest roster. This is the kind of info your scribe needs; my deepest thanks to you, Louise.

Yesterday, 8 Dec, we received our first classmate Christmas card from **Marjorie Bartlett**, who now lives in CA. The Bartletts and **Beasleys** have exchanged cards every yr since we worked together at SHAPE in Paris in 56. "Marge" rep that she went to a party with classmates in Sep, and had glowing reports of our successful 60th Reunion. Many thanks, and a very Merry Christmas to you and your two sons, Marge.

You will be reading this in the midst of winter's Gloom Period. Not much can be done about that. However, it might help a little to remember again that marvelous Army-Navy Game yesterday (8 Dec) that we won 30–20 by stubborn persistence and a lot of good luck. It was a fitting final tribute to Coach Young, and a victory that converted a 5–5 season into a great winning season. Above all, it was a thrilling unpredictable game that kept you glued to the TV screen every second of the last two quarters. "How sweet it is."

And today (9 Dec), by a somewhat similar miracle, the Redskins managed to beat the Bears by one point. The last play of the game was a Redskin interception of a Bear "do or die" pass.

1930: Members of '30 at Hotel Thayer during 60th Reunion

Finally, remember our great reunion last Jun, if you were lucky enough to be there. See above photo of some of the lucky ones from left to right: **Carlotta Wright, Fred Klinke,** the **Bretts,** the **Guthries, Red Timothy** and **Win Sisson.**

'31

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The man who never forgot any of our names during our 4 Academy yrs, the guardian of our cadet-days health, our cherished friend and our respected honorary classmate, **Doc Welch**, passed away on 4 Oct 90 in Plantation, FL. COL John M Welch was 98. Interment was in St Joseph Cemetery, Boston, MA. He had served 35 yrs in the Med Corps, spanning WWI, WWII and the Korean War.

Florence Sullivan died on 25 Nov 90 in San Ant. **Jack Gordon** says **Petey** & he were shocked, having had "considerable conversation with her only the day before, and she was in top shape." Florence was laid to rest on 29 Nov in the Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery with **John**, who passed away on 18 Sep 89.

While putting final touches on arrangements at WP for our 60th reunion, **Clyde & Georgia McBride** dropped by the magnificent Truxton Lacrosse Facility recently built up near the stadium. Among the team records that are chronicled there on one of the plaques are the two great Academy records of the '31 Corps Squad that stand to this day: most goals scored in one game, 35–0 against Boston College; most shut-outs in one season, 5. It was our great goaltender, **Johnny Waters**, and All-America defenseman, **Buford Zimmerman**, ably assisted by such as Abe Lincoln '33 and Milt Summerfelt '33, who made that outstanding shut-out record possible.

1931: Georgia & Clyde McBride, Moppy Perry, Moppy's daughter Susie, and Margot Hoover

Bill & Charlotte Train have for a no of yrs enjoyed an annual golf reunion at a resort somewhere on the globe, promising a good game. This time it was at Sedona, AZ. The same mbrs of the gp foregathered from their various home bases as in previous yrs. In Sep, the traveling Trains took a wk's respite in their Yosemite cabin, where Bill spent some of his time repairing summer tenant damages. Not to be caught dawdling away precious time, they soon took off on a fabulous Stanford Alumni Assn-sponsored trip to the Maya ruins on the Yucatan peninsula, the Galapagos Isl, and to Oaxaca, Mexico, site of the ruins of the Spanish-conquered Meso-Americans. Charlotte is an alumna of Stanford, as is her mother and the Train son. Two profs, an anthropologist and a Darwin scholar, accompanied the 60 people, making an interesting trip a very pleasant educational one. Taking off from Houston in a remodeled 727 private jet with TV monitors at ea seat displaying the prof's slides, they sipped free martinis. After two days in Guatemala City, they flew on to Tikal to visit the Maya ruins and thence to Guayaquil, Ecuador for refueling before heading for the Galapagos. There they transferred to a ship for an excursion to 6 of the isls with their rookeries of many thousands of sea birds, beaches swarming with thousands of sea lions displaying no fear of man, and those huge tortoises. Charlotte joined a few others to swim with the friendly sea lions. Meanwhile, back home they were happy to greet **Bill & Betty Chandler** from San Ant on their wk's visit to their old San Fran stomping area.

1931: '26-'27 Class at Millard's Prep School

The pic of the '26-'27 Class at Millard's Prep Sch in Wash shows, in the background, **Duff** and skipping two, **Steinbach**; up front, skip one to **Cassidy**, skip 3, **Patterson** and **Cather**.

Chuck Westphaling, who lost his sight 25 yrs ago from optic neuritis, has ever since energetically pursued his job as a stockbroker. He conducts his business as an acct exec for a Ft Worth firm from his home. His tools are a tape recorder, records and customer files in Braille, and a talking calculator. A daily visit from a secy rounds out his org. Strong support and encouragement from **Helen** are ever present.

Eleven of the Wash contingent met at the ANCC on 7 Dec for lunch and digestion of affairs of state: **Armstrong, Boyd, Davis, Eaton, Hoover, Little, McBride, Moore, Smart, Ockie** and me. The next session is scheduled for 5 Apr at 1130; visitors, please take note. **Klemm**

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Boyd is holding his great annual Gibson Isl wingding on 25 Apr; cocktails at 1130. He repeats his invitation to visiting classmates and/or wives or widows to join him and the rest of us. Ockie reminds us that checks for contributions to our Class Gift Fund should be made out to "'31 Gift Fund—AOG." Please send me more pics, as well as more news; both are being received in diminishing amounts. Don't write on the backs of photos. Instead, give me the info on an attached poop sheet.

Harry & Norma Cooper have departed the El Paso posse and headed no to settle down with the ret set at the Fairfax, expanding our Class representation there to 10 elder statesmen and eldress stateswomen. Their new address: 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Apt 220, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060; tel (703) 780-0723. Ever-helpful Ken Zitzman '32 has given me **Judy Bond**'s whereabouts (previously carried in our rolls as "address unknown") as 1 Towers Pk Lane, Apt 415, San Ant, TX 78209; tel (512) 828-8979. The **Passarellas** have moved a short way to 1016 S Wayne St, Apt 907, Arlington, VA 22204; tel (703) 920-3773. And **Ruth Lawson**'s new address is 5802 Williamsburg Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23185; tel (804) 229-5172.

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THE NEW TARGET! All of you guys and gals who read and write this column (I'm the mechanic), note the change of address above so that in the future you will know where to send your contributions, criticism and cries of consternation. Note that the phone no remains the same. It was **Pat**'s & my 34th and final, repeat *final*, move since we were married at Ft McKinley near Manila in 35.

Our new address is The Inn at Los Patios which has just opened; it is located on the contiguous property where the 3 excellent Los Patios restaurants for indoor/outdoor dining and the little boutiques with the garden ctr have been in operation for yrs. It is a mi from where we just left, along the lovely wooded area of Salado Creek at the Loop.

It's just what **Pat** & I have always wanted and have usually had, but now somebody else does the work.

And **Bob & Betty Hewitt** have just made a similar shift. Bob didn't invent KS City, MO, but since retiring from the Army after an outstanding career, Betty & he have made KC home base while traveling all around the US, visiting friends and advancing their church work. They are now at 10105 Wornall, Apt 119, KS City, MO 64114. Phone no is the same [(816) 942-1220]. A warm little note from Betty said, "we did and we are glad. Apartment living is nice. A most desirable apt in a nice complex in the right area. . . . There comes a time and this was it."

And **Anne Brucker** has made a still shorter move—from upper floor to first. Same address you have on the green sheet but apt 21 instead of 24.

THE POWER OF THE PRESS. The *San Antonio Express-News* is a good mbr of the world-wide Murdoch chain (daily circulation 180,000, Sun 268,500), an important paper in an important city. An interesting feature is the "Daily Star," a separate standardized section of 16 pgs with a major story on the front pg, followed by the TV progs, Anne Landers, Today in History, and a spread covering anything from Wash, DC to Hollywood in the centerfold.

As I write this I am looking at a photo on the front pg (yes, wise guy, I do touch-type) which shows **Esther Wray** with an enlarged photo of the crew of the *Memphis Belle* with England's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth after the *Belle*'s 25th and final bombing mission over Ger in May 43. It also included the nearby pic showing COL **Stan Wray** talking with King George VI and Queen Elizabeth beneath the wing of the *Memphis Belle*.

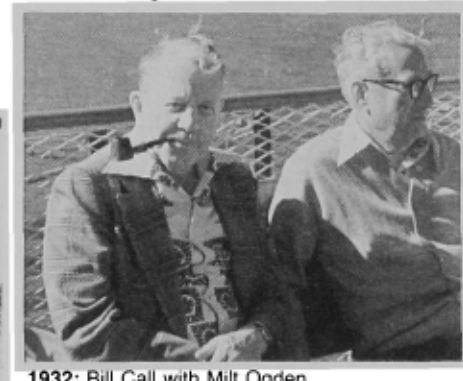
1932: The queen, King George VI, and Stan Wray

During WWII, **Stan** commanded the 91st Bomb Gp, of which the *Memphis Belle* was a part, and was stationed in Cambridgeshire, England. **Esther** kept the home fires burning in the US but she knew all about what Stan was doing, as no one else does. She had lots of good comments on the new movie and also pointed out parts that were probably fictionalized.

I'm sorry that an item of **Stan**'s service, yrs later during the Berlin Airlift, was not mentioned. It was again a crisis requiring mil power to get food to the civ populace in W Berlin after the Soviets cut off all ground contacts. Stan was an MG at the time, commanding the major USAF unit supplying the populace with food and heating materials by air. He was the old-fashioned type when it comes to leadership, and he personally piloted one of the cargo airships in and out. On one of his flights a crack in the fuselage occurred. It could have been caused by a bullet but memory dims and I don't want to speculate. In any event the sub-zero air entering under his seat gave Stan a severe case of frostbite in his, er, fundament, but Stan refused to turn back and he landed his cargo.

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A WP! Without doubt, the student bodies at WP and the other service academies are proportioned among the entire population of the USA as those of no other college-level schools are. With that in mind WP has established WP admissions offices in the two states, CA and TX, which rank first and 3rd in population in the US. (Second, of course is NY, which is home base for WP.)

The TX office is right here in San Ant: Bldg 125, Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234; tel (512) 221-4787. I have visited it and like the way it is going. I spoke to Mgr Rosemary Dulica by phone, and heard of her scheduled visit to WP w/CA mgr, to lay out plans. Rosemary will give me her future course of action and copies of notices to spread the word.



1932: Bill Call with Milt Ogden

FINAL FAREWELLS. From Seattle, I received a phone call from **Lauri & Edna Hillberg** and a ltr from C Coburn (C squared) Smith '31 giving me the news of **Bill Call**'s passing. C^2 and Bill had been fishing buddies for many yrs, and C^2 has kept his boat and trailer at Bill's home since **Frances Call** died some yrs ago.

C^2 phoned **Bill** about noon one day to say that he would be over shortly to get his boat in shape and discuss their next fishing trip on Puget Sound. Bill was watching the New England-Seattle Sea Hawks game on TV at the time, and when C^2 got there he went in to where Bill usually watched TV.

Bill was on the floor, unconscious and breathing heavily. C^2 could not arouse him so he called Bill's daughter Frances, who lives nearby. She went over, then called Medic Evac, who took Bill to the hosp. Frances called C^2 a couple hrs later saying it was all over—massive hemorrhaging.

That's another one that we owe C^2. A few yrs ago when **Millie Culp**, who lives

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in Seattle, asked me for some advice on getting USMA info, I gave her CC's name and address as a guy who would help her if he could. She had not met him before but wrote me later that he had been very, very helpful.

Helping **Archie Lyon** keep our Class roster up-to-date, I phoned **Biff Braude**'s daughter Anne in Scottsdale to get the latest news on Biff. For the past 12 yrs Biff had been in a nursing home as a result of an accident which he had no hand in and which shouldn't have happened. Anne told me that Biff had just died of arteriosclorotic heart disease and had been buried alongside his **Janet** at Ft Sam Houston. If you would like to get in touch with Anne, she is living at the address listed for Biff in our last Class roster but the area code for her tel is wrong. It should be 602 instead of 802.

Biff was a good guy with a good record during his 30 yrs of active duty. Upon ret he worked for some yrs with an excellent civ company. After **Janet** died, Biff continued to attend all of our reunions, the same personable and well-proportioned guy, dressed and groomed like a matinee idol. So long, Biff.

In mid-Oct, Elmer Grubbs '36 phoned me to say that **Dave Kennedy** had died. Elmer's and Dave's families had been friends since 24, and both Dave and Elmer had attended The Citadel. Dave was Elmer's pred at WP. Both were in L Co at WP, with Elmer entering 3 wks after Dave left. In 34, Dave was the pilot for Elmer's first flight in a Keystone bomber at Mitchell Field in NYC.

1932: The Dave Kennedy family

In WWII **Dave** commanded a sqdr in Canada and AK, then a gp in the So Pacific. He was ret for disability in 46. Shortly after, he married **Sis**, a sister of Sen Strom Thurmond's first wife. Sis was working at Winthrop Col and was home in nearby Elko, SC for a wkend when she met Dave. They were married in 49 and produced the 3 little peach cakes in the nearby pic, Jeanie at age two and twins Beth and Fran at 8 mos.

Dave kept active: farming cotton, watermelons, cantaloupes and trees; he was a bank off and dir for 16 yrs, a licensed land surveyor for 20 yrs and served two terms on the town council.

Sis wrote that "our 3 girls have been our joy and pride, and we are equally pleased with the 3 sons-in-law (and) two grandsons, 6 yrs and 3. The 6-yr-old grandson has **David**'s name—Hamilton."

Dave now lies in the **Kennedy** plot at Williston among a host of relatives.

AT RANDOM IN QUONDAM. Out of a clear sky, I got a phone call from Duncan Hallock '33. He now lives in Honolulu, but at one time we were very close, viz, in a 5-man carpool that went from Bethesda to the Pentagon everyday from 1947–51. It was an erudite carpool with British COL Alec Coldstream, Canadian MAJ Jack (I forgot his last name) and Bud Buehler '34 as the other mbrs. Every day we laid out the problems of the world en route to work and solved them on the way home.

I was ordered to 6 mos TDY with the Navy during the period so the others filled my place with a guy who could most generously be classified as a nut hatch. He had a little car with a Bermuda bell, and he chose a route through Georgetown and stomped on the Bermuda Bell to and from the Pentagon.

As I got it upon my return from San Diego/Seattle/Honolulu with the Navy, they had repeatedly told this odd-ball that I would be back any day (which I was) and since the limit for the carpool was 5, he would have to leave. It's great to be wanted.

When Dunc came through San Ant, he was on a big swing with his wife, and stayed at the ARC (Army Ret Comm) here, which **Landon Head** had set up for him. Dunc and Landon played tennis on the ARC court and it was fine—not exactly the old-time slam bang tennis, but good. Yrs ago, **Pat** gave away my tennis rackets without prior consultation with me, so I'm not in a position to judge.

But it was nice to talk to Dunc about the old days after we had both ret, when I spent a day with him & his wife in Manila in 67 during a biz trip through the Far East.

1932: Jim & Eleanor Woolnough

YOU'RE 80 ONLY ONCE! The **Woolnough** mob did it up right for **Jim**'s 80th birthday. Twenty-nine relatives showed up for the big celebration; every one of

1932: Jim Jr & Sue, Jim III, "The Jim," granddaughter Linda Woolnough, great-grandson Jim IV, and grandson-in-law Steve

his children (3), grandchildren (7) and great-grandchildren (10) were there except for one granddaughter with her little tot. However, she had an iron-clad B-ache (no pun intended) because she was expecting great-grandchild #11.

Eleanor was there, of course, with her son Dan **Perry**. A big family portrait was taken and the special video that pretty granddaughter Linda had gone to such effort to produce was shown. Linda said that **Jim** made an emotional "thank you" to the gp for making his birthday so special.

Two days later **Jim** got another big happy birthday at his granddaughter Nancy's wedding. Linda wrote, "I figure my grandpop is now 83!"

YOU'RE 100 ONLY ONCE! "Army Enters a New Century of Football," screamed the headlines, and I had the vicarious feeling of having been there. **Ed Simenson** and **Tom & Marge Darcy** were the only '32'ers present, but ea wrote me a ltr describing the big day at WP. Ed sent me the complete edition of the *Newburgh/Evening Beacon* with its special supplement of 100 pgs devoted to the history of WP football. It contains pix of guys who were legends when we were cadets, contemporaries and right down to action photos of the present team.

1932: Miriam & Ed Simenson

The sr player returning was Art Pulsifer Nov '18, who was my first CO in the 2nd Signal Co in 33. **Ed Simenson** was next in line and next after him was '37.

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Tom wrote, "(Ed) marched in the between-halves ceremony as spryly as ever—and apparently ready to step in at a tackle position should Coach Young call on him during the second half!"

During half time when all lettermen were on the field, the announcer stated that one player present had helped beat both Navy and Notre Dame in 31. **Ed** modestly raised his hat to thunderous applause. Ed wrote that he, **Tom & Marge Darcy** rehashed history far into the night (something I've found to be mandatory on such occasions), and Ed also passed along regards to me from two guys in '34 who had played hockey and lacrosse with me as cadets.

ONLY YESTERDAY. So **Pat** had a little accident with her car—brushed something that broke the upper headlight lens on the right side. The lights all worked OK but the repair bill to replace the broken lens and reflector was $166. The fiberglass bumper was re-seated so the appearance is OK but there is no strength in it. The serviceman advised against replacement because it would cost an additional $600+. I asked, "what good is a fiber glass bumper anyway?" He said, "not much."

My mind drifted back to those halcyon days in Jun 32 when everyone was broke. You and I weren't because we were drawing $107 per mo as young 2nd LTS. Upon grad, I bought a brand new Ford V-8, convertible with rumble seat for $640 (the roadster which was not an all-weather car was $560, but I was a big spender in those days—a habit which I have corrected since).

And, honest, this is true. On grad leave I backed into an iron post at a gas station one day and wrinkled my left rear fender. I asked the guy to repair it and he said it would cost $6. But, he added, "I can replace it with a new one for $6." (You remember, in those days, the entire body of a car was not stamped, molded and installed as a single piece at the factories.) I said, "go ahead" and he went ahead.

But, by and large, today is better than yesterday. Send me your news and I guarantee publication here. Next deadline is when you get some news.

'33

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STILL 1990 HERE, yet this will be our second notes to appear in 91. Two yrs hence (DV!) we'll be exhorting all living '33'ers, wives and widows to attend our 60th. The time to prepare for that is now; let's keep in shape, or get in shape, to be there!

Comments on the natl scene, as seen from here: confusing. Now that American troops are on the ground, the unity of outlook re the Gulf crisis which we seemed to have had 4 mos ago is weakening; the Budget Agreement to reduce the deficit will instead increase it, according to the *Wall Street Journal*; and the word from the Senate "ethics" hearings is that, after all, we're *all* doing it. . . . Such is the *necessary* cost of democracy? Better news: Iraq is releasing hostages; the COLA appears to have been saved; likewise Oliver North; Army 30, Navy 20.

We've learned, a bit late, of three '33 losses:

• On 1 Aug 90 **Anne Markle, Norm Markle**'s widow, died of chronic lung and heart problems in Marfa, TX. (Norm died in 60.) She was buried in Marfa. The Markles are survived by their daughter Jo Anne McClurg of Midland, TX, and two grandchildren. "Mother lived Army life until she died," wrote her daughter. "She 'served' 25 yrs with my father, from Ft Bliss to Athens, Greece. Please put this information in *ASSEMBLY*."

• On 24 Sep 90 **Eddie Ashworth** died at his home in Salmon, ID after a long bout with cancer. He is buried in Salmon, next to his first wife, Edna (who predeceased him, as did their daughter, Jane, wife of MG Edwin Robertson, II, USAF '47). He is survived by his wife **Suzanne**; his son Edward T Ashworth, Jr; a sister, Elizabeth Peterson; two brothers, BG Robert L Ashworth '38 and Rev Geoffrey W Ashworth; 3 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two nephews.

• On 14 December **Chuck Dunn** died at Newport News, VA of respiratory failure. Burial was at Arlington Natl Cemetery beside his beloved wife **Dana**, who predeceased him in Nov 88. He is survived by their daughter, Dana Lee Walker; son-in-law, CPT Harry C Walker (USNA '59) (Ret); and 3 grandchildren.

The Class of '33 extends its deep sympathy to the surviving family mbrs. Your loss is ours, too. Please stay in touch.

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Eddie Ashworth had also lost a brother, LT Thomas Ashworth, Jr, who was killed in the Pacific in WWII, leading a fighter group from the carrier *Enterprise*. "I spoke with Ed's widow today," writes his brother Bob. "She was most interested and pleased to hear that mbrs of '33 share her great loss."

John Armitage writes from Cedaredge, CO, "Being off the beaten track out here, I was surprised and pleased to meet recently **Skid Giffen**'s older brother, a ret surgeon living only 20 mi from here. We shared memories of the 30's—a long time ago. . . . [I'm interested to learn that] I'm now the youngest mbr of the Class. . . . " Address correction: 2395-R, 75 RD, Cedaredge, CO 81413.

Our VP in San Ant, **Charlie Carver**, tells of passers-through:

• **Bill & Helen Ely**, who visited engr COL son Bill Jr & wife at Ft Sam, where Bill Jr is Dep CO of the Recruiting Bde;

• **Dunc & Barbara Hallock**, who stayed at the "ARC" (Army Ret Comm) with friends.

From **El Conway**, an interesting clipping from the *St Petersburg Times* re "the rarified air of PhDs, MDs, authors, artists and musicians, former college pres and execs that make up the Academy of Sr Professionals at Eckerd Col (ASPEC), recently joined by author James Michener." "ASPEC is an interesting group of retirees," sez El. "We had thought at one time of moving to College Harbor. Next time you 'do' an Elderhostel vacation—they have one there. You can meet James Michener—and see me, too!"

1933: World travelers Chet & Tommy Dahlen on the Isl of Delos

"In Oct," writes **Chet Dahlen**, "**Tommy** & I had a most interesting, instructive tour of Greece. The first 2 wks were an Elderhostel tour aboard a motor-sailer, *Zeus II*, passenger capacity 35, touring the Aegean Isl. We made 9 port calls including Ephesus in mainland Turkey—magnificent historic Greek-Roman ruins. . . . I was impressed by the tremendous fortifications built by the Crusaders on Rhodes, just one of the many isl they had fortified.

"The enclosed pic was taken on Delos, sanctuary to Apollo, at the 'Lion's Terrace' overlooking the Sacred Lake where Apollo and Artemis were born. During the two wks we had two lecturers, one a dr of archeology, the other a dr of Greek history—both excellent. Our 3rd wk was an 'add-on' tour of the Peloponnese Peninsula, with 3 days in Athens. This was our first Elderhostel tour. We shall try again!"

It was a treat to find **Tita & Chet deGavre** from the Eastern Shore among our out-of-towners (see end of notes) at our lively Oct DC-area Class luncheon. Chet made a tentative claim to being our oldest living '33'er but was persuaded to change this to being the best looking. "The thing I liked best about the luncheon," Chet later wrote **Abe**, "Was the presence of the widows. . . . " Then he continued, "If it had not been for you, I

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never would have graduated. . . . I cannot value anything higher than that. . . . I thank you with all my heart for your many yrs of leadership."

"I treasure anything that makes me look younger and more handsome," says **Ed Doleman**, thanking **Sparrow** for a returned photo. "**Dottie** & I are doing as well as can be expected. . . . I have this feeling I'm going to fall apart like the Wonderful One Hoss Shay. . . . We're on Molokai, courtesy of our son Bob's last yr Christmas gift. Beautiful place."

"Thanks for returned pics," writes **Sam Donnelly**. "I passed your regards to **John & Es Honeycutt**. They're in good shape. . . . We enjoy the Class notes."

"I've been out of touch with our Class," writes **Tom Evans** from Tequesta, FL. "I hope this ltr will help bring me a little closer. I've been very much confined to my work, running an import shop which I started 17 yrs ago with my first wife in Evanston, IL. We'd been married 50 yrs when she passed on in 84. I remarried in 86 to **Evelyn**. Our two families had known ea other for yrs. She was not interested in the shop so I liquidated it; now I'm free as a bird. I still have my home in Glenview; she has an apt here; we winter here (18490 S E Woodhaven Lane, Prestwick E, Tequesta, FL 33469) and go to Glenview during the summer. "We travel a lot. Last yr we cruised on the *Royal Viking Sea* from Tahiti to Australia and Hong Kong. I lectured on oriental subjects during part of the cruise—a lot of work when you lecture for an hr at a time and cover different subjects. I'm not anxious to do that again. I like to fish and belong to a club in northern WI, where I fish for bass and walleyes; here I fish for bass. I plan to get a boat. I want to write and am trying to learn to write short stories. Took a short course this summer and will take another at a local comm col in Dec and Jan. In Mar we're off on another cruise, boarding the *Viking Sea* at Singapore to visit India and the E Coast of Africa to Capetown. I plan to be at the next reunion." [Thanks, Tom, for a great ltr, here curtailed. Welcome to '33, Evelyn! Please stay in touch!]

In **Ernie Gabel**'s widow, **Bobbie**, we have a first-rate activist. On receiving a steep new tax assessment, she recalled a news article on that subject, asked the reporter if he'd like to do a follow-up, gave him a high-powered interview and the names of other indignant taxpayers to contact. Result: a strongly supportive new article in the *Tampa Tribune*. "My phone started ringing off the hook!," says Bobbie. "I was the catalyst that resulted in over 500 calls to the appraiser's office plus a petition. On 24 Oct the appraiser called me and the others to say that a mistake had been made. I keep busy and active in local politics—have been fighting for 40 yrs to keep this strictly residential area from going commercial. . . . "

1933: Roberta Gabel, activist

"My journeys now are all to keep up with the burgeoning **Gibbs** tribe," writes **Betty**. "Visits to daughter Pat in Vancouver, BC and in CA; to Pablo in Denver; *great* wkends in Tampa with David Jr and family. I love all the in-laws and now have 4 great-grandchildren to keep things lively. It's a lovely life in this ret establishment!"

Pat & Rita Guiney send greetings from their new digs in Hershey, PA (address in Jan notes). **Bert & June Sparrow**, who stopped by in late Nov, found them determined to make the 60th.

1933: Rita & Pat Guiney relax in their new apt

An update on the **Hallocks**: "We've just returned (mid-Nov) from a trip which included a cruise on the *Noordam* from LA via the canal to Ft Lauderdale, visiting friends and family in Miami, Houston, San Ant. The **Carvers** entertained at dinner, incl the **Blanchards** and **Thorlins**. In San Fran called **Bob Tripp** and got the sad news about **Stan Lonning**; also visited my brother HR Hallock '37. He & wife are off to Russia with IESC for 3 mos. Hawaii still great living—golf and tennis can't be beat. Hope we get to see some '33 snowbirds this winter."

The **Hurlbuts** achieved a traveling mini-reunion: "In Nov," sez **Hurly**, **Polly** & I took the slow route to FL. In Atl we saw **Pop & Latrelle Duncan** and Lou & Mary Truman '32, then to Benning (Polly's first Army post, so nostalgic). We saw COL Larry White '70, **Red**'s son, soon to be CO of the School Troops Bde. We had the Whites, the Jim Bowers (Kacki Bowers is **Ned Gee**'s daughter) and Red & Polly Holton '36 for dinner. Benning is a great place!

"In FL we lunched with the **Whites** and the **Gees** at Vero Beach, but stayed with our daughter Sallie Moritz & husband Carl (USNA '62) on their seagoing boat in Jupiter, next door to Tequesta. We had the **Senters, Whipples** and son Ben & new bride, and the **Elys** (from Boynton Beach) for a luncheon cruise.

"Returning, we stopped at Winter Pk and I got together with **Pat Patterson** and **Bud Powell**. Pat, though legally blind, steered us to a fine place for lunch. Tried to get **Dwight Divine**, but he couldn't make it."

"Our (just-graduated) grandson, Jim Jr," rep **Abe Lincoln**, "has been alerted for his MLRS (Multiple Launch Rocket System) unit to go to Saudi Arabia—Christmas leave cancelled and 2d LTS course speeded up—he should make the UN 15 Jan deadline!. . . It looks as if every generation has a war or two . . . does peace have a chance?"

"Dear friends," writes **Effie Lonning**, "I want to thank you for your donations to the Cancer Society in memory of **Stan**. It was a long and painful time for us, and it is my hope that gifts such as yours will alleviate some of the pain and hopefully help bring a cure for others. Stan was always talking about his WP classmates, and it is comforting to know how much he meant to them."

Mac McClelland writes to thank **Abe** for good wishes. "I now go to the off 2–3 hrs/day and will continue to do so. In addition we've started going to the Saints' home games with the help of a manservant. We meet a limo (hired for the season) at the airport; it takes us to the hotel and to the stadium, where we're met with a golf cart and taken up to an owner suite. As you know, we're gung ho for them." May your recovery continue apace, Mac!

A great ltr from **Jean Arnette Myers**, here condensed: "Being executrix of **Blackie**'s will would have been simple had he not had things out-of-state. TX gave me no problems. Flew to Cape Cod in Aug to visit **Betty Gallagher**, who suggested I come then to attend their annual clambake. Home again, I found replies from OK Tax Commission and San Diego Probate Court, with dates for hearings. Blackie's daughter Jean accompanied me.

"Now I'm getting ready to leave for Australia and New Zealand with my sister and Nancy Gard, daughter of **Rosie Grubbs**. . . . Grandson Scott Arnette, a major in intl bus, was selected to go to Japan on the JETS program to teach English to middle-sch children."

"It was nice to see everyone at the Class lunch," writes **Posie Neely**. "When I got home I went to Boise to the library mtg to prepare for next yr's White

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House Conf on Libraries and Info Svcs in the Yr 2000. Interesting to see how intensely all library personnel feel on those subjects. . . .

"When we went to the Veterens Day dinner at the Amer Legion Post, **Bob** was completely surprised to find the evening dedicated to *him*. They honored him not only for his mil svc but as past post cmdr and the person who wrote their new constitution and bylaws."

As forecast hopefully in our Jan notes, **Bert Sparrow** tumbled into the "Four Score" category at Thanksgiving. Naturally, he deems it appropriate that the entire nation should have joined at that time in giving thanks to the Creator of all things great and small, including him. . . . "So far," he rep, "It feels much like 79."

"I always like to extend greetings to my older friends and classmates," writes **Red White**. "As you may know, the **Hurlbuts** have been this way lately and bought a house in the Jupiter area—sort of a replacement, I suppose, for the apt they sold in HI. We're happy that they'll be spending some time within striking distance. . . ."

1933: Friends from 'way back: the Whites, Hurlbuts and Gees

CLASS MATTERS

10-Year Book. The Class of '33 put out a (softcover) Ten-Year Book back in 43. If anyone (incl widows) can spare his/her copy on a 20-yr loan, please send it to **Bert Sparrow**. Thanks!

Class Gifts to WP. Somewhat embarrassingly, as nos of us have noted, an article in Nov *ASSEMBLY* ("Giving—With Class") cites only two of 33's 10 significant gifts to WP, and the two listed are inaccurate. The Sheridan Memorial was a gift to USMA *from the entire Corps*, although we took the lead in organizing it and are now funding its maintenance; the name accorded to our Clock-Sundial area is incorrect. Pres **Abe Lincoln** has initiated corrective action.

DC Area Class luncheon. 31 Oct, attendance 36, was a resounding success despite (or perhaps because) our ladies outnumbered the rest of us 2:1. Out-of-towners included **Christine & Ed Bodeau, Tita & Chet DeGavre, Bimbi Downing, Betty Gallagher, Pete Miles, Posey Neely, Sam Otto** and daughter Ann, and **Janie Pope**.

Organizers: **Hurlbut, Reynolds, Schmelzer**.

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Few occupations of our top-of-the-hill crowd are more rewarding than a flick through the personal narratives of our classmates as found in our *Howitzers* and our 22nd and 50th Reunion records. When classmates die, their biographies recall our life in Beast Barracks, classrooms, summer camp and inter-murder and Corps squad sports.

The recent death of **Edward M (O'kie) O'Connell** got me to re-read history. Okie's *Howitzer* bio says it all in its first sentence: "If friendship is more valuable than gold, few people are richer than is Okie." In turn he enriched our lives with his keen wit and pleasing personality.

O'Kie served the Army as law prof at WP and in legal duties in the ZI and overseas. During WWII he was involved in the legal aspects, varied and delicate, of the Normandy invasion. At the Nuremburg War Crimes Trials he was Chief, Army Section, where **Bill Denson** prosecuted the camp admin personnel.

O'kie's USMA duties included investigating the football honor violations of 1951. He uncovered and then initiated steps for the Corps to prevent similar outbreaks in the future. After a stint at the law of turbulent labor relations and an admin assignment in a private sch, O'kie ret to volunteer activities, and a rewarding life with beautiful **Joan** and their children and grandchildren.

O'kie died in Cincinnati where he met **Joan** and they lived. He was buried at WP, attended by **EO & Elma Davis, Ralph & Ruth Bucknam** and **Bill & Huschi Denson**. O'kie's careers were illustrious, although he fired only legal ammo in def of the American way of life.

Heather, daughter of **Jody & Paul Hanley**, rep, via **Cy Betts**, Jody's hip replacement surgery has been successful. Send a get-well card to her. A visit will get you a tour of their sumptuous condo-villa and Jody's sculptured ceramics.

This from **Frankie & "Jim" Dudley Wilmeth**, who, while Elderhosteling in OR, were visiting Rogue Valley Manor, home of an Elderhostel friend. "You may never get this despite the fact that I may spend hrs writing it. I may not know how to take it off the monitor and put it on paper. I am learning how to operate a computer that helps people of low-vision. I have just started this prog and must pass the blindfold test before I can teach others.

"Helping those of low vision to write ltrs, checks and notes is a tremendous project. Rogues Valley Manor is the only ret ctr that does it. The equipment is expensive, but to those who need it, it is priceless.

"Last week we were at the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR; next wk we will be on the OR coast. I note that in the San Fran Bay area [**Jim**'s ltr came in mid-Nov] they are having the biggest turkey for Thanksgiving they ever had—the Oakland A's Baseball Team." [Pun allowed because of high intrinsic value of rest of message.]

Mary (Mrs James O) Baker, widow, also represents '34 at WP. She lives alone in Highland Falls and would like to hear from classmates and friends. Mary's reunion cakes and proclamations pay special tribute to JO and our Class.

1934: John Stanley prepares to toss leis on Pacific, bidding "aloha" to Marjorie & Ed Rusteberg

We received this touching memorial note from **Chizu & John Stanley**, residing in Honolulu, HI. "We were shocked in Oct, receiving a call from **Ed Rusteberg**'s daughter Suellen, telling us of her father's sudden death. We recalled his recent visits here and his recounting how much he & beautiful wife (BW) **Marjorie** had enjoyed their Hawaiian pre-war tour of duty. With those events in mind, a day later we went to the end of the pier near Ft DeRussy and tossed into the ocean waters two leis which Chizu had made, silently bidding fond 'Alohas' to Marjorie & Ed from their family, classmates and many friends."

Foss & Tom Foote welcomed son, Dr Fred, MC, USN, home from the Persian Gulf. They will spend Christmas with Fred, his BW Dickie and infant grandson at Little Creek Amphib Base, Norfolk.

Dr Fred treated the ship's crew for several minor epidemic Mid-East diseases. He also was the hero in discovering and stopping a chemical seepage aboard ship. Fred was put ashore at Oman to fly home.

Betty & Dick Moorman rep on the El Paso gang. "On Sun 14 Oct, **Axel Waugh**

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1934: In El Paso: host Axel Waugh, guest of honor Dottie Waugh, and guests Polly Elliott, Dick & Betty Moorman, and Alex Stuart

hosted a party at home in honor of **Dottie**, who is recovering from an extensive stay in the hosp. It was an elegant affair planned and served by Axel. We are hanging in here in El Paso. Axel and **Alex Stuart** seem fine, but **Harry Hubbard** is having some problems. That is the reason **Charlotte** & he were not in the pic."

Via a long descriptive ltr, **Bill Kern** corrects my referral in the fall *ASSEMBLY* Class notes to his loss of an eye in No Africa. "I was not wounded by a ricocheting shell but by a ricocheting machine gun bullet. Shells can strike many miles behind the front lines; machine guns have a more limited range. In my case, I saw the gunner but he got me first. I was up there with the men, rubbing noses with the enemy. A few hrs earlier we had poured fire into a trench and a white flag went up. Several dozen enemy poured out. I was directing them to the rear, when a Ger tank appeared from behind the trench. The tank cmdr waved his soldiers back into the trench, but nearly all of them obeyed my orders to proceed to our rear. I was armed with only a pistol and, feeling no match for the tank, moved with the the prisoners. The tank opened fire from about 40 yds and hit the prisoner just behind me square in the forehead. The tank cmdr was firing on his own men for surrendering, killing one. I suppose he was firing at me after I had won the argument and the prisoners. By the grace of God and the gunner's split-second delay, I am alive to tell this story." [If the enemy CO would like to rebut, we give equal space.]

Bill enclosed a ltr he received from **Ellen Peca**. (Bill prefixed it with, "**Pete** was my first roommate at the Academy and we were good friends over the yrs. I had spoken to him some mos earlier, when he & Ellen were in DC.")

"I appreciate more than I can tell you the warm notes you sent at the time of **Peter**'s death. He was doing so well: active and interested in everything, and becoming more productive ea yr. He loved life and lived every moment of it. On 10 Feb we had a pleasant morning visiting with neighbors and a light lunch. Pete then went outside to work in the yd. A few minutes later he came in complaining of a terrible headache. He was rushed to the hosp and was diagnosed as having had a cerebral aneurysm burst in his head. He went into surgery and we had high hopes all would be well. However, he went into gradual decline and died 27 Feb. Ea of our 4 children came during his hospitalization and all were with me for his funeral at WP. I find it hard to believe he is gone. He still feels so close to me."

Ginger & Burt Bruce send another obituary. "We flew to FL in late Oct to visit our son & his wife in their new (to them) home in Jupiter, where he works for Marquette Electronics. He designs parts for med equipment which they manufacture. We returned home to find a ltr from Rusty Hall, wife of Fred Hall '35. They informed us of the death of **Rachel Himes**, widow of **Bill Himes**. Right after grad we lived in a side-by-side duplex at Ft Dupont, DE. We quote a part of Mrs Hall's ltr: 'Mrs Clarence (Alice) Nuti, Rachel Himes' sister, called and told me that Rachel had died in late summer. She had a heart attack during the night and had arisen and driven herself to the hosp. Despite the valiant efforts by several hosps, she did not pull through.' "

You recently received two petitions. In one, **Cy Betts** encouraged you to subscribe to *ASSEMBLY*, and to share your copies with others. The next requested contributions to the Flight Project: the Flight Memorial and Hap Arnold Hall. The names of donors are recorded at the project and kept on display. Anyone may contribute to honoring WP'ers who had any part in flight opers or dev, especially those who lost their lives in flying. So far, our contributions amt to more than $3,500. You can help make it 5!

Ken Cunin, Hon Secy-Treas, rep briefly, "I am able to do some Class '34 work but am still a long way from a return to smacking the little white [golf] ball around."

By the time you read this col you will have received the announcement of the Team VA plan for VA Trip 91. The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, with the **Diefendorfs**, the **Bill Moormans**, the **Wards** and **Blairs**, have set up a super mini-reunion at the Williamsburg Lodge for 5–7 Nov. Please read the invitation and note the accommodations, facilities, meals, entertainment and activities we will enjoy for a relatively modest cost. To carry off this grand affair, we must have at least 25 firm commitments for rooms before May 91. Please read your reunion bulletin with care and respond with your intentions immediately, but no later than Feb 91. This will be an historical event!

Muff & I watched Army lose a basketball squeaker by one point to William & Mary at Williamsburg. Later, we met some of the truly outstanding representatives of WP today: team mbrs, coaches and OIC. That same day the players had attended morn classes at WP; bussed to Newark; flew to VA; bussed to W & M; played a very hard-fought game; dined; checked in motel for 4:30 am awakening; reversed the itinerary and met all classes at WP Fri morn. The team traveled with 4 tutors and 3 computers. That is a schedule to make you sit up and take notice.

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Reflective of this time of yr, the "Gloom Season," it falls my lot to rep the loss of two of our beloved widows—**Gina Throckmorton** and **Consuelo Alger**. "Tina," as she was so affectionately known, died on 10 Oct at a nursing home in Winchester, VA. Cause: Alzheimer's. Interment at Arlington next to **John** following Mass at the Old Chapel. The Class was represented by **Charlie & Marge Leonard, Les Wheeler, Milt Taylor, Al Robbins** and **Warren Everett**. Consuelo succumbed to a lingering illness, previously made known in this col, on 29 Nov at St Francis Hospice, Honolulu. Catholic services were conducted at Star of the Sea Church on 6 Dec with **Tommy & Rosemary Clarkin** taking a leading part therein at a beautifully organized and solemn Mass, attended by many notables in the area. Interment was at the Punch Bowl Cemetery next to **Jim**. The passing of these gracious ladies causes us all to reflect on their many achievements—both professional and those favors bestowed on our Class.

Rooney & Betty Rynearson were in San Ant 3–4 days in Oct to attend the reunion of the 76th Inf Div of which Rooney's 301st Engr Bn was a part. Telechats ensued but the immediate after-effects of knee surgery barred a mtg. Some highlights of their travels since the 55th: 2–9 Aug, observed 53rd wedding anniv in Sedona, AZ w/daughter Eleanor and son Bill and families; Sep to Lawrence Welk Resort, CA and visit w/the **Farnsworths, Dotty & Ducky**.

Charlie Leonard, from the Fairfax, expressed appreciation to those of the Class who responded to his request for financial aid to repair the WP Catholic Chapel which sustained severe damage from escaping steam during winter 89–90. He says he'll keep the books open till Mar 91 for the "late, but well-intentioned." They visited **Chuck & Ann Symroski** in Williamsburg and received the grand tour of that historic area in inimitable Symroski fashion. They dined with **Nat Martin**, **Ginny** being

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1935: Dotty & Ducky Farnsworth and Betty Rynearson

absent in DC. Re: Army football devotees, from the Class "co-captains" of that dept, **Joe & Jean Wiechmann**: they were at Winston-Salem for the Wake Forest game and were accompanied by **Somers & Lucy Dick** and **Dottie & Iron Man Russell**. The game—let's call it unmentionable, but as sidelight, it's of interest to note that our Class has attractiveness vis-a-vis youthful WP alumni. A gp of 10–12, Class of '90 fr Ft Benning, insisted our gp lead the cheers; they were unpersuasive and settled for a pic. The

1935: Joe Weichmann and Joe Russell with USMA '90

Wiechmanns and Russells also attended Army-AF at WP, but driving rain conditions outranked school spirit and they "attended" via radio in car. **Hart & Betty Caughey** were in Nashville for the Army-Vanderbilt game (this time a winner!) plus visit to eldest daughter. At the game they were seated next to **Helen & Stu Fries**. The Caugheys are still evaluating ret comms and revisited the Fairfax, discussed details with classmates/residents and returned home favorably impressed, without action.

Notes from the "Recovery Room:" **Walt Simpson** underwent surgery at WRGH for kidney removal and was discharged 15 Oct; he is home making excellent recovery. **Jill Schlanser** was in WRGH for diagnostic testing and medication dosage adjustment. She's home and feeling much better. **Dottie Wheeler** was checked at WRGH on outpatient basis and states she's feeling better daily. **Chuck Symroski** was in Portsmouth Naval Hosp for carotid (neck) arterial surgery. Outcome was 100% and he's doing great. **George Jones** from Tucson states all's well w/them, and that **Johnny Morgan** is snapping back from a bout w/emphysema and **Marty**'s coming along fine. **Isabel Stone** supervises **Dave**'s tennis activities, keeping him fit but making sure no over-exertion. **Jane & Bill O'Neal**'s status was covered in Dec (last) edition; we trust status quo still same. All the foregoing is gratifying news on the health front.

Al & Marty DuMoulin were on a two-wk tour of France, covering 20 points of interest, beaches and highlighted by visit to Lassay-Sur-Croisne, location of chateau duMoulin which his great aunt indicates was an ancestral residence. On the DC social front, the co-ed luncheons continue to be well-attended: on 18 Oct, 22 locals and **Somers & Lucy Dick** from out-of-town were in attendance. **Al & Jean Robbins** hosted the A-N rally with a cheering section of 34, including **Marge Harris** from Beaufort, SC and **Frank & Denny Murdock** from Thaxton, VA. The rousing crowd cheered the team to a victory and a tie in games won in the 100-yr series. On the ground in Phila Stadium were the **Wiechmanns, Russells** and the **Symroskis**. (Or is this news?) A tinge of nostalgia while the subject of A-N football is topical. On recent Delta flight, we noted, in the in-flight mag, an article devoted to the 100th anniv of the series. An accompanying pic illustrated the totally "slimy" condition the of the playing field (or do we recall the low overshoes aligned in squad formation?!) to such extent that no player was recognizable. Slade Cutter (USNA '35, who scored all the points) is a local resident and will get one copy, along w/our own "**Moose**" **Stillman** with another w/challenge to "identify yourself!" All brings to mind the "Tacs-humor" (new word?) of the day—"losing articles of cadet clothing, ie, ___, about 4:58 PM Franklin Field, Phila, PA—etc." How sad!

On our home front, we declared ourselves an "R & R" dividend w/a 10-day "Mex Rivera" cruise in early Dec. **Al Shower** met us at Long Beach for ride to hotel and we spent enjoyable pm exchanging news and views and getting an update on Al's meanderings. He's eclipsed his own records! In 90 to Paris, Moscow, Zurich, Stockholm, Vienna w/the highpoint a reunion of the 2nd Air Div in Norwich, Eng, attended also by Al's son, Jay, who flew his Bonanza solo transatlantic; then in formation w/a British Harvard at a memorial dedication to Al's 47th Bomb Gp. We also had a great afternoon with **Arlene Cole**, who came to our hotel San Pedro, hosted lunch and showed us the area. She keeps actively engaged in numerous activities, especially mounting frequent trips to Chicago to visit and assist an aging (90ish) aunt.

1935: Al Shower with Muscovite friends in Red Square

Ralph & Sally Haines spent Thanksgiving in Huntsville, AL w/son Bill '67 & wife and two-yr-old daughter. Bill ret and is systems analyst at Dynetics. All the Haineses were guests of **Stu & Helen Fries** for a delightful dinner served in gourmet fashion, w/sparkling conversation and good fellowship prevailing.

1935: Stu & Helen Fries and Sally & Ralph Haines

In early Dec a '35 gp from San Ant consisting of **Ralph & Sally Haines, Sal & Doreen Armogida, Suzanne Cherry** and **Bill Lapsley** joined other retirees on a tour to Galveston to attend a 3-day festival commemorating the works of Dickens. **Betty (Culver) Bolam** has for-

1935: (back row) Ralph Haines, Bill Lapsley and Sal Armogida; (front row) Sally Haines, Suzanne Cherry and Doreen Armogida

saken the life of hi-rise, "cave-dweller" living in Falls Church for the clean air of Culpepper, VA. Address: 215 Edgehill Pl, Culpepper, VA 22701. Dick Sims '38,

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COL, USAF (Ret), offers "mint condition" '35 *Howitzer* for the postage. His address: 2811 Pecan Ave, Pascagoula, MS 39567; tel: (601) 762-6000. So—belated Happy New Yr and keep the health and morale high and the news flowing.

'36

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A state of reluctance always accompanies the beginning of these notes! We have dedicated this area to announcing any of our dearly departed Class. And we have to continue by announcing the death of **Orville Stokes** from a severe stroke on 11 Nov and of **George Finley** on 4 Dec from leukemia. This period of yr being the *close*, it obviously recommends an accounting time. For 90 we regretfully state the departing of 7 men and one woman. They were Finley, **Katz, Nazzaro, Safford, Sibert, Stone** and Stokes. Added to this is **Edie Wildrick**. The loss here is the largest we've ever suffered in one yr save one. That was in 81 when we duplicated—7 men and one woman. While attempting not to be maudlin, but rather to memorialize dear and great friends—those 7 losses of 81 were **Albro, Beggs, Cole, Cozart, Crockett, Grove**, and **Spencer**. The lady was **Dutch Hartman**.

Following the above bout with necrology, it seems fitting to remind all the rest of us old-timers to get ready to be revitalized by a return and reunion on 26 May at the Point. From questions we've received, perhaps this early general info may help some: 1) a list of those attending will be available to all at a later date; 2) there will be bus transportation to and from Wash; 3) the simplest way to get to the Point is to fly into Stewart-Newburgh, but making earliest reservations seems indicated.

As on earlier occasions, the **Austins** hosted an Army/Navy lunch for DC '36'ers. Undoubtedly this yr's occasion was more sanguine than 89's—of course, because the Black, Gold, and Gray were victors. In an earlier report we commented that there was a race horse cleped *Go Go Gordon*. Now we should like to announce that this equine prevailed in some contest with some prize, stated as $7,500. Unfortunately, we can't say *who* or *if* regarding the payee. **Bob Breaks** was to spend some of holidays with a PA nephew and some with Mary in San Ant. **Dave Chaffin** rep that **Marge Shuler** now resides in a nursing home in Pleasanton, CA. **Bub Clark** announced that **Johnny Heintges**, suffering from Parkinson's, is also in a home—2400 Cache le Poudre St E, CO Springs, CO 80909. Bub feels that he would enjoy receiving a line from classmates. **Chuck Billingslea**'s obituary appeared in the Eisenhower *ASSEMBLY*; and we credit Bub for this kind and well done memorial. **Cay Curran**'s daughter will be visiting her in Feb, which greatly pleases "mom." Cay is also one of the widows who will be looking forward to our May reunion. The **Dawalts** enjoyed the company of their L.A. daughter for Christmas. **Howell Estes** enjoyed a wonderful Sep train crossing (East to West) of Canada. Hard as it is to reckon, the young Estes whom we saw grad at AFA (just yesterday—it seems) is now an MG. The **Dorlands** are still commuting between Cape Coral, FL and Fairfax, VA to maximize the best use of prevailing weather. **Elmer Grubbs** indicates that the state of **Margaret**'s health has precluded their attendance at WP reunions. In Oct the **Hayeses** went East to visit daughter Barbie near Baltimore and daughter Helen in Raleigh; also, to see Jean's elderly father in Denver. Like "snow birds," say the **Hanekes**, they are back in Naples, FL for winter. The **Dorlands** are nearby, and so are the **McCormicks** from MN. Daughter Carolyn will visit at Christmas from Seattle. Recently, speaking for veterans in Wash, son Bill Haneke, a multiple-crippled residual from Vietnam, spoke against war in the Gulf. (We have encountered more '36'ers sharing his views than the alternative.) **Clark Hosmer** is still waging war against the evil of drugs—his sword is his pen! He also is the sole contributor of a pic for this issue—one of **Bill & Liz Steele**. (Since we told you who they are, you may be able to detect some resemblance!) Another great gp

1936: Bill & Liz Steele

the **McElhenys** forwarded, but is unusable: 11 handsome classmates at the Fairfax, VA. Besides being a tiny print, 6 of the beautiful people had their mouths wide open. We learned that the cause of this phenomenon was that most of the gp were engaged in singing! Happy people up there; what? The sole '36'ers in Atl (**Kelly** and **Gage**) got together in Dec for lunch at a re-opened old-time favorite restaurant. Class, family, war, and politics were discussed—is there anything else to talk about? **Nadine Kingman** likes living in VA and is planning to be at the 55th.

Larry Laurion is one who enjoys the Belvoir condos and lauds their many facilities: bridge, movies, lectures, etc. He is a Red Cross case worker and a eucharistic minister; we understand he delivers communion to **Grace Layne** almost daily. In addition to all this, he has been in hosp Feb, Apr, Aug, Sep, and Oct. One can only comment that Larry really stays occupied! But we wish him the very best. Admiral & Mrs **Meany** wrote from cruising the West Indies. It seems that they were departing from a ship at same time **Ray & Rosemary Tiffany** were boarding! There was no way they could greet one another. **Jean Miller** made a quick trip East to visit brother **Steve Holderness & Elsie** at Hilton Head, SC. She announced that "neither one in very good shape." Received a pleasant note from **T-Willie Morris** stating that **Jean** had celebrated his 82d on 28 Oct. He sent along some pics of **Landrums**' great Class luncheon (you should have seen this in last *ASSEMBLY* col). In early Nov, the **O'Briens** visited **Westy & Kitsy** in Charleston. Bobby had a couple of his horses with him that he raced on a SC wkend.

Bruce Palmer wrote a rep of the "doings" at the Fairfax, VA. He & **Kay** went to San Jose, CA for a Thanksgiving grandson visit, after which they were going to FL for the winter. Some of you may recall that **Clifton** states on p 50 of the Nov *ASSEMBLY* that Bruce had been an Army Ch of Staff—along with **Westy** and **Abe**. This, of course, would have given '36 the most chiefs of any Class. We were particularly interested that this record be accurate in order to add to the other great achievements for which '36 has been noted. We checked with 4 Gen's (including the current C of S) and conclude that Bruce indeed was "a" Ch of Staff. We also note that he received more DSM's (6) than anyone else in the Class, and this does not include the Def Dept DSM. All of the above celebration brings one to a thought: "why wasn't the Academy more prescient than to let Bruce spend 4 yrs with *clean sleeves*?"

The **Partridges** wrote they intend to be at the 55th. This is encouraging news because other San Antonites had commented otherwise. The **Quinns** failed to make their annual Scottish *fling* to Atl this Oct. Son Rob is in the Gulf, probably one of the very few who was already in the area come last 2 Aug. **Juana** states she has collected several hundred books she has sent to the "CPT's Cozzens" (**Deirdre Hiester** & spouse) with *Desert Shield*. The **Quinns** should be at the 55th. **Howie Snyder** was planning on a fall visit to Atl, but had to decline since he's been having plumbing problems (that's *human*, not *house*). **Betty & Chuck Waters** spent Christmas in Denver with sister Mary. They're planning to be at the 55th.

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Our semi-annual co-ed luncheon, held again at the Fairfax RC, was attended by an enthusiastic 52—**Marge Bailey, Eddie Besson** (who will move in when she sells her home), the **Cainses, Pat & Trixie Callahan, Clarkes, Fred Diercks** (ditto Besson), **Drums, Jim Duncan**, the **Fraziers, Gildarts, Greens, Scott Hall** (escorting guests of honor Gen & Mrs Art Trudeau; **Ann** at home with a virus), **Bud & Charleyrene Hines**, the **Hoskas, Hyzers, Maliszewskis, Odens, Palmers, Mette Parker, Mickey Powers**, the **Prentisses, Seedlocks, Jerrie Stumpf** (sons Cmdr Harry and LTC Robert H Jr are over there in Desert Shield), **Betty Spengler, Shives, Hiestand Underwood, Finn Unger, Grahams, Bettsy Hardaway, Ken Wade** and friend Norma Morrow en route to Bermuda, **Sally Taylor** and her sister-in-law Roxanne (Roxie) Davis. Fred Clarke made the arrangements, our Fairfax classmates provided the bar, and Isabel Clarke and Peggy Oden were responsible for the menu, which was superb. The highlight of the luncheon were Gen Trudeau's remarks during which he recounted an incident in Korea giving encouragement to **Geo** Maliszewski as he was carried off the field of battle on a stretcher, to which Geo responded: "Class of '37, sir!"

The locals, consisting of the **Clarkes, Fraziers, Greens, Griffins** (**Alice** with bandaged broken toe), **Hineses, Hyzers, Odens, Mickey Powers, Prentisses, Shives, Sally Taylor** and Roxie Davis, plus out-of-towners: the **Bardens, Grahams, Bettsy Hardaway, Lewises, Metzes, Ken Wade**, Norma Morrow, **Pearsalls** and two Fairfax residents, Lois Cowles and Joan Burton, assembled at Ft Myer Sun am for the bus ride to NYC. We arrived about 2 pm and boarded the *Nordic Prince*, where we met the rest of our gp at a welcoming cocktail party: **Betty Connor** from Hilton Head, the **Ungers** who came by train from Wash, **Jim Peale** from CA with two friends, Evelyn Francks and Imogene Wicker, the **Comptons, Stu O'Malley** and Dorothy Clement, **Lows** from CO Sprgs, **McDowells** and daughter Linda from Houston, **Sawyers** from St Pete, **Dannellys** with daughters Kathy and Margaret from LA.

Aboard ship there was a constant round of superb food, entertainment and activities to satisfy anyone's desires. We docked at St Geo for one day and then to Hamilton for 3 days. **Sally Mercado** and the **Lopez-Dupreys** met us at St Geo and then at Hamilton. We continued to do the sights with them. There were all sorts of shore excursions. Many of us

1937: Cathy Dannelly Scholl with Prentiss and Griffin: "Daddy warned me about these types"

1937: The Clarkes, Lows and Fraziers with Roxie Taylor aboard the *Nordic Prince*

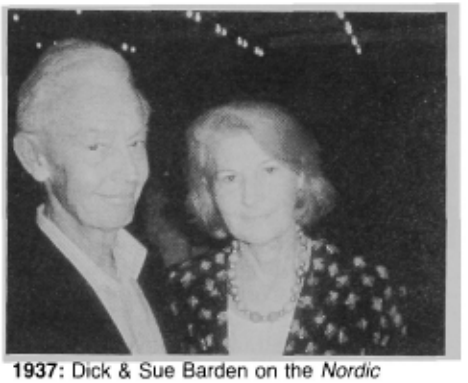
1937: The Prentisses, Ada Lopez-Duprey and Sally Mercado in Bermuda

1937: Betty Connor, the Tolsons and Margaret Lewis in Bermuda

wound up at Elbow Beach where **Stu** & I body-surfed, reliving our Hawaiian days a half-century ago, although on a smaller scale. Entertainment continued aboard ship. At a masquerade, **Pop Metz** was the Sheik of Araby and **Anne** his harem. Pop gave a powerful rendition to which Anne responded. **Bud Hines**, the Emir of Kurdestan & his spouse got in a plug for '37. **Bill Lewis**, the pirate, pa-

1937: The McDowells with daughter Linda Novosad aboard the *Nordic Prince*

raded with others in tow, depicting a Mardi Gras scene. **Sue Barden** was the fairy princess and **Dick** the invisible man. At other times **Tom Compton** and **Gus Prentiss** became part of the act by being within close range of the performers. On the cruise back to NY we ran out of luck weatherwise and experienced the heaviest seas ever. The highest ku-



1937: Dick & Sue Barden on the *Nordic Prince*

dos to the **Fraziers** who singlehandedly did the whole bit for us. The other part of the comm, the **Wilhoyts**, had their hands full getting Wil through a most difficult and serious illness. Thankfully, his miraculous recovery appears to be complete and he is back to his old amiable self.

On 1 Nov I received a nice note from **Bonnie Chabot**. She arrived at her winter home in FL after an extended trip from NH, visiting children en route. She is enjoying the beautiful sea and is glad to be out of the cold north.

Also, **Dan Richards** wrote to thank the Class for the floral tribute to **Janey**, and enclosed a copy of her obituary which described her many interests and accomplishments. It was brought to the attention of classmates at our Nov luncheon. She was an avid tennis player since childhood and played a hard game just mos before she died. She was a '35 grad of the U of CA and had a lifelong interest in the arts, was a docent at the Fine Arts

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Museums of San Fran for 20 yrs, and helped to train docents for the Tate Museum in London, a new concept to British museums. She taught disadvantaged children in one of the poorer sections of London and helped train Vietnamese women as Red Cross Grey Ladies for hosps in and near Saigon. She had to be evacuated by helicopter when the fighting came too close. She taught English to Vietnamese students and assisted in the Saigon Leprosarium. In Marin County she helped in the Head Start prog and enjoyed teaching budding tennis players. Above all, she was devoted to her close-knit family and suffered the tragic loss of her eldest son, Larry '61, 3 yrs ago. An impressive lifetime of service to others—we are privileged to have known such a dedicated lady.

A 13 Oct ltr from our European correspondent, **Spic Nadal**: "I meekly enclose our first contribution to your column: a micro-mini reunion **Woody & Jacky Stromberg** and my wife **Jeanne** & I had here in Italy after about two yrs' planning. Initially, it was to be held in Abano, a mud bath spa near Padova in northern Italy that Jeanne & I have been going to regularly the past 8 summers. Finally, we decided it would be more suitable to rendezvous nearer to Rome, where Woody & Jacky wanted to spend 3 days during their Italy trip.

"So we had our reunion 20–22 Sep at Fiuggi, a spa in the mtns, 75 km south of Rome. There you drink oligo mineral waters from springs discovered by Pope Boniface VIII around 1270. These waters cleanse your cooling system, if not your mind. Lovely gardens, strolling paths to sniff the flowers while you sip, (listen) to music and dance. You drink the water, dance the tango, and flush your bladder in between dances. It's very relaxing and may even lower your cholesterol, besides dissolving potential kidney stones. The Pope didn't mention virility.

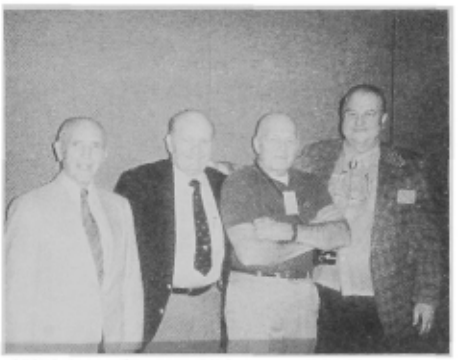
"Woody provided the happy hr our second evening with a bottle of Veuve Cliquot he brought from Monte Carlo. The two-and-a-half days went much too fast, and regretfully we parted, they northbound for Rome and we southbound to Naples.

"I enclose photos. . . taken by helpful natives. . . . All for now, **Don**. Our affectionate best to you, **Finn, Gus**, and to the glorious remnants of our Class in the DC area." Thanks, **Spic**, for that scholarly treatise.

A 27 Oct rep from the West by **Dick Fellows**: "**Bet** & I attended my 376th Bomb Gp Annual Reunion in St Louis in Sep. At one of the breaks we enjoyed an evening assembly of the St Louis WP Soc, under the stars, as guests of **George & Mary Sloan**. That's a big city to have only one of ours ret in it, isn't it? Enclosed pic taken by George's son in front of the Sloans' lovely home. And in early Oct **Bet** & I were in Las Vegas at a reunion of the Army Air Corps Flying Sch Class of 1938C."

1937: Jacky Stromberg, Jeanne Nadal, Woody and Spic in Fiuggi, Italy, Sep 90

1937: Geo & Mary Sloan and Bet & Dick Fellows in St Louis



1937: Low, Ohman, Ulricson and Fellows at Army Air Corps Flying School 1938C Reunion

Bill Horrigan had another stroke a few mos ago but is back at home after hospitalization. I just talked to **Eleanor** & him. He is responding to therapy and hopes to get out of his wheelchair soon.

Stan Smith rep that he attended on 3 Nov the USMA celebration of the 100th Anniv of Army football. All former lettermen and their guests were invited. "The day started with registration at Cullum Hall and then a short stroll to the area of the Eisenhower statue, where an impressive ceremony was held to commemorate the first football game in 1890. It was against Navy and Navy won! The Military Academy Chaplain was the guest speaker and he was GOOD!. . . After that we moved to the parade ground, where we stood by decades (not by classes). The oldest former player present was Gen Pulsifer, who at age 95 was a remarkable man; **Monk Meyer, Bill Hipps, Swede Ohman** and myself from '37. **John Eriksen** had planned to be there but came down with the flu in Ireland and missed his Space A flight back to the USA. . . . The ranks of the former football players of the 30's are getting very thin. . . . Right after the parade we all walked to the cadet mess where we had a fine luncheon. Afterwards we were bussed to Michie Stadium to watch the game against Rutgers. During the half time we all marched onto the field with 'cheers of 40,000 ringing in our ears.' It was almost like starting another football game. Needless to say, all of us who were there had the time of our lives. The newspaper clipping, which clearly shows Swede and Monk, won't print. Hopefully, pics will appear elsewhere in the *ASSEMBLY*." Many thanks, Stan.

Hal Hallock rep that he & **Patricia** are on another Intl Exec Service Corps asgmt, first to Moscow and then a venture into the unknown. They will be there Thanksgiving through Christmas, and ask me to extend the season's greetings to the Class since they will not be able to send out their usual cards. Best of luck to the Hallocks for a rare opportunity to be a part of history in the making. We look forward to your safe return and an inside rep.

A 2 Dec ltr from **Cecil Himes** resulted from my recent goading: "I haven't sent you an acct of my trip to Australia as it was merely a tour which included Tahiti, New Zealand, Fiji as well. In Australia we visited Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Alice Springs, Cairns and Ayres Rock. It was a short trip but interesting. Did get to see a ballet in the Sydney Opera House. Last summer went to France with Elderhostel. We had a wk ea at Cannes, Tours and Paris. The trip included a visit to the landing beaches, their museums and the American Cemetery. In Oct, my daughter Sue and I took a trip to Singapore, Bangkok and Hong Kong. We were on a tour of two. A guide met us at ea airport, escorted us to our hotel and gave us the details for a half-day orientation to the city the next morn. Then at the end of our stay, he escorted us back to the airport and saw us through baggage and ticketing. To me that is the ideal way, as you get to concentrate on what you want to see and bypass places that are not of interest to you. Drove up to Nashville for the Army-Vanderbilt game. It was a thriller to the end, when on the last play, Vanderbilt threw a "Hail Mary" to the end zone in an attempt to beat us. Fortunately, it was batted down and we won 42–38. When the ball reached the end zone, the Vanderbilt crowd all

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cheered as they thought it had been caught. After the game, attended a din-

1937: Hines, Evans, Sloan, Himes, Barksdale and Van Valkenburgh after Vanderbilt game

ner party at Chesty **Evans—Giles'** brother" (see pic).

Once again, 37 of us assembled at the **Frazier** Hilton to enjoy their hospitality during the A-N classic, made oh-so-sweet by the score. We were well fortified beforehand by **John**'s well-stocked bar and the fruits of **Pat**'s kitchen during half time. Altogether a very satisfying afternoon. To **Bud Hines'** surprise, **Charleyrene** brought forth a birthday cake to celebrate his entry into the over-75 club. We're getting down to the bottom of the barrel. Not many more youngsters left. His birthday card noted, among other events of that day 75 yrs ago, the sinking of the *Lusitania*!

Dorothy Preston did it again! The 8 Nov *Washington Post* devoted most of its "Wash Home" section to her and her art. The front piece shows Dorothy in her apt surrounded by her art, titled "Life of the Party: That's One Way to Describe Artist Dorothy Preston at Home"—pg after pg of photos of her art and apt, accompanied by the story of her nomadic life as an AF wife and aspiring artist.

Thanks for the many photos from **Bill Lewis, Geo McDowell, Spic Nadal, Cecil Himes, Dick Fellows, Bud Hines** and **Jim Peale**.

New address for the **Eubanks**: 1118 Fleet Landing Blvd, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233.

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During early Sep the flowers and shrubbery at the **Isbells'** home were luxuriant. On his 76th birthday, here is proof **Ed** soloed. [see photo] Ed experienced unparalleled feelings of exhilaration and satisfaction. However, for his 77th he expects to have "a steak dinner and chocolate pie."

On 16 Oct **JB Coleman** visited **Bob Snider** at his nursing home, bringing '38 *Howitzer*, 25 Yr-bk, reunion pics, and **Jack Ryan**'s bust picture. Bob had a short

1938: Ginny & Jim Isbell at home during Stilwell visit, Anchorage

1938: Ed Bailey soloing paraplane near Sequim, WA, 27 Aug

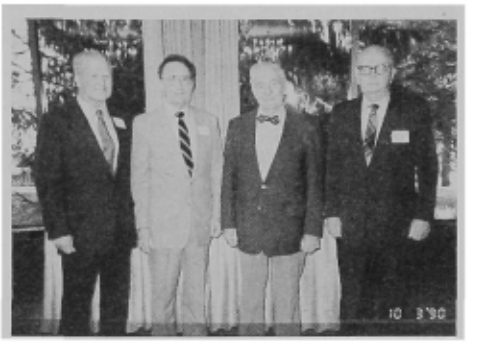
attention span but seemed to recognize people. He was alert—they talked and walked around. On 4 Nov, on the way back from Fleet Landing orientation, happy hr and barbecue dinner, JB & **Pat** visited Bob at the nursing home for about 30 min. Bob stands straight and seems physically fit. He smiles a lot and is very agreeable. Bob's wife, **Amelia**, lives nearby, and both welcome visitors. On 4 Nov **Cliff Riordan** ran in the Marine Corps Marathon, finishing the race in 5 hrs 38 min. His daughter Janet ran with him from 20 mi to finish line. Wife **Bea** was a spectator and provided support. Cliff rep seeing downtown DC, the Potomac River, monuments, Capital and White House from st level running—a different perspective! Irregular pavement on M St in Georgetown hurt his feet. Weather and fall foliage were beautiful. My nephew, David, son of Herbert S Lewis, Jan '43, is a petroleum engr in Corpus Christi and grad of Univ TX. He completed the race, with Herb and me as spectators. Both marathoners have our respect and congratulations.

JB Coleman sent me a lengthy article from the *Gainesville Sun* entitled, "The COL is a marathon man." JB fell off his bike several yrs ago and broke his kneecap. His surgeon told him that he will have a lot more patients from running. JB exercises regularly on his Nordic Track X-country ski machine, watching TV at the same time. At Fleet Landing he expects to swim, bike, walk and Nordic Track. Since the Marine Marathon, Cliff has competed in a 13.1 mi race. In both

1938: Cliff Riordan after finishing Marine Corps marathon, 4 Nov

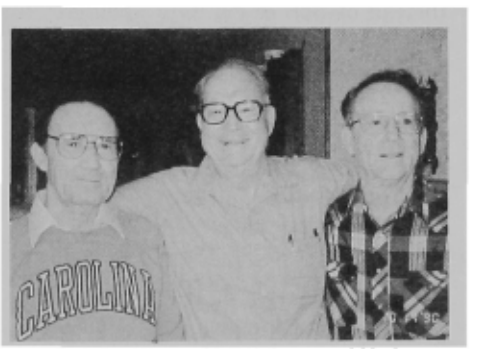
races he finished first in his age gp.

During Oct, COL **TJ Wells** (Ret), now residing in Honolulu, hosted a luncheon for '36-'42 grads, who were cadets in "E" Co when he was Tac Off. **John Damon** commented that COL Wells was "most cordial, generous and told some interesting stories." Could this be a precedent for other Tacs? A Damon reunion



1938: "E" Co alumni: Brown, Damon, Tac O Wells, and Beverley

was held at Maggie Valley, NC, home of Neil Palmer '39 & Eleanor. Leonard Palmer '78 was at the reunion but was not in this pic.



1938: John Damon, Neil Palmer and Harle Damon at family reunion, NC

On 23 Oct **Willard Walsh**'s new address became 9100 SE Hwy 314, Box 197, Silver Spring, FL 32688. "After the Army, I turned to education and have enjoyed myself both at LaSalle Col (5 yrs) and St Joseph Col at Rensselaer, IN (35 yrs). So I ended up with two titles—Dr of Ltrs and Prof Emeritus. Then on to

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Naples, FL (7 yrs), to Philadelphia's King of Prussia (one yr), and to Valatie, NY (1 1/2 yrs). I am now here at the edge of Ocala Natl Forest. I have been known to appear in a play or two."

On 24 Oct the Ft McNair luncheon was attended with wives by **Bixby** and **Mrazek**, also by **Davis, Nim Collins, Walson, Bill Smith, Lewis, Schmidt, Lahti, Trudy Hannum, April Adams, Art Smith** and **Harrison**. **Frank Miller** was host, since **Bob & Anne Brown** were visiting in N Mex and TX. Nim Collins said that her son, Kevin, had graduated from Air War Col and was now stationed at Clark AFB in the Philippines. He and his family have qtrs and have completed their move there. Paul Davis said that he no longer has time to be a runner and is very busy with several writing projects. Art Smith briefed us on the potential of Richmond as a site for a mini-reunion. Bert Harrison gave an interesting and amusing commentary on his recent trip to China.

1938: Irvin, Works and Chalgren at Works' 50th wedding anniv celebration

On 15 Nov **Bob Works** sent this pic "to prove I was there" at Bob & **Pat**'s 50th wedding anniv. In Nov *ASSEMBLY* col through editorial error **Chalgren**'s rep of that occasion started with Bill & Pat instead of Bob & Pat. Our apologies to Bob & Pat.[Ed note: our apologies also.]

On 21 Nov the Ft McNair luncheon was attended with wives by **Brown, Izenour, Lewis, Lotz, Miller** and **Mrazek**—also by **Chavasse, Nim Collins, Damon, Davis, Mary Missal, Art Smith, Bill Smith**, and **Walson**. **Dick Stilwell** came in briefly for our discussion after lunch. The Browns had returned from their trip to NM and TX. Bob had already started preparation for the 90 income tax season. Nick Chavasse told an interesting acct of a rescue on the last day of hostilities in WWII by his weather sqdr of two pilots who had run out of fuel and were floating in the Pacific off shore of Okinawa. Frank Izenour is playing golf frequently, weather permitting. Junie & Shirley Lotz came to NVA by auto train from FL and had been to NYC before spending this wk here visiting relatives and friends. Junie had bus appts and WRAMC visits, while Shirley devoted much of her stay to caring for her mother. They expect to spend Christmas season with daughter Anne and her family in Texarkana. The Mrazeks discussed preparations for the next mini. From

1938: Meyer, Kasper and Smith at USMA's 100th anniv of Army football

Kasper, 27 Nov, "Enclosed is a photo of me 'supporting' Monk Meyer at the review at WP for the 100th anniv of Army football on 3 Nov. Stan Smith is at right of the pic. I was the only '38'er to show up; Monk Meyer, Bill Hipps, Nils Ohman, Stan, Woody Wilson, Jim Schwenk and Mac McDavid were from '34-'39 gp. I saw **Jannarone** at the luncheon before the game—he was there as a guest of the Supe."

Here is a new address for the **Chesareks**: 4676 Heritage Oaks Lane, Green Valley, Suisun, CA 94585. During 90 Ches had a "close call with his second aorta valve replacement," and Letterman Med Ctr is closing. Ches & **Joanie** decided to move to be near the new AF Med Ctr at Travis AFB. They have moved to beautiful, agricultural Green Valley, joined the local country club, play golf, and put their home in Silicon Valley on the mkt. They are part-time residents at both locations pending this sale.

On 17 Nov from **Hubie Strange**: "Last Jun **Bettie** & I moved into one of the cottage units at Marquette Manor. It is the finest ret comm in this area. Since it is owned and operated by a not-for-profit corp of which I have been pres for the last 8 yrs, it had better be! We are enjoying our new-found freedom. Some time ago we learned that the widow of our classmate **Barry Browne** lived in Indianapolis. We had known her in the early 40's at Ft Benning as the beautiful and popular **Maizie Eden**. We finally located her. She had remarried and was widowed a second time. Last Sun we arranged for a dinner get-together with her and John '40 & Jane Craig. We found Maizie to be as vivacious and attractive as ever." Here are two new addresses: COL Hubert E Strange (Ret), 2435A Marquette Circle, So Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46268; and Mrs **William C Power** Jr, 8102 No Illinois St, Indianapolis, IN 46260. During Nov Hubie attended a conf in New Orleans of the American Assn of Homes for Aging (AAHA). We have a qualified consultant in our ranks!

Fr **Bill Strand**, 30 Nov: "The WP Soc of So TX had its annual picnic at MacArthur Pk on 19 Oct. Everyone had a good time and '38 was well-represented. Enjoying the delicious barbecue were the **Irvins, Coiras, Wallaces, Artmans, Strands, Bayers, Kieffers**, and **Evelyn Hartman**. **Fred & Trudy Wright** hosted a lovely Christmas party in their beautiful home in Oakwell Farms on 6 Dec. Guests included '38'ers **Elizabeth Sawyer**, Evelyn Hartman, the **Singers, Battersons, Skaers**, Irvins, Wallaces, **Artmans, Knoxes** and Strands. **Neil & Faye Van Sickle** enjoyed a trip to England in Oct. They landed at Gatwick and rented a small car with no power and 5 speeds forward. He met the challenge of driving left and penetrating the roundabouts. They visited Dover Castle, Canterbury, Bury St Edmund, Cambridge, Oxford, Coventry, Avon, Bath, Stonehenge, Salisbury and London. The Old London Off Club is now the Columbia Hotel and the rms are $100 per night. London was dirty and prices were exhorbitant, so they were glad to get back to the clean, fresh mtn air of Kalispel. **Mary Kelley** returned here on 29 Nov from a 10-day visit with her sister in Del Ray Beach, and also with **Phil & Dotty Browning**, who have a beautiful home on a golf course. Mary's son Rich, his wife Judy and their daughters Ashley (9) and Stephanie (13) came from Boston to spend Christmas with her. Then all are going to a dude ranch near Bandera, TX for a cowboy holiday. **Sara Williams** has left here to return to NC to be near her 3 grandchildren. She made this decision with many mixed feelings because she liked San Ant and living at the Army Ret Comm. However, since the death of her daughter, her grandchildren are her remaining blood relatives. She feels the need to be near them while they are growing up. **Mac & Barbara Macomber** rep all is going well with them. Mac & Lou Coira have been going hunting and fishing together this fall. They are deer hunting at Camp Bullis, where Mac hunted while taking pilot training at Randolph Field."

From **Hugh Wallace**, 2 Dec: "**Beno Bruton**, **Bob**'s widow, is heading for NYC to see her newest granddaughter, almost a Thanksgiving arrival on 21 Nov—Beno says NOT a 'turkey.' **Evelyn Hartman**, **Frank**'s widow, flew to CA for Thanksgiving holiday with son David & new daughter-in-law. Beautiful weather there, but beaches were overflowing with people. **Bill Kieffer** off to San Fran for a bridge tournament. Bill is in the super masters bracket, something like black belt in karate or similar comparison. **Omar & Maria Knox** spent Thanksgiving at Oaxaca, Mex, with a gp from TX A & I Univ doing archeological studies

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and lectures, with field work at various Mayan and other ruins in that area. **Mona Preuss** has had her family visiting this past mo in relays—first Mark with two grandchildren, followed by Paul later. Hugh & **Jan** Wallace traveled to a family reunion of the Douglas family (his mother was a Douglas); then to Dallas overnight with a daughter and family; on to KS for another daughter and family, as well as friends; then to visit a 93-yr-old aunt. For Thanksgiving, we drove to Bryan, TX with all the children and grandchildren, where we had a most enjoyable visit. (The prime reason we were asked is that I always prepare and cook the turkey, dressing and giblet gravy—and like well-brought-up and correctly trained children, they all pronounced it as the best ever. They all know how to stroke the 'Old Man' properly.)"

Dick Stilwell attended a 3-day conf during Nov in Oman, hosted by His Majesty the Sultan of Oman. A principal speaker was GEN Schwarzkopf '56, who flew in for the occasion. Dick was a personal guest of the Sultan. Congress has authorized a commemorative coin for the Korean War Memorial (KWM), and has authorized the Mint to produce one mil commemorative silver dollars to be sold at $25 ea, netting the KWM fund $7 ea. As Chm of KWM, Dick alerts all classmates to look for these coins in Apr and acquire some. In Jan Dick Stilwell sent a ltr to classmates and widows, giving details of our forthcoming mini-reunion in Williamsburg, VA during 91 from 31 Oct-2 Nov. If you did not receive this ltr, we suggest that you contact **Jim Mrazek**.

Due to space limitations on our Class notes for *ASSEMBLY*, some editing, omissions, or delayed entries are necessary. Many thanks to our fellow scribes, **Wallace, Strand** and **Mrazek**, and to others for their input of pics and info. We appreciate particularly such input from classmates or widows not mentioned frequently in these Class notes. We hope to see everyone at the mini-reunion.

'39

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Reunion, Flying Class 40-C—From **John Carpenter, Curly Edwards**, and **Perry Hoisington** comes word of this 50th reunion in San Ant. Mbrs, about 100 WP grads and like no of flying cadets, went on to distinguished records. Included were **Philo Vance**, one of our two CMH recipients, two 4-star, several 3-star and other gen offs. Attending at the Hyatt and Randolph Off Club were John & **Dottie Carpenter, Joe & Helen Dickman**, Curly Edwards, **Mel & Dottie Engstrom, Ben & Lillian Glawe, Gery Greer, Al & Edna Herzberg, Charlie Hillhouse**, Perry Hoisington, **Anita Jumper, Joe & Dorothy Kingsley, Jim & Mary Emma Knapp, Huey & BJ Long, Mac McDowell, Sal & Flournoy Manzo, Bill & Nina Smith, Bud & Mary Ann Stocking, Tom & Anne Whitehouse**, and as special guests, **Bill & Ruby Atwell** and **Bob & Jeanne (Latoszewski) Ploger**.

The night before the reunion, the **Brinkers** and **Bill Smiths** entertained many AF and Army at the ARC, including **Joe & Mary Jo Bowman, Matt & Elinor Bristol, Tom Davis, Sterling & June Johnson, Ed & Pat Kurth, Gayle Lampley, Bill & Nan McConnell, John & Terry Olson, Bob Rogers**, and **Woody & Kate Wilson**. Thanks to Ed Kurth who provided the below photos.

1939: Walt Brinker, Gayle Lampley, Bill Smith and Lillian Glawe

1939: Kate Wilson, Bob Richardson, Lillian & Ben Glawe, and Anne Richardson

1939: Army and AF distaffers: Gayle Lampley, Nancy Brinker, Pat Kurth, Nina Smith and Gery Greer

WP Football—Season ticket holders include **Riel & Bea Crandall, Mike & Helen Davison, Speedie & Dottie Hull, Ted Hunsbedt, Mike & Alys Krisman**, and **Bud & Jackie Newcomer**. Most of these people were joined at a bountiful tailgate party near Lusk Reservoir at Oct Homecoming by **Bert & Gert McCollam** from CA, **Mac & Mary McFerren** and **Pappy & Betty Myers** from Hampton, and **Bur & Lucile Showalter** from Dayton.

At a subsequent game, the special ceremony celebrating the 100th anniv of Army football brought back **Jim Schwenk, John McDavid**, and **Woody Wilson** as '39 reps and special guests (most deservedly so).

The **Hulls** and **McCollams**, as part of latters' visit from CA to the E Coast, visited a 3rd sister in FL in late Nov, followed by a trip to Puerto Rico.

Mike Davison at the Homecoming Alumni Review, after the impressive ceremony at Thayer monument and while waiting for the Corps to pass by, told fellow '39'ers of his recent health experience. Normally a 3-mi runner (or jogger?), Mike realized one day his stamina was not even near par. Unable to go even a short distance, he took his pulse rate—38! Immediately to Walter Reed, more tests etc, and at one point, pulse rate—19! Result—a state-of-the-art pacemaker performing miracles, even accelerating during exercise to which Mike has returned with some gusto and the comment, "I now feel like the bionic man!" (May this experience and acct be useful to others.)

Golf Challenge—From **Jack Habecker** comes word that **Bob Sears**, after a 25+-yr layoff, shot his age, 74, twice on consecutive days! and! Any other '39'er shoot his age when younger? (Amazing at any age! How about 90 at 90?) Also from Jack: **John Dickerson** after illness in Vienna will spend winter recuperating in Ontario, CA near his brother. Jack also appreciated help from **Spike Troiano, Mike Krisman, Bob Sears**, and **Jim Reardon** on **DJ Rogers**' obituary, scheduled for *ASSEMBLY*, Sep 91.

Jay Dawley and **Harvey Fraser** were ea other's best man at Harvey's 1940 wedding at Schofield Bks in HI and at Jay's 1950 wedding in the DC area. So when 90 arrived, Harvey & **Jean** celebrated their 50th and Jay & **Natalie** their 40th with a delightful trip to the Isl of Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. They were joined at breakfast at the Hale Koa by **Walt & Ann Winegar**, who have a condo in Honolulu with view of Waikiki. Jay was due to return to the US on 8 Dec 41 but the Japanese changed his orders!

Ted Hunsbedt in early Nov purchased a condo—43 Mizzen Circle, Southall Landings, Hampton, VA 23554—and planned to move as soon as he sold his NY house. "My boat is already in front of my condo, I drove it down, solo, in late Aug—trying to beat the bad weather."

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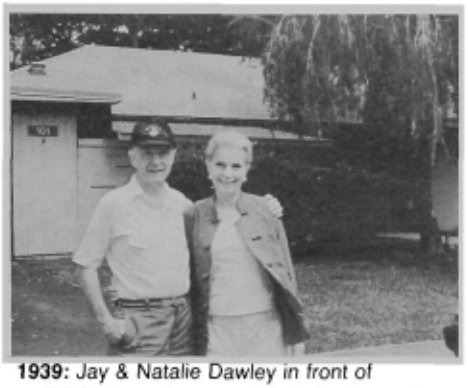
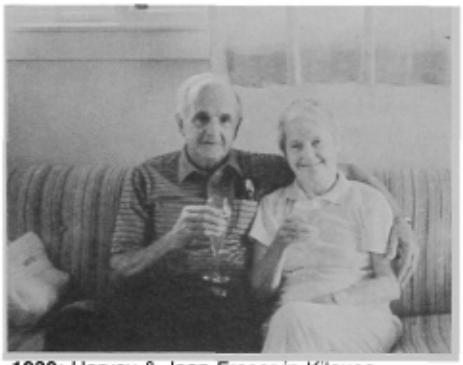
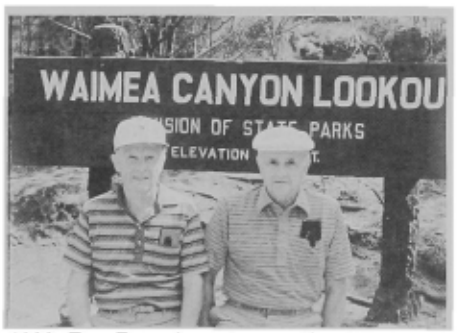
(Scribe's translation: for Ted's arty word, "drove," substitute "sailed and considerably so in the open sea!")



1939: Jay & Natalie Dawley in front of ex-BOQ where Jay spent bachelor days prior to Pearl Harbor



1939: Harvey & Jean Fraser in Kilauea cottage celebrating almost to the hour their Schofield wedding 50 yrs earlier



1939: Two Engr characters on Kauai

M Vautier—**Perry Hoisington** while consulting a 1923 *Howitzer* discovered that M Vautier had been made an honorary mbr of that class. As detailed therein, his career as a French artyman and coach of both fencing and the French language at WP is quite interesting. (For a copy, check 1923 *Howitzer* or get down on *les genous et ecrivez Perry ou moi—en francais!*)

Class Notes—6 *ASSEMBLY*'s per yr, 6 Class Notes ea 6 columns maximum length—that's a lot of 6's and presents real opportunities (not realized in this issue). Remember—all this space belongs to you—classmates, wives, and widows. Your friends will appreciate hearing from *you*.

Here's probably the last of the 90 Founders Day pics.

1939: Elly Wood and Katie & Jim Roosa at Founders Day 90

'40

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John McLean has made his annual Treas rep; it continues the good news of previous yrs. First, he gave the status of the Class of '40 Gift Acct in the WP Fund: "Up to Dec 90, we've spent over $99,000 from the acct on our 50th Anniv gift—the illustrated history of WP. Even so, thanks to generous contributions over the yrs by almost all our classmates, the Dec 90 acct balance is over $50,000, as compared with $71,000 at end-89. The acct balance will cover the remaining costs of publishing the WP history, and leave a healthy start for our next project."

John continued, "The Class of '40 Admin Acct with the AOG had an end-90 balance of over $3,500, compared with $5,400 at end-89. We need to keep this acct growing to have ready cash for activities like funding classmate memorials, publishing updated Class rosters, mailing more frequent correspondence to the Class as a whole, and providing seed money for mini-reunions."

John ended, "Continuing your tax-deductible contributions to ea of these two accts—the '40 Gift Acct and the '40 Admin Acct—will help support desirable projects for both USMA and our Class in the future. And just in case you've mislaid the poop on how to make contributions, we might suggest: (1) make a check for, say, $100 to 'WP Fund, Class of '40 Gift Acct,' and/or (2) make a check for $10 to 'Class of '40 Admin Acct, AOG,' and (3) send either or both to: AOG, USMA, WP, NY 10996–1780."

In mid-Oct, **John Burfening** sent to the AOG the annual rep on our 50th gift book, prepared by **Walt Winton** as chm of our gift comm. In brief, the rep says the author, Dr Ted Crackel, has completed the planned 10 chapters of the history; Abrams Inc, the publisher, is making the final review of the text and illustrations, and plans the first printing of the book in fall 91. This printing will include copies of the history intended for sale to USMA alumni, as well as a complimentary copy for ea living '40 classmate and ea deceased classmate's widow for whom we have an address.

Once again, a busy bunch from the DC area met at a 6 Dec luncheon at Ft McNair to take a shopping break and discuss winter survival plans, grandchildren, and proper tactics for the Navy game (I need only refer you to the score to show how well we covered the last point). Present at the luncheon were **Mike Ahmajan, George & Jean Aubrey, Bob & Fran Brewer, John & Alleen Burfening, Joe & Mary Couch, Joe & Lu Donohue** (up from Orange, VA), **Kerm & Bobbe Dyke** (who, with the Burfenings, had arranged the luncheon), **Larry & Mary Fuller, Hazey & Becky Hazeltine** (back from their place in ME), **Joe & Polly Mastran, George & Marge Mayo, Stew & Pat McKenney, John & Julie McLean, Jim & Margaret Milner, Thad & Jean Nosek, Hobie & Molly Pillsbury, Mel & Olive Rosen, Tom & Lys Scott**, and **Woodie & Beth Vaughan** (about to leave for their FL winter stay). We missed **Bill & Ann Clark**, who were in town from CO Springs, but were busy moving Ann's mother from one apt to another at Distaff Hall.

Skip & Mary Lou Fowler wrote from AZ, to which they've retreated for the winter when heavy snows in CO Springs began ahead of schedule last fall. Before they left, they went to a birthday party, with cake, candles, and song, for **Helen Smith** at the Peterson AFB Club, arranged by **Wendell & Benny Lee Coats** and **Bob & Doris Raleigh**. **Len & Doris Orman** drove up from Pueblo for the occasion. Other local, but absent, birthday card-signers included **Bill & Ann Clark** and **Red & Dony Gideon**.

I'm very sorry I have bad news. **Sam Goodwin** rep **Jack Kenney**'s death, following the sudden onset of lung cancer, at his home in Santa Fe, NM on 3 Nov. In early Jul, Jack had a nasty cough, diagnosed as pneumonia; it persisted despite antibiotics and another opinion showed a lung cancer. Jack's rt lung and a large malignancy were removed in early Sep, and he began residual radiation therapy. Despite this, the malignancy spread to his brain, and he declined rapidly until his death. We send our deep sympathy to **Jo Kenney**, who has retained her positive good humor through this tragic sequence and who can be reached at their home at 954 Santo Nino Pl, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Jo has been supported strongly by their daughter and 4 sons, as well as by Sam & **Kiki Goodwin** (Sam and Jack were classmates at NM Mil Inst before they both rep to WP to join '40).

Drop me a line if you have thoughts and suggestions on what the Class might consider by way of a mini-reunion in the forseeable future.

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'41

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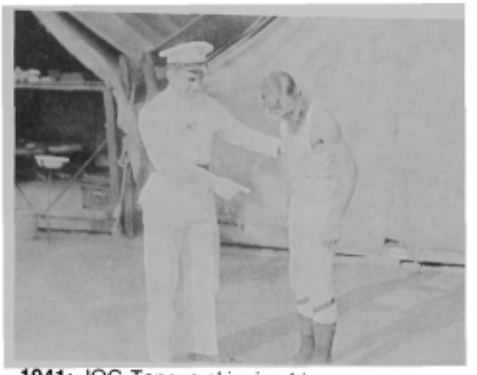
Merry Christmas, '41'ers all, on this our 53rd Christmas together. The annual Christmas party in our Nation's Capital on 1 Dec was another max. Comm Chm **Brad Smith** filed this rep: "On 1 Dec the District of Columbia metropolitan area chap of the Class of '41 threw its annual Christmas bash at the Army Ret Residence, Potomac (the Fairfax). Fifty-one classmates, widows and spice were present and celebrated with characteristic verve. **Bob Lanigan**'s piano and **Ed Rowney**'s harmonica teamed with the golden voices of the likes of **Betty Woodruff, Jock Mateer, Mike Greene** and others too untalented to mention, presented a lively, if impromptu, prog of entertainment after supper. As emcee, **Rene Lanigan** kept the festivities moving at a very lively pace.

1941: The Jock Adams family at beautiful Cathy's wedding, Jul 90: Marcia and son Ted; daughter Cathy; groom David, mother Ruth, and granddaughters Natalie and Emily

"In addition to those already mentioned, the following from near and far were present: **Mike & Eileen Greene, Skip Brown, Burnside & Marka Huffman, Ruth & Brad Smith, Walter & Midge Mather, Jane Gribble, JOG & Mary Green, Barney & Bettie Woodruff, Marion Camp** and her guest Carla Rosenthal, **Hank & Dorothy Bodson, Horace Brown, Herb & Rose Stern, Ruth Adams, Jock & Annette Mateer, Bob & Emilie Elsberry, Spec & Cleo Powell, Burt Andrus, Bob Reilly** (**Helen** has been ill), **Joe & Marion Gurfein, Joe & Maureen Reed, Ruth Freese, Fred & Kay Ascani, Lucy Cooper, Bill & Marie Clifford, Stan & Eva Hays, Jean Moody** (who kept a watchful eye on the whole 'Fairfax' oper), **Hugh & Mary Jane Foster, Ed Rowney** and guest Betty Ladd, and **John & Ginger Deane**. Those mentioned twice were stars and deserve it. **Pete Tanous** was 'sick in qtrs' with a bad case of the flu. **Max** has moved Rizzik's to its new and much better location."

At this Holy Christmas time our



1941: JOG Tanous skinning his roommate, Jack Lokker, Jul 40

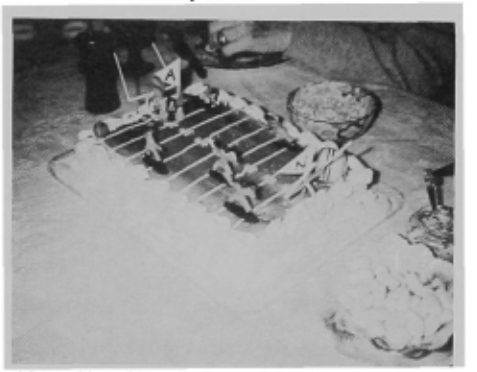
thoughts and our prayers are turned to "Desert Shield." There are not a few of our sons and grandsons "in harm's way," as our leaders put it: **Mal & Alma Troup**'s grandson, Marcus; **Harriet Linnell**'s son and two sons-in-law; soon-to-be BG **Walter Mather** Jr; **Karma Gleason**'s son-in-law; and **Lyman Faulkner**'s son-in-law, MG Barry McCaffrey, CO, 24th Div. These are the ones rep in the Christmas inputs. There are many more on active duty who may be en route or deployed if the shooting starts. A recent note from SGT Marcus Troup states: "I am in charge of the decontamination site and the portable advanced trauma and life-support equipment. This Mon we're having an exercise using both and it's going to take a lot of work, and I know it."

1941: Marcus Troup (a medic) with his vehicle, ready to go, in "Desert Shield"

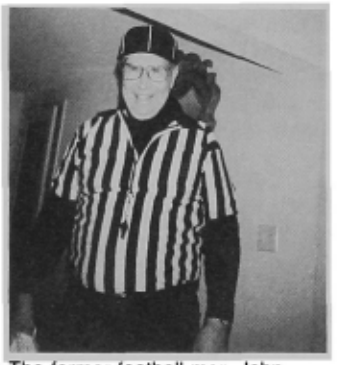
We know you all savored the parting gift that the Big Rabble gave to Coach Young! Junior, repeat Secondclassman Quarterback Willie McMillan stole the show with 195 yds and only one pass, but it went for 6. Mike Mayweather, Army's all-time leading rusher and All American, closed out his career with 87 yds and a TD. The CO chapter rallied at chez **Troup** for the great game and a super luncheon. **Tom Corbin** and **Mal** Troup can still button their FD coats. **John Henschke** played referee. **Alma** made a fabulous gridiron Army-Navy cake.

By the time you read this you will have had a chance to check over "Gold '41." The many classmates & wives who helped to put it together hope you like it.

1941: Tom Corbin does the impossible—but look at that crummy brass



1941: Alma Troup's beautiful gridiron Army-Navy cake



1941: The former football mgr, John Henschke, blows his whistle, but the Middies couldn't hear it

The Christmas Ltr package will be mailed this wk. Be advised that the comm picked the input by **Stan Hays** as the best. It barely nosed out **Joe Knowlton**'s "rectangular coordinates." We had 192 great greeting inputs. Included in the package is the new Directory by **Johnny Brooks**, with **Bill Vaughan**'s incomparable cover of "The Surfer." [Note: two interpolations—make it Star Rt 5, not 7, for **Harriett Linnell**, and **Tom King** has a new phone—919-759-9846.] We planned to include Johnny's fine cross-ref supplement, featuring Vill Vaughan's "Reunion Touch-up Kit." However, the AOG's printer broke, and with postage rates going up, we decided to hold down costs and distribute that portion of the package on request. If you want a current copy or the package was not delivered, let me send you a replacement.

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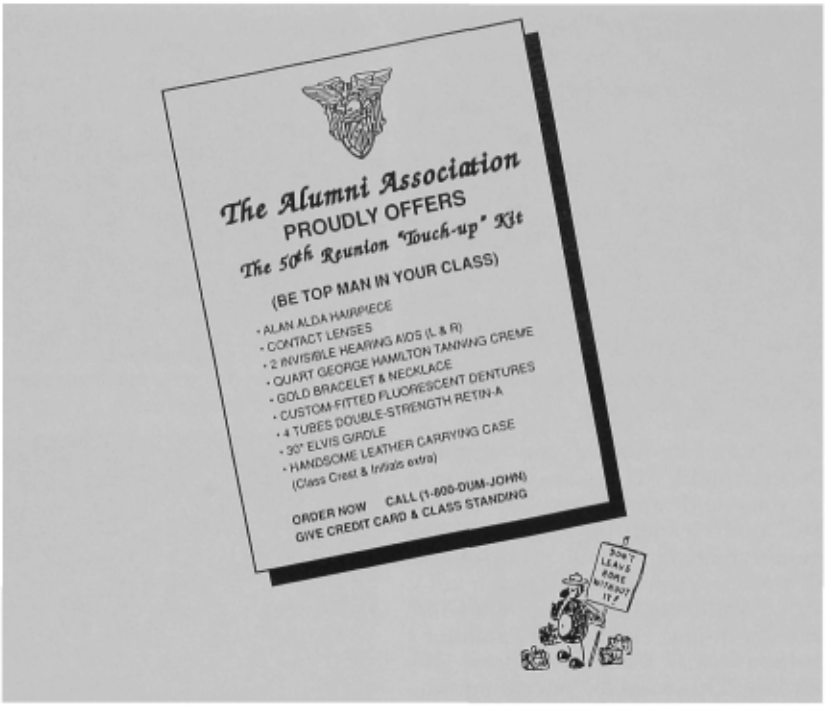

1941: Bill Vaughan's "50th Reunion Touch-up Kit"—don't leave home without it!

Got a great ltr from **Chuck Schilling** stating that his brother-in-law, Ted Crozier, COL USA (Ret), was running for mayor against the incumbent who defeated him by only 125 votes last time. Crozier was C/S 101st and spent almost all of his career in Airborne. Chuck's ltr sounded upbeat after his traumatic surgery, saying, "we are looking forward to the big one." **John Callaway** wrote a note of thanks for the *ASSEMBLY* blurb about the 7th Cav Book. "We have an annual reunion and it's a great thrill to get together with these great men."

Ben McCaffery rep **Bob Salisbury** had a bout with shingles driven by chemo following removal of a growth. **Cuz Dillard** is better with new medication for a heart valve, and he hopes he won't have to return for heart surgery. Ben's daughter Tana & husband were with a church gp in Israel recently—they were at the Wailing Wall the day before the shooting. Ben & **Marge** were relieved when the phone rang to say, "all's well."

Al Hayduk wrote to say their winter migration to St Pete was set. He separated a shoulder "after flipping on my Honda Express—I guess some of us get too old to learn." He rep that **Hank Boswell** was back to golf 3 times/wk after his 5-way bypass.

Jim Carroll sent in the pix of the Gauvreau Golf Trophy and a correction to the *ASSEMBLY* input previously rep. The trophy legend reads: "I don't hold a grudge—I get even!" It does not say, "I don't get mad." Thanks to **Ben Spiller**, **Dick Tindall**'s son, Dr Joseph T Spaulding, has been located. He is a prominent surgeon in San Fran and he ordered 3 copies of "Gold '41," including one for ea of Dick's two fine grandsons.

1941: The DGAMMIT trophy showing the correct caption

Tuck & Dody Brown rep a great reunion in Northern Europe with his POW gp. "We laid a wreath on the memorial next to the front gate of Old Oflag 64 in Szubin Poland. We also planted 3 pine trees dedicated to the American POWs held there from 43–45. Poland's farms looked prosperous. On the other hand, Russia is in a bad way—the Hermitage tour was great but fields were barren and lines were endless. Dody & I just returned from her col reunion in VA, where we visited the battlefield along Antietam creek."

Our casualty list continues inexorably. **Johnny Richards**' death on 29 Sep is the last entry in the Addendum section of "Gold '41," pg 266. Since then we have had 3 more casualties: **George Johnson** wrote to say that **Ruth** lost her long battle with cancer on 31 Oct. On 18 Nov **Al Jensen** died of a heart attack; he was buried at WP. **Harry Harvey** and **Lee Ledford** were present. On 26 Nov **Rita Horn** died of cancer. Sadly, we had only recently located her, living near Ft Walton Beach, FL. Her daughter, Barbara, is a USAF MAJ stationed nearby at Eglin AFB. Her 3 sons also were nearby. See your 90 Directory for appropriate addresses.

Jack **Richards** wrote to thank the Class for support at his dad's funeral. "He was buried on 4 Oct in Arlington Natl Cemetery. **Mike Greene** arranged for 10 honorary pallbearers, and many other classmates attended the funeral. We thank you all for being with us."

Ralph Upton wrote: "Had dinner with neighbors **Johnny & Janie Brooks** to hear how he 'crashed' the 'G' Co reunion at Williamsburg. Had orthoscopic knee surgery on 1 Oct and will start redeployment to FL as soon as I pass my next checkup. Got a wonderful ltr from **Chuck Schilling** who, after extensive serious surgery, expects to be playing basketball soon—great news. **Charlie Fletcher** rep the 'E' Co luncheon for our old Tac, TJ Wells (now 83) was successful. **Buck Buchanan** told me how he fell and had to have restorative dental work, admonishing that older men should be more careful."

Roy Kelley wrote to say that we all should keep pushing on the unfinished obituaries before the Fabulous 50th. "**Kay** & I had a wonderful opportunity to spend time in Leningrad, Moscow, E Berlin and Potsdam. We got a good look at the sad state of the consumer economy, a feel for the unrest and dissatisfaction with govt and its leaders—but no chance to assess the mil capabilities and the support base. In Hamburg we met well-to-do bus people who weren't enthused about the cost of picking up a poor neighbor by the bootstraps. If a Lada were a plane, I wouldn't get in one. **Wayne Rhynard** was in town for a fighter wing reunion so we had a good time at one of our favorite restaurants."

POTPOURRI: After telling **Bill Vaughan** that I might opt for another PACE tour with the Navy in the Gulf, I got a note suggesting picking up a few household expressions in Arabic—like "the water-soaked bread crumbs are delicious, thank you. I must have the recipe." We have a fix on another widow with whom we had lost contact: **Edith Torgerson** at Phoebe Home, 1925 Turner St, Allentown, PA 18104. She responded to the Christmas ltr and ordered a couple of books. Another widow, **Jean Briggs**, checked in with a darling pic of her granddaughter, Courtney, which unfortunately can't be run in the col. **Betty (Hoebeke) Simmons** sent in her Christmas greetings and added, "the support I received when **Arnold** died made me a firm believer that the bond that exists between the classmates has made it the great Class that it is. I would feel awful if any of you thought I no longer wanted to be a part." **Jack Kelsey**: "Just back from reunion of our WWII 453rd Bomb Sq—wonderful gp of men. They sent a

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telegram and a card to **Dick Travis**, our first CO." **Mal Troup** received a book order from **Riley King** addressed to Gen Mal G Troup. The 28 Oct issue of *The Washington Post Magazine* had a very flattering article about "Garretts." This is **Woody**'s posh rest in Georgetown, and the article won't hurt bus a bit. **Mike Greene** sent a clip from a WP booklet stating: "I am very happy to announce that His Holiness Pope John Paul II has elevated Father Robert McCormick to the rank of Rev Monsignor. Father McCormick served at WP most of his priestly life, and is well-remembered by most of the alumni." **Harry Harvey** wrote: "We will spend Christmas in Houston where son, Peter, has just moved. We saw **Skip Brown** last mo—she is as lovely as ever—and that house was waiting for her to move into it." **Poopie Ellis** bought a copy of "Gold '41" for the GEN **George Brown** AF ROTC Ctr in Montgomery. **Tommy Thomas** wrote that **Jig** has lost the function of her only remaining kidney and will not make the 50th. **Paul Ramee** rep, "am starting on chemo therapy for prostate cancer—which shows that once again, the Big C is no respecter of youth." An upbeat phone call from **Wally Lauterbach** rep an outstanding job by his surgeons. He said he'll soon be "good as new." **Mary Lib Peddie** wrote a long and very interesting update on her family—all well. She is the founder of the Intl Herb Growers and Marketers Assn. **Harry H Ellis** rep a long interesting trip to Europe last Sep. **Sybil (Lokker) Wilson** is settled in their new home in Naples, FL, and plans to be at the 50th.

Suggest we add **Jig Thomas** and **Paul Ramee** to our CHRISTMAS PRAYER LIST.

Hugh Foster sent a complete rep on the new Cadet Leader Dev System (CLDS) which ". . . specifically challenges ea of the 3 upperclasses with assuming more responsibility for dev of their immediate subordinates, not just plebes." You will undoubtedly be seeing more on this in *ASSEMBLY*.

Think of our first Christmas together—at ease in the Mess Hall, nobody screaming at us, movies, the Boodlers, and best of all, dragging and dancing with real, live girls! BONE REUNION.

Note from **Mike Greene**—All have now received **Joe Gurfein**'s ltr re the 50th Reunion. You can see his comm has arranged a first-class prog for this once-in-a-lifetime affair! While we had a great response to the initial ltr, we still hope that those of you who had not made up your minds then, or had indicated that you could not attend, will really make plans to be with us—we all want to have maximum attendance. PLEASE JOIN US! The reunion comm has arranged a varied prog to suit all needs—even those who just want to sit in the hospitality suite and tell the same stories again. The various activities planned will give us time to socialize, party, see WP, refresh acquaintances, remember those who are no longer with us, and just rekindle that very special '41 spirit and camaraderie! GET OUT THE LTR FROM JOE GURFEIN, REREAD IT AND GET YOUR RESPONSE (with check) IN TO **HANK BODSON** ASAP!

'42

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No snow on the ground, but a welcome nip in the air as I write. Some of you frost-bitten Yanks probably can't quite imagine too much warm weather, but ours lasted too long, and we're enjoying a minimal shiver or two!

News is understandably scanty, what with the Christmas newsltr to keep everyone *au courant*. And what better time to thank **George Allin** for another great job!

Charlie Mizell rep a visit by **Bunny Bonasso** to that neck of the woods and a subsequent golf game pitting Gnomes **Mizell** and **Ford** vs the winning Feather Merchants Bonasso and **Farrington**.

1942: Ed and imported hustler won glory but no cash!

Al Hunter passed along word he'd had from a non-grad about the honor accorded **Carl Stapleton** at Kelly AFB. He also commented on the obituary article in *ASSEMBLY* which lauded '42's effort. Do let's continue to set an example—and bless **Jeff Davis** and Al for their leadership in that most worthy endeavor. The AOG really needs our support, so if you are called upon, or can volunteer, *please* keep up the good work.

A local newspaper item re 40 yrs ago on 1 Nov cited the attempted assassination of Pres Truman at Blair House. **Doc Hyde** and I had lunched that day, and I dropped him off on PA Ave at the front door of the old State Dept Bldg across the street. When I got back to my off, there was Doc on the phone rep the incident. We got a fit of the giggles, imagining us if we'd been 15 minutes later, out of the car, with him being able to run but not see, and me being able to see but not run!

Another *ASSEMBLY* article re the percentage of Class participation in giving to the AOG: we stand quite tall, but with a very modest effort could overtake '40 and Jan '43, the only ones to exceed our 56% involvement. Congrats to all of you guys for showing the right stuff!

This veteran was elated on Veterans Day by a phone call from AK! **Lee Cage**, Jr wanted to thank me for the comments about Lee in the last col! I told him that they came easily and from the heart—and wasn't that like one of Lee & **Ginger**'s young'uns to be so thoughtful!

The latest golf gaggle at Amelia Isl was a smashing success, thanks to **Bill & Kitty Shedd**. Attending were the **Andersons, Bermans, Bonassos, Hanleys, Hansts, Horridges, Kosters, Markses, Joan Michel, Helen Marshall, Mizells, John Murphys, O'Neals, Plotts, Rehkopfs, Reinbolds, Hal Rice, Robertses, Ryders, Shedds, Slatons, Ulsakers, Wymans** and **Rip Youngs**. Bill was so wise that he even had buses to take us from the happy hrs at the various condos to the evenings' dining site! First-day pairings were Engrs vs Goats; second day were Flankers vs Runts; and last day were A-M vs O-Z. **Howie Slaton** accepted the discrepancy in numbers to accept asgmt as a Goat but balked at being a designated Runt! **Lib Anderson**'s arthritis bedded her after she'd tried to back-and-forth to follow all conversations the first night! **Sue O'Neal** arrived with the flu, after treatment along the way, but despite the trauma managed to shoot an 88 on the second day! Need I add that there were many macho machos hanging their heads! My **Barbara** was assigned as a Flanker on the second day and complained that she just couldn't adapt to hitting off those stilts! The biggest (hah!) ringer of all was **Bunny** Bonasso, who killed everyone on opening day. It was fun to have the Bermans join the rowdy crowd. Needless to say, all enjoyed, especially the evening activity! With the input of tons of apples from the Horridges orchard, all appeared reasonably hale as they left for home port. I might add that all also left somewhat poorer as the marshes and water on the golf courses swallowed up a gross of balls!

My thanks to those who missed the deadline for the newsltr—or else this would indeed be a skimpy effort! **George Allin** returned from a research visit at the Mormon Library to send me the following: **John Finney** sez they found the earthquake to be a moving experience! He's now enjoying a 3rd career as an H&R Block tax preparer. **Lake** is back to part-time hospice nursing, and they are now guardians of their two-yr-old granddaughter Ashley! Wow!

Jean Hughes was visiting a daughter in Boston when she realized she was

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running a little late and called **Pat Harmeling** for the Ft Myer address. So sorry, too late! She wanted to express her pleasure at hearing of **Carl Stapleton** Pk at Kelly AFB, and wished that ea member of outstanding '42 could be so memorialized. I resist the urge—almost—to suggest that being '42 will have to suffice for most of us!

Jim Josendale had very sad tidings to pass along. Shortly after **Debbie** lost her mother, a dear nephew died in an autobicycle accident. More heart-rending was the news that Debbie had undergone extensive tests, was found to have brain damage and will be in a nursing facility in St Joe. Our hearts go out to you, Josie, and we will always treasure the many good times we've shared.

Sam Koster announced that they'd had all the kids and grandchildren for a family gathering and picture-taking. Seeing the 5 children with 5 granddaughters and 10 grandsons is truly awesome!!!

John Mattina was proud that they'd survived a visit from **Rip & Bettye Young** and **Phil & Norma Krueger**. They've also been on the horn with **Jack & Betty Crowley**. The Lupus hit **Nell** with a violent flu-like attack which had her out for the count for two mos. Happily, the medics finally got things under control, and the two of them are raring to go.

Jim & Mary Vivian were off on a cruise from Rio to San Juan. He'd recently golfed with **Matt Redlinger**—no word on whose pocket suffered. Since Jim was the reporter and made no mention, I'm drawing my own conclusions! He did comment on their pleasure at hosting the golf gang at the AZ Biltmore and wondered whether its descent into Chapter 11 was as a direct result thereof or merely coincidental!

Andy Weigel was still full of praise for the way **Ray O'Neal** and his cohorts handled the San Ant mini. He & **Kikumi** had cruised from Athens to San Juan and made their annual junket to Japan. Their sights are set on 92, but in the interim, passersby are welcome to their spare bdrms in CO Spr.

Rip Young confessed that he & **Bettye** continue to overdose on travel but see no change unless she wins the battle to move to the mtn states! Their Barbara has sent her first off to col. Linda is pg at 42+, determined to provide 1 1/2-yr-old Olivia with a sibling! Trish was moving to Houston from CA. Rip's golf has suffered as he labored to elect local candidates favoring control of spending and taxes. Bettye had a yr of dental reconstruction and cheers implants.

Butch Offley sent a clipping re the release to Brits by the US of the whereabouts of American GI's who were stationed there in WWII. Seems there was some he'n and she'n which went on, in some cases with positive results, and it's past time to pay the piper! Amusingly, the only name mentioned in the article duplicates one of us and in CA—but the wrong locale! Butch suggests that there might be several of the gang sweating it out, but on the other hand, it might be reassuring to be reminded that we were once young and gay (old style!).

Fran Roberts advised that copies of the last *ASSEMBLY* with the theme of Ike are going to the White House and all members of the Cabinet. Also, the People to People golf prog has bought 500 copies of the lead article to send to its participants! Fran had arranged the 3rd get-together of the offs of his WWII FA bn and found it to be most gratifying. He enclosed an item entitled "Murphy's Laws of Combat." Among its maxims: 1) if you're short of everything, you're in combat; 2) anything you do can get you shot, including doing nothing; 3) incoming fire has the right of way; 4) if the attack is going really well, it's an ambush; 5) if the enemy's in range, so are you; 6) never forget that your weapons were made by the lowest bidder; etc.

A delightful evening with **Jean Smith** Leu & Bob, who are wintering at nearby Marco. They'd thoroughly enjoyed the last mini and plan on being with the gang whenever possible.

A call from **Jack & Mary Barnes** after our return from the last gaggle. They had one evening left on their stay here in Naples, and I had a condo bd mtg to attend, so all of our visiting was courtesy of the telephone.

My only other snap shows **Ink & Esther Gates** somewhere in Australia in Oct.

1942: Oh, to be a koala bear!

Carl Ulsaker sent a flyer re a 2 Dec Class party at the ANCC. No after-action rep, but he was still peddling drink tickets on the honor system! **John Westenhoff** passed along word of the '42 family luncheon at Ft Myer on 26 Dec. Do so hope that all had enough get-up-and-go left over from the day before to make it the fabulous occasion it should be. I guarantee that our children both got the message!

And that does it for 90. Here's hoping that your 91 has gotten off to a flying start and that it does nothing but improve! Thanks to all for input and even a few kind comments. Both are indeed welcome!

Jan '43

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It's always a pleasant surprise to hear from the classmate of whom we've heard little in recent yrs and, in this case, it was **Brenning Waters** who, with his wife **Judy**, lives in San Jose, CA. According to Brenning, their home survived the nearby major earthquake "shaken but sound, though everything in their home seemed to have ended up on the floor, well-stirred and partially broken." Meanwhile, "I've become a computer nut," he says, and a long list of high tech/computer documentation/publications attest to his capabilities—the most recent of which is entitled the *First Book of Microsoft QuickPascal*. His accomplishments are also reflected on his business card which reads "Fred Waters, Brenmark Enterprises, Technical Publications/Writing/Editing." Looking to the future, Brenning forsees that he has "maybe 30 yrs of work ahead of him just learning, using and enjoying the software that he has on hand right now. Since he'll be 71 in a mo or so, that means he'll have to make it to 101 at least, and will bring him darn close to being the oldest living graduate." Judy, on the other hand, is very much involved in organizing/conducting natl cloth-doll conventions and festivals. In any event, we're looking forward to seeing Brenning & Judy achieve their goal of joining us at our big 50th anniv at USMA in 93, and perhaps even sooner next 12–17 Oct 91 at the 45th reunion of those of us who were with AFSWP at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, NM "in the olden days."

But there was also a very sad surprise in the sudden death of our classmate **Daugherty ("Snuffy") Smith**, due to congestive heart failure on Thanksgiving day here in Vienna, VA. As some of you may recall, "Snuffy" joined us in the

Jan '43: Our late classmate "Snuffy" Smith & Dot, surrounded by their children, (back row) Stephan, Bruce, Gary and Mason; (front row) Annette, Mark and Christine

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Signal Corps when he graduated and served in Europe (97th Inf Div Sig Co) during WWII. Subsequently, he served in OCSigO (Wash, DC), CINCPAC (HI) and was ch of staff of the UN Strategic Comm Cmd (Korea). "Snuffy" was also a grad of the AWC, the U of WI (MS/EE) and GWU (MA/IR). His survivors incl **Dot**, sons Mason (COL, USA Sig C with the SDI in CO), Gary (LTC, AGC with ODCSPER in VA), Stephan (MAJ, CE and USMA '74 with the Dist Engr in Chicago, IL), Bruce (an engr on the staff at Vint Hill Farms Station, VA, which my father built and cmded during WWII), Mark (a nuclear engr with the Bechtel Corp in Gaithersburg, MD); and daughters Annette Mashburn in Roanoke, VA and Christine McKee in Dayton, OH. Some 13 classmates were present for "Snuffy's" interment in the Arlington Natl Cemetery on 28 Nov 90. We're proud to be your classmates, "Snuffy!"

Jan '43: Members of our Wash contingent at "Snuffy" Smith's interment in the Arlington Natl Cemetery: Bob Baden, Darrie Richards, Hal Roach, Joe Benson, Dee Armstrong, Frank Camm, Bill Knowlton, Fred Spann, Bill Fritz, John Norris, Jim Frankosky and Pat Wardell

In another poignant, but happy, ceremony at WP, **Skip Moore** (**Dan**'s widow), Marge Bowley (wife of John Bowley, Jun '43) and some 13 other mbrs of the Marchand clan gathered in Holleder Ctr on 12 Oct 90 for the unveiling of a portrait of their father, Ray Marchand, who was USMA's soccer and hockey coach from 23–43. Also present for this ceremony were COL Michael Allen '63 (Ch of Staff), who served as the master of ceremonies; **Jim Frankosky**, who played both soccer and hockey under Coach Marchand and who presented a summary of the remembrances of other former USMA soccer and hockey players; **Sid Peterman** (another former hockey star); and the present coaches and cpts of the Army soccer and hockey teams. During the course of the ceremony, Robin Bowley Clark (Marge's daughter) eulogized her grandfather in a short address, and the USMA band played a number of stirring tunes in his memory—to which we add our hearty "Bravo, all ye Marchands!"

Also deserving of our congratulations

Jan '43: Marge Bowley, wife of John Bowley Jun '43, and Skip Moore (Dan's widow) at the unveiling of the portrait of their father (hockey/soccer coach, Ray Marchand) in USMA's Holleder Ctr

are:

• **Bill Fritz**, who received the Franklin Award for Lifetime Achievement as a Rowing Official on 30 Nov 90—a field in which he has excelled for a number of yrs.

• **Jack Wood**, who was presented the George M Chinn Award by the Amer Def Preparedness Assoc on 31 Oct 90 in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the field of small arms and in support of def preparedness. Both Jack

Jan '43: Jim Dempsey, Joe Benson and Ace Elliott agree: it's a great 100th anniv A-N football game!

& Cecily were in town again on 8 Dec 90 to join mbrs of our local contingent in cheering the Army team on to an exciting victory over Navy.

• **Bob McDermott**, who was honored by the Univ of TX (UT) Bd of Regents, which has named its new (still under construction) Clinical Science Bldg at UT's Health Science Ctr (HSC) in San Ant for him. At the same time, the Regents created a new **Alice P McDermott** Distinguished Univ Chair in Molecular Medicine at HSC's Inst of Biotechnology in her honor/memory. Alice was further honored by San Ant's Incarnate Word Col, which dedicated a bldg on its campus in her name.

• **Lee James**, who was the featured speaker at the 4th Wernher von Braun Forum in Huntsville, AL during Oct. Lee was mgr of the Saturn V Launch Vehicle Prog under von Braun.

Jan '43: Members of our San Ant contingent: Mitch Goldenthal, Bill Starnes, Bill Stewart and George Sykes warming up for the holidays and our 48th.

• **Joe Comny**, who, as honorary COL of the Old Guard, assisted the Under Secy of the Army in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the re-opening of the renovated and enlarged Old Guard Museum at Ft Myer, VA.

• **Fly Flanagan**, who published not only his regular article, "Before the Battle," "on soldiering, leadership and professionalism" in the *Army Magazine*, but also an excellent article on "The Airborne: 50 and Still Counting," in which he describes the evolution of US airborne forces from a "test platoon" in 40 to Oper Just Cause in Panama and Desert Shield in the Mid East.

• **"CQ" Croonquist**, who appeared on the PBS TV prog, "Natl Geographic on Assignment," during Oct as a docent at Monterey's famed acquarium. There he was on TV telling a gaggle of children all about a variety of "acquatic critters."

Jan '43: "Pebble beachers" CQ & Phoebe Croonquist at the last Monterey area Founders Day celebration

In other ltrs and foncons from here and there:

• **Brad Lundberg** advised me that he had undergone double by-pass heart surgery at Ft Gordon, GA on 11 Oct 90 and then spent 2 days getting home via air evac. Now he's riding a bike for exercise, but he hopes to be back on the golf course soon.

• **Bill Kyle** confirmed info that Paul Thurston of Bailey, Banks and Biddle at 16th and Chestnut St in Philadelphia, PA 19102 (tel 215-564-6200) is the indi-

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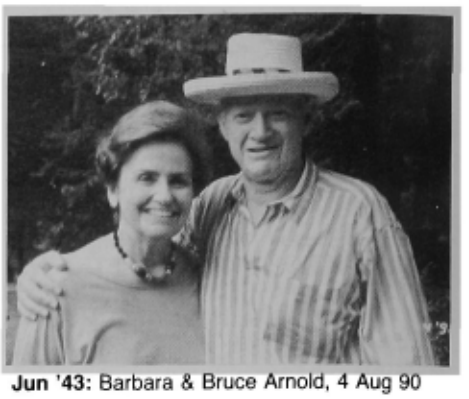
Jan '43: Luncheon at the Indian River Colony Club's "At Ease Club" with Claire & John Courtney, Millie & Brad Lundberg, John & Alice Nazzaro, Barbara & Kirby Gean and Nan & Joe Dover

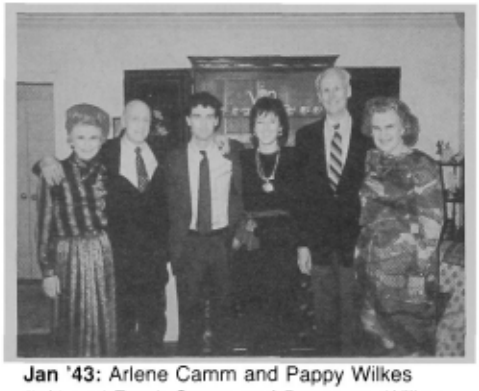
Jan '43: Old Ft Scott USMA Prep Sch colleagues: Pat Wardell, John Ross, Kirby Gean and Ed Doran with then-Com, LTG William S Lawton '22 (Ret). Another colleague, Bill Stewart, was the "snapshooter."



Jun '43: Barbara & Bruce Arnold, 4 Aug 90

vidual to contact if you wish to replace your Class ring or your wife's miniature.

• **Stewart & Suzie MacVeigh** wrote to say that their youngest son Craig (CPT, USMC and an aeronautical engr) is in Saudi Arabia maintaining USMC harrier/VSTOL fighter aircraft while his wife Lil and 3-yr-old son will be visiting them for Christmas.



Jan '43: Arlene Camm and Pappy Wilkes (left) and Frank Camm and Rosemary Wilkes (right) with the Wilkes' daughter (Barbara) and soon-to-be son-in-law (Thomas Sheehan) just prior to their wedding in Wenham, MA on 11 Nov 90

• **John Norris** rep that **Herb Lewis** was in town (DC) to watch his son David (a petroleum engr fm Corpus Christi, TX) participate in the annual USMC marathon on 4 Nov 90. Of Herb's 3 daughters, Margaret is VP of Lakewood Jr Col near Irving, TX; Elizabeth is a lawyer in a large Miami firm; and Nancy is teaching in Bindlach Elementary Sch for Amer dependents in Ger.

• **Jim (J) Cobb** provided the following summary of the responses received by **Bob Bullard** in answer to their invitation to join them for a 11–14 Apr 91 mini-reunion in Atl; yes (46), maybe (37) and no (69), for a total of 152 responses to the 318 ltrs that they dispatched. As Cobbo observed, "Not as good as we hoped for, but I think we'll do better when we send out our next ltr in Jan."

In closing, here are a few more changes of address for your "Roster of classmates & their wives:"

• **Harry & Jan Pritchett**, who moved to 3 Magnolia Crossing, Savannah, GA, 31411, which is actually on Skidaway Isl that was so acclaimed by Willard Scott (the TV weatherman/comic) several yrs ago.

"**Hoppo**" **& Betty May**, who sold their two homes and now reside at 101 Woodmont Dr, Joplin, MO 64801.

• **Bob & Kay Burlin**, whose new Indian River Colony Club address is 1050 Mayflower Ave, Melbourne, FL 32940.

Jun '43

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What a pleasure it was on 27 Nov last to hear the voice of **Felix Kalinski** on the phone from the offs of his "exec search" co in Manchester, NH! (See also this col in Nov 90 *ASSEMBLY*.) "Well," he said, "I'm coming to Wash tomorrow for a short, tightly scheduled business trip. Can you & **Cecile** come to lunch?" I allowed that we would be delighted, so next day we met at a comfortable local pub. Despite a recent bladder oper, from which he was fully recovered, he looked great; and I will speculate that if there are, perhaps, a few of us who can still wear their first class cadet uniforms, Felix is one of them. We exchanged current news of families and classmates, political and med philosophies, and, of course, many a true and thrilling tale of classmates and days of yore. And then, in one brief hr, having made our day, he was gone. (It was most gratifying to me, incidentally, to note that Felix not only reads this col but remembers it!)

Harking back once again to **Surkamps'** last summer's local outing, here is a good pic of the **Arnolds** (another from **Arch Hamblen**'s files).

From southern CA, **Dave Schwartz** sends an update on the semi-annual L.A. A-N golf classic. "On 4 Oct," he says, "we clashed at the Hacienda Country Club as guests of **Jay Wethe**. On the Army side, Jun '43 was represented by Wethe, **Dan Shea**, and Dave Schwartz. Usually, **Dick Wheeler** is with us but had to fall out this time because of illness. There were 6 foursomes, all told, and Army prevailed. . . 49–32. We now lead by 6 matches to 5." Dave, your win was a good omen, a fine precursor to the big Army win over Navy on 8 Dec. I suggest you make this a tradition!

As is now well-known, a gp called the "Jun '43 Chowder and Marching Soc" meets every Fri, except in circumstances most unusual, at Ft Myer for lunch. What is less well-known is that this gp, in addition to eating, drinking, and talking, sometimes also "marches." I quote now from the ops order promulgated by the incomparable **QC Atkinson** who, assisted by **Arch Hill**, conceived, planned, arranged, coordinated, and commanded last fall's march on Sharpsburg, MD. Unclassified extracts follow: "4 Oct 90—classmates and marchers: we march on Antietam Natl Battlefield on Thurs, 25 Oct 90. Rendezvous at my house in Herndon at 0930 hrs. We will hit the IP (my mailbox) at 1000 hrs. Follow me. We will eat lunch at the Bavarian Inn and Lodge in Shepherdstown, WV. The inn is but a few min from the Natl Pk Service Visitor Ctr at the battlefield, where our reserved tour will begin at 1300 hrs. (Note: a volunteer guide was made available through the Pk Service.) We will tour the battlefield by private cars, following the marked route though a series of historical points. Depart for home NLT 1600 hrs. In transitting Charlestown, WV, note well the old Jefferson Co courthouse, where John Brown was tried and hanged." (Cryptic route directions were also included.) So it was written, and so it was done—on a fine fall day much enjoyed by all. Actually, no one hit Quint's mailbox, and no one was hauled into the Charlestown courthouse. The photo (next pg) shows our unit well entrenched at the Bavarian Inn: seated are **Alan Jones, Frank Wood, Arch Hill, JW Krobar**; standing are **Keith Pigg, QC Atkinson, Harry Heintzelman, Dick McAdam, Bill Roos, Bud O'Connor, Jack McGregor** and **Ned Burr**.

From time to time, as news became known, I have rep on **Walt Mitchell**'s

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Jun '43: Jun '43 at Antietam

winning ways on the sr games circuits. Now, in a late-Oct ltr, he writes (in part), "Enclosed is a photo of the Mitchell loot from tennis for 90: 3 golds and a silver. Won a gold in the PA sr games in singles by shedding 15 yrs and playing with the '55's. This qualified me for the US Natl Sr Olympics in Syracuse, NY in the summer of 91. . . . In the 9 US Tennis Assoc tournaments that I played in during 90, I started out in Apr by beating the 15th ranked player, and ended up in Sep with a victory over the 9th ranking player. Now, pull for this '55-yr-old' at Syracuse in 91!" Best of luck to you, Walt, and please keep us posted.

Jun '43: Walt Mitchell with tennis medals from 1990 sr games

Now that our West Wall at Thayer Gate is done (and well-done), our design and construction chm, **Bill Glasgow**, has a less-stressful life at last (after 8 yrs). From the Glasgows' home at the Indian River Colony Comm (IRCC), Melbourne, FL, he allows: "Thought it was about time to update you on the Jun '43 inhabitants of IRCC and environs. We now have in place **Bill & Gloria Dudley** (with a summer home maintained in CO Spr), **Knobby & Yvonne Oswald, Bob & Eleanor Mathe**, snowbird **Bud O'Connor**, and **Bill & Janie Glasgow**. In the 'Suntree' comm adjacent to us are **Cobe Hurley, Bob & Helen Hoffman**, and (since 1 Jan) **Art & Barbara Surkamp**. Nearby on Merritt Isl are **Jane & Jim Walker**. Next to them, at Satellite Beach, are **Lee & Anne Hogan, Ralph & Todie Hallenbeck**, and **Dave Chase**. I think we must be starting to rival the San Ant and southern CA ctrs in Class population. . . . To show you how some of us spend our time, here is a pic of one of your 'retarded' classmates. Life is great down here. The only problem is that there are so many activities, it is hard to get any rest! So Janie & I are going to make the Scandinavia trip with the USMA/AOG crowd this summer. Hope to see you on this exciting cruise."

Jun '43: Glasgow as *really* ret officer

Joe O'Hare, like **Walt Mitchell**, is a sports competitor, but in fencing. However, he racked up his foil long enough to tell me about the late summer vacation he & **Joan** enjoyed. "Our trip began with air travel, 5–6 Sep, to Athens, Greece. Then, on 8 Sep, we embarked at Piraeus aboard the British liner *Cunard Princess* for a two-wk cruise. During the cruise, our ship transitted the Bosphorous and the Black, Aegean, Mediterranean, Ionian, and Adriatic Seas. We had port visits and excursions in Turkey, the USSR, Bulgaria, Greece, and Yugoslavia, with much associated shopping, sightseeing, and entertainment. Our foremost sightseeing activity was our arduous climb to the top of the historic Acropolis mtn at Athens, and visit to its famous Parthenon temple. Noteworthy in Istanbul, Turkey was our visit to the old Ottoman sultans' palace and seraglio, now a museum with multiple renowned exhibits, including the Topkapi emeralds. Entertainment-wise, the Russians prevailed in Odessa, with an Opera House concert by the famed Soviet Army Chorus. Our trip terminated at Venice, Italy on 22 Sep. We made it by bus, then to Milan, and, by air, home." Thanks, Joe.

Jun '43: Joe & Joan O'Hare at the Parthenon

A welcome note from **Joe Weyrick** advises that he & **Norma** spent Thanksgiving with daughter Laura and her family in Columbia, SC. While there they enjoyed an evening with **Bill & Marie Herres**, recalling that Bill and Joe ret out of Ft Jackson at the same time.

Jun '43: Marie & Bill Herres and Joe & Norma Weyrick

During 90, the **Weyricks** and their boat managed two sailing cruises with the Punta Gorda Boat Club, one to St Petersburg in the spring and the other to Clearwater in the fall. At other times they were deeply involved in musical theatre for the Boat Club, with **Norma** as dir and Joe as set designer and painter for a mini-production of *Guys & Dolls*, surpassing last yr's effort (*Music Man*). The shot below is from one of the *Guys & Dolls* big numbers, featuring the unidentified blonde 3rd from the left.

Jun '43: "Take back your mink!"

Joe Weyrick, having noticed in this col last fall that I had endured a small "TIA," wrote that he had had a similar affliction several yrs ago, but without lasting ill effect or repetition. This news cheered me up quite a bit. At least as much as the comment from **Jack the Duke of Noval**, who called to say, "I don't know what 'TIA' is; but I suppose it's better than 'KIA.'" Right on, Jack . . . still rolling all the time, aren't you? Incidentally, since his bypass surgery last yr, Jack has lost 30 lbs and, having been constrained to do exercise, is brimming with vigor. . . . An item now by courtesy of **Jack McGregor**, who has brought me a copy of *Air Force Magazine* for Nov 90. Therein, complete with

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handsome pics, is a feature on the Aerospace Education Foundation, pointing out that **Jim Keck** has been re-elected as chm of the bd of that org. Congratulations, Jim, as you continue service to the service!

I could hear the skirling of the pipes playing the "Berkshire Highlanders March" as I opened the ltr from the composer of that march, none other than **Jr Lloyd**, writing from Lenox, MA. Some mos ago, the old pipemaster said, "I had the pleasure of leading a tour of WP by mbrs of the Berkshire Council of the Navy League, of which I am a charter mbr, and I was very proud to be able to show them our Thayer Gate. It took some doing to set the tour up on a wkend when there would be a parade. Anyway,

Jun '43: Jr Lloyd at Thayer Gate—in the rain

it went all right. They got the parade off before it rained, and my Navy friends were highly impressed. So much so that they want to go again, which I will try to arrange to include the museum at its new location." Jr, it was great to hear from you. (Have you and your pipers cut a record? I want one.)

Last time it was my sad duty to rep the death of **Clare Farley** on 31 Aug 90, followed by the interment at WP on 11 Sep. At that time, I met and talked with Brian Farley, the second son of Clare & **Jane**. Learning that Brian was based in Dallas, I suggested that he get in touch with our Jun '43 brethren there. And so it happened. The Dallas gp meets, usually, on the 3rd Thurs of the mo. **Howard Coffman** writes that Brian was the guest at the Oct lunch mtg at the Dallas Country Club. As Howard said, "It was great to get acquainted with him." In the pic nearby are (seated) Howard Coffman, Brian Farley, and **Bud Bolling**; and (standing) **Hal Parfitt, Jim Wade,** and **Chuck Spieth**.

If you have your *ASSEMBLY* for Sep 90 and if you turn to pg 89, you will see a pic taken by **Mary Davenport** in Feb 90 of a smiling **Dale McGee**, jauntily wearing his old tar bucket. On the next pg, is a photo of the McGees and the **Tommy Tomlinsons** and **Cecile Cover** taken in Jun at the McGees' home in St Augustine, FL. Now I have to tell you that Dale, after a short final illness, died at St

Jun '43: Brian Farley joins Jun '43 in Dallas

Luke's Hosp, Jacksonville, FL at 0030 hrs on Mon, 5 Nov 90. For some yrs, he had suffered from systemic difficulties, and, in the end, death was due to multiple causes from internal system failures. A memorial service was conducted at the Old Episcopal Church in St Augustine on 7 Nov, with a color guard provided by a local mil unit and with participation by classmates **Tommy Tomlinson**, who gave an impressive eulogy, and **Ed Wright**, who read the Cadet Prayer. Then, on 9 Nov—it was a fine, sunny, crisp day—Dale was interred at Arlington Natl Cemetery with mil honors provided by the 3d Inf (the Old Guard) and graveside services conducted with impressive reverence by MAJ Gilman, the 3d Inf Chaplain. About 30 Jun '43 classmates & wives were present, a goodly number, made possible by the fact that info became known here in time to get the word out. The interment was followed by a reception at the Arlington Cemetery admin bldg. There, classmates, wives, and other friends were able to visit with **Helen**, and to express condolences to her and the McGee daughters and their families and to others who had come from far off. Soon thereafter Helen returned home, and may still be reached at 321 Oglethorpe Blvd, St Augustine, FL 32084. The sympathy of the Class goes out to her and the whole family.

Now, as I bring this column to a close, our Nation seems poised on the brink of war, looking forward to a tentative (?) deadline of 15 Jan 91. By the time you read this, in all likelihood, the die will be cast. If war comes, it will be the first big one we have missed. Our successors will go forward into action. God bless them all, and our Nation.

'44

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The Oct 90 newsltr of the Friends of the WP Library features a well-written article by CPT **Aloysius A Norton**, US Maritime Svc (Ret) on the org's history and goals. A companion article rep 30 Canadians honored **Jack Combs** on his 70th birthday with $1800 in gifts to the Library Friends. Reading further along in this companion piece, not Al's, I was intrigued by this sentence: "Having pursued Noriega, we now understand he is off with the 82nd Airborne Div in pursuit of Saddam Hussein." Diagram, COL Wheat?

Returning from CA, where we welcomed a new grandson, we were saddened to learn on arrival home of the loss, in his 35th yr, of Frederick Irving **Maish**, one of the two splendid sons of **Alex & Betty** and beloved grandson and namesake of our now-90-yr-old plebe-yr Commandant and later Supe, Gen Irving. The service at St Columba's Episcopal Church in Wash, attended by scores of classmates and friends, was a touching tribute of thanksgiving for the life of a brilliant young man taken in his prime, and testimony by their friends to the dedication of his parents in their gallant and uncomplaining support of his life-long battle with cystic fibrosis. Our sympathy is extended here, on behalf of those of you who could not be there, to Fred's wife, Alex & Betty and all the family.

In CA for part of summer with son, the **Hendricksons** had **Sylvia & Harry Clayton** over from Sacramento. In the foursome's visit to **George & Pat Pappas** in San Rafael, **Les** made a real "entrance" by driving his son's BMW through George's (unopened) garage doors! After all, what are friends for?

After spending the summer in the mtns, the troops returned to Central FL. **Patty & Spike Geltz** from TN; **Pat & Harry Grace** and **Lynn & Mac McKeever** from the Carolinas. By the time this is written, **Dick & Dottie McPherson** should also have returned to Orlando from their Appalacian summer home. **Martha Hendrickson**, leaving **Les** at home, gathered up one beautiful daughter from Orlando and another from San Fran for a couple of wks in Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Singapore. In Singapore, our daughter Lynn, who lives there with her French diplomat husband and 3/4 of your scribe's grandchildren, had them for dinner at her (95% Chinese) Pinetree "Country Club" which lies adjacent to downtown Singapore, and an evening in some of the more exotic spots on that Mandarin Chinese Isl—best and cleanest city between Honolulu and Vienna, westbound, and one of the safest in the world, sez I. There's a $500 fine to fail to flush a public loo.

At his May 90 change-of-cmd of the 16th Engr Bn in Furth, Ger, LTC Bruce Scott (son of **Winfield Scott**) is shown surrounded by MAJ Ralph Graves (son of **Ernest Graves**), MAJ Carol Smith Graves (daughter of **Fred Smith** and wife of MAJ Ralph Graves) and CPT Karen Lindell (daughter of **Kermit Lindell** and married to CPT Aniello Tortora of the 16th). Equal credits go to Ruthie, Nancy,

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Kitty and Karen's mother, whose name appears in no document or roster I have here in the middle of the night. First we were fighters, then lovers (see cut), now just tall-tale tellers, swollen with pride!

1944: '44 sons and daughters, May 90: Graves & (Smith) Graves, Scott & (Lindell) Tortora, 16th Engr Bn, Furth, Ger

In Oct, **Ralph Sciolla** and **Kay & Bob Selton** got off the beaten track and out in God's country. Wisely, they stayed with **George & Betty Wear**, way up the CO River before the AZ and CA people start siphoning. The scene of Betty and 3

1944: Sciolla, George & Betty Wear, and Selton at Maroon Bells, CO

1944: George Wear, Bob Selton, Ralph Sciolla and JR Flynn (in front), CO, Oct 90

thugs is at Maroon Bells, one of Aspen's great views, in winter, too. The male foursome looks mighty well-preserved, and the sixsome shows three pretty ones mighty young to be out with those old codgers.

At our annual Class Christmas dinner dance on 6 Dec at Army-Navy Country Club, the ladies were mighty stylish in

1944: (back) Ralph Sciolla, JR Flynn and Bob Selton; and (front) Kay Selton, Nancy Flynn and Betty Wear

their long dresses, short dresses and slinky evening trousers (?). There was a bit more color peeping out from 'neath tuxedo jackets. All were pleased to have present **Sylvia McElvey** Gilchrist & husband, **Mary O'Brien, Jan Steel**, here from Little Rock visiting her son, Louise Vitullo, and Gen & Mrs Dick Stilwell '38. The dance music was 1941–43, **Annette Sullivan**'s table decorations were elegant, our club's new chef continued his excellent output and **Pat O'Donnell's** overall arrangements were festive, aside from one engr who, *sans* calculator, was a bit slow making change. We owe them, and all others who aided, our thanks for a fine evening.

With a brief wkend respite, the dance was followed by a 10 Dec stag luncheon at Secy Army Mess. **Jim Young**, up from Tidewater with **Helen** for the Navy Game with the **Maishes**, stayed over; no others outside a 50-mi radius were noted, although **Parson, White, Carl** and **Jack Peterson** logged some mi coming in from the scenery VA is famous for.

Earlier this yr, the Class offs adopted a program to give an engraved gift to each grandchild of a classmate graduating from any of the 5 service acads; **Bob Morrison** is prog mgr. Budgeted at up to $100 (1990), the presentations made during '44 reunion yrs will be incorporated in reunion programs, as feasible. The Class of '91 has Carter **Rogers**, grandson of our **Harry L III**, in Jun to be the 6th Rogers Army off and the 4th from USMA. We'll rep the presento next Jun! And there's a brother Bryant, a plebe, whom we will "plate" at our 50th in 94 if he stays pro and we stay around!

Which brings to mind two topics troubled about in our usual unlearned and jousting luncheon discourse. All of us, even Class baby **Ernie Graves**, have reached the "zone of consideration" for permanent residence in Arlington Cemetery. In funerals and memorials of classmates who are to be interred at Arlington Class of '44 wives, in conjunction with the Arlington Ladies, already have done and continue to do much to give comfort and warmth to these sad occasions. However, another need has appeared: we have seen at some ceremonies the recital of bare-bones data by a well-intentioned chaplain, doing his best to fashion a eulogy for someone he has never met. Upon the family's tel request to any Class off (or any of us), we will select an available classmate (or two) to present a eulogy to assure that every classmate interred in Arlington is eulogized with substantive commendatory remarks to augment the dignity and comfort of the occasion from someone who has known or been associated with him in life.

Riding shotgun to the foregoing, we are trying to get obituaries on all classmates. As you may know, the surviving next-of-kin owns the obituary. So we encourage each of you to prepare his own, in draft, to increase the likelihood that there will be one and that it prints things about you that you would like. (You can even specify a pre-written obituary in your will if it doesn't have too much fiction!) Too, it will avoid the burden on your old classmates later and the temptation for them to tell the plainer truth about you because you were felony-lazy.

Further to your reputation as a tall-tale teller, be thinking of how you would like to be remembered in *The Class of 1944 Fifty Years After D-Day*. There is a strong consensus that the name of *every* classmate will appear in that volume. If you don't input your story (or stories), "gee-whiz" or history-making, a small anonymous group will decide what is to be written about you. Your lawsuit will have to queue! Seriously, each of you has contributed to great events and we aim to make a track on the sands of time about this last bunch of guys to enter the Acad before WWII. We'll poop-sheet you later in the spring.

THE HALL MEMORIAL, WASH NATL CATHEDRAL: On 24 Sep, the provost of the Natl Cathedral dedicated the Hall Memorial, which was built by a bequest from our classmate **Gerald D Hall** in memory of his mother, Rose Hapner Hall. By action of the bldg comm, the gatehouse at North Road and a low stone wall, topped by a graceful wrought-iron railing along the Wisconsin Ave urban edge of the cathedral grounds, were designated as a memorial to both mother and son. The attractive new gatehouse at the edge of the Wisconsin Ave sidewalk serves as an assembly place for groups of visitors arriving by bus to be first greeted by docents. Following psalms and our responses, the provost offered prayers for Rose and Gerald Hall and ended: "on behalf of the bishop and Chapter of the Wash Natl Cathedral we accept this beautifully planned, constructed, and appropriate bounding of and entrance to Oak Grove, the Walker Memorial Court, and the gates of the Cathedral Church of Sts Peter and Paul. In highest thanksgiving

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for the Hall Memorial, the gift of these hospitable preparations, we now ask the blessing of Almighty God upon them and do dedicate them to the Glory of God, the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, Amen."

Looking over this text, subject matter seems a little gloomy. However, so far I have not found advancing age to be so bad—in light of the alternative—as long as we don't take it and ourselves too seriously. I was again chided from TX, things being slow in the oil patch, about all-too-familiar names appearing here. Well, folks, I try to avoid rostering too much on our social events, but like to note those who have worked or traveled a way to join us. Told you 20 yrs ago that I wouldn't plead for your "cards and ltrs," so it's just WISHIWYG; What I see/hear is what you get. Happy Holidays, including Valentine's! GSOYP, A!

'45

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With a successful 45th reunion behind us, our Bd of Govrs are already making the initial plans for our 50th reunion. Experience at other Class 50th reunions shows that about 2/3 of the living mbrs of a class attend the 50th. Therefore, the bd has appointed Jim Herbert to investigate housing for as many as 400 classmates & their wives. The bd has also taken steps to define our 50th reunion gift(s) to WP and to start the fund raising. They also authorized presentation of Class medallions to our 45th reunion Class aides.

1945: 45th Reunion at Executive Park Inn, Suffern, NY

At the 45th reunion **Harry Shaw** suggested that regional reps could help gather Class news for our Class col and send it to me. Any of you who are willing to gather news and pix in your area please write or phone. I'll welcome your assistance and will tell you how best to go about it.

John Tyler sent me the reunion pix. The 91 schedule of monthly men's luncheons in the Secy Army dining rm, 3C668 Pentagon is: 13 Mar; 10 Apr; 8 May; 12 Jun; 10 Jul; 21 Aug; 11 Sep; 9 Oct; 13 Nov; and 11 Dec. If you'll be in DC area at any of these times give **Hap Argo** a call at (703) 780-5895 for reservations NLT 0900 day of luncheon. Hap says if any are interested in other DC area social events, call him about details. Tentative schedule for 91: 17 Feb—GW birthday brunch; 25 May—spring party and mtg; Jul—picnic; Late Oct—dinner party; 6–8 Dec—A-N game micro-reunion; 15 Dec—Christmas party.

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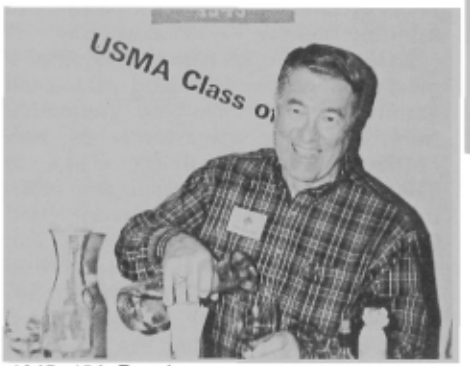

1945: 45th Reunion

In other news, **Hap** said that two of his 5 active-duty kids are now in the Middle East and reckoned that many of us have sons and daughters there by now. He & **Jane** attended a most enjoyable cocktail party hosted by **Karl & Ellen Liewer** at their home on Military Rd in Nov. Among those present were Class mbrs **Lindens, Williams, Groves, Boilers, Allens, Callahans, Ives, Fitzpatricks, McDaniels** and **Jimsy Hanket**.

Jimsy Hanket wrote that the "pig-party" comm had a get-together at **Ray & Gillian Jones**' home in Nov. They had such a good time planning the '45 Class picnic last summer that they had to gather again just for the pleasure of it.

1945: "Pig-party" comm, DC area: (standing) George Daoust and Ray Jones; (middle) Bill Ochs, Art Hanket, Mac McDaniel and Jimsy Hanket; (front) Nuchi McDaniel, Lucy Daoust and Gillian Jones

The 29 Oct issue of *US News and World Report* had a cover story about the Vietnam War, and specifically the battle in the Ia Drang Valley in Nov 65. The principal US unit was **Hal Moore**'s 1/7 Cav Bn which was opposed by NVA 325-B Div. The writer of the article was Joe Galloway, the only correspondent on the scene 25 yrs ago. In Aug-Sep, *US News* invited Hal to join two of their staff mbrs for a trip to Vietnam. Hal had hoped to visit the Highlands where he'd been during the war, but they were kept in the Hanoi-Haiphong area. He did get to talk to one of the NVA commanders who opposed him during the Ia Drang battle, MG Hoang Minh Phuong, and with Gen Vo Nguyen Giap. Hal said they

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traveled in a Soviet TU-134 aircraft from Bangkok to Hanoi and flew over "Thud Ridge" and hundreds of bomb craters. He thought of **Jack Broughton** and hundreds of others who flew out of Thailand during the war. From Hal's ltr: "During my talk with Gen Phuong he placed an 'X' on my map where he was located about 4 1/2 km to NE. I asked him: 'When the battle began, did you head for the battlefield?' His reply, 'No, I went the other way.' After Joe Galloway and I finished talking with Gen Giap about the Ia Drang and the American war in Vietnam, we had a good session on Dien Bien Phu. He told us he'd just finished an article titled 'My Most Difficult Decision.' He described how, in early 54, he was to start an attack at 1700 with wave-type assaults. At 1400 he cancelled and several days later began the siege by digging trenches to ea outpost to be less vulnerable to air and artillery. At the beginning of our talk, Giap joked that we didn't have to worry about being bombed now while we talk. About an hr into it he handed Joe and me ea a banana from a bowl in front of him, remarking, 'Please enjoy this. It's not contaminated by herbicide.' Overall my talks with Phuong and Giap were amiable—no tenseness at all—and strictly prof, soldier to soldier."

1945: Hal Moore and Gen Giap, Hanoi, Nov 90

Hal has been a "visiting prof" at USAF Acad for the last 4 yrs, teaching a few days once or twice a year. He teaches about the Vietnam War, the Korean War, and battlefield leadership. In mid-Oct 90, he was on a panel there, together with Senator McGovern, William Bundy and Gen Ginsburgh (USAF, Ret).

Bob Waddington and **Rolfe Hillman** wrote me about an article in the 28 Oct *NY Times Magazine*. Pre-cadet friend of some of our ex-classmates, Nancy Taylor Evans, sent me a copy of it. It was a profile of **James Salter**. The author wrote about Jim: "At age 65, he has been a writer and nothing else for nearly 20 yrs, and that's how he'd like to be known." You may remember that Jim was on AF active duty for 12 yrs and was in the movie bus for 10 yrs. Now he says that time isn't worth talking about. Concerning WP and his AF time, he says: "I've done my best to forget almost everything they taught me." Jim is known as a writer's writer these days and was awarded the PEN/Faulkner Award for excellence in writing in 89.

John Ferguson has info on the 50th reunions for high sch classes in Fayetteville, NC. They are to be held in May 91. Contact Ferg.

Rolfe Hillman sent me a copy of **Bill Sibert**'s homily at the 45th Reunion memorial service. Bill had reconstructed it from his notes. If you'd like a copy, send Rolfe a self-addressed stamped envelope. Rolfe has the VA car tag with 0–27661. **Carl Fischer** has NJ tag USMA-45 and **Art Fridl** has it for DE. Carl told me that he has attended 7 consecutive reunions at WP—15th through 45th.

1945: Hap Macintire's and Rolfe Hillman's cars with special tags

27 Oct was the occasion **Dan Silverman** was presented with the Mayor's Annual Achievement Award, Industry Category, by the city of Kenner, LA Tourist Commission (New Orleans area). Dan is Chm Bd of Natl Environmental Controls and Chemfix Technologies. Congrats to Dan!

Here's the Carlisle, PA area report, thanks to **Wag Wagonhurst**: **Frank Kane** ret from his position as secy-treas of Army War Col Alumni Assn. He intends to spend more time on grandchildren, travel, and other pursuits. **Rocky Tierno** was unable to be at 45th because he has had a "running" battle with an orthopaedic surgeon. Rocky has had several surgeries on his left knee and faces another in Jan.

The 90 Ironman report from **Larry Fox** said there were 16 starters over 65 yrs old—9 in 65–69 category and 7 over 70. Because of high winds during bicycle phase, only 3 finished: A 71-yr-old man from Denmark; a 66-yr old from W Ger; and Larry, making him the oldest American and second in his age gp to finish. Most of the non-finishers didn't complete bicycle phase within the maximum allowable time. I asked Larry to give me a few facts about the Ironman Triathlon in HI. In 90 there were 1350 competitors from 50 states and 49 countries. The 3 events are a 2.4 mi swim, starting and finishing at Kailua pier on Kona coast of the big isl of HI; a 112-mi bike race starting at the pier and going up and back along the coast, finishing at Keauhou; and a 26.2-mi run from Keauhou to vic of airport and back to Kailua pier. In 89 the fastest overall time was 8 hr 9 1/4 min by a 31-yr-old CA man. Larry trains most of the yr and qualifies in one of the approved mainland triathlons. This yr he qualified on 8 Apr at Crawfishman Challenge Triathlon in Manderville, LA. He arrives in HI the wk before the event to get some ocean swimming practice. Congrats to Larry for participating in an event *Sports Illustrated* has termed "lunatic."

1945: Larry Fox, Ironman Triathlon, Kona, HI, 6 Oct 90

Mary Jane & I sat beside **Dick Chidlaw** at the Army-Vanderbilt football game. It was a high-scoring exciting game which Army won in the last two min. We enjoyed seeing Dick, who had made the 180-mi trip from Knoxville for the game here in Nashville.

We've lost 3 mbrs of our Class family. **Art Fridl** wrote that **Larry Hardin** and he left our reunion hotel together the last night and were talking about how great it was and looking forward to the 50th. Larry was killed in an auto accident in Odessa, DE on 22 Oct. Art and **Dick West** were at the funeral on 27 Oct. Burial was at WP. **Eleanor** is staying at their home in Odessa. **Bill Farrar** died at his home on 14 Nov. Funeral was on 16 Nov with **John & Nancy Ferguson** attending. Burial was in Peninsula Memorial Pk. Bill's widow, **Louise**, remains at their home in Newport News, VA. **Bob Burgess**' wife, **Alice**, died from cancer on 23 Nov. She was buried in Arlington, VT. Bob continues to live at their home in Arlington. Our thoughts are with the families and friends of ea of these.

I'm writing this as the Christmas season approaches. Here's hoping ea of you had a holiday season with families and friends full of happiness and joy.

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'46

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It was a fitting way for Jim Young to cap off his coaching career at Army. **Ethel** & I, with our hosts **Jack & Betty Barth**, certainly enjoyed the win over Navy after having sat in the extreme cold last yr, only to lose it in the last seconds. We were also joined by the Art Kleins, son of '22, and the Larry Parrs, whose son-in-law is Class of '76. So now the series is 100 yrs old and all tied up!

Our Class godson John Buckner Schmitt & his wife have made **John & Elsa Schmitt** proud grandparents when young John's daughter Tanya was born recently in CA. Their other son Mike has ret from the AF as a LTC and now works in the DC area with a think tank.

A long ltr from **Kent Berge** with his travels this past yr—seems he's been almost everywhere. Aside from his many trips in the western USA, he was in New Zealand, Turkey, AK, the Balinese and Javenese Highlands and Mexico, not necessarily in that order. As many of you know, he does a lot of solo hiking throughout the world and certainly must be in the best of condition. He also mentioned spending a lot of time out there with the wild animals—turtles, whales, dolphins, bears, elk, deer, eagles, hawks and skunks. He plans to join us next fall for reunion.

It seems appropriate at this time to bring you all up-to-date on the work that **Jack McWhorter** is doing. He certainly has taken on a big job. I had failed to include in my last article data from his Aug 90 ltr to me which stated that he has located the widows of **Herrold Brooks** and **Glenn Dettrey** and they have agreed to let Jack do the obituaries. **Bill Bamber** finally located **Inez Gay** in CT, and she too has agreed to let Jack do an obituary. So far he has in the pipeline obituaries through the Sep 91 issue of *ASSEMBLY*. Since that ltr Jack has written to say he has located the widow of **Wally Burnside** and the families of **ES Van Deusen** and **Bill Culpepper**. That now leaves only 9 from his original list of 101 for whom no family has been located. That's terrific! The list: **John L Bennett**, died in Albuguerque in 52; **Charles E Bonner**; **Edward M Carr**; **Robert F Dickson**; **Robert L Eyman**; **Jerome V Halloran**, died in San Diego in 79; **Charles J Hauenstein**; **Thomas R McCormick**; and **William C Powers**. If anyone knows any family mbr or widow of the above, please let Jack know.

Jack has asked me to put the following in the col so that I would not have to dwell on a not-so-pleasant subject. Hopefully, you all read his piece on obituaries in the Nov 90 *ASSEMBLY*. Our Class is reaching a crucial point in time. Actuarial tables predict that we will start decreasing in nos at an avg rate of 29/yr up to our 60th Reunion. At that time we will number just 254. Even if Jack lives that long, there is no way he can keep up getting obituaries written. The writing will be no problem but he can't do the research as he does now. This means that ea of us must do something about his own obituary. In Jack's piece, he talked about a guide prepared to help along these lines. He is sending it out as he writes to classmates but this is a slow process. He could use some help from people in areas high in density of classmates who would be willing to pass them out. Please call Jack at 512-896-4070 or write him at Box 984, Kerrville, TX 78029. Thanks.

Stan Love states he has ret, having closed his domestic manufacturing plant and, under license of the "Love" name, is now manufacturing children's wear in the Philippines for USA sales in 91. His 70-yr-old co still goes on but he is now concentrating on real estate and brand-name licensing. Can't call that being ret, Stan! This past summer, to bid farewell to all his friends in the industry, he sponsored a show at the Costume Inst of the Metro Museum of Art. The show featured childrens' wear from the 18th and 19th centuries and up to 1923, and was a study on how adults perceived their children and dressed them as clones until the 1920's, when finally the kids asserted themselves. At the opening party, **Ralph Ellis, Penny Zorn** and Bob Woods '45 were in attendance. Stan's son William received his master's in intl affairs, with language specialty in Japanese, and daughter Victoria received her master's from Columbia in social work. She is now associated with the Karen Horney Clinic in NYC as a psychotherapist. He has recently returned from a trip to Danzig, Warsaw, Prague and Budapest under State and DOD auspices, and met with Lech Walesa and Shirley Temple Black, our ambassador to Czechoslovakia.

Necrology: **Art Hansen** wrote to advise that his wife of 44 yrs, **Peg**, passed away last summer after a brief illness. **Charles G "Chuck" Memminger** passed away 8 Oct 90 in Honolulu after a long neurological illness. He was buried at the Natl Cemetery of the Pacific. To both Art and **Mary Anne**, Chuck's wife, and their families, may I express the heartfelt sympathies of the Class.

I received info from both **Arthur "Bill" Moore** and **Hal Horne** about **Chuck**. Bill mentioned that he, along with **Jim Johnson** and **Al Wood**, had visited Chuck in the last yr or so and saw the "world class" love and care that Mary Anne showered on Chuck. Hal is still sr Army Inst with a JROTC unit in HI—feels he's the oldest still in uniform. He gets to visit with **Joe & Polly Jordan** and sees **Truman Boudinot** from time to time, as well as **Dave & Mele Peters**. Dave is ret from his job in Sen Inouye's off but is still active in politics, out with signs to support Akaka's run for re-election in the Senate. Hal also mailed a copy of the obituary in the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*. It was very informative and I only wish I had the space to include it here.

The remainder of this article will be presented exactly as received from **Kibbey Horne**, via **Rus Burn**, who included the nearby photo in the transmission of the poop. The Hornes have

1946: Armor get-together, Santa Fe, Sep 90

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moved; see latest *Register* for their new address.

The big news from the West was the reunion of the Armor mbrs of our class in Santa Fe, NM from 19–22 Sep. There were 44 classmates originally commissioned in Cavalry (and eternally grateful that there were no horse-mounted units to be assigned to), who were joined over the yrs by 16 more classmates who transferred in from other branches. Of the 55 tankers still surviving, 26 showed up in Santa Fe. The whole reunion was planned and administered by **Rus & Mary Van Burn**, who deserve some sort of medal for devotion above and beyond—they actually spent the night in 12 different Santa Fe hotels a yr ago to check out which one would be best.

Besides reminiscing, eating and partying at every opportunity, activities included a day's bus tour north to Taos and some of the other pueblos, and for the adventurous, hot-air ballooning out of Albuquerque. The balloonists included the **Burns, Jack & Mary Burney, Jim Day, Fee & Jane Hardin, George & Betty Otte, Will & Chris Persons,** and **Jack Schram**. Local sightseeing on one's own occupied a lot of time as well. The lucky ones got in on a tour of a sculpture foundry where **Bill McMaster** held an impromptu seminar on casting monumental sculpture. He has become quite a sculptor and woodcarver.

The Northeast was represented by a single couple, **Jack & Mary Burney** from RI, although the DC area provided more: **Ben & Biquet Landis** and **Frank & Barbara Richter** from MD, and **Stan & Winelda Blum** and **Minter & Hope Wilson** from VA. A big contingent came from the South: **Andy & Jule LaMar** from AL; **Jack & Mercedes Cassidy** from FL; **Will & Chris Persons, Harry & Marie Smythe,** and **Matt Wallis** from GA (ask Wallis sometime what happened to the chimneys of his antebellum plantation house); **Will & Beebe Joffrion** from LA; and from SC, **Jack & Ann Gilham, Norm & Anne Stanfield,** and **John & Connie Treadwell**.

In view of the location, not surprisingly there was strong representation from the West: from CA, there were **Kibbey & Peggy Horne, Art & Karma Lochrie, Bill McMaster** (the altitude in Santa Fe was too high for **Polly** to come along), **George & Betty Otte**, and **Jack Schram**; from CO, **Leon & Jan Musser** (with Leon's right arm in a cast from an old skiing injury), **Phil & Dolores Rogers**, and **Mase Rumney**; **Rus & Mary Van Burn** were the overworked NM contingent; while TX provided **Dick & Sue Fuller** and **Dick & Gina Crane**. You have to admire Dick Crane. . . for a Class of '45 artyman to fit in so well with this bunch takes real fortitude. The Middle West was almost as thin on the ground as the Northeast: **Jim Day** from OH (**Peggy** couldn't make it) and **Fee & Jane Hardin** from IL.

Except for **Musser**'s bandaged arm, which is temporary, everybody looked in good shape, all things considered. One CA rep, complete with wavy white hair and deep tan, was in fact referred to by a dyspeptic Eastern classmate as looking "like an Anglo Cesar Romero." Only a few are still working: **Blum** helps the Smithsonian run tours; **Burney** just can't bring himself to give up making money on the stock mkt; **Landis** is still the sr partner in a legal admin firm (the fact that he has 5 female jr partners may have something to do with his staying on); and **Rogers** has just started running a mental health ctr for VISTA.

New Orleans is hereby placed on warning. Armor '46 intends to do the same thing again there in 92. That should give them enough time to rest up.

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You all received in Nov, a personalized Class ltr and, in Dec/Jan period, an update from **Bob Rosen** re the 45th Reunion. Ltrs to **Van Petten, Egger, Zimmer** and **Kremser** were returned for "forwarding address expired." For **Brannon, Cofield, Kettner, Landis, Molnar, McKnight** (all presumably living classmates) I have "unknown addresses." **Don Krause** has moved to 6034 Variel Av, Woodland Hls, CA 91365; **Dave Jarvis**, to 8817 Stoney Point Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89134. There are now 63 deceased classmates, and there are 82 classmates who do not subscribe to *ASSEMBLY*.

Info from those responding to the Class letter follows: **George Goldsborough** remains, despite age 65, a hard-working (60+ hrs a wk) trial lawyer in Wash, DC and Easton, MD. We must give him much credit for having fully educated 7 children. I understand that the cost of Harvard is going up to $30,000/yr next yr! **Pat & Doc Haskin** rep greater than normal '47 activity in the El Paso area: **John Paules** traveled south to attend a 33rd FA Bn reunion. **JoAnn** remained in Wash teaching stained glass classes, and Doc and John played in a local golf tournament. **Jane & John Mastin**, on an Airstream rally to Anthony, TX, called for support when they discovered a broken rear axle on their trailer. They received the usual fine southern TX hospitality from the **Haskins**. Later, Pat & Doc made a fantastic trip to Scotland, England and Ger, revisiting old residences and playing golf at St Andrews.

I believe the **Jarvises** moved to their new address (note above) because of health/money difficulties, leaving their 4 children and 6 grandchildren back in CA. **Dave** has developed a life-threatening liver problem which is not covered by Medicare. He needs a new liver soon; the up-front cost will be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. He has written to numerous govt agencies in an attempt to have Medicare health changes approved sooner. **Evelyn** recently discovered she has 90% blocked heart arteries. **Mike Greenberg**, now living at 16161 Ventura Blvd, Suite C839, Encino, CA 91436, and apparently still working very hard, also wrote me of Dave Jarvis' plight.

Many thanks to **Marilyn Halligan** for sending me long new newspaper articles from the *NY Times* and the *LA Times* published in Oct extolling **Brent Scowcroft**. I trust that many of you picked up on the articles, or saw him on cable TV almost every day during Oct/Nov. He continues to look trim and fit despite continuous triple duty. **Milt Chamberlain** rep that he now has received a long-sought-after '47 *Howitzer* from Duncan '50. He is back working with Seymour Foods, Inc, which apparently required additional leadership, at temporary address of RR#1-Box 135, Holton, KS 66436 (tel: 913-364-2810). In Sep, **Mary & Jim Colburn** attended an Elderhostel on "The Eisenhower Yrs" in Abilene, KS. They learned that it is now being rep that "The Eisenhower Yrs" were not bad. Need I, at this time, compare the Nixon and Johnson yrs with the Eisenhower yrs?! **Tom Benson** says it is always a pleasure to meet classmates in Lewes, DE. Recently (Oct) **Ruth & Tom** had lunch with **Mockie & Mike Maloney** and **Dixie & Harry Kain** in Lewes. They later traveled to Georgetown, DC to **Bernie Abrams**' daughter Janet's house for a gathering with **Elise & Bob Haldane** and **Buck Fernandez** for the celebration. Bernie Abrams was honored on 15 Oct at the AUSA mtg in Wash, DC by being presented with the 90 GEN Creighton W Abrams Medal for service to the Army. Tom states that he is still giving 4–5 art classes a wk (some in the local jail); Ruth stays busy at the sr ctr and with her passion for singing. **Bill**

1947: Bernie Abrams receiving GEN Creighton W Abrams award

Woldenberg is reiterating his two goals: to survive healthily until the time of the 50th Reunion; and, at the 50th, to run a 16-km race with all other classmates

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early, before Sun morning church. I have a feeling that Bill will win this jogging race (if he should survive so long). I look forward to seeing Bill again at the 50th if not sooner. **Raul Roca** is trying to plan a mini in 91 down in Mexico. Make your preference of location known: Acapulco, Pt Vallarta or San Miquel Allende (only 45 min drive from Queretaro). SM Allende was written up with pic in Dec 90 *National Geographic*. **Henry Paul** prefers SMA. I doubt whether there would be any Mexican Nat Sr tennis tourneys held there. **Todd Mallett**, a neighbor of Raul, is now in Asheville, NC, presumably on temporary visit.

Jack Tully has returned an excellent rep covering a suggested Class project for 50th reunion (restoration of Battle Monument) which he researched at WP recently. I know he put in a lot of effort, and he insists that he remains willing to continue any leg-work required at WP. **Wayne Hauck** has come up with some pretty good suggestions for developing an agenda for our Class org at the 45th. **Joy & George Dell** sent me a note recently relating the sad news of **John Lowry** passing away on 4 Oct 90 at the San Luis Obispo Hosp after a long and valiant battle against cancer. They drove up to attend Service Mass, held at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Arroyo Grande. The Class extends deepest sympathy to John's wife, **Dee**, 4 sons and two grandsons who were present at the service, and to the rest of John's family. John taught at Cal Poly in the Math Dept from 1962–88 and was a resident of Arroyo Grande for more than 30 yrs. George is working ever as hard as a "rent-a-judge." He has the help of daughters, Adrienne, a trial lawyer in criminal defense work, and Gloria, a paralegal. **Lannie & Jack Dunham** visited the Dells a few days during latter part of the summer.

Both the **Wrights** and the **Maloneys** are now in Naples, FL getting tan and, once again, getting efficiently ready for the mini in Feb. **Sue & Mal**'s two sons with wives and 4 grandchildren gathered at Thanksgiving in Naples. A big turkey, rather than closeby-caught fish, was the main dish for the meal. **Bev & Bob Rosen** were busy traveling again this summer in CO, WY and SD (Natl Pks and WY Centennial Wagon Train), where the main attraction was the annual visit to daughter Jackie in Cody. Later, in Scandinavia, they ran into **June & Ray Hails** in City Hall in Oslo and to Laurie Eek '50 in the hotel dining room in Bergen. With better scheduling they could have encountered the **Haskins**, my **Bobbi**, and others scattered throughout Europe at the time. Bob says that the DC area Class luncheon mtgs are now on second Wed at ANCC. The last one was 12 Dec. I trust the DC contingent is following up on **Bill Henry**, who suffered a bad stroke recently. **Barb Boerger** flew up to Ann Arbor (daughter Tricia & Barton) recently to view her one-mo-old granddaughter Jessica. The **Burners** and **Buehlers** met with Barb for dinner. We hope Barb can successfully complete plans to visit Naples for mini. The

1947: The Buehlers, Burners and Barb Boerger at Ann Arbor

Mastins appear to be beating the gun by taking off for Acapulco and Mexican points west on 8 Jan. Pic was taken at daughter Linda's wedding on 15 Sep at Stratford, CT. **Willie Munroe** has

1947: The Nairns and Mastins at Linda Mastin's wedding, Stratford, CT

changed his routine from Tucson-Rangeley-Tucson. ILO Tucson, he now goes in Dec to c/o Lane, 2430 SW Bobalink Ct, Palm City, FL 34990; tel 407-288-2549.

A nice note from **John Naill** tells me "to get a new ribbon for your printer!" I have placed my last ribbon in my old, old Epson TI printer. I suppose I'll have to buy a new printer in order to procure the maintenance parts. John has survived a head-on auto collision back in Jul w/two old ladies. Accident was not his fault, so after 43 yrs, he still has not placed a claim against USAA. Fully recovered, the last 10 mos John has put in over 200 hrs flying his Cessna Skyhawk. **Don Robb, George Lynn, Willie Munroe**, etc, are still flying also—can you beat that?!

Judy & Henry Paul, who spend very little time at Cocoa Beach, FL, have provided the optimum response so far. Henry has offered all kinds of support for the 50th Reunion "Book" and presumably almost completed his "preliminary" obituary before falling off the ocean seawall in front of their home. In mid-Oct, they met **June & Jean Burner** and **Muriel & Bill Webb** at **Marion & Dick McAdoo**'s Westport home for visit and WP-Syracuse football game, where they all met **Dolores & John Novomesky** for a RV tailgate party. The following wk, the McAdoos and Pauls tried Elderhostel accommodations in Wolfville beside the Bay of Fundy, where they watched the tide diurnally swing 70 feet and learned Canadian history inst while eating gourmet food and seeing beautiful surroundings.

Everyone should have read, after elections, that **Bill Coghill**'s brother, Jack, won AK Lt Gov's position and took office on 3 Dec. I believe the St Adj Gen job calls for two stars; so we may have one more gen in the Class! **Gerry** and Bill go to Santa Barbara for the mo of Mar to Tropicana Inn, Unit #5, where they will enjoy 70+ deg weather ILO-70 deg cold. **Wayne Hauck**, doing double duty, rep holiday activities: **Kay & Jim Johnson** and **Elize & Bob Haldane** held great parties for their children over Thanksgiving period.

One of my best correspondents, **June Burner**, sent pics taken when the **Webbs** visited MI in Sep and later, when June & **Jean** went East to visit the **McAdoos** for the famous football game wkend where **Henry Paul** presumably took video footage of most important events, one of which was that of a well-known gen off directing the lines for people attending to the porta-johns at one side of the Plain after P-rade. All the kids plus family plus a new golden retriever puppy will be back for Christmas to chez Burners.

1947: The Webbs and Jean Burner during Okemos, MI visit in Sep. June is the photographer

Doc Haskin has written his prelim obituary background; so has **Henry Paul**, besides offering help on 50th YB; **Stu MacLaren** is writing **Sue** to coordinate **Bu Bigg**'s obituary; **Jody Johnston** hopefully is contacting **Marilyn** on **Bob Halligan**'s obituary; and **Bill Webb** has already written **Frank Boerger**'s obituary. **Bob White**, despite very painful arthritic reactions in his wrist and hands, is offering computer help. I expect to add new names to this list every other mo.

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1947: Dick McAdoo takes pic of the Burners, Pauls and Marion McAdoo in between Webbs

1947: Henry Paul displaying plebe uniform for cadet in Class of 2047

Take care. Stay active.

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In the last issue we were unable to run a pic of **Charley & Mary Horn**'s visit with **Kit & Glenn Wilhide** in England. We're glad to do it now—too bad we couldn't get Mary in, but someone has to take the pic. As you note that they are

1948: Kit Wilhide, Horn, and Glenn Wilhide in England

in front of a Shakespearean theater, and may wonder why; you should remember that Glenn is one of those former USMA English teacher types, whereas Charley is somewhat less enthusiastic over the subject. The Horns have two in the service, "Dr Charles" at the Ft Belvoir Adolescent Med Clinic and MAJ Carl with the 25th Div in HI.

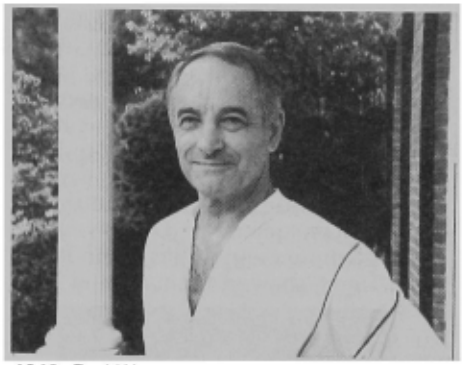
Here's some more of those great pics from the Western Regional '48 gathering—you all are a photogenic crowd. To keep this great camaraderie going, once again I urge some volunteers to come forward and start planning the next regional reunion.

1948: Austy Pabst, Virginia Walters, Marianne Kiernan, Carol Robinson and Sally Brady (Adams)

1948: Phil Day—our able organizer of San Fran reunion

1948: The Blakeslees, Ash Foote, the Hatches and Happy Foote

Washington, DC '48'ers had their fall get-together at the Bolling AFB OOM the last wk of Oct. Out-of-town attenders included the **Barnetts** from Winchester, VA, **Flick Fleming** from Mechanicsburg, PA, **Charley & Mary Horn** from Madison Mills, VA and **Bud & Jane Wagoner** from Columbia, SC. An anonymous donor just coincidentally gave me a couple of wks prior to this event a good pic of Bud—gray hair, smile, hairy chest and all. Other of the 70 attenders included **Jim & Kitty Allen, Carl & Wanda Anderson, Art & Marge Barondes** just back from Eu-



1948: Bud Wagoner

rope, **John & Anne Bellinger, Sid Berry, Arnold & Ione Braswell, Joe & Louise Bratton, Jay & Kay Brill** and **John Egbert**. The Wash Metro Area Transit Authority said their official goodbyes to John, who has announced that he is ret at the end of Dec after 12 yrs of service as the asst dir for construction and dep dir of the whole Authority. Well done, John, but there are rumors that you may not really be retiring-retiring yet. Continuing now—the list of attenders at the Wash, DC area party included **Gene Forrester, Lowell & Eloise Genebach, Phyllis & Bob Hallahan, Jerry Jones, Ed & Peggy Kritzer, Jim & Sally Macklin, Don & Jo Packard, Nancy Pater, Katy & Walt Plummer, Bob & Carol Pomeroy, Lou Schalk, Ivan & Pat Selig, Pete & Lila Shively, Bill & Maria Smith, Chloe & Imogene Swearengen, Don & Frankie Swenholt, George Thomas & Phyllis Langton, Bob & Beji Ward, Tom & Ann Ware, Ennis Whitehead, Art & Millie Whitley, Andy & Pilar Witko, Anne Griffith,** Allan Sylvester & **Ginger (Nelson) Sylvester,** and **Will & Yvette Ruddell Graham**. The after-dinner prog featured Bob Ward's pithy and humorous comments about ea of us and our individual lifestyles, plus a special musical prog choreographed by Tom & Ann Ware, ably directed by Allan Sylvester (which proves a VMI engr'g degree qualifies you for anything), entitled "Better, Not Older," and featuring singer actors Macklin, Plummer, Witko, Horn, Braswell, Forrester, Schalk, Shively, and Wagoner. Featured songs were "Rally Around the Flag Boys," and "It's a Long Way to Abu Dabai." I'll leave to your imagination what overall theme was being parodied. A great time was had by all; next DC area party is Apr 91—come join us.

Anne Griffith is just back from a wonderful trip to Ger where the highlight was son Mark's wedding to Tatjana Walters, a lovely Ger girl that Mark met during his almost 3 1/2 yrs serving in the 3d Armored Div, part of the time in his father's old regt, the 4/18th Inf. The newly-married Griffiths will be transferred to Ft Knox sometime this winter. Following the wedding on 27 Sep in Frankfurt, 7 Griffith children with Nancy

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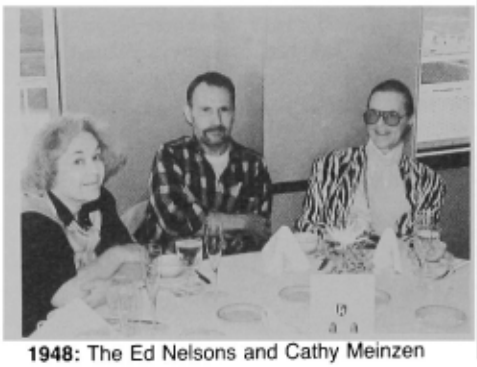
Cronin (widow of Bill Cronin '47) toured southern Ger and attended the Ger reunification ceremony in Berlin. Anne says it was an exhilarating and memorable trip. **Lyle Walter** wrote that he & **Virginia** took in the New England fall colors and spent a wk in a Stowe, VT timeshare. While there they talked to the **Walks** on the phone and parlayed the visit into dinner and drinks at the **Buckleys'**. **Harry** showed them around Nor-

1948: The Walters and Harry Buckley

wich U in his VT Militia uniform (I hope those aren't the same old threadbare pants you wore on active duty, Harry) and then had their pic taken for us all. Being world travelers, Virginia graces these pgs twice this mo. **Babs (Wadsworth) Nelson** & John wrote of their lovely 3-wk trip to Ireland and England. Now that they're back, they are looking forward to having all John's children, spouses and 9 grandchildren join them to celebrate John's birthday in FL over Christmastime. Babs rep that the **Cancellieres** dropped by in late Sep on a surprise visit so that **Jeanne** Cancelliere and Babs could celebrate their common birthdate. They rep a lot of fun in catching up on about 10 yrs of news since they last were together. **Jim McCray** came into Wash, DC, "conventioneering"—we had a nice pub lunch while going over some more pics Jim brought of the SF reunion. The McCrays are just back

1948: The Sunders and daughter Susan at San Fran reunion

from a trip to Scotland where they visited Eilan Donan Castle, the seat of the McCray Clan, inspected Hadrian's Wall and Peter Rabbit's home while battling



1948: The Ed Nelsons and Cathy Meinzen

the vagaries of the usual Scottish weather. Other world travelers include **Jim & Sylvia Dingeman**, just back from a mo in England, Scotland, Ger, and France traveling by Space A, train, hovercraft and car. Keep it up everybody—throwing those suitcases around and running for trains and planes is going to get a lot harder to do very shortly.

Our best wishes and good thoughts go to **Jack & Audrey Kastris** as Jack recovers from a hip replacement oper, complicated by a minor setback of blood clotting which necessitated return to the hosp for additional treatment. All is well now, Jack is getting around on crutches and looking to discard those as soon as possible.

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Dick Fitzgerald died on 6 Dec of a massive heart attack. **Harry Maihafer** wrote that **Nan** called him with the news. Let me quote from Harry's ltr: "Needless to say, it was a terrible shock. A couple of wks earlier, Dick & Nan had come down from St Louis to spend the wkend with **Jeanne** & me here in Nashville. The four of us has a wonderful time at the Army-Vanderbilt football game. Dick looked great, was in good spirits, and was looking forward to ret. . . in a couple of mos. As far as I know, he had no history of heart problems. I'm just grateful that so many of us were able to renew our friendship with Dick, and to be with him & his lovely wife during the 40th Reunion cruise."

On 5 Dec we had a good turnout for lunch at the Pentagon to greet returning hostages **Don & Brenda Swanke**, shown in the first photo with Pres **Ted Swett**. Present were **Charlie Adams, Bob Black, Ted Boland, Dick Bowman, Bill Bumpus, Mort Cameron, Jack Carr, Jack Cronin, Hill Dickinson, Pat Donohoe, Allan English, Bob Ennis,** who supplied these photos, **Dick Gillespie, Don Gower, Ab Greenleaf, Bill Hoffmann, Jerry Helfrich, George Hoffmaster, Ed Howard, Don Keith, Art Kingdom, Wes Knapp, Kirby Lamar, Hal Lombard, John Mau-**

1949: Former hostages Don & Brenda Swanke with Ted Swett

rer, Gene Mechling, Paul Monahan, Rigor Morton, Clay Moran, Joe Muckerman, Wayne Norby, George Pollin, Duane Smith, Orton Spencer, Bob Springer, Lee Surut, Ted Swett, **Ed Triner, Ed Yellman**, and your scribe. The second

1949: 'Ol boys from M-2 celebrate Don's return

photo shows Don with some of his M-2 flanker buddies. L-R are Bob Ennis, Joe Muckerman, Don, Dick Bowman, and Ed Yellman.

The **Swankes** had quite a saga. **Don** was in Kuwait as VP of DMJM Corp, which had the job of constructing a billion dollar univ complex. They were in their apt in Kuwait City on 2 Aug when arty and air strikes occurred. "The invasion was a surgical oper and took only about 4 hrs," Don said. On 16 Aug Americans were asked by the Iraqi forces to rep to a hotel. They didn't. On 18 Aug at 1900 hrs about 10 Red Beret paratroopers kicked in their door and told them to pack. These were professional troops and they were treated correctly. They were taken first to a local hotel, then to Baghdad on 7 Sep. After a wk in Baghdad, they were taken to Mosul, near the Turkish border. First kept near what Don thinks is a missile assembly site, they were later moved onto the site. They were kept in the admin bldg with beds among the file cabinets. There were 11 other hostages: 3 couples from the UK, two Frenchmen, two Japanese, and one German. All spoke English. From 1600–1700 hrs they could go outside for exercise and to exchange news. One of the most unhappy people was a

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Brit who was on a flight that just happened to be passing through Kuwait at the time of the invasion.

Don lost 40 lbs and **Brenda** 20 lbs during this time. (Don says he put back 20 lbs after he left Iraq.) They say their treatment was good by Iraqi standards, but the standards are low. Don's weight loss plus a drop in blood pressure resulted in being sent to a hotel and being told to get ready to leave for the US when former British Prime Minister Edward Heath came. But instead, after a wk, they were taken to another site, this one dealing in biological matters. They were there for 3 wks. During their entire period in captivity no ltrs got out. None came in.

Don was taken to a hosp to check his heart. After 4 days the person in charge came at 2230 hrs to say they were to be sent to the US. They were taken (movements were always at night) back to the Al-Mansour Melia hotel in Baghdad. **Brenda** says this was the transfer point for all movements of hostages. They were to leave with visiting former Ger Chancelor Willy Brandt. But the departure of the 5 US citizens on the approved list was again cancelled when Pres Bush announced we would send 200,000 more troops to the Gulf area.

Don went to the Ger ambassador to ask for help. Brandt personally went to Saddam Hussein. The **Swankes** got ready. But they were still not on the approved list. Again Don went to the Ger ambassador and again Brandt went to Saddam Hussein. This time they were allowed to go with the Brandt party on 9 Nov. They went to Wiesbaden, Ger, where they were medically checked for two days, finally arriving in the US on 9 Nov.

One humorous incident rep by **Don** was that, within a wk of departure, they were allowed to make tel calls to the US. The idea was to invite relatives to visit Iraq for Christmas. When he got back, the Iraqi in charge asked Don whom he had invited. Don replied, "The 82nd and 101st Abn Divs." The Iraqi was not amused. A final item. I asked how the Iraqis viewed all this. Reply: they do not want war but they are fanatical in their support of their leader and in their willingness to sacrifice their lives, if necessary.

Mort Cameron was the most distant visitor at the luncheon. He came in from Greensburg, PA, and was helping brother-in-law **Hill Dickinson** maneuver his wheelchair around the Pentagon. Other long-distance travelers were **Hal Lombard** and **Dick Morton** from PA. Dick said that **Dick Stauffer** is looking good and is making progress in recovering from his stroke. He said also that **Ed Heesacker** is looking much younger after some plastic surgery to his face as a result of damage from melanoma.

Pres **Ted Swett** distributed a rep, approved by the Class Bd, on a Class memorial policy. There's not enough space to discuss it this time. Nominees for next yr are: pres—**Kirby Lamar**, VP—**Wayne Norby**, treas—**Duane Smith**, secy—scribe, dirs—**Charlie Adams, Dick Bowman**, and Ted Swett. Voting will be at the Jan mtg.

Pat Donahoe said he had been to Ireland in Sep. There, in his Irish hat, he was mistaken for a native by a tourist. When asked by the tourist if he could take a photo, Pat adjusted his hat and obliged. Pat also rep that **Bobby Jack Stuart** had recently visited him for a wkend. **Jack Carr** says he & **Jeanne** plan to visit Ger at Christmas. Son Damion is leaving the next day for the Gulf and expects to be a father about the same time. Son Regis '73 is at the Pentagon.

1949: At Joy Jartman's wedding in Sep

Marc & Cynthia Jartman sent a photo taken at the wedding of daughter, Joy, on 16 Sep. In the photo are **Alan & Audrey English**, groom Bill Slaven, Joy, and Cynthia & Marc. The wedding was in the Boston area. **Charlie Smith** sent a cryptic note that he was going to Panama in Dec and had changed his mind about going to Paraguay. Vacation or PCS, Charlie? A photo, taken at a Founders Day gathering somewhere in the San Fran area, came in via the AOG. The

1949: Founders Day in San Fran

happy gp are **Dick & Betsy Connell, Wade & Eleanor Dickinson,** and **John & Francis Hastings**.

Had a note from **Robert P Bigelow**, ex-'49, who commented on an item in the Sep *ASSEMBLY* about the May luncheon. He says he enjoyed seeing many old friends there. But he wants it known that he did not resign in plebe yr. "I was found medically," he writes. The med problem prevented his trying to get an ROTC commission at Harvard. "However, it didn't stop me from becoming a non-com and eventually a W-3 in the USAR." **Bill Dirkes** continues hard at work, planning the 42.5 reunion, 29 Jan-2 Feb 92. He plans to send a letter in Jan to all who have expressed interest. If you would like to get the ltr, contact Bill.

Tim Cronin sent a press release announcing the dedication of the **Beverly Burpee Finley** Recreation Ctr. The ctr opening on 18 Oct was the highlight of a wkend of ceremonies at Westbrook Col in Portland, ME. The press release describes "Acton, MA, entrepreneur and philanthropist" **Jack Finley**, chm of the Bd of Trustees, who donated the majority of the cost of the ctr. Tim sent a photo

1949: Jack helps dedicate Bev's bldg

of Jack & Bev with col pres, Dr William Andrews (L). He writes, "the highlight of the dedication was Bev's speech." She was anxious "but she 'wowed' the audience and is now ready to take up public speaking full-time." Tim notes that this gift marks major changes at Westbrook, including a switch to a 4-yr curriculum. [Congratulation again, Bev. No other reader has called or written to claim a bldg named after him or her.]

Tiger & Gisele Howell hosted a reception on 1 Nov for **Tom & Bea Bullock**, visiting from Shreveport, LA. The Bullocks were there to join the Howells in going to the Army-Rutgers game where past USMA football lettermen were to be honored. (At the game they saw **Art Gerometta** and **Joe Steffy**.) A sort of general tel call went out from the Howells to "come if you can." No roster is available, but among those present were the **Bill Hubers, Maurers, Cronins, Swetts, Charlie Lehner** and Sandy Shim, the **Triners, Elaine Sylvester,** the **Hoffmasters, Bolands, Wes Knapp,** the **Feirs, Mechlings, Pfeiffers, Connors, Nordins, Howards, Hill Dickinsons, Ebba Jo Spettel,** the **Spencers, Frank Hinchion, Ab Greenleaf, Chuck Olentine,** and **Summers**.

Chuck Olentine said the horse-racing business (his and **Tiger**'s) is terrible. He

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told of a recent loss of their best horse, "Judge Howell," named after Tiger's father. Tiger says the horse was in the money 11 of 14 runs but snapped a rear leg in a race and had to be destroyed.

1949: The Croonquists and friends at Dulles Airport

Orton & Gwen Spencer provided a photo of a recent quick get-together at Dulles Airport when **Turner & Claire Croonquist** passed through on the way to Williamsburg for a reunion of the 26th Inf RCT. In the photo are Orton & Gwen, **Tom & Pat Bamford, Gene & Margaret Marder**, and Turner & Claire. Readers may recall that Turner recently had a heart attack while undergoing physical testing at an Army hosp. The Spencers rep both Claire & Turner are looking good.

Tilton & Jan Willcox sent an article from a Greenville, NC newspaper on math maverick **John Saxon**. It pictures a smiling John holding one of his math textbks. The article is in the same vein as the one synopsized in the Nov *ASSEMBLY*, citing the controversy John is creating. Tilton says he & Jan have not been home much since the 40th reunion. They spent 10 mos sailing; 4 from NC to ME, 6 through the Bahamas. This fall they pulled their Airstream trailer through the West and will take it to FL in Jan.

1949: Bishop Ben Benitez with the Stukharts

George Stukhart sent a photo of Episcopal Bishop of TX, **Ben Benitez**, "taken last May at the dedication of the parish hall in our church in Bryan." In the photo is Ben, **Maggie Stukhart**, and George. Ben's wife **Joanne** was there but escaped the photo session. George, still with TX A&M, says that, at the Amer Soc of Civil Engrs convention in San Fran in Nov, he had dinner with **Steve & Joan Nunnally** (FL) and **Joe & Joanne Eagers** (SC). Steve is ret and he & Joan are traveling: Egypt last yr, Scandinavia and Ger this yr. The Nunnallys rep **Maurice Kurtz** continues teaching at FL Inst of Tech, and **Norbett Schmidt** "will be ret from Rolla (MO) to join the Satellite Beach-Melburne gang. **Tom Burt** is also there and has recently returned from a 50-day cruise around So America."

The **Eagers** are now fully ret and traveling. *Joe says* **Dan Guyton** has moved from Hilton Head to Cashiers, NC. **Neal Judd** and **George Orton** are still at Hilton Head. In the hotel lobby, **George Stukhart** spotted **Dick & Betsy Connell**. News from the Connells is that **Bill & Nan Luebbert** are going to Zimbabwe for 3 mos under a ret sr-advisor prog sponsored by the host govt. George added that he & **Maggie** spent a wk with **Jim & Dolores Neil** this past summer, visiting lovely cool country near Boise. Jim still works for Morrison Knudsen. George concluded with the news that daughter Ann Kenny, MAJ, US ANC, was on the NBC Today show on 20 Nov at Ft Stewart. She and one-wk-old son were able to talk live with her husband in the 24th Div in Saudi Arabia. "Ann has initiated a prog called Labor of Love which pairs pregnant women left behind with women who have had children."

A brunch for DC-area folks was held on 25 Nov. **Bob & Alice Nulsen** attended from NH. They were in town for the funeral of Alice's mother. Bob says that the NH Legislature now has two '49 reps: **Katie Metzger**, wife of **Hayes**, serving her second term, and new-arrival **John Chandler**. **John Costa** has been appointed Class rep in the WP area. He writes that he & **Teddy** are enthusiastic about an 8600-mi AMTRAK trip through 26 states and one province. In addition to children and grandchildren, they saw **Turner & Claire Croonquist** in "their beautiful home in Pacific Grove, CA." In San Ant, they had dinner with **Joe Tye** and **T-Willie & Peggy Trieschman**. **Janelle Tye** was in VA, visiting her mother. They could not contact **Steve White**; their ltr to him was returned. In Houston, they visited with ex-roommate **Ben Benitez**.

The next Pentagon lunch after this issue arrives will be 12 Mar. The following one will be sometime in May. Call **Art Kingdom**, 703-569-9360, for reservations and to verify the date.

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As I write, we are still expecting the first snow, yet it will be nearly spring by the time you receive this. First I want to thank all of you who sent Christmas news. Because this deadline is 14 Dec, some of the news coming will not appear until the next issue.

In Oct, as part of an 8-wk trip that took them from France to Poland, **Bob & Peg Wilson** had a visit with **Al & Marilyn Romaneski** near Stuttgart, Ger. Peg took the pic of the other 3 in front of the OCSC house that the Romaneskis run for the GIs in the area. Bob rep that they

1950: Bob Wilson with the Romaneskis

were doing admirable service in providing an Amer and Christian home-away-from-home and that they were as generous and full of fun as always. The Wilsons and the Romaneskis were neighbors back in old Grey Ghost days at WP. The Wilsons also talked with **Jim Lynch**, who is in Heidelberg.

The Romaneskis sent a pic of them with **Harry and Jojo Coyle** from their Sep visit. The Romaneskis have been fortu-

1950: Marilyn & Al Romaneski and Harry & JoJo Coyle

nate in having their older son Mark '76 stationed with Hq VII Corps and living nearby. Mark, however, will be part of the relocation to Desert Shield, leaving his wife Karalee and their children behind.

I rep on the latest **Love** wedding in the

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last col, but just got a pic of the lovely bride & groom with some familiar characters: standing are **Walt Adams, Buz Baxter**, husband Bob Woodard, Lee, **Joe** Love, George Patton '46, and Lloyd Asbury '63. Kneeling are Irving and Clay, both '51. Bob Woodard is from VA Beach and both he and Lee are grads of U VA.

1950: '50'ers at the Love-Woodard wedding

Another wide-ranging trip was taken by **Tom & Betty Lou Austin** to visit some of their children. It started in Oct with Nell & Carl Horn and their 3 children. Carl is stationed with the 25th ID in Mililani, HI. While there the Austins talked with **Claude & Maureen Doughtie**, but they could not get together. Next stop was in CO to see Tom & Cheri Austin and their 5 children. Tom teaches Joint Ops at USAFA as well as some general mil classes. This time the Austins talked to the Doughties' daughter Maureen, who is with the EPA in Boulder.

Word of yet another trip came from **Dave Pettit** down at Tierra del Fuego, where he visited the southernmost city in the world. A couple of yrs ago he was in Spitzburgen, the northernmost, so I guess he has covered the globe. Dave rep that the wind was terrible, but the weather bearable and the expedition a success.

Word from **Ken & Loris Ebner** was that the Class tailgaters had a mini-reunion of their own for the Army homecoming game with Lafayette in Oct. Attending, in addition to the Ebners, were **Joe & Rose Buccolo, Andy & Doris Byers, Kent & Barbara Cooley, Bob & Shelia Ehrlich, Bill & Joan Eichorn, John & Jane Fox, Nate & Bo Gallagher, Bill & Betsy Henn, Bob Luckese**, and Chuck & Ingrid **Phillips** (**Penny & Wendy**'s son & daughter-in-law). Ken also rep that their son, KR, is now in Saudi with Desert Shield.

While on informal mini-reunions, **Ed & Lee Pierce** and **Bill & Lois Slavins** in FL, together with **Jack & Eloise Allen** in VA, are organizing their 12th Annual Winter Escape Party for 1–3 Feb in the Ft Lauderdale area. That has become a well-attended event each yr. Anyone interested in attending in the future can contact any of the hosts.

But don't lose sight of the "official" minis that are planned. **Lou Prentiss** has the Lake of the Ozarks on target for next Sep, while planning is well underway for "Fiesta Fifty 92," to be held in San Ant in the fall of 92. **Jim Mitcham** is leading the effort as the sponsor, but he is joined by a no of co-sponsors: **Tom Ball, Buz Baxter, Bill Hinds, Bill Mastoris, Blackie Bolduc, Hank Sachers, Don Smith, Mike Walsh, Bob Whiting**, and **Pat Zabel**. Just the sponsors alone would make a pretty good reunion out of it, but we hope a lot of us will plan on attending. The pic shows

1950: Fiesta Fifty 1992 planners

most of the group: (standing) Bill Hinds, **Mary** & Blackie Bolduc, Bob Whiting, Mike Walsh, Bill Mastoris, Pat Zabel, Buz Baxter, Jim Mitcham, and Henry Sachers; (seated) **Marion Whiting, Mary Walsh, Lila Baxter** and **Pat Mitcham**.

Hank & Muriel Strickland sent along a pic of their family, minus oldest daughter Mary, who was in WI. The pic was taken when they gathered in Charlottesville, VA, to celebrate the birthday of oldest son Steve, who has recently accepted an appointment to U/VA as an asst prof of engr'g after spending two yrs in post-doctoral research at Harvard.

1950: The Strickland clan

The Stricklands, by the way, had a great trip to Yugoslavia in Sep. This must be the yr for trips by classmates.

From Atl, **Joe & Connie Anderson** also wrote about their daughter Connie, who was recently named "Mental Health Worker of the Yr" by the Met Atl Mental Health Assn. Connie attended Auburn (War Eagles) and U/HI. She now works for Community Friendship in Atl.

Another honor went to **Bill Howe** when he was elected gov of the Capital-VA District of Optimist Intl. Bill helped found the Chantilly chap and was that chap's first pres back in 70.

GG Thomas sent an interesting article on **Shirley**'s efforts at baking and packing cookies for the troops in Desert Shield. She drew 16 women into baking a wide variety of cookies, none with chocolate, packed them in popcorn, and started shipping them to various units, beginning with the 325th A/B Inf, familiar to many of you. Their daughter, Temple, is in qtrs at Ft Bragg, while her husband is the aide to the XVIII A/B CG. Son Wesley and family are in Sugarland, TX, where all the family expects to gather for Christmas. GG himself is ret from the bank (to devote more time to the task of area rep?). He rep that he is trying to find **George Middleton**, so far without success. He also sent along a no of items that came in response to his recent newsltr:

- Received nice notes and address updates from **Alice Marie Bastar, Peggy Galiffa, Dede Warren Callahan**, and **Ardath Wilson**. It is great to have the Class widows so interested and active.
- **Jack Hurst** rep that he and others cheered Army on to victory over Vanderbilt.
- **Ros Round** has a new sailing compatriot, **Bill Steinberg**. Bill & **Marie Claire** recently moved from VA to Sarasota, FL.
- **Ed Kennedy** says that life is great and golf is good.
- **Gus Hergert** and the gang around Huntsville, AL stay active and in touch.
- **Chuck & Alice Graham** sent greetings from Atl.
- Both **Tug Greer** and **Walt Stanton** claim they have good relations with the Arabs on Kiawah Isl.
- **Clyde Cloar** says things are going well in Charleston.

In Nov, **Blackie & Mary Bolduc** had a couple of days with us, after attending on the 10th the wedding of **Paul & Ruth Gorman**'s son Timothy in Charlottesville, VA. Tim married Susan Hastoglis. Other classmates in attendance were **Phil & Helene Barger** and **Dick and Franci Wyrough.** Toasting the bride & groom with wine from grapes grown by the Gormans at Cardinal Pt (their grapevine and cattle ranch) were elder son John, the architect, and daughter Sarah, the attorney.

Blackie also sent along some items from his region:

- **Ed Allbaugh**, after more than 33 yrs with Westinghouse Elect, will ret at the end of the yr. Ed hopes to teach, consult, or help on the supercollider.
- **Harry & Jojo Coyle** have a new granddaughter, Kelsen Josephine. She was born to daughter Jenifer & Karl Purvis on 11 Nov 90 in San Ant, where both parents work for USAA.

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• **Bob & Troy Chambers** spent two wks of Oct in the Yorkshire dales and moors of England, enjoying the scenic hiking, the bread and breakfast houses and the local pubs. They say it was relatively inexpensive, for you determined travelers.

• **DS & Cynthia Wilson** spent Labor Day in CO with Cyn's sister in Denver and with their son Lawrence in CO Springs, where he works at NORAD and studies on the side. Their other son Walter remains at Ft Lewis, WA.

• **Dick Hunt** is now "fully ret," though he recently finished building a new church and is the vol mgr for their building. He claims **Marilyn**'s main interest is grandchildren.

From Kaiserslautern, Ger comes word that **Carl & Dottie Stone** are still there, with Carl teaching HS to the dependents.

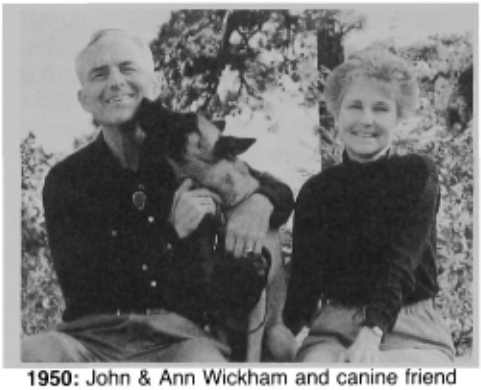
"Bent Chimney" is the name for **Hank & Phyll Singleton**'s farm near Lynchburg, their get-away from VA Beach. Younger son Gary & Anne presented them with a new granddaughter, Stephanie, this yr. Older son Bruce & Mellinga have two girls, 8 and 10 yrs old, who are growing like weeds.

Bob & Gwyn Groseclose are busy as ever in FL. While his real estate business is winding down, Bob is installing computers and carrels in classrooms and libraries, while Gwyn is still selling cosmetics. On their way to the reunion they stopped by to see **Bob & Martha Morrison** in Irvington, VA, enjoying a sail on the Morrisons' lovely sailboat. The Morrisons' son Jack, married to the Grosecloses' daughter Nancy, has been transferred from Puerto Rico to the FBI Hostage Rescue Team at Quantico, VA.

1950: The Grosecloses

In the pic they are the couple on the right with daughter Callie. The other couple: daughter Donna, husband Jerry Carlin with their 3—Justin, Caleb, and Charissa. The Carlins live in the Denver area, where he is pastor of Bethany Evangelical Free Church.

Received a nice pic of **John & Ann Wickham**. John is still head of AFCEA, a job that takes the two of them on many trips, including Paris, Brussels, Korea, and CA. Son Matt & Mary Ellen are



1950: John & Ann Wickham and canine friend

hydrologists studying in Tucson. Daughter Lindsley's husband Bill is now aide to the Supe at WP, so the Wickhams get a chance to visit them and 4-yr-old Billy whenever they are near the Acad. John III lives in the DC area and has just finished 4 yrs of law sch.

1950: Hall of Fame investiture

From **Duncan & Patty Joy** came a pic of the classmates at the investiture of Frank Borman into the Intl Aerospace Hall of Fame in San Diego: **Mike Dowe, Jack Hendry, Frank Borman,** Duncan Joy, **Bob Weber**, and **Al Fern**. Unfortunately, **Chuck Friedlander**, who had much to do with Frank's entry, was in the hosp, but he was represented by **Diane**. Also there were **Sue Borman,** Patty Joy, **Barbara Dowe, Gen Hendry** and **June Elliott**. The Joys will have the fun of spending Christmas in England, with their family joining them there.

Stan & Sally Reinhart also are enjoying England, though they expect to come to the States for the mo of Dec to see two new grandchildren: Maggie, born in Boston on 14 Nov, and Michael, born in Santa Cruz, CA on 9 Oct. The Reinharts plan to settle down in Flat Rock, NC about next May.

I am sorry to bring the news of **Chuck Osterndorf**'s death on 15 Nov in San Ant, where he & **Evelyn** had just recently moved into the Army Ret Res. I am sure the Class joins me in sending condolences to his whole family.

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CLASS ACTIVITIES: DC Area Luncheons—the 3d Thurs, monthly, at the A/N Club, Arlington, VA—**Bob Hyatt**, coordinator; tel-301-320-5545. Recent luncheon attendance has been great—the 36 in Nov is the largest attendance in memory. One reason for increased par-

1951: Doris & John Strealdorf on an Oct 90 visit to DC

ticipation: recent visitors incl **Bill Crouch** fr AL, **John Strealdorf** fr NC, and **Geo Meighen** fr Atl. A 4 Dec joint USMA/USNA '51 A/N Lunch at the Bolling O'Club had over 50 in attendance; **Bob Yerks, Gerry Hendricks,** and **Howie Steele** ea spoke briefly along with Bruce Meader and Bob Adler, USNA '51. The luncheon was well-received, with many requests to make it an annual affair—also a recommendation for a joint '51 Class party, probably in Sep 91. Incidentally, the **John & Peggy Byers** Oct party, after two mos, is still receiving accolades. A

1951: A/N brunch with Ab & Madge: Leffler, Psihas, Foss, Hoff, Louisell, Madge Webber, Landry, Prehn, Webber, Peckham and Reeve

very happy gp of '51'ers attended the A/N game, many of whom attended **Ab Webber**'s pre- and post-game receptions. Game attendees incl the **Beczkiewiczes, Casbons, Detars, Dickens, Fischls, Fosses, Giordanos, Griesingers, Buddy Hoffs, Landrys, Lefflers, Louisells, McGanns, Dean Mulder, Peckhams, Pendletons, Bob Prehn, Psihases,**

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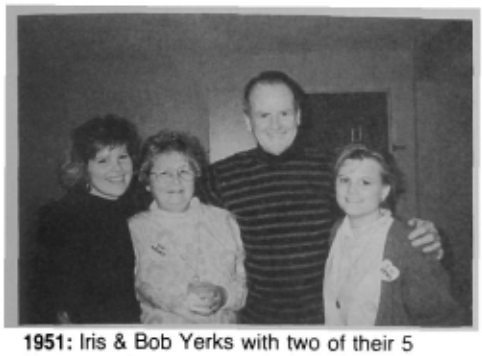
Bill Quinn, the **Camilla Kuhn Quinns, Reeves, Roberges, Roscoe Robinsons,** the **Joe Rogers, Dick Ryans, Ab Webber,** the **Tom Williams, Yerks,** and my sincere apologies to those whom I failed to note.



1951: Iris & Bob Yerks with two of their 5 beautiful girls

A DC area Sun brunch hosted and planned by **Pete & Ellie** Beczkiewicz is scheduled on 20 Jan; and **Bob & Tinky Hyatt**'s annual DC area's Valentine party at the A/N Club takes place 21 Feb. Next comes Founders Day in Mar. A very busy social schedule moving into the spring. *40th REUNION*—26–29 May 91. Plans have been finalized. Hilites incl '51 memorial services, '51 dinner dance, Cl bkfst meeting, alumni parade, presentation of Class gift, '51 picnic and informal get-togethers. **Sanderson, Hendricks, Ewing** and **Byers** continue their efforts to make this the best of our reunions. Your immediate commitment is important. Send check for $250 x no of

1951: Who said "D-1's not all pretty faces?!:" Mulder, Ewing, Boatner, Meighen and Coughlin

attendees to **John Byers**, 8218 Chancery Ct, Alexandria, VA 22308 (tel John or **Peggy** at 703-780-5328). Your check includes payment for the '51 dinner dance, two cocktail parties w/light buffet, picnic at Buckner, Class bkfst, luncheon at Wash Hall, bus transportation, favors, and admin costs. Much thought has been given by the Reunion Comm to insure '51 gets maximum benefits for money expended. As of the beginning of Dec 90, 45 classmates had forwarded checks for the reunion.

REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT: Midwest. Inputs—IN, KY, OH, WV: **Dave Bills**; IL, IA, MI, MN—**Jim Guyer**; KS, MI, NE, ND, SD—**Walt Johnson**. Of a very busy 90, Dave Bills rep w/o question the biggest event of the yr was the 16 Dec marriage of daughter Christine. The Billses are also very pleased that Chris will continue her career as a pediatric intensive care nurse at Riley Childrens Hosp in Indianapolis. (Dave is still in shock from the cost of his role as "father of the bride.") His travels for IN state govt incl CA and enable visits w/son Alan. In Jun 90 **Danielle** was Gen Chairperson for the 3d IN State Flower Show. For which, Dave says proudly, a major award is anticipated. Incidentally, while Danielle may do the gardening, Dave is "ch of composting." Also says he enjoyed his 45th reunion at Culver MA in May 90—I think he's telling us something about our ages and his outlook on life. Apparently, **Eben Handy** is fine in Louisville, KY—he recently relocated w/in his local area. Also, **Walt Miller** moved from Willowick to nearby Mentor, OH. **Del & Jean Ring** continue to enjoy their Foxdale Farm, and appreciate fully their family's good health. Were visited in Aug by the **Larry Eppleys** en route fr AZ to their ancestral home in PA.

1951: Planning for the 40th in Columbus, OH?: Nance, Jean & Del Ring, and Mary & John Cousins

Also visited by "**T**" **Nance** in Oct, and all joined **John & Mary Cousins** for lunch in Columbus, OH; most talk centered around 91 and "*the upcoming BIG 40th.*" Del says that he, "T" and **Gerry Hendricks** are working on an M-2 contingent that is already over 50% committed to attend. Incidentally, the Rings had their progeny at the farm over the 4th of Jul—their 4 grandson and 4 granddaughter count seems to be in a holding pattern. In Crawfordsville, IN, **Bob & Mary Carolyn Snyder** hardly believe 4 yrs have passed since he left the classroom. With his tax practice fr Jan to mid-Apr, traveling (most recent Oct-Nov 90 at Citrus Hls, FL), their now-serious approach to golf, and much time spent w/family and 4 grandchildren, they enjoy their schedules, ea other and their lives. They look forward to the 40th and old friends w/great anticipation. Fr Hamilton, OH, **Barney Landry** rep after ret in 89, he & **Muriel** are taking advantage of some of the trips they'd looked forward to—such as a fall 90 visit to DC area and their flying sch reunion w/**Pat & Jo Anne Ryan, Buzz Aldrin, Steve & Marilyn Watsey, Charlie & Julia Witmer** and **Howie & Martha Wiles**. Since then, they've attended both the 89 and 90 A/N games, and are looking forward to the 40th—the Landrys are making up for any lost travels. **Mel Snyder**, in Kingswood,

1951: Four very happy travelers!!: (front) Dick & Helene Ryan and (rear) Millie & Roscoe Robinson

is no longer the sole '51'er in WV; the **Dick Ryans** who moved fr N VA in late 89 are located in a very beautiful home in Martinsburg. Just off US Hwy 81, they are readily accessible to the DC area, children, families and friends. Often nearby in hinterland abodes, better classified as refuges fr the DC area, are **Don & Betty Ann Matre** and **Otto & Martha Doerflinger**. It seems the Ryans are far enough away to enjoy the joys of nature but close enough to the metro area to participate in any desired activities (sounds as though I'm describing **Sandy & Carol Weyand**'s way of life at the same time).

Jim Guyer rep **Don & Bobbi Anker** continue to enjoy backpacking and cross-country skiing. Don still has his own bus of bus consultant and tax preparer. All 4 children are now married; youngest son, George, lost a leg to cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy for a spot on his lung. Occasionally, the Ankers run into **Herman & Alice Vetort** who too are located w/in the Detroit area. Recently, while in Kalamazoo, Don ran into **Larry Kelly** who is w/the Logistics Cmd in Battle Creek. With 7 grandchildren added to their own 4 children, the **Haumerson** family continues to expand. They keep **Elsie** very active, while **John** manages perhaps the oldest family-owned bus in WI. Started by his great-grandfather in the 1860's, it has substantially expanded under John's mgt and direction. According to Jim, it is difficult to determine exactly what is the best news concerning **Harlan Johnson**. While he is having great success as a home improvement contractor, wife **Darlene**,

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a dir w/Mary Kay Cosmetics, recently collected her 6th pink Cadillac for outstanding contributions to that firm. All 4 children are doing well, with the youngest, Elizabeth, a sr at U of KS. **Jim & Judy Guyer** spend their summers in WI and winters sailing. This winter will sail fr FL into the southern Bahamas toward Haiti. Incidentally, many of us are anxious to hear the name and publication date of Jim's recent book on sailing which was purchased for publication by an East coast publishing firm. While **Jim & Carol Bick**, located in Newport, MI, are undecided about attending the 40th, **Don Anker, Arlie Sherman**, Jim Guyer, and **George Psihas** leave no doubts that they will attend. George & **Bess** are among '51's most traveled couples, always accessible and ready to participate. Geo, a VP w/Gen Dynamics, competes w/Meighen for title of '51's No 1 ambassador. After the A/N game, they plan a Christmas vacation in Naples, FL so Geo can sharpen his golfing skills to take advantage of **Guy Jester** and **Walt Johnson** later in St Louis. He better do it soon since Walt is progressing well from his 3d hip replacement. The Johnsons are looking forward to Christmas when 4 sons, 3 daughters-in-law and 3 granddaughters will be in St Louis. Walt & **Judy** enjoy ret and plan to travel much more now with Walt's improved mobility. The current downturn in construction has Guy Jester working harder than ever since his job is business dev. He does plan to take a few days at Christmastime to relax in CA with daughter Robin & her husband. **Led Long** rep that since open heart surgery nearly two yrs ago, he has changed his lifestyle—feels good and is leading an active life. **Bob Pazderka** is working double shifts in his job as asst VP for Facilities Dev at U of NE. In spite of long hrs, Bob's having too much fun directing a $100 mil prog to seriously consider ret. Like many of us, his knees have betrayed his handball game—but still plays golf and tennis. **Fran & Bamby Craig** are surviving 4 children in col—one in USMA '93. Fran still considers HS teaching both challenging and rewarding, and plans to continue. From Wichita comes the good

1951: *The Sissons enjoy "life in Wichita"*

news that **Frank Sisson** and Co, Inc, an aerospace sales bus begun by Frank in 88, is viable w/a profit in 90 and similar 91 projections, with great expectations after that. **Anne**, an assoc broker w/Caldwell-Banker, is doing very well in real estate. Her supporting revenues to a great extent enabled Frank to launch his new co. Third son, Bill, recently married in CN; first two sons and daughter Lucy also married and living on the E coast—that is quite a distance to travel to see any of their 7 grandchildren.

ITEMS OF INTEREST: The **Don McGanns** and **Harry Evans**/spouses are either very dedicated '51'ers or gluttons for punishment. After their most successful Nov 89 mini in CO Springs, they are now planning another in Nov 91—again in conjunction with the wkend of the A/AF game. Of course, both Don and

1951: The McGanns have a dr!: Don, Elaine and daughter Kami, MD

Hank promise group seating at the game will be better than the seats provided through the AAA in 89. When discussing our seats, (top of the stands, beyond the goal line) with **Roscoe Robinson** after that game, he said, "Don't complain, I was behind the same goal line—but in the ground row." When that happened to a 4-star and a mbr of the AOG Bd of Trustees who got his tickets directly fr the AAA, I knew I had no complaints whatsoever. Good luck, Don and Hank!! **George Meighen** rep **Chuck & Jackie Canham** are doing great in Newport, RI. He & **Anne** were very appreciative of the Canhams' gracious hospitality to their son Allen (CPT, USMCR) when he attended the Navy Lawyers Crs in their vic. In Nov, **Joe Clemons** underwent surgery for an aggrevated knee injury at a time when **Cecil** was attending a religious retreat—being **Walt Russell**'s sister and Joe's wife eliminates the need for any explanation. However, due to an inexplicable shortage of trained nursing support in the Hendersonville NC area, Walt Russell assumed responsibility for care when Joe was discharged after surgery—w/a big circular cast on his left leg, on crutches in a hosp gown and robe. It has been rumored that all of Walt's agility, dexterity, and coordination were taxed in taking Joe fr the hosp and getting him into his home—along w/all of Joe's unlimited and renowned patience. Joe's comment: "Talk about low-grade nursing care!!!," probably says it all. As

1951: Joe and medical technician with wives: (front) Walt & Nancy Russell and (rear) Cecil & Joe Clemons

to their menu—Joe said they did drink a lot of beer. Fr Austin, TX, **Bruce Robertson** rep that **Bill Thomas**, a Republican elected in traditional Dem territory, retained his seat in the TX legislature.

Two Wash DC area '51'ers joined **Dave Bills** in his role of "father of the bride." On 3 Nov **Godfrey & Pat Crowe**, family and friends celebrated the marriage of daughter Trish in a beautiful, memorable Mass and wedding ceremony in Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Wash, DC; a reception followed at the Bethesda Naval Off Club. On 17 Nov, Cindy **Stelle**, daughter of **Howie & Dotsy**, was married in a lovely candlelight ceremony within the unique surroundings of the Chevy Chase Circle's All Saints Church. A description of the wedding provided by Jim Connell, Pres, Cl of '44, was that "the ceremony was as beautiful as the bride." A reception followed at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Wash, DC. Incidentally, Howie stays

1951: The Steele family looked great the day after, too: (front) Susan, Cindy, (rear) Chips, Chuck Vance, Dotsy, Robin and Howie

busy; along with being Class secy and '51 AOG trustee, he is treas of the WP Soc of DC and mbr of the Bd of Gov for the Army Ret Comm, the Fairfax; and continues on the bd of the Founders and Patriots of America. Also in 90, Dotsy was appointed Chm for the Alexandria Area of the Nat Symphony Orch of the Kennedy Ctr.

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NEXT REGIONAL SPOTLITE: Southwest—AZ, CO, NV, NM. Rep **Don McGann**, dep—**Henry Evans**. TX & OK: rep—**Sel Graham**, dep—**Ken Herring**.

'52

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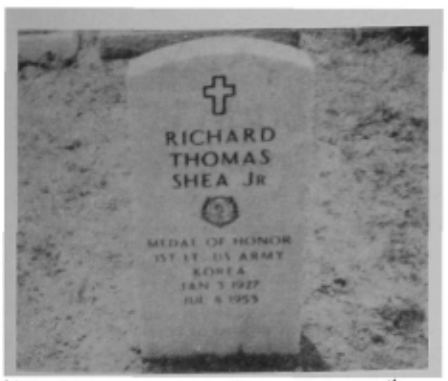
I am saddened to rep the death of **James H Sullivan** here 31 Oct 90. Funeral services were conducted at Ft Myer with burial at Arlington. He leaves his wife, **Mary**, and son John. Jim's brother, a mbr of the Franciscan Order, celebrated the Mass. Some 15 of us attended the services.

A sizable Wash contingent also attended the interment of **George Miller** on 18 Dec at Arlington. George died 13 Dec 90 in Charlottesville, VA after an 18-mo battle with leukemia. Memorial services were held at the Episcopal church in his home parish there. George leaves **Ludi**; a married daughter, Tina; a brother, Monte; and his mother, a lifelong resident of Winchester, VA. George taught in the public sch system of Charlottesville after his ret in 1974. **Jerry Brisman**, I-1 roommate, drove down from the WP area to be present for the services.

We are indebted to George M McGee Jr '37 for a rep on **Dick Shea** appearing in the *Port Cities Concerns* (Portsmouth, VA) this past Aug. The occasion was the unveiling of the Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial on 8 Jul 90 at his gravesite in Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth. This memorial is the culmination of a 5-yr effort on the part of the Richard T Shea Memorial Post, VFW 9382, led by George M Rose, a WWII assoc of COL McGee. The dedication, offered by BG MH Morris (Ret) and Mr Rose, quoted at length from the MH citation, recounted track and field achievements, and noted other honors accorded Dick, including his 1987 induction into the VA Sports Hall of Fame Museum, located on High St in Portsmouth.



1952: *CMH memorial to Shea, Portsmouth, VA, 8 Jul 90*

The USAWC Alumni Assoc's summer edition announced that **Skip & Jean Wensyel** have recently moved to Newville, PA from the WP area and that Skip has been licensed as a guide at the Gettysburg Battlefield Natl Pk. This required concentrated study, a two-hr objective test, attendance at a 16-hr "charm sch," and a demanding oral exam with sr pk officials. He is obliged to conduct at least one tour ea mo, but will conduct many more. Jean encourages his writing on mil subjects while pursuing her own interests. She is an accomplished musician and needlecrafter.

John Garver is featured in a *Washington Post* article, 14 Nov 90, in connection with the *National Geographic* Soc's new world atlas. This is the society's 6th atlas of the world and the first to use a mosaic of satellite images to portray the Earth. Its publication marks the 75th anniv of the 100-person cartography div. John, the soc's chief cartographer, noted that the *Geographic* publishes unbound doublefaced maps 5 or 6 times a yr for its 10–11 mil mbrship, plus those bound with the mag text, a total well over 20 million maps a yr. In Feb, the *Geographic* will offer 50,000 plastic-coated copies of an updated and detailed map of the Mid East.

K-1'ers **Jack Foley** and **Ernie Condina** got together last Oct to see young John Foley perform as a mbr of the Navy blue Angels at the Cleveland Air Show.

1952: Foley, son John, and Condina at Cleveland Air Show

I talked with **June Cannon** recently and learned that **John** is located temporarily in Tarrytown, NY, opening an off there in connection with a Metcalf & Eddy contract on hazardous waste and water resources. Their normal abode is in Winchester, MA, where they are active in Republican politics and John was chm of the town comm. June has since taken on that job. Their 3 children are in the Atl area: David is in advertising, Susan married and working, and Leigh Ann up at Dalton where her husband Jim Geter is a golf course supe.

From another of my calls to New England, this time to **Ed Gilbert**, I learned that he & **Ann** went to WP in Nov for a wkend visit with **Paul & Judy Child**, and to walk the campus on a quiet fall afternoon. Ed is the dir of bldgs and grounds at Tufts Univ. And Paul will ret next summer from his duties as dir of publications for the AOG, so that he & Judy can realize their plans to live in a log home on a lake in MN.

We joined **Tom & Jan Ayers** in Oct for our long-postponed cruise/tour of China. Had planned to do this a yr ago, but the events in Tiananmen Square last Jun forced a cancellation. For over 3 wks Tom & I relearned how to live on Chinese food, but this time in much more elegant surroundings. We started and ended at Hong Kong, shopping all the while, and seeing the prime tourist attractions in the coastal cities, plus Beijing, Xian, and the Li River. Our ship and hotel accommodations were first-rate and travel on Chinese airlines satisfactory. The Chinese govt's travel service worked diligently to fill our days and evenings with the best of the country's scenery and culture—a good performance. Tiananmen Square we found to be decked with flowers and filled with touring gps, both foreign and domestic, and no evidence of the events of last Jun. Not much conversation on this subject: the one note of history our guides didn't volunteer.

1952: The Ayerses and Witherells in China, Oct 90

A number of the Wash gp gathered at **Chuck & Inez Youree**'s home to watch the A-N game on a very pleasant day for all of us. We filled ourselves with an excellent spread of dips and desserts and cheered an outstanding Army performance. The **Kenneys** organized the affair, with **Marie** serving a very good chili and **John** handling the headcount. Others present were **Dick & Delores Baker, Benedict, Bracy, Paul & Pat Brown, John & Jane Claybrook, Ralph & Carrol Cline, Phil & Johanne Coleman, Dick & Donna Larkin, Hank & Marcia Lowder, Paul & Ann Malone, Mac & Barbara McKnight, Joe & Kay Paluh, Tom & Mary Rehm, Harry & Nancy Roper, Bert & Gerry Stubblebine**, and **John & Loretta Sullivan**.

Among the news items I heard was a comment that the **Earnests** are enjoying their life on Taiwan, where **Clyde** is involved in developing a rapid transit system.

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1952: Nancy & Ken Roper watching the A-N game

1952: All smiles at A-N game party: Pat Brown, Delores Baker, Rehm, Cline, Kay Paluh

This will be the last notice for the ski reunion 2–9 Mar 91. The latest roster has the following committed to attend: **Bingham, Browns, Coles, Mal Craigs, Derbeses, Dutchyshyns** (probable), **Putnams, Sadlers, Sellses** and **Sullivans**. There still is time to sign up. If you can get away, call **Tom Cole** at (206) 456-8005.

Last yr you were asked to complete and submit to the Exec Comm a form to provide updated info on your family and current activities. Some 200 of you responded in fine fashion. This is an appeal to those of you who set the request aside to find it and get it back to the comm.

'53

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Okay! Here it is, Mar already! Gloom period is over. The crocuses are out and the hyacinth and daffodils are starting to decorate the landscape. The young ladies are wearing spring colors and the birds are coming back from winter vacations. The busy season is upon us. There is a lot of work to be done in yards and gardens. Now that the weather is more clement, we can start those house maintenance or augmentation projects. At a time like this, I always think of what my Uncle Willy used to advise, "When you get an impulse to do something vigorous, you should lie down until it passes." It works for me.

For the information of those of you who might be visiting Wash, we have a Class luncheon scheduled for 26 Mar at the Pentagon; **Walt Henderson** is in charge. The following mo there is a luncheon scheduled for 23 Apr at the Tivoli in Rosslyn; **Bob Bartlett** is setting up that one. And an early reminder: the Class picnic will be 25 May at **Al & Pam Lindholm**'s farm.

Bill Burkhardt sent a ltr to thank the Class for the flowers and expressions of sympathy. He says that he & **Jacquie** were very involved in getting a new parish started; the first service was conducted 29 Jul 90. If anyone would care to make a tax-exempt contribution, the address is: Jacquelyn A Burkhardt Memorial Fund, St Matthew Catholic Church, 7322 Matthews Rd, Durham, NC 27712.

I am very sad to announce that we were notified that **Julia Belgau** died of leukemia. She was taken ill in the summer and it progressed rather rapidly. Service and burial were in Gorman, TX.

I guess the Class was busy all during the football season. (Remember the time lag—as I write, I am still euphoric over the outcome of the Army-Navy Game 5 days ago.) I have not heard from as many as usual, and have only one pic and a few ltrs. If you have written before, do it again; if you have not, try it.

1953: Joe Rears, "Teacher of the Year"

The photo and a ltr came from **Sue Rears**, who sent a copy of an article about **Joe** being selcted first as "Teacher of the Yr" of the Willingboro, NJ School Dist; then as "Burlington County Teacher of the Yr." As such, he will be in competition for state-wide honors as well. Joe has taught math and computer sci there for 11 yrs and is also an adjunct prof at Trenton St Col. Sue also said that they now have 6 grandchildren!

Si Nerone sent a newsy ltr: **Cliff & MaryLou Neilson** and son Clark took Si up on his offer to be a "Roman tour guide." Then, later in the summer, Si & **Anne** and daughter Charmaine visited DC, and the Neilsons hosted a bar-b-q attended by the **Bringhams, Lustigs** and **Benzes**. Si says his film career is flourishing, with 3 flicks in 90: 1) *Tornados*, with Dirk Benedict—a UFO film where Si is an "expert;" 2) *Lion In The Desert*, with Omar Sharif, Elliott Gould, and Carol Alt—a made-for-TV film where Si plays a posh sch's headmaster; and 3) *Miliardi*, with Lauren Hutton and Carol Alt, where Si is a waiter who dumps a platter of ice cream in Alt's lap. He says Carol Alt has strong Army ties. Her late father was USAR, she was in ROTC at Hofstra, and her brother is USMA '78. Si renews for 91 his offer of hospitality in Rome. His tel there is area code (06) 574.50.24.

Bob Kaplan sent me a list of the memorabilia that has been loaned or donated for the display in our room at the USMA Library. I won't go into the list now, but I do want to remind you that material of interest or historical value is still needed in order to make a good display. Talk to Bob if you have something you are willing to lend.

'54

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Leland R Wood (F-2) died on 17 Nov in Rochester, NY, after several mos of battling cancer. Lee was a sys analyst with Kodak since leaving the AF. Lee's brother Graham '55 provided this info. The Class extends its deepest sympathy to Lee's wife **Dorothy** and their family.

Ed & Becky McNair, in Convent Station, NJ, set a Class (perhaps Acad?) first as grandparents of triplets, and at their age. On 22 May, daughter Martha Carillo gave birth to Michael, Elizabeth and Anthony, joining brother Christopher, two. Dad Don Carillo pilots for

1954: Ed & Becky McNair weighing grandkids Michael, Elizabeth and Anthony

Southwest Airlines, after a tour as a T-38 inst pilot at Reese AFB, TX. The wholly trinity brings McNairs' grandchildren count to 7. The McNair manse became childless in Jul when daughter Jennifer married John Olson. The Olsons are both civil engrs with FL Dept Of Transportation. Ed calls them DINCs, for "double income, no children."

Lief & Maureen Erickson hosted a Class buffet on 19 Oct at Bolling AFB, which Lief once commanded. Present

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were 56 classmates, wives and guests, incl out-of-towners SACEUR **Jack & Ginny Galvin**, Brussels, Belgium, and **Phil & Evelyn Brewster**, Las Vegas. Someone was reminded that Brussels doesn't bloom, but Brussels sprouts. Brewsters' son is a pilot w/Southwest AL. **Ken Bailey** won the Meyer-Sniffen bowl going away, for farthest remove, winging it from Kailua, HI.

Pres **Larry Skibbie** and 40th Reunion Chm **Jim Williams** updated the gp on planning, and warned that a form will be mailed in Jan to poll the Class on reunion wishes and ideas. (Have it at Annapolis?)

Tom & Sue Mayberry drove up from Williamsburg, as did **John Bard**, who is attending Wm & Mary Law Sch.

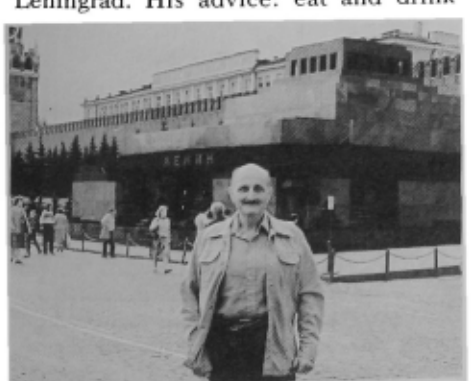
Mory & Beth Leiser clarified that his brother Bruce is in Class of '50, now ret. Another '50 mbr is Louis Leiser, no relation, also ret and also from ID, Mory's home, and who Mory's family got to know.

In Apr, **Bob & Lucile Adams** tripped to Mabelton, GA to visit their first grandchild, David Christopher, son of Lawrence & Ellen Adams. In Oct, Bob & Lucile drove to Hampton, VA to see her family. Did you know that Bob has a brother Richard E in '56, now ret in Pelham, AL?

Ed & Julie Keiser inform us that he works for DC Metro w/**Jim Miller** from Alexandria and **Ron Morris** from Silver Spring, MD.

Gerry & Jeannette Parshall's son Tom is a rook (plebe) at Norwich U, Northfield, VT.

Jay Massaro in Austin has affiliated with the gp around San Ant. He has ret twice and written a book on Army-AF heraldry. In 89, Jay made a bicycle tour of Ireland; and in 90 visited Soviet Central Asia (Uzbekistan, Bukhara, Tashkent and Samarkand) w/stops in Moscow and Leningrad. His advice: eat and drink



1954: Jay Massaro in front of Lenin's Tomb, Moscow, USSR

before you leave home. His great-great-grandfather was BG John S Mason 1847. Jay doesn't look that old.

Congratulations to **Al & Christine Lieber**, who were married on 16 Nov at Hap's Piney Grove ranch in Chestertown, MD. Cris is a ret ins broker from Phila. After their honeymoon, the new-

1954: Hap & Cris Lieber smiling before the nuptials

lyweds will live at Piney Grove. To order rice, phone (301) 778-2111.

His brother George informs us that **Ed Freeman** is recovering from serious surgery and would like to hear from classmates during his protracted treatment. Ed works for the OH Tel System. He & **Joanie** have 3 children, Joanne, Susan and son Tracy '79, and 5 grandchildren. His numbers are: Edward V Freeman, 724 Greenfield Dr, Mansfield, OH 44907; tel (419) 756-2231.

Joe Devlin just returned from the USSR in his job as VP/Govt Affairs with Harnischfeger Industries in DC. He & **Nora** live in McLean, VA. Their son is studying for a PhD at U VA; and two daughters work nearby, waiting to marry until Joe ret.

Monica Piolunek flew to London with our son Chet, a Pan Am pilot, for a Thanksgiving vacation—another reason to be grateful. Their tour bus got to Buckingham Palace just as Margaret Thatcher was leaving for the last time. Nothing personal, as far as we know.

For those who miss Ed P or owe him money, his address is: Dr **Edward J Pawlowski**, USA/SPG, Box 29, APO NY, NY 09245.

Larry Skibbie alerts us to two Class functions at Bolling AFB OOM. Dates are Sat, 13 Apr, and Thurs or Sat, 17 or 19 Oct (AUSA conference). The long lead time is to enable out-of-towners to plan their visits and to make our drs' appts. Don't send cash until you stop reading this.

Retake: In the item on F-1's reunion at **Jack & Kinta Delamain**'s in NC, out of prof jealousy we neglected to credit **Lee Thackwray** for the description of events and **Dion Johnson** for the photo opportunity. Lee is a training exec with American Inst of Aeronautics and Astronautics in DC. He & **Fran** live in Greenbelt, MD. Dion was re-elected a dist advisory neighborhood commissioner in DC, where he & **Jenny** live.

Ready? KGB agent to dishonest land developer: "comrade, you better watch your steppe [sic]."

Best wishes to all for a good 91. Resolve to write us once this yr please, or I'll kill you.

'55

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Gimme a "3," gimmee a "5"! Gimme a "35th Reunion—long Corps, big rocket, rah, rah, rah!" In the 3 days across 8, 9, 10 Nov, this great old Class of '55 proved once again, with characteristic dash and emphasis, that it has lost none of the zip and zeal, none of the warmth and camaradrie that was given form in the heat of Jul of 51, nurtured through the woes of the "Naughty Ninety," took shape on the Plebe Hike, and fully emerged as a force and personality to be dealt with in the American Legion parade in NY. The yrs have defined us, have taken us into some challenging and demanding experiences, and have depleted our number, but coming together again, as we can, in the numbers that we can muster, there is a spark and spirit and a quiet reverence that we can proudly and properly say belongs uniquely to the Class of '55, USMA. Our 35th reunion, played out as it was in the glitter of the Sheraton in Mahwah, NJ (and how many of you remember the old Ford Motor plant that stood on that site in 51–55?), or captured on those chugging buses that sounded as though they'd had one too many trips over those hills as we motored to USMA, or sitting ultra-soaked watching 22 strong young men play the longest game of "slip and slide" ever staged, or drying out in the warmth of the Holleder Sports Ctr watching **Kelly & Trudy Lichtenberg** weave their fabulous tailgating magic, or table-hopping around the endless eating sessions we staged in the hotel and at USMA to meet and greet old friends long not seen, was, old buddies, a *smashing success*!

1955: The Lichtenbergs and Franklins at the tailgate

We owe a lot of thanks to some very strong and dedicated folks that made all this memorable enjoyment come true, and we had the chance to register these thanks at the 35th, but in the afterglow of

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1955: Jerry & Charlotte Lewis

1955: Bill Graham in vinyl and Al Bundren in envy

1955: Kennebeck and Hadly

1955: Inez & Rich Cardillo and Bob Strati

memories that still linger from those 3 great days, the biggest hand still needs to be given to **Danny Dienst**, who focused spectacular energies on the planning and arrangements, and who reached out and sought the help and advice that brought it all off so beautifully. With **Loretta** hard by his side, Danny shouldered not only the responsibilities, but the worries, the aggravations, the fretting, and the endless negotiations that made it all happen so nicely. Done well, old friend! Who would have ever dreamed as we knocked back a long-neck Rheingold in good old "Yesterday's Inn," that. . . ?

1955: *Pace, Dienst, Farrington and Lynn (at right)*

For the benefit of all, let me review some of the specifics of the reunion: in all, about 150 classmates participated in some or all of the activities; with lovely ladies, family and dear friends included, our ranks swelled nearly to 330 at times. We were ably served and assisted by 3 super young offs from the USMA faculty—MAJ John Dashiell '75, and CPTs Kevin Donohue '81 and Francis Colletti '79. These 3 lads kept all the kinks ironed out and all the crowds pointed to the right buses and kept on time—they did everything but call the mins! Through the great good graces of **Rod & Pat Vitty**, the entire span of events was immortalized on videotape for future recollections and enjoyment. A very moving and commemorative service was held in the beautiful new Jewish Chapel in memory of our 37 deceased classmates. The service was conducted by **Jim Johnson**, with close and able assistance from **Joe Franklin, Al Edwards** and Chaplain Beck-Berman of the Jewish Chapel. Following this very lovely service, we gathered for a Class luncheon and bus mtg in the vast Cadet Activity Ctr in Eisenhower Hall, near the old Field House. Our principal speaker there was LTG Dave Palmer '56, who gave us a preview of what the Acad is headed for across the next 10–15 yrs; some very exciting and interesting directions ahead for USMA, but a general adherence to the basics that keep the place strong. At the Class bus discussion, we were briefed on our financial status and on the AOG's plan for future giving progs by **Bob Strati**, our outgoing treas. **Carl Cathey** made a short presentation on the progress of the Flight Memorial, which is nearing full funding and completion in 91. **Joe Franklin**'s comments on our overall activities introduced the nomination and election of our new Class offs, which was carried out by acclamation of the quorum present. Offs for the next 5 yrs will be: pres—**Don Hilbert**; VP—**Bob Strati**; secy—**Rod Vitty**; treas—**Dick Masson**; historian will remain **Dan Ludwig**, who did such a beautiful job on the 30th Reunion Yrbook, and has already started some ideas for the 40th; and finally, scribe—old "Ich" will try to keep it coming for the next 5 yrs.

1955: LaFrenz, Wayne Smith and Dave Pettet

1955: The Augers, Fikarises and Monahans

1955: Chuck Domeck and Carole Kidd

After some mosey-around time at the Point, we bused back to the hotel for Fri night's dinner dance that really turned out to be the social centerpiece of the reunion. As the rain clouds gathered for what was to be the next day's downpours, we were all warm and happy in enjoying some super entertainment by the Bluegrass quartet from the Cadet Glee Club, and after-dinner dancing to music specially selected from the archives of the 50's for our dancing pleasure. Don't hear great tunes like that much any more! The evening's presentations also included some richly-deserved recognitions for the Reunion

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Comm mbrs who laced the whole fabric of the gathering together: **Dick Baker, Carl Cathey, Danny Dienst, Al Edwards, Todd Graham** (who very cleverly arranged two yrs ago while he was in Korea for the great Reunion Ball Caps we all received), **Jim Johnson, Kelly Lichtenberg, Bob Newton, Vern Pace** (who played a particularly valued role since the hotel and the ctr of our activities are right in his backyard), **Bob Strati** and **Rod Vitty**. Through the special sponsorship of **Joe Franklin**, Kelly Lichtenberg, Bob Newton and Rod Vitty, we were greatly supported in achieving many of the goals we set for the reunion.

Undaunted by the wall of water that gushed from the heavens nearly all of Sat, we bused to WP, donned our wetsuits, Noreasters and vinyl garbage bags, and rolled into Michie Stadium to root the Rabble to victory. After a memory-jogging lunch in Wash Hall (so help me God, I sat in exactly the same seat I occupied the first day in the co after Beast Barracks!), we braved the elements to watch AF and Army struggle mightily under impossible conditions. The smart folks, the crafty ones, quickly repaired to the Holleder Sports Ctr behind Michie, where **Kelly** had his crew of stalwarts preparing a tailgate feast to please the gods. As you will notice in many of the snaps I include here, folks look a little wetter for wear, but the afternoon was really a big success. Army came out on the short end of the score (which is variously interpreted, depending on what color suit you wore for our service yrs), but '55'ers were winners all the way. The great thing about the day was that several classmates from the general area who are stalwart Army football fans were able to join the gp for the tailgate.

1955: Ed Rumsey deals to Joan O'Brien, Greta Masson and Sherry Welter. At rear are Nancy Rumsey and Mike & Celia Gallup

After feasting and imbibing to a fare-thee-well at **Kelly's** tailgate, we mounted our trusty buses for the return trek to Mahwah, where we quickly prepared ourselves for the evening's feasting and imbibing at the final buffet on Sat. A lot of very well-honed and carefully-adhered-to diets went begging at this reunion, be assured. But we had one last evening's chance to meet and greet, and we had the chance to see the rushes of the video that **Rod Vitty** sponsored for the event—a great piece. Time and space in this mag don't permit me listing everyone that was in attendance, but suffice it to say, we came from 29 states and Europe to attend, and by roughest count, there were 150 classmates; the largest attendance by any co was claimed by Co F-2, who mustered **Al & Edie Edwards, Paul & Marilyn Lenio, Bill & Sherry Welter, Don & Chickie Hilbert, Ed & Nancy Rumsey, Doc & Jeanne Dorough, Dick & Greta Masson, Bill Wix** and **Joan O'Brien**. Other companies varied downward from that, with **Bill & Corry May** being the sole reps from Co E-2. As could be expected, the gp from the Wash, DC area was the most populous, but CA sent a major delegation, and NY was close behind them.

This was a gathering of great folks; about half-way through writing this article, **Vicki** & I had the fun of attending the Wash area post-A/N brunch hosted by **Carl & Marcia Cathey** and some other very gracious folks. While the neat win that Army crafted over Navy was a major topic of conversation, much of the talk was turned toward reviewing just how great the reunion was for those who attended, and how much fun it will be to share that series of days with those who couldn't make it. At that brunch, it was a big surprise to see **Pete Walton**, who has just relocated here from his airport mgt duties at Boston's Logan Field. Also nice to see **Ken "Rip" Fagan**, who is en route to FL, where he will take up living after a no of yrs in CT. The rewarding aspect of this 35th reunion is that the bonding that brought us close together as we wore cadet gray has matured and strengthened over the yrs; the warmth and pleasure of a strong handshake or heartfelt hug with old friends have few equals in the life experience. Great to be a WP'er, greater yet to be a '55'er!

I want to take special notice of the passing of an era. In the snap nearby, LTG Charlie Hamm '56, has just done the honors of decorating and ret the last serving mbr of '55, **Tom Wilkinson**, in late Aug 90. Tom & **Helen** were at the 35th and pleased to rep their thrill at now serving on the US Olympic Comm as asst exec dir. So ends a long and noble chap of US mil service; done well, '55, done well.

Finally, I want to pass along the seedling of an idea that was getting some great acceptance at the 35th, and that is the proposal to have a "mid-term" reunion in about 3 yrs, time of yr undetermined, but probably in football season, in the CO Springs area, near the USAFA. Hard to keep a keen crew like this from gathering for the sheer fun of it. Chew on

1955: Hamm, Supe USAFA, retires Helen & Tom Wilkinson

the idea for a while and we'll see where the road between leads us. In the meantime, don't forget that I love to get mail or calls or whatever form of communication you can send along. If you were at the 35th and have some unbeatable snapshots, please share them with me and the Class. Take care.

'56

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With the warm fuzzy glow of the 34th Reunion still in our memories, **Dick Washburn** forwarded a group pic of the Class assembled in the stands just prior to the Cadet Wing on Parade. **Bill & Barb McPeek** also wrote that they have been working with the AF Academy official photographer to select many other snapshots of the wkend's activities, and we'll publish them as they become available. **Suzanne Wall**'s very delightful ltr proudly announced that Wright Wall and Jeremy McGinn have joined the Long Gray Line as members of the Class of '90. There to share the very important moment were proud fathers **John Wall** and **JJ McGinn**. Representing the Class were **Doc Bahnsen** and **Jim Anderson**. **Dave**

1956: Wright Wall '90, John Wall, Jim Anderson, Doc Bahnsen, JJ McGinn and Jeremy McGinn '90

Palmer was not present for the pic since he had a prior engagement with the JCS Chairman. John & Suzanne Wall are now settled at Stratford Hall Plantation (birthplace of Robert E Lee), where John

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1956: Class of '56 34th Reunion, AF Academy

is now the new govr. Suzanne states it is truly a beautiful and historical location and invites all to stop and visit. Stratford Hall is approximately two hrs south of DC on Virginia Rt 3 out of Fredericksburg. **Bob Sorley** writes that the quarter-

1956: John Wall and Charley Hamm in Supe's Qtrs, 34th Reunion, USAF Academy

ly Class luncheons in Wash continue to be well-attended and fun, with frequent visitors from out of town adding to the crowd. At the last gathering, **Tom Griffin** was there from Italy and **Jack Woodmansee** was in from TX. The highlight was **Tony Wetzel**'s acct of his grandson, 4 yrs old and already playing organized soccer. In a recent game he even scored 5 goals. His team won 4–1??? Bob also called and mentioned he was going to celebrate his 20th wedding anniv by taking **Ginny** on a trip to London where they would visit **Bob DeVoto** and hopefully run into **Gary Phillips**. Whoever sees Gary, tell him to contact Bob Sorley at 301-299-3168.

Pete Verfurth writes that the Oct quarterly luncheon at Ft McNair Off Club was very successful, with 31 classmates attending, including **Sam Kem** (who ret on 31 Oct 90), **Ken Withers, Sam Alward, Bob Flory, Fred Holmes, Bob Hammond, Ward LeHardy, Bob Sorley, Jack Sharkey, Bill Crites, Bob St Louis, Al Renshaw, Jack Woodmansee, Maury Cralle, Bill Schrage, Ben Tindall, Jack Nicholson, Gene Fox, Tony Wetzell, Stan Diez, Bill Weihl, Rick Brown, Dirk Lueders, Bill Baxter, Mike Conrad, Marty Zimmerman, Dick Dowell, Ernie Ruffner, Tony Jezior, Tom Griffin** and **Pete Verfurth**. At the luncheon, Bill Schrage outlined the plans for our Class' 4th annual Veterans Day visit to the Vietnam Memorial to honor and pay our respects to our fallen classmates. This year the wreath was placed near the name of **Edwin W (Woody) Martin**, who was the 4th of our 11 KIAs. Mike Conrad rep that it was a very moving ceremony, with a wonderful turnout. Afterwards everyone adjourned to the Army-Navy Country Club for a brunch. For those who would like to attend this very special event, mark your calendars for 11 Nov 91 at 1000 hrs.

Greg Wold from Plymouth, MI, where he is an assoc dir for corporate strategy for Ford, writes how much he appreciated **Bill McPeek**'s idea and efforts to have our 34th at the USAFA. Greg states that he never would have visited that memorable academy if it had not been for the reunion. **Chuck Russell** was instrumental in sending me a copy of a publication entitled, *The Academy Business Chronicle*. It is published by the mbrs of the WP Soc in Atl and its purpose is to provide a "news reporting service focused on graduates of USMA in that region." I commend the concept to your attention and in reading through, saw the names of **John R Parker**, who is the MIS Dir for Home Depot; **Charlie Singletary**, Dir, NCN, and Chuck Russell, Chm, Omni Travel.

1956: Bill McPeek presents Class gift to Charley Hamm at 34th Reunion

In Nov, I attended the Interservice-Industry Training Systems Conf (IITSC) in Orlando, and while there saw **Jack Nicholson** and **Chuck Torrey**. Jack is pres of Technical Assistance Inc, a consulting firm in Chevy Chase, MD, and Chuck is VP for Marketing for Kollsman, St Petersburg, FL. By the way, Jack Nicholson holds the unofficial record for the longest period of time (41 min) on a treadmill at Brooks AFB in San Ant. Not bad for an older gentleman. Updates on others incl **Russ Mericle**, dir, Broadway Natl Bank, San Ant, TX; **Stan Diez**, independent consultant for Mil Systems, Troutville, VA; **Jim Strozier**, prof at the Univ of Utah; **Rudy DeFrance**, asst VP for Merrill Lynch, Carlisle, PA; and **Tom Reinhardt**, pres of the Albuquerque Youth at Risk Prog.

The AOG has advised that there are 161 '56'ers who do not subscribe to *ASSEMBLY* so miss all the updates on WP and news of the Class. In most cases, the lapse was simply forgetting to send in a renewal notice. To make it easy for the 161 non-subscribers, renewal forms will be included in our 35th Reunion mailings.

Key dates to remember in 91 are: DC qtrly luncheon, 17 Apr; 35th Reunion, 19–22 Sep; and Beat Navy, 7 Dec.

Stan Wilker writes that **Betty** & he have spent several wkends this fall at their second home in Boulder City, NV. He appears to be really enjoying his ret from TRW by his statement that, "for once, I am in complete control of my life and good times." Betty is also planning to ret from teaching in the L.A. Unified Sch Dist (after 28 yrs) on 1 Feb 91. Stan & Betty already have made plans to visit El Paso and AZ, where they will attend and exhibit at various rock and mineral shows, as well as enjoy their hobby of collecting antiques.

Time to bring this column to a close. In the meantine, my thanks to you, you and you for keeping my mailbox full. Please keep on sharing your family's doings

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1956: Mbrs of '56 who served at USAF Academy: Blackwell, McPeek, Tindall, Dowell, Dr Clark, Mericle, Hamm, Stapleton, Mark Smith, Grassburger, Kirchgessner, Dougherty, Beyer and Wallace

with all of us. Deadline for me is the first wk of the even mos.

'57

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I hope you all had a very happy holiday season, and that you thoroughly savored the results of the A/N game. This yr we won both events. We had more classmates at our '57 A/N luncheon (33 to 30) and we won the game. Now for next yr! In fact, I got a call from **Jack Murphy** in CO Springs with an interesting suggestion. Our CS contingent would like to sponsor our 35th reunion over the wkend of 9 Nov 91, in conjunction with the A/AF game. It's a bit early, but it would certainly be different. There are lots of places to visit out there, incl NORAD, the Olympic Trng Ctr, and the AF Acad, and it can be turned into a ski holiday if the weather cooperates. Most of us have to travel to the reunion, wherever it is, and this way we could probably get great seats for the game on the Army side. Those of us on the East Coast might even be able to charter a plane from the Wash-Balt area. How about giving it some thought and getting back to me as soon as possible? This col should be out before the end of Feb, and if I get enough positive responses by the end of Mar, we can make a decision. We do have about a dozen classmates in that immediate area, which should give us a good group for making the arrangements. I'm going to take it up with the local group at our next luncheon, which will be at the beginning of Jan. Remember, in this case, your vote really does count and every vote is important. If you want more info about the CS area you can call Jack mornings at 303-226-5878. We can even have another reunion at WP in 92. Just a partying Class!

Speaking of parties (or luncheons, as the case may be), **Bernie Loeffke** hosted a lunch for the Class at the Inter-American Def Bd in downtown DC. The bd is housed in the Casa Del Soldado, an historic bldg which still harbors some of the elegance of the early 1900s. The lunch was excellent and the information about the bd and the associated Inter-American Def Col was very interesting—we even had the ambassador from Nicaragua join us. As a souvenir we each received a copy of a pamphlet written by Bernie titled, "We Are All Americans," which provides a brief description of each of the bd's mbr countries and a national hero. However, the most important thing I learned is that Bernie & **Francesca** now have a daughter, Kristin, who was born on 6 Aug 90. Congratulations. And now to the mail.

Got a lovely card from **Tom & Betty Adcock**, with a pic taken during their Sep visit with **Gerry & Diane Galloway** at WP. As you can see from the pic taken at the post-game victory party (Army beat VMI) in the Galloways' new qtrs, **Don & Nora Whalen** were also visiting WP that wkend. Either the pic's a little blurred or the people were; maybe too much celebrating on the part of the photographer. **Ken Bryan** called and spoke to **Bernice**, and then followed up

1957: (Top) Diane Galloway, Nora & Don Whalen; (bottom) Gerry Galloway, Tom & Betty Adcock

with a ltr and a pic. Ken is a cpt with American Airlines at DFW Arpt, TX, and is the superintendent for Flight Standards. DoD has requisitioned the use of an intercontinental a/c under the Civil Reserve Air Fleet plan, and Ken has been involved in troop movements to Saudi, flying missions out of Brussels and Rome to Dharahn on a turn-around basis. He enclosed two pics of the oper, but I've only included the one of him shaking hands with Eric Moore '87 on his debarkation in Saudi. Ken's son,

1957: Eric Moore '87 and Ken Bryan

Doug '90, is finishing up the basic course at Ft Knox and then will rep to an armored unit with the 4th ID at Ft Carson. I'll bet he'll vote for the reunion in CS. He also mentioned that **Giles Harlow's** son is co-pilot with AA, and that **Jack Farris** and **Steve Glick** have daughters who are flight attendants with AA. Ken recently had **Joe Shimek** & his bride on one of his domestic trips, and previously had **Fred Smith** and **Jeff Amacker** on his flights. I certainly hope he gives them complimentary bottles of champagne. Thanks, Ken, for the call, the ltr and the pic. **Jack Cooper** sent me a ltr from his home in Fremont, MI, with an article extracted from *The Cape Codder* of 2 Oct which describes in detail the accident in which **Moon Mullins** was killed. A key point was that the pilot was not trying to do any aerial acrobatics when the accident occurred. Also, during the interview, the Chatham Airport manager stated that the last fatal crash at that airport was in 57. Received a lovely

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Chanukah card and holiday ltr from **Cliff & Sue Goodson**. Sue took up racewalking after an appendectomy last Jan, and took first in her age group at the NM games 3000m racewalk in Jun. In Sep she was first in her age group, and 4th overall (out of 606 women) in the 5km racewalk at the Duke City Marathon. Fast learner, or walker, as the case may be. Cliff has become a left-handed tennis player following a shoulder oper in Aug, but has found that he'd probably be better off walking with Sue. They became grandparents again on 16 Nov with the birth of grandson Garrett to son Rich & Isabel. Son Rob & Susann are now in Clinton, MO, which is alongside the Harry S Truman Reservoir—a great place for people who love boating, and fortunately, they do. Son Craig, who is now a sr and marketing major in NMSU's Bus Col, went to Boston last summer to test the waters and wound up supporting himself as a waiter at Bennigan's. How's that for a commentary on the economy? I hope he has better luck after grad. Thanks for the card, Cliff, and maybe we can get together next Nov in CS. **Frank & Peggy Hanigan** sent a ltr from their home on the Nile, where Frank has been since last Feb. Peg and son Robert joined him there on 2 Aug, the day Iraq invaded Kuwait. To quote from the ltr, "One could not have picked a more adventurous time to be living in the Middle East." So far, however, it's been a picnic. They've been horseback riding by the Pyramids and sightseeing in the Sinai. They visited St Catherine's Greek Orthodox Monastery at the base of Mt Sinai, the mtn on which God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, climbed the 6000-ft mtn, and even viewed the "burning bush." Sounds like a trip I should take. Their daughter, Bernadette, who is an Army nurse, was married in Jun to Mat Schech, a CPT in the Vet Corps, and is living in the Silver Spring, MD area. They were scheduled to go to Ft Sam Houston in Jan, but who knows where they will end up. There could be an unanticipated reunion in the ME. Son Greg & Laura are living in Mt View, CA, and Greg is a full-time student at San Jose St. Son Jimmy grad from UT Dental Sch last May and is now a USAF dentist (CPT) in Tuzson, AZ. Daughter Aileen now lives in Annapolis, MD and is a customer service rep with Air, Inc. Last, but not least, Robert is a 6th grader at Cairo American Col. His schoolmates come from 90 different countries. According to Peggy, he's mastering Arabic so that he can help mom & dad bargain in the mkt, and practicing wrestling so that he can protect mom on her trip back to the US this summer. The Hanigans invite you all to visit with them in Cairo, and will even give you a tour of the sights. If you want more info, just dial 011-202-352-8265 from anywhere in the USA. AT&T will help you reach out and touch them. Thanks for a fascinating ltr.

Received a card, ltr and pics from **Bud & Nancy Langworthy**, and a pic of the "basic" (my word) Langworthy family is included in the col. The pic was taken at the wedding of Steve & Melinda in Spokane, WA. It was the first time since Peter & Kris were married in 84 that the 4 brothers and their families were all together. The pic which I did not include has 14 people, all of whom belong to Bud & Nancy. Simply awesome. As you may recall, Nancy & Bud call Ormond, FL "home," but spend most of their time traveling. In the last yr they made two trips to New Orleans to visit with Peter & Kris; drove to Dallas for the wedding; then on to Bitterroot Valley, MT to stay at Bud's sister Sally's ranch; from there to Spokane, WA to pick up wedding gifts for delivery to Steve & Melinda in Dallas; down the coast to San José to visit with Don & Nancy, and I assume Bob, who is now a CPO and is stationed at the Mare Isl Naval Base in Vallejo, CA; east through Boulder, Junction City, Dallas (to drop off the gifts, no doubt), New Orleans, VA (but they didn't visit us); and then NY to visit Nancy's parents. They didn't get back to Ormond until Sep, and then they were planning to make at least two more trips to New Orleans before the end of the yr. On one of their visits to New Orleans, they took time out to walk in the Crescent City Classic 10km, along with 32,000 other participants, clocking a time of 1 hr 32 min. Steve and Peter ran the course in 57 min. They should start a new prog for retirees—"On the Rd with the Langworthys." As always, they invite other Class travelers to stop by and stay awhile, if you happen to find them at home. Unfortunately, even the best of yrs is often tempered by some sadness. Bud's mother died in Nov after a long illness. Bud, please accept our condolences.

1957: The Langworthys, 1990: Don, Steve, Nancy, Bud, Peter and Bob

Wayne & Sally Nicoll wrote from the opposite end of the country, the snow covered slopes of Ragged Mtn, NH. They too have had a yr filled with both highs and lows. Wayne's brother Andy was killed in a traffic accident in May, and Sally's mother died on 2 Aug. Our condolences to you both. On the positive side of the ledger, daughter Jemi gave birth on 23 Aug to her second daughter, Elizabeth Alice. Jemi's husband, Rick, is now full-time managing editor of the *Bow Times*, a growing bi-wkly newspaper. Son Greg is still working for the IRS in Atl, and is having increased success with his free-lance writing. The Nicolls also spent a lot of time on the rd this yr, as officials with the Athletics Congress. They attended conventions in Miami and Seattle, officiated events in Orlando, Albany (GA, I assume), and Nashville, and participated in an intl measurement seminar in Columbus, OH. While traveling as an inst of course measurement for race officials from several countries in So America, Wayne had to abandon a trip to Argentina when his flight to Buenos Aires was delayed too long to make his connections. Sounds very sad, doesn't it? In Apr they traveled to WP to take part in an Army Track Family reunion in honor of the former coach, Carleton Crowell (deceased) and his widow, who was Sally's "mom" away from home during cadet days. Wayne also attended the Army/VMI game at WP, and they went to the Army/Boston Col game in Boston. Now the question: if Wayne & Sally say that they really enjoy NH, since it's their original home (they even attended their 40th HS reunion this yr) and the family is close by, and they have lots of fun there, why are they always going someplace else? Thanks for the ltr.

Charlie & Priscilla Quinn sent a card and a holiday ltr which started off with an announcement of the birth of their first grandchild, Charles Joseph Quinn III, who was born 8 Apr. And I quote, "He is wonderful! I'm here to tell you that being grandparents is truly the greatest—we love every min of it. Our biggest problem is that we don't live next door to his parents—much to their relief, I'm sure." I think every one of us who has reached the grandparents stage has said the same thing. I know I have. Of course, one solution—if you live as far away as **Bernice** & I do—is to send your children a camcorder and make them take lots of tapes. Back to the Quinns. Carol & Chuck are the parents, and they live right here in VA. Chuck is still with IBM, but is now an advisory marketing support rep working out of IBM's DC off. Carol went back to work for Gannett in Jul. Lisa & Jed are still in CT; Jed is now a systems engr with IBM, and Lisa is designing swimwear and exercisewear for Robby Len Swimsuits, where she is prod dev mgr. Daughter Jane is now a sr auditor with Belk's in Charlotte, NC. I guess this is the yr for traveling. Charlie & Priscilla took an extended trip in Aug and Sep to visit family, getting all the

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way down to FL and doing some casual sightseeing in St Augustine and Savannah along the way. A wk after returning home to Chappaqua, they volunteered to come down to VA to babysit with CJ III for a wk. What more could a grandparent ask for? It must be nice to be really ret. The Quinns are still trying to sell their house in NY and move to Williamsburg, but the mkt just isn't cooperating. Thanks for the ltr.

Mike Stein wrote from sunny Boulder, CO, and included a pic of **Tom Hicklin, Jack Adams** and himself on the first day of the pheasant hunting season in Aberdeen, SD. Mike's oldest son, Neil, is

1957: Tom Hicklin, Mike Stein and Jack Adams

training to be a commercial pilot and flew him to Aberdeen, cutting the normal 12-hr roadtrip to a comfortable 2 1/2 hrs. Speaking of speed, Mike suggested that I get a fax machine so that people could send me info more rapidly. I do have one at work, and the no is 703-524-6666. Mike responded to my request for info about wives' activities, and provided the following info about **Eunice**. She is in the docent prog of the Denver Art Museum, and has for several yrs now been giving guided tours of the museum for the general public. She has had a life-long interest in art, has an art history degree from Mary Wash, and actively paints and sculpts. She has also taken art lessons from some outstanding artists, is an excellent oil painter, and several of her sculptures have been cast in bronze. Sounds fascinating. Mike says that if you

1957: The Vickers family, 1990: John, Bethany, Barbara, Beth Anne, Jennifer and Jack

come to Denver, be sure to contact Eunice (303-449-9465) for a special tour of the museum. Maybe we can tie a tour into the Nov reunion, if we have it in CS. Thanks for the info and the pic.

Got a lovely card from **Jack Vickers**, along with a pic of his family. It certainly adds class to the column.

Bernice & I are enjoying life, and wish you all a very Happy New Yr. Write if you want a reunion in Nov in CS. For that matter, write if you don't want it. Just write!

'58

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62d col. Late as usual. Too much info. Unfortunately, must begin with the sad news that **Alice Forman** died of respiratory failure. **Tom** wrote that she "passed away peacefully in my arms on the morning of 15 Nov. . . . We held a lovely, sharing memorial service for her on 30 Nov in a beautiful desert hollow near our home, Rauha. Afterwards, at sundown, about 25 family [mbrs] accompanied me to Rauha, where all helped scatter her ashes. . . ." Our sympathies to Tom. Tom will be spending Christmas in Cheraw, SC with his sons, their wives, and 3 granddaughters. Your scribe is happy that Tom & Alice came to the 31st Mini in Palm Springs—an opportunity to have met her before cancer and its complications claimed her.

Mini Reunions. The next, the *third*, MINIREC 91, will be 25–29 Sep at the Radisson Resort So Padre Isl, TX ($55/night, or $120/night for two-bdrm condo; call 800-292-7704 for reservations). More details will be provided via ltrs from **Jack Tierney** and **Buck Griffin** in due course. Note: the dates have changed since advertised at Bar Harbor and in the last col, but 25–29 Sep 91 is correct and firm for next mini.

And, MINIREC 92 will be in Thailand, hosted by **Pete Kullavanijaya** and **Sammy Sookmak** before Pete must ret. **Bob Pointer** will handle the admin details from his stateside CP in Clifton Pk, NY (518-371-3979).

More info from the Bar Harbor mini if space permits. On to the ltrs. LIFO—last in, first out (with some exceptions, of course). Christmas cards. Talk about organized—3 cards received before 15 Dec. First, **Ann & Linc Jones** confirmed 1 Oct ret and settling in San Ant, TX (must come to MINIREC 91!). Linc is working "for a large power corp on the intl-side of bus based out of London. He's working in Italy and Ger. Both Peter (a CPT) and Patti (a 1LT) are stationed in Ger—we'll join them in Munich for the holidays."

Next, from **Gale & George Robertson** (complete with a Christmas ltr composed by daughter Christy, bedridden much of the yr with complicated ear surgery following a fall with spinal and head concussion in Aug 89). George is working for Univ Research Assoc "and loves it. He makes it home once a mo, which is the way we'll have to live until Christy completely recovers. Seems George is in Dallas as Dep PM for the Super Conducting, Supercollider Project."

1958: The Castles at Tricia's grad, May 90

And from **Dottie & Jim Castle**, with a pic taken at Tricia's grad from CA Lutheran Univ in May 90. An unusual feature of their ltr is that it has the same address as the 89 Christmas ltr. The 89 version rep that Jim & Dottie were in Palm Springs in Aug to see it "at its worst." They were looking for potential sites for a winter home—OK, but why not during the Palm Springs mini in Sep 89? Back to 90 news: "This has also been a yr of travel for both bus and pleasure. Some of the places we visited were Paris, Brussels, London, Aruba, Monaco, Tokyo, Seoul, Singapore, Sydney, Los Angeles, San Fran, Palm Springs (aside: no excuse for missing 89 mini), Marco Isl, and Orlando." (Another aside: but not Bar Harbor in Sep 90).

Your scribe will mention something not in the **Castles'** card and ltr. In the Nov 90 *ASSEMBLY*, the WP Fund article reflected a gift by Jim in excess of $100,000 to establish a visiting lecturer prog in computer sciences. I'll add our thanks to those of the Acad and the AOG for Jim's dedication to WP.

Now some exceptions to LIFO. **Joan &**

1958: Joan & Fred Goodenough with daughter Jannelle & new son-in-law Vincent Murray

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Fred Goodenough sent photo and info on their daughter Jannelle's marriage to Dr Vincent J Murray III on 11 Nov 89 (first anniv congratulations are in order). The wedding was in Warrenton, VA. Jannelle is a neonatal intensive-care nurse at Arlington Hosp. Vincent is in dental practice in Burke and Centerville. Father Fred is with Def Communications Agency, working on the 92 Presidential campaign commo support. Think the wedding was mentioned in a prior column with the photo promised—sorry it has taken your scribe so long to follow through.

1958: Sue & Dave Depew, Thailand, Jan 90

Oct ltr from **Sue & Dave Depew** in Phangnga, Thailand responding to an epistle from our Exec Comm Ch Lawton. The Depews returned to Thailand in Jan 89 where Dave is serving as a missionary. He served there for 13 yrs as a missionary, then returned to the States for 10 yrs in bus due to personal reasons. They are happy to be missionaries again. This is an opportunity to welcome Sue to the Class. She & Dave have 5 children between them, ages 16–29. Sue ordered a 30th Reunion Book, which has not yet been mailed because it requires a trip to post off for proper postage for intl mail.

Ltr from **Jim Ramsden** rep that he & **Rae** are doing well in St Augustine, where they are renting a beachfront condo while doing serious house-hunting.

1958: Jim & Rae Ramsden and Grace & Mike Dugan

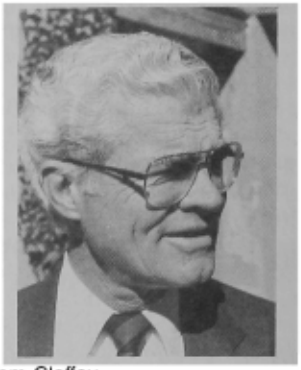
At Jim's ret and promotion to BG, the following I-2 files were there: **Mike Dugan, Palmer McGrew, Jim Morgan, TK Smith** and **Dick Webb**. Other classmates there were **Larry Bullis, Gary Graves, George Lawton, Bob Pointer,** and **Garry Roosma**. Jim & Rae's address is 306 Raintree Trail, 32086; tel 904-797-5916. Jim hopes to make a DC luncheon during one of his periodic visits to Walter Reed.

1958: The Supe, Ramsden and Dugan, 10 Sep 90

Dan Johnson writes from Albuquerque, NM after moving from Orem, UT. He is leading a research project on ear protection from high-level blast noise. He also enclosed an article entitled, "One Rock Concert = 2 1/2 Yrs Aging!" His ltr rep that "all 6 children are fine, with none married yet. I may only have dreams of having grandchildren. Also, this is my official every-5-yr ltr, I think."

1958: Daniel Johnson is currently the principal investigator on an Army contract research project to determine the protection afforded from very-high level impulses (192 dB) by hearing protection devices

Tom Claffey writes, "The Nov 90 *ASSEMBLY* contained an article on pg 151 regarding memorial articles and the fact that practically all classes are dropping the ball. Table two of Gen McWhorter's piece led me to the *Register* to determine which of our deceased classmates have not been honored with obits. If the Exec Comm would consider taking on the project of preparing memorial articles for our fallen classmates (aside: more on this in Lawton's next ltr which you will receive before reading this col in the Mar 91 *ASSEMBLY*), I will gladly volunteer to assist." Needless to say, Tom's offer has been accepted by Lawton and comm. Over the yrs this col has advertised obit info, but an easy place to look for info current as of Aug 88 is the 30th Reunion Book—and Lawton's next ltr will list all those for whom an obit is needed, also reflecting who has volunteered to prepare particular obits and which of our fallen still need volunteers.



1958: Tom Claffey

Another reader of the Nov 90 *ASSEMBLY* is **Ken Phillips**, who writes that the WP Fund Comm article "caught my attention. Table one, on pg 59, shows that EVERY class from 1912–57 had a greater '% of participation' than our Class (aside: the percentage was participation during the yr 1 Apr 89–30 Mar 90). In addition, 6 of the next 11 classes also had a higher percentage. To me this is a black mark on the Class of '58."

Ken continues: "It is my belief that now is the time that *everyone* should come to the aid of the institution that's provided the solid basis for the last 32 yrs of our lives." Ken's ideas for fund raising were passed along to the Exec Comm. His ltr ended with, ". . . the bottom line is that '58 should be embarrassed by the present situation and do something to improve our status. Expounded enough for my first ltr to the scribe, so will close with BEAT NAVY." *And Army did*, so perhaps '58 will pick up on Ken's admonitions re donations to WP through the AOG.

Kemper, TX update from **Chuck Densford** (which arrived 20 cents due for postage—best 20-cent investment **Sibert**'s ever made): "For Founders Day, I tried to org a 'Runt Reunion,' with **Dick Graves** as our token 1st Regt runt and **Gene Wentworth** as our token flanker. **Mugs & Mary Margaret McCullough**, and **Phil & Steffie Raign** came to stay with us (**Dick & Amy Buckalew** could not make it). Dick & **Bev Graves** had us for cocktails at their qtrs. At the club my plan went south—the head table was the '58 runt table with our token flanker, but we were captured by the 1st Regt runt; it was *his* table. We had a great time, lots of laughs (like when the III Corps Cmdr stood up on his chair waving his napkin and hollering like he was in Wash Hall.)"

Chuck finally heard from "**Gin Lancaster**, who is in Denver and works for Martin Marietta. On Stan Toney's last

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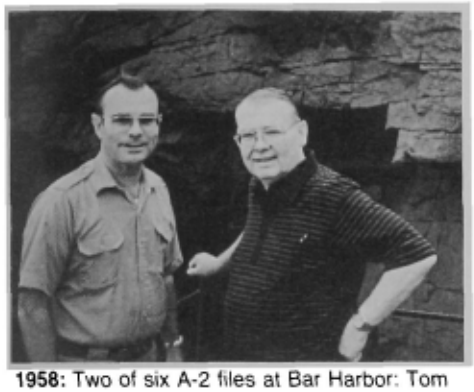
visit he took Gin's USMA napkin ring back to him for me. I've had it since grad, waiting for an opportunity to return it in person." Densfords are hoping to see Gin at next A-2 reunion soon in Lubbock, TX. Runt rep continues, "**Phil Raign** has started flying again by joining the TX Inst's flying club at McKinney, TX (NE Dallas). **Patsy** & I stayed with Phil & **Steff** recently, relaxing in their hot tub/spa. **Don McCullough** is pres of the Private Ind Council in Lubbock and is inventing new ways to put people back to work."



1958: Two of six A-2 files at Bar Harbor: Tom Morgan and Jim Roberts

Chuck also rep on flankers: "**Fred & Pat Mayer** are leaving Killeen, TX. Fred is working with NASA at the Johnson Space Ctr near Houston."

The next rep is from **Ed Weckel**, D-1 CCQ, in a ltr to co-mates and copy to scribe: "I recently completed drafting two term papers and need a break. For one of the papers I have to discuss the influence of Nietzsche and Marx on one of Brecht's minor plays. I won't bother to state the theme of the second; after 25 pgs *auf deutsch* I'm not even sure I understand what I've done."

Ed continues: "Before the personals, a little bus. The response to my ideas concerning preparation of the two obits was disappointing. I am still waiting for ideas or help. **George Lawton** has contacted a few of our classmates concerning the D-1 obits, also without much success. What is the solution? Should we just forget about them or do something? We need two volunteers who knew **Chuck Normington** and **Tony Evans** well enough to write about them."

Ed's rep on D-1 files are in the order received by him. "**Herb Johnson** called. He wanted to know when he could expect his gold medal (aside: promised for first response to Ed's first ltr, covered in last col). He also wants a gold cluster on it, since he was the first to contact me a second time. Reference his scuba-diving vacation: he made it down to 110 ft. Not bad for an old man! (Aside: Herb also wrote scribe, sending a few cadet-era photos for the col.)

"**Curt Stender** was next, and was honest. He admitted writing because I

1958: Chuck Normington from cadet days

'threatened the pocketbook.' (Remember you turkeys who haven't contacted me yet. The last one to do so, or not to do so, will be invited to buy champagne for us at the next major reunion.) Curt left the service after a 15-mo tour in Korea. He returned to sch to earn his teaching certificate and has been teaching for 28 yrs. He is teaching geometry, sr math, chem and physics; and is eligible to ret in 5 yrs. Curt & **Sandra** returned to the farm. They have 4 children—two boys and two girls; the youngest (Lisa) is a sophomore at IA State in elementary ed. The other 3 also were graduated from IA State and are doing well.

"Next was a phone call from **Ernie Hasselbrink**. He is a PM at Feranti Aerospace. We had a great talk about careers, children, and the like, but I didn't take notes (aside: your scribe is sympathetic; in my case, no notes, no poop). Ernie's youngest is also in col, so those of you who are still paying tuition bills are not alone. My (**Ed's**) last will start col next yr.

"The 4th to contact me was **Bob Bunker**. As you know, Bob was the last (D-1 file) to ret; he wrote that he 'deserted the ship' two days before Hussein invaded Kuwait. How's that for a great sense of timing? Afterwards, he took a mo off and accepted the position of Sr VP for Far East Oper at Brown and Root. Bob & **Marion** will be in Houston for 4 mos and then off to Singapore to establish a corp regional off. The co has interst in offshore petroleum platforms, piping, etc. Bob's job is to plan for and orchestrate the consolidation of these and other bus units in the Far East. Bob promised to furnish me with his address in Singapore after he arrives, and promised to set up guest quarters for D-1. We need to take him up on his invitation (aside: you bet, especially on the way to/from MINIREC 92 in Thailand)."

Best Wishes for the New Yr. When you read this in late Feb you will already have received the Lawton-Exec Comm epistle and some of you may have volunteered for obit duty to help **Ed Weckel** and the other 23 CCQs trying to get '58 and the other 23 CCQs trying to get '58 caught up. My earlier admonitions to draft your own were not in jest—write something down to help the guy "classmated" into writing yours someday!

1958: Durkin and Claffin at Camp Buckner, 1955

'59

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Mike Gillette hosted the Standing Comm and the Finance Comm for a lunch mtg at the World Bank on 1 Nov. Well-fed attendees included **Boyle, Campbell, Coreth, Gibbs, Robinson**, and **Roesler**. The financial rep showed a 30 Sep balance of $121,389 invested in several conservative funds at Dean Witter, and the comm decided to retain the defensive posture in the current recessionary environment. Robinson led a discussion of the current and long-term projects and interests of the Class, and intends to update us all in an annual newsltr.

Phil Gibbs rep that on 27 Oct he, **Skip Schow, John & Sharyn Wilson**, and Larry Bullis '58 participated in a TV fund raiser for cable channel 56, a Northern VA public station that hopes to air Army football and other sports for the local audience. Schow gave a half-time commentary on the game and other matters that absolutely amazed his friends, and they succeeded in raising $3,000. The station so far has telecast the Boston Col and Syracuse games and plans to pick up A-N contests played at Annapolis. Phil says to send a few bucks to the station if you live in the area and like the idea. I understand that the WP Soc of DC is promoting the project.

After the mtg, **Frank Campbell** told me that he & **Pat** had been overwhelmed by the kindness of our classmates in the time following the death of their son, Don, last Labor Day. He asked that I relay the appreciation of their entire family. He said that they are gradually coming to terms with their loss and that Michele, Don's wife, will recover completely from the injuries she sustained in the accident.

Bill & Joyce Schwartz are in Oakland where Bill is dep dir of intl mktng for the def systems gp of Gen Instrument Corp. The gp has 4 divs involved in the electronic warfare bus, and markets equipment to warn planes and ships of missile

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and gun threats and to collect electronic intelligence. Bill is overseas a great deal, generally focusing on Europe, but also on Australia, Israel and Pakistan. Some of his experiences in Peshawer, Pakistan, near the Afghan border, helped to remind him that he still had some adrenalin. He's been busy of late in support of Desert Shield, helping to get threat-warning systems to our allies on an expedited basis. Had anyone suggested 32 yrs ago when he was struggling through juice classes that he would have spent 8 of the last 10 yrs in the electronics bus, says Bill, he (and his juice P's) would have questioned the sanity of the prognosticator.

Joyce is dir of the Oakland School Dist library system and has responsibility for about 90 schs. She too stays extremely busy, but crosses paths with **Bill** at home on occasion, says he. Last summer they went to Ireland for a two-wk vacation and Bill, a longtime handball player, found the old court shown in the accompanying photo. Handball was invented in Ireland, according to Bill, and so standing in this old court was for him roughly the equivalent of a Moslem's trip to Mecca. On this trip, nevertheless, Bill devoted as much time as he could to fishing.

1959: Bill Schwartz at ancient handball court in Ireland

Bill's son, Peter (29), has an MBA from UMI and is an advertising acct exec in Chicago, currently plugging Gatorade. Daughter Lauren (25), a Dartmouth grad, is also an advertising acct exec, but in San Fran. Bill rep that they all got together for Thanksgiving this yr and that it was a most enjoyable occasion.

Art & Babs Bair have been practicing their heys and y'alls in Spartanburg, SC since Blockbuster Video took them down there two yrs ago. Art is dir of opns for WJB Video, the largest and best franchise in the Blockbuster family. He has 142 stores with a projected growth to 200 in 91.

The **Bairs**' oldest son, Art III, was married to Bridget Duggan at Ft Belvoir in Aug 89. Nothing has changed since then in the accompanying photo, according to Babs, except that youngest son, Dave, traded cadet gray for Army blue in Dec 90. Both boys are chips off the old block—Inf, Abn, and Ranger. 1LT Art III is in Saudi Arabia as a mortar plt leader with the 1st Cav. Dave is with the 101st Airmobile Div.

1959: The Bairs at Art III's wedding: Dave, Bridget, Art III, Babs and Art Jr

Babs writes that Art's job requires a lot of travel but that she is able to go with him at least 75% of the time. Recently they stopped in Beaufort, SC to share some wine and news with **Ollie & Diane Langford**, who ret to a beautifully restored home on the waterfront. The next day, while driving through Bluffton, SC, the Bairs checked in with **Em & Teddy McCracken** at their bus, Stone Farm Antiques, which was booming.

Babs adds that **Mary Anderson**, **Doug**'s widow, visited from Franklin, TN in Sep, en route to Ft Bragg. Babs accompanied her to Bragg where they bade farewell to Mary's daughter, Carol '88, who was leaving for Saudi with the 82nd Abn. Carol's husband, also a 1LT with the 82nd, had preceded her by a few wks.

Spartanburg sits along I-85 between Charlotte, NC and Atl, says **Babs**. Their name is in the phone book and the welcome mat is out for old friends who would honor them with a visit.

Jim Walsh sent his annual Christmas ltr with news that daughter Terry's marriage to Bob Marchione had indeed occurred over Easter wkend at seaside on the isl of Kauai, and that they have a lovely home in Kailua on which they have recently completed major renovations. Son Dave, a LT of Arty with the 25th ID, moved with Lynette and Katelynn to Schofield Barracks at the end of May and is only an hr away from Terry & Bob. Son Jay, who is with TX Inst, his wife Grace, and Walsh grandchildren Matt and Bridget recently moved from McKinney to Plano, TX. The MD Hausers (**Phyl**'s parents) and the MD Walshes will spend the Christmas holidays with the TX Walshes. Jim, incidentally, is doing a great job staying in touch with A-1 files as part of the Bde CQ system.

Brooks & Jan Sisson are in Lenexa, KS, where Brooks has what he regards as an enjoyable job as asst VP for Merrill Lynch in nearby KS City. He recently got his private pilot's license and plans to do some flying. The Sissons have 3 children: sons Kevin (28) and Scot (26), and daughter Kelli (23). There are 3 grandchildren, ages 2, 1, and 1.

Hank & Brenda Larsen opened a rest called "Calico County" in Lawton, OK shortly after returning from the 30th Reunion. The menu, which includes such glories as fried catfish, homemade chili, and chicken fried steak, has great appeal for this TX boy. Hank says doing this has been an even greater challenge than they had anticipated, but all is on the upswing now. Potential classmate clientele in Lawton includes **Clay Abrams**, who works for the Field Arty Sch, and **Tony Pokorny**, who continues to run the mgt consulting co (LB&M Assoc) that he started about 8 yrs ago.

The **Larsens** invite anyone traveling through the area to stop by for a visit and a taste. It's not the crossroads of the world, Hank admits, but one never knows who might appear. For example, **Bill & Marlene Burleson** were in town this fall when their son married the Nobles' ('60) daughter. And the **Eckelbargers** should be visiting Ft Sill now that Don is DCG of that Army area.

Hank adds that he has finally succeeded in converting his CA roommate, **Bill Lehrfeld**, into a solid New Englander who roots for the Celtics and the Red Sox. Starting in 55, Hank figures, it took about 30 yrs. Hank also rep that Jack Germond of the *Baltimore Sun* predicted on a recent McLaughlin Gp TV show that **Fred Malek** would be considered as a possible Republican natl campaign mgr for 92.

1959: Winnie & Michael Kay Schepps at home in Birmingham, AL

Winnie & Michael Kay Schepps are in Birmingham, AL, where Winnie has a suburban practice in psychotherapy that gives him new challenges every day. It's rewarding, he says, and he loves it. Daughter Laura is 18 and quite a writer. She has been accepted at Auburn. Son Scott, 15, is a great artist and wants to go to the Atl Art Inst. Winnie recently found himself the guest expert at a parenting seminar at Scott's junior HS, which would have been rather routine had not the sch suspended the son of the parent-

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ing expert the day before the seminar.

Winnie went to the Army-Vanderbilt game on 17 Nov but saw no classmates. His only recent contact has been a call from **Denny Morrissey** from Chicago a few mos ago. He would love to hear from L-2 files and other friends in the Class. Somebody call Winnie.

John Shock is still chm of the ophthalmology dept at UAR for Med Sci, and during the past two yrs he has had a hand in raising $8.5 mil to build the Harvey and Bernice Jones Eye Inst. He & **Nancy** enjoy living in Little Rock but never see any classmates. They would love to have some of us visit. Somebody visit the Shocks.

I was pleased to see **Don Reinhard**, who was in DC on bus, in late Oct. Don, whose mil career included 7 yrs of managing Army involvement in binary chemical prod plants, is now with ABB Combustion Engr'g managing a prog to undertake chemical armament destruction. Previously, he worked at Allen-Bradley on the control system for the Fooele chemical armament destruction plant. He makes his home in Atl.

Of our Class, as far as I know, only **Fred Franks** is in Saudi Arabia with Desert Shield. He and his HQ, VII Corps redeployed from Stuttgart in Nov. To him, to our friends, and to our sons and daughters in the desert, we bid Godspeed.

1960: Co D-1 at 30th: Ann & Bill Willoughby, Ane & Tom Haycraft, Joyce & Ed Post, Judy & Dan Donahue, Mary Ellen & Lew Meloan, Kathy & Bob Oswandel, and Lory Jean & Dan Wilson

'60

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Heard from **George & Doris Finley** last evening. They were back in the US for George's father's funeral. The late COL Finley was Class of '36 and was a classmate of the fathers of **Dick Cato, Ben Evans**, and several others. The Class' condolences were passed along.

Dan Wilson, a classmate of mine from HS and our classmate from D-1 at the Academy, wrote for the first time and sent along a photo of D-1 from the 30th reunion. Dan too had a really great reunion.

"**Lory Jean** & I live in San Jose, and have since 81. I work at FMC Corp along with **Mike Hatcher** and **Jerry Witherspoon**. Jerry just turned over his responsibilities in the Silicon Valley Chap of Grads to the two **Chucks, Depew** and **Dwyre**.

"Like many, I suppose, I currently have 3 children in uniform: Kathy in USAF, Steve in USMC, and Suzanne in USA. Suzanne & John Fenzel, both CPTs, are currently in Saudi Arabia, Suzie in the 101st and John in the 3/5 SFG. My other two are Betty Wells, who lives in VA with her husband Eric and our first grandchild, Eric Jr, and Dan Jr, a sr at Fresno St."

D-1 seems to have married a very attractive bevy of beauties as the photo gives testimony to.

Mike Ferguson writes from Pensacola, FL, where he is practicing a wide range of law but beginning to emphasize commercial law and some family practice. Pensacola is a great city to visit, so he welcomes any classmates any time they get in this area. **Bob Rudesill** & his lovely wife just took him up on that offer over the last mo, along with their aspirant naval aviator son.

As far as children go, the **Ferguson** kids are doing well. One is in the AF in HI; one is going to sch in NYC at NYU and has been working with *Country Living* mag during the last few yrs; and their youngest, a son, is a jr at FL State U this yr. Since **Mike** is a grad of the Univ of FL and on their alumni council, they now have all the bases covered here in FL in regards to the state's major football events (which, by the way, takes up a lot of his time traveling throughout the state to the FL and FL State games!).

As far as extracurricular events go, the **Fergusons** are deeply involved with the Navy here in town, as well as the AF over in Eglin. **Mike** has been very active in obtaining support for Navy funding as it affects Pensacola, and has made a no of trips to Wash to help out the Navy, including help to finance and produce a play celebrating the Navy's connection with Pensacola. The play showed both in Pensacola and the Kennedy Ctr in Wash to raise money and promote some allegiance to the Navy/Pensacola relationship. This does not mean that Mike roots for Navy during the Army/Navy game, but the Navy folks have treated **Jane** & Mike well! The Navy gave them a few thrills by flying them out to a carrier and making them mbrs of the "Trail Hook" assoc, and they are wkly reps of the Army at Navy and "Blue Angel" events.

Mike enclosed a picture of the **Ferguson** residence with the Fergusons in front of it, along with some friends. Mike enclosed it to let us know there is always room for classmates.

1960: Ferguson residence with Fergusons in front, along with some friends

Michael was recently elected as a dir of the Panhandle Tiger Bay Club. He has indeed such roots in FL as he is on the Bd of Dir of the Sabine Yacht and Racquet Club and the St Michael's Cemetery Foundation, and serves on the Univ of FL Alumni Council for the Col of Law. He is also active in numerous other orgs, to include the Pensacola Comm, the Downtown Rotary of Pensacola and its prog and military affairs comm, First Baptist Church of Pensacola, and other local and natl civic orgs.

Tom Noel recently made the *Wall*

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Street Journal and *NY Times*. He was promoted to pres and chief operating off of Chem-Nuclear Systems, Inc (CNS). CNS is a div of Chem Waste Mgt, Inc (CWM), with hq in Houston, TX (515 West Greens Rd, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77067; tel 713-875-1110). Congratulations on the promotion! Guess we all missed the promotion party.

Tom will have total mgt responsibility for the CNSI org. Tom has been employed with CWM since Nov 84, serving as VP—Southern Region. Prior to joining CWM, Tom served as pres of EMPAK, Inc, an environmental services firm. In addition, he served as ch exec of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Prog, a position to which he was appointed by the Pres. Tom & **Geri** will relocate to Columbia, SC in 91.

1960: Fred & Faery

1960: Maida (back of her head) & Randy Perkins, with Ray Andrews and guest, and (half of) Ed Laurance

1960: A-2: Ray Andrews, Ed Laurance and Erc Barone

Keith Garner wrote again, and is a correspondent that your scribe really appreciates, as he writes at least once a yr. Please keep it up!! Keith sent informal photos of A-2's reunion tables as well as a photo of COL **Rowe** Blvd in McAllen, TX. Keith sends along his thanks and appreciation to all who worked to make the 30th the swell event that it was.

1960: A-2: Vi Barone, Julio Perez and John Willauer

1960: The Marmons and Willauers

1960: Maida & Randy Perkins and Ray Andrews' guest

Bobbie, his wife, was on one of her bus trips to a sch district in Mission, TX, giving seminars in reality therapy, and she and my Keith's daughter visited McAllen, TX and discovered that they had named a street for **Nick**. Nearby is the pic of part of COL **Rowe** Blvd.

In Oct **Keith** went to his cousin's ranch near Jacksboro, TX, about 120 mi northeast of Abilene, to work on deer blinds for the upcoming season. While he waited for his brother, he fished in one of the flood control lakes on the place. In a couple of hrs he caught about 50 bass, including one 4-pounder which

1960: Colonel Rowe Blvd

he kept, and 3 crappie; two weighed more than 1 3/4 lbs. When his brother got there he told him he thought they were wasting time working on deer blinds—they ought to go fishing! Keith seems to catch fish wherever he spends time.

1960: Keith Garner proudly displays his catch

My "engr" roommate **Gates** sent a notice that relates to ret classmates, in the event they did not see it. (Can we collect a finder's fee on this?)

"The Federal govt has been ordered by a US court to pay a salary differential of approximately 6.14% to all mil personnel and veterans who served on active duty between 1 Oct 72 and 1 Jan 73. Mil personnel still on active duty will receive the pay differential automatically, while veterans whose active duty ended some time after 1 Oct 72 will have to apply for the pay. To make out a back-pay claim, veterans need only to write a short ltr to their branch of service. They should include their social sec no, mil service no if one was assigned, rank, current mailing address, date separated from service, and duty station between 1 Oct 72 and 1 Jan 73. The information should be sent to the appropriate service branch:

ARMY: Commanding General, US Army Finance Support Agency, FINCS-A, Indianapolis, IN 46249.

NAVY: Commanding Officer, Navy Finance Ctr, Anthony J Cellebresse Federal Bldg, Cleveland, OH 44199.

AIR FORCE: Air Force Accounting and Finance Ctr, AFC, 3800 New York St, Denver, CO 80205.

MARINE CORPS: Finance Ctr, Ex-

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amination Div, Kansas City, MO 64197."

Dick continues as VP with Shannon & Wilson, Inc in Seattle, WA, responsible for "the mgt of major geotechnical and environmental restoration projects for federal agencies."

Herman & Phyllis Marmon threw a gala A-N game party attended by **Thomas Kopp, Ernie Remus** and Jan Cavanaugh, **Don & Tricia Prosser, Buddy & Nancy Griffis, Dick & Jean Carnaghi** and **Irv & Sharon Lerch**. Your scribe attended an A-N in Darien, CT, having accepted earlier. Hear I missed a dynamite gathering. As a result of the outcome a young "NAVEL" [sic] (USNA) alum in my off is wearing a USMA tie for a wk, whereupon he turns the tie (which he paid for) over to yours' truly. His idea, not mine, for the bet, but I was pleased to accept.

'61

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The Reunion Comm rep that plans and events are shaping up better than ever; now's the time to get the poopsheets in. The reunion interest has certainly increased the mass rate of flow in mail, phone calls, and contacts! Additionally, that mislabled test photo from CA also has generated such a level of concern that **Barbara & Pete Gleichenhaus** used a land-line all the way from San Fran to advise that the lovely lady on the left is **Jean Richards, Larry**'s widow. Pete has ret from the Presidio and is managing a med dr's office (well, Barbara, he wasn't one when you married him, but . . . who knows?). Daughter Wendy is a sr at CA St; Risa's a sr at UC Davis and 2LT waiting to be called to active duty; and son Joey's a 2LT, Arty in jump sch, finished Ranger Sch, probably en route to Saudi.

From Saudi comes news from **Frix, Taylor** and **Butterworth**. **Bob** and **JB** are all over the place making certain that everyone is ready for any outcome. Larry is a LOG mgr with Vinnell in Riyadh; he & **Judi** ret in Chester, VA (near Ft Lee) and he has been involved in Saudi Natl Guard training in the following time; until the current crisis Judi had been a regular visitor.

In CONUS **Larry Budge, Bill Reno** and **Glynn Mallory** are among many of our classmates who have been deeply involved in handling so many aspects of the deployment of US forces to Saudi. **Sharon & Phil Mallory** at Ft Hood are supposed to be overseeing the deactivation of the 2AD, but have been totally wrapped up in readying and moving out troops and equipment to Saudi, and caring for those family mbrs staying behind. Among those already there is

1961: Bob Frix and JB Taylor in the vicinity of an ancient fort in the desert in Saudi Arabia, during a visit to deployed units south of Kuwait on the Saudi Arabian border, center sector, Sep 90

1961: . . . that's Larry Butterworth in Saudi. . .

their new son-in-law, Robert Douthit '86 (helicopter pilot in 24 ID), whom daughter Paige married 21 Apr 90 in Austin. **Jim Blesse**'s two sons are also candidates for deployment: Steve is in a MS Natl Guard round out unit for the 1st Cav; Joe is an AF CPT flying at Williams AFB.

1961: Jim and Joe Blesse pin Steve

In Europe, **Pam Barney** (**Dan**'s better half) has been pictured in the Oval Off with the Pres, Secy Def and family. She is the DOD Dependents' Sch Outstanding Teacher of the Yr.

Back from Europe are **Ruth & Bob Kee**, living near Carlisle; Bob is assigned at AWC. Also back (from Czechoslovakia) are **Trish & Dick Buckner**; they were at US Embassy Prague where Dick was the Army attaché for 3 yrs; they're now in N VA looking forward to ret; they rep that **Kathy & Will Conley**

1961: Secy Def Cheney, Pamela Barney, Pres Bush, COL Daniel Barney, son Scott, and daughter Elizabeth in the Oval Off [reprinted from the *Newsltr of the Natl Mil Family Assoc, Inc*]

live in the far west end of Richmond, which puts them close to **Joyce & Lou Berra** (when they are not expanding their mtn plantation in the Bath County mtns west of Charlottesville). From the VA Theological Seminary, **Scott Dillard** rep that all is well, but so busy and intense that already he knows that he'll be unable to make No 30. **Janet & Pat Hillier** celebrated the wedding of their daughter Deborah to Christopher Cormode, 8 Sep 90 at St Mary's Church, Fairfax Station, VA; Clara Barton cared for Civil War wounded in this historic church. Sharing this esp happy occasion were **Eleanor & Ed Bruner, Carolyn & Jack Fisher, Lucy & Joe Paone, Marsha & Ray Starsman,** and **Mike Xenos**. Janet's news added that in Apr 90 the Xenos' son Dean married Edie in Potomac, MD; that the Starsmans spent two wks boating in England this past summer, but only after daughter Margo presented them with a granddaughter, Marissa; that the Paones' daughter Anne married Randy Quintara in Manassas, Sep 90; Janet went on to describe a football wkend: an evening at the Fischers, with Jack preparing a terrific Italian dish ("Italian prostitute's spaghetti sauce"— that's what it says, right here) in their gourmet kitchen. In the midst of the festivities, a water pipe burst inside the house, but Carolyn & Jack carried on with great "savoir faire," never missing a step! The next day after the game there was the grand tour of **Anne & Carl Bacon**'s 200-yr-old, antique-filled home in Cornwall—it's a museum-quality treasure trove, and that was followed by another spectacular dinner (how do the **Hilliers** stay so trim? **Pat** in his new role as a VP with EDS is probably working too hard to let the calories catch up). Janet, and later Ed, described the Bruners' trip of a lifetime through China; while Eleanor returned to CONUS, Ed proceeded with a 5000-mi coach-class rail adventure across the Russian steppes to Helsinki, where he did not see **Bill Mackie**. One of Ed's great tales, á la Paul Theroux, is of

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sharing a 9-day-old but well preserved fish with several Soviet travelers who had made the catch earlier somewhere in Siberia. Ed also learned that one must bring his own vodka (lesson learned for you would-be Trans Siberian Railway buffs).

Jogging along I-95, one will eventually end up in Hackettstown, NJ, the home of **Janet & Dan DiCarlo**; Dan and **Gil Hallenbeck** are in the lighting control bus together. (Rumored that they created a special light extinguisher—everything within a 1000-meter grid sq goes black at the first note of taps.) Really though, Dan is very active in the comm, serving on several public service bds; he is a Presidential appointee to the Columbus Commission to plan for the commemoration of the 500th anniv of the discovery of America. This enormous event is being coordinated with Italy, Spain, and countries in the Caribbean and So America.

"Surprise, surprise"—so write **Sonia & Warren Miller** from Fremont, CA. Ret in 83, Warren was with IBM in Houston (NASA) and then last yr resettled in the land of high-cost housing; so, Sonia is now working at selling real estate. Son Harry & wife live nearby but daughter Margaret, husband, and two grandchildren live "too far away" in KS City. First Regt twin brother **Harry** ret in 81, lives in Detroit, works for VW, and has 4 children. While Warren points out that getting to No 30 will be tough from such a distance, there is such a growing West Coast contingent that perhaps there will be a special reunion out there. Down the rd a piece on San Juan Capistrano, **Jack Campbell** was the mainstay of a get-together that included **Bert (Al) Yancey, Chuck Randolph, Frank Gibson, Burke Mucho, Dick Knoblock,** and **Red Zaldo; Jay McCann, John Goldtrap,** and **Gus Stiehl** weren't able to make the fray, however. Bert is still on the golf circuit but spends a lot of time lecturing on mental illnesses and manic depression; he has established a special foundation in Houston for education and support of those affected by this scourge. In addition to the photo, Jack sent along a *Wall Street Journal* article that describes **Glen Adams**' part in the reorg of the Southmark Corp; he is the chm and CEO, and will oversee the oper as it comes out of Chapter 11 proceedings.

1961: Jack Campbell, Al Yancey, and the CA mafia

FOOTNOTES: **Ann & Jim Tedrick** rep that the Midwest is where it's at; **Karen & Mike Urette** have been describing a great real estate buyers' mkt in Tampa—y'all come on down! **Webb Kremer** and family have ret from Knox and returned to N VA.

Like they used to say in the cartoons—that's all, folks!

1961: Janet & Pat Hillier and family at their daughter Deborah's wedding to Christopher

'62

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With the *ASSEMBLY* coming out every two mos instead of qtrly, as in the past, my deadlines are coming faster than the news—HELP! Also, another admin note: pics are great but please do not write on the back of the photo. Many are coming through the mail ruined. The ink from the back of one is destroying another. *ASSEMBLY* ed suggests scribes put an attached note on ea photo and I suggest you do same. Thanks.

Received the following from **Chris Robbins**. The NY "Can-Do" gp had their second qtrly luncheon hosted by Chris at the Harvard Club. He credits **John Godwin** for taking the initiative of calling and reminding Chris to organize it. Others attending were **Jim Peterson, Dave Francis, Bernie Skown, Tony Lawson, Tom McGarry, Steve Sperman, Dave Windom, Dick Storat** and John Godwin. Jim Peterson has completed his transition to his own corp communications consulting bus located at 666 Fifth Ave. That is the same bldg where the Top of the Sixes Bar is located and where some of us attempted to impress the women in our cadet days.

Bernie Skown, in addition to working with **Frank Cross**, has his own bus dev co, the BDC Gp, Inc, which is in a no of areas to include the manufacturing and steel business arenas. Skown just cashed out of an LBO and is on the prowl for next acquisition. **Steve Sperman** is the staff dir for home mkt product evolution for NYNEX. New product dev is tough in any field but Steve must live with the additional complication of operating in a regulated environment. **Dick Storat** has two jobs. Besides being in an exec position with a major trade assoc, he is a BG with the 77th Army Reserve Cmd.

Chris asks that any classmates planning a trip to NY give him a call to see if there is a planned luncheon. They welcome any classmates visiting.

Ron Tumlin writes from Houston, TX. He rep that **Jerry Seay** is also there and doing well with Digital Equipment Corp. Ron attended the Army-Duke game and sent a photo of classmates at G-1's mini-reunion tailgate party.

After the game and a picnic for **Ron**'s son Geoff and 5 of his classmates, they drove to Morristown to discover a surprise 50th birthday party for **Bernie Skown**. The guests included **Frank Cross**.

Steve Holderness writes from Cherry Hill, NJ that he & **Liz** recently got together with **Pat & Yvonne Herman** and **Ed & Gail Dwyer**. Pat recently relocated to the area and teaches Jr ROTC at Pemberton HS. Pat & Yvonne have 4

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1962: Army-Duke game tailgate party: Dick Barry, Ron Tumlin, Geoff Tumlin '94, Tom McGarry and Bernie Skown

children and oldest son, Mathew, has WP aspirations. Ed has been teaching at Cherry Hill HS for 25 yrs and anticipates semi-ret to make time for his expanding consulting bus. Steve's son, Stephen III, is at Bullis Prep. Should he make it through WP, he will be the 4th generation and the 8th Holderness to grad. Steve encourages classmates in the Bullis area to contact Steve. The 3 send their best to the Class and ask that if you are in the Cherry Hill area, please call.

Barry Butzer writes from his 100-yr-old farmhouse in sunny NC that **Nancy** has managed to put even more charm into this home than she was able to do with their old Army qtrs. They love Sanford as a little conservative, southern town. Nancy is working at a local comm col and is very active in their new "home church." Barry has been teaching at local high schools but is now looking to find "What Color My Parachute is—in a real civ job—like making money." The biggest news from the Butzers is the arrival of granddaughter Emily Jane Butzer, born Jun 90 to Scott & Angie Butzer. Young LT & Mrs Butzer are at the FAOAC Crs, Ft Sill and to the joy of "Granny Nanny & Grumpy Gramps," out of Ger. The following pic tells the whole story.

1962: Butzer with granddaughter, Emily Jane Butzer

Al & Linda Rushatz bought a home about 1/2 mi from the **Butzers**, and so the "handball buddies" are together again, and Linda and Nancy have plans to re-start their day-long shopping sprees. **Tom Simcox** owns a lot across the lake from the **Butts**, and **Jack Reavill** has been scouting the land for a place to roost. Nancy's brother, **Bob Rumph**, has two lots down there also. Sounds like '62 South. However, Barry said it is quiet and they want to keep it that way.

That's it for now. Hope to hear from more of you out there. Also, I maintain a file of addresses and some phone nos that I take from the ltrs sent to me. If anyone wants that info, write and ask and it is yours. I forgot about the time lag of publication and should have put this in my last col, but—a now-late Season's Greetings and the best for the New Year!

'63

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BG **Pat Stevens** suddenly left the great Northwest for Saudi, where he will head the joint engr effort for host nation support. **Gordy Arbogast** ret on 1 Oct; he has accepted a position with the CONTEL Technology Ctr as a principal scientist and dir for special projects. Upon his ret,

1963: At Gordy Arbogast's ret: Scotty, Gordon, Dorothy and Sue. He accepts ret award from LTG Rodgers

he received the Def Superior Service Medal from his boss, LTG Rodgers, Dir, Def Communications Agency. On 4 Nov, **Jerry Orlicki** celebrated his 50th with "surprise" greetings from **Bob Donovan, Dave Jackson** and **Ed Lee**; Bob is a VP at Foster Wheeler in NJ; Ed is on his way to civ life in CO. Jerry is an SES at RDE Directorate at Ft Belvoir.

Marcia & Mike Summers hosted their annual '63 gathering to watch Navy get beat again. Those in attendance included the **Myers, Klopoteks, DeGraffs, Clarks, Arbogasts, Popes, Foleys, LaFonds, Halls, Mayers, Hartmans, Farrises**, plus **Willson, Westermeier, Banks, Terry Anderson, Drewry** and the better halves of **James, Dowling** and **Coomer**. Another '63 gathering took place at **Joe & Kathy Jaworowski**'s following the game. It was a great victory party—according to the local police report.

Need your help—*write*!

1963: Bob Donovan, Jerry Orlicki, Dave Jackson and Ed Lee

'64

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1991 begins with the sad news of the unexpected death of **Dave Fishback** at Leavenworth on 12 Jan. Buried at Arlington on the 17th with all DC classmates in attendance. Send notes to **Jane** at 4 Sumner Place, Ft Leavenworth, KS 66027.

Greetings and best wishes for the New Year. While **Barry McCaffrey** and others toil on the sands of Saudi Arabia, I continue to toil on the sands of our Pacific outpost. Things are bad all over. Those of you in civ life will be interested to know that we still in uniform have been "frozen" for the second time in our careers. Only mandatory ret will get you out of the Army these days.

Bill Jackman is now ensconsed in Providence, RI as sr advisor to the RI Guard (I think the RI Guard consists of a reinforced plt), and his proximity to WP has made him a regular at the games this fall. He rep **Dave & Judy Bramlett** do a good job of hosting tailgate parties. Fellow area sr guard advisors are **Barry Hartman** with NY and **Herb Macia** with DE.

The **Hartle** family is still providing recruits to the Army and they continue to get married. **Tony**'s son, Chris, fell prey to a gal he met while at Ft Sill (they never learn). The photo documents the event at the Cadet Chapel.

1964: The Hartle family

Two lawyer changes. **John Raymond**

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is now practicing bankruptcy law in Williamsburg, VA, and **Bob McCoy** has moved to corporate America as general counsel for Williams Tele Gp.

'65

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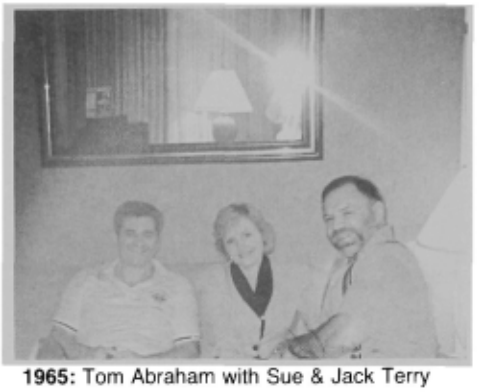
Greetings once again from Chicago! Although we covered most of the reunion news in the last issue, there are a few loose ends. First of all, the group pic is available, but quite frankly it's not much good without a microscope. Secondly, **Jim Tomaswick** is amenable to ordering additional coffee cups commemorating the reunion, with an inscription on the cup indicating the 25th reunion and the date, similar to the cups for the 20th. Cups can be ordered either in black or gray. The cost will be $10, check made payable to USMA Class of '65. Also, there have been several requests for '65 baseball caps, but Rick tells us that we need 70 ordered before it makes economical sense. The hats would cost $13. If interested, please send your order in to me no later than 15 Mar 91 at the above address (incidentally, I have changed off location and tel no—see above) and I will take it from there.

Just to confirm, **Cynthia Johnson** verified that **Rick Osgood** and **Tom's** father will be writing his obituary. She is very appreciative of the other classmates who offered their help, and also to all of the ltrs and personal notes of condolences that were sent to her.

We have just sent out approx 200+ ltrs to classmates who do not subscribe to *ASSEMBLY* mag, many of whom attended the 25th Reunion. I think we need some peer pressure because it's likely that if someone does not subscribe to the mag, they will more than likely not write your friendly scribe to let him know so that the Class can know what he is doing. For the grand sum of $15 a yr, it's a good way to keep in touch. The large no of non-subscribers absolutely blew my mind.

In our latest **Chuckie** sighting, please note pg 221 in the Oct 90 *Town & Country*. Our classmate **Pfeifer** is sitting on his Harley hog. This guy's got some kind of PR agent. **Clair & Sherry Gill** were at the Army/AF game at the tail end of BG charm sch and will be heading back to HI. Speaking of that football game, can you imagine a small river flowing down the steps from the Chapel—I've never seen it rain as hard for as long except in Panama. Speaking of Panama, our good friend Max Thurman has ret from the Army and is still fighting leukemia with a determination that few can match. Our prayers and thoughts continue to go out to our good friend.

Tommy Abraham wrote recently ("I've been awfully busy these last 25 yrs. . . ") and sent the enclosed pic of his old roommate **Jack Terry** and him sitting with Jack's new roommate **Sue**. Tommy and Jack were roommates with **Tommy Johnson**.



1965: Tom Abraham with Sue & Jack Terry

I received a great article on our retiring **Howie Reed**, who as I have mentioned numerous times before, got a lot of our sons and daughters through math. We wish **Betsy** & him the best in their new asgmt at NY Mil Acad in Cornwall. And Howie, another thanks for all your help with our kids.

Speaking of advanced planning, the AOG has now appointed a Bicentennial Comm to begin planning for the yr 2002. They are looking for big-league ideas and also need a Class rep as well as an exec dir. If interested in being the rep, please send your desires to Pres **Dave Kuhn**. If you are interested in the exec dir's position, call me and I will pass along the details. **Tommy Barron** is heading up the Art Comm (gives you some idea of the qualifications to be on this comm) for the Bicentennial gp.

I had a great conversation with my old floormate **Jon K Thompson**, who is in Memphis. Jon sold his Caterpillar distributorship and is now managing his own portfolio. Jon has seen **John Morgan**, who is an advisor to Reserve Components down that way. Jon has a freshman daughter at SMU and another daughter in HS, and has also been very active in the Def Conference Assoc, recently serving as natl pres. He rep that **Steve Olson** and **Jay Stewart** are also in Memphis.

The **Koz** wrote from the Def Intel Agency/DAT in DC regretting that he & **Ann** couldn't make the reunion, mainly because things are hopping in the Holy Land. With his new asgmt in DC, he hopes to see more classmates. In his new asgmt, he will be running the Def attaché system in 95 capitals worldwide, although his first choice was to go back to the USAF. **Joe** & Ann are the proud grandparents of Jacob, who was born to their daughter Dawn in Dallas. No Joe, **Judy** & I are not grandparents yet, but I will endeavor to see how many we have out there. So folks, if you are a grandparent, the next issue will be a "grandparents special issue," so send your ltrs and pics in. **Russ Campbell**, who works at Chase Bank, enjoyed the pics taken at the reunion. He sent his regards, along with those from **Joe Barkley** and **Rick Kuzman**.

When we went to see daughter Shannon at USMAPS at Ft Monmouth, I ran into **Lee Hewitt**, who is the PM of the Army's equivalent of ground AWACS. They are still working on the project which Lee says can locate a ground soldier within 2 mtrs. He & his wife have two small boys at Ft Monmouth.

I also received a nice ltr from **Rollie Stichweh** thanking all of the classmates who helped pull off the recent reunion. I wholeheartedly concur that a lot of people made this thing happen in a very short period of time in such a way that we will all remember the 25th for a long, long time.

Jim Conley got married last Jun and sent some pics of his new wife, **Eileen**.

1965: Sparky, Kelli, Eileen & Jim, Kimberly and James Conley III

She works for GM in Ft Wayne and Jim works in Detroit. Subsequent to the wedding, Jim was appointed dir of NA Truck Planning at GM. And yes folks, the guy on the rt in the white uniform is a USNA '93 attendee of Canoe U. Other Conley kids: Kimberly left her job at Ésprit in San Fran and is now completing her degree in economics. Son Sparky grad from Lake Forest Col last yr and was a recruiter for Knox Col in IL. He is now at a med company as a counselor. Kelli is back at Ohio U where she is a bus major. Eileen's young daughter Erin is in the second grade.

The next pic shows **Jim** with several of our classmates. At left is **Bob Ramsey**; next to him is **Hal Jenkins**, who is working for a "computer wargames simulator" and looks like a million bucks. **Joe Anderson** is running a strategic business unit for GM for the Inland Fisher Guide, which has grown substantially. **Art Hestor** is running the Arlington, TX GM plant.

Lou Csoka has been elected a mbr of the Conference Bds Council on Dev, Ed

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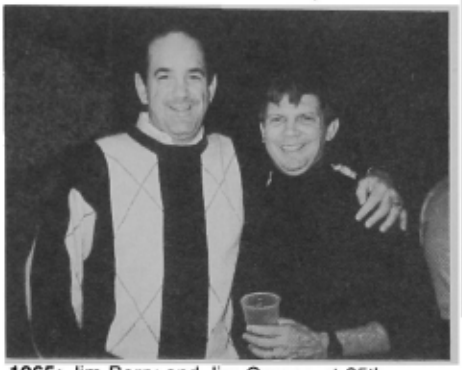
1965: Bob Ramsey, Hal Jenkins, Joe Anderson, Jim Conley and Art Hester

and Training, which is a leading US forum of sr execs responsible for this function within their orgs and spans more than 50 nations. **Tom Borkowski** moved to VA about 5 yrs ago, where he is a consultant with car dealers across the US. He volunteered to do the obituary on **Jim Echols** and **Mike Momcilovich**. He & **Robin** have 3 children, ages 14, 11 and 7. **Chuck McCloskey** is the district engr in Little Rock.

I also received a great ltr with the two enclosed pics from **Jim Berry**, rep that 13 mbrs of G-2 had returned to the reunion. As seen in the pics they are **Dick Coleman, Paul Barber, Jim Greene, Jim Holmes,** Berry, **Jack Barwis, John Longhouser** (their first BG-to-be), **Mike Hudson, Mike Applin, Pat Kenny, Dave Hopkins, Larry Leskovjan** and **Oleh Koropey**. Jim gave a brief rundown on some of the mbrs: Jim has been married to **Margie** for 25 yrs and has 3 children: Tom (24), a St Bonaventure grad who is now working for Van Huesen as a computer programmer/analyst; Donna (23), a SUNY grad doing her grad work in speech pathology at U Ohio; and Barb (20), a jr at Holy Cross in psych. Jim is still working for Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick (20 yrs) while Margie substitute teaches—they live in Flemington, NJ.

Jim Greene still flies for Delta (your scribe is dictating this newsltr on a Delta flight from Atl), doing European routes, and is still married to **Bobbye**. I should



1965: Jim Berry and Jim Greene at 25th Reunion

rep that the one "missing" pic from the 20th reunion finally turned up at the Greenes'. **Dick Coleman,** attending his first Class reunion, works where he fishes (for the Fed Fish and Game Commission) and is a LTC in the Reserves. He & **Beth** were married in 67 and have 4 kids. **Dave Hopkins** was with DuPont and is doing mgt consulting in the org dev area in Wilmington. He & **Arlene** have a son who is a plebe, as well as a beautiful daughter.

1965: G-2 25th Reunion: (first row) Dick Coleman, Paul Barber, Jim Greene, Jim Holmes, Jim Berry, Jack Barwis; (second row) John Longhouser, Mike Hudson, Mike Applin, Pat Kenny, Dave Hopkins, Larry Leskovjan and Oleh Koropey

Bob Axley rep that he & **Michelle** will be celebrating their 25th soon. He sees **Jim Holmes**, who was the dir of the MO Lottery and who is now in Dallas running a co that provides satellite bingo to American Indians (at $500,000 per night!). Also in Dallas, **Stas & Barb Genega** are shown in the pic swearing in son Stas Jr as DMG from The Citadel last May. Their daughter Beth graduated

1965: Barb, Stas Jr, and Stas Genega

from ND two yrs ago and is now a *second-yr med student in NJ. Stas is the* CG, SW Div, Corps of Engrs.

Well folks, that's about it from Chicago. Please note the new address and tel no above and keep those cards, ltrs, and especially pics coming.

'66

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Help! We're missing some classmates' addresses, which means they're not getting the *ASSEMBLY* or the reunion material. If you know how to locate any of those listed below please contact me right away: **Barnes, Basham, Buetti, Caldwell, Canning, Cook, DeLaRosa, Dean, Dickins, Donovan, Doogan, Ekstrom, Fish, Foster, Hixon, Howell, Isenhour, Israelson, Jones, Keating, Larson, Linder, McNaughton, Mosley, Nemec, Nesmith, Newhouse, Parker (Jim), Pelletier, Ray, Rhymers, Rice, Seith, Sims (Billy), Strokin, Wilson (Lynn), Woodward,** and **Wright (Adrian)**. **George Cox** still needs slides. Any printable photos of the first class trip to Juarez and classmates getting stars pinned on are particularly desirable. Deadline is 1 Feb. We are already assembling the 66 Bio Book and need your help. If you can't make the reunion, please send a photo and your bio sheet filled out. The 20th Bio Book was a great success—which many of us use frequently—so let's make the 25th even better.

Doug Sims wrote from Ger to rep on their European mini-reunion held at Chiemsee, Ger in Oct 90. **Mike Oshel**, resident sailing and ski inst for the Armed Forces Rec Ctr, acted as host. Mike ret last yr but decided to stay on

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and keep skiing and sailing. **Dan Waldo** and **Troy Scott** actually planned the reunion but unfortunately, Troy & **Elke** couldn't make it at the last minute. Those attending were **Jan & Chris Van Prooyen** with daughter Cindy, Dan & **Martina Waldo, Bob & Gertrude Mentell, Charlie & Brenda Williams, Doug Sims,** and **Mike Oshel**. Apparently, **Gil Ruderman** arrived and had to leave immediately because he received news of his father's death. Our sympathies to Gil. The gp toured the famous Saltmines, Hitler's mtntop getaway, Eagle's Nest and Bertchesgarten. Doug rep the gp enjoyed a delicious lobster dinner, sparked by reminiscences of days gone by. Benny Havens would have been proud, according to Doug. On the second day of the reunion Oshel set up paddle boat competition, won by Oshel and Waldo, with Sims and Williams second and Mentel and Van Prooyen 3rd (Van Prooyen thought he didn't have to paddle since he was the sr person present). The photos supplied show the guys in "saltmine garb" which makes them look like POW's.

1966: Oshel, Williams, Mentell, Van Prooyen and Sims

1966: Cindy, Jan and Chris Van Prooyen

Rusty Correia rep on another mini-reunion that was held in Southern CA—on the beach, of course. The gp hit the beach and stayed until sunset. Those present were Rusty, **Justin Pleasant, John Kozak, Fred Ulrich, Reggie Audibert, Joel Gartenberg, Warren Johnson,** and **Ed Johnson**. Ed missed the photo because he was out surfing, artificial leg and all, with his son. John Kozak came out from OH where he is running his own computer co. Joel Gartenberg recently ret and is living in Las Vegas. Rusty moved from Nissan to American Isuzu to become the natl merchandising mgr. His dept handles all dealer support, sales training, auto shows, and special events. Rusty gets to travel frequently and recently had dinner in Boston with **Joe & Judy Bubriski** and **Bill & Bunny Traubel**. Rusty has two children at San Diego St: Katie, a sr, and Rusty Jr, a freshman with an interest in physical therapy.

1966: Correia, Pleasant, Kozak, Ulrich, Audibert, Gartenberg and Johnson

Bob & Bobbie Steenlage and their 8 children are living in Galesville, WI. Bob has been touring the country speaking to gps about drugs, alcohol, suicide, and other important topics since 68. It started with his giving a motivational talk to a HS history class in IA and grew from there. His talk was videotaped and passed around to other schs. A no of audiences have encouraged Bob to make a professional videotape of one of his talks so his message can reach more young people.

Thanks to our classmate **Gerry Smith** who has had experience in prof videotaping sales presentations, **Bob** is going ahead with a motivational tape during the coming mos. If any of our classmates know of any gps that would be interested in having Bob speak to them, contact him by phone at (608) 323-7637.

1966: Keith and Bob Steenlage and Mark Scureman

On **Bob's** last trip to Wash, **Tom Carhart** invited some classmates over. **Bob Robbins, Mark Scureman,** and Bob—our 3 All American wrestlers were together again for the first time in 25 yrs. Bob's son Eric is going to med sch at Yale next yr. By the way, can anyone beat 8 kids?

1966: The Steenlage family

Mark & Carol Scureman are still at Ft Ritchie, MD where Mark was recently made post cmdr. In Oct 89 at the dinner for Rick Atkinson, we passed around a copy of *The Long Gray Line* for everyone present to sign. The book was taken to USMA by **Morgan Roseborough** so that any visiting classmates who had not signed could stop by the library and sign it. A formal presentation and acceptance of the book was made in Oct 90 to Mr Ken Hedman, Librarian USMA. The library especially wants to thank **Mike Mewhinney** for his support and kind donations.

1966: Ken Hedman, librarian; Roseborough; and Kesmodel

Thanks to a persuasive **George Cox, Gene Atkinson** and I traveled to USMA for a photo session with the mules. Gene's wife **Carrol** accompanied Gene on the visit. I'll save the short bald man doing a handstand for S&G.

Four classmates gathered for another mini-reunion in Tucson, AZ. **John Strapac** kindly rep on the event which included **Bob & Susan Baker** and Bob's famous daughter Kristin Baker '90, who traveled from Yuma; **Ted & Karen Borek**, who reside in Tucson; and **John & Susan Burger**, who came in from Phoenix. The day's activities began with a tram ride up scenic Sabino Canyon, followed by a leisurely picnic at a creek site about 5 mi down the canyon. The gp later participated in a bowling tourney,

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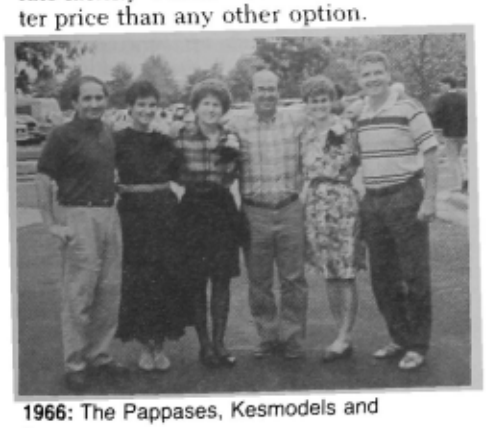
1966: Gene & Carrol Atkinson

and afterward dinner at Hidden Valley Inn. The gp was joined for dinner by BG Jack & Ginny Pollin (Ret) '44 and Bob & Mary Lou Sorge. Bob Sorge enjoyed a unique attachment to our Class as the PE inst who coached the famous "rock squad." Who can forget his famous "there are no walls out there" comments as some classmates were going down for the 3rd time! Unfortunately no pics were included with John's ltr.

The reunion comm has asked that I relay their comments on why the 25th will be so much more costly than the 20th. Twenty-fifth reunion classes get no priority or support from the Acad. All must stay off-post and we will be using contract bus services since there is virtually no parking at the Acad these days. Inflation accts for about a 27.5% increase over the last 5 yrs. The cruise down the Hudson with dinner and a show is expensive; however, '64 did the cruise and said it was fantastic. The hotel is a first-rate facility which was secured at a better price than any other option.



1966: The Pappases, Kesmodels and Brennans

Some late photos of our gathering at the Army vs Wake Forest game arrived. After that performance it was great to see the A-N game.

Again, please help with the missing classmates mentioned above. These guys are not receiving any reunion data nor are they on any AOG lists. Please keep up the ltrs and photos so we can all stay in touch. **Kes**.

'67

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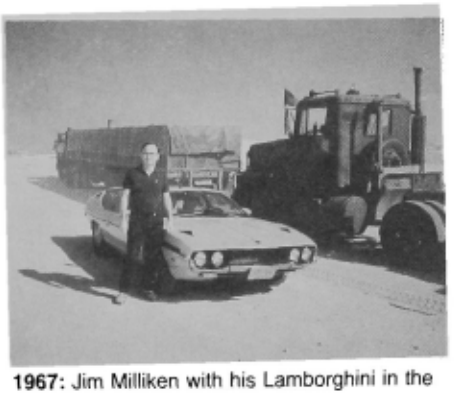
20 Oct 90: The mail truck dropped off two ltrs today. The first one I picked up was from **Dewey**. As COL Nichols used to say in every math STM from one to infinity, aka the green death, "this is a bridge to be crossed rapidly." (He usually said that when the bridge we were about to cross consisted of several pages of ancient Hittite script and early runes, and would be the basis for at least three of the WGRs at the end of the semester). Anyway, having dealt with Dewey's mail for yrs now, I knew even before I opened it that it would just be another diatribe about the inequities of The System, and how grossly unfair it is that he wasn't selected for BG this yr, especially when **Dave Hale** was. It probably wouldn't do any good to explain to Ed that Hale works directly for the Ch of Staff of the US Army, and that promotion bds, who generally tend to be made up of other people who also want to be promoted, don't want to make it look as though the Ch exercises poor judgment in selecting those whom he deems fit to be in his inner circle. You see, Ed, they *had* to promote Hale. On the other hand, the mere fact that Dewey was "the Man in the Red Sash" during Beast Bks our firstie yr probably didn't make much of an impression on the promotion bd, especially in light of the fact that, by most accts, that was the highlight of his career. Ed is now "working" as a war planner at USAREUR Hqs in Heidelberg. It's a good thing indeed that the Cold War is over and the Warsaw Pact has all but gone away. Ed also mentioned that **Mike Kush, Bill Eggering, Chuck Rankin** and **Mark Miller** are all in the Heidelberg area. Mike is the Dep Chief of Staff for Host Nation Activities, which means he goes to a lot of parties. He also remarried recently—a lady named **Debbie**, whom he met while in CA while he was doing his Sr Service Col Fellowship. Bill Eggering works in the same shop with Mike, but will be returning stateside in Jan for a tour at Leavenworth. Chuck Rankin is a money man and works in the USAREUR Resource Mgt off. Mark Miller, who has ret from active duty, works in Heidelberg for a contractor of some sort or other.

The other ltr I got today was from **Jim Milliken**, who still lives in Saudi Arabia where he works for ARAMCO. Despite the current situation in the area, life must not be too tough for Jim, as he sent several pics of himself and his Lamborghini Espada, which he bought from the nephew of the Sheik of Bahrain. Jim had lots of good things to say about our troops there. He and the other Americans with



1967: Jim Milliken with his Lamborghini in the Saudi desert, 90

ARAMCO have been hosting up to 150 or more troops in their homes 7 days a wk for showers, phone calls home, and a decent meal. He drives all the female troops back to their pick-up point in the Lambo. Some things never change. Jim also sent along a photo of **Jack Ziemke** and himself, taken this past Jun at Jack & **Tikki**'s home in Totten Inlet, WA. The Harley is Jim's. The dog is Jack's.

1967: Milliken and Ziemke, Jun 90

28 Oct 90: Nice note from **Ken Carter** today. He & **Joan** finally made it back safe and sound to Marathon, FL, after their summer of sailing through the Chesapeake. They stopped back by here on their way back down the bay, and we had another delightful wkend together. Ken was so enthralled by his experiences this summer that he's decided to follow in James Michener's footsteps and write a book about his & Joan's experiences on the Chesapeake. He even sent me a copy of part of the first draft. Pretty good reading, actually, especially since the first chap is all about his visit with the **Lowreys**. I can probably get you a discount on the cover price of the book if you buy in bulk and place your orders now. For a slight extra charge, **Suzi** & I will even autograph the first chap for you.

4 Nov 90: Had a nice phone chat with **Bob Haeffner** this evening. Bob ret this past summer and is now gainfully employed in Sarasota, FL. Their new address is 4825 Waterbridge Down, Sarasota, FL 34235. The really exciting news from Bob was that **Tony & Angie Nida** will be moving here to Ft Monroe in the

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very near future. Finally, an opportunity to give you all an eye-witness update on Angie's hair colors of the mo! Any bets on gray-at-the-roots? Hopefully, **Suzi** & I will also be able to experience first-hand some more of Angie's culinary concoctions from her tome, *The Smoke Alarm As A Cooking Tool* (found in all better bookstores in the sci fiction section). Stay tuned.

23 Nov 90: First Christmas-card-of-the-yr honors this time go to **Zeke & Kathie Wimert**. They've had an eventful yr. They still live in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where Zeke is a major mogul with Motorola. Their son Mike graduated from Boston U and landed a job with Panasonic, where he quickly made a name for himself by being the top salesman in the Boston area for 3 out of 4 mos running. Daughter Casey continues to excel at RPI—she will manage to grad in 4 yrs with a master's in electrical engr'g. Kathie has a small horse breeding oper in Sao Paulo, and in Aug both of her fillies and one of her mares won prizes at an annual exposition. Not to be left out, Zeke bought himself a mare who's a jumper, so now he's on the horse-show circuit as well.

8 Dec 90: Army 30, Crabs 20. There is a God.

10 Dec 90: A few more Christmas cards have trickled in—you folks are really slow this yr. **John & Gael James** are still here in the Tidewater area—John works at Ft Monroe, and they live in VA Beach. Their daughter Fiona won 6th place in the Junior World Championship Highland Dancing competition in Scotland this yr. What a treat! **Jerry & Joyce Hines**, et al, are still in the LA area, where Jerry still makes the streets safe as an FBI agent. He's no longer on the bank robbery squad, though; he's now doing full-time surveillance work. Since being on the surveillance squad, he's watched spies, organized crime figures, drug dealers, suspected bank robbers, major jewel theives, and possible terrorists. He also had to tackle and subdue a fleeing fugitive. Ah, the fun we all have. As for the Hines girls, they continue to excel. Joy is a sr at Rice U, Jan is at UC Santa Barbara, Julie's in HS, and mom is still running a child dev center in Thousand Oaks, CA. Her sch got selected to participate in the Fox TV news Natl Toy Test this yr. As I understand it, Fox gives the sch a bunch of toys, then everyone stands back and counts how many seconds it takes the kids to destroy them. For some really dramatic results, they should come to my house.

14 Dec 90: Deadline today; editor will be steamed again. I was hoping for at least one really nice Christmas present, so I could tell everyone about it, but I guess you're all waiting til the last minute to do your Christmas shopping. A decent job here in the area, so I won't have to wake **Suzi** up from her nap to tell her we have to move, would be a nice gift from Santa. You folks keep the faith; keep our troops in your prayers. Best for '91. BEAT NAVY.

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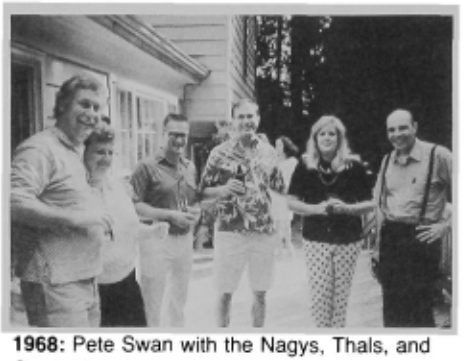
I usually wait to begin this—the article to be submitted just after our victory over Navy—until I receive **Pam Jewell**'s Christmas ltr. So far, no ltr, and there's too much news to catch up on already—so here goes.



1968: Pete Swan with the Nagys, Thals, and Gordie Sayre at the Swan deck warming

A sincere "thank you" to **Pete & Cathy Swan** for hosting a Class party at their home in Great Falls, VA. Thanks also go to **Jay & Patty Johnson** who suckered the Swans into the debacle. The first folks we met at the party drove in just as **Barbara** & I did. They were **Jim & Linda Craig**, who doubled with **Ralph Tildon** & his wife. As I mentioned in the last couple of articles, Jim is a PM but he wouldn't tell us what for.

1968: Gordie Crupper, Ralph Tildon, Mike Fellows and Ross Nagy at the Swan deck warming

This was **Ralph**'s first contact with a gathering of classmates since he left the Army in 73. It was really embarrassing because he looks so slim and trim while a few of us have to check in with Cal Tech prior to jogging so seismographs can be turned down to reduce equipment damage. Since his departure from the Army, Ralph earned a PhD in Mid East affairs, and went to work as an analyst for the CIA.

As we finally got around to the rear of Swan Manor, we met **Gordie Sayre**, who popped in prior to returning to his AMC Rep duties with the off of def cooperation at the US Embassy in Paris, and **Bill Higgins**.

1968: The Craigs and the Wellses at the Swans'

Another slimfast poster child was **Jim Carman**, who has dropped over 20 lbs since we last saw him. He attributes his boyish figure to self-regulation, sensible eating, and moderate exercise; however, I believe he's busting his hump to try to look as youthful as his wife, **Kaew**, who—in the absence of **Bill Mulvey**—has had the pic of a classmate producing a rubbing of **Donny Golglazier**'s name from the Vietnam Memorial during our 20-yr memorial and reunion gathering at the Wall (see p 126 of the Apr 89 *ASSEMBLY*) enlarged to poster size.

It was good to see familiar faces. **Jerry & Ellie Florance** didn't have to travel too far in their convertible from their home in Manassas, where Jerry is the dir of the Prince William County Health Dist. **Fred Hoblit** is back in the DC area as a sr systems analyst with Applied Research after a stint around Edwards AFB. **Ralph Tuccillo** is also back in the area after his tour at Ft Drum. **Ed Lorentzen** and **Lee Morand** are classmates at the InterAmerican Def Col trying to stay current with the Latin American tinderbox. **Rick & Mary Rhodes** are also back in the area while Rick is an inst at the NWC.

Mil families like **Mike & Sue Tool, Mike & Donna Wells, Ross & Sue Nagy, Mike & Beckey Fellows,** and **Ed & Betty Lorentzen** gathered around current civ families like **Gordie & Elsie Tillery, Karl & Gisela Leatham, Ed & Peggy Thal**, and **Henry & Karen Riser** to ask about civ opportunities. I'm sure the mil folks feel much better about the current ret freeze after hearing from all of us that it might be better to stay in for a while.

Other mil folks I expected to see at the party, but couldn't make it due to last minute commitments, were **Keith Merritt, John Walsh, Jim Stefan,** and **Brian**

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1968: Lee Morand, Gordie Tillery and Henry Riser at the Swans'

1968: That's not Teddy Kennedy, but it is Phil Samuel

McKenna—all of whom have bus with the NMCC and keep crisis mgt on an even keel by playing golf with the VP.

Since **Elwood & Mary-Lou Cobey** have not been answering their phones since this Mid-East thing started for fear of a med recall, we had to pass the word about the **Swans'** party by *ASSEMBLY*, **Woodie**'s receptionist, and our children at U VA. As of late Oct, it appears that all ret MDs have been called and offered the chance to volunteer to return to active duty at a post of the dr's choice, along with the veiled threat that the next call may not be as polite. Besides Woodie and Stott, my data points regarding this tel volunteer line are **Charlie Hill**, Woodie's partner, and **Mike Romash**, who returned from HI, ret and is in private practice as a partner in Chesapeake, VA. Actually, the only classmate MD I have heard of who has been recalled and ordered to stand in the sand is **Walt Curl**, who left the Army at the 17-yr mark and joined the Reserves.

The only other classmates I've heard of who have been deployed to the Mid East are **Tom Banks**, cmdr of the 212th FA Bde out of Ft Sill, and **Bill Mulvey**, who is on 90 days TDY to Dhahron as an augmentee, and is to be the dir of the Jt Info Bureau (APO NY 09616), which consists of Army, Navy, AF, Marine, and some foreign PAOs who are to look after some 400 reporters in Saudi. Bill rep that this deployment is a little different than our scheduled asgmts to RVN. His duffel bag contained desert BDUs, a couple of MOPP suits, and a protective mask w/bifocal inserts. . . .

While at the AUSA convention, I spoke with **Rick Carlson**, who didn't appear to be the happiest person in an Army that had just discovered that it had better freeze ret til things with the 7–11 personnel provider in the Mid East got sorted out. Meanwhile, **Lee Outlaw** is working into the wee hrs on refining his down-sizing plan. Also at the convention, I ran into **Bob Clarke**, who is now burning the midnight oil while doing hourly sorts of the budget with PA&E, and remembers our chance mtg almost 23 yrs ago at the Magic Castle in LA with **Dick Steiner**.

This has been a great period for visits. **Phil Samuel** dropped in after a seminar he attended in Baltimore on his way back to Frisco, TX. He's a computer systems inst for EDS and was forced to spend two extra nights in DC carousing at EDS expense so he could get a cheaper plane ticket. **Pete & Barbara Wallace** gave us a little more warning that they would be in town the next wk on their way to Charlottesville to recruit for Milbank, Tweed, Hadley, and McCloy. Pete is doing some interesting intl work regarding co-generation. Both visits gave my **Barbara** & me a chance to scope out new brunch sites, show our thriftiness by using two-fer coupons, see a bit of the DC area that we rarely frequent on Sun mornings, and enjoy the co of good friends. Now, if we could have only gotten **Dick Shipley** to touch base when he was in town. . . .

1968: Pete & Barbara Wallace with Barbara and friends in Old Town Alexandria

For those of you who wondered how the **Gerards** got such great A-N seats, it was through **Pete** and not the pull I have with AAA through this article. It's a shame Pete couldn't have used at least two of his tickets to share in the fun and regraying that happens at that event. This yr's game was especially fun, not just because of a terrific win, but because of an above-average Class turn-out brought about by the combined efforts of **Jim Cima** and **Ted Trauner**, who put on a lavish tailgate spread for the Class at the Spectrum prior to the game. Thank you, guys, from all of us who were honored to attend. The lower press room where the food and beverages were available was wall-to-wall nostalgia with classmates, wives, dates, children, and grads from other classes who were impressed with the way '68 partied. **Nick Kurilko** said that he's received at least a dozen copies of a 13 Nov *NY Times* article in which NY Giants football coach Bill Parcells compared Sean Landeta's punting performance against the Rams with Nick's against Penn St in 66.

The classmate family that collectively came the farthest for the game were the **Dallens**. **John** flew in from San Fran, CA where he works for **Tom Kurkjian** with Nolte (Engrng) Assoc's, and **Trish** flew in from St Louis where she is still minding the children and trying to sell a house. **Chuck & Gayle Jones** (Gayle and Trish are sisters) flew in from CO where Chuck is a sr proj mgr with Woodward-Clyde consulting engrs, geologists, and environmental scientists. Chuck & Gayle went to the tailgate while John & Trish spent some quality time with **Larry & Barbara Rapisarda**, stuck in traffic. The AWC was represented by **Joe & Barbara Fowler**, while **Mike Brennen** could also claim Carlisle Bks as home since he's the hosp cmdr and busy processing medic reservists for Saudi. The only other dr I could find was **Mike Romash**. **Steve Harper** and **Jim & Pat Thome** came down from WP, as did **Jack & Bev Cochran**, to see the game and their son, who is at USMAPS. **Dale Hansen** & his new bride appeared comfy nestled in the stands among Dale's classmates. **Dutch & Megan Hostler** brought their boys down from the WP-CT area for the game and to help us keep Bill Marriott out of the red. Thanks to Megan for saving us a room on the concierge floor. **Jim & Elizabeth Tallman** also traveled south for the game from NJ, where Jim is in the AT&T Corp Strategy Gp. **Bart & Terri McClelland** traveled from MI to get decked out in Navy colors for his mid son and backwash of mid friends. Bart says that he sees **Frank Audrain**, who is bringing some class to the banking bus and still loves the smell of the desert, when Bart passes through Reno either going to or coming from the annual No CA Jeep rally. Frank & **Dana** are the first to rep that they're grandparents. Of Acad parents, it appeared to me that **Skeeter & Sherry Kympton** had the most fun since their son wore gray, they were in closer proximity to him during the game, and we had a whole lot more to cheer about. The DC-No VA area was well represented by **Sam Wyman**, **Jack & Bobbi Munson**, **Mike & Rebecca Fellows**, **Rick & Mary Rhodes**, and **Jim & Kaew Carman**. Prior to departure from both the tailgate and game, I received renewed assurances that promised obituaries are still forthcoming. With **Jim Cima**'s pull as the Ch of Opns at the Spectrum, **Ted Trauner**'s and Jim's org abilities, and a little

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monetary help from attendees, it would be great to repeat the bash for future games.

1968: Sam Wyman and friend and the Munsons at A-N 90

Besides the *NY Times* article mentioning **Nick Kurilko**, the printed media has brought lots of info about classmates this rep period. **Jim Orahood** provided the strongest argument for USMAPS I've ever seen in an Oct *Army Times*. We certainly have the right man for the job with Jim as Com. While visiting him at Ft Monmouth and at the Navy game, he restated his invitation for all poopsters to take advantage of VIP treatment while attending USMAPS grad ceremonies on 30 May—it's more than WP can offer till we can come up with a multi-mil-dollar gift, and Jim will still treat us well—even w/o a gift.

The *Washington Post* and various Kileen, TX and Ft Hood papers recorded the news that **Dennis Manske** placed 86th out of 13,000 in the Marine Corps Marathon; 187th (23rd in the Masters Field and 3rd overall among TX runners) out of 9,362 in the Boston Marathon; and has been judged the fittest soldier at Ft Hood for the 3rd yr in a row!

Not to be outdone, the *Register* listed a few surprises in its ret and separation sections. Classmates not previously listed in this col as shedding the Army Blue are **Gary Anderson, Larry Baker, John Buckley, John Crenshaw, John Cullen, Mike Fay, Ed Hammond, Ed Hobbs, Bob Lower, Fred Shahid**, and **John Throckmorton**. Now, if we can only find out where these guys are and what they're doing. . . .

My favorite printed media are ltrs from you. **Robby Robinson** (12 Honu St, Aiea, HI 96701) forwarded a copy of a 6 May note he had previously sent and must have been so interesting that the Postal Service decided to keep it. The good news is that I got the copy—the bad news is the original contained the only print of **Dave & Susan Ohle**, Robby & **Cathy Robinson, Mark & Diane Hansen**, and **RK & Gisela Adams** at the HI Founders Day luau. Dave & Susan hosted the Class' 22nd-yr reunion at their Schofield Bks qtrs in Jun and wondered why no one other than the Hansens and Robinsons showed up. It could have been because the lost ltr also contained the only announcement and invitation. The reunion was actually held at the beach where the Hansens attempted to teach Dave to windsurf. Mark Hansen is still ch of radiology at Tripler. RK is the WESTCOM force developer—what there is left of it. Robby is still doing odd jobs around the CINCPAC J5 and looking for meaningful civ employment. **Jocko Merriam** (4821 NE Bell), who is in Lawton, OK (73507) and looking for employment elsewhere, didn't sound too sorry for Robby's search location. Robby also rep that **Ted Broyhill** is back in the AF, was stationed at CINCPAC J5, and has moved to JCS J8 in Pentagonia.

John O'Neal is back at McGill Univ and used his last piece of ltrhead stationery from the Hoover Inst on War, Revolution, and Peace at Stanford, where he was a Natl Fellow last yr, to send us greetings. The fellowship allowed John to conduct research on the profitability of US multi-natl corps' foreign investments, and interact with such distinguished scholars and leaders as former Secy of State George Schultz and George Stigler, a Nobel Prize-winning economist. But John's big news was that he has been a daddy to Mary Adelaide since Nov 89. Fortunately, I understand she looks a lot like **Frances**. . . .

Rabble, we've had as much fun as we could with this Desert Shield thing the past few mos, and I've heard a lot of serious concerns, too. We've laughed at and endured adversity before—and we all have a stake in this thing. We have classmates directly involved, classmates standing by to support, classmates who have done the best we could to train our replacements to stand and deliver, and loved ones who still have the fortitude to keep the home intact while fathers, husbands, and classmates go to do their duty. We're all part of this, and we need to keep together and in touch more than ever. During this rep period, I've received ltrs and calls from mbrs of the Classes of '39, '55, '70, '82 and '83 helping us keep track of, and expressing concern for, you. Let us know where you are and what you're doing because YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT. **Dave.**

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This col is being written on 17 Dec 90, covering news received since 14 Oct. By the time you receive this issue, my next deadline will be 15 Apr—and every other mo thereafter.

30–20! How sweet it was and is. **Jim O'Toole** organized a Beat Navy luncheon at the Pentagon on 5 Dec. In attendance were **Anstrom, Blumer, Jim Ball, Clark, Dunaway, Feyereisen, Finch, Foss, Frykman, Glacel, Hill, Hoopengardner, Ken Johnson, Landrum, Kimmitt, Levy, Moen, Narel, O'Toole, Quinn, Reams, Reinhardt, Richmond, Robella, Spann, Sparks, Steele, Stobbs,** and **Wanless**.

At the game itself were **Jim Ball, KC Brown, Cross, Finch, Hammond, Hill, Hofstetter, Jarvis, Jenkins, Kedrow, Kuhn, Leister, Luecke, Mayer, McGovern, Moen, Nardotti, O'Toole, Riddell, Robella, Robyn, St Onge, Schaaf, Bill Schroeder, Spann, Stobbs, Venard**, and **Doug Williams**.

The **Browers** sent the first holiday card from their new qtrs at WP. The **St Onges** are at Carlisle for the War Col, while **Bob Glacel** has completed the Industrial Col of the Armed Forces and now works with the CSBM delegation in Wash and Vienna, Austria.

1969: Barbara & Bob Glacel and family

Also in DC are **Pat & Pete Bazzel** and **Beth & Stew Bornhoft**. Stew is now in the Off of Ch of Engrs, but is due to cmd 36th Engr Gp, which is in Saudi Arabia.

At Ft McClellan, AL are **Linda & Greg Nosal** and their 5 children. Greg finished his residency and is in the Dental Clinic there.

1969: Chaplain Geoff Moran, AFN-Europe

Geoff Moran was in touch to rep that he became Div Chaplain for the 3rd ID in Wuerzburg on 16 Dec. In his previous asgmt, he had also served as broadcast chaplain for Armed Forces Network. **Lynne & Harry Dolton** are in Rome at the NATO Col.

Diane & Terry Rice wrote from Rabat, Morocco, where Terry is a security as-

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sistance off. The Rices and their 3 girls have been overseas for 8 straight yrs.

Last ltr from active duty was from **Hugh Donohue**, who cmds the 28th Combat Spt Hosp in Saudi Arabia. **Pat** and family are at Ft Bragg. After having made a night, low-level, mass tactical jump into Panama in Dec 89 (his first jump since Ranger Sch 20 yrs before!), Hugh was with the first unit of the 82d Airborne to arrive in Saudi Arabia in Aug 90. Hugh said he had seen **Jack Von Kaenel**, CO of 82d DIVARTY, and **Dennis Nishida**, whose Reserve Signal Corps unit was activated. (I believe **Tom Garrett** is also there as CO of 101st Avn Bde).

In transition were **Corinne & Dave Hofstetter**, who ret in Oct and now live in Atl where Dave manages the Atl Koger Ctr. Also just ret is **Bill Yonushonis**, who is dir of Animal Research at OH St.

From the civ side, **Leslie & Dave Hill** are here in DC and had been visited by **Jean & Rob Wilson**, who are in OR.

1969: E-4 get-together in DC

George Albrecht is in MD and sent word of the E-4 "quasi-periodic get-together." In attendance were **Coyle, Grant, Morelock, Wanless,** and **Lingvai** (x-'69). George also had seen **Jerry Morelock** and **Mike Speltz** at the AUSA Convention in Oct.

1969: Morelock, Albrecht and Speltz

Peggy & Bill Smith wrote from Gaithersburg with word that Bill is now with Scott & Stringfellow in Vienna, VA. Their boys are both at Fishburne Mil Sch.

Donna & John Hahn sent a nice card from Bartlett, TN, while **Sue & Hal Hoege** wrote from Kingwood, TX that their son Howard is at WP, Class of '94. Hal is with Exxon USA in Houston.

1969: Congressman Jack Fields with Sue & Hal Hoege and family

Dottie & John Rountree wrote from Pomona, CA with word that their daughter Kim is on a full-yr, Pacific Rim/Asia study-travel prog with the Univ of Puget Sound. **Teresa & Joe Syjuco** sent a nice card and note from Edmonds, WA.

Also a mbr of the Class of '94 is Karsten Haake, son of **Gesine & Arnie Haake**. Arnie is in Bahrain, while Gesine and their other two children are in Ger during this period of tension. Arnie said that **Doug Craft** is on GEN Schwarzkopf's planning staff in Saudi Arabia.

That's it for ltrs. Two visits to DC this time—**Bill Burke** stopped by from CA, while **Scott Nix** was down from Morristown, NJ, where he works for Allied-Signal. And Don Frazer (scribe '70) sent a nice note and photo of **Linda & George Fogle**, who have left Indianapolis for TX.

1969: George Fogle and family

Holly and the children join me in wishing you a beautiful spring. God bless to all in '69.

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Here's the issue you all have been waiting for, the one with the after-action report from the reunion. But first, some public service announcements.

From **Joe Reeder**, the Class Fund honcho: "As you know from your annual Class Fund ltr, we are the leading class *in terms of number of contributors, but* we can do much better than the 36% participation. Please contribute, and be as generous as you comfortably can. Next yr, you each will receive, by mail, descriptions and costs of several choices for Class gift, with a request that you vote on or rank the choices, or write your alternative choice. We very much need your participation and voice in arriving at something we all can be proud of."

Also, **Whit Wise** published a neat reunion booklet with bios on 247 mbrs of the Class. Some of us ordered them before the party last Oct, but there are apparently some that can still be purchased by those who were unable to attend. We might even be able to get a second printing, if demand is there. To get a copy, you can call 24 hrs/day and leave a message for **Joe Reeder** at (202) 457-5626. Cost is a paltry $16—but include a little extra for the Class fund.

And from **Jim Crawford**, an announcement on the Class of '70 Golf Tour: the golfers at reunion are hatching plans. A questionnaire will be sent to those who expressed interest at the reunion (and to others who make their interest known). The idea is to have a get-together once/yr at a different classmate's course, play a round or two, and party the rest of the time. Thus far, **Bill Jackson** (Houston), **Tom Anthony** (Sacramento), and Crawford (Spokane) are already considering hosting events.

1970: Alive and well: Chris Stall at the Homecoming game

I received some bad news from Mike Davall '58. He rep that **Thomas E Miller** died on 12 Nov 90 of cancer. He is survived by wife **Michael**, two children and one grandchild. Tom was one of our ex-classmates who did not graduate with us. Nevertheless, Mike states that "from all I have heard about him, it can be said, 'well done.' " If you remember him from plebe or yearling yr, and wish to send condolences, Michael can be reached at 657 Hances Pt Rd; North East, MD 21901; (301) 287-2719.

According to the most recent *Register*, statistics for the Class are: active—Army-

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274, USAF-17, USMC-2, USN-1; ret—12; civ—402; deceased—12 (actually 13); foreign—2. That may have been correct at press time. But consultation with the *Official Army Book of Lists* reveals that the ret ranks are swollen with the likes of **Larry Brown, David Carr, William Day, John Hennessy, Carl Linke, Robert Mason, Calvin Purdin, Dave Wagner**, and **Chris Wittmayer**, who ret in Oct, as well as others who might have escaped before The Shield put a stop to all that "getting out" nonsense.

There was great controversy over how many Class '70 offspring are represented in the classes currently attending USMA. In order to get a definitive response, the keepers of the *Official USMA Book of Lists* held in the Inst Research Off of sch staff were consulted, revealing that we have a total of 9, only 8 of which were included on their alpha roster for some reason: **Jim Henderson**'s daughter, Jennifer '94; **Dave & Sue Allbee**'s son, James '94; **John Connors**' daughter, Tina '94; **Wally & Mimi Kaine**'s son, James '93; **Larry & Signe White**'s son, John '94; **Paul & Paulette Cunningham**'s son, Paul '94; **Jim Etchechury**'s son, Jim '94; **John & Janet Cogbill**'s son, John '94; and **Pat & Mary Sculley**'s son, Seanegan '93.

1970: John Connors with daughter, Tina '94

1970: Reunion CINC Dave Dinsmore presents "thanks" to Joan Emmer at the reunion

As anticipated, the reunion party was a smashing success, thanks in large part to **Dave Dinsmore**'s party comm, which included **Dave Allbee, Bill Lane, Tom Lenox, Mike Mahan, Tom Maertens, Bill Wattendorf**, and **Paul McDowell**, as well as Joan Emmer, who assisted above and beyond. It would be fun to list everybody who showed up, but with 357 classmates, plus wives, children, family and friends, the task is too great for this small space. We did have the largest reunion class that the Acad has ever seen.

1970: Class Pres Dave Brown presents '70 cap to BG Bramlett, Com, at reunion business mtg

The initial rally was at Eisenhower Hall, where folks cruised through all day long, ending with a buffet dinner there that evening. On Fri morn, we had our Class bus mtg; high on the agenda was a discussion on our Class Gift Fund Acct, which is now over $100K. **Joe Reeder** is looking for help in setting up some network, based on our old regt/co org, to encourage participation in the continuing fund drive, hopefully culminating with a presentation to the Acad at the 30th or 35th Reunion. If you have a hankering to help with this task, contact Joe Reeder, **Dave Brown**, or **Barney Forsythe**. One of the highlights of the bus mtg, for me anyway, was the announcement that I could contine to struggle with this col for the next 5 yrs. When Brown passed out that poop, somehow it even drew a round of applause. Keep stroking me like that, folks, and I may never relinquish the pen to a replacement scribe! Then the Com and Dean told us about all the changes at USMA, and there were lots, even beyond the visible physical plant (but too many to list here). Who said 180 yrs of tradition untouched by progress?

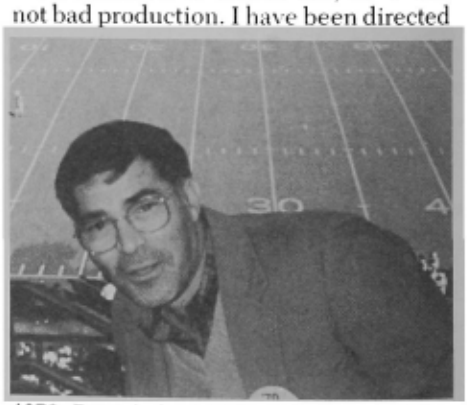
1970: The pause that refreshes, following the reunion business mtg: Taylor, LeFevre, Thornton, Olson, etc, in the men's latrine, Ike Hall

On Fri pm, we moved to the Cadet Chapel, where Chaplain **Guy Drab**, Lt-Cmdr, USN, led us in a moving memorial service. We rendered sincere respects to the 13 who have joined the Ghostly Assemblage: **Lewis Boyer, Robert Brown, Randall Carlson, Charles Connatser, Patrick Dunphy, Joseph Ferraro, Kennard Gilihan, Richard Green, Michael Hawley, John Minor, Joseph Neuman, Howard Steinfeld**, and **Vernon Stockwell**. Be Thou at Peace.

The party then moved off-post to the Meadowbrook Lodge. The staff became irritated with us as we continued to renew acquaintances rather than chow down on the excellent meal they had prepared. The crystal wine glasses with the '70 crest were a nice touch.

1970: A to Z at the bar—Adams, Zolidis, *et al*, Meadowbrook Lodge, reunion

Sat am brought us to the Alumni exercises and the review on the Plain. The whole crowd was quiet, except, naturally, for Class of '70, who couldn't keep from spouting off all through the P-rade. Some even missed the stirring strains of the Thumper as the conversations continued. What a tailgate party following—the gate was the Cadet Mess! Then to the football game where, if the A-team had only gotten 2 more touchdowns, our Class would have been shown on the scoreboard. As it turned out, 56–0 was not bad production. I have been directed



1970: Down in front, Pete de la Garza! (at the Homecoming game)

to rep, however, that the Class Pres WAS OBSERVED leaving Michie Stadium prior to the end of the game!

John & Kathy Becker provided some

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photographic entertainment from the Sat pm Alumni dinner-dance in Wash Hall. As usual, with the William Tell Overture, some of our classmates couldn't restrain themselves. Fortunately, most

1970: Rally, rally, rally! Class of '70 shows the spirit of the Corps at the reunion

of them have hands over their eyes, so they are completely unrecognizable to the Great American Public. Following the dinner, the B-4 folks got together for the group shot. The line-up includes **Chip Lauckhardt**, John Becker, **Dick Moser, Mac Plummer, Dick Beahm, Les Sumner, Mike Hobson, Frank Monaco**, and **Dave Wagner**.

Following the Alumni dinner-dance, the Happy Daze provided the music for the Class dance in Cullum Hall. The nearby photo shows the initial presentation of the "Last Live Round" award, a traveling trophy created by **Nick Sebastian** and his father Nick. The idea is to immortalize several categories of folks: those who have the most children—a record believed shared by **Steve Roberts** and **Tom Duecker** (7); the couple that has the last child born; the couple that had the first child born (currently claimed by Duecker, a child born Feb 71); and a nameplate for those who were KIA, lost in action. Nick says, "this makes the idea of the trophy come full circle, I believe." A tribute to the future generations, and a memorial to our cherished, fallen classmates. Someday, it will be presented to the last surviving grad of the Class, who we hope will present it in turn to the Acad. I think the competition for the "last" is still hot, but I need some help determining the "first" and the "most." If you believe you win, or know someone who would win these categories, let me know.

1970: Sebastian and Henderson with "Last Live Round" award, at the reunion

Nick also sent a package of pics, most of which turned out better than mine (he's a professional, you know), so they will be sprinkled liberally throughout the next several issues.

Sunday's brunch in Hotel Thayer was our last oppurtunity to meet, greet, and relunctantly say good-bye to our friends in the Class. We all agreed that it was a wkend well worth the expense and effort. We left with revitalized friendships, renewed commitment, and even sorrow that the gathering had to come to a close so quickly.

Even getting home from the reunion was an adventure for some of us, as described by **Bill Malkemes**. The partymobile included Bill & **Melinda Malkemes, Frank & Jan Gehrki**, and **Carl & Penny Linke**. The guys were doing the driving and the girls were asleep in the RV. At a stop for gasoline, the guys didn't notice that the ladies had taken a powder. The men took off and got 10–15 mi down the rd, making really *gooood* time. But it was really quiet in the back of the RV—the women were still back at the gas station! Bill says, "We didn't want to turn around since we were making such good time, but common sense prevailed." Now the men are still trying to cover the rent on their doghouse!

Rapid fire could be produced from an almost endless belt of fresh reunion ammunition, but the editor has called cease fire, since any shooting would be out of the range fan. I DID ask for more space, but it was quickly DENIED. I could sure have used the space of the Class a couple of pgs over that did not submit a col. Oh well, gossip and pics aplenty for next issue.

That's all the news that fits to print. But if you want to see your name in bold print in an internationally distributed mag sometime next summer, then make a call, drop a card, send a ltr, or SOMETHING (with a pic, including those revealing snapshots from the reunion), and I'll ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good. Delta Charlie Fox out.

1970: "B" for beef or B-4 before, at the reunion

'71

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Happy days are here again. . . the sky is grey, the rabble can win. . . happy days are here again. Yes, sir. Army beat Navy. They beat 'em for the coach, for their classmates, for the folks playing in the sandbox overseas, for the grads, maybe even for little **Rickie deMoya** who spent all that miserable time on the area. Most importantly, they did it for themselves. . . and we all should be very proud. So, other than the harassment of term-end exams, weather systems that appear to be on drugs, and the aftershocks of some A-N slugs, life is pretty grand here at Thayerville. It's a wonderful life.

It's not shabby for the Rabble of yesteryear, either. WP hosted a celebration of 100 yrs of Army football this past fall, and dug up some heroes from our illustrious past. Note in the accompanying pic the likes of **Joe Albano, Bill Roden,**

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1971: The Rabble, circa '71

1971: The family Holcombe

Arden Jensen, Bernie Wall, Wes Blaine, Rich MacLaren, Ken Wyrick, and **Mike Masciello.** Failing to make the pic taking formation (and consequently, may have to walk the area during the 20th Reunion) was **Dave Smith.** Bernie is the only stallion of the bunch on active duty. He serves as the XO at the Army Safety Ctr at Ft Rucker.

I guess the camaraderie wasn't intense enough for some of the crew, because they took their party south to a skybox at the Navy game where they linked up with **John Fogarty** and **Mike Franzino.** Now let's see, through my purely medicinal haze at the game, they told me how they justify their living. . . **Bill Roden** is an orthopaedic surgeon in Atl; **Mike Masciello** does cardiology on the Isl; **Ken Wyrick** is into Apples in CT; Mike Franzino continues in exec placement in NYC; and the rest, ummm. . . do what they want to do. The strength of this gp, of course, is a gp of wonderful, understanding wives and kids.

Not to be outdone in A-N skybox class, **Bill Jones** and I were the kind recipients of an invite to the digs of the Partners Gp of Philadelphia, a marketing consortium which has been run by **Jim Melesky** and **Dave Deparle,** and which now includes **Bert David**—again, a first-class affair. After giving up successful cmd at Ft Knox last fall, Bill was posted to DA where he is trying to keep oper straight while he waits for the next carrot from Uncle Sammie. **Bill & Mary Grace Tryon** flew out to the game from Albuquerque and lent some energy to an already out-of-control affair. Also saw **Dave Anderson,** who is a dentist in AL.

Now enough of this A-N stuff. . . there's a more important conflict going on. An incomplete list of classmates that are currently serving in the sands of Saudi Arabia and vicinity are **Cal Benedict, Dell Dailey, Jim Godwin, Steve Marshman, Jerry Thompson, Hans Van Winkle,** and **Jim Walter.** I saw **Debbie Van Winkle,** a lifelong resident of Highland Falls, at the WP skating rink last Christmas with her 4 kids. Like all of us, she continues to hope for a peaceful resolution and early return. . . in her case, to Ft Hood.

Securing the northern flank of Iraq in Turkey is **Rich Keene.** The Keenes end their two-yr tour in Izmir this summer. Rich mentioned that he overlapped with **Charlie Lautermilch,** who left for a job as a reserve advisor at Ft McCoy, WI last fall. . . where I'm sure that he has now met up with **Dan Howard,** a reservist called up from his atty duties in MI to facilitate the processing into active duty of other reservists. Dan mentioned in his Christmas card that, despite the inconvenience of the latter part of the yr, they are thankful that his wife, **Eileen,** has recuperated so well from surgery for a benign brain tumor.

Let's dip into our Christmas card bag here. Ah, from the Land of the Morning Calm there is a note from **Il-soon Shin.** Il-soon is back in Seoul after spending 18 mos as a regt cmdr (our bde equivalent) on the DMZ. He now serves as the Ch of the Foreign Policy Div in his Ministry of Natl Def. Moving back toward the mainland, **Joe & Ann Thomas** are still cooling it in the breezes of Kailua, HI. Joe had his computer systems contract with the Marine Corps extended for another yr, while Ann plies her social work experience working in an oncology unit and running a private practice. Couple of nice notes from **Joe Holcombe,** who currently resides in Morgan Hill, CA. He started his own bus as an engr'g consultant in the field of geometric dimensioning, and the practice is flourishing. With the first of 5 kids in col and the youngest in 3rd gr, you're going to need all that *moola,* Joe. The **Ogrens** continue to thrive at Ft Leavenworth. **Jack** works on combat simulation models while both he & **Tanny** volunteer as Bible study leaders in the Disciplinary Bks there. **Artie Hays** has hunkered down to Jonesboro, GA, where he serves in a dual capacity as a pilot for a private firm and as the state oper off for the selective service in the GA Army Natl Guard. **Faye** maintains her own law firm while delivering professionally done babies.

The **Hayses** started young Whit down the rd to the Class of 2012 on 24 Feb 90. A future classmate may be Brette Brigance Benedict, who wailed her way into **Cal & Kim**'s hearts on 21 Aug 90 (yep, right before Cal hit the tarmac bound for the Persian Gulf). Not to be outdone for the title of "oldest classmate to have a baby" (the coveted OCTHAB award) are **Jeff & Shirley Rock,** due next summer. You competitive animals!

There's been an eleven-way tie for the success story of the qtr. Life as they once knew it will never be the same for the 10 classmates recently selected for promotion to full COL. It's a little-known sad affliction that besets soldiers of this august rank that they suffer total memory loss of their lives and times as a jr off and replace it with an overwhelming sense of serious. Fortunately, the disease may not be terminal, and with the proper therapy can be cured. Nevertheless, a profound congratulations to the future sr leaders of the 90's: **Joe Bergantz, Don Elder, Jeff Jones, Rick Capka, Bill Lennox, Tom Metz, Al Patterson, Stan Phernambucq, John Spears,** and **Jerry Thompson.**

But all these guys may be someday reporting out to **Jack Reed,** Democratic congressman from the great state of RI who was elected by a wide margin to the US House of Reps. Must have been all that good Inf experience.

Life goes on here. Still a great place to visit. The WP 7 will be joined by **Tom**

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Lainis in Sep, when he begins duties as a Permanent Assoc Prof in the Physics Dept. As do most of you, we spend most of our time excelling as a high performing system. . . you know, doing more with less until you're doing everything with nothing.

But this reunion is going to be a high-octane affair. By the time you read this article, you should have received the first mailing. For those who don't know, WP is now served by Stewart Intl Airport in Newburgh. . . get your tickets early. Don't fret about lodging. Plenty for everyone. Remember, we've got that big open Plain with cushioned sod—kind of a Thayer Bread & Breakfast. Huah!

'72

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The fax line to the AOG is hot again as I rush to meet the delivery deadline. Seems like this 6-issue-per-yr schedule means shorter time between deadlines. I haven't figured that out yet.

The news this time takes on a very sad note. **Steve Hannan** died on 30 Nov 90 in San Fran of an apparent heart attack. **Bobby Curran** called me from his DC area home to let me know in time for this issue. Bobby and Steve were track stars at school, as you may recall. Several classmates attended Steve's funeral in Wilmington, DE, including Bobby and **Mike Toler**. The Class extends its deepest sympathy to Steve's parents and other family mbrs.

The Class also mourns the loss of **Chris Dobija**, wife of **Gary**, who died last 15 Oct after a long battle with lung cancer. Chris, 43, leaves Gary, daughter Michelle and son Joe. Gary told **Bill Guarino** that Chris was a tremendous inspiration as she struggled through surgeries and chemotherapy. Chris was a native of Poland and took great pride in "instructing" Gary's friends and classmates in the polka. Our hearts are with Chris' family, and we love you Gary, Michelle, and Joe.

Other items from the **Guarino** newsltr incl **Lee Barnes**' change-of-cmd ceremony last Jun. Lee is CO of 1st BN, 63rd Arm at Fr Irwin, CA. His bn has the role of "bad guys" at the Nat Tng Ctr. **Joe & Pat Edwards** are still in the DC area. Joe has been working at the Pentagon, where he's responsible for managing security and law enforcement funding. Daughters Gina and Lisa are outstanding musicians as well as students. The Edwardses are active in their church: Pat is secy of the Sunday Sch and Joe is on the Bd of Deacons. **Tom Panlowski** is now at Ft Leavenworth with TRADOC Analysis Cmd. He had extended his PhD experiments in GA to appease the "computer gods." **Steve Broussard** PCS'ed to Offutt AFB, Omaha after his promotion to LTC. He's with the Nat Emer Airborne Cmd Post. Steve, **Liz**, and Ryan are doing well, although Ryan's athletic career ended prematurely when drs discovered a cyst in the upper bone of his right arm. It isn't a serious med condition, but still not conducive to contact sports. **Tom Marks** traveled to Korea, Hong Kong, and Thailand last yr and made speaking engagements in FL, Las Vegas, and Atl. He had an interview with CNN on Iraq. **Linda**, son Michael, and daughter Inthiva are doing well. The Guarinos are busy as usual, esp with **Bill**'s business travels for Ford. Patrick (8) and Catherine (6) provide most of the excitement via sch and extracurricular activities. Seems the Guarinos' basement is a potential feeder for the Louvre, as Catherine creates her "works of art" and leaves the mess for **Trish** to clean up. C'mon, mom, it could be worse, you know. Just think if she was into high explosive compounds or something! Thanks again to Bill & Trish for their update.

Got a nice, newsy ltr from long-lost **Lance Giroux** in CA for this issue. Lance has been with PSI WORLD seminars since leaving the Army in 77, and is now VP. He married **Marie** Sikstrom in 84 and they have 2 children, Nick (3) and Alex (6 mos). Lance also has a 17-yr-old son Peter and 15-yr-old daughter Caroline by his previous marriage. The Giroux family has moved to their home in Petolumer, CA recently and they are enjoying the space. They traveled to Wash in Oct for a wedding and stayed with **Ray & Betsy Crawford**. After Thanksgiving the whole family took off to HI for a wk. Other special occasions for Lance in 90? How about the acquisition of his latest toy, a 1950 Ford pickup truck (to go along with his 38 Ford Deluxe). The Girouxes had much fun visiting family over the holidays and look forward to an exciting 91.

Got a nice ltr with an update on LTC **Tom Waller**, his stepson Eric Prichard, and **Dan Breitenbach**. Eric was assigned to Dan's bn for CTLT last summer, which was a special treat for Tom & **Jenny**. Tom is bde S-3 for the 72nd FA Bde, and he lives next door to the Breitenbachs in Peden Bks, Wertheim, Ger. Both Tom and Dan are in Saudi Arabia by now, if anybody is still there. We're thinking about you guys, and all the other '72'ers over there, including **Frank Hancock**, 1/327 Inf, and **Steve Skoog**, and **Hud Berry**, Army drs. The Hancock status came by way of **Wayne Kirkbride**'s H-4 newsltr. Others he mentioned are **Bill & Barb Paulick, Brad & Lynn Holtz** (Brad's with Oper Van Guard), **Ted Whitley** (TDY with Boeing at Ft Belvoir from Seattle), **Tom Innamorato** (still with the St Dept), **Ed McConaghay** (Northern Telecom), and **Troy Becker** (sports medicine).

'73

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As I write, Christmas is a little over a wk away and all of my thoughts and prayers are with those in the Middle East. My sincerest hope is that at the time you read this in late Feb those prayers for peace will have been answered. My notes from the past yr show that dozens of units to which our classmates are assigned have deployed to Saudi. Even our one-sided victory over Navy seemed a little flat with the gathering cloud of such a dangerous and uncertain future crowding our thoughts. For those of you deployed to the Middle East, know that all the rest of us around the world are thinking of you. For those of us who still dress like trees (both active and reserve trees), we're ready to join you if you need us. (Man! The last time I made a prediction the damn thing came true and I didn't get promoted. Just my luck I'll be reading this col in the back of a "577" in the middle of a sand storm.)

Let me start the Class news by catching you up on some old news, and I do mean old. A wk before we left Ger last Jun and a wk after mailing my *ASSEMBLY* article, I received a wonderful ltr from **Mike Altieri** (H-4). Well, you know how fanatic I am about organizing my *ASSEMBLY* files. I stuck it in my briefcase along with 6 sets of health records, finance records, car papers, clearing papers, apt leases, Ger phone and electric bills, cub scout records, a going-away plaque and a pair of black socks I wore to my award ceremony. Aug saw a weak apology for not writing an article. Oct came and Mike's ltr was a vague, "Hey, **Kath**, didn't I get a ltr from someone just before we left Ger?" She replied sharply, "I put all of your ltrs in the desk slot marked *ASSEMBLY* and what you do with them is your problem." Three days after I sent the article, I turned in my dental records and a dental technician gave me back Mike's ltr. So. . . I called Mike, who lives about an hr from here, and wept on the phone until he forgave me. Enough of my idiocy. I have the most WONDERFUL news: **Joan & Mike** were blessed with their 3rd son, Daniel Joseph, on 14 May—because of my negligence, Daniel is probably reading this himself. With Matthew (13) and Martin (9), Mike sees the addition as a real starting over process. Let me know how it goes, Mike—looks like Kath & I will be starting over for the 5th time this summer. More to follow in the mos to come. I've got this theory about fluoridated drinking water.

Mike's a design engr for Southwestern Bell and has been with them for nearly

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12 yrs. Mike has kept track of nearly half of the H-4 gang and will gladly share his info with ya. Just send him a card at 7324 High Dr, Praire Village, KS 66208; tel 913-677-2109. Mike will get a ltr back in-between coaching his sons' baseball, teaching Sun sch and working with his local Kiwanis, schools, and church. Please write again soon, Mike, and I promise to get you in print in time for Daniel to show the article to his col buddies!

Received a welcome ltr from **Kim Wright**. I always turn to your pics in the '73 *Howitzer* to refresh my kid-numbed memory, and Honest to God, Kim looks younger in his recent pic than he did in 73. He sent me a pic in uniform—he's with the 66th Avn Bde WA NG—and his hair is also shorter today than it was in 73. The pic also set me thinking. Kim's a CPT (A/S-3 Air) after a 9-yr break in service. The other mbrs of the bde staff include MAJ Jim Wright '74, MAJ Steve Brooks '76 and (now listen closely) LTC Gordon Toney '75. Yes, LTC. Now I don't begrudge Gordon's success, but this particular "Bean Ball" (and there couldn't be two of this rare model) was one of my very own B-3 min callers. Kim, next time you see Mr Toney, cram his neck in and tell him I don't want any more pics of him in uniform with his hand in his pocket!!! I didn't become one of the oldest MAJ's on active duty by lettin' my standards slip below mediocre. Kim is a pilot for United and has

1973: Wright, Wright '74, "Mr" Toney '75 and Brooks '76

offered to get all of us free tickets back to the Acad for our 20th reunion. Just cut out this article and take it to the United ticket desk in 93. You don't even have to call for reservations; the ticket clerk's reaction will be exactly the same as if you had called ahead. Kim said he spotted **Brad Barker** as a passenger on one of his flights. Kim also encourages all of us to keep looking for him in the cockpit whenever we fly United. Obviously, Kim's been with the airlines a no of yrs and has forgotten that the paranoid society in which we live will send us up for 5–10 for just knocking on the cockpit door, even if we swear we thought it was the toilet. (I hope some of my CGSC students are reading this. I'll be the first to admit that my *ASSEMBLY* articles violate every scientific postulate of the Army writing standard.). . . Fade back to Kim's ltr. . . when not flying, Kim lives near Ft Lewis (tel 206-582-1908). He's seen **John Everett**, who's with an SF unit at Lewis. He's also seen **Mickey Colbert**, who is (Kim's scrawled handwriting) OH58 IP.

Let's take a break in the action. This article is so late to the editors now that I may as well put in the very latest news. I ran into **Bill, William, "Willy" Pearce** today. He's doing fine and doing something here at Leavenworth. He was talking to **Dan Wright**, an Army lawyer who works with me in the Ctr for Army Leadership. Well anyway, these guys got me so excited that I ran out and spent two dollars for the latest *Army Times*. Have ya ever noticed how quickly your All-American heroes lose their mystique after you've seen them unshaven in their underwear reading the Sun *NY Times*, not to mention the *Army Times*. But mystique or no, we are all proud to call America's first hero of "Desert Shield" our own **John Feeley**. According to the *Times*, which has no pics of John in his traditional cav gear or in his underwear, he was special mil asst to the American Embassy during the time it was beseiged by Iraqi forces. GEN Schwarzkopf gave John the "first hero" title along with a Legion of Merit (Schwarzkopf too has never seen John in his rally suit). Congrats John, and tell us what you did 'cause I'm not paying for your paperback best seller on top of the two bucks I just wasted for 9 sq inches of type in the *Times*. Wait!! John, John, John, perhaps I spoke too quickly. With your lecture tours and talk show appearances taking up so much time, you'll need a ghost writer for that firsthand acct of your embassy exploits. (John, we all thank God you're safe, and I can joke because we all know that without a word of praise you exemplified the highest standards of honor, courage and freedom.)

I still don't have a firm count of all of our classmates here. Still, I'm sure there are many I've not seen yet. Oh yes, you say, I could place an announcement in the unofficial bulletin or in a local community paper. But don't forget those things require planning, remembering, and organizing skills, all of which are adult traits that I have not yet developed. I do know that **Jasper DeBroux** is here because I attended his promotion party. **Larry Hamm** was also at the party and works on the floor above mine (not all of the job descriptions will be this detailed). Passed **Greg Johnson** (C-3) in the hall today. He's doing fine and isn't bald yet—can't say as much for Jasper. Honest Jasper, I didn't make the bald comment on the little memorabilia poster we made for you. . . and if you believe that. . . . **Steve Kirin** passed through in Nov with a team from the Rand Corp. He's on the bn cmd list and should return in Feb or Mar for the pre-cmd course. Saw **Steve Ankley, Bruce Simpson** and **John Morris** at the PCC last fall. Bruce is headed for an aviation cmd with the XVIII Abn Corps. Any of you passing through for PCC, if you don't see me giving the effective writing pitch, come up to rm 217 Bell Hall and say "hi."

Pat Putignano called all the way from Wash, DC just to say (a) hi (b) are you alive (c) how come you missed the Oct 90 col (d) the DC mafia's gonna getchya if ya miss another deadline. Diplomacy demands I answer: (a) I'm fine. Pat's working with Gen Dynamics, more specifically on the unmanned aerial vehicle prog. For those not in the FA, that's a remote-controlled model plane with a camera that none of your kids got for Christmas 'cause it costs about $20 mil a copy. That's also part of the reason that the FA doesn't have too many of them. Pat, I recently, in the past 6 mos, published a list of many of our classmates in DC. Please keep me updated on the latest rotations in and out of the "beltway."

Jim & Jean Fuehrmeyer always get a space in my col, and I think they're a little embarrassed. But they are our best friends, and I think our friendship, even if separated by thousands of mi, represents all those deeply meaningful relationships we all formed during our 4-yr ordeal together. The Fuehrmeyers spent two days on the rd, then spent Thanksgiving with us, and our Thanksgiving prayers included ea of you.

Finally, my procrastination netted another ltr from some old friends, **Tom & June O'Connor**, in the Baltimore, MD area. Tom's starting a new manufacturer's rep business—"T&M Sales," an electronic prod equipment sales org. (How did I do, Tom? I accept all major credit cards.) Tom recently discovered that **Bob & Kris Garrant** (H-2) live around the corner (don't know what that means—in the east it could mean NY!!). But it is close enough for their kids to attend the same sch.

Thank you all for your support and I promise not to miss anymore *ASSEMBLY* articles in 90 (what do you mean all of the *ASSEMBLY* articles are already out for 90!! I don't care how "nit-picky" or demanding you get, my promise still holds). GOD BLESS (Pray for Peace).

'74

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This col is being written in mid-Dec and I'm sorry to open with some sad news. I regret to inform you that **Rick Vincent** died in a helicopter crash at Ft

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Campbell, KY on 26 Nov 90. A good-sized contingent of classmates, family and friends attended the burial at WP. Among those were **John Martin, Glenn Wilkinson, Craig Robinson, Fred Stellar, Barry Scribner, John Sladky, Larry Milam, Buddy Blackman,** and **Ann & Bill Higgs**. Our sympathy goes out to **Debbie** and her family during this untimely passing. Classmates and friends can express condolences to Debbie at 225 Susan Newton Lane, Tabb, VA 23602.

Any acquaintance of **Rick** at sch or in the Army knew what a great fellow he was. I remember wrestling and playing football with him, and he was always a pleasure to be around. We mourn his passing.

Pat McBrayer sends us some encouraging news on **Pham Tam**. You will recall, Pat has been in constant touch with Pham's sister here in the US, and with contacts to the American Embassy's Orderly Departure Prog. So the good news is that Pham was on the Dec 90 interview list with the US authorities. Pending no complications, Pham could begin processing for departure in a couple of mos.

This is an important time to mention that **Pham**'s future move and resettlement in the US will not come easy. **Pat** has initiated a trust fund for this purpose, the FREE **TAM** fund. **Bob McFetridge, Buddy Blackman** and he will serve as trustees of the fund. At this printing the fund was nearly established and info on donation procedures will likely go out in a Class mailing. The fund's uses will be for Pham's travel costs, funds to begin life in the US, and seed funds to begin the process of extracting other family mbrs. We thank Pat for his great initiative. He can be contacted at 1151E Shrewsbury Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

My only (and early) Christmas card comes from **Colin & Maria Dunn** at Ft Sill. He left Campbell last May to attend the PAO and editor's course at Ft Ben Harrison prior to moving to Sill to be the ed of the *Field Artillery Journal*. Soon after moving, Maria gave birth 4 wks early to Buck, a 5 lb, 3 oz baby, but he's healthy as can be now. He joins two-yr-old brother, Luc. The Dunns love the area and welcome all passersby to 3022 NE Lancaster Ln, Lawton, OK 73507.

Vince Mauro sent an update on himself and also on a special project. The project involves an urgent plea from the Catholic Chapel's Monsignor Cunniff to renovate the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity. The general situation is that the Chapel is nearly 100 yrs old, a renovation prog was underway, and then the Chapel suffered some terrible steam damage last winter. Since the Chapel is independently-supported, donations from grads and friends are of critical importance. For more info contact the Chapel, or Vince at 12 Lisa Ct, Medford, NY 11763.

On the personal side, **Vince** is still working at Grumman Data Systems as an engr'g mgr, busy as can be. **Michele** & he enjoy life on NY's version of "the Big Isl" along with 3 sons, Vincent (13), Nicholas (11) and Michael (2).

What a glorious victory over the Squids this yr! **Ben Withers** informed on the DC get-together for A-N. **Don Zacherl** has been organizing several functions for the DC crowd, and for the game they gathered at the Amer Legion in Woodbridge, VA. Rabble rousers included Don & **Maryanne** Zacherl, **Jeff & Debbie Anderson, Kevin & Rebecca Lewis, Cliff Clausen, George & Lori Runkle, Dennis & Pat Miller, Larry Frank, Jim & Julie Mitcham, Alison** & Ben Withers. For the affair, Ben said he donned a less-than-reputable "Class Uniform." And where is your old kaydet wardrobe?!

Wanted to close by reflecting on the turmoil of the times for Army folks, and for the entire defense establishment. In Europe, it seems like it all started with the Wall coming down last Nov, and the resulting changes haven't stopped. At present, the US's VII Corps is deploying to SW Asia; such a momentous event hasn't occurred here in 45 yrs. Simultaneously, a number of bns continue to inactivate by a previous plan, while large nos of NG's and Reservists are called to active duty. **Dave Norwood, Wally Bransford** and I are all part of inactivating units, and the push/pull of priorities has been extreme. On a related note, **Bob Mixon** is to leave his aide job with GEN Saint in Jan, headed for the pre-cmd course, then to his squadron cmd in the 3rd ACR; that unit is in Saudi at present.

So as the nation prays for a just solution in SW Asia, let's continue to hope for safe deliverance of all service personnel. And for your ole scribe, write and tell me about yourself, or someone else. Have a nice spring. God Bless.

'75

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Greetings to all mbrs of *Courage and Drive* '75. This col is being written in Dec 90. I am still in the US at this point and the key phrase in my unit now is, "the truth changes everyday." So we'll see what the New Year holds for me and all the mbrs of our Class.

I missed the A-N game because my unit was in the field at the time, but **Kathy** taped it for me. Even knowing the final score, it was great to see the game. Sincerest congratulations to Coach Jim Young and the team. I know that all WP'ers are grateful to Jim Young for the successes he has brought to Army football.

I was very sorry to have had to miss the reunion. **Kathy** & I were certainly looking forward to going; however, I am unable to take leave at the present time. I'll leave it up to those of you who were able to attend to supply me with news and photos. Our sincerest thanks goes to **Mike Scoba** and the entire reunion comm for a job well done. I hear it was a great success. More news will follow in future issues.

There is quite a bit of news for this issue, so here goes. . . .

Chuck Baker wrote from Greer, SC, where he, once again, has written on some of the strangest writing paper I have ever seen. He blames **Debbie** for this. Chuck wanted me to mention that COL Al Vanderbush (Ret) is planning to attend Founders Day in Greenville on 9 Mar. Anyone in the Southeast is welcome to join them. You should contact Chuck ASAP at (home) 803-268-4395 or (work) 803-458-1454. Chuck had a 17-pg ltr from **Vince Gwiazdowski** who is currently serving in the Persian Gulf. Vince called his epistle the "Desert Dog Chronicles." Chuck figures Vince's new nickname must be "Desert Dog." Chuck says it's a great ltr—humorous, as well as informative, and should be the beginning of a book. Chuck also rep that **Ken Kasprisin** is in ROK.

Chuck is currently busy with an org that assists the homeless and the unemployed in upstate SC. He recently organized and ran a walk for the homeless which had, at the time of his ltr, raised over $6000.00 with monies still coming in. He says his Army organizational skills came in handy. All the best to you, Chuck, in this most worthwhile endeavor. Chuck says that

1975: Reverend Beth Templeton and Chuck Baker after walk for the homeless in Greenville, 4 Nov 90

Michelin is like a "little WP" and "Little Annapolis" with the vast number of grads that they hire. Chuck is the only '75 in the crowd, but says '77, '78, and '79 are there in large nos. (Hey Chuck, I plan to be job-hunting in about 4 yrs, if you could save a space for me.)

Like the rest of us, **Chuck** is praying for a quick and peaceful solution to the

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mess in the desert. I sincerely hope that we will all get our prayers answered, and soon. Chuck, many thanks for a great ltr. It's guys like you who make this job so easy—and fun.

Don Frazer, Class of '70 scribe, sent a very interesting article written by '75 classmate **Russell Glenn**. The article is titled "Give Me a Heavy-Light" and appeared in *Armor* mag's Sep-Oct 90 issue. I will hang on to this and if any of you would like a copy, just give me a call or drop a note, and I'll send one along. Don, thanks for your input.

Charles W Roades, scribe for the Class of '55, also sent a very nice ltr. COL Roades met '75's **John Dashiell** when John was detailed by the Acad to assist the Class of '55 in the preparation and carrying out of their 35th reunion. COL Roades had some very impressive and complimentary things to say about John regarding the care and concern his Class received while attending their reunion. I'm always happy to hear good things about our classmates, but am never really surprised. We're a pretty great bunch. COL Roades, thank you so much for taking the time to keep the Class of '75 informed on one of their own, and sincerest congratulations on your Class's 35th Reunion. (PS—my wife says that one of the scribes she misses the most is you. When we were at the Acad, Kathy keystroked the Class notes section of the *ASSEMBLY*, and even though she never saw them, she felt that she knew all the scribes personally. She always enjoyed working on your col.)

Bruce Tyson sent a ltr from Bangkok. He says this is only his second contribution to *ASSEMBLY* and the first in many yrs. Bruce & **Margo** are still with Procter & Gamble and recently moved from Tunkhannock, PA to the "mecca for P&Gites," Cincinnati, OH. Bruce is currently working on an intl proj and expects to be back in OH by 91. Of Bangkok, Bruce says, "I'd rather be in Philadelphia." Bruce rep that **Don & Judy Browne** and family recently returned from FRG where Don was stationed in both Baumholder and Graf in "some kinda cannoncocker positions of irresponsibility." The Brownes currently live in Burke, VA, where Don is an asgmts off at TAPA. They have two children, Trevor and Cameron. Bruce also rep that **Lester & Laurie Smith** are in Tunkhannock, PA, where Les is working for P&G at the Mehoopany Plant. They have two young boys. **George & Sue Schrlau** live in neighboring Dallas, PA, where George works for a compact disk manufacturer. Bruce says George has been in a local Arty Guard unit and may very well be playing chess somewhere in the sands of Saudi Arabia at the present time. **Rich Buckley** is also working at the Mehoopany Plant. He & **Angela** have one child. Two final quotes from Bruce's ltr. . . the first, "on another topic, I may suggest that you include some comments on our classmates who may, in fact, be in Saudi Arabia poised for armed conflict. I'm praying for all the troops over there, but special prayers will go to my classmates, whom I am confident will serve with distinction in the event of armed conflict. May God be with them all." . . . and the second, "BEAT THE ___ OUT OF NAVY." Which I am most happy to note that we did. Bruce, thanks so much for a great ltr. Don't wait so long to write. I'm sure our classmates would be interested in some more detailed comments on your trip to Bangkok.

Bob Walsh (A-1) sent a great ltr from LaGrange, GA. Bob left the Army 9 yrs ago and says he'd like to hear from some classmates. He & **Sue** are just an hour north of Ft Benning and have two children, Jonathan (9) and Maggie (3). Bob has been working for Milliken (a textile co) since getting out. He is the mkt mgr for airbag fabrics and says that anyone driving a Lebaron has an airbag made of a fabric developed by Bob. Bob says his job keeps him on the road and he'd like to be able to visit with classmates in Phoenix, Detroit, Dayton, Knoxville, and other cities. (If your travels ever bring you to TX, you are certainly welcome to spend some time here.) Sue has a MS in nursing ed and holds two part-time jobs: critical care nurse in their local hosp and clinical instructor at Columbus Col. When Maggie is older, Sue plans to return to teaching full-time. Bob rep that **Mike & Rosemary Blom** are also in LaGrange with their 5 children. Mike, Jr plays on the HS football team that was ranked 10th in the nation by *USA Today*. (Somebody call the Army football team!) Mike works for Kaden as a pump engr and also travels frequently. Bob would like to hear from the group in "Ape-1;" contact him at 227 Cosby Dr, zip 30240; phone: 404-884-7270. He wishes everyone the best for the holidays, and hopes for a peaceful Christmas for our comrades in Oper Desert Shield.

Charly & Debi Peddy send word of a new addition to the Peddy clan. James Kevin was born on 15 Nov and weighed in at 6 lbs 4 ozs. Congratulations to you all. Next time add a ltr to your birth announcement and let us all know what you're up to. How is life in Paradise anyway???

Tina Harnois sent a Christmas card with her new address. She can be reached at PO Box 5788, Bldg 1900 NETC, Newport, RI 02841. Tina, our thoughts are with you and your children. Please stay in touch.

Joe & Debbie Jaggers sent a Christmas card from Norway. Good thing the ltr was in English because the card wasn't. The Jaggers have been in Norway for nearly 3 yrs. They say their house is as complete as the landlord says it's going to get. They have busy lives centering around children's activities, volunteering with local orgs and work. The Jaggers had the opportunity to do some skiing in Val Thorens, France, and Debbie and the children spent an extended time in the States over the summer. Debbie has gotten to visit several places in Europe, leaving Joe home to babysit. He says he has seen all of the museums and churches he ever intends to see and that his idea of a vacation is a six-pack and a football game. The Jaggers are expecting No 4 in 91. A family photo would be a welcome addition to this col.

Bob, Edith and the 4 little **McConnells** sent Christmas greetings from NV. They are planning to visit Ft Hood over Christmas (why anyone would want to is beyond me), so I hope they'll give me a call while they are in town.

I have a photo of **Bill & Shari Reed** taken at the Founders Day celebration at the Ft Benjamin Harrison OC. I returned it to the address provided to me by the AOG, but had the envelope returned by the PO marked "address unknown." So Bill, if you'll drop me a card, I'll send your pic.

Once again I must perform the saddest duty of a scribe. It is with deepest regret that I inform you of the death of our classmate, **Scott Mooney**, on 11 Oct 90 in Norwich, NY. Scott's next-of-kin is listed as Mrs Scott Mooney, 145 Colonial Rd, Summit, NJ 07901–4701. I remember Scott well and I mourn his loss. I know that our Class would like to extend sincerest sympathy to Scott's widow and family. We will keep you all in our prayers.

Usually at the end of my Christmas cols, I like to request that our classmates look into the faces of our offspring and pray for peace. This year, with Desert Shield so much in our thoughts and lives, it seems so much more important. My unit has not left yet, although we have been in and out of line to go more than once. I feel very grateful to be spending this time with my family, but my heart is certainly heavy for our classmates, and for all the American and Allied service personnel who are stationed in the Persian Gulf. They certainly need our daily prayers. But even more so, please remember to pray for their families. **Kathy** is teaching in a remedial math and reading program here in the Cove. She brings home daily horror stories of children in her classes who have had both parents, or their single parent deployed. Many of these children (first to fourth graders) are living with family friends or relatives. Some are living with elderly grandparents while their parents serve in the Persian Gulf. These children are frightened and confused. Kathy has certainly had ample opportunity to put that counseling master's to good use.

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So while you certainly need to pray for the safety of our friends, classmates, and soldiers, I hope you will also remember those they left behind in your prayers.

Take care and God Bless you all.

'76

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Greetings from San Ant. The **Thompson** household has changed a bit as of 23 Nov, when **Ian** left for Saudi Arabia, Oper Desert Shield. However, I am fulfilling my promise of writing the Class notes until his return.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to **Joe & Maureen Sanders** on the loss of their son, Ian Joseph, who passed away on 6 Jan 90 due to complications of bronchial pneumonia. Memorials may be made to the Assoc for Retarded Citizens of Essex County, 7 Regent St, Livingston, NJ 07039. In addition to his parents, Ian Joseph is survived by 3 sisters, Kelly Elizabeth (1 1/2), Jillian Melissa (8 yrs), and Bryn Anne (5).

Guy Swan is serving as dep G3 with the 1st Armored Div in Ansbach. He & **Melanie**, who still flies with United Airlines, recently visited Berlin and were able to get their "piece of the wall" before it was finally torn down. Guy

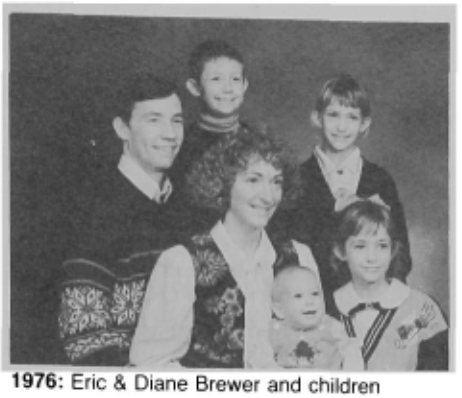
1976: Melanie & Guy Swan at the Berlin Wall

writes that **Carl Menyhert** is serving as asst div signal off with the 1st Armored Div; **Keith Walker** is with bde S3 in 3rd Inf Div; **Randy Chung** is with Comm Staff in Bamberg and **Brian Shellum** with bn S3 in Erlangen. Guy & Melanie also visited Sweden in Jul to attend the wedding of his sister Denise to a Swedish businessman.

This past summer, **Eric Brewer**'s dream came true as he returned to WP to work in the area of family practice. Eric & **Diane** have 4 beautiful children: Sean (10), Hillary (8), Courtney (6) and Kyle (7 mos).

Bob & Teresa Dalton send their best wishes from WP, where they will be for the next 1 1/2 yrs.

The 24th ID in Saudi Arabia is well-stocked with classmates: **Butch Brennan, Jeff Bruckner, Jim Diehl, Greg**



1976: Eric & Diane Brewer and children

1976: Teresa, Bob, and David Dalton

Stone, Dave Dickey, Bob Tezza, Paul Perrone and **Dave Apt**. **Ian** is serving with the 41st Combat Support Hosp.

Keep those cards and ltrs coming, and **Ian** & I will do our best to share info with other mbrs of the Class of '76. Till then, all the best—**Donna**.

'77

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It is 14 Dec 90. We beat Navy last wk. . . but most of my thoughts are with our soldiers and sailors in the Gulf and their families. I have yet to receive any Christmas cards from classmates. . . as a matter of fact we have yet to send any out ourselves. I have little news to rep from classmates writing in; my hope is that by the time this is published, the crisis will have been over, our servicemen will be heading home, and I will have a lot of good news to pass on. Our prayers are with all our friends in the Gulf during these holidays; may the Lord give their families strength during this very difficult time and may they come home safely.

An item of interest to our Class is the enactment of Public Law 101–366, section 207, which restores Vietnam Era GI eligibility to '77 and '78 service acad grads and '78 ROTC grads, all of whom had made their active-duty service requirements prior to the 1976 repeal of the Vietnam Era GI Bill. To receive educational benefits under this new law, an individual must apply to the Veterans Dept before 1 Jan 92.

I received an AT&T electronic mail note from **Frank Saul**. He is in the Buffalo area working for AT&T, having been with AT&T for several yrs in sales. He started out in Data, then switched to the PBX (customer-owned switches), and has now moved to the network side of the bus. Most recently he was the natl acct mgr for the Special Major Acct—Empire of American Fed Savings Bank. Unfortunately, the Resolution Trust Corp has decided it could better manage Empire during its last mos. Frank is married and has 3 children. Other classmates whom he keeps in touch with are **Mark Preston** in Rochester; **Mike O'Brien** in DC; and an occasional call to **Kevin McKeown** in Melbourne, FL.

Until next time, Godspeed—**Keesy**.

'78

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Hope 91 is a great yr for all. We are all praying that cooler heads will prevail in the Mid-East. Haven't heard of any classmates over there. On to the news.

John Bartocci wrote from Ger. He is a financial planner over there. **Dan & Jane Jorgenson** live in Heidelberg where Dan is a surgeon. They have 3 children. John saw **Charlie Mitchell** there on TDY; don't know from where.

1978: Slash & Sandra Sienicki

Mike (Slash) Sienicki wrote (again!). Slash & the former **Sandra** Brown tied the knot in Nov. Slash proved that anybody can get married with enough effort. They seem to be a match made in heaven—both like to camp, hunt and fish. They went trout fishing in UT on their honeymoon. Fortunately, the Slash has taken sky-diving out of his repertoire. Both Slasher & Sandy are employees of K-Mart in Dallas. Slash saw **Mark Nancarrow**, who has his own mgt co in Arlington.

Jack Morrison is now moving to Quantico. Jack was selected for the FBI Hostage Rescue Team. Jack, **Nancy**, and Callie should be in VA for 5 yrs.

Dave Lemcoe was just sent to Ger

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for two wks' active duty. Dave is a reservist with a transportation unit in Charleston. He is a financial planner on the civ side.

My old cow roomie **Rick Van Orsdale** dropped a line from Houston. Rick left FMC defense for their petroleum gp as a proj engr. **Jennifer** is kept busy with two little ones, Andrew (5) and Liesel (3 1/2). Rich has now moved five times since leaving the Army in 84.

Jack McKown is working for Hallmark in manufacturing out in Kansas City.

Jim Pappafotis left TN and moved down to TX, near Austin, I think.

1978: Tom & Juanita Grace

From **Bill Harner** at WP, 26 Dec 90: What a sweet victory over Navy this yr, 30–20, and a great way for Head Football Coach Jim Young to go into ret. In 8 yrs, Coach Young has taken the Army Team to 3 post-season bowl games and evened up the A-N classic to 42–42–7. From my vantage pt, the Corps had its best performance in 3 yrs as the 12th Man at the Navy game. The loudest cheer, "we got the goat," kicked off the game in style. Contrary to the deception in the press by the USNA Supe, Navy wanted the goat back. This yr the Corps has done some remarkable activities to promote spirit and ésprit. For example, in Oct the Corps had Support Opn Desert Shield wk. The Corps wore BDUs to class all wk; each cadet wrote one ltr each day of the wk to someone in Saudi; they collected paperback books and cassette tapes to send to SWA; and the football team camouflaged for the game. Capping the wk was the CSA's talk to the Corps about the Army's deployment to Saudi. In Nov, the cadets of 1st Regt collected $1600 and donated the money to Army Community Service at Ft Campbell to support families of Desert Shield soldiers. The Corps is certainly learning what selfless service is all about.

Earlier in the football season, WP celebrated 100 yrs of Army Football by bringing back hundreds of football alumni. In town for the gala event from our Class were **Curt Downs, Leamon Hall, Chuck D'Amico**, and **Mike Castelli**. Curt came up from No Baltimore where he works for Exxon; Leamon came up from Atl where he works for Merrill Lynch; Chuck works for Ultra Additives and resides in the NYC area; and Mike works here as a prof in Systems Eng'g.

Congratulations to our classmates who got promoted to MAJ on 1 Nov 90. **Keith Sellen** was part of the pack. He pinned on his golden oak leaf in Grant Hall on 8 Nov 90. Keith, a JAG off, has been teaching in the Law Dept for over 2 yrs now. Keith frequently helped us Tacs with law of the land warfare ODPs.

Congratulations to **Eric Hughes** & **Pat** Smith. Eric & Pat will be married on 16 Feb 91 in Gaithersburg, MD. Pat heads the Wash, DC off of ICAD, out of Cambridge, MA. Eric is the Ch for the TACC System Training Team at PERSCOM.

While I was doing some telephonic coordination for the Supe's Founders Day circuit for the West Coast, I ran into **Craig Kirkpatrick**. Craig is the Founders Day proj off for the WP Soc of Orange Co, CA. He has been working in real estate mgt since the early 80's.

If you had turned to "60 Minutes" last 18 Nov, you would have seen **Jay Butler** and his father burning the air waves with their story about the problems with the Apache helicopter. Jay served as a co cmdr in the 6th Avn Bde at Ft Hood prior to his exposé on the Apache. Jay's dad works for McDonald-Douglas. Morley Safer found Jay to be good copy, but I am not sure about the timing of the piece.

Abbott Koehler is sitting in the Majors Asgmts seat for Inf branch after bouncing around a few other off in PERSCOM. Before that, Abbott served in Lightfighter Land of the 7th ID(L). He has been taking good care of our folks in the Inf. The Koehlers will be moving to Leavenworth for CGSC this summer.

Monty & Janie Warner recently moved from Norfolk, VA to Lawton America (Ft Sill) to work in the Studies Off at the Arty Sch. Monty is designing the DS Arty Bn of the future. After 3 highly successful btry cmds (and personally watching Monty move his 105mm battery around in the field in CA), there is no one who knows better what arty can and cannot do. Monty & Janie's eldest son, Payne, is getting ready for kindergarten; Joey is in part-time sch with the two-year tots; and Janie is expecting another Warner come Mar.

Curt Alitz came back to WP for the holidays to visit his folks. Both he and dad served as ushers at the Cadet Chapel's Christmas Eve Service. **Tom & Gail McWhorter** had a baby girl 1 May 90—Megan Elena. That makes no 3: two boys and a girl. They will be heading to Leavenworth in Jul from USMA, DPE. Tom is now in the Army Acquisition Corps, representing the FA.

Jack Farris & fiancé flew in for the A/N game and met up with **Tom** and **Lee & Kim Wakefield**. Jack is finally going to bite the bullet and get married to a wonderful girl named **Marylou**. She is

1978: McWhorter's power team: Tom, Gail, Matthew (5 1/2), Jamie (3) and Megan (8 mos)

currently from Houston but will soon be moving to KS, where Jack is attending the SAMMS prog at Leavenworth.

Lee (x-'78) **Wakefield**, now a MAJ in the Marines, is studying Norwegian in DC. He will depart in May to Oslo, Norway as an embassy mil advisor.

Mark Secrist (x-'78) dropped a line and will soon be moving to the DC area to continue flying with American Air. He & **MaryRose** are doing great and have two beautiful children, one of each.

Jon & Debbie Miller are currently in Paris, where "J" is learning the ropes of a major French co and will return to the USA in a yr to head the US marketing div.

Also in Paris (two blocks away) are **Chris & Eileen Little**. Chris is attending the French CGSC. They apparently are becoming real Parisians.

1978: Bill, Lindsley and Billy Harner

The **Harners** are no doubt living the good life at WP. **Lindsley** & I are expecting our second child in Jun. Then shortly afterwards, we will be moving to Leavenworth for a yr.

As we go into the New Year, let us all pray for the safety of our classmates who are serving their country in the Arabian desert. God Bless to one and all.

'79

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I have just finished watching Army dominate Navy 30–20 and realize that

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this is an excellent beginning to the holiday season. I hope these notes find everyone happy, healthy, and content. Each of us needs to add an extra request for the safety for the mbrs of the Class in the Persian Gulf, as well as all the service mbrs presently deployed there. Now, on with the news.

The first ltr was from **Carl Cecil**. He is presently stationed at the Naval Postgraduate Sch in Monterey, CA. While he has enjoyed seeing how the other services live, he has decided he's glad he's not Navy—for they are away from home too often and too long. Carl sent along a pic from Founders Day. He was only able to get a copy since **Jim Vaughn** helped to set up the dinner. Jim is now working on his master's at Georgia Tech. Carl has also seen **Wayne Watz** just before he finished his NPS degree. **Mike Clark** graduated from NPS and has since moved on to CGSC. **Bruce Bornick, Jerry Crane** and others are still waiting to see who is going to the Gulf. Carl was recently accessed into the Acquisition Corps. Between studying computer science and playing with his two girls, Kelly (3) and Claire (1 1/2), Carl has been kept very busy at NPS. The final note was that Carl was trying to get in touch with **Rick Dalzell**. Carl's address is 123 Shubrick Rd Monterey, CA 93940. Thanks Carl for the news and photo—and keep studying.

The next ltr I received was from Charles Roades '55. He rep that his Class just completed their 35th reunion and everything went very well. The reason for the ltr was to thank the Class, and specifically **Frank Colletti**, who was the Class aide for their reunion wkend. I quote: ". . . the thousand and one details that Frank took care of and handled in the purest of professional fashion. '79 can be proud of the representation it had with our Class, and to the man, we're sure the whole Class of '79 has a similar reputation for excellence and attention to detail." Thanks, sir, for the feedback and a special thanks to Frank for "strutting the stuff" that our Class is made of and showing it to our fellow grads.

The next letter and photo was from **Laura Gasbarre**. Laura rep that Ft Hood is very deserted and she was wondering how many classmates are in the Gulf along with **Tony**? While I do not know the answer, what I would like to suggest is that every Class mbr, wife, mother or father of a classmate in the Gulf should drop me a quick note. As I receive the names I will continue to update and publish a list of who is there, what unit they are with, and when they deployed. Tony deployed as the cmdr of B 2/5 Cav Tp. Before Tony deployed, Laura was able to snap a quick pic of Tony with their 9-mo-old daughter, Aubrey. Laura has now learned that Tony is the asst S-3 at bde. After 18 mos of cmd, Laura bets

1979: CPT Anthony J Gasbarre, Jr and Aubrey

that Tony was ready for a change. Tony & Laura would like to let all classmates know that their thoughts and prayers are with ea mbr of the Class, especially those separated due to Oper Desert Shield. Thanks Laura, for the ltr, photograph, and the idea to try to track the Class mbrs in the Gulf.

1979: Jim Vaughn, Bruce Bornick, Carl Cecil, Mike Clark, Mrs Bornick, Karen Cecil, and Debbie Clark

The final ltr is from **Jill Cone**. Jill & **Bob** were married right before he started grad sch at U of Texas (hook'em). After two years in Austin it was off to USMA, where Bob taught with BS&L. Now they are at Leavenworth and are enjoying "the best year of their life" at CGSC. At Leavenworth, Bob and **Tony Cucolo** were promoted on 1 Oct, and they had a joint promotion party at the Riverfront Community Ctr. Tony & **Ginger** have three adorable children. The Cucolo family came to CGSC from the Presidio, where Tony was on ROTC duty, and yes—they were there for the quake. While recently at Ft Knox for a visit, Bob & Jill went to brunch with **Mark "HaHa" & Toni Haaland**. There they confirmed that it was HaHa who changed their nameplates at WP to read "CPT & Mrs Conehead." Bob & Jill did not detect the change for several wks. Bob & Jill visited **Kenno Hayes** last spring in Orlando, FL. He is really suffering with a ski boat, a refigerator full of cold ones, and all the other necessities of life. Another old A-4 mbr now teaching at WP is **Pete Gibson**, who is in the Chem Dept. **Linda** & Pete were recently blessed with their second child. **Steve "Co" Cotariu** (is vodka and bourbon really a mixed drink?) is teaching with the Physics Dept (he & **Deb** also have two children). Jill also mentioned **Joe Legasse** works for Pepisco and touches foot on American soil about 4 times a yr. But when he does, he does it right—travels by limo, drinking Dom Perignon, and investing money in real estate around the country. Jill & Bob are not sure of the future but they think they will find themselves in Ger after CGSC, and they hope to see more '79'ers there. Thanks, Jill, for the update and all the good news.

I would like to close this col with a twofold request. First—let's all pray for the safety of the Class, whether in the Gulf or on home support, in civ indus, or just between jobs. A special little prayer for the Class will only help brighten this festive holiday season. Secondly, I would like to hear from those who know of classmates in the Gulf so we can list their names and everyone can know who is there. As we go through this holiday season I hope everyone has a chance to be with the ones they love; and if they can't physically be together, then may their spirits touch so they know the warmth and compassion of this season. GOD BLESS—**Scott**.

'80

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Ah, Christmas deadlines: I am now in the midst of writing cards, mailing packages, and of course penning my *ASSEMBLY* col. I subscribe to the "12 Days of Christmas" idea, which means that if my card and presents arrive by 6 Jan, all is well. My dear wife **Nancy**, however, is a strict observer of the "do it by 25 Dec or die" rule, and the few holiday tasks she delegates to me MUST be done on time, as are the multitude of Christmas chores SHE handles. Therefore, this col may be somewhat light on news—not that I have received much from you anyway.

Jean McAnulty has been a very faithful correspondent who always sends neat, well-documented ltrs and pics. You should all follow her example. Her latest ltr announced the arrival of Matthew John McAnulty, born 11 Oct 90, weighing in at 8 lbs 5 oz. Matthew's proud dad, **Pete** himself, recently passed his NY EIT exams. Jean mentioned that **John Albright** stayed with the McAnultys during the reunion. Jean also chided (chode?) me for not including news she sent in Jun about **Randy von Rosenberg**'s visit to their home. Well, Jean, there may be several highly technical reasons for that: editorial space limitations dictated by the *ASSEMBLY* staff; sensitivity to national security affairs (after all, we don't want our enemies to

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know that a guy like Randy was actually given a commission); or, most likely, my hounddog ate your ltr. Besides, von Rosenberg owes me for many instances of service above and beyond the call of duty, and I don't mind leaving him in obscurity for a few more yrs.

1980: Theresa & Keith Emberton

Keith & Theresa Emberton were married on 21 Jul in San Ant, TX, Theresa's hometown. In attendance were **Dave & Sue Bender, Scott & Sarah Reid**, and **Mike & Susan Schneider**. Keith is now in his 3rd yr teaching in BS&L at USMA.

Jim & Beth Arsenault and Matthew and Timmy and Ben and Jon and (wait—4 sons are all they have—at the moment) stopped by on their way to Las Vegas. No, Jim was not going to stake his entire BAQ on a craps game—he has been assigned to the Def Nuclear Agency, which is somewhere in the desert out there. The family will be living near Las Vegas, and undoubtedly their 4 sons will learn to spend their lunch money in slot machines and grow up worshipping Wayne Newton. I expect Jim to be cross country roller-skiing the 65 mi of desert on the way to work before too long.

Your Christmas cards and family ltrs are starting to arrive, but due to the 15 Dec deadline for this col, that news will have to wait for the next issue, the deadline for which undoubtly will creep up on me as this one did. Until then, best wishes, and God bless you everyone.

'81

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I have lots of names to mention in this issue, so let's get right to the news. COL Charles W Roades '55 wrote a very complimentary ltr thanking **Kevin Donohue** for his service during the Class of '55's 35th reunion. Kevin, thanks for all the work you did in support of that oper. It was greatly appreciated and you will be remembered fondly by a large no of grateful grads.

I am currently at Ft McPherson, GA, FORSCOM Hq, as part of the Presidential call-up. I have heard from folks all over the country since I've been here, to include **Kathleen (Davis) Batton**, who is at Nadick Research Labs, MA; and **Meg (Knox) Kulungowski**, who is at Ft Belvoir, VA. Both are doing well and sounded great on the phone. I was invited to attend the A-N football game by John & Connie Warden '82 (how about that Army team!!) in Greenville, SC, where there is a large and active gp of grads. I sat with **Ed & Corky Fox** and their sweet little 6-mo-old, Rachel. Others in attendance were **Charlie & Beth Dionne, Dave & Kathy Griffin** and **Mike Rigg**. We all exchanged pics of the kids—Charlie & Beth have Chelsea and Janelle, and Dave & Kathy have Sean (5), Ryan (4) and Kyle (1). Ed had lots of news and hopefully I took fairly accurate notes. Most of the people at the game were affiliated with Michelin. Mike Rigg works for Fluor Daniel, a construction firm. Ed knows of some other people with Michelin, such as **Dan Moravec** in AL, **Debbie Pittman** and **Bob Pozsonyi**. **Mark Swope** is at Gen Elec in Alexandria; he is recently married. **Lynn Lancaster** is a sales engr in an engr'g firm in Greenville. His baby boy is Mitchell and is about a yr old. **Mike Lessel** is in Los Angeles after graduating from Stanford. He is the managing dir of a real estate dev firm that is building NBC's Hq. **John "Doc" Livingston** also graduated from Stanford and owns a software applications firm in the San Fran area. Yet another Stanford grad is **Bob Malley**, who is now teaching mech engr'g at WP. Ed also keeps in touch with **Tony Taylor**, his old roommate, who is on active duty. The last time Ed heard from **Mike "Faze" Anthony** (who was best man at Ed & Corky's wedding), he had received his MBA from Cornell and was in White Plains, NY, working for Chase Manhattan Bank. Thanks Ed, for the good "poop."

Tom Economy was busy. He tried to locate all the H-1 Hawgs and sent me a rep on all 22. Five seemed to have dropped off the face of the earth: **Rick Coplan, John Phillips, Kyle Riddle, Larry Turrentine,** and **Kyle Walker**. If any of you guys see this, write to Tom at 15 Staff Village, Radford, VA 24140, but only until May 91, which is when Tom, **Teresa** and the two children will be moving to the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Isl. We are all invited to visit them! Just go west from HI for 5 hrs. The other Hawgs are all doing great. **Mark Armstrong** is the CPT's asgmt off at MILPERCEN. He & **Brenda** have a boy and a girl and a new baby born in Oct. **Kathy (Freely) Browning** is a Tac at WP and has a daughter. **Rich & Anna Brudzynski** have one son, and Rich says he has lost hair and gained weight. **Steve Cozza** is a psychiatrist at Walter Reed and is married to **Kelly**, also a psychiatrist. **Terry Higdon** works for Boeing as a test pilot and is married to **Beth** Ward, Class of '84. **Chris Killoy** is the dir of marketing for Smith and Wesson. He is married to **Liz** and they have 3 children, two boys and a girl. **John Lubracherie** is practicing law in Los Angeles. He is still single and owns a Corvette. I guess "LA Law" is based on his life. **Ed Lane** spent 5 yrs in Ger, then stayed in Ger for another 4 yrs. He is in med sch at the U of AZ and will grad in 94. He is married to **Sabine**, who is still in Ger.

Brian Lee is on active duty and he & **Teresa** have a son and a daughter. **Jeff Lochow** is an observer/controller at the NTC and **Helen** & he have a son. **Ed Naessens** was promoted below the zone to MAJ and was honor grad at the advanced course. He is at RPI and will teach physics at WP. He & **Marie** have 3 children. **Gary Orton** is a manufacturing engr for a med supply co; his wife is **Kum**. **Chip Phillips** is at WP and he is married to **Beth**. **Keith Reck** is on active duty and is working on a master's in computer sci at NC St. He will go to WP to teach. **Pam** & he have a boy and a girl. **Eric Shellhorn** worked for Michelin but moved to FL and works for Bandag. **Sandy** & he have two boys and a girl. **Keith Solveson** is at the Naval Post-grad Sch, working on a master's. He & **Denise**, an Army nurse, had their first child in Oct.

Tom & I apologize if any of this information is inaccurate. If it is, jot us a line. And send pics of yourselves and families (remember to hop in the pic—we can only publish them if a grad or spouse is in the photo). For this issue you will all just have to look at my crew (Erin is 5, Patrick is 3 and Katelyn is 1). We'll look forward to the reunion and seeing all the Hawgs as well as all those from the rest of the Class of '81 there.

1981: Dirk & Nancy Stevens and family

'82

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Greetings from Korea. A special hello to the Select Few deployed on Desert Shield. If your *ASSEMBLY* is being forwarded to you, drop us a line and we'll print your address.

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Darel Gallagher sends news from CA. He's currently attending DLI at Monterey, learning Russian. He & **Aggie** and two-yr-old son Ben arrived in CA in Jan after a tour at Ft Eustis. Darel worked for TRADOC and cmded B Co 1/222 Av Regt, an AIT Co. The Gallaghers traveled to USMA in Oct and stayed with **Casey & Diana Neff**. Casey is teaching Russian to plebes. Diana chases their 2 1/2-yr-old son Holden around all day and watches a Russian-speaking boy, Nicholas, the son of the dept's native speaker. During the Gallagher visit, **Greg Cordell** & his wife stopped by. Greg is a prof in the Behavioral Sci Dept.

COL Gerhard Schulz (Ret) '49 rep that **Donna Peterson** ran for the US Congress from a SE TX district. She earned a standing ovation at the Republican party convention last summer when she addressed the crowd. Apologizing to Pres Bush for a lack of a Republican majority in the Congress, she exclaimed, "Hang on, Mr Pres. Help is on the way!" Don't know the election results, but COL Schulz gave Donna a good chance at an upset win.

Mike Roemer sends news of his travels since grad. An engr, Mike's first tour was at Ft Stewart. He & **Jean** were married in 83 at WP. Their next duty station was in Buffalo, as Mike worked with the Corps of Engrs district off. He then left the Army and attended law sch at Cornell, graduating in May 90. Currently a judicial clerk for a fed district court judge in Buffalo, Mike will join a firm in Cleveland in late 92.

Bob Goldberg is also practicing law. His dad writes to tell us that he finished MI Law Sch in May, and is now with a firm in Lexington, KY.

Mark & Stephanie Swanson are proud parents. On 12 Oct, daughter Ashley Elizabeth was born in Killeen, TX. Mark recently moved from the 6th Cav Bde, S-1 job to the S-3 shop. He was fortunate to be present for Ashley's birth, as his unit is soon to be Desert Shield-bound. During a recent trip to Leavenworth, Mark saw **Tony Wickham**, currently in 8th ID; **Dave Green**, en route to ORSA sch; **Bobby Pyne**, an OC at NTC; and **Eric Schaertl**, who is at Ft Monmouth.

Short col this time. We'll make up for it next time.

'83

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I trust that everyone enjoyed the holidays and Santa was good to one and all. Christmas is really interesting when you have a little one. Stuart really enjoyed the wrapping paper more than he did his gifts.

Andy Wertin decided to take an extended tour of Korea. "Thirteen months and one day of thrills, chills, and spills. Cmd is all they said it'd be and more. My 21 mos in Korea were fruitful, but now it's off to grad sch—the Army way. I'll be at U of Calif Davis trying for my master's in electronics engr'g." Andy added an extra special day to his holiday season, as he got married the 29th to **Deanne Marie** Moore, a Zoomie Lt; she's stationed at Mathis AFB in Sacramento. He's been in touch with his old roommate, **John Fontana**, who is a dr at Letterman Army Hosp.

Dan & Sue Peck are alive and well in New Orleans. Dan is the mfg mgr at Procter & Gamble's Folgers Plant. **Mike Cummings** works in the plant also. **Peggy Laneri** was called up for Opn Desert Shield, so she had to postpone finishing her PhD in neuro-psychology. **Bill Merrill** recently returned to Leavenworth from Ger.

Cathy & Dan Gilewitch enjoyed finishing cmd and moving back to the States. Dan is attending the U of KS to get his degree in geography, and then in 92 he'll head back to be a P. "It has taken some adjustment to get used to civ life and to being a col student again, but it's fun. Dan actually has time to spend with Nick and me. What a switch from the busy life of an Army cmdr."

1983: Cathy, Dan and Nicholas Gilewitch, Oct 90

I have received an interesting rep on one of our classmates from GEN William A. Knowlton, "former Supe and honorary colonel of the 40th Armor," rep visiting his only active duty bn in Berlin. The outstanding cmdr of "A" Co, 6/40 Armor, is none other than **Karl Schmidt**. The bn takes only proven cmdrs at co level, so Karl's outstanding service on the border with the 11th Cav qualified him. Karl recently acquired an "absolutely smashing Ger wife, named **Manuela**," to quote GEN K. The 6/40 will be around Berlin for a while, until the Soviets move out their Guards Tank Bn.

After a tour in Ger and now Hawaii, **Mark & Julie Ayers** feel that nothing can compare with skiing the Alps and touring Europe, not even "Paradise." Their neighbors, **Chris & Aimee Holden**, will be heading to USMA in the spring to become a Tac.

1983: The Holdens and Ayerses at Founders Day 90, Schofield Bks, HI

Bob & Nicki Massie send us greetings from HI. Robby is growing wild and fast. "Robby has changed our lives, mostly for the better. He brings out a gentler and more tolerant side in Bob. He's very loving and sweet, and seems so far to have the best of both of us for the most part. Unfortunately, he has our bad tempers also." Nicki is kept busy by Robby, her master's course, and being VP for AAUW. "I'm still the maintenance off for the 5th Sqdn, 9th Cav here and have my own Huey (which I share with the colonel when we go to the field) and get to hog all the flight time because I'm the squadron's only Huey pilot-in-command. Nice deal. Too bad they cut back on our flying hr budget because I only need 35 hrs to get my sr aviator wings—it may take a couple of mos extra now."

1983: Bob with Robby Massie

Bob & Kathleen Medaris Widmer now have 2 girls: Megan, born Jan 86, and Jessica, born Apr 90. They both got out of the Army after Kathy had a successful cmd, and they now work for Johnson & Johnson in NJ. Both have materials mgr positions, Bob at Consumer Products and Kathy at Personal Products. **Joe Gruchacz** works at J&J also. His wife, **Judy**, had a baby girl, Jessica Marie, in Jun 90. "My sister, **Ginny**, and brother-in-law, **Jim Davis**, are living in Arlington, VA. Jim got out of the Army and is now in bus for himself building and selling homes in the highly-priced real estate market around DC." **Jane O'Conner** was married on Labor Day to **Dan**. They now face mos of separation as she's

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deployed to Saudi and he's TDY with Special Ops. Kathy wants me to give you Jane's address so she'll get plenty of mail: CPT Jane K O'Connor, 104–54–4888, OPN DESERT SHIELD, HHC 4/101 AVN BN, 101ST ABN DIV (AASLT), APO NY 09309. "**Larry Laseter** graduated last spring from Harvard and is now working as a consultant for Boaz Allen in Atl. His wife, **Anne**, is in her second year at Harvard. **Rick Dauch** is in his first year in the Leaders in Manufacturing ME/MBA program at MIT."

Jeff Lau started his ltr to me, "I am another of those who has never written to you. I guess it is conditions such as one finds in the Saudi Desert that causes such a turnaround. I want to write to let you know '83 is well represented here in Oper Desert Shield." So here's a quick rundown: from airborne; AOB; tank plt in 2/33 AR, 1 Bde, 3AD; scout plt; XO stuff; COHORTED to Hood in Jun 86, BMO; Mar 88 to IOAC at Benning; returned to Hood, Asst S-3, cmd D/3/32 AR Sep 89 through Jun 90; moved to D/2/8 Cav; last Sep headed to Saudi. "I also got married to **Linda** in June 87 at her home in Illinois. We met in Europe where she was a DODDS teacher in Butzbach. She is currently at Hood, holding its wives together while continuing to teach. I can't be sure what you've heard, but morale in 2/8 Cav is great. The guys are motivated and we're ready for what comes." Miles Reardon '81 is currently cmd'g HHC, while Steve Marquardt '85 and Jeff Mrochek '85 have B&C. **Bruce Hilmes** was with me at bde and he now has C/3/32 AR. Rocky Gay '82 cmds D/3/32 and **Dick Kemp** has D/2/5 Cav. I went to **Guy Harris**'s wedding at Carson this past summer, where he cmds an engr co. I also saw **George Geczy, Dan Burger, & John Korevec**. George is a recruiter in northern VA, while Dan and John are out of the Army. He flew up with **Brain Trueblood**, who's with Lucas & Assoc in Dallas.

I think we should all be grateful that the holidays were still peaceful. I think we need to keep all our classmates in Saudi in our prayers for safe passage, no matter what the outcome. So for those of you who are there now or will be going, we remain "Proud to Be '83" and we all know you will do your best.

'84

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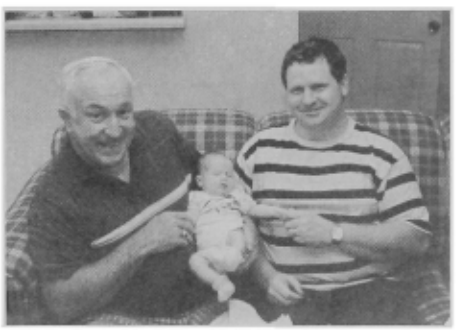
BOOM! AH! USMA, RAH RAH! . . . Wow!! What a game! I bet those squids are still foundering over it! It was great to be there back in Dec to watch the Army Team sink Navy. It was also sad, though, to see Jim Young go! He's really done wonders for Army football and will be missed!

I'm writing this during exams so it will be "down & dirty," as they say. However, my mind cannot help be drawn to our soldiers serving in the Middle East. When this is published, they may be at war. To quote General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, "the soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." I'm sure that all of us who are not there wish our friends and comrades in the Gulf well and pray that they do not have to bear these scars.

I've heard from a no of classmates not in the desert. After finishing a cmd in Korea, **Dean Chang** is at Columbia Bus Sch pursuing his MBA. Also there is **Stan Mickens**, who will be finishing up this spring. Dean also ran into **Paul Kenny**, who is in law sch at Columbia. Thanks for the info, Dean, and good luck in sch.

I also heard from **Jim & Barbara Crook** who are out in Riverside, CA, where Jim works as a sr production planner for Baxter Healthcare. Jim & Barbara were blessed with a little bundle of joy back in August named Kathleen Anne. As the photo shows, she's a doll and dad and granddad could not be prouder! Congratulations!! Jim & Barbara say they'd like to hear from all of you "I-Beamers" out there! If you need their address, drop me a line. Thanks for the news, folks, and congrats again!



1984: Granddad Ken Haff '54 with Jim and Kathleen Crook

Randy Dasalla's wife, **Lynda**, wrote from Tacoma, WA where Randy is working as a purchasing agent after leaving the green machine back in July 89. The Dasallas have two children, and to quote Lynda, "Danielle (5) is in kindergarten and Derrick (18 mos) is into everything else." Randy & Lynda keep in touch with **George & Kim Belsky**. George is a police off in Georgia. They've also heard from **Larry & Julie Cabot**, who are out of the Army and living in SC with their son, Austin. **Carl Grunow** is also out in Tacoma with **Leslie** and daughter Lindsey. Thanks for the info, Lynda!!

News from Fort Hood and ROK came from **Jon Larsen**. Jon was at Hood for some Apache fielding after leaving the ROK back in May 90. He will ultimately be stationed at Ft. Carson. Speaking of Carson, that's where Jon's wife, **Jennifer**, is. Yes, Jon was married on 12 May, upon his return from ROK. Congratulations to both of you!!

1984: Jon & Jennifer Larsen

Jon has seen a no of classmates. He claims to have been coerced into writing to me by **Bobby Hinton**, whom Jon last saw in ROK cmd'g a cav trp. Bobby should be back in the States by now. **Jim Kester** is down at Ft. Polk in his second cmd. **Mark Lauer** had a Cobra plt in ROK and was headed for Ft. Ord. Jon also ran into **Mike Petring** over in Ger where Mike is cmd'g an attack helicopter co. Ft. Hood, according to Jon, is fairly desolate, with everyone in Saudi. Jon claims to be "not much of a ltr writer," but I think it was a great job! Thanks for the poop!

My good friend **Sue (Lenio) Sine** wrote from Panama where she & **Eric** '83 survived Oper Just Cause, just fine! Sue was the ops off for a human intel co during the oper, which she says was very interesting. Sue saw a couple of classmates in Panama participating in Just Cause. **BJ Lee** was down with an engr unit, while **Neville Tai** was participating with a psyops unit. Since Just Cause, both Sue & Eric have taken cmd—Sue of the HHC of her MI bn and Eric of an Inf co in 5/87 Inf. Unfortunately, these positions have forced them to live apart quite a bit, as Eric's unit moved to the Pacific side of the canal after Just Cause. Sue managed to get up to Sierra Vista, AZ last spring for her HS reunion. While there she saw **Amy (McDonald) Mulligan**, who is now in the reserves and was taking a course at Ft Huachuca. Amy & **Danny** '82 are at WP, where Danny is preparing to be a Tac. Speaking of WP, that is Sue's next asgmt. Sue will be heading there in May 91; she will be the MI Branch liaison in DMI! Congrats! Thanks for the info, Sue! Maybe we'll see you at WP before we leave the Northeast!

Jim Melanson wrote from Fort Ord where he is in cmd of a 105mm Howitzer btry. **Stan Heath** is also there, cmd'g a sister btry. Jim has gotten to enjoy a no of trips, including a recent one to Honduras. Its obvious that Saudi isn't the only dry spot on the globe! We also need

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1984: Jim Melanson with Quinn '86 in Honduras

to congratulate Jim on his wedding in December to his bride, **Linda**, who is serving as an Army nurse! Jim will be starting grad sch this summer, studying geography. Following that, he will return to WP as a P! Congrats, Jim, and best of luck!

Another friend, **Tim "Si" Livolsi**, wrote from NJ where he is working for NY Tel and serving in the Reserves. Si & **Mary Beth** are also enjoying their children, Daniel and James, who are real cuties! Mom & dad are rightfully proud!

1984: The Livolsi family

The Livolsis have heard from a no of classmates. **Tim Pagano** is living in NJ and working in advertising for a finance mag in NYC. Tim passed along that **Aaron & Amanda Butler** are living near New Paltz, NY where Aaron is selling indus products. Si says that everyone in the mountaineering club will remember the "Gunks" in New Paltz and would expect Aaron to be living near that "rock-climber's heaven!" **Tom & Deidre Chapman** are at Ft. Campbell and were blessed on 1 Oct with the birth of a child, Colin. Unfortunately, Tom had to leave for Saudi on 2 Oct! Tom should be commanding a co there by the time this is published. We all pray that he will be safely reunited with his family soon! Thanks for the news, Si!

Finally, I got a Christmas card from another old friend, **Doug Bentley**, who is currently out at Ft Lost-in-the-Woods (alias Ft Leonard Wood). He had previously been in ROK for 19 mos. He will be taking cmd of a co by the time this is published! Best of luck, Doug!

As I mentioned, **Dianne** & I went to witness the Slaughter of the Squids in person! Unfortunately, since the game was *also* during exam period for me, we couldn't hang around much before or after the game. We did manage to see a few classmates from afar, though! In attendance (that I saw) were **Tom Ayres**, **Kerry McNair**, and **Zeus Reynolds**. I know that there were many more there—drop me a line and let me know if you were!

Well, I've got to get back to the books! My thanks to all that wrote, to the Army team for beating the h_l out of Navy, and, most of all, to all of you representing us so well in Saudi Arabia! Until next time, keep your chin up and your head down!

'85

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Happy Valentine's Day to all of our wives and ladies of the Class of '85. It has been a slow 2 mos, as I have only received about 8 ltrs. As Christmas approaches in the next wk, however, I feel it's normal that I do not have a lot to write about since many of our classmates are deployed to Saudi Arabia. It seems appropriate to dedicate this col to them. Our thoughts and prayers are certainly extended to each and every one of you and your families.

There are several classmates who deserve special recognition. First, **Mike Miller** had a co-authored article published in the Aug 90 edition of *Ordnance* mag. **Bob Feliu** recently won second prize in the US Army Mil History writing contest. And finally, **Rick Oleksyk** brought home a gold medal from the US Olympic Festival for team handball. Our congrats to all of you as you strive for excellence (or for achieving that "band of excellence" that **Jay Daily** recently reminded me we are attempting to do here in the Tropic Lightning div).

Karson Snyder wrote from Winston-Salem, where he currently resides until he ships off to Eastern Europe again. He was recently assigned in Budapest, Hungary as an English teacher. He really has a great appreciation for the needs of Eastern Europe and its people. He recently volunteered for Desert Shield because of his Arabic abilities; however, get this. . . the Army turned him down because of lack of funds. Doesn't that sound like a decision made by someone who really understands the needs of the Army? He rep that **Mike Stoneham** was recently going through the Q-Course at the SF sch; **Maureen Callan** is flying in Korea; and **Maria Garcia** is still stationed at Ft hood (or maybe Saudi now).

Blake Nelson wrote from the desert and rep that **Brian Hug, Jeff Mrochek, Steve Marquardt**, and he are all cmding in Cav sqdrns over in Saudi. I promise "Gubes" will write to you soon.

1985: Karson and the BH[3]

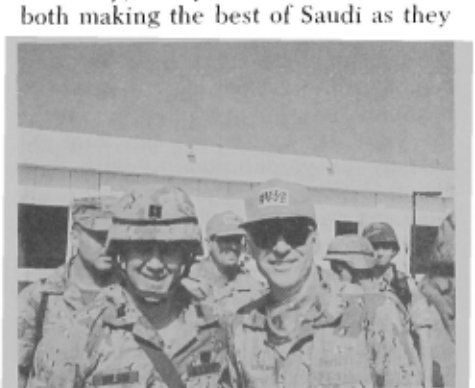
John & Kathy Halligan were recently blessed with their first child, a baby girl named Caitlin. He is currently working as the bde surgeon for the Berlin Bde.

1985: The Halligans

Kevin & Brenda Dyer were also blessed with their first child, Ryan, in Sep 90. Kevin is working for Wal Mart in NW AR.

As you can tell from the photo, **Tom Wilson**, now a personal friend of Steve Martin, celebrated their reunion in where else. . . Saudi! Tom's wife, **Anne**, wrote and also rep that Tom made his TV debut during half-time of the A-N game (an awesome display of superiority over the perennial weak squids, I might add). We are all starting to wonder if Tom has a lot of luck or has one helluva good morale off.

Finally, **Randy & Diedre Cozzens** are both making the best of Saudi as they



1985: Wilson and Steve Martin—the future team!

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are both deployed. They get to see ea other once in a while, which makes it a little easier to bear. (Take note of the Christmas tree—I heard the rumor that was decorated by none other than the Coz himself!) **Ronda** & I think of you both often. . . Ronda's Raiders will live forever.

1985: The Cozzens in Saudi

As for HI, I ran into **Bob Ulses**, who recently got stationed here and is assigned in the Avn Bde. **Phil & Karen Helbling** were blessed with a baby girl two mos ago. **Steve Houston** is off to grad sch and then to WP to teach.

Well gang, that's all I have. Yes, I am 5 days late with this one, so I suppose it is a good thing there is not much to write. I truly hope the reunion went well. I just want to say that I certainly feel it a privilege to write this col every couple of mos for you all. I am always open to suggestions on how to improve. I trust each of you had a very Merry Christmas. **Ronda** & I wish you good luck and Godspeed as you enter 91. Continue to pray for our brethren in arms in Saudi Arabia. You have my best, '85!

'86

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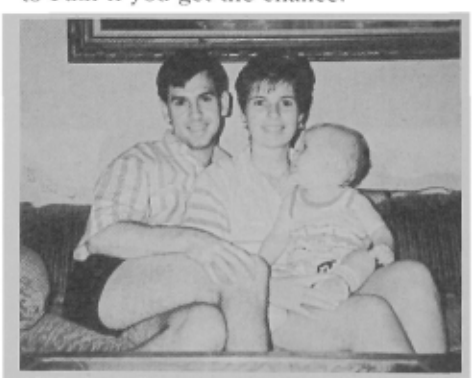
There was no shortage of news this go-around, so no editorializing from me. Here are the facts:

Kevin Huggins has been stationed in Panama for 3 1/2 yrs following OBC. He did manage to get out of the jungle to work for the WP outreach prog during the 88/89 sch yr. But after that, Kevin returned in Apr 89 to a S-2 slot in one of the Light Inf Bns which kept him extremely busy, culminating with Just Cause earlier that Dec. However, all work and no play can make Kevin a dull boy. Then came **Carmen** Angelica, a native Panamanian and undergrad student in bus admin at the UNV of Panama. They hit it off immediately and w/in a couple of mos Kevin asked for her hand. After many mos of investigations (paperwork, SCI clearance checks) Kevin & Carmen were finally married on 11 Aug 90. They will return to the States in Apr for the Adv Course.

1986: Carmen & Kevin's wedding pic

Paul Worsfold's ltr was due in the last *ASSEMBLY* but negligence and misplacement brings it now. Paul was married to **Christina** on 3 Sep 88, with **Bill Creeden** attending the ceremony. By 20 Oct 89 son Mathew Paul was born, I assume at Ft Knox where Paul was stationed w/the 1/10 Cav, 194th Arm Bde. Paul worked with **Mark Lee** and **Dave Volkman**. In between jobs as a tank plt ldr, support plt ldr, and a HHT XO, Paul completed his MBA. Other news supplied by Paul includes: **Gerry Curran** has taken his MCAT and is applying to several med schs. Gerry roomed with **Hawkly Thorton**, who is now out of the Army. Hawkly spent a yr in France learning the language and bus, and is presently planning to attend law sch in FL. **Mark & Cammy Green** have adopted a puppy named Gunner. **Sean & Mary Kenna** have returned from Ger and are at Knox for the Adv Course. One last thing I don't want to forget which Paul mentioned—Paul is presently working as a project off for SIMNET in the R&D side of the house, so anyone processing through for AOAC, stop by and say hello to Paul if you get the chance.


1986: Paul, Christina and Matthew Worsfold

Colette Russo sent, at the request of **Mathew**, an update of their lives. Mathew resigned from the Army on 31 Jul 90 after serving with the 3ACR at Ft Bliss. He is currently working for Scott Paper Co as a shift resource process engr. **Dennis Semmel** is also working in the same div as Matt.

Scott Womack sends more news from Knox. A large no of A-4 Apaches have come to the home of Armor for AOAC. These include **George Loche, Bill Beane, Tony Souza, Hugh Rhodes, Joe Hodge,** and **Mark Conroe**. Ea of them have completed asgmts in Europe and will move on to asgmts in CONUS (or Saudi Arabia). **Jeff (Wayne) Bost**, also a former Apache, has branch-transferred to MI and started MIOAC in Jan. Scott left the 82nd Abn after participating in the Panama LFX. He attended AOAC to get re-indoctrinated in "real" armor. He was supposed to go to 2/11 ACR in Ger, but the orders got revoked and he's now a permanent fixture at Knox. Other '86 grads whom Scott has encountered include such august co as **Joe Helmick**, who is now living in Atl and making big money as a computer consultant. **Larry Seaberg** finished AOAC and is with the 3rd ID. Scott sent other news about people submitting paperwork to leave the Army, but I don't want to mention names until the Saudi crisis blows away.

Andy Eger has branch-transferred from Inf to OD. Andy chose Inf and loved every min of it. He went to all the usual schs and was a rifle plt ldr and sct plt ldr for the 2d Bn, 9th Inf Regt out in Ft Ord. Andy says he always intended to transfer into the Engr Corps after he got a good Inf background and troop-leading experience. But after attending AA Sch with an OD LT, Andy's mind was sold on Ordnance. After two transfer rejections, Andy finally got through the back door by volunteering for the rebranch board. Now he's a hard-charging OD CPT. The other biggest change in Andy's life has been his marriage to **Zaida**, who became a US citizen in 89. Zaida is originally from the Philippines. Though I don't have dates, Zaida & Andy also have acquired a son (Chuck) which both are doubly proud of.

1986: Andy & Zaida Eger

From Desert Shield—**Paul LaFontaine** sends word where he is the S-4 of the 24th ID's MI Bn. Says, "I see a lot of **Carl Tappert**, who is the S-1 of 1/5 ADA, 24th ID. **Carolyn Kellar**'s COSCOM Maint Co pulled in next door and we've been keeping ea other supplied—the Protection Soc lives. Seen **John Olvey** on

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numerous occasions. John is a spt plt ldr of an arty bn. He's the same old charmer—just some camels to charm out here, though. **Eric Newman** is working in the S-4 shop of 2/7 Inf. He always complained he never got to use his Arabic—surprise, surprise. **Tom Upp** is the XO of C Co, 124 MI Bn; I see him daily. **Dexter Monroe** is still in the div somewhere—I think he disappeared about 6 mos ago! My wife had dinner with the irrepressible **Roger Carstens** awhile back. Roger had just completed a trip to Japan and the Himalayas, and Thailand as well. His latest look includes a goatee and long hair. He sent me an audio cassette describing how he tried to volunteer for Desert Shield, but he couldn't go. Rog had completed SF selection, thus locking himself in. (That took 10 mins to discuss.) The rest of the tape describes Rog's tales of combat in Panama—a true American hero. **Andy Napoli** showed me his living qtrs, which was a como net and a cot covered with sand. Andy is the XO of an Engr Co. Read Mark Vakkur's book while over here. Any one of us reading it could be in that book. I think we all should sue him; he'd be defenseless. I did enjoy the book. Before deploying I linked up with **Phil Yost** (who is a civ now) and attended **Neil Costello**'s wedding in Columbus, OH. Neil married **Vera Olvey**, **John**'s sister. Phil is doing great—married a super gal named **Marsha. Jon Wilson** is out of the Army. He is in KY and his wife just had a child, but I can't remember the baby's name. . . . Take care!"

Tom Wenneson says, "Howdy from Saudi! I'm still with the 5th Sqdr, 6th Cav Regt, the Apache unit I've been in since flight sch. **John Harwig** is here as our S-4 and **Forrest Carpenter** is holding down my old job as S-1. I finally got my Aeroscout Plt that I whined and begged for after a yr as a staff weenie. We deployed from Wiesbaden in early Sep with most of 12th Av Bde. Also deployed here are **Steve Ethen** and **Michele Mahody**. We're currently living in a parking garage that is under construction. After mos of living out of rucks and seeing civ vehicles drive by, I'm starting to feel like a bag lady. Many soldiers have set up 4–5 drawer bureaus with real sliding drawers made out of MRE boxes. The quest for physical perfection has led others to construct complete weight rooms—wooden benches, steel bars with sandbags attached for barbells, pulley type weights made with D-rings and 550 cord. It's pretty bizarre stuff, resembling medieval torture instruments or something from the S&M world. Life has become relatively boring—the greatest excitement being mail call. But after a long wait, John, Forrest, and myself pinned CPT bars on 1 Nov and 1 Dec, respectively. For those living in the open desert, they have my admiration and sympathy. Let's pray for a happy ending."

The gang of **John Recke** (H-2), **Wade Jost** (B-4), and **Kevin Kimsey** (D-1) send their greetings to all of us stateside. All of them are serving in the 2d Bn (Mech) 5th Cav, 1st Cav Div, whose nickname—believe it or not—is the "Black Knights." John and Kevin have been in the unit since Apr and Jun 87. They are serving as the Bn S-1 and S-4, respectively. John is still dating Rebecca in AL, while Kevin left **Robin** in TX. Wade was leaving 2AD with **Kim** for the Adv Course, but volunteered to go with 2/5 Cav on Desert Shield, much to the dismay of Kim. Wade is currently working as the XO for B Co.

1986: Recke, Jost and Kimsey rapping in the desert

Maryellen (Conway) & Jack Picciuto '84 send word about their current situation. "Our daughter Kelsey is now 8 mos old—how time flies! She is a wonderful baby and my greatest joy. Kelsey and I will be flying together to Ger on 5 Dec. Hopefully we'll be able to spend Christmas as a family before either Jack or I deploy for Saudi Arabia. When we do leave, my parents will be taking care of Kelsey (and spoiling her, no doubt) at home in NJ. I know this all sounds so matter-of-fact, but I'm heartbroken at the thought of leaving her. We simply have no other options and we're trying hard to make the best of a bad situation. Jack & I hope that "Desert Shield" will soon be behind us so that we can become a normal family again."

Rich Gabaldon wrote first off to set me straight about some facts that were printed in the Jun 89 *ASSEMBLY*. Rich has never been in VA and never dated a girl from the state of lovers. However, he did meet and marry a Savannah, GA girl named **Beckey**, on 24 Jun 89. Sabre bearers at the wedding included **Steve Moniz** (A-3), Trip Miller (Citadel), **Kirk Gill** (D-3), Conrad Boyle (Washington and Lee), **Brian Samela** (I-4), Mitch Carney (Jax U), George Ennis ('85 G-4), **Barry Diruzza** (I-4), and Bill Philbrick (Citadel). The wedding was a blast and the honeymoon in Jamaica was even better. The other reason Rich wrote was to lay out some tentative plans for our reunion this fall. (Can you believe 5 yrs have almost passed by?) The reunion will be 11–13 Oct 91—the football game against The Citadel. Brian Samela is presently making coordination with AOG and local motels to accommodate our Class. Brian is out of the Army, working near Albany, NY for Gen Elec. Hopefully sometime in the spring, Rich and Brian will have a package of info together with ticket forms so we can make arrangements. Anyone living near WP who wants to help Brian and Rich, let Rich know by writing or calling him at 1439 Whisperwood Dr, Columbus, GA 31907; tel (404) 569-7763.

1986: Rich & Becky Gabaldon's wedding day

It's very important that we update our addresses with AOG. To do so, just send a card with your class, co and new address, and AOG will plug the data into their computer.

Keep the ltrs coming.

'87

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Notice to the Class of '87—**Wayne**, your Class scribe, will be serving in Saudi Arabia and has asked me to take charge of this article until he is able to do so again. Therefore, I am calling upon this great Class to come to Wayne's aid. I need a volunteer who will be willing to write the '87 Class notes—maybe an off of the Class or someone who's always wanted to do this. Now this is your chance.

I have received ltrs and photos from your Class scribe and I will see that your news gets into the Class notes.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please write to Mrs Harry L **Green**, 944 Dixiana Domino Rd, Lexington, KY 40511, if you are interested in writing this article.

Keep the ltrs coming!

'88

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Well, if half of the Army is in SWA, then so are half of our classmates. How about a ltr?

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Cindy Nobles found a place in her heart that **Bill Burleson** could occupy. Bill & Cindy were married 21 Apr 90 at Ft Sill, OK. **John Schwab** got to welcome

1988: Cindy & Bill Burleson, 21 Apr 90, Ft Sill, OK

Cindy into the Army. **Jay Crawford, Andy Juknelis, Clay Scherer, John Thurman** and **Chuck Shifferd** kept Bill from backing out. Cindy & Bill are living in Monterey, CA, home to Ft Ord and the 7th ID.

Karen Burgin & Mark McLaughlin got hitched on 18 Aug 90 in Asheville, NC.

1988: Karen & Mark McLaughlin, 18 Aug 90, Asheville, NC

Karen is currently a flight plt leader at Ft Lewis. Mark is working as a private mgt consultant in Tacoma, WA. Although half of their wedding party was sent to Saudi 3 days before the wedding, they still managed to pull it off. **Rocco**

1988: Scott Braaten, Mark McLaughlin and Rocco Minicucci

Minicucci (the aide to the ADC at Ft Ord), **Scott Braaten** (SMAB), and **Inku & Caroline Hwang** were in attendance. The big Hwang is a second-yr med student at Northwestern and is back in the Army. Father Steven Virginia performed the Wedding Mass.

There are surplus '88 *Howitzers* available to USMA alumni. The price, including shipping, is $38.00. If you wish to purchase a *Howitzer*, mail a request and payment to Directorate of Cadet Activities, Eisenhower Hall, ATTN: Publications, WP, NY 10966.

It seems, in the past few mos, that the world has changed gears more often than racers at Indy. We have achieved peace in Europe, but are building up to the brink in SWA. The Army is moving so fast now that most of us can neither find the time nor the will to stop and reflect. Please reflect on this. Another one of our classmates has left us with the charge to carry on. **Bill Stallworth** lost his fight with cancer on 23 Oct 90 in Wash, DC. Bill is survived by his parents, Mr & Mrs Charles F Stallworth. Bill's warmth, humor and friendship will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Save a spot for me, Bill—I will miss you. Five mbrs of the Class of '88 have died since grad.

'89

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In case you have not noticed, many of us are a bit distracted by world events. As I write this from Graf in early Dec, we are all holding our breath. Let's hope for the best in the coming wks.

Many thanks to COL Anthony **Hartle** for the nice ltr he sent me. His son and our classmate, **Chris**, married the lovely

1989: Chris & Patricia Hartle

Patricia Reed at WP in Aug. They are now in Augsburg, Ger, where Chris is a plt ldr in C/1/36 FA.

Nathan "The Voice" La Mar is back to his activist role. While at DLI in Monterey, CA, he has represented our Class on an issue back at WP over class offs having the rank of Cadet CPT. Nate argued that they should, and we are awaiting the decision. Give 'em hell, Nate!

We were all glad to see Army romp over Navy (again). I watched with my plt from a Sony watchman on Range 118 at Graf.

Well, sorry for the brevity of this column, but everyone is busy. I hope you all have had nice holidays, and keep pulling for those in the desert. Remember, WE STRENGTHEN THE LINE.

'90

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On 8 Dec 90, the Army team redeemed itself against Navy, tying the series. I saw a few of our classmates at the game: **Rick Diaz, Mike Hassman, Deb Kotulich, Paul Hester, Paul Kuznik,** and **Neil Minihane**. I also bumped into **Fi Decosti** and **Jeff Jack**, both of whom will have said goodbye to cadet gray by the printing of this article. Congratulations to Fi, Jeff, and the rest of the Class of '90 who decided to take a few extra credits.

Over Thanksgiving, **Tom Jones, Jeff Hagler, Mike O'Toole** and I were in Columbus, OH for the MI-OH State football game. Go Blue! Tom and Mike have finished their duties as grad asst coaches, and will be moving on to Flight Sch and FAOBC, respectively, after Christmas. Jeff was finishing up with IOBC and could not wait to get on to Ranger Sch. Speaking of Inf troops, **Keith Hattes** sent me this pic of our "ugly" classmates at the 90 Inf tailgate at the Army-Wake Forest game.

Michael Foster's sister, Melanie, called me a couple wkends ago when she was in town. She just wanted to tell me how proud she was of her brother for earning the EIB at IOBC. Don't worry Foz—unfortunately I already had plans for the wkend.

In yet more Inf news, **Jerry McGinn** called me from Benning as he awaited the start of the next Ranger class (here is a new one for the Fighting Cocks, Ranger McGinn!). He said that a couple hundred too many people showed up for the Ranger class starting late Nov, and that a bunch of our classmates are stuck in the GULAG waiting for the next class. **John Berry, Michael Foster**, and **Kevin King** did make it into the Class, so good luck to them and the rest of our classmates who are tired, hungry, and on patrol.

Here are a couple of pics from FAOBC. **Joe Owczarek** gave me this one of the infamous Ft Sill toga parties. Pictured are **Ted Reich, Bill Carrier, Tom Jones, Steve Stark, Stan Johnson, Joel Roberts, Rob Decker, Brian Trammell, Mike Brown,** Joe, **Pete Vo, Dave Roberts, Darby McNulty,** and **Johnny Knighten**.

Also from Ft Sill, **Dan King** sent me this pic of **Garret Lipecky, Greg Pease** and himself trying to fit into the breach of a 155mm howitzer. They finished

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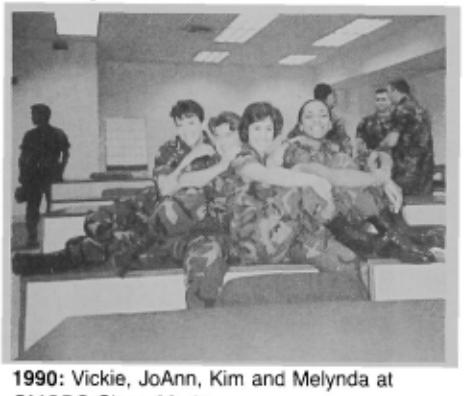
1990: IOBC classes 8- and 9–90 at Army vs Wake Forest game tailgate after crushing defeat, 29 Sep 90

1990: Garret, Greg and Dan

1990: F-4 Frog Feast at Ft Sill, 29 Sep 90: (front row) Dave Roberts, Joe Saccon, Dave Longhorn and Fred Wetherington; (back row) Todd Taranto, John Broadous and Brian Birmingham. [All were mbrs of F-4 except Broadous and Wetherington, who were bde staff offs]

1990: Toga party



1990: Vickie, JoAnn, Kim and Melynda at QMOBC Class 90–13

FAOBC in early Dec and moved right on to the cannon course, which ends 1 Feb.

Brian Wheeler's father, BG Wheeler, sent me this pic that he had taken at the Ft Sill F-4 Frog Feast on 29 Sep. At the feast, the gov of OK designated those pictured as honorary citizens of OK.

Vickie Mitalas sent me this pic of **JoAnn Acciarito, Kim Darby, Melynda Foster** and herself at QMOBC Class 90–13. Along with the pic came word that Melynda was marrying **Dave Foye**. Let's see the pics, Mr & Mrs Foye.

The aviators down at Rucker are starting to get some time on the flight line, and **John Devine** told me that it took **Mike Fisher** a whole wk to learn how to hover. It seems that Mike's arms are so big that the helicopter was tilting to one side. **Mark Clouse** said that he and **Rob Barrie** made sure our classmates at flight sch celebrated the Army victory properly and promised me pics of the bash and more, more, more for the next issue.

At the writing of this article (10 Dec), the first of our classmates have been sent to Saudi Arabia. I saw **Jeff Hagler** over the Thanksgiving holiday, and he told me that a lot of the Inf offs who had already attended Ranger sch and the Armor offs who did not have follow-on schooling had been sent. The only person that I was told was definitely sent was **Brett Steele**. For those of you going and those of you there, we hope that a resolution can be reached peacefully, but if not, we know you are up to the task—**Tad Gerlinger**

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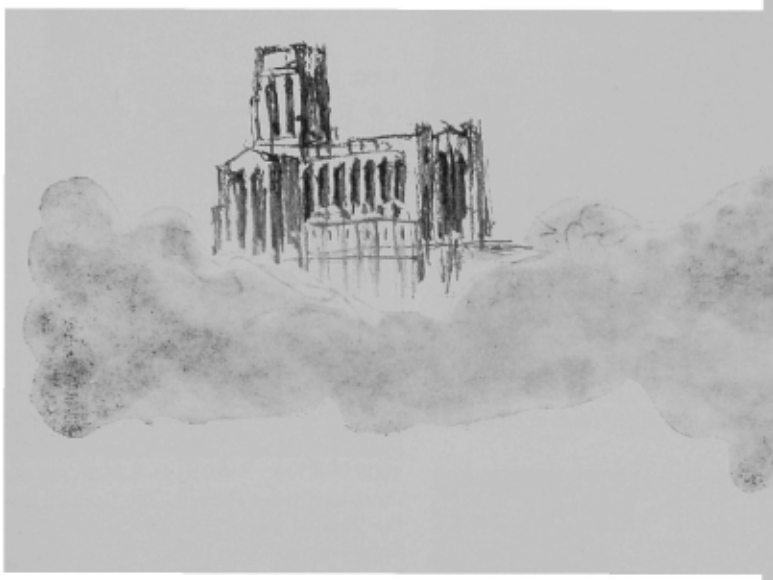
Be Thou At Peace

We, sons of today, we salute you—You, sons of an earlier day.
We follow, close order, behind you, Where you have pointed the way.



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Calvin DeWitt, Jr.

NO. 5534 CLASS OF 1916

Died 10 January 1989 in Arlington, Virginia, aged 94 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Calvin DeWitt, Jr.

CALVIN DEWITT, JR. was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on 25 August 1894, the son of Brigadier General (then Major) Calvin DeWitt and Josephine (Lesesne) DeWitt. He attended the old Force School, Western High School, and Columbia Preparatory School in Washington.

Appointed to the Military Academy from Pennsylvania, he performed strongly in academics, attained the rank of cadet lieutenant and was player-manager and representative of the polo squad. His riding ability was evident at his first equitation class and he, unhappily, became a favorite of Colonel "Squire" Lindsey, a principal instructor and a famous, though somewhat eccentric, horseman. Calvin's classmates noted the favoritism shown him by "Squire" and nicknamed him "Hazel" after the groom that cared for Colonel Lindsey's horses. Fortunately, the nickname did not follow him after graduation.

Calvin was commissioned in the Cavalry and was assigned to the 3rd Cavalry for duty on the Mexican border and at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He advanced to captain and sailed with his regiment for France in October 1917. He thereafter served in the advance section of the Services of Supply with the Allied Expeditionary Force, returning to the United States with his regiment in January 1919.

Between World Wars I and II, Calvin had a series of challenging assignments as commander of two cavalry troops and a cavalry squadron; chief, Department of Horsemanship at the Cavalry School; 1st Cavalry Division G-4; and student at the Cavalry Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, Cavalry Advanced Equitation Class, and the Army War College. He advanced in rank from captain to temporary colonel.

Also during this period he served for four years in perhaps his most memorable assignment—as a member of the Tactical Department at West Point. Initially, he served as a company tactical officer but soon was assigned as instructor of Cavalry Tactics and Horsemanship, his two loves. He acquired a third love, Marjorie, whom he married and brought to West Point. They lived in a small apartment in the bachelor building next to Cullum Hall. The pace was fast and the location was exciting and romantic. The spartan living conditions in the bachelor building only added to the adventure. The experience would follow the couple in their fondest memories.

His second most memorable assignment during this period between the wars was in 1930–31 as a student of the French Cavalry School at Saumur, France. Where the atmosphere at West Point bustled, it was slow and laid-back at Saumur. There, the normal day included a two-hour lunch break in a small café and a slow, long evening sipping wine with friends. Calvin spoke French well and Marjorie was fluent as a result of early schooling in Switzerland. Their proficiency allowed them to participate fully in student social activities.

In November 1940 he was assigned to the Office of the G-4, War Department General Staff for a year, after which he was assigned to the New York Port of Embarkation. There, he successively held the positions of executive officer, chief of staff, and deputy commander. While filling the last position, he was promoted to temporary brigadier general and received his permanent colonelcy. In June 1944 Calvin was detailed to command the Boston Port of Embarkation. A year later he was assigned as transportation officer of the Army Service Command-Olympic to plan the invasion of Southern Japan. Invasion plans were pre-empted by Japan's surrender, but Calvin stayed in the Pacific and commanded bases at Nagoya and Kobe. In 1946 he returned to the United States to assume duties as deputy commander, San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

A year later, he was transferred to the European Command and assigned as chief of transportation. In this capacity, along with his normal duties, he directed all ground transportation in support of the Berlin Airlift. In 1950 he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Transportation for two years, followed by command of the New York Port of Embarkation. This later position he held until his retirement in 1954.

Most of his retirement days were happy and busy: playing golf, gardening, attending Class affairs. Marjorie died in 1979 and Calvin lived alone with help from his daughter nearby. In early 1987, he moved to the Oak Meadow Nursing Home in Alexandria, Virginia, where he lived until his death. He is survived by three children—Marjorie Robertson, William, and Calvin, III—and six grandchildren.

Calvin was a totally honorable man: loyal, honest, and forthright with superiors and subordinates alike. A mark of the man is that he never bothered personnel managers with by-name requests for specific subordinates. Instead, he used the officers the system dealt him. He gave them all a clean slate at the outset and would tolerate no rumors about anyone, preferring to make his own judgments about people. As he moved from assignment to assignment, his admirers grew in number, all grateful for his understanding and support and hoping that someday they could work for him again.

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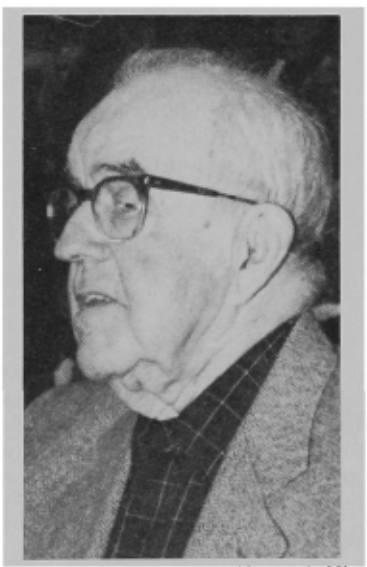
James Kenneth Mitchell

NO. 6581 CLASS OF 1920

Died 4 October 1989 in Lititz, Pennsylvania, aged 89 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



James Kenneth Mitchell

JAMES KENNETH MITCHELL was born in Brooklyn, New York on 15 May 1900, the son of James and Laura (Holt) Mitchell. He attended P.S. 129 and graduated from Boys High School in Brooklyn. He was then appointed to West Point by Congressman Frederick W. Rowe on 14 June 1918.

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While at West Point, "JK," as he was known, was a "cold max in Math without any effort. He foxed old P's and readily solved the intricacies of Descrip, but the 'ifs' and 'ands' of Phil had him puzzled for a while." Nevertheless, he graduated 42nd in his class on 15 June 1920 and was appointed second lieutenant of Cavalry.

After serving at Fort Riley, Kansas and Fort Des Moines, Iowa, he returned to West Point as an instructor in the Department of Drawing. While there, he met and, on 27 December 1927, married Eleanor Schuller Moore. Subsequently, he served with the 1st and 3rd Cavalry at Marfa, Texas; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont; Fort Myer, Virginia; and Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. During this time he also spent four years as assistant PMS&T at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont.

In 1942 JK went to England as regimental executive officer of the 102nd Cavalry, a New Jersey National Guard regiment. Shortly after arriving in England he was transferred to London, where he served as G-3, Training Section, Headquarters ETOUSA until July 1944. Shortly after the invasion he moved to France as assistant chief of staff G-3 for Base Section 2, Loire Section Communications Zone. On 1 October 1944 he became provost marshal, Channel Base Section, Communications Zone (Rhineland). On 1 December 1944 he became chief of military police, Headquarters, USFET where he remained until his return to the United States in the summer of 1946. For his service in Europe he was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and the French Croix de Guerre with palm. From 1946–50 he served as senior ground instructor to the Vermont National Guard. In October 1950, he retired in the grade of colonel to live on his farm in Pittsford, Vermont.

Shortly after his retirement Colonel Mitchell was appointed deputy director for civil defense by Vermont's commissioner of public safety, Major General Merritt A. Edson, where he served until June 1951. From 1951–84 he was very active in town affairs, serving in a variety of offices. He was the town's unofficial authority on everything from zoning to school matters, and the voice of common sense and fiscal responsibility at local town meetings. One selectman said of him, "his legal knowledge is remarkable. He knows the statutes better than most lawyers." When, in 1984, he decided "it was time the younger people did a little bit of work," the town awarded him a plaque in recognition of his years as auditor, lister, town agent and chairman of the zoning board of adjustment.

Colonel Mitchell was active in the Green Mountain Council, BSA, was a founding member of the Green Mountain Chapter, Retired Officers Association, and was active in the Episcopal Church. His former rector, now the Episcopal Bishop of West Virginia, wrote upon learning of his death, "one thing is for sure: he touched many lives with a powerful force that enriched the lives of all of us. I am eternally grateful for the privilege of having had the opportunity to know JK, and I know that my life is much enriched by the brief time we journeyed together in Rutland. I give thanks for his life, for his faithful witness of faith, for his dedication to absolute integrity and to his loyalty to all whom he knew."

He is survived by a son, James K., Jr., and four grandchildren. His wife, Eleanor, died in 1985.

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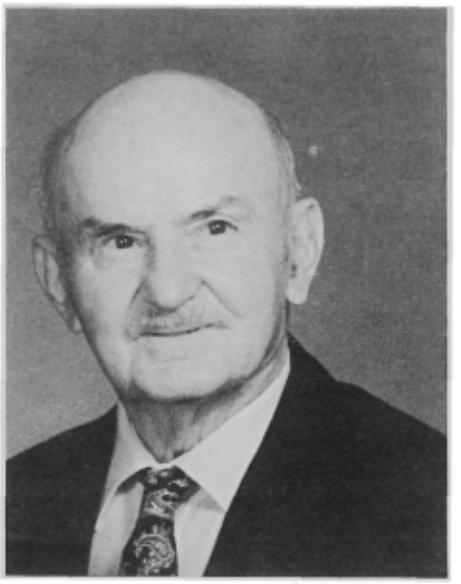
Barney Avant Daughtry

NO. 8191 CLASS OF 1927

Died 28 September 1989 in Athens, Georgia, aged 85 years.

Interment: Lower Lotts Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Register, Georgia.



Barney Avant Daughtry

BARNEY AVANT DAUGHTRY was born 24 February 1904 in the small south Georgia farming community of Register. He was the only child of Bena Street Daughtry and Cuyler C. Daughtry, both life-long residents of Register. After attending grammar school in the community, Barney completed his secondary schooling at Georgia Military College, Emory at Oxford, and Riverside Academy.

In 1923 he received his appointment to the United States Military Academy, joining some 200 other classmates. During his first year he tried out for junior varsity football. Later he excelled in tennis, for which he won a trophy, and was also captain of the rifle team. The academic work was not easy for Barney but he stuck it out because he believed in finishing what he had started. His days at the Academy are recounted by classmate Gar Davidson in a recent letter: "We still retain fond memories of Barney trudging down to the range so conscientiously with his rifle slung over his shoulder to practice so he could lead our rifle team the better—or so tenderly nursing the thinning hairs on his balding pate!"

In June 1927 Barney was graduated from the Military Academy and two months later he married his hometown sweetheart, Eubie Johnson. Their first assignment was at Fort Screven just outside of Savannah, about 50 miles from home. A year later their first son, Barney Avant, Jr., was born; their second son, James William, was born in 1933. During these early years of marriage the Daughtry family made the usual frequent moves, living in Panama, Fort Sill, Fort Benning, Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, Fort Thomas in Kentucky, and Fort Bragg. Then came World War II. During the war Barney had assignments with recruit training centers at Fort McClellan in Alabama, and Camp Shelby in Mississippi before attending the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. From there he was assigned to the IV Corps of the Fifth Army in Italy until the war ended.

After the war and several assignments in the United States, Barney was stationed in Tehran, Iran as part of the US military mission, advising the Iranian Army. For a time, the entire family was together in Iran, including Barney's mother, Bena. It was during this assignment that the Daughtrys collected the Persian carpets and metal-work objects that have decorated their home over the years. Post-Iranian assignments included Fort Breckenridge in Kentucky, and Fort Richardson in Alaska. In 1955 Barney began his final Army assignment as PMS&T at the University of Georgia in Athens. Barney and Eubie made their home in Athens for the rest of his life.

By 1955 the Daughtrys' two sons were also launched into military careers of thier own. Avant, the older, now married with two small daughters, was a pilot with the rank of captain in the Air Force. Jamie, a 1954 graduate of the US Military Academy, was also an Air Force pilot. Early in 1956 tragedy struck when the plane Avant was flying crashed in the North Atlantic, and all on board were lost. Barney and Eubie managed to accept this shattering loss and continued their lives in the Athens community. As charter members of the Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, they were regular in attendance, active participants in church functions, and leaders in the work of the church. Both shared an enthusiasm for golf and they found many friends at the

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Athens Country Club. Barney was an accomplished golfer and enjoyed the game to the end of his life.

Barney retired from the Army as a full colonel in 1960 and almost immediately took a position as an instructor of mathematics at the University of Georgia. For 12 years he attempted to lead freshmen students through the tangle of college algebra. He was known as a stiff grader who put up with no nonsense from his students, but was always available to those who wanted help and spent many hours in after-class help sessions.

When Barney retired from the University, he did not retire to a rocking chair and a life of idleness. He and Eubie traveled frequently to visit their children, grandchildren and other relatives and friends. Barney took a great deal of interest in his yard. He grew beautiful roses and was concerned about the destruction wrought by the pine bark beetles. His mother, Bena, moved to Athens in 1978. Barney looked after her until her death at almost 97 in 1980. Although Barney had some health problems that caused discomfort and occasional hospitalization, he never lost his enthusiasm for living or his love for his family and friends. The great-grandchildren who came into the family in recent years were a source of great pleasure to him.

Barney Daughtry died 28 September 1989; he was hospitalized less than a day in this last illness. At the funeral service his pastor, James Revels, captured something of the personality of Barney in his opening comments: "In the spirit of the well-known barracks ballad, some old soldiers just quietly fade away, let me assure you Barney marched right to the end." Mr. Revels looked back on Barney's life, first as "the colonel," then as a devoted family man, and finally as a churchman. He concluded his remarks with a quotation from a talk Barney made at his mother's church in Register, Georgia. A new building was being dedicated following a disastrous fire, and Barney's words seem to sum up the spirit with which he lived his life: "The members of the Register Baptist Church have worked hard to accomplish what you see here, but I wonder now that the construction has been completed, if we are not careful, we might breathe a sigh of relief and say, 'thank heavens, that is done,' and turn over for a long rest. Friends, our work has just begun. We now have a challenge."

Mary D. Hutcherson, a cousin, and James W. Daughtry, his son.

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Samuel Leslie Myers

NO. 8333 CLASS OF 1928

Died 20 March 1987 in Del Rio, Texas, aged 82 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

Samuel Leslie Myers

SAM MYERS was a true son of West Point. It provided him with the guidance into manhood which his deceased father could not; it provided a pathway to a life of places and responsibilities never envisioned by an upstate New York farmboy; and it set a focus to his life which never left him—Duty to Country. To him life was combat, and victory was not for the lazy, the timid, the slugabed, the mushmouth, afraid to tell people exactly what was on his mind whether they liked it or not. He often said he was not on earth to win a popularity contest. He never listened to advice to slow down, and when it became apparent that his end on earth was inevitable, he accepted the fact with grace and dignity, and pushed for a rapid termination.

Samuel Leslie Myers was born 31 January 1905, the fifth child of Charles Benton and Adeline Megraw Myers, near Martville, New York. When his father died, some five years later, his older brothers and sisters kept the family going on a small farm near Red Creek. Growing up near Lake Ontario, he learned hunting and fishing, and a genuine love of the land and its harvest which stayed with him and was manifest in many ways.

Following his graduation from Leavenworth High School in Wolcott, New York, he went to Rochester, New York for employment. It was there he became interested in the National Guard, and twice enlisted. The first time he was discovered to be underage. His enlistment in the 101st Cavalry, New York National Guard in 1923 was to launch a military career which would span 40 years.

With the encouragement of his instructor, he applied for and won an appointment to West Point and entered the Academy in July 1924. In "B" Company, he made lifelong friends, developed a keen sense of brotherhood, and emerged as a man thoroughly dedicated to the motto. Of him, the *Howitzer* of 1928 said: "As a bridge player and chess player, he has shown his ability, but as a poker player he shines. In his scholastic ability, Sam'l has demonstrated his ability to grasp and hold, with the least possible efforts, the salient facts. With a heart that is as big as his whistle, Sam'l will surely attain the rank of the noblest."

After a graduation leave job as a camp counselor in Maine with his "wife" and lifelong friend, Del Spivey, he was posted to Fort Bliss, Texas and the 8th Cavalry. Fate intervened in the form of a rapid reassignment to the 1st Cavalry at Camp Marfa, Texas (later Fort D.A. Russell) occasioned by the lack of married quarters there for a classmate who had married en route. It was there that the other great influence entered his life—Frances Fennell, his lifelong admirer, greatest supporter, trusted adviser, the leaven of his life—his wife of almost 56 years. They were married in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 4 May 1932. To this union were born two children, Samuel L., Jr. and Frances Anne.

After attending the Cavalry school at Fort Riley, Kansas in 1933, Sam was assigned to the historic Fort Ringgold, at Rio Grande City, Texas, and remained there until January 1937, when he was transferred to Fort Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands, to serve with the 26th Cavalry. Here, Sam honed his ability as a polo player and was in many matches and horse shows.

Sam decided maybe there was a better chance for promotion in the Quartermaster Corps, and put in for a transfer. This resulted in his being sent to the Quartermaster School in Philadelphia in 1939. The school was closed early, due to the black clouds of war on the horizon, so he was ordered to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and took command of the 67th Quartermaster Battalion Light Maintenance. He was promoted to major, and in 1942, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and ordered to I Corps in Columbia, South Carolina as an automotive officer. This did not last long, for General Fredendall requested him to accompany him to serve in II Corps, and he sailed for England in June 1942. In the meantime, he was again transferred as an Armor officer. He made the initial landings in North Africa and Sicily and served as deputy chief

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of staff for Operations under Generals Patton and Bradley.

When General Bradley was assigned First Army, he took Sam with him, as his DC/S to England to help plan the invasion of Europe. Sam landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day and fought all through Europe until V/E Day. On his EAME ribbon were eight battle stars and an arrowhead. When First Army was redeployed to the Pacific under the command of General Hodges, Sam went along, and was aboard the *USS Missouri* for the signing of Japan's surrender.

Following the cessation of hostilities, Sam was ordered to Washington to the Industrial College, with credit for attending the National War College. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the JCS, and in 1949–51 he commanded the 3rd Armored Regiment until he was ordered to Camp Roberts, California to be chief of staff of III Corps.

In 1952, Sam was ordered to CINCNEIM with headquarters first in Naples, later, London, and it was there he was promoted to brigadier general. This promotion resulted in his being assigned as deputy commanding general of the 3rd Armored Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and in 1955–56 he commanded the Armor Training Replacement Center at that same post. In 1956, Sam was ordered to Vietnam to be deputy chief MAAG, and was promoted to major general. Following his tour of duty in Vietnam, he was again assigned to the Pentagon as assistant Deputy Chief of Staff of Logistics. In 1961, Sam realized a long-time dream to command the Armor School and Center at Fort Knox, but the dream was short-lived, for he was ordered to Korea as deputy commanding general of Eighth Army, at that time the largest field Army in peacetime, and promoted to lieutenant general. This was to be his last active-duty assignment, for he decided to retire in 1963 and become chairman of the board of the Fort Knox National Bank.

His many decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, and numerous shooting medals from his service on the Cavalry Rifle Team. His foreign decorations included the French Legion of Honor, the Croix de Guerre with Palm Leaf, the OBE, the Luxembourg Ordre Grand Ducal Couronne de Chine, and the highest medal of the Republic of Korea to a foreigner.

He was very active in business and civic affairs following his retirement, and for many years was a consultant to the Link Trainer Company, and president of the Radcliff Chamber of Commerce and AUSA, Daniel Boone Chapter. He was also active in fund raising for the Patton Museum. As a sideline, he operated three Christmas tree farms in New York and Kentucky, and later a small ranch in Texas.

He was a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, and was an active leader until his health failed. In his work with youth, he assisted young deserving prospects in gaining admission to West Point. He was active in the Republican Party in Texas and was commended by President Reagan for his work as his West Texas campaign manager.

He was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Del Rio, and advanced through all degrees of York Rite Masonry, attaining the rank of Knights Templar. He also taught himself wood-working, and became highly skilled in his hobby.

After a long illness and valiant fight, Sam finally succumbed to pulmonary fibrosis and other complications, of what he described as "not having lived a very sheltered life." He is survived by his wife, two children, four grandchildren, one great-grandson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Following a service in St. James, Del Rio, he was buried with full military honors in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. His son, Samuel L., Jr., wrote the following: "it was a beautiful spring day, sunny and a light breeze snapping the flags, but not obscuring the 15-gun honors and three-round volley. The ceremony was flawlessly executed by the most professional detail I have ever seen. Nearly all his family members were present; many West Point classmates and friends gathered to pay last respects. As the crowd drifted away, I saw a stooped figure gently comforting my mother. It was a lawyer from Chicago who had flown in for the few hours—retired Major General 'Mac' McNally of the 'Race Track Gang.' Of such devotion is the brotherhood of soldiers." Sam truly lived "Duty, Honor, Country."

his wife, his son, and a family friend.

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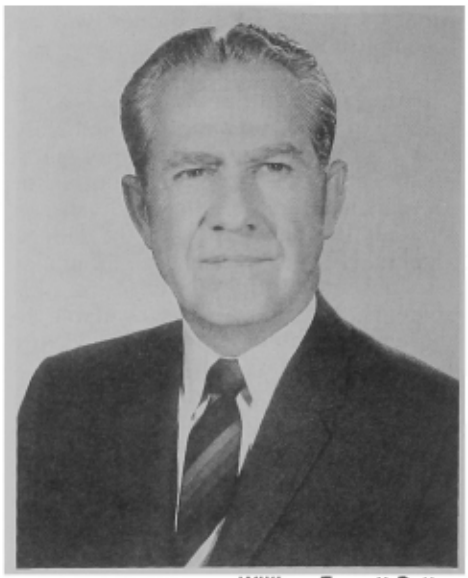
William Everett Potter

NO. 8251 CLASS OF 1928

Died 5 December 1988 in Orlando, Florida, aged 83 years.

Interment: Woodlawn Memorial Park, Orlando, Florida.

WILLIAM EVERETT POTTER, JOE. Soldier, engineer, executive, father. What a fun man to have known and to have worked with. Always that gracious twinkle in his eye, he knew what you were trying to say before you said it. Recognized for extreme competence on the job, he used that talent in his support of the better things in life for others. Dedicated to his family, to his friends and associates, to his Walt Disney organization, to his beloved Army, and to his



William Everett Potter

country, he justified the unique esteem in which he was held by so many.

He started life on 17 July 1905 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the son of William Bradford and Arlie Johnson Potter. The family moved to Beloit, Wisconsin during the first World War, then to Toledo, Ohio, where he completed Scott High School and was appointed to the Military Academy. Entering in July 1923, his first trip away from home, he was assigned to the 7th division of barracks where the BP or janitor was Joe Potter. The Beast Detail immediately dubbed WE Potter "Joe," as he was known from then on. Two-thirds of his *Howitzer* bio extols his record as the fastest plebe to ever run the stairs—three flights, 26 seconds round-trip. Three years after entering, he was a cadet captain in charge of the Beast Detail. A plebe that resigned implicated five in hazing, and Joe was one, ostensibly for attempting to find a plebe that could break his record. So Joe dropped back to the Class of '28, retained warm friends in both '27 and '28, and graduated into the Corps of Engineers, with a love for the Academy and its purpose.

As a junior lieutenant in the 1st Engineers in Delaware, Joe was introduced to Army administration and peacetime drill. Within the year he was off to Nicaragua for three years, to serve under Leslie Groves, to study the alternate route for a new canal, and, incidentally, to receive his first campaign decoration. He returned to the United States and a much-desired year at MIT for his degree in civil engineering; then to the Pittsburgh Engineer District where he was engineer in charge of Tygart Dam in West Virginia and then Emsworth Dam in Pennsylvania. Three years of heavy engineering with field experience in the flood emergency of 1936 followed.

In Grafton, West Virginia, he courted and wed Ruth Turner, his beloved Ruthie, now living in Orlando, Florida. His

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two daughters, Jo Ann Heine, also of Orlando, and Susan Schull of Honolulu, who is daughter-in-law of classmate Hermie Schull, are the parents of Joe's four grandsons and two granddaughters. No prouder grandfather existed.

Joe Potter went to Belvoir and the Advanced Course in 1936; was pulled out for flood duty in 1937; then spent three years as assistant PMS&T at Ohio State, an assignment he loved; then a year in the 16th and 24th Armored Engineer Battalions as World War II mobilization started; followed by a short C&GSS at Leavenworth; back to armored engineer battalions, first to the 23rd as exec, then as CO of the 1138th Engineer Group of the new II Armored Corps—a total of five armored engineer units in three years.

Ordered to London and Headquarters ETO in November 1943, Joe Potter initially was chief of Troops Section G-3; then executive officer of the Psychological Warfare Division which he put together, his first brush with motion-picture people whom he came to admire; and then was named chief of the Planning Branch G-4 ETO. He was deeply involved in, and responsible for, the planning of vast portions of supplying the invasion of Europe and the subsequent march to Germany. Preparation of units, over-the-beach logistics, ports, pipelines, rail and truck transport, depots, a myriad of other logistical areas as well as related organization and command were all in Joe Potter's planning domain. He was particularly pleased with his part in creating the Red Ball Express when the railroads of France proved unequal to the demand.

In July 1945, the war in Europe over, Joe Potter was assigned as District Engineer, Kansas City—three years of flood control, civil works and military construction. Pulled out to trouble-shoot as Alaska District Engineer, Joe was ordered to Fort Richardson to take on a crash construction program, then out of control. A year later, with that situation successfully restored, General Pick, the Chief of Engineers, named Joe the Corps' Chief of Civil Works in Washington, followed by Assistant Chief of Engineers for planning the St. Lawrence Seaway and the interrelation with Canada. Then came the National War College, where he was promoted to brigadier general while a student. Next, he was named Missouri River Division Engineer for four years of huge dam construction, Korean War military construction, and massive SAC Air Force projects—all involving political, public relations, and financial, as well as technical ramifications.

The President appointed Joe Potter, by then a major general, governor of the Canal Zone and president of the Panama Canal Company in 1956. He was personally responsible for administering a zone of fifty thousand residents, for operation of this critical waterway, its widening and modernization to take care of spiraling ship traffic, and the improvement of facilities for its employees, both US and Panamanian. He became a most respected and revered governor, in spite of an anti-Potter campaign generated in the local press as a result of the nationalistic riots in 1959 in Panama.

Retiring from the Army he loved in 1960 after 37 years in uniform, with the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the French Croix de Guerre, Joe Potter joined Robert Moses as executive vice-president for the New York World's Fair of 1964–65 and served as a board member for the fair. Joe was responsible for participation of the states and assisted with other nations and private companies. Walt Disney had four exhibits at the fair and through this association, Walt and he became close friends. When the fair closed in 1965, Joe joined the Disney organization in California as vice-president for Florida planning. He traveled widely, seeking out what was new in US industry, what was envisioned for the future, to be used not only in the Magic Kingdom phase of the Walt Disney World concept but also in the future EPCOT, Walt's Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow. In 1968, Joe and Ruthie moved to Orlando, the first senior Disney official resident in Florida. Joe worked closely with the state, counties, and local governments in establishing the special legislation necessary to build Walt Disney World as Walt had envisioned. The Reedy Creek Improvement District was established by the state and Joe became its first president and general manager. The district holds all governmental authority on the Disney World 28,000 acres to the exclusion of normal county authority. Joe had designed, built and operated the water control systems, the utility systems, the public roads, and administered the district's own building code. In 1973, with Walt Disney World a runaway success, Joe, then senior vice-president, retired from the Disney organization. For the next 12 years he ran a corporate consulting firm with his friend (and Naval Academy graduate) Admiral Joe Fowler, who incidentally had built the original Disneyland in California. Joe Potter served on numerous commissions and boards; among many: the Carlisle Corporation, the Florida Gas Company, the American Bankers' Insurance Company, the Florida Council of 100, the Loch Haven Art Museum, the Orlando Regional Medical Center, and the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (vice-chairman). He was an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy of Drexel Institute.

Joe Potter watched the 1988 Army-Navy game from his hospital bed. Two days later, on 5 December 1988, with family and dear friends with him, Joe quietly passed away as his heart failed. Headline in the *Orlando Sentinel* the next morning read: "Joe Potter, Disney's Behind-the-Scenes Man, Dies at 83." Quotes from distinguished citizens: "Joe Potter was Mr. Disney to the natives of Orlando. He was the bridge between the community and Disney." "He was a man Walt Disney was very fond of. Without a Joe Potter there would be no Walt Disney World today." Six hundred people paid their respects at his memorial service at the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando.

And so we have lost a husband, a father, a dear friend, a doer, a great guy. We are better for having known him; the world is a better place because he was here.

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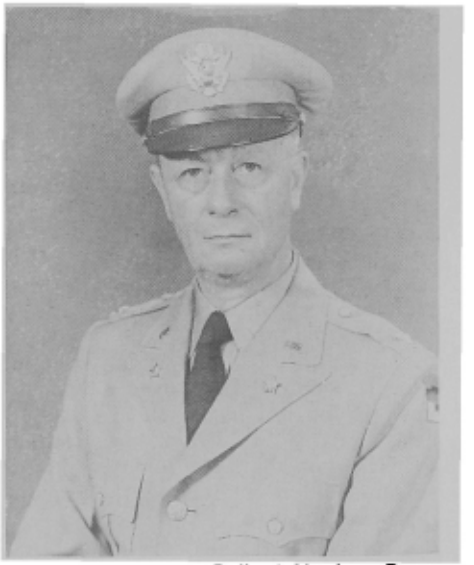
Delbert Abraham Pryor

NO. 9469 CLASS OF 1932

Died 3 August 1989 in Lemoyne, Pennsylvania, aged 82 years.

Interment: Slate Hill Cemetery, Shiresmanstown, Pennsylvania; Memorial Stone in Orlando, Florida.



Delbert Abraham Pryor

DELBERT ABRAHAM PRYOR was born on 15 December 1906 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the son of James and Fannie Pryor. His father was a bakery owner and a representative in the state legislature. His parents raised a family of 11 children in Lemoyne, Pennsylvania.

Delbert received his appointment to the Military Academy four years after his graduation from high school. Prior to entry to USMA, Delbert was working on the Harrisburg newspaper and was a member of the state's National Guard.

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Following his graduation as a lieutenant of Infantry, Delbert saw early service at Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Howard, Maryland; and Fort Ontario, New York. In 1933 he married Helen Louise Whittaker. Together they introduced into the world Philip (USMA '58), Ralph (USMA '62) and Lynda Pryor Fink.

In 1938, Del was assigned to the Hawaiian Department where he was a rifle company commander in the 27th Infantry on 7 December 1941. During the ensuing years of war, he held several intelligence positions. Del assisted in establishing the Military Intelligence Center at Fort Ritchie, Maryland. He later trained students at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas as the chief of intelligence. In late 1944 he was promoted to colonel and was posted, in 1945, as the AC of S G-2 of the Tenth US Army for the invasion of Okinawa.

Del was requested to return to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1946 to apply his recent experiences in the Pacific Theater to courses in tactics and command methods.

In 1949, Del was assigned to the 21st Infantry Regiment in Japan, where his family joined him in 1950. Del deployed to Korea with Task Force Smith and later assumed duties in the Intelligence Section, GHQ, Far East Command in Tokyo, Japan. In 1952 Del returned to the US as the AC of S G-3, 5th Infantry Division. This was followed by three years at Fort Meade, Maryland in the G-3 Division. During this time he was selected to be the camp commander for the National Rifle and Pistol Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio.

In 1956, Del began a joint-duty assignment with the Western Sea Frontier in San Francisco, California. His final active duty was as the AC of S G-1 for US Army Ryukyus Islands. Delbert's awards included the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Del and Helen retired in Orlando, Florida, where they enjoyed a new life until Helen fell fatally ill and passed away in early 1967. Del returned, then, to his boyhood home in Lemoyne, Pennsylvania, where he lived for the remainder of his years.

Throughout his life, Del possessed and expressed a compassion and courtesy for family, friends and strangers alike. The traditions of West Point were deeply imbued in Del. He was a true gentleman in all ways, even in his final days. His family was with him when he passed away quietly in the late night of 3 August 1989.

"Be thou at peace."

His Children

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John Francis Batjer

NO. 10794 CLASS OF 1937

Died 2 August 1972 in Houston, Texas, aged 59 years.

Cremated

John Francis Batjer

JOHN FRANCIS BATJER came to West Point in 1933 with a head start, for he had that year been graduated from Texas A & M with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, had been an ROTC first lieutenant and a Texas National Guard private, second class. And Johnny used the results of this background to be helpful to others—as an academic tutor, as an experienced friend, as a light-hearted but conscientious example.

John Francis Batjer was born in Houston, Texas on 17 November 1912, the son of A. Linton and Lucie Harris Batjer. After attending the local public schools in Houston, he entered Texas A & M in 1929. Endowed with a logical and inquisitive mind, he had no problems with academics, at Texas A & M or at USMA, except for French. He was always willing to assist other cadets who were having trouble with their studies. His explanations were so plain and simple that even "the goatiest goat" had little difficulty in understanding. As academics came easily, he had the opportunity to engage in many extracurricular activities which added so much to cadet life.

The day after graduation Johnny married the lovely Harriette G. Scott of Highland Falls, New York. They had two children: Martha B. Davis of Austin and Nancy B. O'Neal of Houston.

He entered flying training at Randolph Field in September 1937, and graduated from Kelly Field in October 1938 as a bomber pilot. His first assignment was at Mitchell Field, New York, remaining there for two years, going through all the squadron jobs. Leaving Mitchell in the fall of 1940, he had a tour in the Caribbean where he was an operations officer and a squadron commanding officer. He also was the head of a survey charged with the location of possible sites for airfields in the area.

When John returned to the States in the spring of 1942, he went through the normal procedures for being groomed as an eventual group commander, a position he received when he was made the commanding officer of the 301st B Gp (H) at Foggia, Italy. During his tour with the 301st, he earned the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. He also earned the Legion of Merit for service in Rumania in 1944 as commanding officer of the Liaison Detachment HQ MAAF. In addition he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm.

When John returned from Europe he was assigned to Wright Field as chief of the statistical section and later became deputy comptroller of the Air Materiel Command. He continued in the comptroller field at the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base where he was chief of the Comptroller School. He was a student at the Air War College, graduating in 1953.

Upon graduation from the Air War College he was assigned to the Strategic Air Command, and after undergoing training in the B-47, he became commanding officer of the 308th Bomb Wing. In 1955 his wing, the 308th, was awarded the coveted MacKay Trophy, awarded by the National Aeronautical Association to the Air Force person or persons who made the most meritorious flight of the year. This was quite a tribute for the commanding officer and his organization. John left the 308th Wing in 1956 and spent the next three years as commanding officer of the 4081st Strategic Wing at Harmon Air Force Base in Newfoundland. Johnny's last assignment was as comptroller for the Air Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base.

John retired from the Air Force in 1963 and, as Harriette writes, "acquired a wholesale electric equipment company in Houston and was back at work again. A different challenge, but one he thoroughly enjoyed. It was a fitting venture, given his penchant for gadgetry and mechanics. He did well and built the business up and sold it just six months before his death on 2 August 1972. We had planned to do some traveling on our own time, but cancer struck him down in the midst of our plans."

John Batjer was a good man, and true. The remembrance of his energetic and thoughtful personality is cherished by his family and friends. He is greatly missed.

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Alan Doane Clark

NO. 10853 CLASS OF 1937

Died 7 January 1953 at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, aged 39 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Alan Doane Clark

ALAN DOANE CLARK was on temporary duty at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, when he died peacefully during the night of 7 January 1953. He had spent all of his successful and productive life in a military setting: his father a Regular Army officer; his Army enlisted service leading to West Point; his marriage to an Army daughter; and his Air Force service.

Al Clark was born in Newport, Rhode Island, on 10 October 1913, the son of Walter L. Clark of St. Albans, Vermont and Lillian Doane Clark of Brockton, Massachusetts. Walter Clark had been graduated from Norwich University and commissioned in the Coast Artillery, later transferring to the Ordnance Department, and Lillian Clark was a graduate of Mt. Holyoke. Al attended elementary school in Aberdeen, Maryland, and high school in Washington, DC, where he was a member of the 1930 Class at Western. During his enlisted service he attended the III Corps Area Preparatory School at Fort Monroe, won an Army competitive appointment to West Point, and reported there on 1 July 1933.

Al handled the challenges of USMA with aplomb; that is, with self-possession, assurance and poise. There were battles in the weekly three-ring circuses in the gymnasium—boxing and wrestling, and outdoors also—football, baseball, and track. Some extraordinary effort was displayed on the academic fields, especially in overcoming problems in the Chemistry Department, with a graduation standing in the second fifth of his class. Al displayed his strong leadership skills early as a cadet, wearing the stripes of a corporal yearling year, supply sergeant the next year and lieutenant as a first classman.

Al chose the Coast Artillery as his basic branch, applied for flight training, and soon after graduation he was at Randolph Field with a number of classmates. In 1938 he earned his wings and set out on his Air Force career. He was assigned to the 2nd Bomb Group at Langley Field and went with that unit to Puerto Rico, though that did not interfere substantially with courting Mellie Louise Hatch, daughter of Colonel John E. Hatch, USMA 1911. Al and Mellie were married in 1939 at Fort Sill and returned to Puerto Rico. Two of their children, Alan and Elizabeth, were born during these earlier World War II years, and soon after Elizabeth's birth in 1943, Al became deputy commander of the 444th Bombardment Group (B-29's) and subsequently took that unit to the China-Burma-India Theater in 1944. He returned to the States briefly in 1944, and in June 1945 returned to the Pacific Area as chief of operations for the 58th Bombardment Wing in Tinian Island. In January 1946, not long after his son John was born at Kelly Field, Al became A-3 and then chief of staff of the task force doing the Bikini Atom Bomb tests. In 1947 he was commander of the 7th Bombardment Wing at Fort Worth. He and Mellie then joined some classmates for the fourth course of the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, and he later was assigned to the Office of the Inspector General, USAF, at Kelly Air Force Base, where he remained until his death in 1953.

Alan Clark is remembered as a strong, happy, conscientious friend and husband.

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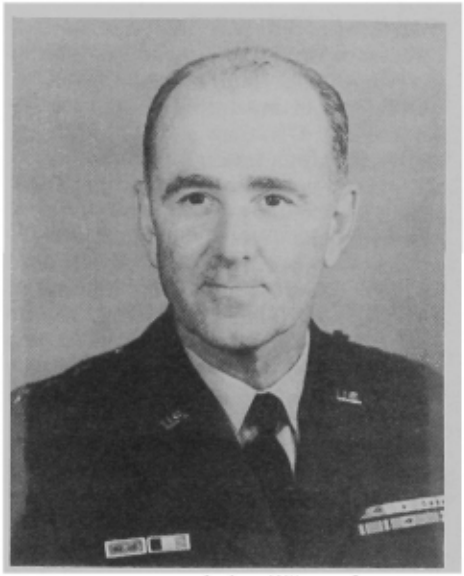
Arthur William Oberbeck

NO. 10736 CLASS OF 1937

Died 7 September 1989 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 77 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

OBIE WAS BORN IN CHICAGO and attended high school there. Prior to entering West Point in July 1933, he had spent three years at Armour Institute of Technology. At the Point he breezed through the academic program, wearing stars for all four years and graduating as No. 1 in his class. He entered into cadet life vigorously, participating in fencing and track, where he earned letters and numerals each of the four years. He was a halfback on the Engineer team in the annual Second Class Goat-Engineer game. He was successively a cadet corporal, sergeant and company commander of K Company.



Arthur William Oberbeck

As a new lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, he was first assigned to the 5th Engineer Regiment at Fort Belvoir. In September of 1938, he married Margaret Lanigan and brought her to Belvoir. Until her death in 1970, except for the World War II period, she accompanied Obie on his varied assignments.

The Oberbecks left Belvoir in the summer of 1939 for a year at the University of California, Berkeley, where Obie obtained a master's degree in civil engineering. From Berkeley they went to Hawaii, joining the 3rd Engineer Regiment of the 24th Division. Marty returned to the States after Pearl Harbor while Obie went with the division to New Guinea as the battalion commander of the 3rd Engineers and as division engineer of the 24th Division. In 1944, as the war moved into the Philippines, he was assigned to the Office of the Chief Engineer under General MacArthur. He returned to the States in August 1945.

He was one of a group of ten officers, all graduates of West Point, selected by General Groves for assignment to the Manhattan Engineer District, the organization responsible for the development and production of atomic weapons. He worked briefly at Los Alamos and for two years in New York on the procurement of uranium and other materials for processing into weapons.

For four years (1947–51) he was assistant professor of mathematics at the Military Academy. He then returned to the atomic program, now the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, as commander of Killeen Base, Texas, from 1951–54. After graduating from the Army War College, he was assigned to the Strategic Plans Group of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for a year, followed by four years as director of Special Weapons Development, Continental Army Command, stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

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He returned to Washington in 1960 as director of Coordination and Analysis in the Office of the Chief of Staff. In 1963 he was named commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division, a sought-after assignment which he prized. He followed with a two-year tour as J-3 of the European Command.

In 1966 he returned to the nuclear field as commander of Joint Task Force Eight and Test Command, stationed at Sandia Base, New Mexico. Here he was responsible for planning, scheduling, executing and evaluating the results of atomic weapons tests. He next returned to Fort Belvoir, where he had begun his Army career, as commanding general of the Engineer Center and commandant of the Engineer School. That tour lasted only one year before he was assigned as the senior Army member of the Weapons System Evaluation Group reporting to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. After a year he became director of the group, a position he held until he retired as a lieutenant general in 1972.

During his last assignment his beloved wife, Marty, died. Their years together in the southwest had brought to the family a love of the outdoors and riding. They sought opportunities to spend vacations together on Colorado ranches. His two sons by that marriage, Donald and Michael, remember him for his love of horses to the point that they wondered why he had not chosen to be a cavalryman.

After retirement, Obie studied law at the University of Texas, once again graduating at the head of the class. He remained in Austin as counsel to the University. His second marriage to Carole Kivela in 1972 was blessed with two lovely children, daughter Tracey and son Scott. Following a divorce Obie remained in Austin for several years, devoting himself to the two children. When he moved into the Army Retirement Community in San Antonio, Tracey and Scott visited him regularly. Until his death he devoted himself to the two young children to prepare them for life in the computer age and to impart to them his ideals and principles.

His last few months found him suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease and cancer. While his mind remained as sharp and incisive as ever, he slowly lost the capability to speak and care for himself. Memorial services were held at the Army Community Center in San Antonio, with burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

His career was varied—combat engineer, teacher, nuclear and weapons specialist, division commander and staff officer at Army and Joint levels. Obie was held in the highest regard for his knowledge of the military relationship to the political world, for his analytical mind and his practical approach to problems. His highly technical assignments, coupled with his long tenure at the highest levels of Joint and Allied planning, bear witness to the trust placed in him by our top military and civilian leaders. He enjoyed the challenges of his many positions, the excitement and variety of Army life, and served the nation well.

"A Classmate."

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Raymond William Rumph

NO. 10801 CLASS OF 1937

Died 21 August 1956 in St. Albans, Long Island, New York, aged 43 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Raymond William Rumph

RAY WAS BORN on 1 December 1912 in Brooklyn, New York. After attending grade school, he entered Brooklyn Technical High School and graduated in January 1930. He was very proud of being an active participant in the scouting program and eventually attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Ray also joined the DeMolay and was awarded the Legion of Honor Cross. It is most likely that these experiences prompted his driving ambition to seek a cadetship. In the meantime, he attended Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, and majored in civil engineering. Unable to obtain a political appointment to West Point, he decided to try another approach and joined the 71st Infantry in the New York National Guard. By 1933, he was a sergeant and excelled in all of the competitive examinations necessary for the appointment he was determined to win. Ultimately, he was appointed to USMA by the then-governor of New York, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In July 1933 Ray entered with the Class of 1937, and during the next four years he was a great roommate, an excellent student, and a participant in many activities including gymnastics, rifle and pistol teams, and many academic endeavors. He graduated in June 1937 and married Helen, known by the cadet phrase during this period as his OAO (One-and-Only), on graduation day.

Ray went into the Coast Artillery (Anti Aircraft), assigned to Fort Totten with the 62nd Anti Aircraft Artillery. His son Robert was born in April 1938. The next assignment was to the Hawaiian Anti Aircraft Command, where in October 1940 daughter Nancy was born. After a brief tour in the United States, Ray was stationed back in the Pacific Theater on an unaccompanied tour which lasted over four-and-one-half years throughout the war. There he performed duties on the General Staff (G2/G3) and as a battery commander. Besides being given the World War II Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, and American Foreign Service Defense Medal, he was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for achievement. In June 1947 Ray, Helen and family found themselves back at West Point where he was most proud of the fact that he played a major part in institutionalizing the fledgling Department of Military Psychology and Leadership. Next was a tour with the Eastern Army Anti Aircraft Defense Command as S-3 and deputy chief of staff. A second daughter, Joann, was born in May 1951. Subsequent transfers between HQ EAADC within New York state led to selection for a command position in the Pittsburgh Defense Region with the 8th AAA Group. In October 1954 an assignment to Bushy Hall, England with the 32nd Air Defense Brigade Headquarters as the executive officer was truly a choice assignment; however, just two years after taking the position, he became seriously ill, was hospitalized, and was eventually evacuated to St. Albans Naval Hospital on Long Island, close to his relatives and place of birth. The family was reunited as soon as the school year ended. Soon thereafter, he was retired for disability and died of cancer on 21 August 1956. Knowing that the end was near, Ray revised notes made in writing his memoirs, quoted here in part:

How shall I be remembered?

I consider myself to be a practical man.

I believe that even in things spiritual, one can be practical.

I believe my religious views are practical.

It is natural, therefore, that I should look to death from a practical point of view.

If, at death, any practical use can be made of my body, I want it done. The rest I want cremated—the ashes buried in the West Point Cemetery—the place marked with a newly-planted evergreen

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tree and a rough boulder to which is affixed a small bronze plate for identification.

Only the cornea of his eyes could be used—so someone out there is seeing with the help of Ray's eyes—and he must know that his wishes have been fulfilled. His cremated remains are as he desired, reposing at the Old Chapel site, as a lasting tribute to his distinguished military career.

Ray was 43 years old when he was taken from his family, his classmates and friends, and his beloved alma mater. He was devoted to the Army and wanted his son to follow the "Long Gray Line" in his footsteps. Perhaps he knows that Bob entered the Academy in 1958—but whether or not he knows—how proud he would have been to have a son who graduated in the Class of 1962. Likewise for his daughter Nancy, who married a 1962 USMA classmate and also chose to follow military climes. Both graduates served at USMA on the staff and faculty and have recently retired from the service.

Helen remains widowed and resides in Charleston, South Carolina, close to younger daughter Joann, who provides nurture and support. Because of Joann's young age, she did not have the full opportunity to get to really know her father before his untimely demise. Family members have many good things to say about Ray, as husband, father and provider—that he was tough but fair, demanding the maximum from subordinates and peers alike; that he was a strict but compassionate disciplinarian at home with his teenagers; that above all he was the epitome of a dedicated soldier, who did a job exceptionally "well done!"

There is much more that could be said about this highly principled man, who was taken in his prime of life. Although his life was short, he left behind many devoted admirers who were enriched by his professional and personal association. As a token of the measure of Ray's dedication to West Point, his 1937 class ring was donated by his widow to the Cadet Library.

Classmates and Family

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Gordon Madison Clarkson

NO. 11204 CLASS OF 1938

Died 28 January 1944 in New Guinea, Southwest Pacific, aged 28 years.

Interment: Oakwood Cemetery, Macon, Missouri.

GORDON MADISON CLARKSON was born in Macon, Missouri, 26 August 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman B. Clarkson. Gordon, the youngest of four children, was raised in the family home along with his two brothers, Howard and Norvell, and his sister, Helen.

Gordon Madison Clarkson

He attended public schools in Macon, graduating from Macon High School in the spring of 1933. His military career began with his appointment to West Point by the Honorable M. A. Romjue, then Congressman from the First District of Missouri. He attended Hall Coaching School in Columbia, Missouri, entered West Point in July 1934 and graduated in June 1938. His first assignment was to the Presidio in San Francisco. After two years he was reassigned to Puerto Rico and stationed at (then) Borinquen Field, and received his first lieutenant bars there. Late in 1941 he was sent to Jamaica where he received his promotion to captain.

It was in Jamaica that he met his future wife, Miss Ellen Hopen of Blackwood, New Jersey. June was a momentous month for Gordon. He was married to Miss Hopen at her Blackwood home on 10 June 1942, and reassigned to Camp Roberts at Paso Robles, California, training newly assigned personnel. He had eagerly sought combat duty, since he was a career officer and felt that combat duty was what he had been trained to do. He got his wish partially answered when assigned to staff duties under General R. L. Eichelberger, who was then taking over command of US Army forces in New Guinea. Gordon had previously served under General Eichelberger when stationed at the Presidio. After a few months' staff duty in Australia, in December 1942, during the Buna Campaign in New Guinea, the commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry, 32nd Division, was changed and Gordon flew over 1,000 miles from Australia to New Guinea to take command on 7 December 1942. He was by that time a major. He led his battalion courageously and effectively, and after 21 days of heavy combat, the Buna Mission with its valuable air strip was captured. For "gallantry in action" during this campaign, he was awarded the Silver Star and promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Remnants of the 1st Battalion were returned to Australia for rest and recuperation, and to receive newly-assigned personnel for reorganization and training. In September 1943, he and his battalion were moved back to New Guinea; then on 2 January 1944 they made a landing and established a beachhead at Saidor, New Guinea, to continue the push to the north and toward Tokyo. During the subsequent heavy action, a patrol consisting of an officer and 14 men from Lieutenant Colonel Clarkson's battalion was surrounded on the bank of a river separating the strong Japanese forces from the US forces. Gordon led a volunteer group to the river to form a human chain to rescue the stranded group and get them all back across the river to safety. While in the water and assisting other men to get across, he was hit by machine gun fire and killed on 28 January 1944. For his heroism he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously.

Brigadier General Chris E. Byers, then commanding the 32nd Division, wrote, "... Gordon's courage and inspired leadership are well known to us all. He represented the highest ideals of the Military Academy in everything he did."

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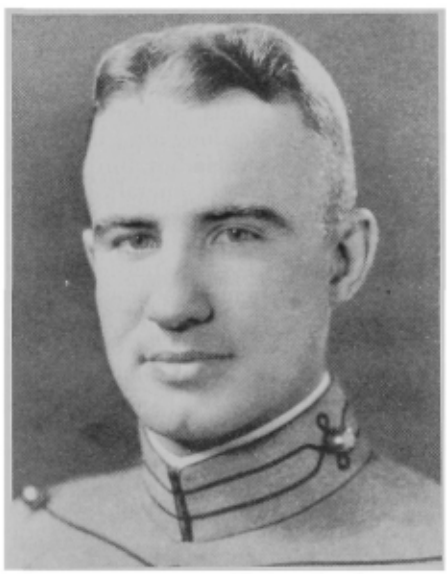
Birdsey Lee Learman

NO. 11306 CLASS OF 1938

Died 27 June 1967 in Washington, DC, aged 54 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



Birdsey Lee Learman

BIRDSEY WAS BORN in Bay City, Michigan on 13 March 1913 to Frederick Karl and Bessie Knight Learman. His father was the manager of the cement plant, the

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town's largest industry. Birdsey had one brother, Karl, and a sister, Eren. He attended Bay City Central High School, where he played football and also won two varsity basketball letters.

Michigan was an ideal place to hunt. Birdsey loved the sport. However, it was the depth of the Depression. He had limited funds. He restricted his daily ammunition allowance to three rounds. Each round had to count. His hunting experience later proved valuable at the Academy, where it enabled him to become a pistol sharpshooter.

During his early cadet years, his maturity, self assurance, and warm interest in his fellow plebes earned him the nickname "Pop." As the cadet years passed and his friendships ripened, "Birds" became a more common appellation. Throughout these years, Birds was one of the most popular cadets of "I" Company.

In his first class year, he was returning from home by train to spend the last few days of Christmas leave in New York City. He met Jane Sharp of Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, a student at Antioch College who, by coincidence, was riding in the same car. They had their first date on New Year's Day. Six months after Birdsey graduated, they were married at the chapel at Randolph Field, Texas.

After graduation, Birdsey took flight training at Kelly Field, Texas. He "washed out" because, as he says, "I can do everything except judge how far I am above the runway when landing." The Army transferred him to a pack train unit, based out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. An accomplished horseman, Birdsey played polo, and in his spare time built a home above Haleiwa beach almost single-handedly.

The Learmans had three daughters: Ann, born in Hawaii; Eren, in Frankfurt, Germany; and Linda, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Not long after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Birdsey was ordered to the staff of General Collins in Guadalcanal, where he served for more than a year. Since promotions were passing him by, he sought transfer to the States to seek a combat command. He soon was ordered to the 84th Division in Europe. He took command of the 2nd Battalion of the 335th Infantry Regiment, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and participated in the capture of Hanover, Germany. He was awarded the Silver Star.

The Learmans retired at Pauper's Promise Farm, seven miles from historic Chestertown, Maryland, which they had purchased in 1951 while stationed at West Point. It was an ideal location for Birdsey to give expression to his ardor for hunting and other outdoor proclivities. Their home overlooked the Chester River. In season, Birdsey would sit in his rocker behind the window and peer out over the shore. When ducks landed, he would fling open the sliding glass doors to the porch. The noise would scare the ducks into flight, and he would blast at them with his shotgun. He claimed to have the most luxurious duck blind on the Eastern shore.

They joined the Chester River Yacht Club and became a part of the community. It is a tribute to the Learmans that the county has chosen to name a street "Learman Road."

Jane's brother, Dr. Thomas R. Sharp, describes Birdsey as warm, not easily disturbed, worried or excitable, with a great sense of humor. Birdsey died at Walter Reed Army Hospital on 27 June 1967, with his family and Dr. Sharp at his bedside. Tom says, "Birdsey was a true combat casualty of the war, dying of complications resulting from malaria and hepatitis contracted in Guadalcanal."

Birdsey was always determined, dependable, and an inspiration to others. His classmates welcomed and respected him as a comrade, devoted to family, West Point and his country. We are better for having known him. He is survived by his wife Jane, his daughters, Ann (Mrs. William Requa), Eren (Mrs. Howard Rose), Linda (The Reverend Kinzan Learman), and his sister, Mrs. Cyril Hayward.

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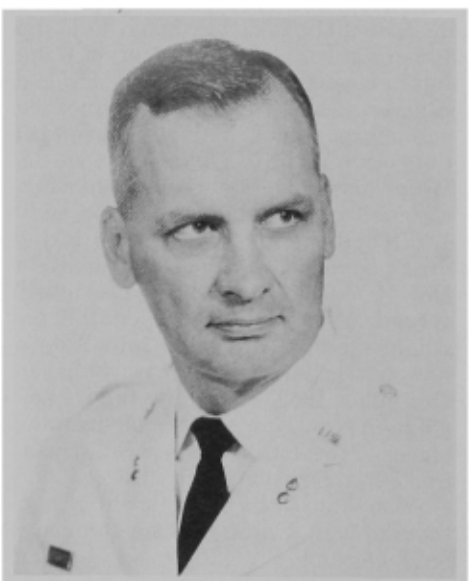
John Charles Nickerson, Jr.

NO. 11152 CLASS OF 1938

Died 1 March 1964 in Alamogordo, New Mexico, aged 48 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas.



John Charles Nickerson, Jr.

JOHN CHARLES NICHERSON, JR. (JACK) was born 18 November 1915 in Paris, Kentucky, the son of Irene (Thompson) and John Charles Nickerson, Sr. Jack was the oldest of three children, followed by Robert D. Nickerson and Mary Eldone Nickerson. He spent one year at the University of Kentucky before being appointed by Senator Barkley to West Point. At West Point he roomed with two Texans, both of whom were very fond of their native state, as Jack soon came to know. He, along with his roommates, was often too venturesome during his cadet years—canoeing along the Hudson during spring days, hiking across the frozen Hudson during winter to explore an abandoned castle, and taking off from a summer cavalry hike encampment to go skating at nearby Bear Mountain Park. Jack was a four-year member of the lacrosse team and, during his upperclass years, participated in the cadet chess club. On 14 June 1938 he was commissioned second lieutenant, Field Artillery.

Shortly after graduation, Lieutenant Nickerson was assigned to the 13th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks for training. While in Hawaii, he met Caroline Strauss. She had come to Hawaii on vacation with her aunt. Her first encounter with Jack was of the romantic on-the-beach variety that often leads to marriage. Their wedding took place in her hometown, Winston-Salem, North Carolina in May 1941. Carol was a loyal and faithful wife who supported her husband in both difficult and unusual times (including, for example, a honeymoon night in a swamp).

Jack trained and fought with the 56th Field Artillery Battalion as its commanding officer from 1942–45. He was awarded the Silver Star with Cluster, the Bronze Star, and the Air Medal with four Clusters for valor in action in Europe. After the war came Command and Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, a master's degree in aeronautical engineering from Cal Tech, and nuclear weapons work at Sandia Base. Jack's interest in missiles led to his transfer to Ordnance, and he became chief of the Rocket Branch in the Ordnance Office. Jack was strong-minded in the pursuit of goals in which he believed and was very dedicated to establishing and maintaining a major role for the Army in military missiles and rockets. He played a decisive role in establishing and retaining the Honest John, Corporal, Redstone, Pershing and Jupiter missiles. On his own initiative he secured the teamwork between the von Braun group and the Cal Tech Jet Lab necessary for our first satellite. His activity in missiles included a primary role in establishing the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Huntsville.

Again, on his own initiative, Jack challenged the 1956 DOD directive that limited Army missiles (and the Army's von Braun team) to 200 miles. His ded-

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ication to getting the DOD directive changed and his efforts to enlist support for such a change led to conflict and a reassignment to Panama.

Panama was ideal, with plenty of time for the family. Jack was Ordnance Officer and Scout Master for a Sea Scout Ship that included his oldest son. They had adventures skin-diving in the Pearl Islands, off San Andres, and in the San Blas Islands (including trips with the whole family).

On 4 October 1957 the Russians successfully launched the first man-made satellite. After several failures to launch a US satellite under the guidelines of the 1956 DOD Directive, the President asked the Army (von Braun team) to do it. The Army orbited America's first satellite on 31 January 1958 using a Jupiter C rocket that had been in storage in Huntsville for a year and four months. Jack's challenge to the DOD directive was justified.

The family moved to Fort Bliss in August 1960, where Jack was Ordnance Officer and commanding officer of the 61st Ordnance Group. Family life at Fort Bliss was busy, with skiing, camping, hiking, and school.

Colonel and Mrs. Nickerson were killed in an automobile accident on 1 March 1964, returning from a family ski trip in southern New Mexico. Jack and Carol were buried in the same manner in which they had faced the many challenges of military life and service—together. They were interred at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas. Besides their daughter, Jeanne, and three sons, John III, David and Henry, Jack is survived by his brother and sister, and Carol is survived by her brother.

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Edward Joseph York

NO. 11133 CLASS OF 1938

Died 31 August 1984 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 72 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

EDWARD JOSEPH (SKI) YORK was born in Batavia, New York on 16 August 1912, the son of James and Tekla Cichowski. He completed grammar and high school in Batavia. He enlisted in the US Army in 1930 and served in the 7th Infantry at several posts, including Chillkoot Barracks, Alaska. Ski aspired to be an officer and therefore attended the West Point Preparatory School in San Francisco for 18 months. He won a Senatorial appointment to USMA, from which he graduated on 14 June 1938 in the top third of his class. Assignment to Randolph Field for pilot training followed immediately, and he received the wings of a military pilot in 1939. Shortly before graduation he

Edward Joseph York

married the lovely Mary Elizabeth Harper of San Antonio. Together they reported to Ski's duty station at March Field, California. The outbreak of World War II found him in command of the 95th Bombardment Squadron at McChord Field, Washington.

Early in 1942, Ski volunteered for a top-secret project commanded by then-Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Doolittle that resulted in the "Doolittle Raid" on Japan. Ski was the operations officer and conducted the training of the unit at Eglin Field, Florida. Shortly before the B-25's were loaded aboard the *USS Hornet*, it was discovered that the special fuel-saving carburetors on Ski's airplane had been mistakenly replaced by the less efficient standard carburetors. Ski elected to fly the mission despite the reduced range that he could expect from his plane, and on 18 April 1942, 16 B-25's launched from the deck of the carrier *USS Hornet*, some 760 miles from Japan rather than the planned 400 miles. After dropping his bombs on his Tokyo target, Ski determined that his gas supply would not permit him to reach his planned destination in China and he headed for Vladivostok, Siberia, where he safely landed. The Russians interned Ski and his crew for 13 months before they escaped in April 1943 into Iran and returned to the United States. Characteristically, Ski utilized the internment period to become fluent in the Russian language.

Soon after his return to the States, Ski volunteered for combat service and was sent to Italy as deputy commanding officer of the 483rd Bombardment Group. He flew 24 combat missions over southern Europe before he was returned to the U.S. in August 1944 because of a policy prohibiting former internees to take part in combat operations.

His stay in the U.S. was short-lived because Ski was selected in early 1945 to be Air Attaché in Warsaw, Poland. He served in that capacity until January 1947 and became a certified Polish language translator.

Following a year and a half at Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio as commandant of the Air Force Officer Candidate School, Ski once again was sent to Europe, this time as Air Attaché in Copenhagen, Denmark. He served there for three years and returned to the U.S. in 1957.

Completion of the Air War College was followed by assignment to Headquarters US Air Force as head of the Air Attaché Branch. A five-year assignment to the Military Transport Service at Andrews and Travis Air Force Bases (1955–60) followed. When the Air Force was faced with the necessity of deploying the Titan Missile System, Ski York was chosen to serve as commander of a Site Activation Task Force at Larson AFB, Washington. This important task required two and a half years of dedicated effort.

The final military assignment for Ski was as chief of staff of the US Air Force Security Service in San Antonio, Texas, from which he retired from active duty on 31 August 1966 with 31 years of service. His decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Order of Lun Hui (Chinese), in addition to numerous theatre and campaign medals.

Following his retirement, Ski briefly continued his study of the Russian language at the University of Texas before he became city manager of Olmos Park, a suburb of San Antonio, where he served for 9 1/2 years.

This distinguished officer died in his sleep at home on 31 August 1984. He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Harper York; a son, Edward J. York, Jr., a 1970 graduate of the Air Force Academy; a daughter, Tina York Daniel; and four grandchildren. He is buried at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. We who were privileged to know Ski York will always treasure the memories of his dedication to DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY, and his unfailing humor.

General Doolittle had this to say: "Ski and I served together, I am proud to say, during the raid over Tokyo. He was the only West Pointer in the group and, as operations officer, added his knowledge and expertise to the mission. We were all grateful for his attention to detail and thorough follow-through. Not only was Edward a fine officer but an excellent individual. We miss him, but remember his terrific spirit."

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James Richard Gifford

NO. 11566 CLASS OF 1939

Died 1 November 1950 in Fort Bliss, Texas, aged 35 years.

Interment: Greene Mount Cemetery, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

James Richard Gifford

JAMES RICHARD GIFFORD was born in Savannah, Georgia, on 2 November 1914. His father, a master sergeant in the Army, died shortly after his fourth son was born. Mary Luse Gifford moved back to her hometown of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania to raise her sons. She eked out an existence until the boys were able to help the family. James, the second oldest, graduated from Waynesburg High School and then attended Waynesburg College for one year. He was a precocious boy who learned to read at age four and was a voracious reader throughout his entire lifetime. By the time he graduated from high school he had read everything from Branch Cabell to Grimm's fairy tales. In 1935 he was appointed to West Point from the Pennsylvania 25th District by Representative Charles I. Faddis. He entered the Academy on 1 July 1935 and, after Beast Barracks, was assigned to Company F. In 1936 six classmates were turned back for hazing in Company H, so in order to equalize the class size by companies, the Tac Department transferred six cadets from F, I, and K Companies to H Company. Gifford was transferred from F Company and Harvey Fraser was transferred from I Company. They became roommates and thus began a unique and long-term friendship. Because of his amazing general knowledge, Gifford was nicknamed "the Sage" or sometimes just "Pop" because he had a mature look. On graduation Gifford chose the Coast Artillery, with Hawaii as a station, and his roommate chose Engineers and Hawaii. Instead of going to New York to catch the transport to Hawaii, they both chose to drive across the country and catch the transport in San Francisco. On arriving at the Presidio for temporary duty, Gifford was first assigned as battery commander of two Anti Aircraft batteries. Needless to say, there was a shortage of Coast Artillery Corps officers. Fraser and Gifford were roommates for three months in San Francisco until the transport arrived. On arrival in Hawaii, Gifford was assigned to Fort De Russey and Fraser to Schofield Barracks. In 1940 Gifford became a mathematics instructor at the West Point Preparatory School at Schofield and moved in with Jean and Harvey Fraser on the post. He returned to the mainland before Pearl Harbor and was assigned to a newly-formed AAA battalion; he became a lieutenant colonel battalion commander before taking his battalion to England and on to the continent shortly after D-Day. When the war in Europe ended, Gifford and Fraser ended up in Third Army Headquarters and were roommates again in Bad Tolz. In early 1946 he was made marshal of the court for the Nurenberg trial of the Nazi war criminals. In 1947 he returned to the States for temporary duty at the Pentagon before being ordered to graduate study at the University of Southern California. He again moved in with the Frasers where Harvey was a student at Cal Tech. His next tour took him back to Fort Bliss and the 50th AAA Battalion, where he died on 1 November 1950, just one day before his 36th birthday. He was buried in Waynesburg, and Jean and Harvey were on hand for the last rites. Gifford claimed he was a misogynist while he was a cadet, but he later developed an interest in the ladies but never married. His life was snuffed out before his full potential was ever realized.

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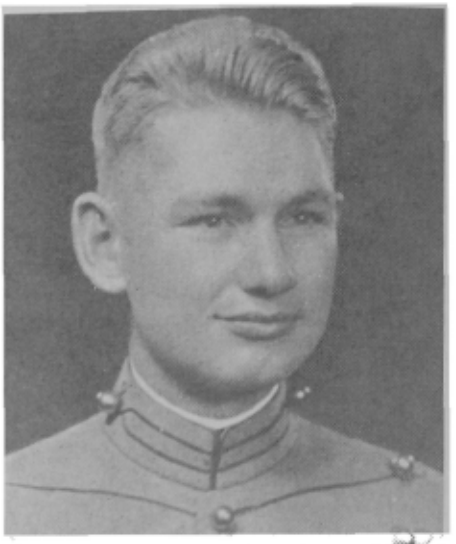
James Louis LaPrade

NO. 11597 CLASS OF 1939

Died 19 December 1944 in Bastogne, Belgium, aged 30 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



James Louis LaPrade

JIM LAPRADE was born in Kennedy, Texas on 5 April 1914, the son of Lillian B. and James T. LaPrade. He attended Thomas Jefferson High in San Antonio, where he was captain of Company "A," ROTC, and a member of the National Honor Society. He was in the Army Preparatory School at Fort Sam Houston before entering the Academy.

As a cadet, Jim was serious, good-natured, a fine friend, and always comfortable to be with. Jim loved football and went out for the team at West Point where, for four years, he persevered as a dedicated "B" squad player. By the very nature of their role, "B" squad football players get bumped and bruised by the stars. But they develop unusual esprit (born of shared misery!). More importantly, they must think and react under adverse conditions, developing qualities that contributed directly to the host of former West Point "B" squad football players who became outstanding World War II combat commanders. Jim was also on the Academy track squad for four years. With four years of football and track, he made the short trip from "M" Company barracks to the gym many, many times. A stalwart "M" Company flanker, he was high-minded and very dependable; he had great team loyalty and he just felt better doing things "right."

Jim met Mary Pool about one year before he left San Antonio. That was it! Throughout his four years at West Point, Jim felt very close to Mary, although she spent much of her time attending the University of Arkansas. They were married 15 June 1939 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. During the next five years, with numerous changes in homes and duty assignments, this devoted couple was blessed with two robust sons—James Jr. and Michael. Before Jim went overseas, they bought a home in San Antonio to get Mary settled where she would have friends.

Following graduation, Jim joined the 29th Infantry "School Troops" at Fort Benning, where he served over a year. In early 1941, well before the United States entered World War II, he became one of the leaders in the Army's development of airborne forces. These forces added a new role and a new dimension for the US Army. Jim was in on it very early. From 1941–44, Jim had airborne command, staff, and training assignments at Ben-

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ning and Bragg. When he was an airborne command liaison officer with the Air Force Materiel Center at Wright Field, he volunteered for combat duty with an airborne unit.

In the summer of 1944, Jim joined the 101st Airborne Division in Europe and commanded the 1st Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He jumped with his men in Operation Market Garden and fought with distinction in battles in France, in the Low Countries—where he was awarded a Silver Star in the midst of the operation—and in the Ardennes. He was killed in action 19 December 1944 at age 30. Jim was posthumously awarded the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. In 1949, his body was moved to West Point to be re-interred with full military honors among his comrades of the Long Gray Line.

His classmate, Harry Kinnard, recently wrote, "I well remember his last action at Bastogne when he led his battalion (1st Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment) to Noville to bail out a heavily-outnumbered armored force from the 10th Armored Division on 19 December 1944. Jim agreed to counterattack with his battalion as soon as he reached Noville, but the attack never had a chance, and he was forming a defense of Noville when an 88 round landed just outside his command post, killing Jim and wounding Major Desobry, the armor commander." Bill Desobry, now a San Antonio retiree, also very vividly remembers: "My force and Jim's battalion were trying to hold off a very large German armored force that had us badly out-gunned and outnumbered. Both of us were leaning over a map in Jim's CP when the 88 round detonated. A fragment from the same shell that got Jim hit me in the head. My ambulance was captured by the Germans. I ended World War II as a POW. They finally ran us out of there, but we really cut them up in the process." Later, the German force was identified as a Panzer tank division.

Harry, who served with Jim in the 101st Airborne Division, also wrote, "What I recall about Jim as a person was his even, pleasant disposition and his calmness under all circumstances. He was the kind of a guy you immediately wanted as a friend." Jim's "M" Company classmates respected him and would agree with Harry's concise evaluation, except in "M" Company we knew him very closely and for four cadet years!

In 1962, Jim's son, James L. Jr., serving as a lieutenant in Korea, heard of General Maxwell Taylor's appointment as Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and sent General Taylor a letter of congratulations. A few weeks later, young Jim was informed that his presence was requested at Camp Red Cloud by an "unidentified high-ranking officer." Upon reporting, Jim was led into the Officers Mess and was introduced to General Taylor, who proceeded to tell him that his father was "one of the best commanders I had during World War II." General Taylor also stated that young Jim bore a very close resemblance to his father.

What have historians written? They have written a whole lot about the "Battle of the Bulge" and Bastogne. As a commander, Lieutenant Colonel James L. LaPrade was a distinguished participant in *Battle, the Story of the Bulge* by John Toland, and in *Bastogne, the First Eight Days* by the noted military historian, S.L.A. Marshall. These accounts have been a source of much pride to Jim's family and to all who knew him as a cadet or who served with him after graduation.

Mary, Jim's widow, still lives in San Antonio. Jim Jr. also lives in San Antonio; Michael is in San Francisco.

by "M" Company Classmates

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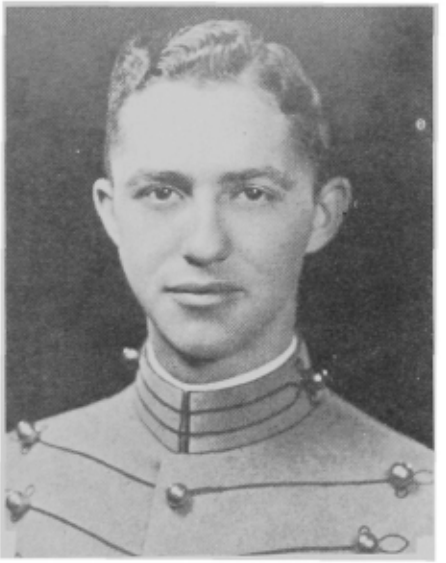
Samuel Alton Madison

NO. 11554 CLASS OF 1939

Died 3 February 1945 in Fukuoka, Japan, aged 27 years.

Interment: Fort McKinley United States Military Cemetery, Manila, Philippine Islands.



Samuel Alton Madison

SAMUEL ALTON MADISON was born in Portia, Arkansas on 6 September 1917 to Robert S. and Lura Forehand Madison. His mother died when he was a very young child, and his father later married Virginia Garner, who was mother to him throughout his boyhood days. The family moved to Williford, Arkansas where he graduated from grammar and high schools. Following one year at Jonesboro State College, "Alton," as he was known at home, was admitted to the United States Military Academy on 1 July 1935. As might have been expected, his name, among his fellow plebes, was changed to "Sam" on that day.

In that unsophisticated period of our history, who would have guessed that this quietly poised and confident young man had been reared in a rural community of population 800? These same attributes were to serve Sam well throughout plebe year, keeping him one step ahead of, and on occasion frustrating, upperclassmen. With his alert sense of humor and dry wit, Sam was comfortable in any group. On those drab Saturday and Sunday afternoons of late winter, he led the charge in the battle of barracks practical jokes. He absorbed his share in good spirit and invariably came up with the most original ideas for retribution.

Sam never claimed any personal heroes. He was his own man, unpretentious and self-sufficient. He cruised through his four years of academic and physical testing with little apparent effort, and graduated in the top half of his class. When he graduated 12 June 1939, he was ready for the job he had been trained to do.

Sam's standing in the class at graduation offered a wide choice of assignment to branch of service, and he elected the Coast Artillery Corps. His first duty station was Fort Winfield Scott, California. Following graduation leave, his travel orders directed movement by US Army transport from New York to San Francisco via the Panama Canal (the most economical way to move military personnel in 1939 when time, 17 days for this trip, was second priority to the War Department budget). The family budget was also a major concern to most Americans in 1939 and Sam, being the devoted son and brother he was, allotted a significant share of his pay to his family.

Fort Winfield Scott was but a way-stop en route to Fort Drum, Philippine Islands, a fortification in the center of the entrance to Manila Bay. Sam was one of only two officers assigned to that post. As late as August 1941, his letters reflected unqualified confidence in the preparedness of the US harbor defenses. Unfortunately, Japanese strategy and US intelligence information did not coincide, and it became, ultimately, Sam's painful duty to surrender Fort Drum to the Japanese. The infamous "Death March" and three years of imprisonment on Luzon followed. Typical of the man, one of three brief postcards he was permitted to send to his family during this period told them that he was "well," to "please see that you keep yourselves in good health," and "keep that ice box and pantry well stocked, because I'll be home someday."

Sam charmed the ladies but never got around to a serious courtship until he met an Army nurse in the Philippines. The war intervened and she, like Sam,

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was captured and held in a Japanese prison camp for three years. She survived and remained in touch with the Madison family.

Sam was among the last group of prisoners moved from Luzon and shipped to Japan. En route, his ship was sunk, but he was among the survivors. The date was 14 December 1944. On 3 February 1945, he died of colitis in a prison camp on Honshu Island.

Samuel Alton Madison, holder of the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, had completed his last tour of duty at the age of 27. Surely he knows that the request he made so many times, as he sang the alma mater, was granted:

"And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said 'Well done'
Be thou at peace."

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Daniel Andrew Nolan, Jr.

NO. 11590 CLASS OF 1939

Died 9 August 1987 in Long Beach, California, aged 70 years.

Interment: Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, California.

Daniel Andrew Nolan, Jr.

THE PASSING OF MY FATHER, Colonel Daniel A. Nolan, Jr., Ret., on 9 August 1987, marked the end of a chapter in a family history rich in national service. His devotion to his family, his country and his alma mater shaped his children and his world in a special way. When I got the call in August 1987, I started to write this farewell. I thought about the man—my father, my friend and my mentor. I thought about his youth, his career and his reward. I figured that I would have to speak at his memorial service but dad, being dad, hadn't wanted a service. So all those thoughts and words and memories built up inside me, each fighting for ascendancy and nobody winning. Only now are they starting to emerge.

I arrived at his home that night and found my three sisters already there, and lending aid and comfort to mom. Denise, the eldest, had been there that morning when dad died. Pat and Lyle had soon arrived and everyone pitched in. It was this closeness that mom and dad had instilled in us and now it was bearing fruit. Mom told us that dad had gone as he would have wanted, watching golf on one channel, a football game on the other, and kibitzing on both. That Denise and her husband were there at the time is a blessing for which I will be eternally grateful. Dad was always concerned for mom's well-being, a holdover from the early days of their marriage when mom was the rock to which dad tethered his family. That Denise was there was surely a comfort to him.

The man that shaped us was himself shaped in the early part of this century on various Army posts across the country. One of three boys and two girls born to Colonel Daniel A. Nolan, Sr. and Angela C. Nolan, he was born on 3 December 1916 in New York City. He was never able to verify his birthplace by certificate but he was convincing enough to receive the highest of security classifications later in life. He grew up on Army posts from San Francisco to New York in anything but a quiet manner. Dad told the most marvelous stories of his youth. Dad may have been one of the first insider-information traders. When his father decreed that all officers of the command would carry swagger sticks to prevent them from putting their hands in their pockets, young Danny went into the swagger stick business, making them out of willow branches and .50 caliber bullets. At .50 cents a stick he was undercutting the post exchange and figured to make a fortune. Unfortunately for the young entrepreneur, Daniel Sr. soon found out and a budding business career was summarily nipped. On another occasion, on the pretext of writing a 6th-grade theme he obtained the instructions for starting and driving a Christe tank. Once he and a couple of classmates were on the road with a commandeered Christe, they realized that they should have gotten the instructions for the shutdown procedures as well. One of the fuel cells ran dry almost immediately in the middle of the post parade ground, but the other cell kept the other track moving, and the Christe went in a circle for another hour. When it finally ran dry and the tank stopped, the military police extricated three very tired and very dizzy young boys.

Despite this life of crime dad aspired to a military career. His uncle, Dennis E. Nolan, had been West Point Class of 1896, a major general and General Pershing's chief of intelligence in World War I. His father had reached the rank of colonel with service in the World War. The Nolans had been soldiers; he would be a soldier. In 1932 he entered Valley Forge Military Academy and in 1935, the United States Military Academy at West Point as a member of the Class of 1939.

As a cadet, dad was well-known for his literary and athletic achievements. He served as editor for *SLUM AND GRAVY* and played Corps squad football, hockey and baseball. "K" Company was his home and family, and he loved to tell us stories of those halcyon days. On 12 June 1939 he bid farewell to cadet gray and donned the Army blue and Infantry crossed rifles.

His first tour took him to the wilds of Panama and brought him a life partner. Dad met and married Joan C. Doyle on 30 August 1941. The events of December of that year soon swept dad into the maelstrom of the Pacific campaign. During the preparation for overseas movement, Denise was born on 1 August 1942. Dad was then serving as an Anti Tank company commander in the 96th Division, the "Deadeyes." He rose rapidly and soon commanded the 3rd Battalion, 381st Infantry. He held this command from July 1943 until June 1945 through some of the fiercest fighting of the campaign. The Deadeyes saw action on Leyte, the Philippines and Okinawa. During these battles, dad received a Silver Star and three Bronze Stars with V device. Upon his return from overseas, he attended the University of Michigan for a course of study in Latin America. With this education in hand he was assigned as a regimental instructor in the Puerto Rican National Guard. During this tour, Patricia joined the ranks on 21 January 1947. Dad was next posted to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and the Command and General Staff College. He spent one year as a student and three years on the faculty. Daughter Lyle was born on 24 April 1951, becoming the third Nolan born at Fort Leavenworth. One of dad's brothers, Dennis, and sister, Angela, had also been born there. Following his years on the faculty, dad received orders for the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. While dad was producing a diploma, mom was producing son Daniel, III. Dad's next assignment took him back to the Pacific in the Military Assistance Group to the Chinese Army on Taiwan. While assigned there, on 10 December 1955 Candace was born. Following this assignment dad returned to the academic world on the staff and faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk. In March 1959 he received orders to report to the 1st Battle Group, 10th Infantry as commanding officer. He commanded the battle group until 1961, when he was assigned as the senior advisor to the V ROK Corps. His next assignment took

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the family to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where dad was the deputy chief of staff, Operations and Training for the Fifth US Army. In 1964 dad returned to Puerto Rico as the deputy commander and then commander of the Antilles Command. His final tour was at Fort Sam Houston, Texas as the deputy chief of staff, Operations and Training for the Fourth US Army. In July 1969, after 30 years of dedicated service, he retired to Huntington Beach, California. His awards include the Silver Star, four Bronze Stars and two Legions of Merit.

Dad's retirement years were spent in pursuit of his academic goals, 30 years of accumulated craftsman products and sports. Dad achieved a master's degree in English from Chapman College and lowered his handicap considerably. In his latter years as his health waned, dad turned his attention to computers and sought to master that arcane talent. That, travel and his craftsman's touch occupied his time until his death.

Dad is survived by his wife, Joan, daughters Denise, Pat, Lyle and Candy, and by his only son, Major Daniel A. Nolan III, USMA, Class of 1976.

I could ask for no more eloquent a summation than that provided by LTC Ed Hamilton '39 in a beautiful letter to my mother following dad's death. He describes the members of the Class of '39 as a close-knit fabric and that the cutting of each cord is felt by the whole. Finally, as the last thread unravels all that remains is the border of the fabric—a purified border in black, gray and gold. Within that border they will all meet again. "We shall trudge the steep ascent past the Cadet Chapel, debouch into the stands, see the game and ultimately grip hands again in that arena where old soldiers go who fought so long ago." Thank you, LTC Hamilton. Thank you dad, and good-bye.

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Robert William Page, Jr.

NO. 11724 CLASS OF 1939

Died 1 October 1989 in Washington, DC, aged 75 years.

Interment: Christ Episcopal Church, St. Simon's Island, Georgia.

BOB WAS BORN in El Paso, Texas, 26 August 1914, the son of Robert W. and Margaret McCracken Page. His grandfather had joined the Army of Northern Virginia in March 1861, volunteered for service in Cuba in 1898, and again for duty in the Philippines in 1900.

Perhaps it was his grandfather's military bent which led Bob, after graduation from El Paso High School, to enlist in the Army. He served at Fort Monmouth for a year and then went to the US Army Preparatory School at Fort Totten, New York. He received a senatorial appointment from New York and entered West Point in July 1935.

Robert William Page, Jr.

As a cadet Bob was active in the Debating Club (president first class year), the Cadet Players (director), and the *Pointer*. During these years Bob met Helen Smith Penn, a Navy junior. They were married immediately after graduation and went to his first duty station in Panama.

After two years in Panama they went to California, where Bob spent two years with the 7th Division in the MP Company and then with the 159th Infantry. As regimental executive Bob went with the division to Alaska, where the regiment was on Attu. As commanding officer of a separate battalion, Bob spent seven months on Shemya Island. At war's end Bob redeployed his battalion to the "lower 48" where it was inactivated. He had a variety of command jobs before going to Command and General Staff College in October 1945. They went to Germany where he served with the 3rd Division in two battalion command jobs, as commander of a Quartermaster group, then with Wurzburg Post as executive officer and as G-1. Their first son, Bob III, was born in Giessen in 1947.

Following three years in the G-1 office in the Pentagon, during which their second son, James, was born, Bob was off to Korea. He commanded a battalion and was executive officer in the 15th Infantry. There followed a tour as advisor to the Korean Army. He then went back to the States for Jump School. Bob then had the two years he liked best—as battalion and regimental commander of the 504th Airborne.

Attendance at the Armed Forces Staff College was followed by training mission duty in Iran for two years as advisor to G-1. During his next tour as advisor to 51st Division (SC and FL National Guard), Bob earned a master's degree in history from the University of South Carolina. In November 1962 Bob left South Carolina to undertake language training and counterintelligence instruction in preparation for duty as chief, US Army Mission and commander, US Military Group in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Shortly after he arrived on station the Villeda Morales government was overthrown, and Bob returned to his final assignment as Tennessee sector commander for XII Corps Area. For his service in this Reserve Components task he was awarded the Legion of Merit at his retirement, 31 January 1967. During his service he also earned the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the wings of a Master Parachutist.

Following retirement Bob taught at Brunswick Junior College near their home on St. Simon's Island, Georgia. He retired from teaching in 1974 to become treasurer of his church and superintendent of its cemetery, posts he held until he finally retired in 1987. He and Helen then moved to the Thomas House retirement home in Washington, DC.

Throughout his careers and in retirement Bob followed his interests in photography, philately, and effective public speaking. When cancer set in, Bob fought back valiantly. He hoped to get to the 50th Reunion, but it seemed impossible. His nurse was so impressed with his love for the Academy and his class that she volunteered to accompany him. His desire and her generous offer made his attendance possible, and all of us were inspired and overjoyed to see him there.

Bob was one of the first to volunteer donations to the 1939 President's Fund to give confidential help to any classmate needing it.

On 1 October 1989 Bob died of cancer. Helen arranged a beautiful memorial service in Thomas House, conducted by the Reverend James Holmes, their parish priest at St. John's Episcopal Church. The hall was packed with family, classmates, and friends.

Helen is staying in Thomas House; Robert III and his family live in Spartanburg, South Carolina; and James and his family live in Falls Church, Virginia.

Robert William Page, Jr. loved his family, his church and his country. He gave to every task his full effort. We who have known him and served with him have all benefited from his journey with the Class of 1939.

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Roger Edwards Phelan

NO. 11439 CLASS OF 1939

Died 10 January 1990 in Montgomery, Alabama, aged 73 years.

Interment: Burial Garden of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery, Alabama.

Roger Edwards Phelan

ROGER EDWARDS PHELAN passed away 10 January 1990 after a long fight with emphysema. He was born 3 August 1916 in Newport, Rhode Island, into a family of West Pointers—a great, great uncle, his father, and two brothers, all members of the Long Gray Line.

As an Army brat, Roger spent his boyhood years in various places, from New England to Hawaii. He attended prep school in Lake Placid, New York, and won a competition for a Connecticut Senatorial appointment to the Academy in 1935.

At West Point, Roger experienced no great problems with academics, nor with the system, and graduated in the upper quarter of his class in 1939. Indoctrination flights from Mitchell Field during first class summer had convinced him that he wanted to fly, so he requested and received a detail in the Air Corps. He was ordered to Primary Flight Training at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he reported for duty in September 1939.

At Tuscaloosa, he not only learned to fly, but also met his wife-to-be. He and Margie were married in December 1939 and reported to Randolph Field, Texas after a five-day honeymoon. After further training at Randolph and Kelly Fields, he received his wings in June 1940. Upon transfer to Langley Field, Virginia, he spent the next 17 months in intensive training for the tasks ahead as our involvement in World War II developed. The morning after Pearl Harbor he departed Langley with the 22nd Bombardment Group, en route to the Southwest Pacific Area. On the West Coast, the B-26's of his outfit were disassembled and sealifted to Hawaii where they were reassembled and flown to Australia to join the Far East Air Force.

Roger was promoted rapidly, and eventually, in May 1943, he became commander of the 22nd Bombardment Group. At the end of 1943 he was ordered back to the States where his extensive combat experience was put to work training bombardment units and crews for our world-wide commitments.

When World War II ended, Roger was selected to serve on General "Hap" Arnold's advisory council (a group of colonels who handled all of General Arnold's extra Air Force business, including Joint Chiefs and Combined Chiefs activities). He was personally commended for his performance of these duties when General Arnold retired.

During the years that followed World War II, Roger continued his own professional military education and contributed significantly to the Air Force's overall educational program. He helped develop the original Air Command and Staff College curriculum and served as one of the first instructors for that course. In addition to the Air Command and Staff College, he completed the Armed Forces Staff College and the Air War College just in time to go back to war in Korea in 1953. There, he commanded the 3rd Bombardment Wing and later served as the Fifth Air Force Liaison Officer to the Seventh Fleet, afloat.

In the summer of 1954, Roger returned to Washington for assignment to the Joint Staff, and later to War Plans on the Air Staff. After this four-year stint in the Pentagon, he welcomed his next assignment to another real flying organization—the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, California. There, as Inspector General and then chief of staff of the center, he was involved in the cutting edge of the Air Force's research and development flying.

Back in the Pentagon once more in 1961, Roger was assigned to the Weapons System Evaluation Group (a part of the JCS organization), and then back to Air Force Plans where he was promoted to brigadier general and then transferred to Paris as director of plans for the US European Command.

In March 1967, Roger and Marge returned to the United States and Roger became the director of Air University's Aerospace Studies Institute at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, where studies were being conducted with particular emphasis on lessons learned in the air war in Vietnam. At his retirement in 1968, he was recalled to active duty and asked to continue as director of the Institute for an additional period to complete the important studies underway.

When he retired for the second time in 1969, he and Margie settled in Montgomery, Alabama—not surprising, since they had spent so many years stationed at nearby Maxwell Air Force Base. For years Roger was active in civic and religious organizations in Montgomery, until his health began to fail. As always, he remained fiercely loyal to the Air Force and to West Point.

Throughout his life, Roger displayed a unique facility for separating right from wrong, the important from the unimportant, and he possessed the intelligence, the ability, and the drive to act on his convictions. He was analytical and meticulous in his approach to life and could not abide slipshod solutions by himself or any of his associates. A keen sense of humor and an awareness of the views of others earned him the respect and friendship of those fortunate enough to know him well.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie, daughter Elaine (Mrs. Robert L. Smith), son Air Force Major Roger E. Phelan, Jr., and two granddaughters.

A Classmate

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Jack Curtright McClure, Jr.

NO. 12327 CLASS OF 1941

Died 9 August 1964 in London, England, aged 45 years.

Interment: Restland Cemetery, Dallas, Texas.

Jack Curtright McClure, Jr.

JACK (MAC) MCCLURE was born 7 October 1918 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He grew up in Dallas, where he attended Highland Park High School and was commander of the ROTC cadet corps.

He came to West Point already infused with the ideals of Duty, Honor, Country. He could find good in everybody, and his friends were many. His love of life,

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consideration of others, his humor and cheerfulness were contagious. He retained his aura of coming from Texas throughout four cadet years, and could always come up with a good story about his great state.

In academics he coached those less fortunate, kept himself in the ranks of the engineers, and stood so high in tactics and in the respect of his peers that he went through first class year as a lieutenant in E Company, the very best. He was captain of the Rifle Team and a highly-regarded member of the Honor Committee. It is only fitting that his Class of 1941 rebuilt and furnished the Honor Committee Room and will care for it in perpetuity.

Jack met his wife Peggy (Margaret Isabel Allen) at a football game in Michie Stadium in October 1942, as he stopped on his way to ferry a P-47 from Mitchell Field back to Hartford. They were married on 21 February 1943. Young Jack was born in 1944 and Ken in 1947.

Jack shipped out early to the Southwest Pacific in 1943 and commanded the 310th Fighter Squadron (P-47's) for over a year. He then commanded the Headquarters Squadron of the Far East Air Force in 1944, and in 1945 took over command of the 498th Bomb Squadron (B-25's). Jack flew one of the two Mitchell Bombers that led the Japanese "Betty" Bombers to Ie Shima on 18 August 1945; there the envoys were transferred to our C-54's and taken to Manila where General Douglas MacArthur met them with the surrender terms.

In Japan after the war, from 1945–46, he was Deputy Chief of Staff of V Bomb Command. While on a mission to assess and evaluate the bomb damage to the island of Taiwan, he became interested in the Chinese people and their culture—an interest which was to lead to his assignment in Taiwan ten years later.

After serving two years in the Directorate of Plans and Operations, Headquarters USAF, he applied for language and area training and went to the Army Language School in Monterey, California to study Chinese. The second year was at Yale University, where the family enjoyed living two doors from Jean and Al Moody and their girls.

In 1955, Jack returned to Taiwan, where he served as assistant air attache to China through 1958. This was the favorite assignment for all four McClures. Jack was the highest ranking officer who could speak, read and write in the Chinese language. Son Jack III remembers with pride the day his dad delivered a major speech to thousands of Taiwanese citizens—in Chinese. He says, "You could have heard a pin drop in that big tent."

Upon completion of the assignment in Taiwan in 1958, Jack really wanted to get back into flying in SAC. But true to his character, he told his family that he would go wherever the Air Force thought he was most needed. Not surprisingly, that was back in the Pentagon. But this new tour in Washington was also the time of a major new project for the family—the building of their first house. With the major construction under the able general contracting of a semi-retired Navy commander, the McClure family signed on for the painting subcontract. Many evenings and most weekends would see all four McClures at the Lake Barcroft, Virginia construction site, covered with paint and smiles. Their new home was the scene of many a memorable dinner party, more often than not including the delectable Chinese cooking that Peggy had mastered in Taiwan.

In Washington in 1961, Jack suffered his first heart attack. While he recovered well over the next two years, this ended his flying career.

In 1963 he was assigned to London as an exchange officer with R.A.F. Intelligence. The family of three (young Jack III was in college at Texas Tech) lived in a flat in Ealing, and got to know well both people in official circles and in the British neighborhood. Then, in August of 1964, while still attached to the US Embassy in London, Jack suffered his second, and fatal, heart attack.

Ken and Peggy moved to Lubbock to join son Jack at Texas Tech. After Jack's graduation, Peggy moved back to Washington, and began her career in catering management, first at the Army-Navy Club, then the National Press Club, and finally as manager of the Women's National Democratic Club. In 1980, Peggy married Kenneth B. Johnson (Colonel, USAF Retired), and they lived in Washington, DC and in Florida. Since his death in 1986, Peggy has lived in Punta Gorda, Florida.

As of this writing, son Jack lives in the San Francisco area, where he is president of a professional publishing company. Jack, wife Kay, and sons Adam and Andre live in Tiburon. Asked what he remembers most from his father, Jack says, "His idealism. Certainly that is what I learned most from him. My admiration of that has been a strong guiding factor in my whole life."

Son Ken lives in San Antonio, with wife Beverly and young son Jason. Ken's older children (Mac's grandchildren) are grown; son Kenneth is in the Army, and daughter Vicki is in college. Ken is a vice-president of USAA Life Insurance, and a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve, now serving as a C-5 command pilot with the 68th Military Airlift Squadron at Kelly AFB (and as of 30 August 1990, on active duty due to the Mid-east crisis). Asked what he most remembers, Ken says, "His sense of humor. The idealism I learned from him naturally and without realizing it. But I remember most his sense of humor, and how that helped us through the rough spots and helped us enjoy the good times."

Duty, idealism, humor and a lot more—a fitting legacy for Jack's sons, his family, and his classmates.

Jack C. McClure, III and Kenneth A. McClure

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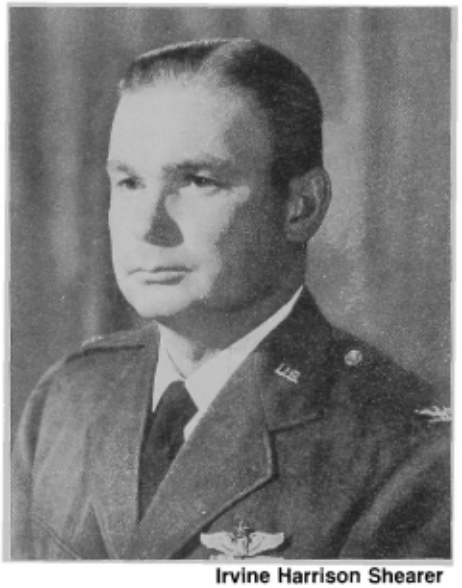
Irvine Harrison Shearer

NO. 12199 CLASS OF 1940

Died 30 November 1989 in Winter Park, Florida, aged 72 years.

Inurnment: Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery, Savannah, Georgia.



Irvine Harrison Shearer

IRVINE HARRISON SHEARER was born in Alapaha, Georgia on 16 February 1917, the son of Oscar French and Rosa Elliott Shearer. He attended school in Alapaha until 1931, when he transfered to Nashville to complete high school. An outdoorsman and scholar by nature, he spent much of his time fishing and hunting but always carried a dictionary in his pocket to study.

Irvine began his college career at South Georgia College in Douglas, but soon was determined to seek an appointment to the United States Military Academy. His brother, Kenneth, remembers that Irvine announced his intentions to their father and set off with five dollars in his pocket to hitch-hike to the home of the 8th District Representative, Brazewell Dean, in search of the appointment. He received it.

Entering the Military Academy during the summer of 1935, Irvine was known to his classmates as Izzy. Alan C. Gillem, one of Izzy's classmates, remembers that Izzy was known for his "common sense,

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[which when] combined with an obvious dedication to the West Point code, gained him the complete respect and affection of his classmates." Another classmate, Joseph Donohue, remembers that Izzy also lived for the weekends when he could pursue his love of sports and the theater by making frequent trips to New York City. Irvine graduated in 1940 and was assigned to the Air Force.

During World War II, Irvine was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, and flew 22 missions with a total of 285 combat hours. His friend Zeke Summers remembers when Irvine's plane was forced down during the Battle of the Coral Sea; he was listed as missing in action. Zeke was there when Irvine walked down out of the mountains of New Guinea, with a native escort he had conscripted, all of whom were chanting, "Bless them all."

Irvine, who became a senior pilot after World War II, continued his professional education by attending several service schools, including Command and General Staff School, Air Command and Staff School, and the Air War College. He served on the faculty of the Air University's Air Tactical School for several years. His top service assignments included command of Hensley Air Force Base and MacDill Air Force Base. He also served as Deputy Chief of Staff (Plans) at Headquarters Military Air Transport Service.

Upon his retirement in 1957, Irvine obtained his teaching certificate from Georgia Southern College and taught in the public school systems in Savannah and McRae, Georgia. In 1973 he married Rose Marie O. Jenkins, purchased a Winnebago, and the two traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Irvine still retained his love of sporting events; thus, he and Rose Marie attended such events as Super Bowls, college bowl games, World Series, golf tournaments, and rodeos. But the highlight of their travels was a trip they made with the Winnebago International Travelers over the Western Sierra Madre Mountains on a flatcar from Chihuahua to Guaymas.

Irvine and Rose Marie decided to settle down in 1981 and bought a home in Winter Park. They still traveled, mostly to a fishing camp on the St. John River and West Point reunions.

Irvine "Izzy" Shearer was a unique man and is sadly missed. He is survived by his wife Rose Marie; two brothers and two sisters; his four children, Mark, Lee, Shaw, and Cynthia; and two grandchildren.

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William Douaire Neale

NO. 13365 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 27 November 1988 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, aged 68 years.

Cremation, ashes interred in West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

William Douaire Neale

BILL NEALE was born in Chicago, Illinois to Helen Douaire Neale and Dr. Pete Neale. He attended Our Lady of Peace Grammar School and Mt. Carmel High School, gathering honors in math and sports. After one year at Loyola University on a scholarship, he joined with us at West Point in July 1939 as we entered. In the summer of 1942 he started pilot training, but discovered it was not for him and was commissioned in Field Artillery on that cold January day in 1943.

After Artillery school at Fort Sill, he married Dolly Moore in Chicago en route to join the 66th Panther Division at Camp Blanding, Florida. The division moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, for more training before going overseas. Dolly and Bill's first daughter, Gloria, arrived in time for her dad to make her acquaintance before the division shipped out. In the winter of 1944–45, the division was on the way to the Battle of the Bulge, but suffered such heavy casualties crossing the Channel that the mission was changed. The 66th went to Lorient to guard the submarine pens.

After the war Dolly and Gloria joined Bill in the Occupation Forces in Frankfurt, an area with many classmates and where they forged many lasting friendships. Carolyn was born there in 1947. In January 1949 she and Gloria were joined by Shari at Camp Pickett, Virginia, where Bill was S-1 of the 17th Airborne Division's Artillery. The personnel field then led the family to the Washington area where Bill was an assignment officer in Career Management. In 1953 Bill was sent as a truce observer in Pakistan and India. A year later he became artillery battalion commander at Fort Benning, followed the next year by CGSC at Fort Leavenworth.

From there it was back to Washington where Bill started a series of intelligence assignments with OACSI. Simultaneously, he got a master's degree from Georgetown in international relations. Both Cindy and Bill were born during these Washington tours. In 1962 the Neales were sent to Rome, Italy, where Bill became the assistant Army attache and then Army attache. Valerie was born in Italy during this tour. It was then that Bill left the Artillery for Intelligence.

Bill was a member of the Golden Class of 1966 at the Army War College before he commanded the 525th MI Group in Vietnam, winning a Legion of Merit. August 1967 found him back at the War College in the Department of Research and Studies, and then as chairman of the important Non-resident Program. His last assignment was at Fort Meade, Maryland, before retirement in Colorado Springs where he worked for the state in the Department of Social Services until 1978. He was manager of the neighborhood association and worked diligently for the community—that is, when he was not writing articles for publication, cooking gourmet meals, reading several books at one time, and listening to classical music, not to mention caring for a large garden. It was there that he died, leaving his wife, their six children and their spouses, and ten grandchildren.

By far the best summation of Bill's life and its meaning is offered by the beautiful eulogy written by his children and read by Cindy during the funeral service at the Air Force Academy Chapel. Some excerpts follow:

"My father would have loved to attend this service—not so much to revel in the accolades but to see to it that everyone had enough to eat afterwards. You see, that's the way he was. Although he was a true intellectual and had much to teach us, he preferred to trim things down to their basic elements. He instilled in his children the simple truth that compassion is the greatest virtue a person could possess. He believed that this alone could cure much of the world's tribulations.

"He lived by the West Point code of Duty, Honor, Country. Just prior to his death he told my brother that he believed in taking care of his own, be it his friends, family or community. We, his children, will aspire to live our lives in such a manner. . . . He wanted this for his family and, dad, we'll give it our best. . . .

"He did not fear the idea of death, but he did fear the possible diminishment of

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life brought on by the ravages of time. He left this world with dignity and mercy. We can all hope for as much when it is our turn to finish the race well-run.

"On this day he would want us to know, as he did, of the peace which comes from a life well-lived. He is gone. . . and with this reality we can find comfort in remembering Colonel William Neale as he was. He was as fine a man as we have ever known. He was wise and practical. He was a man of generosity and caring for his family. He was a patriotic servant to his country and community as well as a good role model.

"He is our father and our friend. He will always be with you. He will always be with us."

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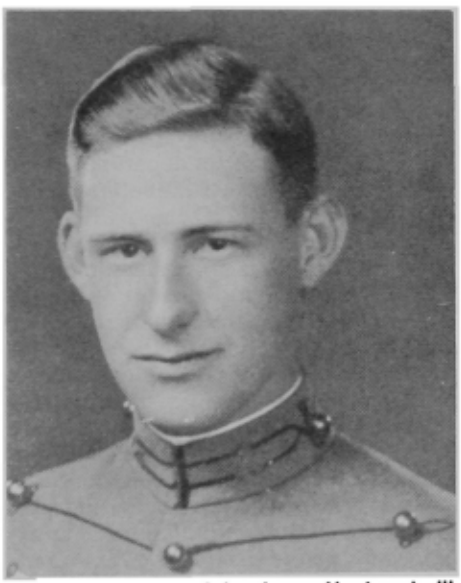
John Jones Upchurch, III

NO. 13043 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 1 August 1989 in New Port Richey, Florida, aged 68 years.

Interment: Williston, Florida.



John Jones Upchurch, III

IT COULD HAVE BEEN FORESEEN that Jack Upchurch would be among the highest-ranking men in academics of our class. He joined us after three years at the University of Florida, where he won high honors. He was on the plebe baseball squad, and also in the chess club, exemplifying both sides of officer development. First class year Jack was one of the four selected to play a role halfway between cadet and officer: while carrying the full load of first class subjects, he also taught Spanish to second classmen. Professor's insignia joined the stars on his collar.

Jack's assignment to the Engineers was a natural, as he graduated No. 6 in the class. But his assignment to the 100th Infantry Division was to be the high point in his life. He joined the 329th Engineer Battalion, and commanded a company in it from May 1943 to November 1945. His service won him two Bronze Stars and a Commendation Medal. But he was proudest of the Presidential Unit Citation won by his company for assaulting the Maginot Line. In February 1946 Jack joined several of us in Theater Headquarters G-2 (then called ETOUSA and later USFET, before becoming EUCOM). Here he won another Commendation Medal.

A master's degree in engineering from Harvard resulted in assignment back to his beloved Florida, where, in his words, he ". . . tackled floor control and fished for black bass in the Florida Everglades for two years." After the Advanced Course at Belvoir, it was back to Germany and to the Engineer Battalion of the 2nd Armored Division. By 1954 Jack had decided that his future lay elsewhere than in the Army, and he resigned as a major in 1954. He continued his association with the Reserves, and eventually retired as a Reserve lieutenant colonel.

A new career in real estate brought a long-time move to Haworth, New Jersey, where the welcome mat was out for classmates stationed at West Point. In retrospect, Jack's leaving the Army may have been an error. But in his first years of duty, he had not been tolerant of lower standards on the part of his superiors, and this had led to OER bias which he found difficult to overcome. To the end of his life he worked with the 100th Division Association, and West Point remained very much in his mind. He was often an attendee at football games and class reunions. His two weeks of active duty each year were spent at West Point, working with the construction program and scouting for the football team.

For 18 years Jack lived in Haworth. Three months after graduation, he had married Barbara Nehring, an attractive brunette who was very popular with class groups. They had three sons—Paul, John and Rick—joined later by Lois, their little sister. During these 18 years Jack proudly watched his sons go to college, start careers, get married, and also saw the arrival of his first grandchild, the first of seven.

But at the end of this same period, other things began to go awry. He sold his real estate business. His marriage to Barbara ended. A second marriage and a move to California took him away from the area where so much of his life had been lived. Finally he moved back to his roots in Florida, in the town his grandfather had founded. A third marriage ended in divorce. By this time Jack's health had begun to fail as well. Ironically, this last illness proved a reconciling factor, as his children rallied around him, and a long-standing estrangement was dissolved. He died after a lengthy illness, but it is typical of him that one of his last conscious acts was to send a final contribution to the Class Fund toward the 50-year book and anniversary which he would miss.

Rest well, old trooper. We shall toast you in spirit at the 50th.

—*His Family and Classmates*

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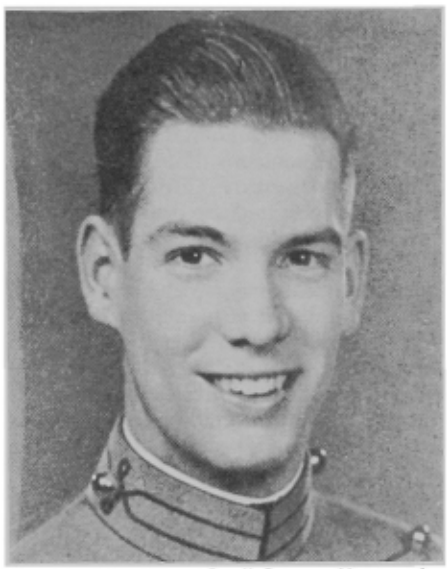
Cecil George Young, Jr.

NO. 13077 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 17 December 1989 in Palos Verdes, California, aged 69 years.

Interment: Green Hill Cemetery, Palos Verdes, California.



Cecil George Young, Jr.

GEORGE YOUNG spent two years at M.I.T. before coming to USMA. He made no mistake. Academics were easy for him, and pure determination and hard work made him an intercollegiate diver. He was on the team for all four classes, winning his numerals as a plebe and the monogram in the next two years. But early graduation kept him from the final winter season of swimming.

On 19 January Cadet Young graduated in the top ten percent of the class. On 20 January Lieutenant Young of the Anti Aircraft married Alice in the Cadet Chapel. They were destined to spend the first year of married life wandering from branch school to Harvard to M.I.T. before George finally sailed for Europe. In his words, he nursed his radar equipment through England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany, winning a Bronze Star, a Commendation Medal and the Croix de Guerre. After a year of Occupation duties he returned to earn a master's degree in electrical engineering at the University of Pennsylvania. As a result, he spent the rest of our first ten years in a nuclear net, to include tests in the Pacific and work at Sandia and Los Alamos. That concentration led him to branch transfer to Ordnance.

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Four years of active duty in Ordnance also included Jump school added to such esoteric fields as ballistic research, R&D and nuclear reactor work for the A.E.C. By 1956 George was ready to work the other side of the fence. He resigned as a lieutenant colonel and went to work for McDonnell Company in St. Louis as a research scientist. That led to marketing, and he and Alice moved to the West Coast where George managed the western region of McDonnell, staying on after the merger with McDonnell Douglas. Palos Verdes Estates was to be their home for the rest of their lives together. Their two sons, Rick and Pete, finished school in California and also settled there.

When George left active duty he entered the Reserves, retiring as a colonel in 1966. Twelve years later he retired from McDonnell Douglas, but continued to work as a consultant in a variety of fields. Shortly before Christmas 1989 he finally succumbed to cancer and was interred in the town he had come to love so well. He is survived by Alice, his wife of more than 46 years; by his elder son, Rick; and by five grandchildren. Son Peter's rising career as a story director for Disney Studios was cut short in 1985 by complications of influenza. Tessa and Brad are the children of Rick and Mary; Amy, Jenny and Christy are the children of Peter and Sue. In 1991 Tessa is scheduled to graduate from Annapolis and George had looked forward to pinning on her bars as an ensign. Sadly that was not to be.

In George Young we have lost a classmate who performed, with style and distinction, a series of posts in the very complicated work of science related to defense. All of his background headed him in that direction. He and Alice had a most satisfying life, marred only by the death of their son. George's life was full, but it is tragic he could not live to see his granddaughter serve as an officer in Navy blue. How he would have enjoyed that graduation! Rest well, old friend. You have merited your "Well Done."

Family and Classmates

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Charles Coleman Martin, Jr.

NO. 13966 CLASS OF 1944

Died 2 January 1986 in Santa Ana, California, aged 62 years.

Interment: Oak Grove Cemetery, Knights Ferry, California.

CHARLES COLEMAN MARTIN, JR., known to his classmates as "C.C.," passed away 2 January 1986. Leaving the military service at a young age, he went on to a distinguished aerospace industry and management consultant career in which he won international recognition

Charles Coleman Martin, Jr.

as an authority in the field of project management.

C.C. was born 5 November 1923 in Hillsboro, New Mexico. His mother was Mae P. Martin and his father was Charles C. Martin. C.C. graduated from Hot Springs High School, Hot Springs, New Mexico, in 1939. He entered New Mexico Military Institute in the same year and graduated in 1941; he was class valedictorian.

C.C. entered West Point on 1 July 1941 as an honor military school appointee from New Mexico Military Institute. Throughout his time at the Academy, he was an outstanding scholar and participated in a wide variety of activities. He was designated a distinguished cadet based on his academic standing in each of his three cadet years. He was named his company representative to the Cadet Corps Honor Committee in his first class year. His activities were numerous: academic coach, concert orchestra, debating society, chess club, squash club, *Pointer* and *Howitzer* staffs.

C.C. chose Infantry as his branch of service and ranked sixth in his class upon graduation 6 June 1944. Two weeks before, he had injured his arm. Because of this injury, he was given a physical disability discharge upon graduating and was then commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States in a limited-service status.

Returned to full-duty status in September 1944, C.C. was assigned to the USMA Mathematics Department as an instructor. In 1945, he was sent to the European Theater of Operations in the field of technical intelligence. One of his principal duties was the search for German rocket technology. Later in 1945, he was sent to the California Institute of Technology where he obtained a master of science degree in aeronautical engineering.

In 1946, he left the military service and took a position with Douglas Aircraft Company in the guided missiles field. Douglas Aircraft Company later became a part of McDonnell Douglas Corporation, and its guided missiles functions subsequently were taken over by the McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company. C.C. remained with McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company until retiring in 1975. During his years with Douglas and McDonnell Douglas, he rose to positions of increasing technical scope and managerial responsibility.

In the beginning stage of his career, from 1946–49, he was a propulsion engineer and assistant project engineer. He was involved in the preliminary design of the propulsion system for the RAND satellite launch system and had responsibility for all solid propellant rocket design. As assistant project engineer, he managed field test planning and operations at the proving ground.

During the following nine years, C.C. occupied three different positions: group engineer, operations research; general supervisor, missiles service; and chief missiles propulsion engineer. In these positions, he directed operations research in missile design and cost effectiveness, directed design and development of missile propulsion systems and managed a logistics department providing support to over 30 field installations.

From 1958–60 he was engineering manager and field superintendent of Project Emily. In the former position, he directed the engineering department in the final development and test of a major turn-key missile system deployment. As field superintendent, he directed the installation of this system.

Following this, C.C. served for three years as manager, Douglas Aircraft Company in the United Kingdom; and program manager of Skybolt in the United Kingdom. In these positions, he reported to the president; vice-president, public relations; and vice-president, Skybolt.

In 1963, he was named assistant to the vice-president, programs. In this position he formulated improved methods of program management, system engineering management, and configuration management. He assisted the vice-president in their implementation.

Two years later, C.C. moved to the position of director, field plans and operations, in which he reported to the vice-president, field operations. He planned the organizational consolidation of five major field operations numbering over 4,000 people, and developed improved operational and management methods of field installations. He also directed budgeting and cost control.

Next for C.C. in 1968 was the post of program manager, Safeguard Spartan

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Deployment, in which he reported to the vice-president, Safeguard Spartan. He directed all organization, planning, quality assurance, and field operations of the missile deployment. He managed the budgeting, scheduling and cost control of the operation.

His culminating position, beginning in 1971, was that of director, business management systems, reporting to the executive vice-president. He oversaw the development of policies and procedures for general management and managed a computer services budget exceeding ten million dollars. During his tenure, he developed and implemented a number of changes and programs that brought about manpower savings, cost savings and improved management capabilites. He made organizational consolidations that resulted in a 30% manpower savings in the affected elements. He increased the use of advanced microfilm techniques, with major savings in cost and paperwork.

He directed the development and implementation of a million-dollar cost/schedule control system meeting Department of Defense requirements, and an on-line purchasing system permitting significant cost savings. He directed the design of an integrated computer-based management system for all engineering activities.

Throughout his career, both with McDonnell Douglas and later as a consultant, C.C. periodically did formal graduate school work, principally in business administration, finance and allied subjects. Among the educational institutions he attended were the University of California/Los Angeles, the University of California/Irvine and the Defense Systems Management College.

After beginning his consultant work, he devoted considerable time to professional activities. These included writing a book, serving on professional bodies, lecturing and presenting papers. His book, *Project Management—How to Make it Work*, published by the American Management Association, has been printed in several foreign languages, including Japanese, and is used as a college text. He presented a special lecture series for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a five-day course on project management for the American Management Association. The latter was presented in major American and European cities. He also served as a visiting lecturer at the Defense Systems Management College. One of his most significant paper presentations, made on the subject of program management, was to a European seminar sponsored by the French national space agency CNES. The seminar dealt with large space programs management.

As a consultant, C.C. worked both independently and in association with consulting firms. His clients were both government and industrial. Among them were the Department of Defense, the state of California, Control Data Corporation, Ford Motor Company, Sperry-Univac, Ling Temco Vought, and Zerox. C.C. was active in his consultant work until his untimely passing in 1986. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1947, and by two daughters, Carla and Celia.

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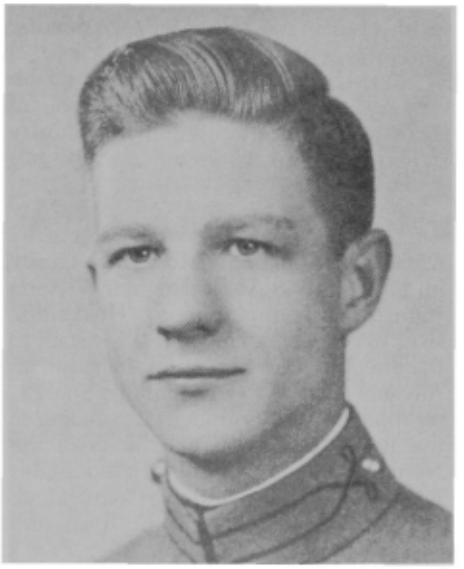
Peter Gerald Arend

NO. 15809 CLASS OF 1946

Died 12 April 1951 near Uijongbu, Korea, aged 27 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



Peter Gerald Arend

IT IS INDEPENDENCE DAY as we write about Pete Arend. John Adams said, ". . . It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance. . . . It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward for evermore." Indeed it has been and is today with spectacular fireworks lighting our neighboring skies. Solemnity—yes, some think hard on how many times that freedom, that independence has had to be won and re-won.

Pete took command of A Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, on 19 March 1951. As part of the 24th Division, IX Corps, they had been engaged for about a week in "Operation Ripper," whose ultimate objective was to re-establish the front lines on or above the 38th parallel. The first phase, a qualified success, ended about 1 April and the continuation, "Operation Rugged," began on 3 April. For this operation and the one that followed on 11 April, "Operation Dauntless," Pete's division was attached to I Corps, whose sector was the extreme left flank of Eighth Army, the 24th Division being the right flank of the Corps, and the 19th Infantry the left of the division's two front-line regiments. Progress was steady, but during the advance, Pete was killed in action on 12 April 1951. The exact location is unknown, but was probably 15 or 20 miles northeast of Uijongbu.

Pete's wife, Roberta Arend Ryan, confirms that Pete joined the 19th on 19 March and that the details of Pete's death were given to her a short time later by a G.I. of his company who saw Pete go up the hill that last day. (That soldier had seen an article about Pete in an Albany, New York newspaper.)

Rollie Dessert recalls that Pete was in a HQ company of the 187th in a non-TO&E slot in the fall of 1950 waiting for reassignment to a line company as platoon leader. "A TWX came in searching for a company commander and Pete jumped at the chance, there being no such vacancies available in our regiment." Rollie heard the same information about Pete's death that was given to Roberta and he never learned more details. He added his own view: "I loved Pete like a brother. We soldiered together at Fort Campbell for a year before the Korean War broke out. We went overseas together on the same ship, landing at Moji, Japan in mid-August 1950. We shipped out of there and went to Fukuoka (Ashiya AFB) where we reorganized into battalion combat teams. We were originally slated to jump into Kimpo, near Seoul, on 20 September, and link back up with the Marines who had landed at Inchon. Instead, at the last minute, the plan was changed to an air-landing operation on 25 September. We linked up with the Marines that night. They took Seoul and we cleared the Chinnampo Peninsula northwest of Seoul during the latter part of September. We went into a marshaling area at Kimpo in early October to prepare for our 20 October jump at Sukchon, 20 miles north of Pyongyang. That was the last time I saw Pete. He was in good spirits as always, but frustrated because he wasn't in a line company.

"Pete possessed soldierly qualities to an outstanding degree—[he was] knowledgeable, loyal, enthusiastic, hard-working, and idealistic; he lived and breathed Duty, Honor, Country most conscientiously. He was the epitome of the Christian gentleman that few truly become. He loved his wife dearly, loved his Roman Catholic faith with all his heart, loved people, and was always positive about everything. If Pete had any vices, I am not aware of them. Any E-2 file will tell you that Pete was loved and respected as a cadet and as a commissioned officer."

Tom McMinn confirms: "Pete was,

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indeed, a good friend of mine. I always admired him greatly—even at West Point. He was always so humble and conscientious and forthright that, at times, it even hurt. I remember in the 187th that Pete served in Company D, the battalion weapons company under Captain Hugh Hendrickson (who was not a USMA graduate but a mighty fine officer); I recall his saying one time that Pete was THE FINEST OFFICER IN THE ARMY."

Pete was made principal of the Dependent School at Camp Crawford, Japan for several months while the school waited for a person to come from the States. Later, during this first tour, he spent hours at night, writing all the lesson plans for an NCO school at Crawford.

There was much to be learned from the early deaths of some classmates, particularly companymates whom we knew well; and in looking back there are still lessons in living and dying. Ray McCullen writes poignantly of the beginnings: "In long life we can find the whole measure of a person, but most of our traits, methods, characteristics were fashioned and fixed in youth.

"Pete, E. R. Van Deusen and I were roommates for three years. We were assigned as plebes and remained together until graduation. Once we left West Point, however, each went his own way and we didn't keep up. I don't know that any of us heard from the other after graduation—at least not for any length of time."

Pete was one of six children of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Arend of Aurora, Missouri. Two of his older brothers were OCS officers in World War II. Their experience and Pete's admiration of them were strong influences in his striving for West Point. Ray continues: "Pete was the salt-of-the-earth type. He had a strong will to succeed. He struggled and worked to achieve excellence—and persevere he did. He had a good sense of humor; he was a good friend and a good roommate. To me, he epitomized 'Duty, Honor, Country.' He was true blue to all. I think he was completely dedicated to his job and career. If I were in a critical battlefield situation, I don't know of anyone I would rather have beside me, or backing me up, or looking over my shoulder, than Pete. I think he would give up his life in a second for his duty, his honor, his country, or his friend. He was that kind of person. While I don't know his whole life, this is my best and early recollection of Pete."

Ed Van Deusen expands upon the roommates' strong impressions: "Most cadets studied, but Pete spent his life in the sinks after 'lights out.' It is impossible not to respect a man who knew each day would bring a new and more complex adversity, but Pete was able to maintain a smile, a pleasant attitude, and belief in his ability because of his strong religious faith and confidence in the West Point system. He never blamed anyone else for anything. He believed in himself, hard work, and being pleasant.

"As a first classman, Pete would frequently enter the division door, draw an imaginary sword, yell 'Charge!' and run up the stairs. For some reason, I see that same glint, determination, dedication, and sense of humor, as he led his company up that hill in Korea, the hill from which he never returned."

Tom McMinn referred to Pete's association with Chaplain (CPT) Francis Sampson. Monsignor and Major General Sampson (Ret) recalls: "I remember Peter Arend very well. I gave him instructions in the Catholic faith and baptized one of his two children. He was patriotic to the hurting point, intensely devout, and always helped me when I asked.

"Frankly, I wept when I learned he was killed in Korea. Pete was one of those who answered when his country called and died [courageously]. Requiescat in Pace."

Roberta Anne Donehue of Albany, New York and Pete married at West Point in the Catholic Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity on 17 April 1948. Their daughter, Victoria Johnson (born in Sapporo, Hokkaido), lives in New York City and is assistant to the director of the National Association for Advancement of Psychotherapy. Son Peter (born at Fort Campbell) is manager of the Realty Management Branch of the Northeast Region of the United States Postal Service at Windsor, Connecticut. Roberta married Thomas E. Ryan (deceased 1983) several years after Pete's death and now teaches at Hackett Middle School, Albany, New York.

1946 Memorial Article Project and his wife Roberta

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Robert Earl Arnold

NO. 15718 CLASS OF 1946

Died 22 March 1972 in Waco, Texas, aged 46 years.

Interment: Gainesville, Texas.

MENTION BOB ARNOLD and one immediately thinks of a gregarious Texan who enjoyed his days as a cadet. His manner, walk, and language were deep in the heart of that well-known state. With confidence and an engaging personality, Bob approached the rigors of Beast Barracks in 1943 with a tremendous amount of pride in being accepted as a part of the Long Gray Line.

Born in Olney, Texas, 6 April 1925, son of Robert F. and Rhoda Arnold, Bob was recalled by his brother as a leader in his early years, displaying a keen mind and many physical attributes. Bob lettered in major sports in high school and was an undefeated boxer; subsequently, he was the intramural champion at the University of Texas. Bob was an all-around achiever, active in school affairs, a public speaker, and excelled academically, graduating as salutatorian. His nickname of "Webster" was most apropos. Those who met him as a cadet can verify that Bob had a marvelous command of English, with an unequalled vocabulary and a retentive mind.

Robert Earl Arnold

Following two years of engineering school in Austin, it wasn't long until all of Central Area learned there was a plebe from "Nacona, Texas, the boot capital of the world, Sir." This was his usual reply to the upperclassmen's query.

Bob, like some others in B-1 Company, had an undistinguished cadet career. He survived the system probably easier than most because of his ability to enjoy people. One way this was done was through the creation of a hillbilly band, a.k.a. country music today. Along with Gruenther, Fuller, Hoefling, Koch, and an assortment of those who could not make the Cadet Choir, they would entertain anyone who would listen at Delafield picnics, Saturday in South Area, and Quarters 101. Yes, the "Com" and his wife endured this group.

At the Academy Bob never took academics seriously. He had a large reservoir of intelligence that was only partially utilized. His athletic skills, however, earned him numerals by participating for three years in boxing and track. Bob's affability and effervescence gained him a multitude of friends. Helping others to raise their spirits was natural for him. Colorful, fun to be with, whether at reveille in ranks or on weekends in New York, he had a zest for life. During first class year Bob met lovely, attractive Betty Kaiser, who was attending a New York college. Being from Dallas was a plus, so it was no surprise to see him

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dating Betty every weekend and teaching her his favorite tunes.

Commissioned in the Infantry, Bob reported to Fort Benning, Georgia after marrying Betty on 19 July. Their first home in the Columbus suburbs was a popular spot for classmates. Many single types riding motorcycles and toting guitars would appear on their doorstep seeking a respite from bachelor life.

Salzburg, Austria was next. Joining an occupation unit in that scenic area, he performed the normal company officer duties with distinction. In the post-World War II period there was time for class reunions in Germany's Alps and coaching a football team to the European Command championship in 1949.

Law school at the University of Virginia followed, where his true academic ability surfaced as he graduated with honors, ninth in his class. By now there were two beautiful daughters who learned it was difficult to sleep when friends were gathering in the Arnolds' small student apartment.

Joining the Judge Advocate General Corps in 1953, Bob quickly became a superb military lawyer in his assignments in Louisiana, Korea, North Carolina, Pennsylania, and California. He distinguished himself in the post-Korean War era in his capacity as a traveling law officer throughout the country as well as in the I Corps area. Dick Gruenther aptly stated, "If I were in trouble with the law, I would want Bob as my attorney."

Shortly after an assignment on the West Coast in 1963, Bob received a discharge due to a physical disability, and returned to Texas to teach and to practice law. In 1972 he suffered a fatal heart attack, and was buried in Gainesville, Texas. The Army, West Point, his legion of friends, and his beloved family lost a wonderful person. Subsequently, Betty settled in Missouri where she could rear the children in a fashion Bob would be immensely proud of today. Genes work in strange ways—daughter Helen majored in English and now teaches. Sara, despite not getting much sleep at age five, was graduated from the University of North Carolina and now is a physician in Seattle. Robert, Jr., educated in Canada and Alabama, is a financial officer, and Nicky, a University of Chicago grad, is a computer programmer. All their memories are warmed with the conviction that Bob Arnold loved and enjoyed his children.

Outgoing, personable, as the ultimate extrovert, Bob had an extraordinary intellect and a strong sense of achievement in facing life's challenges when it was no longer fun and games. We who were fortunate to know him miss this dynamic, talented, and warm-hearted individual.

Frank Blazey, Dick Fuller, Dave Bryant, Dick Gruenther and Family

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Richard Edward Hale

NO. 15929 CLASS OF 1946

Died 11 September 1961 in Washington, DC, aged 35 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Richard Edward Hale

RICHARD EDWARD (DICK) HALE was born 6 February 1926 in Honolulu, Hawaii. His father was skipper of a submarine based at Pearl Harbor at the time. Life as a "Navy junior" saw Dick living in many different places. Always a happy child, he had his irrepressible grin early in life. His brother, Francis J. (Joe), USMA '44, recalls that when Dick was seven, they went to a fancy Catholic boarding school in Philadelphia. Joe remembers that every time he saw Dick, one of the nuns had him by the ear and was hauling him off (still with that grin on his face) to the penance room. Dick's father died on active duty in 1934. In 1935, the family moved to Washington, DC. Dick attended Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington for three years and then went to Randles Preparatory School and won a Presidential appointment to Annapolis. Since his high school class was just finishing its senior year, Dick went back, took the exams for what would have been his senior courses and graduated with his class. He was unable to pass the physical exam for Annapolis, but was able to become a qualified candidate to West Point. He received a late appointment and arrived at West Point late, in the middle of the second week of Beast Barracks.

Cadet life was a busy time for Dick. He was engaged in numerous activities from athletics (boxing, soccer, baseball) to acolyte, missal reader, ski, camera and fishing clubs. Dick's infectious grin and engaging personality made him known throughout the Corps. Graduation saw Dick go into the Infantry.

Following schooling at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, Dick went to Japan for assignment with the 11th Airborne Division. He stayed with the 11th for four years, serving in various positions from platoon leader to company commander to regimental communications officer. In 1951, Dick, by now a master parachutist, was assigned to the Airborne Battalion at Fort Benning, when he received orders for Japan with what was later to become the Military Assistance Advisory Group. He became the Plans and Policies Officer at the Japan Military Academy. He was particularly pleased with this assignment as he felt his dedication to West Point and its ideals made him suited to this task. It was during this time that he met his bride-to-be, Pat Crawford, who was in the Russian Order of Battle Section of Army Forces Far East G-2. The year 1953 saw Dick go to Korea to serve with the 65th Infantry Regiment as battalion S-3 and then regimental S-3. Dick and Pat were married in Tokyo on 3 July 1953 while Dick was on R & R from Korea. Dick took an inter-theater transfer back to Japan for an assignment to Central Command.

In 1955, Dick and Pat returned to Fort Benning where Dick attended the Infantry Officers Advanced Course. From Benning, Dick went back to West Point where he was assigned to the USMA Admissions Office. The summer of 1959 saw the Hales move to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where Dick attended the Command and General Staff College. Upon graduation in 1960, Dick went to Fort Monroe, Virginia for assignment to Continental Army Command. It was during this assignment that Dick learned that he had terminal brain cancer. He had always been deeply religious and his faith at that time gave him the strength to peacefully accept this diagnosis. After learning of this diagnosis, Dick traveled to France. One of his best friends and classmate, Bob Malley, was stationed at SHAPE Headquarters at the time. Bob accompanied Dick to the shrine at Lourdes. Bob recalls that up to that point, Dick had not had double vision, a sign of progression of the disease. While on their visit to Lourdes, Dick started having double vision, so he was immediately returned to the States. Dick died at Walter Reed Hospital on 11 September 1961. Even though his father was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Dick's devotion to West Point was evident in his request that he be buried there. He was survived by his wife Pat, three daughters, Mary, Sharon and Patty, and a son, Richard.

Dick was an easy-going extrovert who loved outdoor activities. He made

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friends easily and will always be remembered by all who knew and loved him for his infectious grin. He was a great believer in continuing education. He had completed all the requirements for a master's degree in international relations at Columbia University except for submission of his thesis.

A bright, talented young officer joined "The Long Gray Line" much too early in his career. The following *Memories of a "Roomie"* prepared by one of Dick's roommates, Mike Sanger, best puts into words the remembrances of Richard Edward Hale by his family, friends and classmates: "If there is one picture that immediately comes to mind when thinking of Dick, it is one that shows him with that highly infectious grin and that one eyebrow cocked high onto his forehead.

"That's the way he looked as we went through the Point years, whether he was coming back from boxing practice; returning from a brief respite at his firstie brother's room during plebe year (with much pride in Francis J.'s stripes and gold stars); visiting with his beloved mother Theresa, who, though an early widow, had managed to get both her sons into the Academy; or just being his own natural self.

"That look came and went as he learned his trade at Benning and then undertook duty in Japan (11th Airborne types will understand why he called his dog *Rakkasan*). He had the ability to bring forth that grin when I visited him in a bunker of the 65th Infantry in Korea. And that look must have done much to win the love of dear Pat as they lived on the economy in Japan. It was there that he typically bought a series of nameplates that included every rank from second lieutenant to general of the Army, a most symbolic gesture that showed his love of the Army and his feeling about duty.

"He could summon that look very easily when stationed at the Point where he and Pat had one of the oldest quarters on post, shared with their lovely children, Mary, Sharon, and Patty Sue. I know he had it when his namesake Richard appeared on the scene. And that look too must have been there when he learned of his final illness as well as during his trip to Lourdes with Bob Malley, a trip that spoke of his deep faith in God. It was a look that was typical of his gutsy way through life.

"A grin, a smile, and beneath them a soldier who loved his God, his country, his Army and his family with a depth and understanding that didn't belie the smile but showed how he could present it to the world with confidence and courage.

"Dick Hale: he is missed!"

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Pat

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Benjamin Bertram Williams

NO. 15924 CLASS OF 1946

Died 21 June 1977 in Westlake Village, California, aged 54 years.

Interment: Oakwood Memorial Park, Chatsworth, California.

Benjamin Bertram Williams

BENJAMIN BERTRAM WILLIAMS, known to his family and friends as either B. B. or Ben, was born 10 September 1922 in Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania. His early years were typical of a young man growing up in a small town during that period. An outstanding athlete, Ben participated in the usual high school sports at Mount Carmel High School, from which he graduated. Following high school, Ben attended Dickinson Jr. College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania for two years before he fulfilled a lifetime dream by obtaining an appointment to West Point in 1942 to join the Class of 1945. The rigors of plebe year took their toll on Ben academically, and he was turned back to join the Class of 1946.

Ben's classmates from C-1 Company recall that as a "recognized plebe," Ben was a tremendous help, always willing to do whatever he could to lighten the load on his hapless plebe classmates. One of his roommates recalls that Ben was a very relaxed cadet and that nothing seemed to bother him. Academics were always a problem for him, but he managed to stay ahead of the game with his easy-going style. His athletic prowess was evident as a cadet. An injury to some veins in his leg while playing football plebe year caused him to have to forgo that sport. He was exceptional as a boxer and wrestler. The coaches in both sports wanted him to come out for the "A" squad, but he just wasn't interested. First-class year he coached and played intramural football and won the Corps championship.

As a cadet, Ben displayed the characteristics that were to stand him in good stead throughout his career. He was a truly "nice" person, a dependable, true friend. He was always willing to go out of his way to help anyone who needed it. As one of his roommates said, "Ben was well liked and respected by *everyone* and for good reason."

Graduation saw Ben go into the Coast Artillery Corps. Two days after graduation, 6 June 1946, Ben married his high school sweetheart, Catherine Jane Brown, in Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania. Ben and Jane started their Army career with the usual schools at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Fort Bliss, Texas, followed by Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Ben's first duty, other than schools, was in the Far East in Guam. He had various unit and staff assignments there and returned to Fort Bliss in the fall of 1949 for assignment as an instructor in radar electronics. Their first child, Valerie, was born at Fort Bliss on Christmas Eve 1949. Ben's next assignment was back to Fort Sill to attend the Artillery Officers Advanced Course. It was during this tour that their son Benjamin Charles (Chucky) was born.

From the Artillery School, Ben went back to Fort Bliss for a short stint as an instructor, and in the summer of 1953 he was assigned to Korea. That one-year tour was spent in the 936th Field Artillery Battalion as assistant S-3 and S-3. While Ben was in Korea, tragedy struck the Williams family. Their beloved son Chucky died of leukemia. Ben's next assignment was to Fort Hood, Texas in the summer of 1954. There he was assigned to the reactivated 4th Armored Division where he served on all unit and staff levels of the division. A daughter, Diane, was born while the Williamses were at Fort Hood. The year 1956 saw Ben leave for Darmstadt, Germany where he was assigned to the V Corps Artillery for his entire tour. From Germany, the Williamses went to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where Ben attended the Command and General Staff College. Upon graduation, it was on to Washington, DC for a tour with Department of the Army Research and Development Directorate in the Pentagon.

While in the DC area, Ben and Jane bought a house in Fairfax, Virginia. A classmate who lived near the Williamses recalls that Ben was a great family man, a devoted husband and father, and an all-around participant in maintaining and improving the household. He remembers that there were few who could compare to Ben in yard work industriousness. Through his know-how, pride and hard work the appearance of his yard was the envy of the neighborhood. He had the adoration of his daughters and was a great favorite among other children in the neighborhood as well. Ben

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was always the hit of the show in leading impromtu sing-alongs of old favorites. He had a "Little Orphan Annie" rendition that convulsed the children among the classmate family assemblages during that period.

Late in 1963, Ben reported to Fort Hood to command the 73rd Artillery Battalion, 1st Armored Division. He considered this assignment as the most rewarding of his career. After two years at Fort Hood, Ben went to Vietnam for advisor duty in MACV. From Vietnam, Ben was assigned to the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He retired from the Army in 1967 as a lieutenant colonel.

Retirement saw the Williams family head for California. Ben started with Litton Guidance and Control Systems, but in 1969 took a position as product line director with ITT Gilfillan. In 1974, tragedy again struck the Williams family—their daughter Valerie was killed in an automobile accident. Ben became manager for advanced programs at ITT Gilfillan in 1975. In 1977, Ben had a severe heart attack, followed by unsuccessful heart surgery which resulted in his death on 21 June 1977. He was survived by his wife Jane and daughter Diane.

The mark of greatness in a man is probably best attested to by how his friends remember him. By this criterion, Benjamin Bertram Williams was a great man. There is a common thread among the remembrances by Ben's friends. A twinkle in his eyes and the jovial laugh which he often used to relieve a stressful situation; his sincerity and seriousness of purpose and his unfailing sense of humor; a diligent worker in all things; his dedication; his quickness in mastering a new assignment; his willingness to outwork almost everyone are some of the traits that marked Ben Williams as a man of character, a genuine leader and a wonderful person to be around. As one classmate recalls, "He truly drew people to him."

One close friend and classmate of Ben visited with him after his heart attack and before the surgery. In this talk, Ben went into his feelings before Jane called the ambulance. This talk provided an insight into a truly strong character. This same friend remarked that Ben would want his memorial article to be brief and not maudlin.

In keeping with Ben's wishes, the following comments by two classmates aptly sum up the feelings of his family, friends and classmates: "It was a real joy and privilege to have known Ben Williams." "B. B. is fondly remembered and sorely missed."

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Jane

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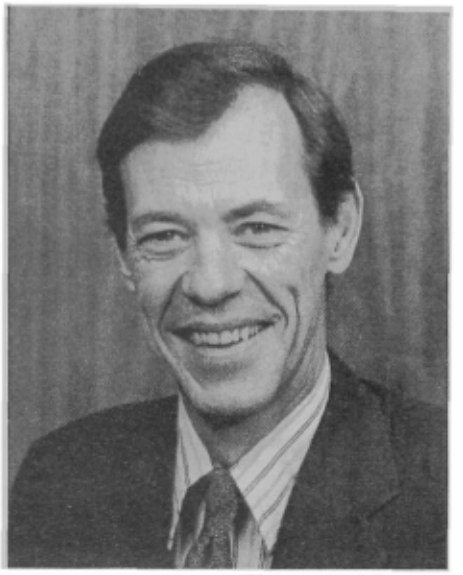
Richard Earl Dunlap

NO. 16303 CLASS OF 1947

Died 6 October 1985 in St. Louis, Missouri, aged 61 years.

Interment: Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, Missouri.



Richard Earl Dunlap

RICHARD E. DUNLAP, the son of Earl and Lois Dunlap, was born in Dayton, Washington, 18 July 1924. After one year at Washington State University he was inducted in the Army in May 1943 and remained in the Field Artillery until he became one of the "first Amherst College group," and subsequently entered West Point in July 1944.

Dick's warmth and congeniality, his sense of duty and leadership, and his varied interests which surfaced at West Point continued to grow throughout his life. As a cadet, he participated in the chess club, soccer and fencing and added his fine bass voice to the cadet choir and the 100th Night Show. To quote the Class of 1947, "Always a good wife despite his refusal to enjoy the pleasures of an afternoon sack session, he has added many pleasant memories to cadet life."

His first years of service following graduation from West Point in 1947 as a second lieutenant in Field Artillery were spent at Ground General School at Fort Riley, Kansas (the remainder of 1947) and the Artillery School at Fort Bliss and Fort Sill (1948). From there he was sent to Japan as a section leader for A Battery, 77th Field Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division. In December 1948 he was promoted to first lieutenant. From January 1949 to July 1950 Dick was battery commander of C Battery. Dick then served as captain in the Korean War beginning July 1950 until he was sent to Japan in May 1951. Returning to duty in the States in August that same year, he was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Serving in Germany from September 1954 to June 1957, he achieved the rank of major in April 1955. In August 1957 he went to Columbia, Missouri where his last duty assignment was as ROTC Artillery Instructor for the XI Corps until 1 September 1961.

The following medals and citations were awarded Dick: Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Army Occupation Medal (Germany-Japan) and one O/S Bar.

Dick and his first wife, Pat, married in December 1947 and had four children: Mark, born 26 March 1950; Bill, 21 April 1952; Richard, 21 July 1953, and Virginia Ann, 26 September 1957, all of whom survive him. Dick and Pat were divorced in 1962.

I met Dick in Columbia, Missouri and we were married 30 January 1964. Following his honorable separation from the service in 1961, Dick with his sharp mind and continuing interest in the military and history pursued first a master's degree, then a Ph.D. in diplomatic history. As an instructor he taught US history both at the University of Missouri-Columbia and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. In 1966 he moved into administration as assistant to the chancellor at UMSL, a position he kept, except for a short term as director of development. He was able to actively watch and contribute to the growth of a newly-founded university which, begun in a single old country club building, had grown to more than a half-dozen multi-story buildings by the time of his disability-retirement in 1982. Although he was in administration, he never lost his love or talent for teaching.

Dick was a Civil War buff. On many of the trips we took to do research, we often stopped to visit Civil War battlefields and sites. Dick was a knowledgeable and entertaining guide, making history come alive for me. His love of music and singing led him to sing for many years in the Episcopal Church choirs in Columbia and St. Louis. He not only expanded my own love and knowledge of classical music but introduced me to opera as well. He contributed his time and abilities to the Episcopal Church not only as a singer but also as a lay reader and vestry member.

Dick was physically active until he was disabled with emphysema. He spent many hours improving and rehabbing our 1907 house. Loving the outdoors, he enjoyed camping, hiking, backpacking and canoeing. In 1974 he fell in love with bicycling and became an avid weekend bicyclist until 1981.

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He never gave up his goal of being able to once again ride down the street.

Dick became seriously ill in January 1981. He fought a progressively difficult battle against emphysema and attendant complications for nearly five years. How many times he would say, "When they come for me, I'm going to hold onto the desk!" He never gave up his fight for life even under the most difficult and painful physical conditions.

His presence is sorely missed by me and those who knew and loved him. His love of people, his wit, humor, keen intelligence and interest in everything are a legacy not to be forgotten.

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George Bernard Shaffer

NO. 17466 CLASS OF 1950

Died 5 September 1985 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, aged 57 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

George Bernard Shaffer

GEORGE BERNARD SHAFFER—SOLDIER, professional, competitor, athlete, student, leader, friend, husband, father, gentleman, gentle man—in short, a man of "character."

There are few things in the totality of a person's life more significant or revealing than "character"—character in the sense of integrity, courage, morality, principle, sense of humor, diligence, perseverance, hunger to learn, and the ability to love and to be loved. George Shaffer epitomized all these traits and set a lofty example for others. We loved him, we liked him, we respected him, we remember him, and we miss him very much.

One of four brothers, George knew firsthand the mills and farms of western Pennsylvania. He entered the Naval Aviation V-5 program at Princeton University, then won a competitive appointment to the Academy. While at West Point, his interests and successes were broad and varied. West Point is where he developed loyal friends, honed professional skills, increased his love of learning, learned how to play golf, and—perhaps most important—met Bev Carlson.

His military service as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers spanned over 20 years. During that time, he commanded engineer troop units from platoon to battalion, served three tours of duty in Korea (the Korean War, advisor to the ROK Army, and commander of the famous 44th Engineers, better known as the "Broken Heart Battalion"). He was most proud of civil service projects such as the construction of the bridge over the Han River in Korea and support for the Boy Scouts of America in Arkansas. He also served in Germany, the Louisville District, Chief of Engineers Office, and the Army school system through Command and General Staff College.

George retired from the Army with many decorations and citations, an outstanding professional reputation, and a lovely family on 6 August 1970, with the rank of colonel. After retirement, he added computer programming and electronic repair to his repertoire. Through a correspondence course, he built his own TV set—and it worked!

His love affair with beautiful, lively, intelligent, devoted Bev—a perfect Army wife—lasted until 27 February 1980, when Bev died after a courageous and difficult fight with cancer. A devoted couple, they fought Bev's last battle together. Born to the marriage were Sue and Scott. Bev and George are also survived by Sue's husband, Steven Rosenfeld, Scott's wife Karen, and five grandchildren—Sue's Beverly, Jennifer, and Samantha, and Scott's Lindsay and Kelsey.

After retirement, George continued in the construction field which he learned so well during high school, the Academy, and, of course, in the Corps of Engineers. His master's degree in civil engineering from Texas A & M added to this impressive background. His construction accomplishments still stand today as a monument to this skilled professional engineer. These include the Beargrass Creek Pumping Plant in Louisville, Kentucky; a mammoth tank and artillery shop at Fort Knox, Kentucky; the Half-and-Half and Babicz Bridges near the Demilitarized Zone in Korea; family housing in Korea; and civilian housing he built in northern Virginia after his retirement from the Army.

Following the anguish of and difficult struggle with Bev's illness and death, George moved from Virginia to Fort Lauderdale to pick up the pieces and start a new life. Close Army friends (mostly classmates) in the area enjoyed his companionship during the all-too-short time in Fort Lauderdale. During these days of new challenge, rebuilding his life, and recovering from the devastating loss of his beloved Bev, George was fortunate to meet Ruby Wagner. Their dedication to one another never diminished Bev's memory in any way. The manner in which the entire family and close friends welcomed and loved Ruby while remembering Bev is a keen measure of George's character and Ruby's as well.

While in Fort Lauderdale, George was a member of the well-known Inverrary Country Club, home of the Jackie Gleason Golf Tournament. George made his mark there also as an active, admired member of the Inverrary Men's Golf Association and winner of more than his share of local tournaments. After his death, the Association named an annual tournament in his honor. The Jackie Gleason tournament is no longer played at Inverrary, but the George Bernard Shaffer Memorial Tournament is.

George also was stricken with cancer early in 1985, and the illness progressed all too rapidly in spite of his monumental courage and fight. Throughout this agonizing period, he managed to maintain his keen, quiet, droll sense of humor. I remember all too well asking him a few days before he died as he lay in a hospital bed in terrible pain, "How do you feel?" The grimace of pain on his face was momentarily replaced by his characteristic smirk and the twinkle of mischief in his eyes as he replied, "I'd have to feel lots better to feel lousy!" George's valiant struggle ended on 5 September 1985, with Sue, Scott, Ruby, other family, and several devoted classmates on hand.

An ancient philosophy book poses the question, "Who is rich?" and then offers answers such as:

He who has a good name.
He who helps his fellow man.
He who has a good woman.
He who is content with his lot.

Our dear friend, George Bernard Shaffer, was indeed the richest of men.

E. C. West, his friend

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William McKinley Bishop

NO. 21504 CLASS OF 1957

Died 10 November 1989 in Austin, Texas, aged 56 years.

Interment: Austin Memorial Cemetery, Austin, Texas.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY BISHOP was born in Washington, DC, on 16 June 1933, the son of Louis and Elizabeth Bishop. His mother, Elizabeth, of Boca Raton, Florida, and two brothers, John C. Bishop of Williamsburg, Virginia and Edward L. P. Bishop (USMA 1953) of Boca Raton,

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William McKinley Bishop

survive him. As a child he lived in Virginia; Florida; Pasadena, California; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Lake Placid, New York. Upon graduation from Lake Placid High School, he attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York for two years (where he was in Delta Kappa Epsilon) before receiving his appointment to the Military Academy.

Bill played hockey and lacrosse at West Point. He was in Company C-1. He chose a life in the "gray flannel Army" and went to work for Exxon Chemical Company in 1960 as a salesman in New York City.

Over the years Bill was transferred to Houston, Texas; Baytown, Texas; and New York City, until he reached the position of worldwide vice-president of Exxon Chemical Company in 1979. He remained at that level, traveling and having responsibilities all over the world, until his retirement in 1989 due to cancer.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Gayle Stein of Austin, Texas, whom he dated for four years while at the Academy. Gayle lives in the home they built on Lake Austin for their retirement. He is also survived by son, John E. Bishop of Houston; daughters, Cindy L. Jones of San Antonio, Texas and Wendy B. Easton of Missouri City, Texas; and grandchildren, John and Elizabeth Bishop, Brittany and Austin Jones, and Emily, Erick and Elliot Easton.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, he had an exceptional sense of humor, and was respected by everyone in the chemical industry. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

Bill treasured his four years at West Point.

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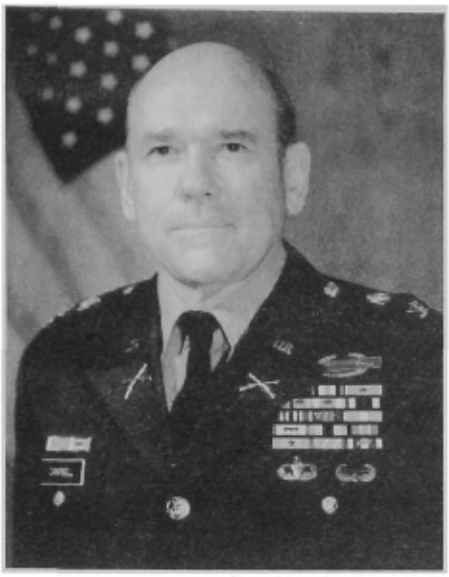
Dan Harold Campbell

NO. 22941 CLASS OF 1960

Died 16 October 1988 in Atlanta, Georgia, aged 52 years.

Interment: Erin, Tennessee.



Dan Harold Campbell

"Let us pray,
For this glorious day, Oh God, for which we've asked,
not only in the loveliness of nature but in the fond remembrance
of people like Dan Campbell, who inspired and
motivated us to be even better than we are.
He fought the good fight,
he's finished the course,
the race has been completed,
and all in the process he kept the faith,
and, therefore, now, he has received the crown of righteousness
that was laid up for him.
May we attempt to emulate his life, the qualities of goodness,
and gentleness, and wholesomeness.
May we remember Duty, Honor, and Country for our own lives as they certainly propelled his. Amen."

(Chaplain (Col) Max Wall at the Campbell Hall Memorial dedication, 11 October 1989, Fort Gillem, Georgia.)

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON of 16 October 1988, Colonel Dan H. Campbell, West Point Class of 1960, died in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dan Campbell was born 13 November 1935 in Palestine, Texas to Charlcye and Burie Campbell. His early life was spent in Athens, Texas where he excelled in academics and sports. He attended North Texas State for one year but left to accept an appointment to West Point in June 1956. There began an association with the Army spanning 32 years.

Upon graduation from West Point, Dan Campbell was commissioned in the Infantry and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. It was near there on the lawn of Greenfields, her family home, that he married Bratschi Dickson on 30 June 1962 after a four-year courtship.

In 1962, Lieutenant Campbell was given his first command, an Infantry rifle company in the 101st Airborne Division. When called to serve in Vietnam, Captain Campbell commanded, in combat, an Infantry company of the 173rd Airborne Brigade. (Dan Campbell met his task head-on, with courage and leadership.) For his action against a hostile force, he was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star for Valor, and the Army Commendation Medal for valor.

After returning from Vietnam, Dan and Bratschi were sent to Indiana University, where he received his master of arts in English literature. On 17 May 1968, his daughter, Bratschi Rihs, was born. Dan was a proud father and adored his daughter.

Upon graduation from Indiana University, he returned to West Point as assistant professor of English. He cherished those years at the Academy, teaching future Army leaders.

In 1972, Major Campbell served his second tour in Vietnam, as the operations officer of the Strategic Technical Directorate Assistance Team 158. After Vietnam, the Campbells returned to the 101st Airborne Division. From 1974–76, he served as battalion executive officer and deputy G-3. In 1976, Lieutenant Colonel Campbell was selected to command 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry.

On his next assignment, he commanded the United States Army, Detroit District, Recruiting Command for 32 months.

From 1982–83, Colonel Campbell was chief of staff, 2nd ROTC Region, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and in 1983, he became chief of staff, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

In 1984, he came to Atlanta. Dan Campbell was assigned as the Senior Army Adviser with the Georgia Army National Guard. In this capacity, he worked closely with the citizen soldiers of Georgia, forging that vital link between the active component and the Army National Guard. He also developed several deep, meaningful relationships with the commanders and the staff of the Georgia Guard.

In May 1987, Colonel Campbell assumed command of Readiness Group Atlanta; in this position, his relationship with the Reserve components grew, encompassing the USAR. Through his implementation of innovative programs,

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the Readiness Group and the Reserve components work as one.

Dan Campbell died 16 October 1988. He was buried on a glorious autumn day in a beautiful old cemetery with other Dickson and Bratschi family members on a hillside topped with ancient cedars in Erin, Tennessee.

Colonel Campbell was a graduate of the Armor Officer Advanced Course, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. His awards and decorations were earned for bravery in battle and outstanding peacetime performance. They include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Bronze Star Medal for valor, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal for valor, Combat Infantryman, Senior Parachutist Badges, and the Ranger Tab.

During the memorial service at Fort Gillem, Georgia, Major General Gerald H. Bethke, deputy commanding general, Second US Army, eulogized Colonel Campbell as a professional, caring officer, loving husband and father, and a patriot who served his country doing what he loved—being a soldier.

On 11 October 1989, Building 900, Headquarters, US Army Readiness Group Atlanta, Fort Gillem, Georgia, was named "Campbell Hall." The memorial plaque reads: "Campbell Hall, Dedicated in Honor of Colonel Dan H. Campbell.

"Appointed to the United States Military Academy in 1956, he began a distinguished Army career which spanned 32 years and included tours of duty in Vietnam, Taiwan, and Korea. He received the Silver Star for gallantry while serving in the Republic of Vietnam. He served with Second United States Army, Fort Gillem, Georgia, from October 1983 to October 1988 as senior Army adviser to the Georgia Army National Guard and as commander, Readiness Group Atlanta. Colonel Campbell's leadership, dedication, loyalty, and patriotism were an inspiration to Readiness Group Atlanta, the Army National Guard, and the Army Reserve throughout the Southeastern United States.

"Born: Palestine, Texas, 13 November 1935

"Died: Atlanta, Georgia, 16 October 1988

" 'His life was gentle, and the elements so mix'd in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'this was a man!' "

Shakespeare, *Julius Ceasar.*

Major General Joseph Griffin, the adjutant general, Georgia Army National Guard, spoke of Dan's friendship, honor, guidance, and the mentoring given to the soldiers of the Georgia Guard. Further, that Dan's dedication to the Reserve components "will continue with every soldier who shall enter Campbell Hall." Lieutenant General Orren Whiddon, commander, Second US Army, was assisted in the unveiling of the memorial plaque by Bratschi Rihs Campbell (his daughter), with Mrs. Bratschi Campbell (his wife), and Mrs. Charlcye Campbell (his mother) at her side.

While collecting Colonel Campbell's possessions, the unit came across a handwritten note card which read:

"People in uniform are not only part of the defense establishment, they are part of America. Men and women in uniform who have committed themselves to the security of our country. By volunteering to serve, they have willingly placed themselves in an environment of service, of challenge, of rigor, and of discipline. They have also placed themselves in a role that can involve considerable inconvenience and risk—even the risk of life itself."

This is what he thought of the men and women who keep our country free. It was to them that he dedicated his life's work. This country and this Army have lost a great man, but his spirit lives in the countless people who lives he touched. We are better people because of him. Our Army is a better place to serve because of Colonel Dan Campbell.

A soldier and friend, who loved God and country with his heart and soul. A man who always lived the immortal words of the West Point motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

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nold (USMA '07) who achieved five-star rank in both the Army and the Air Force. A memorial will be erected near Lusk Reservoir to remember graduates who died in flight. The West Point Museum in Olmsted Hall will include displays which highlight the role West Point has played in aviation history. The Class of '55 is one of seven classes which have contributed to this project.

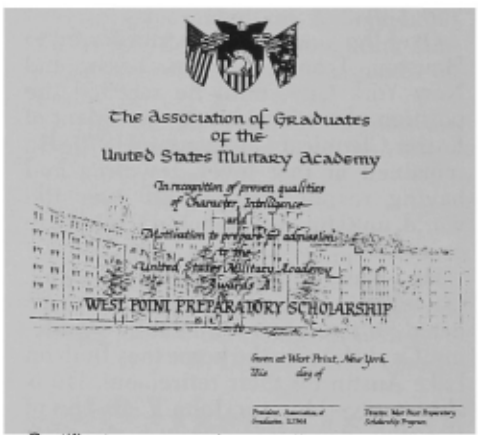
The class has also just completed funding for a West Point Preparatory Scholarship. The Scholarship Program is a vital element of West Point's admissions effort and qualifies highly desirable candidates for admission to West Point.

This program provides a post-secondary year of education for applicants who have displayed extraordinary potential. However, some candidates need an extra year of academic preparation or assistance in obtaining a nomination from a competitive congressional district. West Point grants the scholarship candidates special consideration in the admissions process because of their willingness to spend an extra year in school. The Scholarship Program has consistently been a source of dedicated and motivated cadets. Seven USMA classes are now sponsoring scholarships.

The Corps Squad "A" winners plaques through 1977 are located around the indoor track at the gymnasium. Yearly plaques were discontinued at that time. In 1988 the Class of '55, along with the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, reinstituted the practice. Yearly plaques with "A" winners names from 1978 to present are located at the Holleder Center west wall adjacent to the basketball arena.

During the past five years the Class of '55 has achieved a participation rate of almost 55%. Close to $100,000 has been donated to the Military Academy for activities mentioned in this article. The Class Fund balance exceeds $150,000 and continues to grow. The class recently established a $155 yearly contribution as the goal for its members.

This class and its gifts are featured to give other classes innovative ideas for their future gifts. If you would like your class gift history profiled in a future issue of ASSEMBLY, contact the Director of Reunion Giving.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WEST POINT PREPARATORY SCHOLARSHIP

Certificate presented to candidates selected for the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program.

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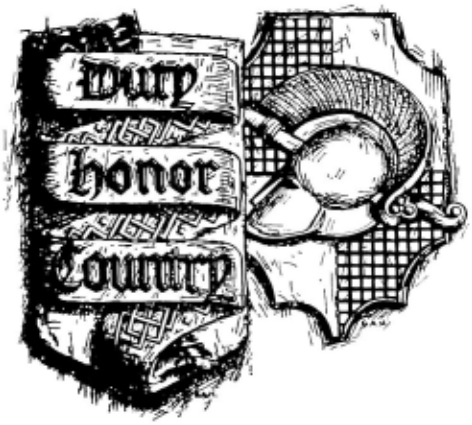

Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of January 1991 ASSEMBLY.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
Herbert M. Jones	1919	22 December 1990	Rockville, Maryland
James A. Evans	1923	17 October 1990	Birmingham, Alabama
Wellington A. Samouce	1924	8 December 1990	Alexandria, Virginia
John W. Dansby	1925	29 November 1990	Kerrville, Texas
Donald Dunford	1925	6 December 1990	Fairfax, Virginia
James W. Green, Jr.	1927	29 December 1990	Spanish Fort, Alabama
James W. Lockett	1928	13 December 1990	Tacoma, Washington
William M. Vestal	1929	26 November 1990	San Antonio, Texas
James J. Winn	1929	30 December 1990	Martinsburg, West Virginia
Charles A. Carrell	1932	31 December 1990	Santa Rosa, California
Edward T. Ashworth	1933	24 September 1990	Salmon, Idaho
Charles G. Dunn	1933	14 December 1990	Newport News, Virginia
Franklin S. Henley	1933	28 December 1990	Charleston, South Carolina
Stanley N. Lonning	1933	26 September 1990	San Anselmo, California
Robert W. Wood	1935	30 January 1989	San Antonio, Texas
George A. Finley	1936	4 December 1990	Raleigh, North Carolina
Gerard J. Forney	1937	17 January 1991	San Francisco, California
Kenneth O. Sanborn	1937	25 December 1990	New London, New Hampshire
Philip C. Sterling, Jr.	1937	22 December 1990	Longwood, Florida
Edward Stephenson	1938	4 November 1990	St. Simons Island, Georgia
Charles J. Hackett	1939	31 December 1990	Hollister, Missouri
William E. Heinemann	1940	8 January 1991	Bethlehem, New Hampshire
James K. Taylor	1940	9 January 1991	El Paso, Texas
Robert W. Garrett	1941	15 January 1991	Bethesda, Maryland
Keith A. Whitaker	Jun-1943	3 January 1991	Scottsdale, Arizona
Harrison H. D. Heiberg, Jr.	1946	30 November 1990	Alexandria, Virginia
William J. Kenney	1946	29 July 1990	Spring Lake, New Jersey
John J. Lowry	1947	4 October 1990	San Luis Obispo, California
Neil R. Ayer	1948	22 December 1990	Wenham, Massachusetts
Richard A. Fitzgerald	1949	6 December 1990	St. Louis, Missouri
Paul R. Hinckley	1949	12 April 1984	Salt Lake City, Utah
James H. Sullivan	1952	31 October 1990	Falls Church, Virginia
Thomas J. Abernathy	1954	25 September 1990	Pulaski, Tennessee
Leland R. Wood	1954	17 November 1990	Rochester, New York
David M. Fishback	1964	12 January 1991	Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
David H. Pickett	1973	2 January 1991	El Salvador
Herman N. Iorio, Jr.	1977	7 January 1991	Bermuda
Herman Kumangai	X-1978	17 November 1990	Tacoma, Washington
Frank M. Kennedy	1986	29 September 1990	Sinai, Egypt

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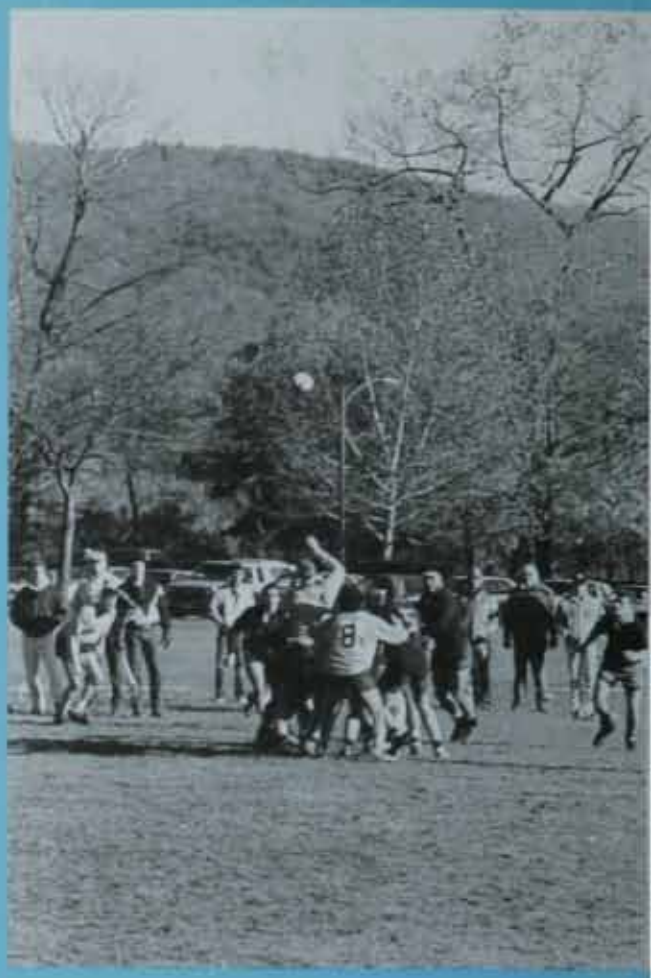

USMA Rugby Team
Eastern Rugby Union Champions
1990

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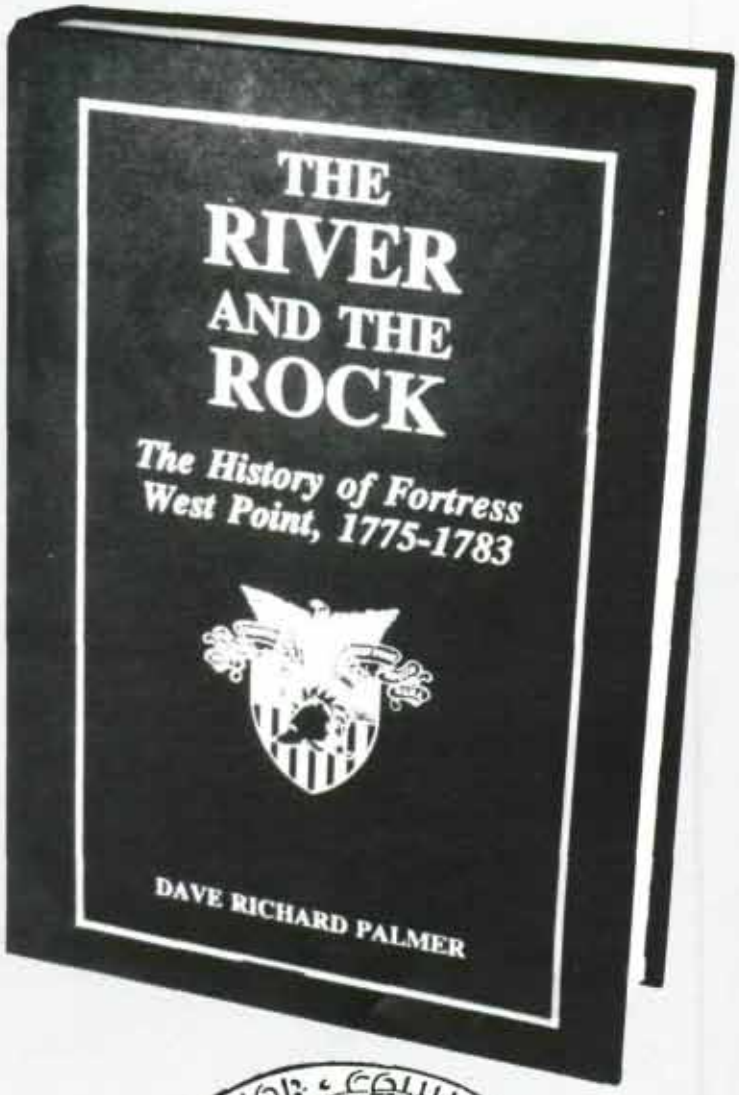
THE RIVER AND THE ROCK

The Association of Graduates, United States Military Academy, and Hippocrene Books, Inc., are pleased to announce the republication of The River and the Rock, *by Dave Richard Palmer.*

This classic history of West Point in the Revolutionary War was first published in 1969 during Lieutenant General Palmer's tour of duty as a young field grade officer with the Department of Military Art and Engineering at West Point.

The Association, which was graciously granted publication rights to the book a few years ago by the author, has undertaken this new edition in response to increasing demand from graduates and non-graduates alike.



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DAVE RICHARD PALMER

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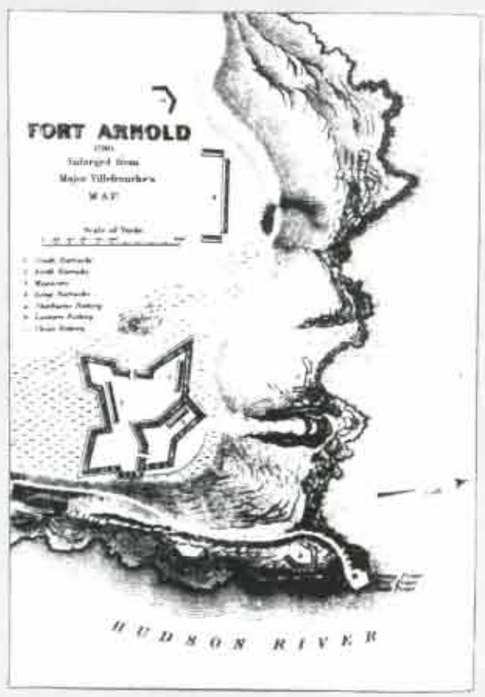
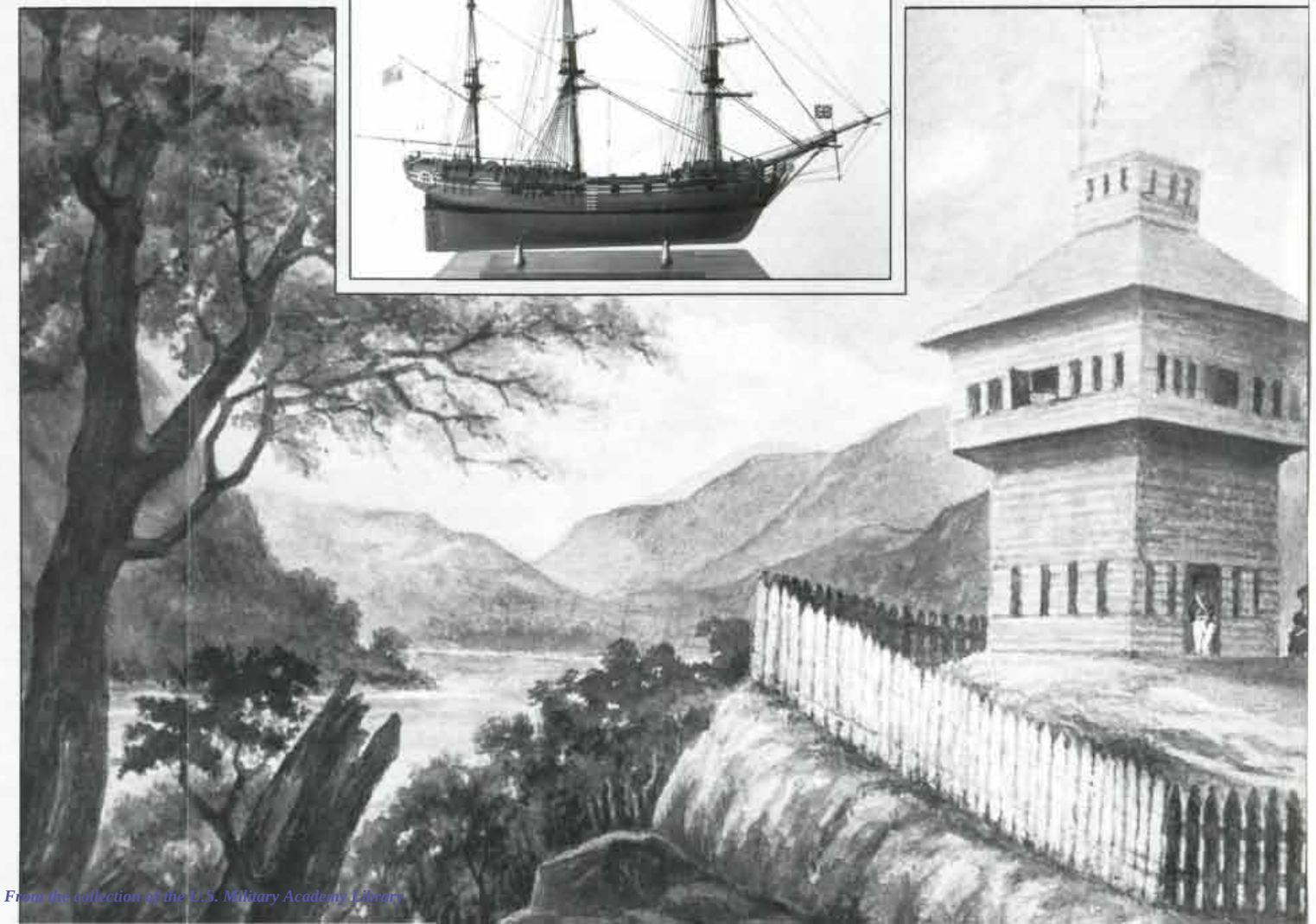


Left: *Fort Arnold as it appeared in 1780.*

Right: *The blockhouse at West Point.*



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Below: ***The H.M.S.* Vulture**

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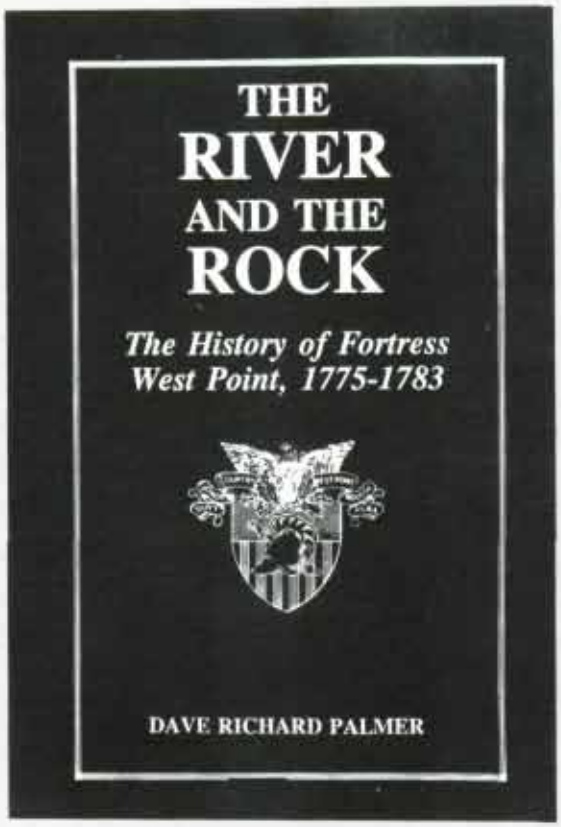

THE RIVER AND THE ROCK

Lieutenant General Palmer's book stands as a major contribution to the historical and literary scholarship of the Hudson Valley, the Hudson River, West Point, and the American Revolution. Despite the near avalanche of Revolutionary War scholarship generated at the time of our nation's bicentennial, not very much ground has been broken in the field of West Point historical studies since this seminal work was first published.

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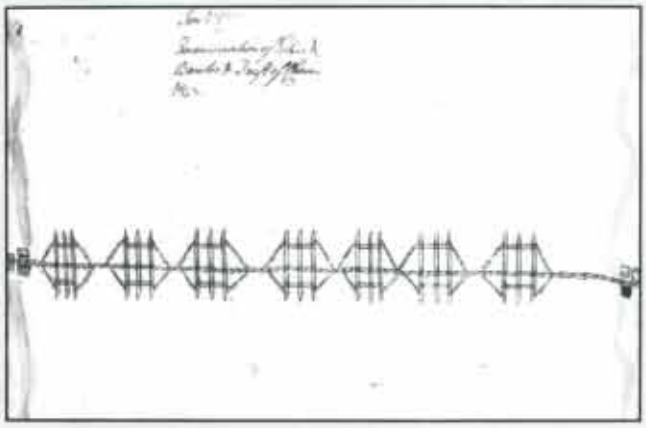

Above: ***A contemporary sketch of the chain and boom on the Hudson River.***

Left: ***A plan of Fort Clinton in 1780.***

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