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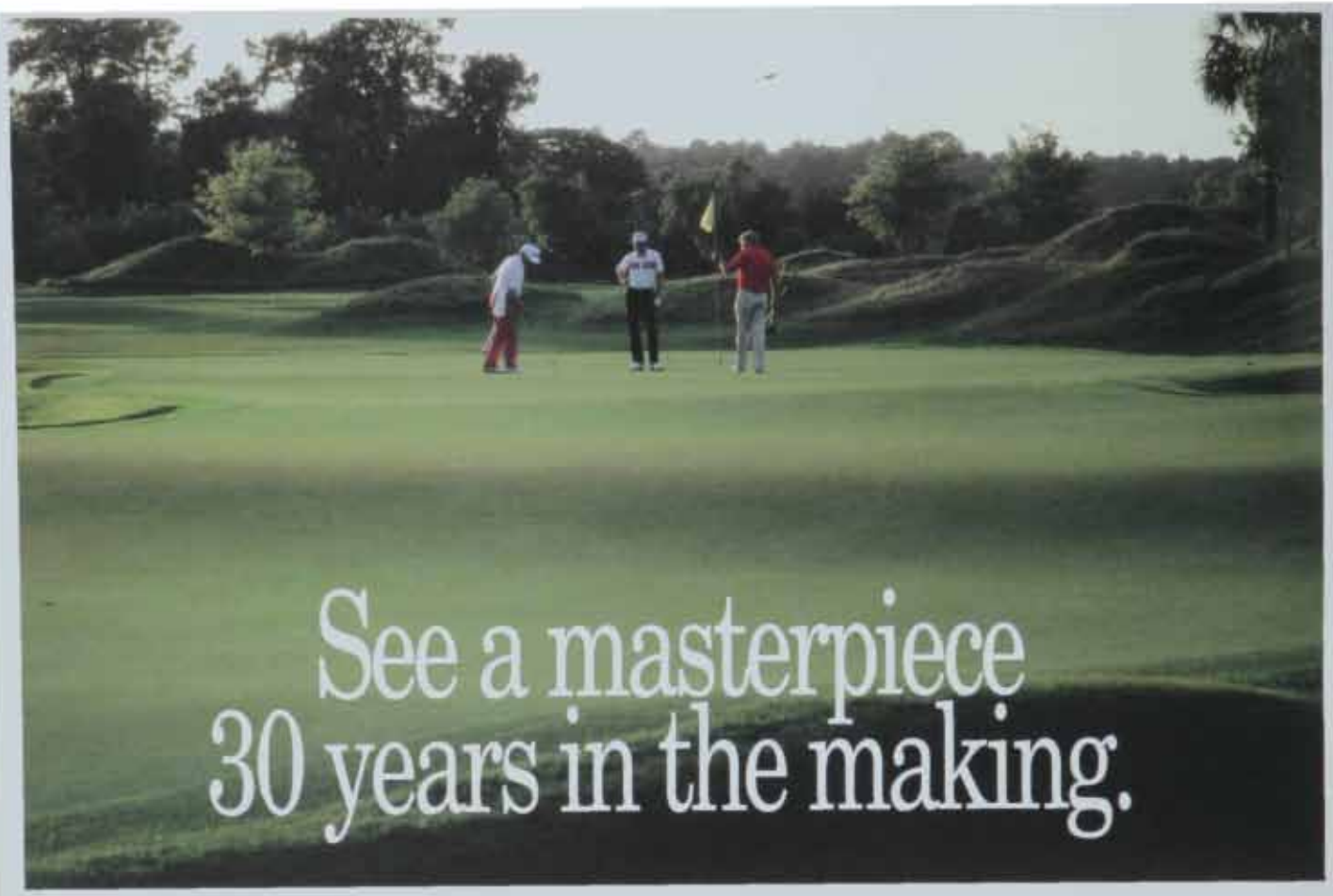

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Dear Graduates and Friends of USMA,

Even before arriving at West Point last July, I began soliciting opinions and input from many of you, and in turn I have expressed my commitment to using this letter as a means of communicating with you about what I see happening at your Academy. In response to my invitation, many individuals have talked with me or have sent a note or letter, nearly all of which reflect much thoughtful consideration and genuine affection for the institution. Others have gone to considerable effort to visit West Point and then to circulate news from that visit to others. West Point is well-served by all of you, and I am deeply grateful to every one of you for your efforts.

At any time when the flow of information among interested alumni is heavy, it is probably inevitable that some misinformation will get into the communication channels. As a result, and not unexpectedly, I have received some letters from alumni mentioning matters which, to the best of my knowledge or opinion, have no basis in fact. Some mistaken rumors have circulated among alumni, and these have created concerns which, based on fact, would be justified; but, based as they are on false rumor, they simply cause unnecessary anxiety. To assist in easing that anxiety, I would like to attempt to set the record straight on a few of these matters.

Some are matters of fact, and some are matters of interpretation or opinion. The first category is the easier to address.

- The West Point Admissions Office does not promote non-military careers to candidates. Many high school students are obviously not prepared to make a lifetime commitment to the military at age 17, and they make inquiries of our Admissions officers about alternatives which follow after attending West Point, and to such inquiries we owe responsive replies. We need not be embarrassed that West Point, as President Theodore Roosevelt observed, has fitted its graduates "to do well in wars [and] also fitted them to do well in peace." But, we have not been and will not be in the business of promoting West Point as a ticket to civilian careers.
- Military training has not been cut in half. In fact, it has not been cut at all; rather, it has been rearranged in time so as to reduce the overloading of cadets during the academic terms. Some military training still occurs in the academic terms during the Commandant's hour, some during the military intersession in January, and most during the summer training period. The net effect has been an enhanced, not diminished, military training program.
- Leave and pass policies for the three underclasses have not been liberalized. As cadets progress from Fourth Class year to Second Class year, they are authorized one, two or four weekend passes per semester, respectively. Any beyond that are earned on a basis of merit, not seniority.
- Men and women cadets are not sharing apartments off-post. Though it is theoretically possible that this could happen, it is obviously not permitted by the Academy and we are unaware of any such illicit arrangements. In fact, it is hard to conceive how such an arrangement could be worthwhile to cadets, given the restricitons to which they are subject.
- First class cadets do not live apart from their companies. We tested such an arrangement in small and then larger increments. When implemented at the Corps level, we decided that we had gone beyond the optimal point, and we revised the policy so that First Class cadets are quartered, as a group, in their company area.
- The advent of women cadets at USMA has not altered the long-standing tradition of giving miniature rings to wives and sweethearts.

The second category is matters of interpretation or opinion. These are somewhat difficult to address. I respect and value the opinions and interpretations expressed to me. I trust that you also value my opinion and interpretation as I evaluate the situation in light of the evidence available to me from my vantage point.

- Leave and pass policies for the First Class have been liberalized, but it has been for good reasons, I believe. In the past, some West Point graduates have reacted to the abrupt removal of Academy restraints by doing something irresponsible which prematurely ended their careers. By using the First Class year as a transition period from cadetship to officership, we are better able to identify those who need additional maturity and to reduce the likelihood of early damage to their careers. In the business of preparing them to be officers, our teaching them to live *self*-disciplined lifestyles is essential, and this transition helps us to do it more effectively. We shall continue to seek the best leave and pass policies for the First Class to optimize their leadership of the Corps and their transition to officership.
- West Point officials have not sought to create a civilian college campus. Some observers have made the mistake of interpreting the First Class cadets' privileges or the Academy's modern academic offerings as evidence that we wanted to create a civilian campus. So far as I can tell, that was never the intent of any past or present policies, and in my view the current policies have not had that effect. While cadets have access to thoroughly modern laboratories, computers and military equipment, their lifestyle during all four years, and especially during the first three years, is clearly a Spartan one in comparison to any civilian college.
- The emphasis on developing leadership in all four classes has not diminished. Indeed, the intent and effect of the recently-adopted Cadet Leader Development System has been to increase the emphasis by fostering attention to the leadership development of all four classes instead of only one or two.
- The purpose of the Academy has not changed, nor has it taken a sharp turn in a new direction. It was General Maxwell Taylor who said almost fifty years ago, "We must not forget that West Point is essentially a school for leaders." Our institutional statement of purpose articulates our timeless role in developing leaders, and our institutional statement of mission makes clear that, at West Point, leaders are being prepared to serve the United States Army.

The challenge of developing leaders of character for the Army raises complex issues, the resolution of which is finally a matter of intuition, experience and judgment. While we will be making adjustments as necessary, my judgment is that the current developmental model is sound. Much of the credit for that is owed to our well-informed alumni, who are willing to pool their own intuition, experience and judgment with ours in the interests of the Army and nation. For your contributions, I thank you and salute you, and ask that they continue.

From Gracie and me, best wishes from West Point,

Howard D. Graves
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Superintendent

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Letters to the Editor

Military v. Media

The November issue of *ASSEMBLY* contained a Letter to the Editor by Harry J. Shaw '45, in which he said he was "disturbed and dismayed" by the publication of the article by Major General Herbert Sparrow on "The Military and the Media" in the July 1991 issue of *ASSEMBLY*. Shaw said it struck him as a "polemic with political overtones."

Shaw berates Sparrow for saying that Sparrow finds the virtues of "veracity, accuracy and fairness wanting in media professionals—less compelling or sometimes subordinated. . . ."

I recommend the following reading to Colonel Shaw: *A Matter of Honor: General William C. Westmoreland v. CBS* by Don Kowet: MacMillan Publishing Co., New York and Collier MacMillan Publishers, London, 1984 (Mr. Kowet is a free-lance journalist living in New York City and was co-author of the cover story in *TV Guide* that first probed the fairness and accuracy of the CBS documentary, "The Uncounted Enemy: A Vietnam Deception"); *Vietnam on Trial: Westmoreland v. CBS* by Bob Brewin and Sydney Shaw, Atheneum, New York, 1987; and *Reckless Disregard: Westmoreland v. CBS et al, Sharon v. Time* by Renata Adler, Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.; and *The Juror and the General* by M. Patricia Roth, William Morrow and Co., Inc., New York.

In judging any question like this, you must recall that the USA was not at war with Vietnam. American military men and women were being KIA, but we weren't allowed to bomb Hanoi and finish off the non-war.

We could bomb ships in the Hanoi harbor if and only if they were bringing in munitions to be used against us, but we couldn't bomb the city were Jane Fonda was actively cooperating with the government in their conduct of the war against the USA.

Maybe I shouldn't deal in personalities in questions like this, but I have known Bert Sparrow '33, the late Paul Harkins '29 and Westy Westmoreland '36 for years and know that they are all good men, men of integrity.

BG Kenneth F. Zitzman
USMA 1932

CNN Coverage Criticized

I watched the CNN coverage of the Gulf War and the analysis provided by MG (Ret.) Perry Smith '56 and James A. Blackwell '74. I also saw the interview at the war's conclusion with General H. Norman Schwarzkopf when he heavily criticized their televised remarks. He described the task of running the war while TV analysts gave accurate doctrinal insight into his operations as playing poker against an opponent who could see his cards.

It was not in our best national interest to have US military tactics and operations freely passed to millions of TV viewers—to include the enemy. It could have had serious consequences if there had ever been any real Iraqi opposition, and it may still hurt our effectiveness in the future.

I would expect a little more integrity from USMA graduates.

CPT Michael L. Curry
USMA 1986

Replacement Miniature Found

In March of this year [1991], the 1936 Class Secretary wrote many letters and phoned contacts in order to help me replace my lost miniature class ring. Phil [Gage] '36 is indeed a sincere and giving person—selfless and so kind.

Because of Phil's letter and your printing of my "ring ad" in the July 1991 *ASSEMBLY*, I now have a beautiful replacement. I am jubilant and so is my husband [Colonel Gerald H. Duin '36 (Ret.)]. Thanks so much for printing it for us.

Dorothea (Dot) Duin

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Dear Fellow Graduates:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. . .." Charles Dickens might well have been talking about West Point when he penned those words 132 years ago as the opening lines of *A Tale of Two Cities*.

We have every reason to be proud of our Alma Mater and its leadership. The performance of our young graduates in Operation Just Cause in Panama and in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm lived up to our highest expectations. Our senior leaders, headed by General H. Norman Schwarzkopf '56, continued the traditions of leadership that our nation has come to depend on in every war where graduates have fought. In academic achievement, the Military Academy is at the forefront of the nation's leading colleges and universities. We've witnessed innovative programs and major changes in academic course structure and teaching methodology. Under the direction of the Commandant, the new leadership development system is light-years ahead of anything we had when I was a cadet. For us older grads, the magnitude of these changes can be bewildering and often incomprehensible.

In the January issue of *ASSEMBLY*, we printed the Chief of Staff's remarks to the Board of Trustees at our Homecoming meeting. Please read them. General Sullivan eloquently addressed the problems that our Army faces now and in the near future as it undergoes—in his words—"tremendous change."

Change. It's inevitable, and we are fortunate to have leaders at West Point who recognize the realities and are adapting the Military Academy to a new environment and to an Army different from that which most of us have known.

Yet many of us are unhappy with change, particularly when it is directed at an institution that has served our country so faithfully and successfully for almost two centuries. Some of the changes are external and beyond our control as staff, faculty or alumni. The proposed six-year active duty commitment, the reduction in overall strength of the Corps and the elimination of the Regular Army commission for service academy graduates are issues on which we all have strong opinions. Some of these changes won't come about for several years, and there certainly will be an opportunity for our voices to be heard.

Internal changes at West Point also frequently are greeted with criticism and complaints. I am sure there are days when General Graves reads his mail and wonders, "With friends like these, who needs enemies?" In this "worst of times," it is easy to vent our frustrations and find fault. An honest opinion is always welcome, and certainly the Superintendent deserves—and needs—to know the thoughts and opinions of our graduates.

I've heard it said that one year away from West Point and you're out of touch, and I believe this statement to have an element of truth. If you do have a concern, please take a moment to ascertain the facts before putting pen to paper. If in doubt, ask our staff. They'll find out and get back to you.

Activism is good. Over the past few years we on the AOG staff and Board of Trustees have tried to increase the role of our societies in supporting West Point. We've succeeded, but the flip side is that with more interested and informed alumni, the Academy hears from us more than ever before. And some of those messages are a little shrill.

Benjamin Franklin had it right. In these difficult times for West Point, we all need to "hang together." The Military Academy and its leadership have enough problems without all of us chipping away at each other. Remember, the purpose of our Association of Graduates is ". . .to further the ideals and promote the welfare of the Military Academy." To my mind, promoting the welfare includes providing moral support.

Kathryn and I attended the Army-Navy game. The one bright spot in an otherwise dismal Army-Navy game weekend was the formal dinner dance sponsored by the West Point Society of Philadelphia at the Union League Club on Friday evening. West Point and Annapolis alumni alternate in hosting this event, and the 1991 affair, under the able leadership of Society President Rod Vitty '55, was a gala affair. Cheerleaders from both academies entertained, and the two superintendents exchanged friendly barbs. The guests, who danced into the wee hours, were about evenly divided between Army and Navy adherents. Our hats are off to the West Point Society of Philadelphia for a well-planned and delightful evening.

Sincerely,

Denis F. Mullane
President
Association of Graduates
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Any criticisms of *Assembly* will be welcomed by us. We want this magazine to be what you want it to be.

Faithfully yours,

Frank McCoy

President, Association of Graduates.

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Birthday Greetings, *ASSEMBLY*

THE ORIGIN OF *ASSEMBLY* AS TOLD BY ITS FOUNDING EDITOR, ON ITS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN 1962

by Lieutenant General Harry P. Storke '26, USA-Retired
(Secretary, Association of Graduates, 1940-1942)

Happy Twentieth Anniversary, *ASSEMBLY*. You were a precocious, promising Army brat. Your birth was relatively easy. Many godfathers were interested in you and were glad to help in many ways to bring you up.

Until 20 years ago, the Association of Graduates had published an *Annual Report*, a gray-bound, soft-cover booklet which contained obituaries of deceased graduates, brief accounts of what the Association was doing, briefer accounts of activities of the Corps of Cadets, the financial statement of the Association, and special reports such as, in the early Forties, on the then-current campaign to have Sylvanus Thayer elected to the Hall of Fame of New York University. The various Secretaries worked continuously to make this booklet less formal, but more newsworthy and interesting. However, the epithet "dead book" stuck.

(Secretary, Association of Graudates, 1940-1942)

A most time-consuming duty of the Secretary of the Association was that of editing, re-writing, and writing the obituaries. Certainly this was important to the recording and perpetuation of the many stirring memories, the little-told stories of devoted and patriotic accomplishments of the Long Gray Line. For two years I worked on this, glad to be of what to me was worthwhile service. But at every completed obituary, I became more obsessed with the thought that West Point's virile, forward-marching tradition deserved more than these accounts of the past, more than those terse and inconclusive sample reports of what West Point and its cadets and its alumni were doing. We needed a living, up-to-date journal.

Many important colleges in the country then published alumni magazines. Samples were easy to obtain and inspect. On a leave during the summer of 1941, I visited several college alumni offices seeking advice and ideas. My greatest assistance and inspiration came during my visit to Annapolis, where Mr. Harry R. England, Executive Director, US Naval Academy Alumni Association, was most willing to help. [Note: the Naval Academy's *Shipmate* celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in May 1988.] Enthusiastically Lt. Col. Leslie H. Wyman, the able Assistant Secretary, and I waded through the resultant minutiae which had been amassed. Finally, the feasibility of a quarterly alumni magazine proved itself, and things began to fall into place. We had a simple objective, no lofty aspirations. We merely wanted to help all members of the West Point family to be better informed, and thus to be bonded more closely together.

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Major General Frank R. McCoy, President of the Association of Graduates, was at once warmly interested in the whole project. Also, from very inception, Colonel Roger G. Alexander, Professor of Drawing, and an active member of the Board of Trustees of the Association, gave the concept his fullest blessing and backing; he was to contribute several very valuable ideas, as well as the facilities of his Department. And there were many others who gave, in greater or lesser degree.

Mr. George A. Moore, of the Newburgh printing company, always the warm friend of West Point journalistic attempts, liked the idea immediately. From his own point of view, he much preferred the continuity of the quarterly spread over the year, rather than the peak workload of the Annual Report all at once. So, he helped us weed out impractical ideas, gave more ideas, worked doggedly with us on details, and aided most sympathetically in making our proposed budget balance (well, almost).

The Report Section was most important. Names make news, help to keep families in touch. I hoped that every class would report on its members at least once or twice a year; it is most gratifying that many classes now report every quarter. During preparation of the very first issue and on through the years, support by class representatives has been excellent, although at the start several classes which already had well-organized reporting systems of their own regarded this new mag skeptically. Eventually, though, the work- and money-saving aspects of *Report*, with its guaranteed circulation, sold themselves. The cut which heads the section had a simple origin: One afternoon I briefed and explained to Major John R. Westermeier that we needed a sketch of an old-time adjutant reporting to a modern-type woof-woof, and asked his help. Fourteen minutes later he pushed a pencilled sketch at me and asked, "This it?" With pen work and a bit of smoothing, "this" is "it" today.

Naturally, an obituary publication of some sort remained essential. At one time we considered continuing the printing of some form of the old gray book. But finan-

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cially *ASSEMBLY* threatened to be on a "shoestring" until it proved itself. Therefore, we compromised, and decided that an obituary section would be a part of, an insert of, the new magazine. Thus, those many old graduates who painstakingly retained the obituary records could simply take out this section and place it in their files. From the old Annual Report we borrowed its original cut, made by Lieutenant Holger N. Toftroy in 1935, titled, as today, "Be Thou At Peace"; with its theme, from "The Corps": "We, sons of today, salute you, you sons of an earlier day. . ." Prominent were a warrior's shield and sword, at rest.

Plain Talk was a necessary section, for it must keep the cadet story current. Its title was, of course, a natural. Also, there was no question as to its first "guest composer," since one of West Point's most staunch and articulate supporters ever—Colonel Freeman W. Bowley '11, the Post Property Inspector at West Point—had already given me every encouragement. He assented readily. I am well pleased that Plain Talk has now become a periodic vehicle for the Superintendent to chat with us; this well meets its original purpose.

No West Point magazine would be complete without the athletic latest on the "Black Knights." So, Down the Field became a section which, I'm sure, the Secretary still has to edit against excess verbiage. As you appreciate, the title was borrowed from the famous football song. For the cut to head the section, the montage of contemporary important athletic moments seemed apropos, and the Drawing Department produced a fine composite. Since then this has rightly been kept up-to-date.

The first real feature article was the story by Paul Reinecke of how he conceived and wrote "Alma Mater". As I recall, Colonel Bowley first thought of this, and was most helpful in persuading Mr. Reinecke to contribute.

To name the magazine, a competition. . .produced many. . .interesting suggestions. . . . While we were. . .considering them, Bill Wyman. . .began whistling the bugle call Assembly. . . .that was it.

Several other sections have appeared in *ASSEMBLY* over the years. Major William L. Kost, who relieved me as Secretary and thus became its second editor, added the Bulletin Board, well worthwhile. West Point Today is an excellent section. There have been others.

But I think it is most gratifying overall that the magazine continues to be of such active interest to all who are really interested in West Point and thus continues to attract contributors. Look at the Winter 1962 number's one-time features: "John Phoenix," USMA Free-Flight Laboratory, SCUSA XIII. These and many other features of the past have well squelched a certain fear of 20 years ago: that there wouldn't be enough material to keep a quarterly magazine going! Somehow, I still can't visualize that the spring of interesting and important stories about West Point, past, present, or future, could ever run dry. It just needs a little priming now and then. Rephrased, that means that editors of *ASSEMBLY* (as do all editors) have to struggle and cajole to keep contributing pencils active.

To name the magazine, a competition conducted among officers on duty at West Point produced many interested and interesting suggestions. One day while we were sorting and considering them, Bill Wyman looked up, pursed his lips, and began whistling the bugle call Assembly. We threw away the notes, and that was it.

The make-up of the magazine's inside cover page? What could have been more appropriate than the title *ASSEMBLY* superimposed upon a photo of the annual June Week assembly of old grads and cadets at the Thayer Monument? This was first used in the October 1942 issue.

Among the many who so creditably contributed of time, ideas, and efforts to make *ASSEMBLY* go, you may be sure there was an always faithful and dependable somebody somewhere who just kept plugging along. This was Mrs. Blanche O. Kingsley, secretary in our office. From her previous placid existence, this was a time of great change, an about-face in methods, details, and workload. But she took all this in her calm stride, ever patient, harder working, cooperative, full of ideas—a really staunch support. Until her retirement last April, I am sure that her handiwork, through many editors, had done yeoman service in helping raise *ASSEMBLY* through its teens and its adolescence, and to maturity.

Under the strong influence of General McCoy and Colonel Alexander, the Board of Trustees of the Association heartily approved the magazine. They were particularly appreciative of the estimate that *ASSEMBLY* would begin to pay for itself within three years (actually it did better) and of the fact that for its membership fee the Association would have something tangible and worthwhile to offer, instead of depending solely upon hoped-for natural enthusiasm and loyalty for "everybody" to join the Association.

So, on 9 April 1942, the first issue of *ASSEMBLY* went into circulation.

May it continue.

Frankly, it's still one of my favorite magazines.

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Geography and the Gulf War

by Captain Randy L. Williams,
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During the late summer and fall of 1990, much of the attention of America, and that of practically all of the staff and faculty at the United States Military Academy, focused on developments in the Persian Gulf. As the fall academic term came to a close, many at West Point were alerted to join the Desert Shield operation. All staffs, particularly the personnel at Keller Army Community Hospital, were affected by the build-up in the Middle East. In the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, two officers were notified to depart for Saudi Arabia around 1 January 1991. Colonel Robert Clegg, a Military Intelligence officer, was directed to join a regional intelligence processing cell, and MAJ Paul Harwig, an Engineer officer, was sent to assist the 30th Engineer Battalion of the XVIII Airborne Corps to incorporate new technology into the topographic support packages of various units.

Other members of the staff had to carry additional classes to cover for the missing instructors. Some received very short notice to teach a course for the first time. Despite these disruptions, the spring academic term was filled with many positives from the Gulf War. The above-mentioned officers, past associates of the faculty and members of the 24th Infantry Division, who filled some of our classes with their war experiences, aided in teaching the kind of geographic and military lessons to cadets that we wish we could teach without a war. The purpose of this article is to explain the impact of the war on geographic instruction at West Point, and highlight those teaching points that received strong reinforcement from events in the Gulf. This article is written solely from the perspective of the course entitled Geography of the Middle East and Africa (Understanding the Middle East), so there are bound to be other valuable geographic lessons or examples that are not included here.

Oil well fire in Kuwait. Photo by LTC Chris King

The Middle East is a cultural region that many Americans find difficult to understand. It is so complex, or convoluted, that many college professors are dissatisfied with their ability to explain its multi-faceted complexion in an academic environment. Students who follow current events and understand the impact of cultural conflicts in a region can more easily comprehend its problems. Cadets at West Point tend to be extremely intelligent and fairly current on world events. Yet, many of these students begin their geographic studies with the misconception that the region is entirely a desert wasteland underlain with vast oil deposits and inhabited by a homogeneous group of Muslim Arabs and a small, but powerful, Jewish state. Since 2 August 1990, however, Saddam Hussein and the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Operations have been an academic boon, replete with real examples of almost every major Middle East topic and engendering a burning desire in the students to learn more about this complex area.

In July of 1990, during the preparation of material for lessons on the Middle East that would be needed in the spring 1991 semester, it was somewhat depressing to see the low enrollment totals for the course. As of 2 August 1990, many things changed. Saddam had caught the world off-guard by his audacious move into Kuwait. From that date until two weeks after classes officially began, students continued to enroll. At West Point the total number of students is low and course loads are fairly structured in comparison with state universities, yet Middle East course enrollments increased by 400%. The classes doubled and books had to be emergency requisitioned. According to colleagues at other institutions, this phenomenon was oft repeated.

Cadets wanted to know more about the region for a number of reasons. The nation's military was involved there, the cadets might have to one day serve in the Middle East as Army officers, and, most important to them, many graduated mem-

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bers of their cadet companies were deployed to the region. The cadets also sought a forum in which to discuss the issues coming out of the Desert Shield/Desert Storm Operations. After the air phase of Desert Storm began, issues often surfaced due to news reports or briefings by military personnel or network military analysts. Much information used in the classroom was taken directly from newscasts; thus the media often provided the focus for a particular lecture or discussion. Throughout the U.S. Military Academy, instructors took time away from their scheduled instruction to devote time to improving cadet understanding of current events in the Gulf. These officers realized the mission of the Academy and took advantage of cadet enthusiasm to teach some significant lessons.

In the course Geography of the Middle East and Africa, class time was taken from topics on Africa to address the Gulf Crisis. Yet, the mission of helping cadets gain an appreciation for other cultures was enhanced. By better understanding the intercultural conflicts in the Middle East brought out by the war, the cadets could more easily grasp the impact of this same topic in African societies. The need to understand the physical, political and economic environs that must be dealt with in foreign lands became much more than an academic drill, when cadets were encouraged by current events to think about how they would deal with the leadership challenges posed by certain situations that occurred in the Middle East.

Contributions of Satellite Technology

Computer and satellite technology greatly assisted geographic instruction. The war pointed out many technological differences between the US and Iraqi armed forces. US military equipment and doctrine appeared superior to that of its foe. One of the technological advantages possessed by the Coalition, which became most apparent through the media, was the intelligence-gathering capabilities of satellites. This technology also had application in the classroom. Remotely sensed images obtained via satellites use various bands of the electromagnetic spectrum and can reveal much detail about the disposition of an army or the impact of military strikes against an enemy. This technique does not expose personnel or equipment to any danger during the intelligence gathering process. This technology, however, does have drawbacks. Many Gulf War reports centered on our lack of bomb damage assessment. These topics were an important part of geographic instruction in several courses at West Point during Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Physical Geography

The Middle East is often characterized as arid or desert. To a large extent this is true, yet most people live in discontinuous clusters near water with vast desert areas between populated sites. Thus, one could categorize the majority of Middle Eastern populaces as riparian in nature. Water is so important that the old diamond-shaped "Neutral Zone" still depicted on many maps was created so that nomads from either Iraq or Saudi Arabia could freely use the oases found there. Images borrowed from another geography course, Remote Sensing, reveal that even the Saudi desert areas are not of a single type. In the color infrared view (false color image) appearing on the back cover, vegetation appears red, water is black, clouds and snow are white, sandy areas are a light beige and rocky regions are a variety of darker shades (This computer enhanced image has been modified to depict national boundaries). In Saudi Arabia the western margin is a reg (rocky) desert, the southeastern sector is an erg (sandy) desert covered with longitudinal dune formations and virtually devoid of any vegetation - the Rub' al Khali or Empty Quarter; the central and northeastern sector is a mixture or reg and erg. The few areas of vegetation stand out clearly. News reports during Desert Shield often discussed various maintenance problems caused by the large amounts of loose material driven by the wind to erode metal surfaces.

The climates in the region do vary with altitude in mountainous areas, but the primary factor in the Middle East's temperature and precipitation regime is latitude. A pattern of hot, dry summers with generally clear skies is followed by a cool, winter season when westerly winds bring precipitation via frontal systems. The winter cold fronts and their accompanying thunderstorms can produce massive sandstorms, which were of constant concern to the planners of Desert Storm. The remotely sensed images also depict another problem: sensors cannot see through the clouds due to the scattering and reflecting of the electromagnetic energy by the cloud surfaces. Thus, the Coalitions' ability to use satellite information in intelligence gathering, whether bomb damage assessment or location of Iraqi Scud platforms, was adversely affected by the weather during the Iraqi winter.

Remotely sensed images of the Shatt al Arab waterway also show the impact of exotic streams on arid regions, especially the extensive marshes around the Shatt. Due to the low relief, these marshes continue westward for a distance along the Euphrates and northwestward along the Tigris. This is not your typical desert area. Members of the 101st Airborne Division who conducted an air assault operation into this terrain found movement near impossible and understood the impact of the marshes. What the images do not show are the people, the Madan, known as Marsh Arabs. They are culturally different from most Arabs. They speak a dialect of Arabic and are generally Shiite, but their heritage and technology level is vastly different from their brothers. For centuries, they have relied on the water buffalo and the tarada (a large canoe) rather than on the camel or the horse. They live on the bounty of the marshes, and, through the centuries, their habits of daily living became quite different from those of the majority of Iraqi citizens.

Cultural Geography

In geography, a simple definition for culture is the "shared patterns of learned behavior" that a people exhibit. The three primary components of culture are: institutions—the languages, laws, education systems, government; technology skills—equipment, architecture, farming methods; and beliefs—religious, political, values (DeBlij and Muller in their text, *Geography: Regions and Concepts,* John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1988, delve into culture, cultural traits and some areas of intercultural strife). Culture is not genetic, or a matter of race, but is taught to each successive generation by its predecessor. Westerners might simply view Marsh Arabs as generic "Arabs", due to the similar language and belief system, but because of technological differences based on livelihood, manner of dress, food preferences and learned values, they are culturally different—possibly a sub-culture. They are seen as inferior, or barbaric, by most urban Sunni Arabs of Baghdad. (Note: although dated, *The Marsh Arabs* by Wilfred Thesinger, published in 1964 by E.P. Dutton & Co., Inc. of New York, provides an insight into their culture and how they are perceived by fellow Iraqis.)

These cultural differences are extremely important in considering national stability. These differences tend to cause no ill effects in states where the cultures are spatially blended together, but in a state with a cultural patchwork (areal concentrations of differing culture groups which are internally homogeneous), prob-

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THE FIRST USMA CLASS REUNION?
The Class of 1821's "32d Reunion"

by Colonel George S. Pappas '44 (Retired)

Class reunions during Alumni Week or football season have become a tradition at West Point. Many classes also hold periodic "mini-reunions" elsewhere. The first annual meetings of the newly-formed Association of Graduates were held in 1869 and 1870; proceedings of the latter session were the first published. It had been assumed that the first bonafide class reunions were held as a part of the Association's annual meetings.

Recently, during research in the Sylvanus Thayer papers, letters were found documenting a class reunion in 1853. The class of 1821—the first class to enter after Thayer became Superintendent—asked Colonel Thayer to join them at West Point in July 1853 ". . .to receive the greetings of the individual members, survivors of the Class of 1817" (the class graduated on 1 July 1821, but the bulk of the graduates entered in 1817, when Thayer became Superintendent). Although Thayer was not able to attend, five of the eighteen survivors assembled at West Point on 13 July: Robert F. W. Allston of South Carolina (Governor from 1856-1858); Joshua Baker of Louisiana; Seth M. Capron of Walden, New York; Major John B. Scott, stationed at Fort Independence in Boston harbor; and Washington Wheelwright of New York City.

Allston, writing to Thayer after the meeting, stated that ". . .our meeting was small but very hearty and cordial." To express its appreciation and admiration, the Class commissioned a special presentation sword for Thayer. At the hilt was a likeness of John Calhoun, Secretary of War. The gold scabbard included the engraved names of the eighteen donors, West Point scenes and various insignia. The Ames Sword Company considered the work an outstanding example of sword-making art and arranged for it to be displayed at the Worlds Fair in New York City. The five classmates carried the sword from their reunion to the Fair opening on 14 July. Thayer received the sword in September. At his death, the sword was willed to his oldest nephew, J. B. Mouton.

Thayer, in his letter of appreciation, summarized the accomplishments of the class: ". . . it joined the Institution a few weeks after I became its Superintendent. It was present when, in the same year, the "new organization" (which still subsists) was instituted and was the first class whose entire course of education I had the honor to superintend. It was also the first whose instructions embraced the regular term of four years. Although not more distinguished, perhaps, than the average of subsequent classes, it has furnished its due quota of eminent characters civilian and military of whom the Alma Mater may well be proud, while there is not one, so far as I am informed, who has not "acted well his part." Of the thirty-five who graduated, nineteen, after various periods of honorable service, retired from the Army during peace only, however, to become more active and useful citizens. Among them are to be found learned professors (including three members of the USMA Academic Board) and jurists, eminent civil engineers, a governor of a state, a member of Congress, a foreign minister, a presidential elector, a State Senator, and other respectable functionaries. Of the sixteen who never resigned, two were killed in battle and eight others have paid their debt to their country (Thayer refers to two killed in the Mexican War and eight who died of various causes while on active duty), leaving but six survivors, of whom all but one (he was in the Pay Department) served in the late Mexican War with the highest distinction, having gained ten brevets for feats of skill and valor. This brief sketch of the history of the Class, imperfect tho' it may be, may help to explain my high appreciation of the honor conferred on me by the eighteen surviving graduates."

This letter clearly indicates Thayer's interest in all of his former cadets. This interest and the magnitude of his personal files become even more evident when one reviews his correspondence with George Cullum over a period of more than twelve years. Cullum had asked Thayer's comments concerning his *Register of Graduates.* Thayer did more than comment; he corrected errors in Cullum's draft and added information Cullum had not found during his research of official files. He also reviewed Cullum's history of the Military Academy which had been published in the third edition of the *Register.* Thayer urged Cullum to locate the few survivors of the earlier classes, stating that "it now belongs to you to bring about this desirable interchange of the truth in which, I trust, you take as much interest as I or any other can. It is only after every ascertainable and pertinent fact shall have been established by a general concurrence of those who are competent to testify that I would be willing to express decided and definitive opinions on the premise. Until then I intend to keep my mind open to conviction. May I recommend a similar reserve on your part?" Thayer was referring to the description of the pre-1817 Academy in general and to the controversy surrounding the superintendency of his predecessor, Alden Partridge. Unfortunately, Cullum did not fully accept Thayer's advice.

Reading the description of this reunion in 1853, one cannot help compare that meeting of five classmates with present-day reunions. In 1853, there was no Alumni Review and no ceremony at the Thayer Monument. The five classmates undoubtedly watched the Corps at parade, probably the daily Retreat Review. There was no West Point Army Mess, and their meals were probably eaten in the room in the New Cadet Mess Hall used by the staff and faculty. Much as old grads do today, the five probably visited the "new" barracks, old Central Area. They may have visited the Library and the academic building, all new since their time as cadets. Although there undoubtedly was no formal Supe's Reception, one wonders if the Superintendent, Captain Robert E. Lee, entertained the five in his quarters which had been built during Thayer's superintendency. And, as old grads do today, did the five decide on their way to New York that "The Corps Has?"

Thayer himself paid a fitting compliment to this Class and their idea of holding a Reunion. In a letter to Allstron he said, "The idea you have started and are desirous of having realized must commend itself to the good feelings and the judgment of all concerned. The example set by your class would doubtless be followed by the succeeding classes, wherein would result the most important consequences to the welfare of our Alma Mater."

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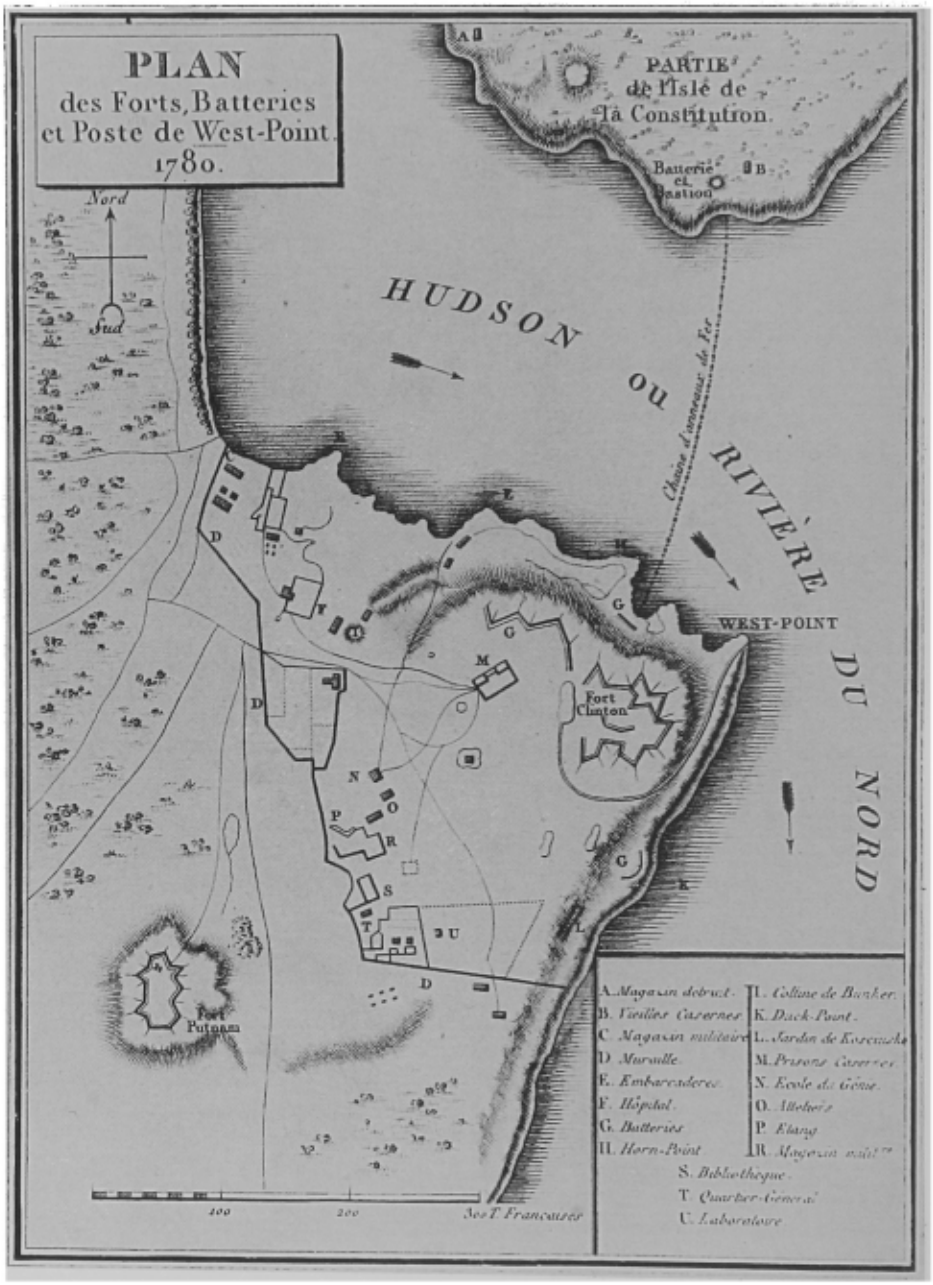
The 1780 Map of West Point. . . An Unintentional Historical Hoax

by Colonel George S. Pappas and John K. Robertson

Since this article was written, Colonel Merle Shefield has died. The authors would like to dedicate this article to Merle's memory and acknowledge Merle's work, which is not widely known.

For many years, historians and history buffs alike have cited a map of West Point dated 1780 as being one of the most accurate and detailed maps of the period. This map first came to prominence in the early 1900s when Dr. Edward S. Holden, the USMA Librarian, included the map in the two-volume *Centennial of the United States Military Academy at West Point, 1802-1902*. Although no definite record can be cited, one can assume that Holden "discovered" this map while resarching the history of the Military Academy, using primarily sources in the USMA Library. So important did Holden consider the map that he included it in a list of maps of West Point and in his chronological bibliography of important events concerning the post and the Academy.

The map was published in France in 1816 as an illustration for *Complot d'Arnold et de Sir Henry Clinton contre Les Etats-Unis d'Amerique et contre le General George Washington* by F. Barbe-Marbois. The text of the book discussed the Arnold conspiracy only; there was no description of the post conforming to the buildings shown on the map. Holden apparently accepted the map as genuine and, adding two and two together, declared in his Centennial bibliography that "at this time there was an engineer school, a library, and a laboratory lodged in three buildings at West Point." Unfortunately, the sum that Holden obtained by adding two plus two did not add up to four: today it is all too evident that the map is not an accurate depiction of the post of West Point in 1780.



The 1780 Hoax Map.

Equally unfortunate has been the tendency of later historians to accept Holden's statement as fact. For example, Aloysius A. Norton used this map in his 1986 *History of the United States Military Academy Library* as proof that there was a library at West Point in 1780. Other historians have also used the map, indicating it to be an accurate portrayal of 1780 West Point. Significantly, historians who have carefully researched the period do not cite this document or use it as an illustration. Miller, Lockey, and Vinconti do not use it in their 1988 History Department publication, *Highland Fortress: The Fortification of West Point during the American Revolution, 1775-1783*, nor did Dave R. Palmer cite the map in his 1969 book, *The River and the Rock*.

The first serious questioning of the authenticity of the map was raised by Colonel Merle G. Sheffield, USMA 1948, during his assignment to the USMA Physics Department. A history buff, Sheffield devoted much time to a careful study of West Point during the Revoluntionary period. His noting that other maps of the period did not agree with the 1780 drawing led

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The Zoeller Map (1808).

ZOELLER MAP AND 1780 MAP COMPARISON

The 1808 Zoeller map can best be compared with the 1780 French map by identifying buildings common to both. The following list is based upon the legend in the 1780 map and shows the name applied to each building and geogrpahic feature on Zoeller's map. Note that items W, X, and Y are not listed in the 1780 legend but are shown on that map.

1780 Map Legend	Zoeller Map Nomenclature
A. Magasin Detruct	Ruined Magazine
B. Vieilles Casernes	Battery
C. Magasin Militaire	Military Stores
D. Muraille	Wall (wall shown - not named)
E. Embarcadere	Landing Place
F. Hospital	Hospital
G. Batteries	Batteries
H. Horn-Point	Horn Point
I. Colture de Bunker	Bunker's Hill
K. Duck Point	Duck Point
L. Jardin de Kosciusko	Kosciusko's Garden
M. Prison Caserne	Prison
N. Ecole de Genie	Academy
O. Atteliers	Quarters
P. Etang	Pond
R. Magasin Attelier	Military Storekeeper's Qtrs
S. Biblioteque	Library
T. Quartier-General	Headquarters
U. Laboratoire	Laboratory
[W.] Buildings not named	Buildings not named
[X.] Chaine d-anneaux	Place of the chain
[Y.] West-Point	Gee's Point

him to compare that map with others drawn a quarter-century later. His conclusions left no doubt that this map was completely inaccurate and should be considered an unintentional historical hoax.

Sheffield compared the 1780 map with the Villefranche map in Boynton's *History of West Point*; there is little similarity between the two. He then studied the 1783 map prepared and attested to by S. DeWitt, Geographer to the Army, and again found little similarity. Sheffield also studied the L'Enfant panorama drawn about 1783. This drawing clearly shows Fort Clinton, the "Old Provost" on the edge of Execution Hollow and barracks on the present site of professor's quarters facing Eisenhower Hall. Other than the old Provost, none of the Barbe-Marbois map's buildings are shown in L'Enfant's panorama. The findings derived from these comparisons, however, were not sufficient to definitely state that the 1780 map was not accurate because the other Revolutionary War maps showed only a few of the buildings known to have been erected at West Point before the end of the conflict. If the Barbe-Marbois map did not agree with the other period maps, where did he get that map or the information included on it?

The next thing Sheffield did was to compare the 1780 map with authenticated maps of the early Military Academy period in the USMA Library and Museum. He found that a map drawn by the first Teacher of Drawing, Christian E. Zoeller, in 1808 appeared to agree with the Barbe-Marbois drawing. Sheffield carefully labeled buildings on the Zoeller map and then labeled similar structures on the 1780 drawing. He now found that, after translating the French titles into English, the two maps were compatible. "The map [by Zoeller] was copied, rather poorly," stated Sheffield, "and Zoeller's English titles carefully replaced and nicely tabulated in French. There are no other essential differences between the two maps." Every building shown and tabulated by Barbe-Marbois is shown on the Zoeller map and identified in English.

As far as is known, Sheffield's short

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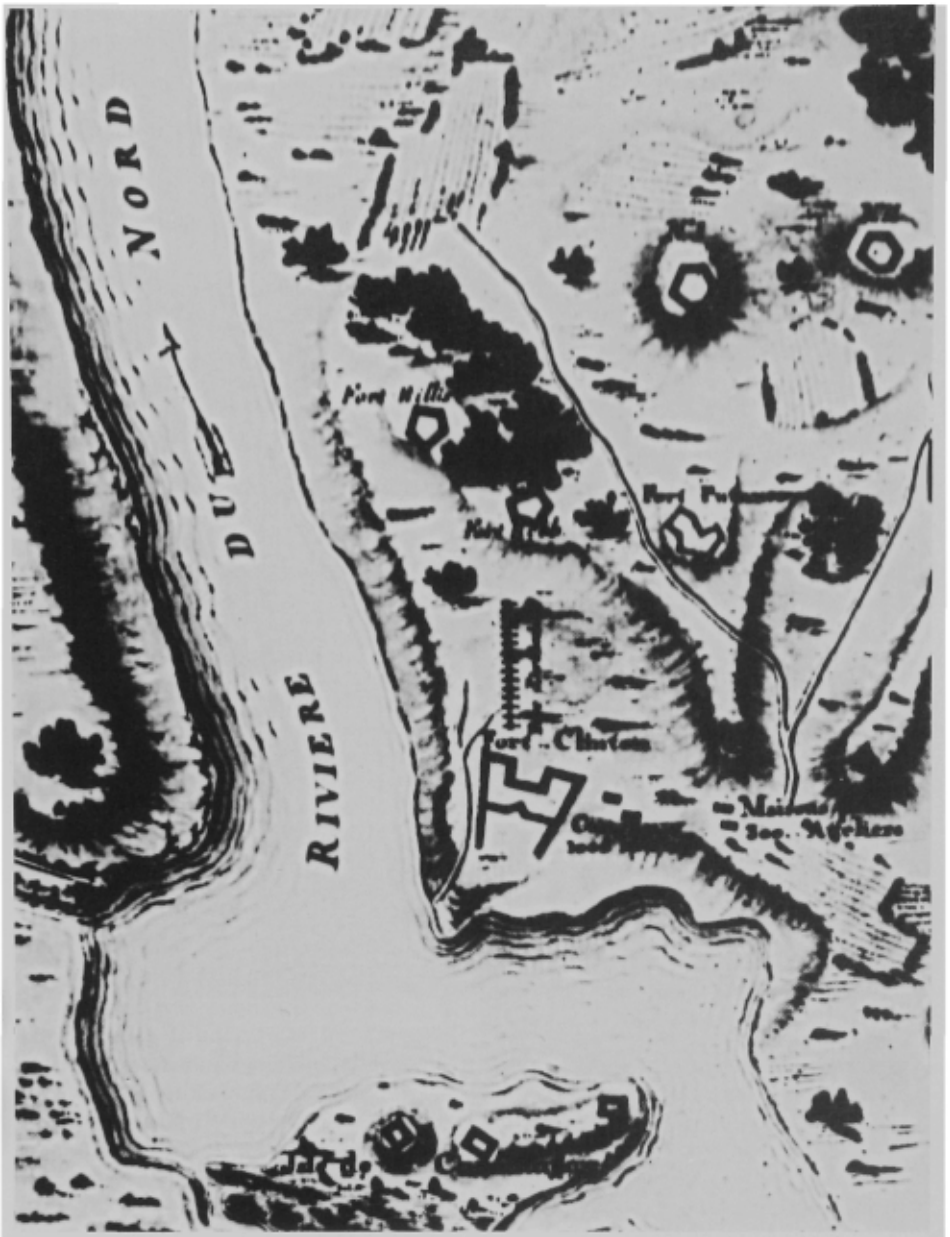

Detail from the Bourg map (Le Bourg was aide-de-camp to General Rochambeau during the Revolutionary War).

paper on the 1780 map was not published and consequently was not known widely. The authors of this article, while studying maps in the USMA Library and Museum as part of their research for a projected West Point Atlas, read Sheffield's analysis. They compared the 1780 map with the same Revoluntionary period maps used by Sheffield and agreed with his conclusions. To further substantiate the difference between the Barbe-Marbois map and authenticated Revolutionary drawings, they also compared it with maps drawn by Greenleaf, Kosciuszko, Bourg, McDougall and Romans. These drawings had no similarity with the Barbe-Marbois map.

To confirm Sheffield's conclusions that the 1780 map was copied from other maps subsequent to 1802, the authors compared it with drawings by Cadet John Webber in 1815, the George Whistler 1816 map, the Joseph G. Bruffs map (circe 1816), and the T. B. Brown map of 1826. Although the post-1815 maps also show the new barracks and mess buildings, the pre-1815 structures definitely correlate with the buildings on the Barbe-Marbois map. The only possible conclusions, based upon this additional research, is that Merle Sheffield was correct in his statement that the 1780 map is incorrect and that it was copied from a map drawn after the establishment of USMA.

Why did Barbe-Marbois use post-1802 information for his 1780 map? One can only guess at his reasons. One thing, however, is certain: he had no intention of deceiving anyone into believing that there was actually an Academy at West Point in 1780. Barbe-Marbois had served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. He later became an official of the French government and was Napoleon's Minister of the Treasury, negotiating the sale of the Louisiana Territory to the United States in 1802. As Sheffield stated in his paper, "Since the main events in that conspiracy [Arnold's intent to turn West Point over to the British] occurred in 1780, it was only natural that Barbe-Marbois wanted his illustration to reflect that period. We can only regret that he was unable to find a map of West Point suitable to his needs."

All of this can be summarized by a very simple statement: the map in the 1816 work by Barbe-Marbois is not an accurate portrayal of West Point in 1780. Contrary to assumptions based upon that map, there was no Ecole de Genie at West Point; there was no library; there was no hospital at West Point in 1780. In fact, only two things are shown which actually were there in 1780 *and* in 1808: the Old Provost building [identified by Barbe-Marebois as the "Prisons Caserne"] and Kosciuszko's Garden. An unintentional historical hoax was initiated which has been accepted as fact for over a century. Merle Sheffield certainly deserves thanks for detecting the inaccuracy on the 1780 Barbe-Marbois map.

One must pose another question, however. The Zoeller 1808 map shows the barracks on Trophy Point built by Rivardi in 1795. Why did Barbe-Marbois neglect to include the barracks on his map? Is it possible that he copied another map drawn before the barracks were erected? If so, what map did he use and where is it today?

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Legacies: Donors Remember West Point

by Joan S. Grey
Research by Phoebe Caldbeck

There is one thing about proverbs. While they are often overused and sometimes dull, they always contain a nugget of truth. So it is with the old saying, "Actions speak louder than words."

The friends of West Point profiled here reinforced their ideals with their resources. Included are a sampling of USMA graduates, a widow of an alumnus and several friends of West Point. They have different backgrounds, but there is a consistency in that they sought to perpetuate their stated values. West Point touched their lives and these people demonstrated their respect and affection with significant gifts to the Military Academy. That our actions support our spoken principles is a tribute to which all people might aspire.

Blessed is the person who sees the need, recognizes the responsibility, and actively becomes the answer—William Arthur Ward (1921-)

Brigadier General James K. Herbert was a man known for his generosity. He gave almost $700,000 to the Association of Graduates, primarily for the endowment of the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program. Additionally, he donated four stained glass windows to the Catholic Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity at West Point and has an altar stone honoring this gift.

In late 1989, before undergoing surgery, General Herbert instructed his son to call the Association to find out what needs existed for donations. Before his hospitalization, General Herbert revised his will to include the AOG.

Upon his death in January 1990, James K. Herbert's generous bequest of $3 million has allowed the AOG to move forward with its plans to construct a new Alumni Center. Brigadier General Herbert's generosity demonstrated the confidence he placed in the AOG and the importance he attributed to an appropriate gathering place for USMA graduates returning to West Point.

What a man does for others, not what they do for him, gives him immortality—Daniel Webster

At 90 years old, Major General George H. Olmsted, USAR (Retired) has an impressive history of accomplishments. He graduated second in the Class of 1922 after serving as First Captain, President of his Class and Football Manager. Following a year and a half on active duty, he transferred to the Reserves and began building a corporate empire that eventually included International Bank with its 121 subsidiaries.

In 1959, General Olmsted established the George and Carol Olmsted Foundation with capital acquired from his business pursuits. General Olmsted used the Foundation to manifest his belief that America's greatest leaders must be educated broadly. The Olmsted Scholars Program was one of the first projects funded by the Foundation and was designed to foster increased sensitivity to the interests, viewpoint, and concerns of people around the world.

The Olmsted Scholars Program educates young military officers judged to have potential for becoming future military leaders. Olmsted scholars study at foreign universities in a language other than English and are immersed in the culture of the country in which they are studying.

In the late 1970's, General Olmsted made his mark at West Point with a gift of almost $2 million. Olmsted Hall, the West Point Museum at Pershing Center, stands as a tribute to General Olmsted's generosity and as a reminder of his service to the nation. The Olmsted Foundation funded the installation and design of six galleries with the specialized lighting, climate control, and fire suppression needed by the museum.

Through the Olmsted Foundation and its programs and projects, George Olmsted has guaranteed the means for preserving his ideals.

The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it—William James (1842-1910)

To make a gift to a school is to be assured that your name and the project with which you are associated will continue through the years. Mrs. Agnes Young Pierce bequeathed the Association of Graduates $1 million at her death in 1961—the largest legacy up to that time. Mrs. Pierce, wife of Brigadier General Palmer E. Pierce, Class of 1891, shared her husband's love of West Point and wanted to establish a memorial to her late husband.

General Pierce taught chemistry during two tours at West Point. Additionally, he was Secretary of the Army Officers Athletic Association, predecessor to the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. General Pierce also spent almost 25 years as the President of the antecedent organization of the

Herbert Alumni Center

Olmsted Hall

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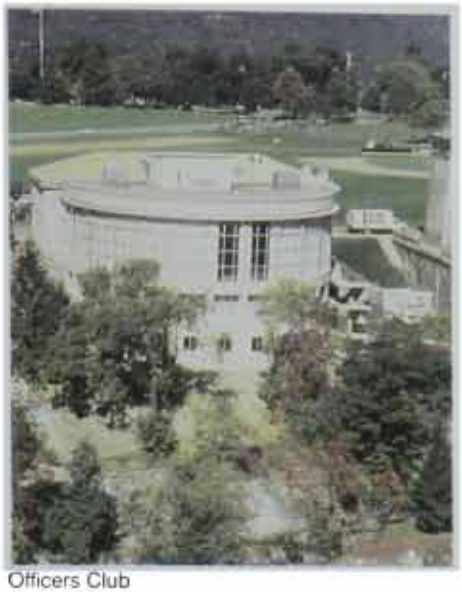

Officers Club

National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Mrs. Pierce's stated wish was to commemorate her husband "in connection with the anticipated Association Hall eventually to be constructed, or such other project decided upon—." By 1961, Cullum Hall had already passed its capacity for memorials except on the Professors' and Superintendents' walls. At the time, studies indicated that the most economical method of expanding Cullum Hall was to connect it with the West Point Officers Club.

Mrs. Pierce's gift was used to extend the Club towards the River, adding the two main dining rooms. Additionally, legend has it that money was set aside so that "wine would flow freely" at the dinner meal [the money was expended in the 70's]. Individual portraits of BG and Mrs. Pierce flank the lower level dining room door, and a plaque commemorating the gift is located in the main entrance vestibule.

We give to others not out of a sense of obligation, but out of a sense of sincere appreciation for what our community has given us.—Frank M. Hubbard (1920-)

George W. Heck was accepted to West Point in the 1930's but unable to enter. He loved the Army, became an officer, and served 30 years on active duty.

Before his death, Colonel Heck revised his will. He wanted to ensure money was available for needy cadets to defray their entrance fees. In 1989, the Association of Graduates received Colonel Heck's estate of over $650,000. In establishing the Colonel George W. and Geneva Heck Endowment Fund, Colonel Heck tried to ensure that West Point cadets would have opportunities that had been denied him.

To give life a meaning one must have a purpose larger than self.—Will Durant (1885-1981)

In 1986, a movie inspired Paul Kalmanovitz to give $500,000 to West Point in memory of Generals George S. Patton, Jr. and Omar M. Bradley. The Commandant's secretary who opened the mail with Mr. Kalmanovitz' checks thought the gift was a hoax. At that point, no one at West Point had heard of Paul Kalmanovitz.

Research revealed Paul Kalmanovitz to be a publicity-shy, brewing company tycoon whose holdings included Pabst, Falstaff and several regional breweries. Mr. Kalmanovitz, who died in 1987, lived a "Horatio Alger" success story. After arriving in the United States at age 20 as an uneducated Polish merchant seaman, he bootstrapped himself to placement on the *Forbes* list of the 400 Wealthiest Americans and a reputation as a "hard-nosed cost cutter," corporate turn-around artist.

Visitors Center

According to the letter accompanying his check, the only impetus for Mr. Kalmanovitz' charitable gesture was viewing the movie, "Patton." The Military Academy erected the tribute desired by Mr. Kalmanovitz in the Visitors Center at Pershing Center.

A great deal of good can be done in the world if one is not too careful who gets the credit.—Old Jesuit Motto

Statue of George Washington

One of the most photographed images at West Point includes the equestrian statue of George Washington located in front of Washington Hall. The inscription on the pedestal reads:

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A Civil War veteran donated the statue after hearing the twenty-eighth Superintendent, Colonel Clarence Townsley (1912-1916), express a desire to see a statue of Washington at West Point. Colonel Townsley wanted the monument to commemorate Washington's influence on the creation of the Military Academy. A replica of the statue from Union Square in New York City was cast. Originally erected facing south at the intersection of Thayer and Cullum Roads near Trophy Point, the statue was moved to its current location in 1972.

Because the donor chose to remain anonymous, it adds an air of mystery to this statue. The inscription on the statue speaks not only for the donor but for all people who believe themselves to be patriotic citizens and grateful for what West Point is to the nation and in their own lives.

These people chose to remember West Point with significant contributions. The Association of Graduates appreciates the donations of all graduates and friends and is grateful for those who express their confidence in West Point by making gifts.

Each citizen should play his part in the community according to his individual gifts.—Plato (427-347 BC)

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Giving to Our Alma Mater

Almost a century separates the bequest of General Cullum for the Memorial Hall that bears his name and General Herbert's bequest for the planned Herbert Alumni Center.

—*Editor*

by Brigadier General Avery D. Andrews, 1886
President of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A.

It is commonly assumed that all the requirements of the Military Academy are provided by a solicitous and generous Government. It is true that the Government has appropriated liberally to maintain and recently to greatly enlarge the Academy, although the total appropriations for the permanent plant, consisting of land and buildings, amounts to less than the cost of a single modern battleship. But it is also true that her graduates and friends have given generously to supplement the regular appropriations, and that this desire and ability to give to our Alma Mater has shown a marked increase in recent years.

The most notable gift ever made to the Academy was that of General George W. Cullum, who, in 1892, bequeathed $250,000 to the United States to construct the present Memorial Hall. General Cullum also gave three Trust Funds aggregating $50,000. One of these, for $20,000, was given to five Trustees, consisting of the Superintendent and the Professors of Natural and Experimental Philosophy, of Engineering, of Mathematics, and of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology the income of which is to be used by them for the purchase of statues, busts, mural tablets and portraits of distinguished officers and graduates.

Another fund of $20,000 was left to the same Trustees, the income of which is to be used for the publication, in 1900, and decennially thereafter, of further volumes of "General Cullum's Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York." Under this trust, the Trustees are now preparing to publish further volumes in 1930. These records prove, if any proof were needed, the splendid efficiency of the Military Academy and the soundness of its methods, principles and traditions. It is interesting to note that General Cullum further provided that in case his wishes could not be carried out with respect to the foregoing gifts by reason of the invalidity of the trust or for any other reason, then these bequests were to be given to the Association of Graduates for similar purposes.

A third fund of $10,000 was given to the Association of Graduates, the income of which was to be used for current expenses, a fund which has been of great assistance to the Association in recent years.

But there have been many other notable gifts, and of these the group of gifts presented by the Army Athletic Association is of outstanding importance, consisting of the picturesque Michie Stadium with a permanent seating capacity of 16,000, and erected at a cost of $300,000; the new Polo Field, costing $125,000; the athletic warehouse, $30,000; and 19 tennis courts. Surely every member of the Army Athletic Association must be proud of the splendid work which it has done, not only in the development of athletics but in the presentation of these magnificent gifts to the Military Academy.

The most notable gift ever made to the Academy was that of General George W. Cullum.

Of all the gifts to West Point, perhaps those to the Cadet Chapel are the best known and appreciated. Conspicuous among these gifts are the superb Battle Window in the Chancel, and the World War Window at the opposite end of the Chapel, both the gifts of the Association of Graduates. The Class of 1860, 1862, and every Class from 1865 to 1929 inclusive has erected its own Memorial Window; in addition to which the Classes of 1903, 1906, 1908 and 1926 to 1929 inclusive, have each presented a window dedicated to its corresponding Class of the previous century, a total of 75 Class windows.

The fine organ in the Cadet Chapel has been chosen by many as an appropriate subject of gifts and memorials. More than 30 important additions have been made to the organ, varying from single stops or groups of stops to the Harmonic Division given by the Association of Graduates. This Division includes about 60 separate ranks of pipes devoted to harmonic corroboration, and surpasses any similar division in any other organ in the world. There are now only a few more stops which are possible as gifts; but there are two major additions which are highly desirable. One of these is a 64-foot Ophicleide Gravissima, costing about $6,000, and a new Console costing about $10,000, large enough to accommodate all of the 600 registers necessary to properly control the 11,400 pipes which compose the organ. The latest gift is a set of appropriate organ screens to cover the new construction work on the east side of the Chancel, the gift of the Women of the Army. When the Cadet Chapel organ is thus completed, it undoubtedly will be the finest, the most effective, and the most artistic organ in the world.

Many gifts have been made to and are now in the Library, while others, for want of suitable space, are temporarily stored elsewhere. Notable among the Library treasures are the portrait of Washington by Gilbert Stuart, several portraits of professors by Thomas Sully, the recent gift of a group of paintings showing the construction of the Panama Canal, by Jonas Lie, a portrait of Pershing by Kossak, 600 books from the library of Colonel Thayer, and a large number of other portraits, books and souvenirs.

A complete list of all gifts to West Point would make an impressive total, but would be far beyond the limits and purposes of this article. No mention has been made of the Battle Monument, or those of Thayer, Dade, Washington, Sedgwick, Kosciusko, L'Ecole Polytechnique, the new Reredos in the Cadet Chapel, nor of the many portraits and mural tablets in Memorial Hall, nor of a great number and variety of the gifts in the Ordnance Museum, Class Trees, and several gifts of money, the income of which is to be used for special purposes.

It should be remembered that most of these gifts were made when the Corps of Cadets and the Army were only about one-fourth their present size, the number of graduates attaining success in civil life far less than at present, and the resources of the country and of its graduates only a fraction of the resources of today. Under these conditions, it is reasonable to expect that gifts and bequests to West Point will in the future far exceed those of the past in number and amount. A striking evi-

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USMA Admissions Update:

Communicating with High Schools Essential to Quality West Point Class

By Major Robert J. Nelson, USMA Admissions Office

Communicating with high schools is an essential task in enrolling a quality West Point class each year. High schools are a natural focus for USMA Admissions. Significant achievements in academics and leadership usually first occur in high school. Individual achievements are naturally placed in relationship to those of peers and in a specific competitive setting. Judgments about potential are formed by counselors and teachers. And the search for "the right college" usually begins in high school.

Studies have shown that home and school are places where the important decisions involving college attendance are made. The interaction among educators and students in the high school arena is critical to forming perceptions and attitudes as many make their first lifetime decision. The purpose of this article is to outline for graduates and friends of West Point some of the ways USMA Admissions communicates with high schools.

Educators from the Southeast, Southwest, and Far West pose for a photo on the steps of Washington Hall during an Educator Visit in November 1991.

The Campaign Plan

Colonel Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., Director of Admissions, believes that a campaign using two approaches is the best way to ensure that the West Point message of opportunity reaches high schools in a comprehensive manner. "Our first priority is direct contact—person to person—with educators and students. Next, we look at indirect methods—primarily articles in various college guides and videos—to ensure that schools and other influencers have the necessary facts to guide the right candidates to USMA." COL Rushton continued by emphasizing direct contact. "We never forget admissions is above all else a people business—and very personal. It is more art than science."

"You touch lives in profound ways"

West Point, New York, November 1991. Lunch is over at Washington Hall and fifty-five educators—guidance counselors, principals and superintendents—from Southeast, Southwest, and Far West school districts are half-way through a two-day visit to West Point hosted by USMA Admissions. The purpose of the visit: make the West Point experience a prominent part of their thought process when counselling students on college choices.

Henry Cisneros, former Mayor of San Antonio, in a major address to the National Association of College Admissions Counselors in October 1991, said of educators, "You touch lives in profound ways." Counselors motivate and guide, they invest in the future of their students. Their judgment is important to students searching for the right college. USMA Admissions has long recognized this fact and therefore places great emphasis on a strong program of communication with educators. The Educator Visit Program is one key in getting the West Point message to these influential professionals.

The fifty-five educators standing on the steps of Washington Hall after lunch are one of four such groups to visit West Point each year. During their visit they meet the Superintendent, the Dean and the Commandant, have lunch with cadets, go to class, see the barracks and tour the entire campus. The two-day visit is designed to leave a positive and indelible imprint on the mind of each educator. It certainly did with Mrs. Rita McGuire, Director of Counselling at St. Michael's High School in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mrs. McGuire, who participated in the November 1991 educator visit, said, "I always knew that West Point was a fine institution, but my visit validated and reinforced that positive perception to a degree that astonished me." She observed that her visit to West Point was "one of the most affirming experiences in education I have ever had. The quality of the young people in combination with the exceptional academic and character-building programs at the Academy was overwhelming. Now I talk about it [USMA] with anyone who will listen.!"

Educator visits are also an opportunity to dispel misconceptions. USMA has a well earned reputation as one of the premier engineering schools in the country. Perhaps it is not as widely recognized for the diversity of academic disciplines offered, particularly in the final two years of school. Mrs. Sue Anderson, a guidance counselor from Mission San Jose High School in Fremont, California, said that she did not realize "cadets can major in something other than engineering" until her educator visit in November 1991. She was impressed by "the lit classes I visited, the languages, political science—the whole package." It goes without saying that all of this information is available in the catalogue and other USMA publications. But in the words of Mrs. McGuire, "seeing is believing." And knowing.

Admissions Officer Travel, Or, If It's Tuesday This Must be Roanoke

Roanoke, Virginia, September 1991. Lunch is over at the Holiday Inn. COL Rushton, MAJ Pat Harris, the Middle Atlantic Admissions Officer, and CPT Kurt Westerman, the local USMA Liaison Offi-

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COL Rushton, Director of Admissions, briefs visiting educators in the West Point library during a recent Educator Visit.

cer, are fielding parting questions from several of the twenty-five area guidance counselors who attended today's educator luncheon. Tomorrow, COL Rushton and MAJ Harris will travel to Richmond, Virginia and host another educator luncheon. The following day MAJ Harris will again meet with local educators over lunch in Hampton, Virginia.

The best alternative to educators visiting West Point is to have West Point visit educators in their home towns. MAJ Harris' swing through Central and Tidewater Virginia early last fall was part of that effort. Throughout September, October and November each fall, and again in March and April, USMA admissions officers travel throughout the nation. Three main events comprise their high school itinerary—educator luncheons (or coffees), educator workshops and high school visits. In addition, USMA field force officers (reserve officers who are official representatives of the Admissions Office) and Outreach Officers (minority admissions specialists working with the geographic admissions officers) conduct dozens of these events each year.

MAJ Harris believes that the most important thing he does at educator luncheons and workshops is to overcome what he perceives to be myths about West Point. One myth is that only "supermen or superwomen" are offered admission. His message—"real people go to West Point." The outstanding reputation USMA enjoys attracts West Point's fair share of top-quality young people. However, some counselors, aware of West Point's academic and athletic excellence, may unknowingly discourage from applying some students who have the talent to make the grade. "Counselors may not understand the importance of the whole candidate concept in the admissions process," according to MAJ Harris.

The whole candidate concept means that admissions officers are looking for young people who are talented in scholarship, leadership and athletics. However, many students who are one-dimensional as scholars or athletes are not guaranteed a spot in the class. The student who is not at the top in any single dimension, but who is very well-rounded, is a prime candidate for USMA. Add to this a healthy measure of desire and the number of students an educator may steer toward the West Point opportunity can be expanded greatly. For these reasons MAJ Harris urges counselors to encourage more than just the class valedictorian and captain of the football team to apply to USMA.

The high school visit is another common admissions officer's activity. High school visits are targeted to individual students. An admissions officer will meet one-on-one with interested students of all grades to discuss USMA. Additionally, an admissions officer may be afforded the opportunity to visit a class or address school gatherings.

"School Spotlight" Program

Duluth, Minnesota, late May 1991. The Persian Gulf War has been over for three months. CPT Tom Lynch, a USMA instructor, is making his tenth and final presentation to the 7th and 8th graders of Woodland Junior High School as part of the Admissions Office "School Spotlight" Program. The interest level hasn't dropped, and the questions don't seem to stop. During his two-day visit CPT Lynch has spoken with over 600 students about world events, the Army, USMA and their future.

In September 1990 the USMA Admissions "School Spotlight" Program was initiated. This innovative and aggressive program gives substance to the important new idea in education that all schools—from grade school to grad school—are partners in the same endeavor and system: education. The USMA Admissions "School Spotlight" Program recognizes some element of excellence in the selected schools. Fourteen schools are invited to participate each year—seven junior high schools and seven senior high schools. Each of the seven geographic regions into which the nation is divided has two Spotlight schools chosen by USMA Admissions officers.

1991-92 Spotlight High Schools

Brooklyn Technical High School
Brooklyn, NY (Northeast Region)

West Springfield High School
Springfield, VA (Mid-Atlantic Region)

Baker High School
Mobile, AL (Southeast Region)

Indiana Academy for Science, Math & Humanities
Muncie, IN (Great Lakes Region)

Blue Springs High School
Blue Springs, MO (North Central Region)

Westlake High School
Austin, TX (Southeast Region)

Mission High School
Fremont, CA (Far West Region)

1991-92 Spotlight Junior High Schools

Thurston Middle School
Thurston, MA (Northeast Region)

St. Edmond's Academy
Wilmington, DE (Mid-Atlantic Region)

Charlotte Latin School
Charlotte, NC (Southeast Region)

Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School
Bloomfield Hills, MI (Great Lakes Region)

Decorah Junior High School
Decorah, IA (North Central Region)

Good Shepherd Catholic Junior High School
Garland, TX (Southeast Region)

Grange Middle School
Fairfield, CA (Far West Region)

Communicating with High Schools

Direct Contact

- Educator Visits to USMA
- Admissions Office Travel
  - Educator Luncheons
  - High School Visits
- School Spotlight Program
- High School Mailings

Indirect Contact

- College Guides
- Videos

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The Spotlight school enjoys high visibility with USMA during the course of the academic year. The spotlight is turned on early in the fall when a West Point admissions officer visits the school. Early in the academic year a certificate signed by the superintendent and the director of admissions designating the institution as a Spotlight school is presented. For instance, COL Rushton accompanied by CPT Pete Scheffer, the Southeast Admissions Officer, presented Charlotte Latin School with this honor on his September 1991 visit to Charlotte, North Carolina.

Once the spotlight is turned on, it remains lit with a carefully planned series of contacts throughout the year. A guidance counselor and a teacher are invited to visit West Point as part of the Educator Visit Program. A Cadet Public Relations Council representative will visit the Spotlight school during Thanksgiving break. This is followed by the visit of a member of the West Point staff and faculty, preferably one who graduated from the Spotlight school or who has strong ties to the area.

The "School Spotlight" Program "promotes the benefits of a college education for all students, as well as builds a stronger foundation of understanding about the quality education and career opportunities available to students at West Point," according to COL Rushton. CPT Thomas F. Lynch, III, assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences, states, "I believe that my experience confirmed the wisdom of featuring junior high schools as Spotlight schools ... all of the 600 students I met with seemed genuinely interested."

As early as junior high school, students must begin to consider the type of academic and extracurricular program to pursue if they aspire to attend college, and particularly if those aspirations include a highly selective school such as USMA. CPT Lynch observed that "many of these junior high students soon will face the choice of whether to take a foreign language course or not ... they have to decide whether to take a full slate of math and science courses or not, and whether to stick with their favorite sports or abandon these in favor of a job at the local burger-bar. Information that these students receive during the course of my visit can help them make these decisions on a more solid footing."

Direct Contact: Mailings

St. Louis, Missouri, 3 September 1991. 22,000 fresh-off-the-press USMA catalogues are mailed from the publisher to high schools around the country. The 1991-1992 admissions "season" has opened.

The importance of person-to-person direct contact in the admissions campaign is unquestioned. The officers and cadets who crisscross the nation each year communicating with educators and students are the finest marketing tool any organization could employ. However, they are few in number and cannot reach all the high schools with potential candidates for USMA. Direct mailings help fill this void.

There are three annual mailings sent to approximately 22,000 high schools. First, early in September the latest edition of the USMA catalogue is dispatched straight from the publisher to a list of schools supplied by USMA Admissions. This is quickly followed by the fall High School Mailing consisting of a "Take One Poster" ("Take One" refers to the business reply cards affixed to the poster), an Admissions Bulletin and an Early Action Flyer. The Spring High School Mailing is similar except that the Early Action Flyer is omitted from the package.

Indirect Contact

Anytown, Pick Your State, April 1991. Two college-bound juniors with the potential to join the Long Gray Line or attend another highly selective college are thumbing through The College Digest. An awakening occurs: a college called West Point—didn't the Desert Storm guy, General Schwarzkopf go there?—is ranked with the finest universities in the nation. Let's find out more.

Indirect contact with high schools occurs through third parties in the form of college planning guides and videos. Two primary reasons for USMA inclusion in these guides are dissemination of information to potential candidates and association with other highly selective schools. Some of the better-known guides are *The College Guide, Talbot's, Barron's, Peterson's, Right Choices, Hispanic USA* and *College USA Video*. Some combination of these guides are found in any counselor's office across the country.

According to Mr. Jim Bixby, a guidance counselor at Peoria Manual High School in Peoria, Illinois, there are two good reasons why USMA is wise to participate in these publications. "In some districts these guides are the primary tool to disseminate information about colleges. In Peoria we are lucky. The resources are available to sustain a comprehensive guidance program which, beginning in the freshman year, aggressively matches student abilities with an appropriate college or university. Unfortunately this is not true across the nation. In school districts where staffs may have been slashed for fiscal reasons, or where a solid college guidance program is not in place for whatever reason, these guides are valuable sources of information. It may not be the way we might do business, but the information does get disseminated to the interested student."

Inclusion in college guides is also important for association and professional leadership in education. "For example, Duke, Harvard, the Air Force Academy and USMA are all listed in *The College Digest*. This fact helps create a perception of quality for students interested in highly selective schools." (In this case USMA was a charter member of the consortium of fifty schools which comprise *The College Digest*.)

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Geography and the Gulf War

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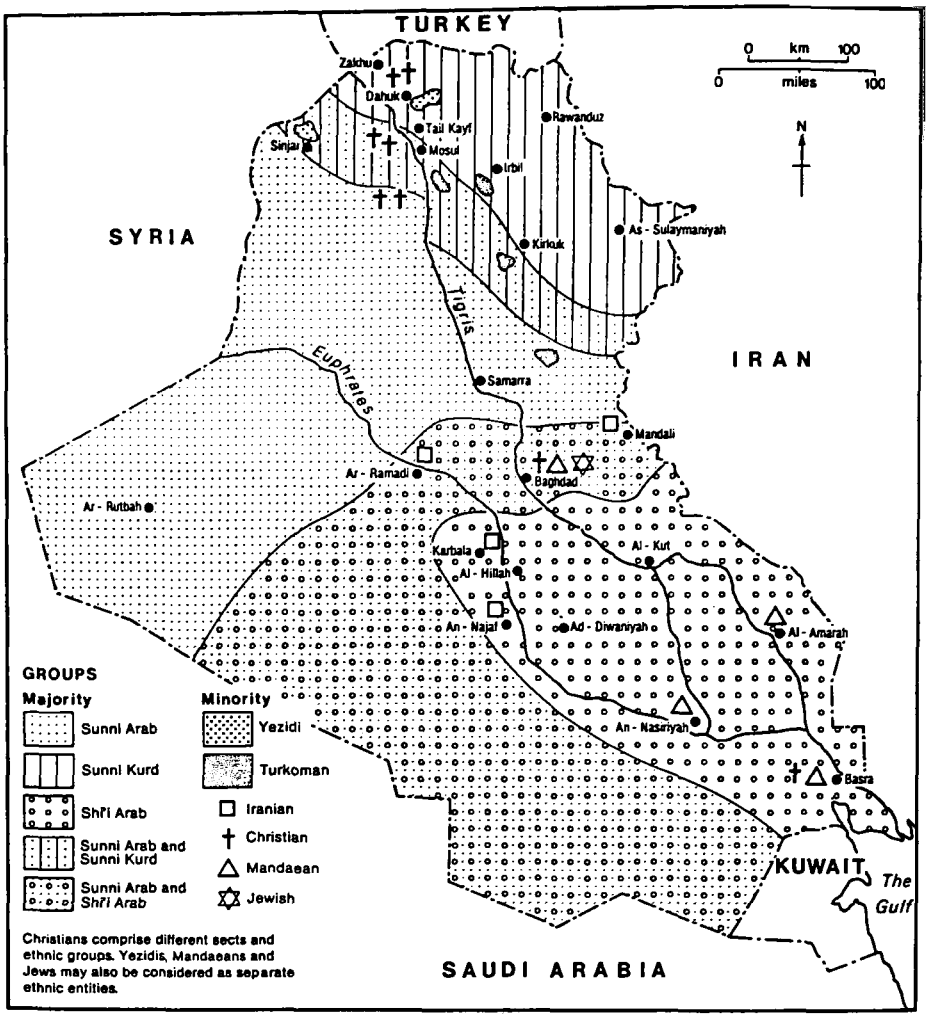
often arise. A study of any large city with clusters of various ethnic concentrations will reveal some of the difficulties. In cases such as Iraq or Syria, where a minority culture group is in control, power is often maintained by force and by keeping their opponents fragmented. The dictator, or "thug" as the media referred to Saddam Hussein, surrounds himself with members of his own culture group, who stand to lose much if the dictator is dethroned. These people form an insulating cocoon around the leader and will go to great lengths to keep their party in power. When a crack is perceived in the leader's armor, however, the various factions will rise and attempt to overthrow the regime.

The map of ethnic and religious groups of Iraq displays the spatial arrangement of the major cultures (The map is taken from a *Political Geography of the Middle East and North Africa* by Drysdale & Blake, Oxford University Press, New York, 1985. This text, though dated, provides some excellent analysis of Iraqi cultural conflicts and its spatial nature). An explanation of how this pattern came to be is beyond the scope of this article, but it is profoundly important in understanding this region. The regions of dissent against the Baathist Party of Iraq are apparent given the fact that the Baathist (Pan-Arab) party is controlled by Sunni Arabs. Within each non-Sunni Arab region, past injustices by the Baathists are long remembered. Even before Desert Storm began, cadets understood Saddam's instability problems and the various possibilities for revolt based on the geographic location of the cultures (Shia Arabs, Sunni Arabs, and Sunni Kurds), the history of interaction between the cultures and the current status of the regime. As the war ended and President Bush made it clear that he would not send troops into Baghdad after Hussein, it came as no surprise that the major cultural groups rebelled while Saddam's forces were in disarray. They were willing to sit by and let the Coalition forces remove Saddam, but when this did not occur, they tried on their own, albeit unsuccessfully. There would have been a rebellion by Shias and Kurds under any scenario except that of the Coalition taking charge and keeping the peace. If the Coalition had continued to move toward Baghdad, the Baathists most likely would have dethroned Saddam to appease the Coalition and keep power from the long-suppressed majority. Nevertheless, a rebellion by the Shias and Kurds also would have occurred.

A challenge to any military leader is to "know your enemy," especially how he thinks and how he has reacted to certain situations in the past. Although Iraq under Saddam has not provided much free access to information, sources exist to aid in understanding Hussein. At the United States Military Academy Library, there are two translations of books by Hussein that give an insight into his ideas about a variety of subjects, including Kurdish autonomy. This information, in the context of his action during the recent Iran-Iraq War, is illuminating. His army's use of chemical weapons against Iranians or Kurds and the proficiency of the Iraqis at triangular anti-armor ambushes are very useful in an analysis of what the enemy might do. Understanding the composition of the Iraqi army and what is important to the everyday citizen is also useful. Shiites form the bulk of the army and over half of the population. Are they willing to die for Saddam under any circumstances? This was an area of significant psychological warfare success for the Coalition forces, yet some of our leaflets had VII CORPS insignias (a VII outlined by a six-pointed star) on them. Many Arabs were inflamed by this Star of David on a paper that asked them to abandon Hussein or die. This was corrected and, as news reports indicated, thousands of Iraqis deserted or surrendered.

The Iraqis also used psychological warfare against the Coalition. The Iraqis attempted to undermine the war effort by reaching the populations of the Coalition states with their own pro-Iraqi propaganda. Peter Arnett of Cable News Network was vilified for his part in assisting the Iraqis in their endeavor. He obviously sympathized with the plight of the Iraqi citizenry and thereby became a willing conduit for Iraqi propaganda. Saddam successfully reached many Arabs in coalition countries by stressing an anti-Israeli theme. We must remember, however, that the Baathists see things through their own culturally-based perspective. Recall the images of the young British child who was paraded before the international media in an attempt to portray Saddam as a caring, gentle man who was being bullied by the West. To many sympathetic Arabs, this worked, but the target audience in the West was appalled by the tactic. For many previously ambivalent Americans, this



Ethnic and religious groups of Iraq. *© Oxford University Press, 1985, reprinted by permission.*

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Satellite photograph of Iraqi positions inside Kuwait.

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scene of an innocent youth being manipulated by some "thug" caused them to become anti-Saddam. In this case, the Iraqis, through their misunderstanding of Western perspectives, proved their own worst enemy.

Other important cultural issues involved some of our allies. The Gulf state monarchies tend to be family-run. The al Sabah family, like the al Saud family of Saudi Arabia, fills many of the most important governmental positions. Although Kuwait experimented with the Majlis (a parliamentary body) in the 1980's, it was disbanded because the Majlis disagreed with the Emir. To Westerners, it is understood that a legislative body will naturally disagree with the head of state. To an Arab leader, this is seen as undermining his authority. The Saudis are not very supportive of the idea of Kuwait giving democracy another try. The monarchies of the Gulf resemble the political structure of Syria and Iraq in some respects. Although the royal heads of state are of the same culture as their populaces, they come from a family that became preeminent within the society decades ago. Now the royal families have different values and perspectives. The family has become its own subculture and, to a degree, has lost its connection with the people. The family also serves as a cocoon around the royal leader, similar to the culture or pany in Iraq. Often the tactics employed to keep the family in power resemble those of their northern neighbors. The interactions between these various Middle Eastern cultures is a subject better suited to political geography.

Political Geography

One of the many reasons offered by Saddam Hussein for his invasion of Kuwait is that Kuwait is, historically, a part of Iraq that the West stole, made a state and gave to the al Sabah family for services rendered. In fact, the al Sabah family was running the internal affairs of the British protectorate Kuwait at the outset of World War I. This was before Iraq was created. The state of Iraq has little connection with the ancient kingdoms that once occupied this territory. Indeed, the United Kingdom did create Kuwait by carving it out of the old Ottoman Empire, but Iraq was created in much the same way at a later time. At the end of World War I, the British were in control of three provinces that once belonged to the Ottoman Empire: Mosul, Baghdad and Basra. These three were lumped together into a unit so that, in the British view, a viable state would exist. Saddam's claims stem from the fact that Kuwait had been a part of the old Ottoman province of Basra before Sheik Mubarak al Sabah made a treaty with the United Kingdom in 1899 for protection from the Ottoman empire (*The Middle East and South Asia 1989* by Malcolm B, Russell, Stryker-Post Publications, Washington, D.C. offers a concise and interesting analysis of the important historical elements that still are displayed on the cultural landscape).

The states and boundaries throughout the Middle East are primarily inventions of the British and French from 1914-22. This is fairly well covered in *A Peace To End All Peace* by David Fromkin, Henry Holt & Co., New York, 1989 (an excellent text read by many officers during the Desert Shield Operation). Many problems came about from this method of state genesis. Most people saw themselves as Arabs or Muslims, not as Syrians or Saudi Arabians or Kuwaitis. There was neither nationalism nor loyalty to the rulers that were imposed on the people. Sheik ibn Saud did fight for what is now Saudi Arabia and, thereby, gained some legitimacy. The British installed two brothers, Abdullah and Faisal, sons of Sharif Hussein of Mecca, from the Hejaz region of what is now Saudi Arabia, on the thrones of Jordan and Iraq. One has lasted; the other has not. The lack of nationalism led to the formation of Baathist parties in Syria and Iraq. These parties claim to be pan-Arabic and strive to unite all Arabs into one state. Syria did unite with Egypt to become the United Arab Republic for a short period, 1958-61, under the pan-Arab leader Gamel Nasser. This, however, ended before the Syrian Baath Party took power in a military coup in 1963. The Baathists are more concerned with their party survival than with pan-Arab unity.

Syria joined into the federation with Egypt out of distrust for Iraq. The two countries are led by Baathist Parties that are controlled by cultural minorities. Asad of Syria is an Alawite - a sect of Shiite. These people suffered at the hands of the Sunni Arab majority, but gained acceptance in the newly-founded state of Syria through military service. After losing face in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War, General Hafez Asad and the Alawite officers took power in 1970 and have held it ever since. Asad's fear of Iraq and his Shiite ties to Iran led him to back Iran in the Iran-Iraq war and also arm Kurdish rebels. Syria also claims Lebanon as a part of Greater Syria.

Many other Middle Eastern boundaries are being re-established between countries today. Just within the last two years, the borders between Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia have been redrawn, causing the Neutral Zone to disappear. The problem of boundaries was an important part of the Gulf conflict and will continue to receive international attention. If the nations cannot accept the lines drawn in 1922, then they must bilaterally change them or the possibility of open conflict will always exist. Oil deposits discovered along the Yemeni-Saudi border have not made this task any easier. In the case of Yemen, whose population is equal to that of Saudi Arabia, a lack of resources and industrial capacity fosters instability. Many Yemenis still harbor ill-feelings toward Saudi Arabia for its part in the Yemeni civil war and for protecting the Imam of Yemen through the years. With the internal discord and oil potential along the border, the possibility of a flare-up with the Saudis exists.

The Gulf War also precipitated a multitude of betrayals by ex-allies and alliances among ex-enemies. Kuwait had poured millions of dollars into Iraq's defense against Iran during the 1980's. Kuwait did this to help check the spread of radical Shia fundamentalism. Prior to the war, Kuwaitis were outnumbered by foreign laborers, many of whom were Shiite. Fear of a fundamentalist uprising spurred Kuwaiti generosity. Saudi Arabia also had supported the Iraqis during their war with Iran. Iraq's gratitude was short-lived.

The war began supposedly over Iraqi claims that Kuwaiti overpumped the Rumailah oil field that underlies their common boundary. Iraqi debt from the war with Iran, a faltering economy because of depressed oil prices and internal discord over the wasteful war with Iran appear to be the actual reasons for Hussein wanting to focus national attention elsewhere. It was only after the invasion that the history of the boundaries became an issue, as did the Palestinian homeland problem. The Palestinian Liberation Organization quickly sided with Iraq, although the Gulf monarchies denounced the aggression. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia both had contributed millions of dollars in aid to the Palestinian cause, while Iraq had not done much more than give lip service to their cause. The Arab adage that "the enemy of my enemy is my friend" held true. The West is blamed for the creation of Israel and the Palestinian problem, so when the West lined up against Saddam, the Palestinians supported Saddam. With the exception of the left-leaning, oil states of Libya and Algeria, the support for Saddam came from resource-poor states with economic and stability problems, while the oil-rich states allied against Iraq. Jordan, claiming a 60 percent Palestinian population and dependent upon US and Saudi aid

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and Iraqi trade, is a case in point.

The idea of cultures identifying with a place is also brought out in this region. The Zionist movement identified with what is called Palestine, or ancient Israel. There was no such thing as a Palestinian at the turn of the century. There were Arabs, who saw themselves as Arabs only, living under Turkish rule. When these Arabs fled their land during the first Arab-Israeli war, they became disenfranchised, received little help from their Arab brothers and began to see themselves as having a common bond with each other and as somehow different from other Arab peoples.

Then there are the Kurds. As the United Kingdom began to draw its portion of the Middle Eastern map in 1922, it intended to include an autonomous Kurdistan, in accordance with the Treaty of Sevres. This did not happen. The Kurds have inhabited the mountainous region on the borders of Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran for many centuries. They have been the oppressed subjects of many kingdoms through the years. In the 16th century, when the rising Ottoman Empire established boundaries with the waning Safavid Empire (located in modern day Iran), the Kurds were split between the two states. This border has stayed firm except around the Shatt al Arab. This fragmentation of the Kurds remained until the current borders further split the Kurds after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. This does not mean that the Kurds culturally drifted apart solely based on these boundaries. The Kurds, although a culture, have several different dialects that have developed because of the isolation imposed by the terrain they live in. Even within Iraq, there are different subcultures—valley Kurds and mountain Kurds—as well as dialects. The Kurdish freedom fighters in Iraq, the Pesh Murghas, are splintered among six major groups. These Kurds have no history of working together and often fight with each other. There is much sympathy for the Kurds in that they often have been used as pawns by foreign governments to create instability within the countries where they are located so as to force the state to sue for peace in a manner favorable to the foreign power. Once peace is achieved, the outside support for Kurdish autonomy stops and Kurdish aspirations are once again brutally suppressed.

Prior to the outbreak of Desert Storm, cadets were concerned that the US would repeat this process of empty promises. It is debatable as to how much promise of support was offered to the Kurds during the Gulf War. Our allies, Turkey and Saudi Arabia, would never go along with Kurdish autonomy. The Turks have their own Kurdish problem and do not want an autonomous safe haven to which Kurdish freedom fighters in Turkey could run. The Saudis, regardless of their dislike for Saddam and his Baathist Party, do not want to see their own cultural type, the Sunni Arabs, weakened so that Shiism might prevail. Based on technology differences between the antagonists and a lack of cohesion among the anti-Saddam forces, the rebels did not stand much of a chance unless the Coalition completely destroyed the Iraqi army. We did not destroy the whole Iraqi army for fear of Iranian power grabbing. Thus, the Kurds were easily put to flight by the remaining Iraqi forces, with many atrocities. Part of the reason for the quick folding of the Kurds is also explained in their reliance on the coalition enforcing its demand for no Iraqi use of helicopters in the region. There has not been a plausible explanation as yet on why the ultimatum was not kept, but the outcome probably would have been no different. The US Operation Provide Comfort merely helps the Kurds to survive. Saddam Hussein cannot be trusted to abide by any treaties with the Kurds for their autonomy, so most likely they will remain in a worse situation than before the Gulf War began. Meanwhile, the embargo of Iraq continues to hurt the Kurds and Shias more than it hurts the Baathists. Based on Kurdish history, autonomy would bring a short celebration followed by a long and bitter internal power struggle unless some loose federation was established and policed for years. Many of the cadets feel that the Kurdish issue will still be around when they retire. They probably are right.

Military Geography

The role of the environment on modern warfare is stressed in the course on military geography, using many historical examples for analysis by the cadets. The Gulf War presented an opportunity to apply certain fundamentals to an ongoing operation, then sit back and see what General Schwarzkopf and his planners would do. With the template of Iraqi battle array provided by a variety of sources and our access to topographic data, the cadets were able to consider several options in conceptualizing a course of action to liberate Kuwait. They did not have all the troop strengths and detailed enemy intelligence, but the cadets quickly pointed out that a strike from the west would hit Iraqi weakness avoid their strength and was supportable by the terrain. We did not have the logistical nightmares or have a good idea of what to do with the Marine assault force in the Gulf. We learned much from looking at General Schwarzkopf's concept of the operation. By analyzing his tactics, some important lessons were reinforced, and we saw some factors we had not considered.

Technology again came to our aid. In looking at the area of operations, we had a photo provided by United States Geological Survey via their Earth Resource Observation Satellite, which used brightness enhancement via computers to show more subtle variations in the reflectance values gathered by the remote sensors. This image (see photo herein) clearly reveals the defensive positions of the Iraqis in Kuwait as of 14 August 1990. Kuwait City is shown in the upper right. The light linear shapes to the west and south are fortifications revealed by the upturned soil contrasting against the undisturbed landscape. The black spots are smoke plumes from unwanted gases being burnt at active oil wells. In our photogrammetry course cadets use images such as this to measure and analyze airfields, defensive structures and other surfaces to estimate their usage or significance to the enemy. Needless to say, the cadets were much more interested in this military application because they also wanted to know what the Iraqis were doing. This kind of intelligence available to military staffs makes war planning much easier. Keep in mind that the skies must be clear to use satellites, because the clouds reflect or scatter almost all wavelengths so the land surface below is masked. Another form of remote sensing platform must be used to gather information below the clouds. Photogrammetry used in targeting (locate a prospective target from a photo then reference it to the military grid reference system for strike data) and bomb damage assessment (ie. determine crater size/depth on a runway) became the highlight of many class periods for cadets enrolled in that course.

The highlight of the course, and several others at West Point, came when members of the 24th Infantry Division visited the classrooms to speak of their experiences during Desert Shield and Desert Storm and answer cadet questions. CPT Robert Douthit, West Point Class of 1986, came to each of the classes on the Geography of the Middle East and Africa. He is an aviator who worked in a Divisional Jump TOC. His experiences verified so many of the points brought up in class that the cadets thought he had been primed. The cadets had studied some 1:50,000 scale maps of the region, saw the lack of contour lines or significant terrain features and realized

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Pollution Monitoring Station in Kuwait Photo by LTC Chris King

that navigation would be difficult. They knew that accurate, high-speed navigation would be impossible. CPT Douthit talked to the class about use of the Global Positioning System (GPS). He spoke of the lack of maps among the units and how they used GPS to get around this deficiency. The greatest lesson he taught militarily was about officers insuring the basics were accomplished no matter how busy they become. "Don't become so focused on the big picture that you forget about the crucial details in your own vicinity." CPT Doulhit recalled a time when his element moved well into the Euphrates floodplain behind the attack of the 2nd Brigade. During movement to their new location all they saw was damaged or abandoned Iraqi equipment and Iraqis who were trying to surrender. They simply told the Iraqis to keep walking in a certain direction until picked up by an American unit. In a hurry to set up the tall antennae needed to communicate, he ordered that this would be the number-one priority once the element halted. The group stopped in an apparently abandoned Iraqi position. They were ringed by dug-in, undamaged vehicles. There were no Iraqis in sight, but after having begun setting up the first antenna, CPT Douthit spared a couple of soldiers to go with an NCO to check security. CPT Douthit's work was soon interrupted by radio traffic from this sergeant,. As best I remember, it went, "I have a situation developing, wait one,. . . I have eleven EPWs, no,. . . nineteen prisoners, wait. . ." Within five minutes of the call, fifty-one enemy prisoners were rounded up at the site. Weapons were available to the enemy, but they had no desire to use them. The position belonged to a Republican Guard unit. The men were well-fed and equipped, and the trucks were full of new equipment and clothing.

CPT Douthit emphasized to the cadets that it was his responsibility to safeguard his own troops by insisting on security first. If the Iraqis had wanted to fight, he would have needlessly lost men. It was a sobering thought. Although he did not ignore security in this case, he did not have it as the top priority it should be. CPT Douthit stated that he never forgot the lesson. He never again let this happen, and he explained how the ease of the American offensive had lulled many into a false sense of security. CPT Douthit also spoke of the planning side of the operation, its speed and ferocity, problems with the terrain, and the battle with soldier boredom prior to the offensive—all excellent lessons that the Gulf War provided. Cultural lessons, such as how the American troops got along with the Bedouins, or how they inter-faced with Arab allies, were other valuable insights which CPT Douthit provided.

Environmental Geography

The aftermath of the war brought out some lessons on environmental problems in a subtropical desert climate. The senseless oil spills and oil well fires set by the Iraqis as the war came to a close is treated as eco-terrorism. The impact of water, soil and air pollution from the spills and fires is still horrific. Cleanup methods in this environment will differ from those used in the Exxon Valdez spill. Cleanup will be easier due to the warmer weather, but the cleanup problems are compounded by the thick, oily smoke and Iraqi minefields. Several soldiers have been lost to mines and unexploded rounds. Sadly though, more have been killed in traffic accidents due to the Arab philosophy of living, and driving, encapsulated in their faith, Inshallah - if God wills. They believe that if God wills it, they shall arrive safely or die tragically, so they drive as they will (usually fast and wild, lanes meaning nothing), and if they reach their destination, praise God. If not, God must have willed accordingly, so it could not be helped.

Many of the above-mentioned lessons were used in our course on Environmental Geography. The data coming out of the Gulf since the war will improve future courses have much more data on the environmental impacts. LTC Chris King, a medical service officer newly assigned to the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, was the officer-in-charge of the Health Risk Assessment Team for all of southwest Asia. He monitored the environmental destruction and the health problems posed by the pollution and he provided many of the photographs of Kuwait in this article. As an environmental engineer, much of his work was very technical, but it is exactly the expertise needed to continue improving course coverage in environmental geography and environmental engineering.

Summary

This was a unique time to focus on the region. Possibly, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, but there is so much political instability in the region that we can be reasonably certain wars will continue. In spite of the current peace talks between the Arabs and Israelis, the Middle East will not be truly stable until there is a major mental restructuring on the part of the peoples in the region. I have been surprised that many cadets today are sympathetic to the Palestinians and feel that Israel is overly demanding. Ten years ago, cadets were almost entirely pro-Israeli in their views. I hope that we have to some degree convinced them that peace and stability will only come through tough negotiations on both sides. With the current trend in the international views of the situation and the bazaar mentality of many Arabs, a major concession (to include a Palestinian homeland) by Israel will not end the problems. It merely will be a springboard for greater demands and a heightening of tensions, bringing more and deeper instability. There are few easy solutions or quick victories where the winners can extricate themselves without some hurtful losses or engendering a vengeful hatred within the region that causes further instability. Thus, a study of this region will continue to be vital for the US military and policy makers for many years to come.

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MORE TO THE POINT

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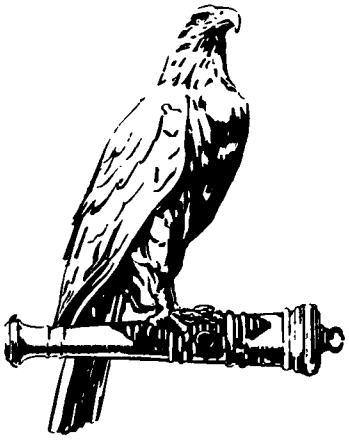

For many, many years, we have used the term "Long Gray Line" in referring to men and women of West Point. To ask a somewhat stupid question, exactly WHAT is the Long Gray Line? My research thus far has failed to find any definition or even a hint of when the term first began to be used.

Questioning several old grads has brought a variety of answers. One defined the Long Gray Line as being only graduates of the Academy, those who actually have been awarded a diploma. Another grad believed that the Long Gray Line included anyone who had worn the gray uniform of a cadet. A third limited that concept somewhat by including former cadets as members of the Long Gray Line only if they had been separated under honorable conditions. There was still another definition offered: any individual sworn in who served as a cadet became a member of the Long Gray Line. This concept envisioned the Long Gray Line to include the Corps of Cadets, all graduates, and all former cadets. Still others maintain that one becomes a member of the Long Gray Line at the Recognition ceremony during June Week. And there is yet another concept: a grad becomes a member of the Long Gray Line only at his or her death, assuming prior honorable military service of significant duration. One can offer logical arguments to support or oppose each of these definitions.

There are four distinct and extremely significant ceremonies that pertain to the Long Gray Line: the swearing-in ceremony, when a new class takes its oath of allegiance; the reception of the new class into the Corps; Graduation Parade; Graduation Exercises; and the Alumni Review. Each is an emotional, colorful and significant ceremony; each today is considered to be a tradition. However, not one of these ceremonies can be traced all the way back to the origins of the Academy.

Today, the swearing-in of a new class is an emotional ceremony. It is the first time that the new plebe class appears in public as an entity. The symbolism of the change from a group of un-trained, un-uniformed individuals in the morning to a uniformed, seemingly disciplined, coordinated military unit by late afternoon is indicative of the change from civilian status to cadet. This ceremony, however, is a relatively new concept. Taking the oath of allegiance did not become a requirement until 1860. Even then the oath was not administered to the class as a group. The oath was given to small groups in the Library by a civilian Justice of the Peace.

For many years cadet warrants were not issued until after plebes had passed the semi-annual examinations in January. Plebes came to West Point in June or in September to take the entrance exams, and those who passed were on probation until the January tests. Those who survived those examinations were then issued their warrants and officially became cadets. If one accepts the definition that one becomes a member of the Long Gray Line when one is sworn in, the question can be asked: Are those who did not survive the first six months in earlier days entitled to be a part of the Long Gray Line?

The second definition, maintaining that one becomes a member of the Long Gray Line after a class is formally received into the Corps, becomes even more indistinct when one realizes that the colorful ceremony of plebes moving forward to join their respective companies is a truly modern innovation; its origin is somewhere after 1900 (a hundred years into the Academy's history). Today the ceremony takes place at the end of the summer as a part of Reorganization Week. Originally, the plebe class was received into the Corps in a parade at the end of Beast Barracks. The Corps marched out of old Summer Camp and the plebe class from barracks. After the plebes had joined their companies, the Corps marched back to Camp, where plebes first became acquainted with that strange and savage upperclass group known as yearlings. The symbolism of the ceremony—both then and now—was that the Corps, which had been depleted at the previous graduation, was once again a complete unit of four classes.

Recognition is another relatively new tradition started somewhere after 1900. Until the 1950s, recognition of the plebe class took place immediately after Graduation Parade. After passing in review for the first class, companies formed in front of old Central Barracks; front rank was given "About Face," and upperclassmen formally shook the hands of their company plebes. Because of the great number of spectators, the ceremony was moved into the area of barracks in the 1950s. Some of the significance of the recognition ceremony was lost when recognition was recently moved to an earlier date in the spring. The biggest argument against using recognition as the criteria for becoming a member of the Long Gray Line is its very modern date of adoption.

Is Graduation Parade a good line of demarkation for joining the Long Gray Line? Yes and no. Some form of graduation parade began just prior to the Civil War. The graduating class moved forward at the command, "Officers front and center;" marched forward to face the Commandant; doffed hats; and then moved to one side as the remainder of the Corps passed in review. The present form of Graduation Parade began in the early 1900s.

Coupled with participating in Graduation Parade is the assumption that receiving a diploma makes a grad a member of the Long Gray Line. Diplomas were not issued until Thayer's superintendency. The diploma of 1819 was essentially the same diploma given today, with the Academy coat of arms replacing the eagle device of the original diploma and with appropriate changes in the wording. If the receipt of a diploma entitles one to be considered a part of the Long Gray Line, what is the status of the grads of the years before diplomas were adopted? They completed the prescribed course of instruction and were commissioned—*commissioned*, not *graduated*.

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Profiles: Inside the AOG's Executive Office

Since its establishment in 1869, the Association of Graduates has undergone tremendous expansion in the number of people it employs and the services it provides to the United States Military Academy and, by extension, to its graduates. The direction of this growth is shaped by the the Association of Graduates' Board of Trustees and implemented by the AOG staff. This article highlights the responsibilities of the employees of the Executive Office: Colonel Seth F. Hudgins, Jr., Executive Vice-President of the Association of Graduates; Jean A. Hoey, Executive Assistant; her assistant, Renée Mendoza; and Jon Koziak, Facilities Supervisor.

Jean Hoey, Colonel Seth Hudgins, Renée Mendoza and Jon Koziak.

Colonel Seth F. Hudgins, Jr. (Retired) '64 joined the Association of Graduates in December 1989, and in July 1990 assumed full responsibility as the Executive Vice-President of the AOG. He served his last active-duty assignment as Chief of Staff and Deputy Commandant of Cadets at the Military Academy from 1986-89 before retiring and joining the Association. In fact, a good portion of his life has been spent at the Academy: from 1957-59 he spent his high school years on post while his father, Colonel Seth Hudgins, served as commander of the 1st Regiment, USCC. Colonel Hudgins entered the Corps in 1959 and graduated in 1964. Colonel Hudgins served in two other active-duty assignments at West Point besides Deputy Commandant: from 1972-75 as a company tactical officer and from 1979-81 as the S-1, USCC.

According to Colonel Hudgins, the purpose of the Association of Graduates—to further the ideals and promote the welfare of the United States Military Academy—has remained the same, but its philosophy has changed, most notably in the AOG's structure. Whereas the AOG, in the past, solely depended on the "goodwill and wills of USMA graduates," now it is increasingly becoming involved in fundraising from additional constituencies besides its individual graduates. In order to reach the goal set by the Association of Graduates of raising $100 million over the next ten years (by the year 2000), the number of AOG personnel has increased, with the highest concentration hired in the Development Directorate. The AOG's staff, although comparable to other service academies in the size of its staff, is much smaller than any of the Ivy Leagues. For instance, Cornell University's Alumni Development Department *alone* employs approximately 125 people, as compared to the Military Academy's dozen employees in Development and about 40 in total. It is particularly imperative that the Association of Graduates assist the Academy in raising funds in this age of defense budget cuts. Although appropriated dollars pay for a baseline of support, USMA looks to AOG, its alumni organization, to provide funding to allow the Academy to continue to provide its "margin of excellence" to cadets.

At present, the majority of Colonel Hudigns' efforts are directed towards the new Alumni Center, scheduled for completion in 1994. Although the concept of an alumni center capable of handling class reunions had been under disccusion for several years, it was not until a $3 million bequest in early 1990 by the late Brigadier General James Keller Herbert '30 that it became a reality. Colonel Hudgins has worked closely with the Alumni Center Committee on this project, of which Lieutenant General Frank Camm is chairman. According to Colonel Hudgins, "the Association of Graduates is determined to provide better services to its alumni, and the new alumni center will allow us to make graduates feel like the special visitors they are."

The greatest challenge to the Association is to insure that there is clear and consistent communication between USMA, the AOG and the alumni. Within the organization, its challenge is to provide clear communication to the West Point Societies. In order to accomplish these objectives, Colonel Hudgins is given guidance by the Board of Trustees and reports directly to the president of the Association of Graduates, Denis Mullane. Mr. Mullane, who was elected in 1989 by the membership of the AOG after recommendation by the Nominating Committee and affirmation by the Executive Committee, is now in his second two-year term as president. He brings a strong corporate viewpoint to the Association, as he is also chair-

. . . and in 1942

We present Mrs. Blanche O. Kingsley, whom many alumni of West Point don't know, but should become acquainted with. That suggestion is just by way of making an acquaintanceship mutual—for Mrs. Kingsley knows more about you (as well as "on" you) and other Military Academy alumni than does any other one person. She is, as a recent *Pointer* interviewer put it, a staunch "guardian of the long grey line."

Since February 25, 1929, Mrs. Kingsley has been secretary to your secretary of the Association. She has kept the records straight, in faithful cooperation with, and frequently in spite of, your secretary.

She is, gentlemen, your Association office.

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man, president and chief executive officer of Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company in Hartford, Connencticut. Mr. Mullane relies upon Colonel Hudgins to oversee the day-to-day operations of the AOG, and the two maintain close contact.

The Executive Office of the Association of Graduates is proud to have among its staff Jean A. Hoey, its longest-tenured employee. Ms. Hoey joined its ranks in 1946 and has since provided a constancy of service to graduates in the 45 years since her arrival. In April 1946 (*ASSEMBLY* had only celebrated its fourth birthday!) Ms. Hoey was hired for a one-month temporary position to help Mrs. Blanche Kinsgley (then the secretary of the AOG) do research. The temporary position was expanded for another month, when Ms. Hoey joined the small staff as a clerk-typist. At the fledgling organization Ms. Hoey did a mulitude of jobs—including ordering Wedgwood china and sweeping floors! She was hired to work for Colonel William Kost (1946-47), and has worked for 11 successive alumni secretaries since then, including Colonel Robert Lamb (1970-72. He then became Executive VP from 1972-90.)

Ms. Hoey has seen many changes in structure and management of the AOG in her 45 years with the organization, including the AOG's transition to an entirely private organization in 1972. Prior to then, the Association of Graduates was a governmental office. She has seen the number of employees grow from a meager five employees in 1946 to over 40 employees (and growing) in 1992. Despite this incredible change, she notes that the goals of the Association have remained the same throughout the years—to assist the Military Academy and support its goals by maintaining communication with its graduates. A closer liaison exists between the AOG and the USMA's Superintendent than ever before, and this link continues to strengthen.

Assisting Ms. Hoey in her many duties in the Executive Office is Renée Mendoza, who joined the AOG in August 1989 on a part-time basis. Her position was newly created by Colonel Robert Lamb to assist Jean Hoey with the increased workload in making arrangements for all Association and Board committees. A current list of standing committees includes Executive; Investment; Strategic Planning; Class Affairs; Preparatory Scholarship; Pension Fund; Membership; Class of '51 Endowment; Washington Affairs; West Point Fund; West Point Societies; Publications; and Audit and Finance. Special committees include Thayer Award; Museum; Flight Memorial; 2002 Steering Group; Distinguished Graduate Award; Nominating; and Alumni Center. Ms. Hoey and Mrs. Mendoza schedule meetings, copy and distribute minutes of meetings, form slates, and arrange necessary hotel accommodations for committee and board members. Their busiest times are prior to the three annual board meetings: fall (Homecoming), winter (February) and spring (Graduation), including the election of new Class trustees and trustees-at-large.

The Executive Office also is responsible for planning internal special events for the Association of Graduates.

The Executive Office's Jon Koziak has been with the Association of Graduates since 1984, when he joined the staff as its Facilities Supervisor. He assists Colonel Hudgins and Jean Hoey, and, in his capacity as office manager, works closely with the Development, Publications and Finance & Services Directorates. In addition, he drives the AOG staff car and processes reservations for the AOG travel program.

The Executive Office of the Association of Graduates is dedicated to the United States Military Academy and to its almost 50,000 graduates and will continue to direct the course of the AOG to meet the goals of this ever-changing institution.

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Academic Limits

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

50 Years of Change and Progress

To tie into the 50th anniversary of *ASSEMBLY*, I thought I would devote this column to a brief look at academics for the Class of 1942 and how things have changed in 50 years. To most observers, the differences between the academic program of the Class of 1942 and the program of the Class of 1992 would be minimal. On the other hand, to most of us, the old grads, *any* changes from *our* program would be considered significant. Yes, there have been changes over the last 50 years. They fall into two categories: changes in the number and content of the courses and changes in the time spent in and out of the classroom.

The Class of 1942 took the equivalent of 42 courses (see Table 1), four to six academic subjects at a time, while the Class of 1992 will graduate having taken an average of 42+ courses, five to six each term. All members of the Class of 1942 were given an opportunity to excel in either of two languages (French and Spanish) and had the benefit of courses in Ordnance, Drawing and Surveying, courses no longer required of graduates. Cadets of '92 will have had the advantage of instruction in Philosophy, two behavioral science courses, Terrain Analysis, Computer Science, more social science, a choice of one of seven foreign languages, and an opportunity to study at least nine elective courses grouped within a field of study or a major. Although the titles of many courses have remained almost the same over the years, the content has changed markedly. What the Class of 1942 studied in Physics and Chemistry is now taught in high school. Most cadets of 1992 have experience with computers before they arrive at West Point. On the other hand, English composition is still something with which most cadets continue to wrestle. The Class of 1942 graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, as will 1992; however, the 1992 diplomas will be annotated to show the major or field of study of the graduate.

Table 1
Course Listing

Class of 1942	*Class of 1992*
Math	Math
English	English
Foreign Languages (2)	Foreign Languages (7)
History	History
Military Art	Military Art
Law	Law
Economics	Economics
Government	Political Science
Chemistry	Chemistry
Physics	Physics
Engineering	Engineering Design
Drawing (Surveying/Drawing)	Terrain Analysis
Ordnance	Engineering Science*
Mechanics	*Computer Science*
Electricity	*Psychology*
	Philosophy (Ethics)
	Military Leadership
	International Relations
	Electives (9-13)

* May include engineering mechanics and electrical engineering or other engineering science courses.

Italics indicate courses not offered to the Class of 1942.

In terms of time spent in the classroom, the Class of 1942 wins hands down (see Table 2). Morning attendances typically were 80 minutes and afternoon classes were 60 minutes. With Saturday morning attendances, cadets went to class 225 times each year to complete two course equivalents (80-minute courses). For most 60-minute courses, there were 189 attendances. The typical two-term course for 1992 will meet the equivalent of 88 times for 55 minutes each time. Math, physics, social sciences and many of the engineering courses do meet more frequently (and in some cases for extended periods). Both the Class of 1992 and the Class of 1942 set aside lab periods for the basic science courses. Today, there are two distinct terms of equal length. Classes begin for the first term in mid-August and end (with four-hour term-end exams) just before Christmas Leave. The second term begins in January and runs until the middle of May. In its last year, the Class of 1942 began studies on 1 September and remained in class until mid-May. In place of term-end exams, the departments administered WGRs, written general reviews, at the appropriate places in their courses. These differences in scheduling reflect a fundamental change in pedagogy. Members of the Class of 1942 spent more time in class in direct contact with their instructors. A substantial amount of information exchange and testing took place each day. Today, with shorter classes, cadets are forced to do more on their own and to come to class ready to recite or jump into more complex parts of the day's lesson. Grading takes place less frequently and focuses on the integration of material from

Table 2
Class Schedule

Class of 1942		*Class of 1992*
0755-0920	Morning Classes	0715-0810
1035-1155		0820-0915
		0925-1020
		1030-1125
1300-1400	Afternoon Classes	1230-1325
1400-1500		1335-1430
		1445-1540
1930-2230	Evening Study	1930-2330

Class times vary slightly for both 1942 and 1992, depending on the specific courses taken.

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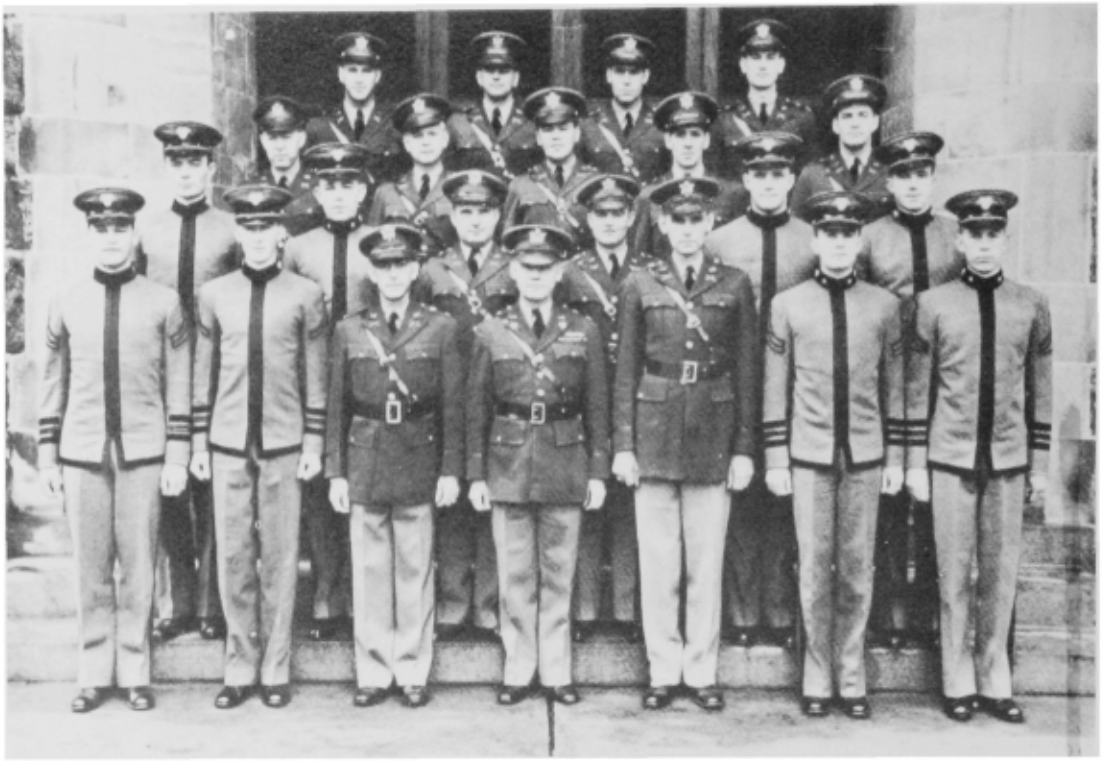

The Department of Drawing in 1942, as augmented by cadet instructors. Note the extra sleeve stripes.

several lessons, rather than on the previous night's study assignment. For each hour the cadet of 1992 spends in class, he or she is expected to spend two hours in barracks study.

Cadets of 1942 marched to class in either the West or East Academic Buildings or Washington Hall. They wore Dress Gray to class unless they were participating in a field exercise. They were taught in small, 15-man sections by a military faculty composed mostly of West Point graduates who had taken various short courses to prepare them for their teaching assignments. Few of the rotating or permanent faculty had advanced degrees. Although the Class of 1942 was not taught by cadets, selected members of the class were designated "Cadet Instructors" and taught plebes and yearlings (see box below).

Cadets of 1992 race, on their own, to classes in Thayer Hall (the old Riding Hall), Bartlett Hall (the EAB), Washington Hall or Mahan Hall. (The WAB has become Pershing Barracks.) On a winter day, the requirement to move from a class on the sixth floor of Washington Hall to one on the sixth floor of Mahan Hall in ten minutes is known as a Thayer Drill. Instead of Dress Gray, they wear class uniforms, dark grey shirts with grey trousers. Still in 15-person sections, they are taught by a military faculty; however, all members of the faculty have earned advanced degrees from a top university. Rotating faculty members typically have master's degrees while permanent faculty have PhDs. Only a little more than half are graduates of West Point.

What can you say about the changes? I'd hope that you would see that we have changed where we need to change...new courses, better educated faculty and more emphasis on cadet responsibility for learning. I also would hope that you recognize the substantial similiarities between the programs of 1942 and 1992. As noted in an earlier column, we are one of the few colleges in the nation to prescribe for our students over 75% of their curriculum. Colonel Thayer gave us the direction, and we have been faithful to his charge.

Two cadet instructors pause for a game of chess. Note the extra stripe on the sleeve of the player on the left and the USMA crest on the collars of both players.

The Cadet Instructor

Due to the officer shortage in 1941 and subsequent war years, selected members of the First Class were asked to become cadet-instructors. In the Class of 1942, 36 cadets were chosen for the task. These cadet-instructors continued their studies with their class, although they were excused from certain segments of each course. The typical cadet instructor taught two "middle" sections, with the "hives" and "goats" left to the officers. Their students were plebes taking French, Drawing and English and yearlings taking Drawing and Physics. To protect the cadet-instructors from "losing files," they were guaranteed that their rank in the class at the end of Second Class year would hold for First Class year. To give them some distinction, they wore an extra stripe on the lower sleeve and a USMA crest on the collar of their Dress Gray. To further sweeten the pot, the Superintendent excused them from marching to class and participating in parades, and gave them the unheard-of benefit of weeknight movie privileges.

(The above information was provided by Bridadier General E.C. Cutler, USA Ret., Class of 1942, who was a cadet-instructor in French and later returned to West Point to head the Department of Electricity.)

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The COM Reports

By BG (P) DAVID A. BRAMLETT, *Commandant of Cadets*

I'd like to begin this report by congratulating the *ASSEMBLY* staff on this, the 50th Anniversary of the *ASSEMBLY*. So much has happened at the Academy over those years, and it has been through this fine publication that many of us have been informed of the many changes. Additionally, the *ASSEMBLY* has been the vehicle for keeping track of old friends. This particular column has given me the opportunity, as well as the other twenty-one Commandants who have preceded me since 1942, to share information about the military development of the Corps of Cadets. My report to you this issue is no different.

In past reports I have tried to keep you abreast of the changes and other matters of interest that have taken place here over the last two years; however, a detailed account has not always been possible. As I am writing this during the break between semesters, it seems an appropriate time to explain one of the major changes to the military program, the Military Intersession Period. For the past three years, the two weeks between the time the Corps returns from Christmas Leave and the start of the second academic semester has been known as Intersession.

The overall mission of Military Intersession is to:

Teach, train and exercise the United States Corps of Cadets in military leader skills and selected professional knowledge and physical education subjects; and accomplish administrative tasks, as required.

To accomplish the above-stated mission, every cadet receives instruction in military science, physical education, and professional development subjects each day of the training period. I call your attention to the schematic that shows the day's activities for each cadet. As you can see, it's a busy period. This instruction reinforces the training received during the preceding summer and provides the knowledge required for cadets to maximize the upcoming scheduled summer training activities for each cadet class.

Now, an update on the material.

INTERSESSION '92

TIME	REGIMENTS 1st	2nd	3rd	4th
0715-0905	PD	MS	MS	PE
0915-1105	PE	LAB/CMDT'S HOUR	LAB/CMDT'S HOUR	PD
1120-1155	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1210-1400	MS	PE	PD	MS
1410-1600	LAB/CMDT'S HOUR	PD	PE	LAB/CMDT'S HOUR

0600 Reveille
0625 Assembly/Breakfast
1600-1930 Cadet Discretionary Time (PT, Book Issue, Coordination Meetings, Military Duties, Corps Squad Practices)
1730-1900 Optional Supper
1930-2330 Evening Study Period
1930-2030 Club and Team Meetings, Cadet Religious Activities, Lecture Period, Support Army Athletes
2330 Taps
2400 All Lights Out

Military Science

Military Science Instruction consists of four separate courses of instruction prepared by the Department of Military Instruction. Each consists of 3-4 hours of classroom instruction on a daily basis, with an additional 2-3 hours of homework assigned each night. Practical exercises are integrated into the curriculum to assist cadets to apply theoretical concepts to real-life situations, including terrain walks, Tactical Exercises Without Troops and motor stables. Instructor support comes from throughout the Academy staff and faculty and allows cadets the opportunity to see their academic course instructors in an entirely different capacity. A brief description of each of the course offerings follows:

Plebes - MS102: Map Reading and Troop Leading Procedures

Reading and understanding military maps; troop leading procedures, the estimate of the situation and the issuance of combat orders.

Yearlings - MS202: Combined Arms Operations

Tactical leader skills and decision-making at the platoon level. Included are historical perspectives of light Infantry, warfighting concepts, methods of command and control and fundamentals of offensive combat.

Cows - MS 302: Unit Readiness

The role of a platoon leader in the areas of personnel, training, supply, maintenance and unit readiness.

Firstics - MS402: Transition to Officership

The fundamentals of international law and the Uniform Code of Military Justice; a review of key topics taught in the first three years of Military Science Instruction. During the review, cadets teach specific topics to their classmates to further develop individual instructional abilities.

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Physical Education

The second major instructional focus during Intersession is Physical Education. Each course consists of two hours of instruction daily and is taught by instructors assigned to the Department of Physical Education with augmentation from USCC and the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Plebes - Fundamentals of Physical Fitness

These foundation courses for Master Fitness Trainer certification consist of 18 hours of classroom instruction covering exercise sciences and nutrition.

Yearling - Physical Fitness

Builds upon previously acquired knowledge and provides cadets six additional hours of exercise science instruction for qualification as a Master Fitness Trainer. This year, we added the indoor obstacle course, with a record test on the last day of Intersession.

Cows - Lifetime Sports

Second Class Cadets have the opportunity to enroll in one of the lifetime sport offerings listed below:

Downhill Skiing
Ice Skating
Basketball
Squash
Exercise to Music II
Racquetball
Cross Country Skiing
Volleyball
Advanced Close Quarters Combat

Firsties - Warfighting Fitness

All First Class Cadets must enroll in Warfighting Fitness, a course specifically designed to teach cadets how to use all previously acquired Master Fitness Trainer knowledge when developing a unit physical fitness program.

Professional Development

The third instructional component of Intersession is individual professional development. Included are lessons devoted to honor, individual leader development, personal finance and a series of professional development lectures designed to improve the cadet's knowledge of joint and combined operations conducted during Operation Desert Storm. The highlight of this year's lecture series was a presentation by General Frederick M. Franks, Jr. '59, Commander of TRADOC, entitled "The Challenges for Junior Leaders Before, During and Immediately After Operation Desert Storm."

Lab/Commandant's Hour

The fourth instructional component of Intersession is made up of branch orientations, teambuilding exercises and briefings on Cadet Advanced Training. Additionally, several hours of practicums and instructional lessons are taught in conjunction with the military science subject matter.

Finally, the Military Intersession Period serves as a major reorganization period for the Corps, with the second semester chain of command assuming control of the Corps upon its return from Christmas leave. Company Tactical Officers and Tactical Non-Commissioned Officers are employed full-time to ensure the Corps is properly prepared to start the new semester.

Intersession is an intense two weeks for the Corps of Cadets and a period during which the entire institution takes on a more thoroughly military appearance. I believe that we are now realizing more of the great potential in the Intersession program as we benefit from the initial two years' experiences. I'll provide you with an assessment later in the year.

Giving to Our Alma Mater

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dence of this tendency is the prompt and generous response which was made to the recent movement to establish an Endowment Fund for the Association of Graduates. Affection for the loyalty to our Alma Mater, pride of association with the historic traditions of West Point and with her distinguished graduates, together with a growing appreciation of great benefits received for which no adequate return has been or can ever be made, all combine, as years pass, to strengthen the natural desire to give in a way which will perpetuate the work and traditions of West Point for future generations. No one has expressed the sentiment associated with such gifts more happily than Calvin Coolidge, who recently said:

"To place your name, by gift or bequest, in the keeping of an active University is to be sure that the name and the project with which it is associated will continue down the centuries to quicken the minds and hearts of youth, and thus make a permanent contribution to the welfare of humanity."

The one great need of West Point today is a new Memorial Hall. It is urgently needed as a place where important functions, such as the graduation exercises in inclement weather, the graduation ball, and other large meetings and social affairs can be held without disturbing buildings dedicated to other purposes, and which for various reasons are both too small and inappropriate. But it is even more urgently required as a permanent home for present and future gifts and memorials for which no place now exists. The present Memorial Hall is overcrowded, but now contains portraits for which only temporary space has been assigned. The Library is also overcrowded, and the recent group of paintings showing the construction of the Panama Canal by Goethals has been stored in one of the upper rooms of the new Mess Hall. There is no available space for memorials of the World War, the collection of which should now be well under way. Briefly, a serious situation exists which should be promptly met, unless the flow of gifts and memorials is to be suspended for want of space to adequately receive and care for them.

The Association of Graduates has for some time been keenly alive to this situation, and has appointed a Committee to take such steps as may be possible to secure the necessary building. The Superintendent has officially urged an appropriation for its construction, and at the last meeting of the Association of Graduates the Constitution was amended to create a "New Memorial Hall Fund" and to provide for the appointment of five Trustees to receive, invest and hold gifts and bequests for a new Memorial Hall. By this means it is hoped that the necessary funds for the purpose can be accumulated. Gifts and bequests, large or small, will be carefully invested by the Trustees, and both principal and income held in trust until used by the Association for the construction, equipment and furnishing of a suitable building.

Every dollar contributed to the Fund will serve, for all time to come, to honor the memories of graduates who have served their country in the World War and in such other fields of action as may be determined by the Association, provide the Academy with facilities which it sorely needs, care for many treasures for which no space now exists, permit the continued flow of gifts, and finally will serve to record and maintain for future generations the splendid tradition of West Point, of which we are all so justly proud.

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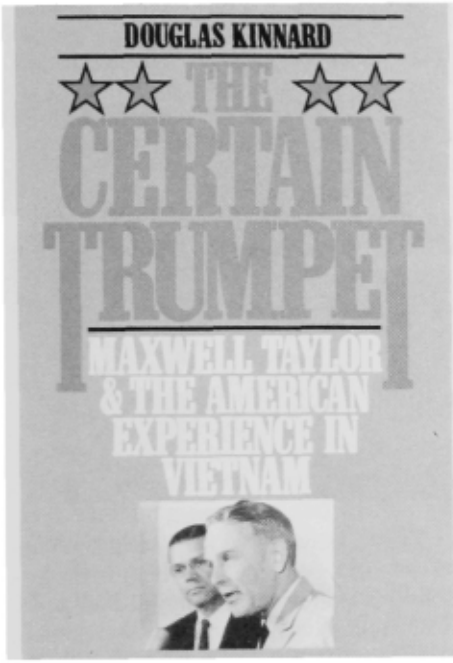
Book Reviews

The Certain Trumpet: Maxwell Taylor and The American Experience in Vietnam.

By Douglas Kinnard. Brassey's (US), Inc.: McLean, VA, 1991, 252 pages.



The Certain Trumpet, in part a biography of Maxwell Taylor, a distinguished soldier-statesman of his time, is primarily a critical analysis of the fateful events that shaped our experience in Vietnam. The author, Douglas Kinnard, a talented writer who has lived in both the military and academic worlds, is a recognized authority on Vietnam. He has skillfully interwoven the Taylor story with our Vietnam experience—the result is an engaging, perceptive and readable book. But it is also a meticulously researched and documented work, which is beautifully written and stands on its own feet.

More biographical in nature, the Prologue and Part I cover Taylor's boyhood and school years, his entire US Army career to retirement during the Eisenhower Administration, and the beginning of his "second career," when he returned to the Washington scene to serve President Kennedy. Part II, taking up more than half the book, concerns its main subject—the American experience in Vietnam from President Kennedy's inheritance of the problem to the end of President Johnson's Administration. But the most interesting, and perhaps the most important, part of the book is its final chapter. Among other things, this chapter analyzes Taylor's personality, bringing out what made him "tick." To those such as the reviewer who served with Taylor, it is revealing and helpful in understanding why he seemed to be an enigma. Concurrently, this chapter, using Taylor's eight-year-long post-Army career as a "prism," analyzes high-level American decision-making and its consequences in Vietnam. This brilliant summation alone is worth the "price of admission."

Early in the book, the author brings out how the young Maxwell Davenport Taylor learned about West Point from his maternal grandfather, Milton Davenport, a Confederate Cavalry veteran of the Civil War whose heroes were Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, both West Pointers. No doubt inspired by his grandfather's "war stories," young Taylor won an appointment, entering the Military Academy in 1918—just days before the Armistice ending World War I.

Thereafter, the Academy was to have a profound influence on him. General Douglas MacArthur, who was Taylor's World War I hero, became the Superintendent right after Taylor's plebe year. MacArthur stressed that West Point's role was to produce leaders of character with innovative minds, not rigid martinets with inflexible minds. Many years later, Taylor, too, became the Superintendent of West Point (1945-49), where, despite unanimous opposition from the Academic Department, he instituted the first formal course on leadership, emphasizing that leaders must set a personal example and demonstrate flexibility of mind. In any event, it seems clear that West Point did imbue Taylor with solid study and work habits, striving always to think precisely, plan carefully and conduct oneself in a controlled manner regardless of circumstances. Kinnard relates in his book that MacArthur, bitter after his removal from command in Korea in 1954, made some disparaging remarks about Taylor, a former student of his at West Point. Was this a portent of things to come in Vietnam? Kinnard brings out incidentally that MacArthur (No. 1, Class of 1903) and Taylor (No. 4, Class of 1922) each was the only child of a domineering mother determined that her son would be above the best!

Spanning Maxwell Taylor's lifetime, *The Certain Trumpet* covers a lot of ground in a few words—the inter-war period, World War II, Korea, the Eisenhower years, and Vietnam during the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations. There is much food for thought in this pithy, compact work. If not read carefully, beginning with the Prologue, important aspects can be missed inadvertently. The book paints a fascinating picture of its central figure, Maxwell Taylor, whose portrait changes as he matures and learns from the hard school of experience.

With respect to the book's main subject, Vietnam. *The Certain Trumpet* tells the inside story at high governmental levels, filling in gaps and revealing new information about many of the most critical periods of the war. Examples are the assassination of President Diem in Saigon in November 1963, the post-Tet 1968 assessments made by the Johnson Administration, and the famous (or infamous) 206,000 troop requests made by MACV in the aftermath of the enemy Tet offensive. Throughout the account, Taylor's role is described in some detail, laying the foundation for judgments and conclusions taken later in the book.

In his final chapter, Kinnard asks the key question as to how much of the burden of the Vietnam War should Maxwell Taylor bear in comparison with such senior US officials as Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara, and William Childs Westmoreland, whose careers bear permanent scars. Kinnard's judgment is very fair and not unsympathetic—indeed, he gives essentially a "yes and no" response. But the reader must make his own assessment.

Kinnard also asks some other fundamental questions which should prove chal-

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lenging to any serious historian or student of national security affairs. One of those questions concerns civil-military relations at the highest levels in the American system of government. This and other provocative questions make this book an especially worthwhile subject of study and thought.

From my reading of *The Certain Trumpet*, Maxwell Taylor comes across as more of a thinker than a doer. Certainly, as a commander, he was no Matthew Ridgway. Nevertheless, Taylor was a truly great citizen and patriot. Clearly, he fully lived up to West Point's ideals—to him, Duty always came first, his Honor was above reproach, and he obviously loved his Country. What American could have done any better?!

Reviewed by General Bruce Palmer, Jr. '36
US Army, Ret.

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Examining the American experience in Vietnam is almost impossible without discussing the individuals who shaped the nature of U.S. involvement in America's longest war. Douglas Kinnard wades into the milieu of Vietnam by examining the policy decisions of Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson through the "prism" of General Maxwell D. Taylor.

The Certain Trumpet is not intended as a biography of Taylor, but rather an examination of the influence Taylor exerted on high-level decision making during the war. Kinnard remains true to this end and is able to discuss Taylor's life without compromising his purpose.

The Certain Trumpet is a sympathetic treatment of Taylor's role in the Vietnam drama, but not unduly so. Kinnard does not hesitate to examine the crucial issues of American troop involvement and the escalation of the war. The author's most significant contribution, however, comes from his melding of Taylor's views with a synthesis of the political decisions of the Kennedy and Johnson administrations concerning Vietnam.

Kinnard portrays Taylor as the quintessential military bureaucrat, working within the inner circles of Washington officialdom. After retiring as Army Chief of Staff in 1959, Taylor served from 1961 through 1968, first as JFK's Military Representative (1961-62), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs (1962-64), Ambassador to Vietnam (1964-65), and finally as a consultant to LBJ (1965-68). At each of these positions he had the opportunity to influence the course of American involvement in the war in Vietnam.

Whatever Taylor's duty position during the war, the author sees him as a political animal, refining and modifying his views to bring them into agreement with the prevailing consensus in the White House. Kinnard views Taylor as being more interested in perpetuating his own power, rather than playing the role of "honest broker" between the military and civilians in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. He opines that Taylor probably made bridging the gap between the two groups more difficult and that, even while Chairman of the JCS, he never enjoyed the full confidence of the service chiefs.

The greatest criticism Kinnard makes against Taylor is his "failure to stand up and be counted when in the minority" (p. 213). He illustrates this point well by showing how Taylor was opposed to the introduction of U.S. ground forces in early 1965. On 8 March 1965, 3500 U.S. Marines landed in Vietnam to protect American air bases operating in the south. At the same time, General William Westmoreland was recommending that an Army division and separate brigade be committed to Vietnam to provide "security" in the countryside. Finding out about the deployment of the 173d Airborne Brigade through a premature JCS cable, Taylor protested the decision of Secretary of State Dean Rusk in Washington. In June 1965 it became obvious that LBJ, McNamara and Westmoreland favored the introduction of nearly 50,000 combat troops. Taylor, rather than vigorously protesting the move, supported the decision and even modified his position by saying that America had waited too long in committing ground forces.

Kinnard paints the portrait of a man very much in concert with the prevailing currents and eddies of Washington politics. It is interesting, therefore, to note that Taylor did not perceive that the real target of the 1968 Tet Offensive was not the American forces in Vietnam, but American opinion at home.

Although *The Certain Trumpet* is impressionistic in its treatment of Taylor's role in Vietnam, it is a good introduction to the political machinations that shaped American involvement in that war. Douglas Kinnard had added to our understanding of America's longest war by examining Maxwell Taylor's role. Had he sounded a certain trumpet, Taylor was in a position to affect dramatically the course of American involvement in the war in Vietnam. Kinnard shows us that the plangent tones of Taylor's trumpet, however, were muted.

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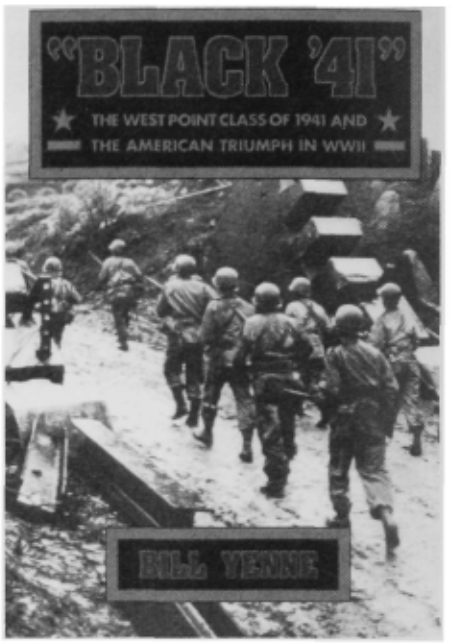
Black '41: The West Point Class of 1941 and the American Triumph in World War II

By Bill Yenne, John Wiley & Sons, New York 1991, 374 pages.



Like a certain kind of joke, book reviews—or a great many of them anyhow—follow a pattern: good news, bad news. Unfortunately, this review is no exception.

What saves Bill Yenne's *Black '41* is the nature of the good news. Based primarily on interviews, the book gathers between its covers an extraordinary amount of information, ranging from the historically significant to the just plain fascinating, about the West Point class that graduated only six months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, a class that marked its fiftieth anniversary in June of this year. To begin with, the book's account of the class's four years at the Academy is rich in anecdote and pre-World War II detail: tales of hazing, the perils of academics and skirmishes in the eternal war with the Tacs. We also gain perspective on contemporary cadets' complaints of being isolated, for during the Class of 1941's first two years, its members could not even own radios. They were "frowned on until 1939." It was "Polo Army" in those days, and accordingly, the cadets spend "hundreds of hours on horseback," while the only real tactical training came in Colonel James Gavin's sand table classes during the spring of their

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senior year. They never fired the M1 rifle, but instead had marksmanship training with .22 caliber substitutes. And for field artillery instruction, they travelled to Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, in the Poconos, where they practiced with old French '75's and ammunition left over from World War I. In a way, the class was emblematic of the nation as a whole: radically unprepared for the reality that it was to face after 7 December.

The West Point years, of course, are just the prologue. Between Graduation Day, when its 424 members pinned on their bars, and its thirtieth anniversay, after which the class had only twenty members left on active duty, the United States went through three major wars alternating with periods of uneasy peace, and the members of 1941 played parts, very often heroic parts, in all of this history. In fact, the sub-title of *Black '41* is more than a little misleading. Although experiences in World War II, which fill 191 of the book's 343 pages of narrative, are central to the story of his class, we also learn about its members' service in Korea and Vietnam and their work in a variety of peacetime jobs, both military and civilian. Having left the "American Triumph in World War II" far behind, the narrative comes to an end in the spring of 1991.

Two of the most distinguished members of the class made their respective marks at the beginning and the end of this long stretch of 20th-century history. Killed in action only seven months after graduation, Sandy Nininger had one of the shortest careers in the Class of 1941. His heroism against the Japanese in the Philippines cost him his life and won him the Congressional Medal of Honor. But this is public history. *Black '41* adds glimpses of Nininger as a cadet and young officer, and quotations from eyewitnesses accounts of his bravery. As a result, Nininger becomes something more than a name on a plaque. Though the figure remains sketchy, it has dimension. The hero emerges as a person.

George Brown, on the other hand, had one of the Class's longest careers and went as far as a military officer can go. Having pinned on his fourth star in August 1968, he took over the Seventh Air Force in Vietnam, went on to head the Air Force Systems Command in 1970, became Chief of Staff of the Air Force in 1973 and, in 1974, began four years as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This, too, is public history, but *Black '41* adds a picture of the young George Brown. In the book's detailed account of the famous raid on the Ploesti oil refinery complex, a hellish business in which one-third of the American aircraft were lost, we find Brown as a 24-year-old lieutenant colonel flying a Liberator with the "Traveling Circus," the Eighth Air Force's 93d Bomb Group.

Besides the stories of Nininger and Brown, we get those of a large number of other members of the class. A publicity release says that the book "closely follows nine officers from cadet days to first command and into battle" and that it "includes interviews with over 60 members of the 1941 class, including reflections on classmates killed in action." I did not verify the number of interviews. I do know this, however: all of those classmates recounting their own experiences and those of others adds up to a book brimming over with names. And those names are connected with hundreds of actions, in war and peace, in dozens of places around the globe.

Which brings me to the bad news. Because Yenne packed so many members of the class and so much of what they did into this book, it lacks unity. In Rick Atkinson's *The Long Gray Line*—to which *Black '41* will inevitably be compared—the narrative keeps a fairly tight focus on its handful of central figures, with a relatively small group of other members of the Class of '66 cast in cameo roles. Although Yenne attempts the same strategy of focusing on a few figures in *Black '41*, he relinquishes control. The nine officers he "closely follows" drop from sight too often and for too long for their stories to serve as narrative stitching. After a while we have a myriad of other class members—some simply mentioned as belonging to this or that unit—to recall. We can no longer associate names and deeds in memory; we lose the threads of the individual stories. The result, for all its merits as a repository of class lore, is not a good read.

And there are other flaws. I noted when I read the advance proofs that there were numerous small errors, "typos," in the text. For example, the Class of 1915, "The Class the Stars Fell On," was repeatedly misdesignated the Class of 1913. Vietnamese Emperor Gia-Long has his name misspelled as "Bia." It seemed that the Germans had tanks with 7.5mm main guns. Now, of course, we expect to find typos in proofs, but we also expect that they will be corrected in the final edition. I have that edition in front of me now, and, yes, the German gun tubes have expanded to the correct diameter. But neither the Emperor nor the Class of 1915 have benefitted from proofreading.

If all the textual flaws were this minor, I guess you could dismiss them. Unfortunately, the flaws go beyond matters of spelling to matters of fact. Yenne thinks, for example, that the room orderly is a cadet who comes around to inspect rooms. He also thinks that one has to die before one joins the Long Gray Line. He gives us an account of a cadet who was found guilty of lying by the Honor Committee, refused to resign, was subjected to the "silence," and then finally was "turned in." At that point, we want to ask: turned in to whom? And for what? He also miscontrues the fact that 324 of the members of the class who entered West Point on 1 July 1937 graduated to mean that only 324 entered Thayer Gate on that day. An earlier allusion to "50 dozen" errs in the opposite direction.

Admittedly, many of the errors have to do with aspects of West Point's culture. But there is enough of this sort of thing for it to be more than distracting. It begins after a time to raise questions about how much to trust the authority of the author. If he does not have these details quite straight, how many others has he misunderstood ?

Yenne's prose also needs some tightening. For example, his remark regarding Secretary Stimson's graduation address bothers me:

"As he looked out at the Class of 1941, Stimson knew that these men were the ones who would fight and die in the coming war. More than that, he knew that they would be the ones who would *lead* the countless thousands who would fight and die in the coming war."

Yes, Stimson might well have known these things, but as written, the passage implies that Stimson's actual thoughts at that particular time were occupied with that knowledge.

Later, Yenne tells us that during Ernie Durr's first class year, he "had foreseen" the Electrical Engineering cheating scandal of the 1970's; not a scandal *like* the one that actually occurred, but "this debacle," the thing itself. Of course, that is not exactly what Yenne means, but that is what he says. The sloppiness does not stop there, however. As a first classman, Durr "submitted a plan to the superintendent to remove a great many offenses from the Honor Code and instead have them covered by a Code of Duty," but the chaos surrounding the start of World War II intervened. So far, so good, but then Yenne tells us the result: Durr's proposal was "shelved for over three decades, before it was adopted in the 1970s." No, that is not exactly what he means, either, I suppose. In any case, he is wrong.

Because I automatically am disposed to favor anything that says good things about West Point or any of its sons and daughters, I was disposed to like this book. But, I must

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say, *Black '41* fought that disposition. It has great value as a written record; it preserves a great deal of what would otherwise be lost. As Michael Greene, the President of the Class, puts it in his Foreword, he and his classmates "are proud to be '41ers and proud of (their) story." They have every right to be proud, but their story deserves a better telling.

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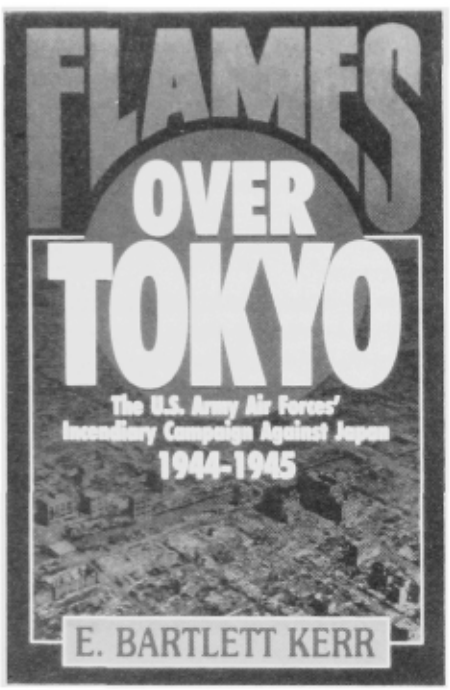
Flames Over Tokyo: The U.S. Army Air Force's Incendiary Campaign Against Japan, 1944-1945

By E. Bartlett Kerr, Donald I. Fine, Inc., New York, 1991.



When General Carl Spaatz arrived in the Pacific in late July 1945 to take control of strategic air operations, he was appalled by the terrible conflagrations his B-29s were creating with massive fire bombing raids. He confided in his diary in August, "I have never favored the destruction of cities as such with all inhabitants being killed." The evolution and results of the controversial incendiary bombing campaign against Japanese urban industrial complexes is the subject of E. Bartlett Kerr's *Flames Over Tokyo*.

During the last decade or so, a number of books have appeared dealing with strategic bombing in World War II. Many, like Ronald Schaffer's *Wings of Judgment* and Michael Sherry's *The Rise of American Air Power*, have been highly critical of American bombing policies, claiming that they were inconsistent at best and indiscriminate at worst. The fire bombing of Japan is portrayed as a result of "technological fanaticism" and vague guidelines concerning military necessity and inevitably led to total war. Kerr argues convincingly that the incendiary campaign resulted instead from a combination of unique combat conditions and dynamic individual initiatives that produced an effective strategy to achieve air objectives in the theater. Up to now, the best one-volume overall account of the B-29 campaign has been Wilbur Morrison's *Point of No Return: The Story of the Twentieth Air Force*. While Kerr's book does not quite have the scope of Morrison's, Kerr has done more research and has incorporated new and detailed material on the development of incendiary munitions.

Kerr was motivated to write this book because of the "inaccurate or ill-conceived" notions that the American public possesses concerning the great fire raid on Tokyo the night of 9 March 1945 and the incendiary campaign that followed. In his foreward, the author outlines a number of items he feels need "amplification," in order to "illuminate an important but little understood chapter in the history of World War II." Among his stated objectives are to explain the role of scientists in developing and advocating incendiary bombing, to show how Curtis LeMay decided to adopt low-altitude, night fire raids against Japanese cities after conventional tactics failed, and to demonstrate that the cumulative destruction of the fire raids was a major factor in influencing the Japanese surrender. Kerr does an admirable job accomplishing these goals, while also providing fascinating glimpses of the airmen and victims involved in the air campaign.

The Army Air Corps did not acquire its first real incendiary bomb, the 100-pound M-47, until late 1940. A number of scientists and engineers working for the National Defense Research Committee, the military research arm of Dr. Vannevar Bush's Office of the Scientific Research and Developing, in early 1942 developed a new 6.2-pound bomb (the M-69) utilizing jellied gasoline instead of magnesium. Kerr points out, "In most research and development projects, the development team ceases to have a significant role, except for technical assistance to the user, after the item goes into production. This did not happen in the case of the M-69." Civilian proponents of the new bomb and the Committee of Operations Analysts, a group of military intelligence experts, businessmen, and economists who advised Army Air Forces Chief of Staff Henry "Hap" Arnold on targeting strategies, pressured the AAF to adopt incendiary tactics against Japan. Significantly, only Dr. Bush seemed troubled by the civilian casualties that would result from burning Japanese cities, and he just suggested to Arnold that "the decision on the humanitarian aspects will have to be made at a high level if it has not been done already, and that this might as well be settled, since it is bound to come up sooner or later." Bush probably hoped that the Secretary of War or the President in Washington would judge the moral and military implications of incendiary raids on cities. Instead, the decision to resort to fire bombing would be based strictly on operational requirements and made by a relatively junior air commander on Guam, Major General Curtis LeMay.

By the beginning of 1945, the AAF Very Heavy Bomber Program was in trouble. The performance of the Twentieth Air Force's B-29s had been dismal. LeMay's XXth Bomber Command in China was out of range of most important targets in Japan and constrained by the logistical difficulties of flying supplies over the Himalayas. Haywood "Possum" Hansell's XXIst Bomber Command in the Marianas could reach key objectives in the Japanese homeland but was plagued by inadequate facilities, poor training and the numerous "bugs" that still needed to be worked out of the hastily-fielded B-29s.

A typical mission from the Marianas began with a mission briefing at 4:00 AM and takeoff two hours later. After about seven hours of flying, crews would arrive over their targets, to be met by fighters, anti-aircraft fire and suicidal pilots trying to ram their Baka rocket bombs into the B-29s. The most vexing enemy was the weather, especially high jet-stream winds at bombing altitudes that taxed the capabilities of bombsights and bombardiers. Aircraft flying upwind traveled so slowly that they were sitting ducks for enemy guns, and downwind airspeeds went right off the bombing tables. After struggling to hit pinpoint targets, pilots then had to battle exhaustion, fuel consumption and their aircraft to return safely to base. Despite plummeting morale and poor bombing results, Hansell stuck to the precision bombing tactics he had helped to develop. In January 1945, Arnold relieved him and brought in LeMay.

LeMay immediately overhauled training, maintenance and facilities in the Marians. He continued high-level daylight attacks for a while, but was too conscientious and innovative not to look for better alternatives. Eventually, he decided on low-level, night raids with incendiary bombs.

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Flying at lower altitudes was easier on aircraft engines and required less fuel, lowering technical failures and allowing larger bombloads. Wind speed was much lower and visual and radar observations were much clearer. NDRC testing had confirmed how easy it would be to ignite Japanese cities, and the resulting large fires would destroy factories, small feeder plants and "de-house" workers. LeMay's first massive raid in Tokyo on 9 March 1945 was a smashing success, destroying many key industrial and military targets. Operation MEETINGHOUSE was also the deadliest air attack of the war, destroying sixteen square miles of the city, killing over 80,000 people, and leaving more than a million homeless. LeMay was ecstatic over the results, as was Arnold and the American public. Air campaign plans were soon adjusted to adopt the new targets and tactics. The Twentieth Air Force was now engaged in a war against Japanese cities, just as the Royal Air Force's Bomber Command was attacking German population centers.

The incendiary raids overwhelmed Japanese military and civil defenses. The new air strategy included "giant blows delivered to small targets," such as the destruction of 99.5% of the built-up area of Toyama, a small city of only 127,000 people. Leaflets were dropped to warn the populace of impending raids and spread panic. Some B-29s also conducted a very effective mining campaign in coastal waters and severely restricted transportation of industrial supplies and food. By the time of the Japanese surrender, only five small Japanese cities had not been burned out by fire bombs; two of these were Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Over 8.5 million people fled the damaged cities, causing immense refugee problems for the Japanese government. Social and economic dislocation were immense. LeMay believed he could force Japan to surrender with airpower alone, and the havoc wreaked by his B-29s was a major factor in persuading key government leaders, including the Emperor, to accept the Allied surrender terms.

Some of Kerr's contentions will be controversial. He portrays Arnold as a leader anchored to precision bombing, and credits the NDRC and COA with pushing a reluctant AAF into the incendiary campaign. Other recent scholars, such as Schaffer and Sherry, have concentrated on Arnold's flexibility on bombing policies and his penchant for new ideas. He was always seeking better ways to achieve "Victory through Airpower" and justify independent status for the American air arm. They also trace the roots of the fire raids to prewar teachings at the Air Corps Tactical School and the common knowledge among leaders and airmen as to the flammable nature of Japanese urban areas. The U.S. Government agreed to provide the Chinese with bombers to mount incendiary attacks on Japanese cities in June 1941, and by February 1942 Arnold's staff had already prepared target folders on Japanese objectives that included areas of Tokyo ranked in order of "vulnerability to incendiary attack." Kerr may also spark debate by agreeing with LeMay that the B-29 campaign against Japanese cities alone would have eventually forced a Japanese surrender without an invasion, even without the additional shock of the atomic bomb, unrestricted submarine campaign or Russian intervention.

In his book, *Flames Over Tokyo*, E. Bartlett Kerr has accomplished his goal: to illuminate an important facet of World War II. His work is a welcome addition to the growing literature on strategic bombing and should be a useful resource for anyone interested in the war in the Pacific. He does an especially fine job evaluating and analyzing his subject in light of the attitudes and actions of the 1940's, a perspective we all must retain as the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of World War II continues.

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At a Glance: other recently-published books by or about USMA or its graduates, now available at the USMA Bookstore and other fine bookstores:

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The Eye of the Hammer by Robert J. Mayer '81. Presidio Press (1991).

Home at Rest: The Story of the West Point Cemetery by Thomas E. O'Neil. Arrow and Trooper Publishers (1991); 55 pages.

The Limits of Glory: A Novel of Waterloo by James McDonough. Presidio Press (1991); 291 pages.

Officers and Gentlemen: Historic West Point in Photographs by Jeffrey Simpson. Sleepy Hollow Press (1982); 215 pages.

Schwarzkopf: An Insider's View of the Commander and his Victory by LTC Robert D. Parrish, USA Ret. and Colonel N.A. Andreacchio, USA Ret. Bantam Books (1991); 235 pages.

To the Graduates and Former Cadets of the United States Military Academy

June Week this year has become three days in May. Because of the new training program described elsewhere in this issue, Graduation has been moved to May 29th. Academics will cease on May 26th and the program appearing above is planned. As you will notice, Alumni Day occupies its usual prominent part, and the Superintendent extends a cordial invitation to all Alumni to attend. While it is realized that the majority will be unable to return this year, it is hoped that the older classes, and the inactive members of others, will come back in greater numbers than ever before. Many changes of interest are taking place here, and to return makes one feel again the thrill of West Point's undying spirit. Of special interest will be the 55th reunion of '87, the 50th of '92, and the 45th of '97.

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By Thom Yates

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES TOUGH

With a highly successful winter athletic season a matter of record (won 47, lost 32, average .587), Army's five spring sports teams are now in the midst of what should prove just as gratifying, if not more so, as far as final scores are concerned.

The decision to graduate the class of 1942 almost two weeks earlier than originally planned caused "Biff" Jones, our new Graduate Manager of Athletics, plenty of headaches. The Navy contests were booked for May 30, but couldn't very well be played then, since Graduation Day is now May 29. As we go to press, Navy game rearrangements are not completed. Despite the early graduation, however, the spring schedules are just as complete and gruelling as they were back in the days of peace.

What will prove a serious blow to the coaches of all five spring sports squads is the decision to send the First Class on field training trips and maneuvers throughout practically the entire month of May. This means that our baseball, track, lacrosse, golf, and tennis teams will play the last half of their schedules with only Second Classmen and inexperienced Yearlings available for competition.

FOR THE RECORDS

Basketball (won 10, lost 6)—Beat Lafayette, Columbia, Penn, Johns Hopkins, Maryland, Brown, Harvard, Williams, Pitt, and Navy. Lost to George Washington, Georgetown, Penn State, Dartmouth, Princeton, and West Virginia. Bright spots of season—Downed Navy; won seven final games of schedule.

Boxing (won 6, lost 0)—Beat West Virginia, Coast Guard Academy, Bucknell, Syracuse, Western Maryland, and Penn State. Bright spots of season—Undefeated record; Bob Peden retains 135-pound intercollegiate title.

Fencing (won 2, lost 3)—Beat Columbia and St. John's. Lost to Cornell, Salle Santelli, and N. Y. U. Bright spot of season — Won team honors in pentagonal meet with Navy, Yale, Harvard, and Princeton.

Gymnastics (won 2, tied 1, lost 1) —Beat Temple and Princeton. Tied Penn State. Lost to Navy. Bright spots of season — Victory over Temple, last year's intercollegiate champs.

THAT WINTER SEASON

We can't let spring fever get too strong a hold on us without reviewing that spectacular winter season that found three of our eleven intercollegiate squads—boxing, pistol, and rifle—going through undefeated.

The climax came on March 7, when Navy sent its basketball and rifle teams and Royal Military College its hockey squad to West Point for traditional battles. We whipped the Tars on the court, 35-34, in what many sportswriters agreed was the best collegiate game of the season; outshot the Middies on the rifle range, 1390 to 1362, and defeated the R. M. C. skaters, 3-1, after going through the whole regular schedule without winning a single game on the ice.

Capt. Fred Tate and Sid Peterman, captain-elect for 1943, after two scoreless periods, sank a goal each for the Army sextet in the first minute of the final period. R. M. C. tallied very late in the game, but Tate added another goal in the final minute to—yes, put the game on ice!

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The DIA Reports

By AL VANDERBUSH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*

The past football season was a disappointment. A few of you wrote to me, some offering suggestions for improvement, some expressing frustration and some criticizing the leadership.

Like every one of you who wrote amd many, many other alumni and Army Football followers, I want and challenge our coaches and teams to win and be competitive for several reasons. Being a winner is important to the cadets on all of our teams—it is a critical ingredient of the Academy's developmental process.

Being competitive and winning are also important because the success of our teams is a reflection of the image of our institution. Hundreds of thousands of Americans know about West Point only through the televised Army-Navy Football game. I know that the game is the main rallying point each year for many of our graduates.

The young men on the 1991 Army Football Team are winners in every respect. So are the coaches who direct, lead and motivate them. I am confident that the 1992 Football Team will overcome the adversities—injuries to key players and lack of depth at the critical positions—that faced the 1991 Army Team. In 1992, the result should be a winning, competitive season.

Highlights from the Fall Season

Michael McElrath

Football: Free safety Michael McElrath named to the Associated Press all-East first team for the second consecutive year; also named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference all-star team and to the inaugural Scholar-Athlete team as announced by the College Football Association (CFA). As a team, Army finished fourth nationally in rushing offense with its per-game average of 292.9 yards.

Nate Wallace

150-lb. Football: Army tied for the Eastern Lightweight Football League championship after battling Navy to a 20-20 stalemate; seven players were named to the all-league first team, to include linebacker Nate Wallace, honored as the League's "Player of the Year."

Joe Chiavaro

Men's Soccer: Army, seeded fourth, won Patriot League playoffs with victories over Navy and Lehigh; Joe Chiavaro was the recipient of two "Coach of the Year" awards, first by the Patriot League, then by the New York Metropolitan Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association; team captain Phillip Shearer, named the Patriot League's most Valuable Player, joined Tony Flores on the Regional all-America team.

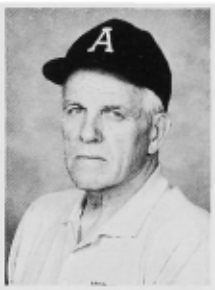
Gene Ventriglia

Women's Soccer: Gene Ventriglia was named "Coach of the Year" in the Patriot League after guiding the cadets to the regular-season championship.

Margaret Stewart

Women's Volleyball: After finishing second in the Patriot League during the regular season, Army ralled to win the post-season tournament championship; team captain Margaret Stewart was named to the all-League first team.

Coach Alitz Selected for Hall of Fame



LeRoy Alitz

Former head coach LeRoy Alitz (1955-77) was honored with selection to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and the Iowa Wrestling Foundation Hall of Fame. Induction ceremonies in each are scheduled for the spring. Alitz, the winningest wrestling coach in Army history, earned all-America recognition as an undergraduate at the State College of Iowa, and in 1948 placed fourth in the Olympic trials at 191 pounds.

Thank you for your letters, your comments and your support. It takes a team effort.

BEAT NAVY!

Basketball (25 Jan 92)

Men: Army	**64**	**Navy 56**
Women: Army	**72**	**Navy 45**

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WEST POINT HONORS COACH KNIGHT

by COL (Ret) Bob Strati '55, AOG, and CPT Joe Doty '82, DPE

The weekend of 1-2 November was a most memorable time for West Point and for the Army basketball community. Several events that weekend were designed to honor Coach Bob Knight, former head basketball coach at West Point and recent National Basketball Hall of Fame inductee. Former players and friends gathered that weekend to renew friendships and to honor the coach who brought remarkable success to the Army basketball program and continues to bring great recognition to the Military Academy. For those attending and for Coach Knight, it was truly a wonderful weekend—one that will not be soon forgotten.

(L-R) Coaches Bill Parcells, Mike Krzyzewski, Bob Knight and Tom Miller.

Coach Knight first arrived at West Point in the summer of 1963 as a PFC in the Army. He served as the assistant to Coach "Tates" Locke for two years. In 1965 he was named head coach. At the age of 24 he was the youngest head coach at the Division I level. He remained at West Point for six seasons as head coach, compiling a 102-50 won-lost record. In those six years Army never lost to Navy. In fact, Army led at the half of each game and never trailed in the second half. Army basketball during this period achieved national recognition with four NIT appearances. The Black Knights finished fourth in both 1966 and 1969 and third in 1970 in the NIT. Defense was Army's trademark, with the cadets leading the nation in defense in three of Coach Knight's six years as head coach. His teams were characterized by intensity and discipline and were a reflection of his own personality. His players have said that no one prepared harder for each game than their coach. These characteristics, instilled in his teams, were important to Army's success throughout the Knight era.

(L-R) Tom Miller, Mike Gyovai, Mike Noonan, Bill Schutsky, Rob Seigle, Ralph Jordan, Coach Knight, Doug Clevenger and Bill Helkie.

Coach Knight left West Point in the summer of 1971 and became head coach at Indiana, a job he has held continuously since then. His achievements have been remarkable. During those 20 years at Indiana, his teams have compiled a winning percentage of 75%, with 459 wins and 153 losses. Ten of his twenty teams either won or shared the Big Ten title. During this period his teams won 3 NCAA Championships and an NIT Championship. He coached US teams to gold medals in 1979 at the Pan American Games and in 1984 at the Los Angeles Olympics. These credentials and other remarkable achievements are what led to his induction into the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts in May 1991.

Coach Knight and his wife Karen arrived at Newark Airport the morning of 1 November 1991, where they were met by Jimmy Oxley '70 and Joe Doty '82. The drive from Newark to West Point was quite nostalgic for Coach Knight, as he and Jimmy reminisced team by team and player by player through the "Knight Era" years. "And Jimmy, remember when we played Notre Dame at Madison Square Garden on St. Patrick's Day with the two Irish referees!"

Traveling through Highland Falls "necessitated" a stop at Schades Deli—Coach Knight's old, reliable dining spot. Rudy Schade put out a delicious spread of bratwurst, kraut and potato salad. Joining the lunch group were a few of Coach Knight's friends: Bob Strati '55, Tom Miller '70, Athletic Association Sports Information Director Bob Kinney, and former Knight assistant Bob Weltlich.

Lunch extended into the afternoon when Coach Knight had to rush to the Holleder Center to meet with members of the press. Following his interviews, Coach perched himself high in the bleachers to watch the

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Karen and Coach Knight.

Front row (L-R) Coach Miller, 91-92 Basketball Coach, Captain Craig Rose, Coach Knight, General Murphy and Rich Cardillo. Back row, team letterman '66-'71.

Army basketball team practice. Former players and associates who began to arrive for the weekend stopped by to greet Coach Knight: Dick Littlefield '54, Jack Bradshaw '58, Rich Cardillo '55, Max Miller '71 and Mike Noonan '68 were a few.

After practice, Coach Knight met with the Army team in their locker room. He talked to them about what Army basketball meant to him and his former players. He stressed the importance "of not only playing hard all the time, but playing smart." It was an inspiring talk and more than captivated the team.

The evening of 1 November brought an informal reception of players, friends and associates, with the Hotel Thayer providing the venue. The phrase "remember when" echoed throughout the room. Mike Krzyzewski '69 made a brief fund-raising speech for the basketball program. He, his wife Mickie and John Feagin '55 had flown up from North Carolina for the evening. The reception ended as each past Army team gathered for team pictures with their former coach. Everyone had a super time reminiscing about the glory days of Army basketball.

Later that evening, Coach and Karen Knight, Mike and Mickie Krzyzewski, and Tom and Cindy Miller were guests of the Superintendent, Commandant and Dean in the Thayer Award Room of Building 600. The Board of Visitors had met with the leadership of West Point that same evening, and all gathered for dessert and coffee to cap off the day's activities.

A breakfast get-together got the next morning started for Coach Knight and his group. Once again the Hotel Thayer put out a superb meal. As breakfast ended, Coach and Karen Knight had to be rushed to the Plain, as they were to view the Cadet parade from the Superintendent's box. It was a glorious day for a parade and the cadets looked magnificent. Coach and Karen were honored to be there.

When the parade ended, Coach Knight declined his ride up to the Holleder Center. He, Bob Strati, Rich Cardillo and others walked. Coach wanted to take a leisurely stroll, chat with friends and continue to absorb some of the West Point tradition. The Holleder Center is the site for the football Saturday tailgates for the basketball team and the Class of '55 sponsored by Herb Lichtenberg '55, Michael Lichtenberg, Allen Lichtenberg '51, Lou Gross '54 and Carl Goldstein.

After the tailgate, which was its customary culinary success, Coach and Karen were escorted to the Superintendent's loge for the football game. At half time, Coach Knight was joined on the field by many of his former players for a brief ceremony. There, along with Ray Murphy '42, the Athletic Director who first hired Coach Knight, Tom Miller, and his former basketball players, Cadet Craig Rose '92 presented Coach Knight with a cadet saber. Coach Knight's numerous achievements were announced, and he received a nice welcome from the crowd.

Following the game, Coach and Karen decided to walk back to the Hotel Thayer. They couldn't resist the opportunity to take in the sights of West Point on this lovely fall afternoon. They also visited another '55 tailgate sponsored by Rod Vitty '55. As they walked around Lusk Reservoir, hand-in-hand, one could sense the pride Coach felt in having his roots at West Point.

The main event of the weekend took place that evening at the Officers Club. Following a social hour, over 400 people gathered in the ballroom to honor Coach Knight. Dick Schaap of ABC Sports emceed the dinner. General Murphy was the first speaker, followed by Tom Rogers '47, Rich Cardillo '55, Bob Siegle '66, Dan Schrage '67, Mike Noonan '68, Ray Urban '69, Mike Gyovai '70, Doug Cleavenger '71, Jim Oxley '70 and Tom Miller '70. Their common themes were loyalty, dedication, discipline and duty, honor, country. Eventually, Coach Knight's opportunity arrived and he captivated the audience as only he could do. He was sincere, funny, patriotic, and a skilled story teller. He singled out numerous members of the audience—Bob Yerks '51, John Jannarone '38, Charles Schilling '41, Jack Riley and others. He emphasized how important it was that the players "understand they represent this institution in the way they play." He also stressed the importance of institutional support for the athletic programs. Coach concluded his remarks by stating the "eight words that mean the most to me . . . 'America, America, God shed His grace on thee' . . . well, that grace is shed on each of us in some way . . . and God gave me an overabundance of that grace by allowing me the opportunity to coach at this institution and [for] these players."

To cap off the weekend's activities, Jim and Joyce Anderson '56 opened their home for a post-dinner reception and gave Coach and his players one last opportunity to "remember when." It was a notable ending to a perfect weekend for Coach Knight, Karen and his Army basketball teams.

Coach Knight is truly deserving of the recent recognition accorded him by the Military Academy and its basketball community. He understands West Point and is a great admirer and supporter of what the Military Academy and its graduates represent. He is appreciative of the opportunity given him by West Point, and his loyalty to West Point, his players and supporters has been evident throughout the past 20 years. Today, almost twenty years since his departure from West Point, he speaks highly of the institution that gave him his start. His legacy will be with us for a long time.

Many people volunteered their time and initiative to make this weekend a success. However, one person, Joe Doty '82, is deserving of special recognition for his tireless effort insuring both the overall program and its details were in place.

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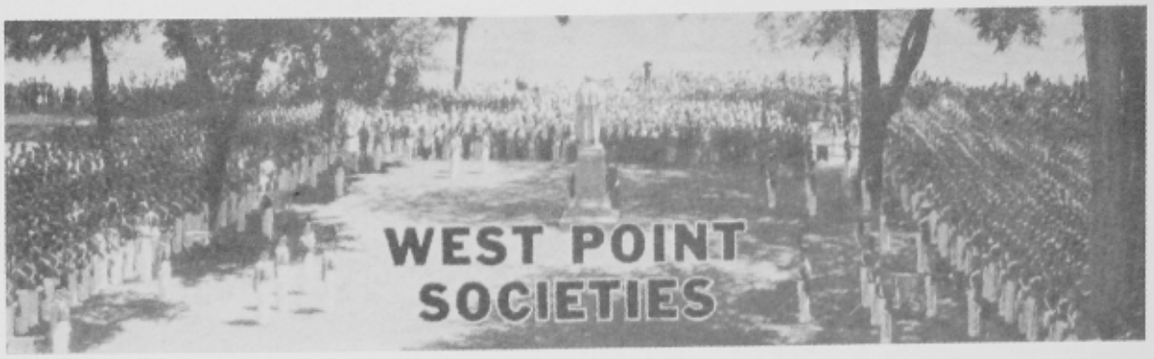

Here is the space which the West Point Societies have needed, to help them publicize their important efforts to maintain the continuity of the long grey line. Too many times we have heard the question: "What are these West Point Societies?"

Use these columns, Societies, to tell our alumni just what you are doing and what you plan to do. But please remember that your Editor reserves the right to cut any article longer than three hundred words.

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THE NON-GRADUATE'S CONTRIBUTION TO WEST POINT

C. McKew Parr, Ex-1906

Some years ago the Association of Graduates invited to membership those former cadets who had served at least a term at the Academy and had been honorably discharged. Numerous former cadets have joined the various permanent West Point Societies about the country and regularly attend the mid-day luncheons, football smokers, the annual dinner in March, and have participated actively in Class Reunions at West Point. Many former cadets have attained civic leadership in their communities, and their support of the local clubs has been of substantial aid. Because they are permanently located in their cities instead of being temporary residents, as are most of the other members, and have wide local connections, they have proved a sustaining element in the clubs.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the Alma Mater well may represent more, sentimentally, to the Non-Graduate than to the Graduate who has served in the army. To the former, his collegiate days represent a never-forgotten, bright interlude in his life. His sole memories of military life cluster around West Point itself. His classmates are cherished in his recollections as the lads they were in the Corps—naive, unspoiled, and boyishly confident of their future careers. Episodes of cadet days remain for him fresh and clear, not blurred over by many relationships (and perhaps disillusionments) in subsequent service.

To such former cadets an active, well-conducted, permanent West Point Club supplies in their own lives a satisfactory substitute for the university clubs and active college associations of their friends who have graduated from the various civil universities. To them, the local West Point Club and the Army Athletic Association represent something tangible and of worth. They are interested in all phases of the perpetuation of the ideals and traditions of the Academy and bear deep in their hearts the motto *Duty, Honor, Country.* They thrill to "Benny Havens" and to what it signifies, and respond loyally to the rallying challenge voiced in the "Long Corps Yell."

Today, in a changing world, the efficiency of the historic West Point system is on test before the Country, not only before Congress and the Press, but before the thousands of graduates of other universities who are now serving as new officers in our Army, and particularly is it on trial before the millions of young Americans in the ranks whose very lives are entrusted to the competence of Graduates of the Academy.

Now, as never before, the sons of the Military Academy need to "close ranks." The essential support of its sons in civil life can best be implemented by the luncheons and smokers and other activities of the various local West Point Clubs, by the new quarterly magazine *Assembly*, and by the continuance of Annual Reunions despite the emergency of war.

Since the incorporation of the New York Club in 1926, this, the oldest and largest of the West Point Clubs, has been helpful to many graduates in practical ways. Particularly in the past three years of military expansion has it had many calls made upon it for information and help. Now is the time to strengthen and develop the organization of all local clubs in order better to be able to meet the many pressing current needs and problems the war has brought upon us. Also, we must prepare now to have an organization ready to help cope with the inevitable hardships and trials of demobilization.

ANNIVERSARY DINNERS

The Annual West Point Dinners in commemoration of West Point's anniversary were also held on March 14, 1942. However, in view of General McCoy's desire (because of the present emergency) to have such dinners "informal and with little publicity," the Association of Graduates did little more than notify active West Point Societies and numerous headquarters of General McCoy's desire, and furnish them with such information and films as were requested.

Annual dinners were held at: Charleston, South Carolina; Chicago, Illinois; Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont; Fort Monroe, Virginia; MacDill Field, Florida; Newfoundland Base Command; New York, New York; Pine Camp, New York; Puerto Rico; Rochester, New York; Seattle, Washington; and West Point, New York.

140th ANNIVERSARY AT WEST POINT

This year, the West Point contingent of graduates and their guests (one hundred and seventy strong) celebrated the 140th Anniversary of the Academy with an informal buffet supper followed by informal entertainment at Cullum Hall in the small ball room. Kemper, '35, was in charge of arrangements and was official runner-of-the-party. He did a bang-up job. Our thanks to him.

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News from the Societies

NEW ENGLAND

The WPS of New England hosted the 2nd Annual Networking Night at the Hanscom AFB Officers' Club on 7 Nov. Once again our friends from the local Annapolis and Air Force academies were invited and they again attended in force. Overall, we had a great turn-out and our guest speakers added to the evening's camaraderie.

Our annual business meeting was held at the Natick Labs Officers' Club on 18 January 1992. The speaker was MG Barry McCaffrey, Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division, who discussed Operation Desert Storm. And of course, there's FD coming up on 20 March 1992 at the Hanscom Air Force Base Officers' Club. For further information on these activities or information concerning the society, contact the Society Secretary, Jim Wiegel '76 at (617) 466-3250.

—Jim Wiegel '76

EL PASO

Our second annual Army-Navy Game Rally kicked off with the committee decorating the Ft. Bliss Golf Club with our rally sheets and signs. Ashby Foote '48 was the committee chairman and MC. He brought our veteran dynamic duo cheerleaders. Lake Churchhill '48 and Ernie Roberts '49. They got the spirit rolling before they took a much needed rest under the care of Dr. Kevin James '71. The cheering baton was picked up enthusiastically by Bryne Zuege '91, Rabble Rouser and his cheerleading team of Greg Brady '91, Darryl Eichner '91, and Dave Talley '91. Buster Hayden '45 fired us up with challenges as well as many little-known facts about West Point Football. Other pep speakers who added fuel to the frenzy were Russ Parker '54, Courtney Rittgers '61, Bob Mason '70, Jeff Gault '70, Mike White '83, Joe Simonelli '87 and Edward Givens, Father of Football coach Givens '90. We were lead in something by the robust trio of Cassidy, Norris and Witt of '40. The prize winning rally costumes were worn by Steve Richey '84 and Meredith Zuege, spouse of our Rabble Rouser Zuege '91.

Society President Oblinger '53 wrapped up the rally by telling us to be back at the Golf Club Saturday, 7 December for the Army victory.

Come Saturday, although we cheered the Army team mightily, victory was not ours. In addition to the Pep Rally rabble rousers, we were joined by Dean Herman '31, oldest grad in our Society, Gus Villaret '51, O'Keefe '40, BG John Pickler '65, CDR JTF-6, Moriarity '46, Jerry Cobb '68, Marge Loiselle, mother of Richard P. '73, and '87 members were the best represented class with Simonelli, Al Craft, Dennis Young and Jerry Skinner.

We have formed our hosting committee to provide room, board, local transportation and entertainment for the West Point Glee Club which was the feature entertainment for El Paso's Sun Carnival Coronation held on 5 January 1992.

Committee members are wives who represent their husband's classes so well. They are Karen Pickler '65, Rose Gault '70, Happy Foote '48, Joann Villaret '51, Edith Fanning '60, Marge Loiselle '73, Edy Oblinger '53 and Charlene Ruddock, President of WPPC.

Our December meeting allowed us some early holiday fellowship and some reporting on areas of change at the Academy. Witt '40 and Hayden '45, our AOG Trustee, led the discussion.

—John Oblinger '53

PHOENIX

Society activity resumed in October when we had a dinner meeting with the WPPC at the Crescent Hotel. We were re-introduced to the annual All Academies Ball which is held each year during the Christmas holidays. It was sponsored this year by the WPPC at the Crescent Hotel on 28 December. Cadets and midshipmen from all academies, enjoyed an opportunity to get together, swap academy yarns and dance the night away.

On Saturday, 7 December, we assembled for the Army-Navy Game Party. It was sponsored this year by the Navy at The Pointe South Mountain Resort. The good news—the now traditional silent auction raised nearly $500 for the All Academies Ball. The bad news—if you don't know, you don't care enough. There were sports activities (golf, tennis, volleyball, etc.) in the morning, game watching at mid-day and a hay ride with western cookout in the evening. For those who wished to "take the elevator home" there was a special overnight Army/Navy rate. The hay ride cookout featured steak and chicken along with beans, baked potato, corn-on-the-cob and all the trimmings. Maybe again next year. BEAT NAVY!

Through the kindness of Tom Griess January '43, the FD Dinner '92 will be at the Palmbrook Country Club in Sun City on Monday, 16 March. The time is 1900 for cocktails and hot hors d'oeuvres and 2000 for dinner, featuring a combination of filet and lobster tail with all the trimmings. The cost is $26. Our speaker from West Point will be the Dean, BG Gerald E. Galloway, Jr. '57. Be sure to mark this event on your calendar and discover Sun City.

—Rog Neumeister '41

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Washington, D.C., 1 December 1991. . . GEN Frederick M. Franks, Jr. '59, addressed members and guests of the WPS of D.C. at the Fall luncheon on 25 September at the Ft. Myer Officers' Club. Past commander of the 1st Armored Division and Commanding General of the VII Corps during Operation Desert Storm, GEN Franks spoke of the intengibles that enabled the U.S. and its allies to win the Persian Gulf War.

"Difficult to measure, but indispensable for victory," he emphasized, "were teamwork, quality soldiers, and top notch training." It was the kind of teamwork, he pointed out, that is learned at West Point and which during Desert Storm was evident among our soldiers and between the allied nations.

On the second intangible, the GEN said, "the quality of our men and women in the Army is magnificent; they are skillful and tough and ready to fight." He went on to say that it all comes down to strong NCOs and officers leading great soldiers. "Our officers and NCOs," he said proudly, "were tough, savvy leaders."

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The third intangible he highlighted was training. "Our troops," he said, "were well trained and confident, and showed this as they were deployed." It was the high level of training and confidence that prompted one soldier to say to GEN Franks, as the operation began: "Don't worry General, we trust you." That confident attitude, according to GEN Franks, stems from tough and effective training.

As the new Commanding General of TRADOC (US Army Training and Doctrine Command), GEN Franks looks to the future as the Army prepared to draw down to about 555,000. More than 175 members and guests were inspired by his remarks, which he presented as a tribute to the performance of our Armed Forces during Desert Storm.

The 1991-92 Directory of members of the WPS of D.C. was published and distributed in late November. Every member was mailed a copy free of charge, as one of the benefits of maintaining current membership.

Similar to previous issues, the Directory lists members alphabetically by class, and in active duty assignments as well as business categories for those who retired or resigned from the military service. In addition, it contains the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, its history, a list of the Board of Governors, names of Admissions support reps, a description of the Castle Memorial Award and its recipients over the years, and an explanation of the Maxwell D. Taylor Leadership Award.

Included for the first time are the names of widows of graduates who have requested membership. Among them is Mrs. Maxwell D. Taylor. Also accepted for inclusion is the WPPC of MD, VA and DC.

Presently, the Board of Governors includes the following officers and members: LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr. '48, Pres; MG Carl H. McNair, Jr. '55, VP; COL Charles (Rufus) Smith '50, Executive Director; COL William B. DeGraf '40, Treasurer; LTC James O. Younts, III '68, Secretary; LTC Philip A. Farris '46, Public Information Officer; Chief Judge Eugene R. Sullivan '64, Admissions Committee Chairman; COL George P. Hubert '67, Athletic Committee Chairman; LTC John F. Shortal '74, Old Guard Representative; MAJ Stephen D. Kidder '76, DA WP Desk Representative; LTC Thomas R. Folk '72, MALO Field Force Representative; LTC Robert M. Metheny '74, Member-at Large; and Mr. Michael J. Vopatek '63, Member-at-Large.

The annual Winter luncheon was held 22 January at the Ft. Myer Officers' Club. Secretary of Defense Richard B. Cheney accepted General Scott's invitation to be our guest speaker.

FD '92 will be celebrated on 21 March at the Radisson Mark Plaza Hotel in Alexandria, VA. Spouses are again being invited to participate. Our annual Spring luncheon is slated for 27 May '92 at the Ft. Myers Officers' Club, the speaker to be announced at a later date.

—Phil Farris '46

GREATER HOUSTON

Greetings from Houston. "Bob" Sale '54 and Sherrie send their best wishes to the Class of '54 and state that all goes well with the Sales clan. They spent most of August on a cruise to Alaska and then September found them in Brussels at a Central Executive Management Conference.

Entrepreneur Emil A. "Nak" Nakfoor '49 and Florence recently returned from Mexico City where they visited son, Jimmy. Since graduating from Texas University with a BBA and an MBA , Jimmy is working with Groupo Carso in Mexico and will soon return to Houston.

I to r: Randy Pais '67, Sam Gemar '79, Jeffrey Alt '62, seated Joe Cantu '80.

I to r: Ron Hudson '58, Jum Sigler '58, Dick Sundt '59, Jon King '65, Roger Balog, and Joe Cantu's head over the Coca Colas.

Kenneth Moore '45, formerly the pride of Company B-2, has finally retired permanently. After a 20-year stint in the Army, Ken taught mathematics in the Houston Independent School District for 24 years, now he is ready to be a grandfather to three grandchildren. Wife Ola is still punching the old time clock with the Rice University Library Services.

James T. "Tim" Willis '36 and Fran are among Houston's best bridge players. Last season Tim won the Regional as well as the Sectional tournaments sponsored by the American Contract Bridge League. Last September they attended the 70th Division reunion in Las Vegas, and next year will attend the reunion which will be held in Louisville. While with the 70th in the Battle of Phillipsburg "Axis Sally" commented on Tim as "That mad major leaping from foxhole to foxhole." Fifty years ago Captain Tim and Nurse Fran were stationed at Schofield Barracks and watched the bombing from their quarters.

Stephen P. "Steve" Waldrop '60 and Sarah are currently living in Kingwood, Texas with their two sons, Bill 17 and Brad 9. Brad who is built like his father is hopefully a future jock for West Point as he plays football, soccer, baseball and basketball. Bill specializes in track running the 800 and the quarter mile and is an honor student.

Clarence Mitchell '79, wife Tina, and son Bryan age 7 followed the old cadet tradition of backing up a classmate when they flew to Cape Canaveral to wish classmate and astronaut Sam Gemar '79 "bon voyage" on his most recent trip into space. Clarence is in his junior year of law school at Texas Southern.

Bill B. Martin '69 is probably Houston's busiest grad. Currently Billy is running his ranch near Weimar, Texas acting as an assault weapons consultant, overseeing his B&B Laundry, and acting as a director of our society.

Entrepreneur J. D. Smith '70 is currently successfully running Smith, Schumacher & Williams, a business and appraisal firm. In five transactions this year the firm has moved 8 million dollars of net worth. Real estate moguls Perry Huneycutt '49 and Jeanette are spending the bulk of their time managing their many apartments and other real estate owned by their firm Texas Property Management, Inc.

Our society meets at noon every 2nd Thursday at Brennans in Houston, with Roger Balog '69 in charge.

—Robert E. Lee '45

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SOUTH TEXAS

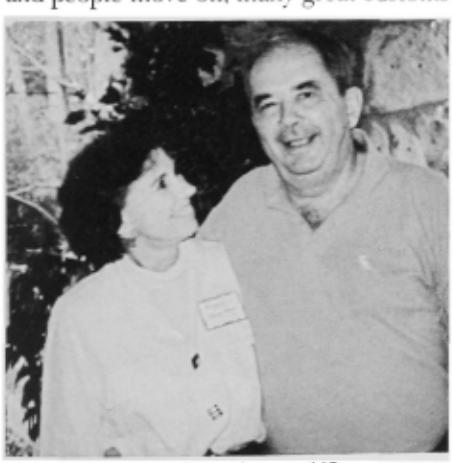
San Antonio had two major parties on 7 December 1991 to coincide with the Army-Navy Game. The local WPPC hosted a general affair at the Radisson Hotel on the north side, while Charley and Sally Cheever with T. Willie and Peggy Trieschmann held their annual get-together for their '49 classmates augmented with close acquaintances from other classes.

Tentative advance news on the next FD Dinner includes the probable date of 14 March, a feeler from the Corpus Christi Society as to their attending by bus, and the acceptance of the Supe to be our guest speaker.

It is hoped that the concluding topic will both surprise and interest many: As time and people move on, many great customs of the US Army are lost due to a variety of reasons. This is an attempt to save one such custom. The undersigned was born into a cavalry post—Ft. McIntosh, on the wrong side of the tracks in Laredo, Texas. The old post is a junior college now, but the guardhouse and my father's quarters (now occupied by a professor) are still standing. My father was a regular Army veterinarian, and at this and other cavalry posts such as Ft. Meade, South Dakota (not the other Ft. Meade), he took care of the horses and was, of course, known as "Doc."

Pat, Jean and Maggie - Brave wives of Jim Mitchum '50, Wes Jones '52 and Earl (Moose) Hardy '45. Pat is the mother of James Reagan Mitchum III '74 and John Preston Mitchum '75. Jean is the mother of William (Bill) Jones '83 and Maggie produced two sons, Nathaniel and Peter, both of whom served tours as officers in the US Army. How much can a woman take?

Surprisingly, after a work week on horseback, many officers and their ladies often went on early Sunday morning rides. After the ride they would all adjourn to one member's quarters and enjoy a Sunday brunch. A favorite meal included the strange and novel Rum Tum Ditty and the sneakily powerful Gin (or Vodka) Fizz.



Peggy and William Trieschmann '49

Rum Tum Ditty

Combine 1 can of condensed tomato soup, 1 12-oz. bottle of beer and 1 thinly sliced onion. Cook for 1 hour in the top of a double boiler over simmering water. Then add 1 lb. of grated sharp chedder cheese. Separate 2 eggs and to the yolks add salt and pepper, worcestershire sauce and dry mustard according to taste. Add to cheese mixture and stir well. Keep over hot water. Beat the 2 egg whites until stiff and fold into cheese mixture. Serve over toasted dark rye bread.

Jean and Falkner Heard, '50

Gin (Vodka) Fizz)

Mix the following ingredients in a blender: 6 oz. sweet & sour (hard to find, but worth the search), 7 oz. vodka or gin, 1 egg, 4 oz. half & half (milk-cream mixture), 2 Tbsp. sugar and crushed ice. Serves 4 (then drive guests home). Note: If you never find the sweet and sour, use the same amount of Tom Collins mix.

In order that tradition lives on, I must reveal these secret recipes that I have known and kept quiet about for most of my 63 years. The baton is now being passed to you.

—Wes Jones '52

SOUTH FLORIDA

The WPS of South Florida organized a reunion at the Miami Inter-Continental Hotel for the Army-Navy game held on 7 December. A rambunctious crowd of approximately 60 people gathered to celebrate the traditional rivalry and observe the 50th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. The large contingent of USMA grads (ranging from the Class of '39 to '88) was led in song and cheer by Society President Bill Sipes '76. However, to our mutual chagrin, Bill's masterful renditions of On Brave Old Army Team, the USMA Rocket and Locomotive Cheer were of little help against an inspired squid team.

Hats off to the few valiant USNA grads who chose to accompany us for the event. They were courageous enough to cavort at the enemy's gathering and, more importantly, claim allegiance to a 0-10 team! We were also joined for the occasion by the members of the WPPC of South Florida.

The get-together was a success, with all present agreeing to have the function again in coming years. Moreover, the outing was another important step in the new life of the Society which is trying to bring together grads and friends of the Academy and at the same time raise the awareness of the Academy and its mission throughout South Florida.

Future plans for the Society include the creation of a career advisory bureau for grads leaving the military and relocating to the area, observance of FD on 6 Mar '92, and other outings in the coming summer and fall. Should any grad be interested in joining or finding out more about the Society and its activities, please contact Bill Sipes at (305) 591-6167.

—Dan Carlo '87

NORTH TEXAS

The highlight of the past three months for the WPSNT was a Tri-Service Academy Luncehon on 20 November, at which H. Ross Perot was the guest speaker. This was a well coordinated event by John Abbot '69 (Vice President, Programs) and Darcy Anderson '78 (President), held at the Royal Oaks Country Club in Dallas. The highlight of Perot's speech was a very humorous account of his 1974 visit to West Point as part of the Army-Navy pre-football game bonfire activities. He also caused us to reflect on what great institutions the Service Academies are and how lucky each of us was to have had the opportunity to attend such a great school as West Point. He commended the quality of our Armed Forces in describing how they have set the standard for today's corporate world by being action-oriented through good and

H. Ross Perot

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solid leadership. Lastly, he provided some very interesting insights to his and some senior Army officers' involvement in the special care given to some servicemen who had been wounded during Operation Desert Storm. Over 220 Service Academy Graduates and guests were in attendance at the luncheon, which was clearly a highlight in this year's program activities.

One of the "low points" in the past three months was the Dallas-Fort Worth Army-Navy Alumni Fourth Annual Flag Football Grudge Match held on 16 November. Once again, with the assistance of Roger Staubach's still-strong throwing arm, the Navy Team defeated our younger, better coached and better trained Army Team by a score of 20 to 7. However, it should be noted that the Army Team graciously agreed to allow the game to start 30 minutes late due to Roger Staubach's late arrival because of an out-of-town business trip. It should also be noted that the West Point team had two touchdowns called back due to penalties. We may need to call on Pete Dawkins next year to put Heisman Trophy Winner against Heisman Trophy Winner.

As did most West Point Societies, we tried to "drown our sorrows" in beer at our local Army-Navy Football Game Watching Party, which was held at Christie's Sports Bar and Deli. Once again, John Abbott '69 did a fantastic job of putting together a quality event. Over 100 people were in attendance, and, if the number of attendees would have won the game, our WPSNT would have "beat" the Navy group. We enjoyed the company of about ten "younger graduates" who came up from Fort Hood to join our celebration.

Dan O'Dell '78 (Vice President, Admissions) has done an admirable job in covering the West Point Admissions effort in Dallas this fall. Our Society came out in strength with 27 members participating as local high school Admissions Representatives, which made coverage of College Nights much easier than normal for Dan. Our fund raising efforts have continued for the Annual Eisenhower Award, and we are very near to completing our goal, which will endow the annual $500 award.

On a sad note, our Society mourns the loss of Clayton Rust '40 who passed away on 7 December 1991. He was interred at the West Point Cemetery.

Thanks to Jack Driskill '53 (Vice President, Pointer Committee), our Society's membership continues to grow. Currently, we number over 360 paid members and, since 1 September, over 25 new members have joined our Society. Our Society has its first "husband and wife team" with Mike and Connie Bennett '87 as new members.

PUGET SOUND

The Annual All Service Academy Dinner was held at the College Club in Seattle on 16 October 1991. Attendance was the largest in years. We were encouraged by sizeable contingents from the Coast Guard and Merchant Marine in addition to grads from USMA, USNA and USAFA. The Merchant Marine Academy, with a large number of grads in the Puget Sound area, has agreed to host the affair in '92. We were fortunate to have Dr. Donald Treadgold, faculty member of the Jackson School of International Affairs, University of Washington, as our guest speaker. Dr. Treadgold was in Moscow at the time of the recent coup and his observations and assessments of events leading up to, and after, were of interest to all.

During our fall picnic at Ft. Lewis, Secretary Charlie Howze and Treasurer Coburn Smith, both '31, were honored by WPSPS for their long and faithful service. Plaques were presented to them by President Ed Trobaugh '55, along with paid up lifetime dues to the Society. The accompanying photo of Smith (l), Trobaugh and Howze (r) is meant to commemorate the event.

Our Society has noted a significant increase in membership from grads of our more junior classes. During the past year we have gained 33 new members, 20 of whom are from the Classes of '80-91. With increasing cutbacks in the strength of our Armed Forces, we can expect continuing growth in our membership.

—Howze '31

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA/NEVADA

On 7 December members and family guests of our society met at the Sports Bar and Grill in suburban Sacramento to watch the Army-Navy game and encourage the Army team. There were approximately 30 graduates present and with the family members the total count of people approached 60. The society hosted the drinks and one of the grads hosted snacks for the entire party. Classes represented spanned the years from 1936 to 1983. This was our third annual Army-Navy game rally and by far the best.

Our next full society function will be our annual Founder's Day supper, to be held on the evening of Thursday, 12 March 1992 at the Officers Open Mess, McClellan Air Force Base, Sacramento. The featured speaker for the evening will be the Dean of the Academic Board at West Point, Brigadier General Gerald E. Galloway, Jr. We mail annual dues notices and advance warning notices about Founders Day to all graduates in our area in early January. To contact the Society call either Larry Smith, '62 (President) at (916) 929-2675 or Thadd Buzan, '79 (Secretary) at (916) 557-7830.

—Larry D. Smith, '62

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The WPSNH hosted our first JOINT Army-Navy Tailgate Party on 7 December 1991 and celebrated our common camaraderie with uncommon enthusiasm. Present were 13 Army grads and 6 Navy grads, with many family members and friends. Navy may have prevailed that day in Philadelphia, but Army won the party with spirit in New Hampshire.

We also held our annual business meeting and elected the following officers: President—Ron Hall '89, Vice President—Wayne Nicoll '57, Treasurer—John Griffith '78, and Secretary—John Marshall '78 (again—maybe I'll get it right this year).

Joint Army-Navy Tailgate Party

Our next event will be the FD dinner on 14 March 1992 and all New England grads are invited to attend. Other '92 events include a joint Golf Outing, a Picnic/Family Day, and the Army-Navy Tailgate Party. For further information on our Society and activities contact Secretary John Marshall at (603) 891-1488. Live Free or Die! (state motto).

—John Marshall '78

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Bulletin Board

December Deaths of MG Clifton, Jr. '36 and GEN Stilwell '38 Sadden AOG

The Association of Graduates regrets to announce the deaths of two of its most accomplished graduates, MG Chester V. Clifton, Jr. '36 and GEN Richard G. Stilwell '38. General Clifton passed away on 23 December 1991 in Washington, DC and General Stilwell's death followed shortly thereafter on 25 December 1991 in Fairfax, VA. The AOG extends its condolences to the families of these two great officers.

Flight Project Construction Begins

The campaign to raise $850,000 has been successfully completed, and construction now begins on the Flight Project. Almost 2100 graduates donated to the project as well as many widows and friends of flyers. BG Robert F. McDermott, Jan '43, led the effort to raise the money, which for the most part came from a large number of small donations. There were signigicant exceptions, led by COL Wittkop, last surviving graduate of June '22,, who gave $125,000 and the trust of Mrs. Valentine, widow of Nov '18, who added another $91,000.

The project consists of three parts. The Flight Memorial will honor the memory of 844 graduates who have died in flight. The first, 1LT Thomas E. Selfridge '03, was killed in a crash with the Wright brothers. The last was 1LT Donaldson P. Tillar '88, who was shot down in a helicopter during Operation Desert Storm. These heroes will be represented by a universal figure mounted on a granite pedestal reaching for heaven. The statue will stand behind the existing Air Cadet Memorial at the north end of Lusk Reservoir.

The second phase is the naming of the auditorium in Mahan Hall (newest academic building) in honor of General of the Air Force Henry H. ("Hap") Arnold '07 and its redecoration in traditional Air Corps colors. The naming change was made upon the eve of the Army-Air Force game in 1988, when the project was launched. The work on the auditorium, as well as the third phase, leadership displays in Mahan Hall foyer, is scheduled to be done next summer and fall. The goal is to have all phases dedicated on the eve of the 1992 Army-Air Force game, 6 Nov 1992.

The entire Flight Project will pay tribute to all West Point graduates who have served in our flying forces. The leadership displayed by our graduates played a vital role, and that role continues through today and beyond.

Class of 1940 Presents a 50th Anniversary Gift to West Point

The Class of '40 has sponsored the preparation and publication of *The Illustrated History of West Point* as its 50th anniversary gift to USMA. The class commissioned Dr. Theodore J. Crackel, a distinguished military historian and former member of the Academy's Dept. of History, to write the text. Harry N. Abrams, Inc., a highly regarded NYC publishing firm, edited the text, provided original photography and published the book.

The formal presentation of '40's gift was made at a small but impressive ceremony on 28 Oct in the Thayer Award Room in the Admin. Bldg. At the ceremony, Col.

J.W. Burfening, the current class president, and Lt. Gen. W.W. Vaughan, the immediate past president, presented Lt. Gen. Howard D. Graves, Superintendent, with a copy of the special edition of *The Illustrated History of West Point*.

Representing the Class of '40's Gift Committee in the ceremony were the chairman, BG Walter F. Winton, Jr.; COL James R. Maedler, a member; and, in place of the late Gen. David S. Parker, the former chairman, his widow, Betty A. Parker. Dr. Theodore J. Crackel, the author, also participated, as did Ms. Adele Westbrook, senior editor; Ted Spiegel, who did the remarkable original photography; and other representatives of Abrams, the publisher. The audience at the ceremony included reps of the Superintendent's office, staff and faculty and the Association of Graduates.

The Superintendent said he had asked, before he came back to take command, for histories of the Academy and had been disappointed to find that none covered the period since the 60s. He expressed appreciation for an up-to-date history of West Point. Before he and Woodie Vaughan presented the book, John Burfening spoke of Dave Parker's concept—when he started the project as the original chairman of the gift committee—of a history emphasizing the effect of the physical characteristics of West Point on the development of the Academy and its graduates. John also paid particular tribute to Walt Winton, who replaced Dave Parker after his untimely death; as well as to Ted Crackel, Ted Spiegel and Adele Westbrook. John also pointed out that the AOG holds the book's copyright (except for Abrams' copyright on original photography) and that sales of the book, whether by the AOG or the publisher, will produce royalty income for the WP Fund.

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AOG Tour Sails on Mississippi

Aboard the Stern Wheeler *Mississippi Queen* seventy-five AOG travelers recently completed a Mississippi cruise. The boat set sail from New Orleans on 22 Nov 91; cruised placidly upriver to Vicksburg and returned to New Orleans on 29 Nov 91. Along the way it made stops at Hattoway Plantation, St. Francisville, LA, Natchez, MS, and spent a whole day at Vicksburg. Upon the return to New Orleans the group was put up at the Maison Dupuy Hotel in the French Quarter for a three-day stay in New Orleans.

Classes from '27 to '62 were represented by graduates and/or widows. We also had two daughters of the Class of 1912—Mary Hobson, daughter of BG Jim H. Holson and Rachel Delamater Keller, daughter of COL Benjamin F. Delamater and wife of BG James H. Keller '39. The Class of '39 had the most travelers, with four couples. It was a most enjoyable trip.

Response Positive to "More to the Point"

The following readers have responded favorably to Colonel Pappas' "More to the Point" column:

LTG TH McMullen '51
George P. Brandel '56
David Alegre '81
COL Beverly C. Snow, Jr. '44
James B. Giles, Jr. '44
James E. Waller '58

Many other readers have corresponded directly with the author. *ASSEMBLY* is pleased to continue "More to the Point" and encourages readers, researchers and historians to send their queries to be included in future columns.

Correction to *The Long Gray Line* re Robert Fergusson

The book published in October 1989, *The Long Gray Line*, which features members of the Class of 1966, contains, on page 350, a serious misstatement concerning a former member of the class, now deceased. It was stated by a classmate that, "As a plebe he had roomed briefly with an Army brat named Robert Fergusson whose father was a general in the class of 1936. Young Fergusson had been dismissed from West Point for a petty honor violation."

This last statement is untrue. The publisher, the editor and the author apologized and stated that a correction would be made in future editions, including the paperback.

The paperback edition has now been published and does include this correction: "Young Fergusson had left West Point honorably before graduation: After finishing college at the University of Richmond, he had died heroically in Vietnam where he won the Distinguished Service Cross."

Fergusson was a Distinguished Military Graduate in the R.O.T.C., and later, as a First Lieutenant, Artillery Forward Observer in the First Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, had been decorated for valor and wounded twice in previous combat.

Corrections to Listing of "Sons and Daughters of Service Academy Graduates Admitted to USMA in the Class of 1995."

There are two corrections to the chart on p. 70 of the January 1992 *ASSEMBLY*, as reported by LTC Rick deMoya '71: Delete "Kevin Capra, son of Robert A. Capra '71" (under USNA), and add "Matthew Wall, son of Hubert B. Wall '71" (under USAFA).

1991 Tribute to Vietnam Veterans Available on Videocassette

PBS Television chose *All The Unsung Heroes* to lead off its Memorial Day 1991 prime time programming—"to make sure America remembers its Vietnam veterans amid all the excitement over the return of its Desert Storm vets." TV Guide rated the program one of the five best documentaries on television during May. *The Washington Post* called it "emotionally clutching," with "captivating camerawork" and "a haunting sound track." The *Chicago Sun-Times* gave it three and a half stars.

Produced by The Heritage America Group, *All The Unsung Heroes* takes viewers to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, chronicles its history, and explains its symbolism through the words of memorial designer Maya Lin and sculptor Frederick Hart, who created The Three Servicemen statue that stands nearby. In flashbacks, scenes at the memorial, and letters and photographs left at the gleaming black granite wall, it records how people remember the men and women whose names are inscribed thereon.

A mother's poem says simply, "I would rather have had you for just 21 years, and

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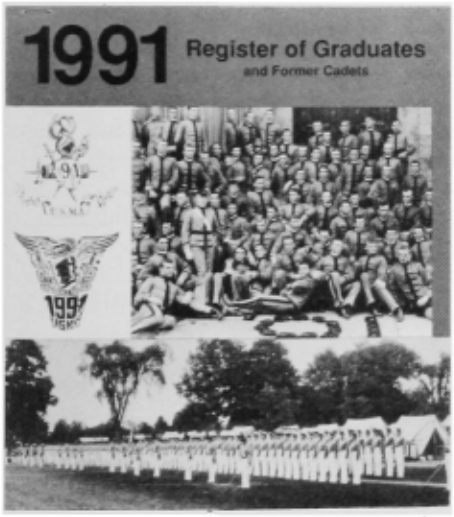
go through all the pain of losing you, than never to have known you at all." A young woman's note to her father, missing since 1968, says wistfully, "I have dreamed of the day you'll finally come home and be my dad. You would have been the best daddy in the whole world. You were for that short period of time in my life. I can never forget you. I'm 23 now! I sure look a lot different from six years old. You'd be very proud of me." The program's title comes from a haunting song written by country singer Lane Brody, whose brother served as a Marine in Vietnam.

A VHS videocassette of the program is available for $14.95 plus $3.50 shipping and handling (Virginia residents add $.67 sales tax) from Unsung Heroes/MA, 8328 Chapel Lake Court, Annandale, Virginia 22003. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

Back Issues of *Register of Graduates* and *ASSEMBLY* Available

Back issues of the AOG's publications, *Register of Graduates* and *ASSEMBLY*, are still available. Please send a check or money order made payable to Association of Graduates to: AOG Publications, Cullum Hall Bldg. 605, West Point, NY 10996.



In stock are the 1991 *Register of Graduates* (hard cover $17; soft cover $13), the Centennial 1990 *Register of Graduates* (Eisenhower edition: hardcover $15; software $11) and earlier editions as well. Back issues of *ASSEMBLY* also are available for $3.50/copy ($2 each additional copy of same issue). For more information, call (914) 446-5800.

TF 3-77 Armor Says "BEAT NAVY"

1. From the blistering desert of Kuwait, in the smoky pall of burning oil wells, Task Force 3-77 Armor, the most forward deployed U.S. Army ground combat force in the world, sends a message from 20 kilometers south of Iraq.

2. ROAST THE GOAT! GO ARMY, BEAT NAVY.

The following grads participated in a "Beat Navy" video made in Kuwait (left to right) : CPT Jan T. Swicord '83, 1LT Steve Parker '89, MAJ Guy A. Morrison '78, COL Tom White '65, 2LT Anthony J. Hofmann '90, BG David L. Benton '65, 2LT Jon Solem '90, 1LT Jeff Anderson '89, 2LT Michael T. Hubbard '90, CPT Robert J. Ching '83, 2LT John M. Brown, Jr. '90, LTC Michael A. Kirby '74, CPT Steve Koratsky '82, 1LT Paul E. Grey '89, MAJ John R. Anderson '78, 2LT Joe Kane '90, MAJ Andy Vail '76 and MAJ B.J. Lachner '76

Hale '61 Selected as MVPO

COL (Ret.) William M. Hale '61, executive administrator for the Information Resources Commission of the State of Florida, was cited as a Most Valuable Public Official by *City & State*, Crain's business newspaper for state and local government. The MVPO Awards are given annually to government managers demonstrating vision, creativity and innovative leadership. Hale was lauded for revamping Florida's information systems to link them strongly with state policy goals. As a result Florida has been particularly successful in using advanced technology to measure the effectiveness of state programs. Others honored included former UN Ambassador Andrew Young, Wisconsin governor Tommy Thompson and Boston mayor Raymond L. Flynn.

Houston USMA Parents Club Seeks West Point China

Wanted to buy: Wedgewood blue West Point china—salad plates, bread & butter dishes, cups & saucers, and dinner plates featuring the Old Library and Administration Building. Contact Tom Hathaway at 3902 Savell Drive, Baytown, TX 77521; telephone (713) 422-7336.

Babcock Seeks '44 Ring

Leslie E. Babcock, Jr. '44 seeks to replace his lost Class of 1944 ring. He requires a size 8½ or larger. Interested donors may contact him directly at 1-204 Carolina Meadows, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-8508.

Meet the Grootens

Ralph R., and his wife, Mary J. Grooten have recently endowed a West Point Preparatory Scholarship. The Grootens became friends of the Association of Graduates and the Preparatory Scholarship Program during Ralph's chairmanship of the 17th Air-

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borne Memorial Committee which funded a scholarship. Ralph and Mary were "so impressed with West Point and the job it's doing to educate our youth while keeping our military strong," that they decided to fund a scholarship. Ralph and Mary reside in Delaware, OH. Ralph is the past owner and operator of Ralph's Classic Car, Co., in Delaware, OH and of R.G.'s Classics in Cape Coral, FL.

New Program Helps Disabled Children of Vietnam Veterans

Do you know a disabled child of a Vietnam veteran who needs a wheelchair, learning devices, adapted toys or general assistance? THE ACCESS GROUP offers information and assistance to Vietnam veterans who have children with disabilities. Information provided includes assistive technology services and devices; equipment such as wheelchairs, machines that talk for those cannot speak, computers, adapted toys, machines that will read printed materials out loud, or home and building modifications.

THE ACCESS GROUP maintains a nationwide toll-free number and project staff can answer questions such as: "Where can I find out about technology equipment?" "Who pays for such equipment?" or "Are there other families already using such equipment?" THE ACCESS GROUP's Resource Center can help families of Vietnam veterans identify needs for equipment and strategies for obtaining the devices and service. Staff can link families with each other so they can share technology information and experiences, or provide training on technology through telephone conference with individuals or groups.

THE ACCESS GROUP is a project of United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc., and is funded through Agent Orange Class Assistance Program. Children born to U.S. Military personnel who served in or near Vietnam between 1961 and 1972 are eligible for the services of THE ACCESS GROUP. The program serves individuals

ATTENTION GOLFERS!!!

2nd Annual Alumni Golf Tournament to be held at West Point June 25-27, 1992

Detailed tournament information will be publicized at a later date.

If interested, and for more information, write the Alumni Affairs Office, Cullum Hall, West Point, NY 10996.

FOUNDERS DAY 1992

The following is a listing, as of 13 December 1991, of Founders Day gatherings for 1992 that have been established with the Alumni Affairs Division. Graduates wishing to attend may obtain the name of the local point of contact by phoning LTC (Ret) Gus Fishburne, Chief, Alumni Affairs Division, USMA at (914) 938-3700/3024. All groups holding Founders Day celebrations, whether listed or not, are encouraged to report, in photos and print, the highlights of their activities to ASSEMBLY prior to 15 April 1992.

DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER
4 Mar	Ft. Walton, Beach, FL	Commandant
5 Mar	Orlando, FL	Commandant
6 Mar	Miami, FL	Commandant
	Las Vegas, NV	COL Toffler
7 Mar	Ft. Myers (Noon), FL	Commandant
	Tampa, FL	Commandant
	Greeneville, SC	COL Rushton
	Orange County, CA	COL Toffler
	Tulsa, OK	COL Wilson
8 Mar	St. Louis, MO	Superintendent
9 Mar	Patrick AFB, FL	Commandant
10 Mar	Ft. Benning, GA	Commandant
11 Mar	Portland, OR	Dean
	Milwaukee, WI	Director of Athletics
	New Haven, CT	COL Lamkin
12 Mar	Ft. Monroe, VA	Commandant
	Sacramento, CA	Dean
	Raleigh, NC	COL Rushton
	Picatinny Arsenal, NJ	Director of Athletics
13 Mar	Ft. Sill, OK	Superintendent
	Charleston, SC	Commandant
	San Diego, CA	Dean
	Albany, NY	Director of Athletics
	Knoxville, TN	COL Rushton
	Jackson, MS	LTG Palmer
	Grand Rapids, MI	COL Anderson
	Tallahassee, FL	COL Ely
14 Mar	San Antonio, TX	Superintendent
	Atlanta, GA	Commandant
	Palm Springs (Noon), CA	Dean
	Los Angeles, CA	Dean
	Cleveland, OH	Director of Athletics
	Nashville, TN	COL Rushton
	Memphis, TN	LTG Palmer
	Detroit, MI	COL Anderson
	Manchester, NH	COL Wilson
15 Mar	New Orleans, LA	Superintendent
	Columbia, SC	Commandant
	Pittsburgh, PA	Director of Athletics
	Palm Beach, FL	COL Ely
16 Mar	Ft. Rucker, AL	Superintendent
	Phoenix, AZ	Dean
17 Mar	Tucson, AZ	Dean
	Syracuse, NY	COL Donnithorne
18 Mar	Salt Lake City, UT	Dean
20 Mar	Ft. Leavenworth, KS	Dean
	Army War College, PA	Director of Athletics
21 Mar	Washington, D.C.	Superintendent
	Ft. Carson, CO	Dean
	Ft. Monmouth, NJ	Director of Athletics
22 Mar	Denver, CO	Dean
	Columbus, OH	Director of Athletics
25 Mar	Buffalo, NY	Director of Athletics
26 Mar	Rochester, NY	Director of Athletics
27 Mar	Ft. Ben Harrison, IN	Director of Athletics
28 Mar	El Paso, TX	Superintendent
	Cincinnati, OH	Director of Athletics
29 Mar	Omaha, NE	Superintendent
31 Mar	Huntsville, AL	Superintendent
1 Apr	Ft. Hood, TX	Superintendent
2 Apr	Austin, TX	Superintendent
3 Apr	Dallas, TX	Superintendent
4 Apr	Houston, TX	Superintendent
10 Apr	Ft. Ord, LA	Dean
11 Apr	Ft. Lewis, WA	Dean

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Networking Evening in New York

The West Point Society of New York held its second annual Networking Evening at the Union League Club on 21 January 1992. Attended by more than 250 graduates, the event provided unique opportunities for the exchange of job search ideas and the promotion of networking. The Society's Networking Evening was described in the 21 January edition of the *New York Times* as follows:

There is no job-placement office at the United States Militaty Academy at West Point, so leaders of the West Point Society, an alumni association in the New York area, decided last year that it was time to promote a little networking to help graduates with their job searches. The effort was such a success that it is being repeated tonight at the Union League Club in Manhattan.

Job hunt? "The Army is downsizing from 725,000 to about half that size, so what was viewed as a lifetime career no longer is," said Edward C. Handler, III, Class of 1960, now a lawyer in New York. "Because of the reduction in force, they are letting people go in big numbers. The Berlin Wall came down; the Evil Empire has retired; Desert Storm was just a blip on the screen headed downward."

So, to help some 225 graduates, there will be representatives from three executive-search organizations on hand, along with West Point graduates engaged in law, business, investment banking, manufacturing and communications.

Mr. Handler did not seem to be worried about how West Point alumni would fare in the civilian job market. "They are disciplined, mission-oriented; they know how to follow instructions and think, and they are honest," he said.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The 1992 Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates, USMA will be held at 1700 hours, 5 May 1992, in the Rose Room of the West Point Officers Club, Bldg. 603, West Point, New York. Trustees are to be elected. See the May 1992 issue of ASSEMBLY for a proxy ballot and the slate of trustees.

More to the Point

(Continued from page 29)

LongGray Line only after one's death may have some justification. The words of *The Corps* certainly support this interpretation.

"They are here in ghostly assemblage,
Those men of the Corps long dead. . .
We follow close order behind you,
Where you have pointed the way;
The long gray line of us stretches,
Through the years of a century told. . ."

Bishop Shipman's citing the "Long Gray Line" is one of the earliest uses of that phraseology. Research for my forthcoming history has not turned up any definite use of that terminology prior to the appearance of *The Corps* at the dedication of the Cadet Chapel in 1910. But this definition merely delays the question of who does and who does not join the Long Gray Line. Does a former cadet dying in the line of duty rejoin? Dying a civilian?

All of this leads again to the question: What is the Long Gray Line? When does one join it? After being sworn in as a plebe? After being received formally into the Corps? After Recognition? After Graduation Parade? After receiving a diploma? After death? And what about former cadets? Are they or are they not members of the Long Gray Line?

Your help—the help and advice and suggestions of **every** graduate—is needed. Drop a note to the *ASSEMBLY* editor giving a definition of the Long Gray Line and when one becomes a member. Consider the following and select one to indicate the time YOU believe one becomes a member of the Long Gray Line:

- After being sworn in as a cadet.
- After being received into the Corps.
- After Recognition.
- After Graduation Parade (or receiving a diploma).
- After death (plus one of the above prerequisites.

Or, if you prefer, give us your own definition.

Editor: Then let's discuss the status of a certain TSG Marty Maher, USA Ret.

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The editor reserves the right to cut any class report which is longer than 300 words.

Dead line for our next issue: *June 15, 1942.*

1869

We send greetings to our oldest living graduate:

Brigadier General Samuel E. Tillman, aged 94. His address is P. O. Box 947, Southampton, Long Island, New York.

1881

Francis J. Kernan, retired, resides at Daytona Beach, Florida.

1883

At our last reunion at West Point, in June, 1933, nine of us sat down at table together—Omar Bundy, Don Cameron, Beverly Dunn, Tim Flynn, Gory Freeman, Harry Hale, Doc Kennedy, Jake Kreps, and Matt Steele.

Since then five of that nine have died—Bundy, Dunn, Flynn, Kennedy, and Kreps. Within the same decade another graduate classmate, Colonel Elmore F. (Tag) Taggart has died. Besides the four of us still living who were present at our reunion in June '33, there are four other living graduate classmates of '83—Nip Haynes, Edwin Root, Doc Walker, and George Zinn. And we have another living classmate who didn't graduate with '83, but fell back a year and graduated with the class of '84, Grote Hutcheson.

1884

Through the valuable assistance of Col. C. E. Dentler, 1884 has come through 100% to help us bind the bonds of West Point a little tighter. We would like to print all letters *in toto*, but lack of space prevents us. May we excerpt?

Col. Dentler writes: "Of our class, there are still living one major general, three brigadier generals, and myself. Of that class remnant, I am the junior member and accordingly the Class President and Recorder. To my requests for news, all have responded.

"For myself, I have lived here in Portland, Oregon, continuously since August, 1919. There is some military activity near, but it is not prominent and does not affect 'business as usual' —yet! The past twelve years I have been an insurance underwriter in this city and have yet to record a year in which I have made expenses; but I have made many acquaintances among the younger businessmen and believe it helps me to feel and act younger."

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1937

Personals. Major Kelsie Reaves is commanding a battalion of the 3rd Infantry. Ensign Stan Smith is instructing at the Coast Guard Academy. Charley Clark and Dave Davisson came up from Aberdeen to visit West Point. Smalley and Robbins, C. L., also dropped in. Ollie Connor passed through on his way to the Carolina maneuvers. Bob Stumpf is attending school at Leavenworth.

Remember that day in the First Class Club when the rings were passed out by the Commandant? As we read the motto inscribed on our rings, there were probably some of us who didn't realize the deep significance of one word. We had a sound conception of the words "Duty" and "Honor", but the significance of "Country" somehow never really dawned upon us. One man who was with us that day in the Club has clearly shown us what "Country" meant to him. He died for it.

And so it is with profound regret but with burning pride that we pay tribute to Colin Kelly, II. "C. P.'s" heroism in sinking the Japanese battleship Haruna with three direct hits near Aparri, Philippine Islands, December 9, 1941, is a story that has stirred an entire nation. We look forward with paternal interest to the day when the President of the United States in 1956 complies with President Roosevelt's request and appoints Colin P. Kelly, III, to the United States Military Academy. And, in the meantime, as the placards posted throughout the Corps state, "When the going gets tough, let's remember Kelly."

1940

Clyde Webb is flying from United Nations Air Bases in Australia.

Morris L. Shoss received his baptism of fire in the Philippines.

Classmates will be glad to hear that Anthony Benvenuto, reported killed in an airplane crash, is alive and well.

Our recent bridegrooms include: Virgil A. Schwab, Savannah Air Base; Philip L. Elliot, Stuart Apartments, Louisville, Ky.; Paul Reinecke, Fort Jackson, S. C.; David Byrne, Fort Knox, Ky.; Robert O'Brien, Fort Knox, Ky.; Leo Dunham, Fort Belvoir, Va.; and Landon Witt, Bella Vista, Panama.

Barry Borden has been ordered to active duty.

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Report from the Classes

'15

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Bruce Eloise Lorch rep that all in her large family are in excellent health and still travel a great deal. She visited family in Richmond, VA for two wks in Mar. In Jun she flew to Pittsburgh, PA to see a grandson graduate from HS. Later, she visited Seattle, British Columbia, CA, and 6 natl parks. She attended a large family reunion in GA. Over 20 of her family spent Thanksgiving with her.

COL & Mrs Mason J Young Jr '44 visited your scribe on 28 Oct 91. They are the son & daughter-in-law of our **Mason J Young**.

Two grads of '15 (**Van Fleet** and **Ellis**) and 18 Cl widows still survive.

Your scribe recently had the pleasure of attending a Thanksgiving dinner with family, including all 6 of his great-grandchildren, ages 3–19. He also attended a brunch to help celebrate the 19th birthday of his oldest great-grandson, Tracy Ellis Mulligan Jr.

Your scribe continues his walks outdoors of 2-1/2 mi ea day. This helps to keep him in fit condition.

'16

Apr '17

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Aug '17

Dorothy K Matlack, widow of the late **Jesse B Matlack**, died on 29 Sep 91 of congestive heart failure. Mrs Matlack ret in 75 as a special asst to the Chief of Army Intelligence. She worked for the Army for 25 yrs, starting out as a typist and later developing techniques for interrogating war prisoners. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara M Hughes, three grandchildren (one of whom, Barbara Hughes Gorski, rep this info) and 9 great-grandchildren.

Jun '18

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SLOW SPEED AHEAD FOR 100! THAT IS FOR THE SURVIVORS OF JUN '18: **Gruhn**, **Grenata** and **Miley**.

I am 18th on the list of all old grads; was a Juliet. Climbed the hill from the train on Thur, 1 Jul 15. After the nice dinner on Sun, I told myself that this place is not so bad. But at the next Sun dinner, I came down to Earth. The first Sun had been the 4th of Jul, with a special dinner.

Let me go back to the 12th day of Jun '18, early Graduation Day for 137 cadets to go off to WWI. On that day there should have been a transport at South Dock for us. A colonel who had been on General Pershing's staff told me that my whole class had been asked for from the War Dept. Instead we took short courses at our branch of service schools. Inf was my choice, so I went to Ft Sill. I was kept on as an instructor and moved with the sch to Columbus, GA in Sep.

Of the three of us left, I am the oldest by a few mos. **Grenata** will be 94 in Sep, and **Miley** will be 94 in Dec.

One of the sch bldgs at Leavenworth has a new name—Barth Hall, to honor MG **George Bitman Barth**. He was born and raised in the Army. This honor was shared with his father, MG Charles H Barth, and his brother, MG Charles H Barth Jr '25.

Nov '18

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These notes are being written on the anniv of two events, both of which had great impact on our Cl. One was the A-N Game in 16, which Army won; one of ours, **Gene Vidal**, was one of the stars of the game. We were plebes, and this was our first time away from West Point. For most of us, it also was our first A-N Game. Nearly all of us have seen many A-N Games since, but I think that very first one was the greatest. Today, 7 Dec 91, my oldest grandson and his three sons, my identical-triplet great-grandsons, will be there. We all hope that we will not spoil Navy's record of a winless season.

The other event, of which this is the 50th anniv, is, of course, Pearl Harbor, which had a tremendous impact on so many mbrs of our Cl in all theaters of WWII. There were numerous mbrs of our Cl who distinguished themselves, but **Dick Groves**, who headed the Manhattan Project, is by far the most well-known. Having served with Dick on trp duty, I knew him very well, and it is my opinion that no other person, civ or mil, could have handled the task any better, if as well.

With sadness it must be rep that we have lost another classmate. **Mac McReynolds** died on 28 Aug and his wife, **Lucy**, died on 4 Jun. They lived in Santa Barbara, CA, and it is assumed that they are buried there. Both of their children are deceased, but they have many grandchildren, and we hope more info may be obtained. This reduces the no of living in the Cl to 11.

In a ltr from **Chief Brimmer**, he states that about all he has to talk about are his ailments, and he will not do that, but does wish all of us greetings of the season. Of course these notes will not appear until the Mar issue of *ASSEMBLY*, but they are just as sincere then as now.

In a telcon with **Ruth Hastings** she rep a wonderful trip to Greece; she sounded great. No news of other Cl widows in the DC area.

Carolyn Christiansen has not been too well for some time but seems to be somewhat better now after a short hosp stay.

Bryan Evans will not be able to take his proposed trip to HI during the Christmas season, so my advice to him has been wasted.

'19

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At this writing, most Cl mbrs were still smarting over the Navy rout of 7 Dec. Aside from his post-game agitation and

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aggravation, **Alex Bennet**, in San Ant, is coping with his health problems very well. Across town, our avid football fan, **Adna Hamilton**, overcame his disappointment and accompanied **Vivian** to a gorgeous after-game dinner at the AF Vil II—more or less neutral territory—where Adna was the oldest Cl rep. The Hamiltons, residents of AF Vil I, endowed a rm in the recently-completed expansion of the Health Care Ctr there, and Vivian was on the cmte which selected colors. **Mildred Stearly**, who suffered a stroke last yr, is able to go about normal activities with the help of a driver. Her family seems quite attentive. A niece and great-nephew recently visited from Birmingham, AL.

John Hardin recovered from a long flu-like illness in the fall and is enjoying his normal routine. He gifted his family—daughter Nancy Summer and two grandchildren and their families—with a Christmas vacation on a Caribbean island that he & **Bert** had enjoyed through the yrs. As for himself, he will stay home and keep the cat company. **Fred & Lynne Marlow** in S CA and **Bill Regan** in CT rep life progressing as usual.

Syril & Billie Faine have so far avoided the flu epidemic raging around the Florala, AL vicinity and are planning a quiet Christmas after a big family Thanksgiving gathering. **George & Connie Dillaway** drove 200 mi to the home of George's granddaughter, Susan Giberson Williams, in Martinez, CA, to join 3 grandchildren and other family mbrs in a Thanksgiving celebration. They also are anticipating a very quiet Christmas, as Connie is sched for surgery in mid-Dec which will mandate "complete idleness" for a mo afterward. Connie, we wish you well.

In CA, **Betty Vance**'s positive attitude was no doubt a factor in her amazing recovery from a stroke suffered last Aug. Though left with some residual physical impairment, she is diligently tng her left hand to perform unaccustomed tasks. With household help and a driver, she goes about her business as usual. Also in CA, **Ruth Ruth** experienced emotional highs and lows in the fall. First, she went with the Oakland Museum Art Guild to view Christo's unfurling and display of 1600 umbrellas artistically positioned over an 18 mi area of S CA. She describes the sight as a moving experience. The gp then went on to Santa Monica to visit several private art collections which are seldom on display. Soon after her return home, 20 Oct to be exact, she answered the door of her Piedmont home, and a policeman informed her that her house was in the path of the horrible Oakland fire and ordered her to evacuate. Put yourself in her shoes—when leaving your house and its contents to possible destruction, what do you take? Her son helped her pack a few things, and they left the area. By the next day, the winds had changed direction, and her house was no longer vulnerable. Let's rejoice with Ruth that her home of many yrs was spared.

Margie Young sent a newsy ltr describing last summer's trip to HI to attend the Ret Judge Advocates' Conference. Side trips included a cruise around the isls and a mind-boggling helicopter ride which afforded a view of red-hot lava coming down the mtns and flowing into the ocean. Later in the summer, she visited her brother and numerous nieces and nephews in MA, enjoying their company while escaping the FL heat. An avid golfer, in Nov she competed in a two-day tournament at her club. Her team tied for 4th place.

Anne Crawford has moved from Phoenix to a ret complex in the Denver area not far from son, Tom Crawford Jr '49. She enjoys a full schedule of daily activities and the companionship of fellow Scrabble players. She has acquired new friends but would love to hear from those of past times who remember her. Her new address is The Inn at Canterbury, #22, 1001 S Kingston St, Aurora, CO 80012. Tom's wife Sandy must travel a great distance to see her own mother, **Doris McAllister**, who is still in the Studio City Convalescent Hosp in the LA area, recovering—slowly but surely, we hope—from the hip surgery rep in previous notes.

Happy New Year to all '19 families and friends!

'20

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With great sadness I rep that **Myra Smith** (**LS**), **Annie Moore** (**WS**), **Ruth Bartlett** (**WH**) and **Chuck Smith** (**CW**) have died. We extend our deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

Myra Smith died of a heart attack on 18 Oct 91 at her home in Knollwood, Wash, DC. She was buried at WP beside **Leland**, who died in 79. Having married in 22, she accompanied him to posts throughout the US and Iceland and "waited out" his distinguished svc in WWII and the Korean War. Surviving are son Leland Jr, daughter Janet (wife of ret COL Charles L Steel Jr '44), 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Annie Moore died on 23 Oct 91 in Mobile, AL. Her home was with her great-nephew, George Waldron. She was buried in Mobile's Pine Crest Cem beside **Dinty**, who died in 73. Their only son, AF LT Wayne Jr, was killed in an air accident in 50. "Miss Anne" was co-founder, with her two brothers, of the Delchamps Supermarket chain of stores in 21. After her brothers died she continued as Treas and Bd mbr. She was honored as Gayfers Career Woman of the Yr, cited by Huntingdon College, and her church's gymnasium was named for her. The Mobile Register headlined her as "A Great American Lady." Loyal to WP, Miss Annie continued to attend our '20 Cl 5-yr reunions at WP after Dinty died.

Ruth Bartlett died on 8 Nov 91 at her son Hamilton's home in Orlando, FL. She was buried in Arlington Natl Cem beside **Bill**, who died in 84. **Duke Samouce** attended with family mbrs. Their first son, Bill Jr, died in an auto accident in Belgium in Feb 45 while serving as PVT, Btry A, 920th FA Bn, 95th Inf Div when his father's 183rd FA Gp was paving the way for GEN Patton's 3rd Army's rapid advance across the Rhine at Remagen thru Ger to Prague. When Bill ret in Aptos, CA, their home with its beautiful gardens was a restful haven for their many friends. Surviving are son Hamilton, 4 grandsons and 3 great-grandchildren.

Chuck Smith died on 27 Nov 91 at his home in Cape Coral, FL after almost two yrs of heart trouble. He was buried at West Point. Chuck resigned in 22 but returned to serve with distinction in WW II as LTC USAR in Repl Tng T-E 43–45. Surviving are his widow Norma, son Norman, 3 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

At the regular annual mtg of the Cl Gov Cmte on 20 Oct, **George Rehms** was re-elected pres and treas and **Duke Samouce** VP and scribe. George rep on the Cl Treasury, and that **Robin Gillette** had joined our 7 other Cl widows at Knollwood. Duke spoke of the condition of the 14 classmates remaining. **Anne Holle** accounted for outstanding obituaries not yet submitted to *ASSEMBLY*.

George Rehm is making good recovery from his 30 Aug stroke. He has regained his voice and is improving his walking, for which he still receives therapy.

Chesty Haswell continues to be well in a nursing home with emphysema.

Kay Burns became a great-grandmother last Jun—a daughter was born to her first grandson, MAJ George K Withers III '79. She also gained another granddaughter born to son, Ret COL Geoff Withers '62.

Selby Stratton gave a "catch-up" on her family: Lawyer daughter Julie is with her in DC. Son Bill has moved from Tulsa, OK to Dallas, TX where he is pres of CSW Energy Inc, a branch of Central and Southwest Utilities. Selby's daughter Terry Flagg continues in charge of exhibits at Danbury, CT Library. **Jimmy**'s daughter, Pat Schriber, has ret in Ithaca, NY.

Carl Engelhart and **Herb Reuter** were very worried that the **Kreuters**' home in Piedmont, CA was in the path of the massive fire storm in Oakland, CA. They

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tried to telephone **Bob** but all circuits were busy, and the Red Cross was too occupied. Carl finally reached Bob after the fire storm was controlled. The Kreuters were in IN during the fire; their home was safe.

'21-'22

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Now we have 100% attendance in the 90 Club. On 18 Dec **Morris Marcus**, the youngest mbr of our Cl, celebrated his 90th birthday. On behalf of the Cl, I extend to you, Morris, our congrats and wish you many more birthday annivs.

PD Lynch wrote that he had a conversation with **Janet Taylor**. He wrote me that she had a pleasant Thanksgiving with her family and is in good health, considering everything. She plans to stay in her apt at the Renaissance Ret Community in NW Austin, as her family is there, and she has many friends made over the past yrs while she & **Bob** had been living in Austin.

PD's wife **Peggy** spent last Jul studying at the Paris American Academy. There were 6 from TX in the gp this yr. Of course, they got to sightsee in between other activities.

As for **PD**, he keeps busy driving his grandchildren to sch to insure that all three of them arrive on time—and he runs other errands.

Harold Conway wrote that Margarita will celebrate the 100th anniv of her father's grad next yr. He was #4 in his Cl of 1892. She is planning to attend the celebration. [Editor's Note: the 1992 *Register of Graduates* will feature the Centennial Class of 1892.] Harold celebrated his 90th birthday last Nov. At his birthday party were his stepsons, David Willingham '58 and Dr. Lawrence Willingham.

Ginny Klein writes that she did not attend any of the football games at WP last fall. For a number of yrs she attended all the football games at the Academy. As she put it, "I don't think I missed very much—only hope the team will be more improved next season."

NOW—it is only 3 mos 'til we meet again for our 70th!

'23

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The **Joe Smiths** have joined the **Wendall Johnsons, Sarita Edwards** and **Karla Harrison** at the Fairfax. The Smiths' new address: 9100 Belvoir Woods, #206 WE, Ft Belvoir, VA 20060–2713. On 31 Oct, Joe joined the 90 Club. He & **Perle** celebrated with a party at the A-N Town Club with daughter Sandra and son Michael and their families. Because of his 50-yr mbrship, on 1 Jan Joe became a life mbr exempt from all dues.

1923: The Joe Smith family

Lee & Esther Shafer are both well and enjoying life. Lee had his big 90 on 1 Oct. I interrupted Lee's daily morning mile walk with a phone call pertaining to the Aug death of **Dottie Torrence**. She lived for many yrs in Knollwood and got around in a wheelchair. Further details of her death will be published as they become available. Our deep regrets to her family. In early Oct the Shafers flew to NY for their granddaughter's wedding. In Lee's words, "We considered this to be quite an accomplishment, until **Carmen Guevara** informed us that she & **Santiago** saw three granddaughters married this summer!"

Carmen's description of the weddings to **Ken Sweany** was very brief, as she has been recovering from eye surgery. She rep that Santiago "has no problems except old age." **Jack White** is recovering from a stroke he suffered last Aug which forced him to decline a bid to attend the Harvard game with **Eleanor** & me. He now can walk short distances, and his handwriting is almost as bad as mine.

Bob & Mary Smith, despite the usual aches and pains associated with our time in life, keep active at Grossmont Gardens Ret Apts, though Bob misses "living like a farmer" on his old "Carlsbad acre."

Stu Cowles drove down to Atl to spend Thanksgiving with his son and family. Stu writes that **George Stewart** is back on the Slim Fast [diet] again.

Mildred Mahoney is enjoying the activities and health care afforded by her Falls Church ret home. Despite a broken ankle last Aug and injured nerves in the same foot, she still volunteers at the Alexandria Hosp, though she no longer directs the chorus at St Martin's Sr Citizens Ctr in Alexandria, as she had done for the previous 6 yrs. **Ruth Johnson** writes that she & **Wendall** are having their "ups" and "downs," but everything is "under control" at the present. A phone call to **Bill Craigie** caught Bill playing golf with **Lyle Rosenberg**. He rep that **Moe Cavender** is holding his own, and there is no change in **Robbie Robinson**'s condition.

I am most grateful to **Ken Sweaney** for his help in gathering info for these Cl Notes. Ken, **Laura** and their daughter are packing for a move to Burlington, VT, but the move is delayed by the slow real estate market in MD. They plan to settle near their grandchildren. Son Phil has been helping them get ready. Meanwhile Ken continues a good recovery from his stroke, thanks to his twice-a-day mi walks.

Frank Wilder's widow, **ME**, died 2 May of cancer. ME was the only widow at our last Cl reunion. Our sincere condolences to her family. Our regrets are also extended to **Paul Laning**'s family. Paul x-'23 died in Sandusky, OH on 30 Aug after a long illness. After leaving WP in 20, he graduated from Cornell in 24 and later earned an MA from OH State. Paul led a full and useful life, including 35 yrs as a HS teacher. A railroad historian, he wrote numerous articles on railroads for the local paper and was a mbr of several historical socs. Our condolences to **Claire** and their daughter Jane Meyer and her family.

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'24

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On 11 Dec **Clyde & Lorraine Eddleman** celebrated their 65th wedding anniv with a luncheon at the Chevy Chase Club in Wash, DC, in the co of their friends. **Florence & Bob Dewey** will celebrate their 60th anniv on 22 Dec with a party in their home at The Shoreham West, surrounded by family and friends.

1924: General Clyde Eddleman and General Lawrence Dewey at annual Cl luncheon, 10 Oct 91

A memorial svc was held in the auditorium of the Fairfax Ret Ctr near Ft Belvoir, VA, on 27 Oct for **Laura Cary Hart**, wife of LTG **Charles "Ed" Hart**. Laura died in the Ctr hosp. The Reverend Mark Walso of St George's Episcopal Church of Arlington, VA was the celebrant. Included in the more than 75 friends who attended the svc and the reception which followed (hosted by Ed Hart and his daughters) were **Lorraine Eddleman, Peter & Bunny Hains, Helen Dasher, Anne Moore** and **Bob & Florence Dewey**.

A memorial Eucharist svc for **Grace Kay Martin** (Gay) was held on 9 Dec at Knollwood House, Wash, DC. Among those who attended were **Hazel Van Way** and **Florence & Bob Dewey**.

Last-min notice brings us the sad news that LTG **Ed Hart** died on 10 Dec at the Fairfax Ret Ctr near Ft Belvoir, VA. A svc was sched at Ft Myer Chapel, VA on Mon, 16 Dec, with interment at Arlington Natl Cem.

'25

The AOG was notified by the Army and Air Force Mutual Aid Assn that BG **George Patrick Lynch**, USA Ret, died on 30 Nov 91 at Ft Lewis, WA. **Adelheid**'s address is 8901 Lake Steilacoom Point, Tacoma, WA 98498–5939.

Please contact Cl Pres, MG **Charles E Saltzman**, AUS Ret, at 85 Broad St, NY, NY 10004 or 30 E 62nd St, NY, NY 10021; tel 212-759-5655 (H) or 212-902-6919 (O) with any Cl news until a new scribe is named.

'26

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Good news from FL: **Babe De Shazo** exults that she's improving, a steady progress of good reps. Keep it up, Babe!

Anne Van Syckle continues in great health and top spirits. Her full-hip replacement was a success; she gets around spryly by using a cane or walker. As you note, Anne is spirited and blithe.

1926: Anne at ease in her Walnut Creek home

After heart surgery early in Sep, **Paul Carroll** died 27 Sep and was buried at WP. The Cl sends sympathy to **Jean** and their son.

Helen Tausch finds her life busy and active. She and her younger sister have assumed care of their octogenarian brother. Helen is also diligent in her Sun Sch cl and as VP of her AARP Chapter. In Mar she had a delightful wk in Scotland, then in Sep cruised to AK with generous stopovers at Anchorage and Fairbanks. In Dec she went to Houston and Galveston for a series of pageants and similar entertainment; thence to San Diego to stay a bit with her sister. Sounds like a full and rewarding life, Helen.

Sad news from Atl tells that **Ted Peck** died there on 1 Nov and was buried in Milledgeville, GA. Her many friends in the Cl join in sending sympathy and condolences to her family, who were so supportive during her ret yrs.

Cousin Judy ". . . has taken over as my 'guardian' since **Ethel** passed away. . . Judy is married, has a boy and is expecting. . . ," writes **Bill Deyo**, who moved to Bradenton, FL just recently. In Aug, along with Judy, he visited her mother and most of his cousins in upstate NY. Bill looks forward to visiting his W coast classmates and friends who live there.

Comes disturbing news from **Hal Doud**, who fears he will not recover completely from the injuries an accident-prone driver inflicted. His dr warns that Hal may never regain his sense of balance. Now he's prone to fall and suffers dizziness constantly, forcing him to give up his regular walking exercises. The Cl sends sympathy and hopes that indeed you recover fully, Hal.

A long, enthusiastic ltr from **Jimmy Burwell** opens with an acct of a near-smash he and a high French off escaped from while flying in Luzon back in the 30s. The escape resulted in an invitation to join a big game hunt issued by the French govt, which Jimmy had to decline. He goes on to write, "This is the 38th yr I have been on the same lease in the Hill Country, TX. Eight eager hunters, including Jimmy, initially based in a decrepit sch house with no conveniences. They gradually built up to a 4K-acre lease with all the latest amenities. The 15 mbrs of this hunt club are assured of a bountiful game population including deer, wild turkeys and pigs, dove, quail and the like." Jimmy asserts that he has never missed an opening day and that he has always got at least one buck. Good hunting, Jimmy, and keep it up!

From Cocoa Beach, FL, **Peggy Chipp** claims that she is most pleased with the ambiance of that community, which sees few winter visitors but rather is a sort of ret community—all her friends are retireds, drawn there initially for the preponderance of the rets.

It's human nature to find joy in a fellow getting his richly-deserved comeuppance, so the Cl will delight in the distinction which the Doubleday Soc accorded **Red Reeder** by giving him the Doubleday Distinguished Svc Award in an elaborate ceremony 19 Nov at the Fairfax (ret community), Ft Belvoir, VA. This society is a gp of grads and former athletes banded together to preserve Doubleday Field (on the Plain at WP) and to promote Army baseball. Here are excerpts from **Rod Smith**'s ltr describing the event: ". . . attended an outstanding tribute to Red Reeder. . . given by the Doubleday Soc presenting to him the Soc's Distinguished Svc Award for his unsurpassed mil career with emphasis on his baseball exploits at West Point, also. . . paying homage to the many historic events. . . over the yrs at Doubleday Field. The program was superb. . . around 100 people. . . for cocktails, luncheon and the presentation supplemented by excellent talks. . . praising various. . . aspects of Reeder's life, particularly his outstanding achievements as a cadet, author and Army off. Baseball

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was stressed. . . with historic events at Doubleday Field. A splendid video was shown depicting Reeder's life from infancy through boyhood, cadet, Army off, Normandy Beach and loss of leg, author, coach at WP, wife, family—very well done! Reeder wound up the affair with a witty talk, calling on outstanding people present—including Gen Irving (hale and hearty at 97). . . classmates **Heiberg** and Smith, to rise."

From other sources than **Rod** one learns that the video was a glorious success, coming through the united efforts of Dodie & Dale Hruby '58, Charlotte Ramsey (widow '35), Butch Ordway '58, Will Roosma '58 and John McGuin '56's wife. A grand salaam to you, **Red**, and to the people who so honored you!

1926: Dort & Red admire the latest addition to the Reeder line, Brian Christopher Champigny (Cl of 2016?)

On his return to Seattle from a family gathering at Asheville, NC, your scribe stopped overnight in Atl to see **Doc & Betty Jones**, the former in a commodious and pleasant nursing home near their Atl house so that Betty can pop over to see him often. Doc looked fine, though a bit thin. He needs more care than Betty can give him at home; she came on as a lively, spirited lady who might have stepped fresh and unchanged from the pages of *Gone With the Wind*. And in her gracious manner Betty had gone to considerable effort in setting up the logistics of the mtg. So the three had a really agreeable get-together, esp pleasing because this was the first time the two men had met since graduation at WP, though they had in common many friends and shared experiences. It was apparently a happy eve for the Jones family, and surely so for the scribe.

Good news from **Betty Barnes**: "I'll spend Christmas with the Shoemakers. **Bill** is getting stronger all the time.' The Cl unites in wishing him continued improvement.

Their hearts were gladdened even further during the joyful Xmas season when **Bill & Rosy Mills** learned that their 9th great-grandchild had arrived.

'27

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Again, we must sadly rep the passing of three classmates:

Aloysius Lepping died on 5 Sep in San Ant, TX. Al had been ill for a long time, but no further details are available at this time. The deep sympathy of the Cl is extended to his devoted wife **Mabel** and to his family and his many friends.

Betty Pachynski has written to tell of the death of **Alvin Pachynski** in Novato, CA on 23 Sep 91. He, too, had been ill for a long time and died shortly after their move from TX. Burial was at a cemetery in Santa Rosa, CA. The sympathy of the Cl is extended to Betty and her family. Betty will continue to live at their home at 214 Santa Inez Circle, Novato, CA 94949. Her daughter will live with her and be a source of great comfort.

After many yrs without word from our classmate **David Hackman**, **Gar Davidson** has received word from the AOG that David Hackman died 24 October 91 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. No further info is available at this time.

Gar Davidson, our Cl Pres, submits a graphic acct of the devastating fire that destroyed so many homes in Oakland in Oct 91. Parts of his ltr follow: "I have been given a mission impossible to perform: to tell the story of 20 Oct 91 in the San Fran Bay Area. It never will be told completely and accurately. Things happened too fast, damage was too complete and shock too great to provide accuracy.

"We live in the Oakland-Berkeley hills opposite the Golden Gate [in an area] known as the E Bay. It now looks as if it has been used as a target for an atomic bomb or, as Verone described it, a cemetery with tall headstones—just the chimneys.

"We all learned to have a great deal of respect for the Santa Ana winds, which wreaked the havoc that Sun. They are hotter than hell to breathe into, and that day their effect was multiplied by a combination of 5 yrs of drought and a winter freeze (very rare in CA) which killed so many trees. In combination they all created the worst fire in US history. Winds were described as blow torches, homes exploded by the hundreds—2668 homes and bldgs were destroyed. Light-brownish "snow" cluttered the landscape and reduced visibility to twilight capacity in the afternoon.

"Swede & Nell Larsen '39 were in town and Vivian & Bill Kunzig '32 were having a lunch for them at the Presidio Golf Club, to which we were invited. We watched all this developing until the sky got so dark near our home. Then we called home, confirmed our worst fears and ran for our car and high-tailed for home without saying goodbye to anyone and praying all the way.

"When I ret and we moved to CA, we couldn't buy the house we wanted. It was about 300 yards away, just behind a little rise that hid the view of the Golden Gate that we had our eye on 25 yrs ago. When the latter became vacant, we grabbed it. Our previous home was destroyed.

"Gail, the younger of our twins, came over from Walnut Creek to keep our roof wetted down with garden hoses while she succeeded in loading her station wagon with memorabilia. She returned on Mon and Tues to continue the wetting down while cinders from the fire continued to fall. I measured one to be 3" x 3" x 1–1/2" that looked like a piece of incinerated 2" x 4" studding blown S from far away by wanton winds.

"Just think of the tragedy to the inhabitants of the Berkeley-Oakland highlands that fateful morning: all the essentials to a graceful living literally wiped out in mins, with only the clothes on their backs and bewilderment in their minds. It was shock at its worst, but provided many human-interest stories of people helping people, so many heroic feats to save homes by passers-by, long, exhausting hrs of firemen and policemen—endless stories of shared sacrifice and danger that brought out the best in people.

"Clearing away the destruction will take mos; rebuilding the past (if ever), many more. We never stop thanking the good Lord for being so kind to us, and look forward to our 65th Reunion with anticipation."

Gar & Verone were allowed to move back to " 'Our WP of View,' as our doormat proclaims our home's purpose."

It is perhaps timely to explain some details of the publication of these Cl notes, which appear to be not well understood by our readers. Due to the complexity of assembling notes from Cl scribes, submitting to printers, printing and mailing, "deadlines" for submission must be set well ahead of the date they will appear in *ASSEMBLY*. As an example, these notes were submitted on a "deadline" of 13 Dec 91 for the issue to be mailed in Feb 92. Please bear with us.

I am using the old, reliable Birthday List to remind you that the following classmates will become 90 before we assemble for the 65th or soon thereafter: **Cyril Williams** (27 Jan 92); **Hank Hoeffer** (15 Mar 92); and **Cal Whittle** (2 Jul 92).

Hal Jordan, in a nice ltr, rep a slight mobility problem which he hopes will not prevent his attendance at the 65th. So do we, but "mobility problems" seem to be pretty much the name of the game at our age. Hal has sold his beach front home and now lives in a ret ctr nearby. His new address is 1200 S Courtenay Pkwy Apt 106, Merritt Island, FL 32952.

Bob Wohlforth sent an interesting clip

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from the Ridgefield, CT paper giving the details of the birthday party for **Mildred**. I quote briefly: "After declaring we didn't want any parties, 13 of them (family mbrs) showed up and gave us a big bash." Bob added that they are both exhausted, and added, I am sure very proudly, that "insanity is hereditary; your children give it to you."

The first response to our birthday ltr congratulating those attaining age 90 was from **Cyril Williams**, in a long ltr so impressive and appropriate to aging that it is quoted in some detail. After a few flattering introductory remarks he goes on to say: "I shall begin my 91st yr on 27 Jan 92, provided I survive the intervening mos, which my devoted and remarkably competent spouse is determined I shall do. I continue to enjoy my very limited life despite a diet which includes many drugs [for my ailments]—I'll spare you a total listing, but congestive heart failure is one and accelerated aging another. Your suggested "joys and sorrows" as subject of interest—both are limited, both intense.

"Equal joy derives for me in passages from the scriptures, notably the 23rd Psalm and the Sermon on the Mount, and from the companionship of my wonderfully lovely and gifted spouse. Expanded awareness and comprehension of the magnificence of all life on our planet is a source of joy. I am at the same time sorry that it comes so late. Oh, yes! The single mug of "Café Francoise" I have at 3:00 pm is a real joy.

"As for sorrows, they too are real and profound. So many undischarged obligations! So many unredressed wrongs! So little time!

"I assure you I am neither melancholy nor depressed. You suggested a short note. This is not that. Guess I am a garrulous, senile old man. If you can read them, you are free to dispose of them as you judge." He closes with complimentary remarks about our efforts to keep in communication. Thank you, **Cy**, for a beautiful ltr which we shall re-read and long remember.

Blair Garland, a frequent contributor, has sent in his stamped envelope for the birthday list. He is recently out of the hosp after a virus attack on his nervous system which put him out of business for a couple of mos; he is now up and running.

Harry Paxson is about to undergo a second knee opn, which may interfere with his planned attendance at the 65th and hopefully to the 70th—1997, that is, when we'll all be on the honor roll of those over 90 and hopefully not suffering "mobility" problems or worse. Meanwhile, let's take these things one at a time.

In a postcard from Nice, **Marty Morin** gives the highlights of a Smithsonian-sponsored tour through France, which included Normandy, Bordeaux, the Pyrenees, Carcassonne and Avignon. Sounds like a fine trip, and it is good to hear that Marty is not suffering from that all-too-familiar "mobility problem."

George Martin rep a surprise mtg with an old buddy from "I" Co in 23, William Deyo '26, during dinner at their ret residence in Bradenton, FL.

In addition to his fine description of the fire disaster, **Gar Davidson** added an item about Jack Malloy '31, one of his asst coaches and now a neighbor, who was even a little closer to the fire and whose home was "scorched" but not seriously damaged due to a very happy change in the direction of the wind. Jack will be long remembered as one of the two cadets who earned the distinction of winning 4 major "A's" in 4 major sports, the other being Elmer Oliphant, Jun '18.

It is a little late to be making arrangements for the Reunion, but we hope for a good turnout, even though you may not be able to find accommodations closer than Newburgh. However, something may turn up at the last moment. Keep trying.

'28

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Recently your scribe & **Julia** flew down to New Orleans to join 80 grads, wives and friends on the *MS Queen* for a 7-day excursion up the river. Stops along the way were tours to St Francisville, Vicksburg and Natchez. We found the Civil War Battlefields very interesting after reading about GENs Grant and Sherman's 47-day siege in 1863. Also, a guided tour of the US Army Engr Waterways Station in Vicksburg was a chance to see how our Corps of Engrs is working to improve our water system. Three days were spent in New Orleans at the lovely Maison Dupuy in the French Qtr. We made some new friends on the boat, one of them being **Nan Bain**, widow of **James G Bain**, who lives in Albuquerque, NM. See pic below which was taken at one of the plantations.

A ltr from **Dave Traub** states that **William (Bill) C Sams** died on 22 Aug at Harlingen, TX. His ashes were interred at Ft Sam Houston. He is survived by his daughter Katherine of Houston, TX. The AOG has also informed us that **Edgar E Enger** died on 27 Aug in Portland, OR. His interment was at Woodburn, OR, which is also the place where his widow, **Florence**, now resides. Edgar was the oldest in our Cl except for **Louis Vickers**, whose birthday is in Dec (he was born in 1901), but Dave thinks he was a turnback. Dave also says that he had called the survivors to extend the Cl condolences.

1928: Julia Cralle, Nan Bain and Maury Cralle in Natchez

'29

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9 Nov was a day of coincidences. In the same mail I had a ltr from **Emma Rasmussen** on the E coast about **Kai**, followed by one from **Bill Francis** on the W coast, enclosing a 6-pg article from the *Monterey Herald* of the previous Sun on the birth of the Def Language Inst and Kai's part in it. Starting from Crirsy Field on 1 Nov 41 with 58 Nisei and two others as students and a 3-man faculty, it was the nucleus of the Defense Language Institute. Despite action by Selective Svc and FDR on 19 Feb 42 to incarcerate the Japanese, the sch continued and moved to (appropriately named) Camp Savage outside of Minneapolis in May 42, graduating its first cl in the fall. In the summer of 44 it moved to Ft Snelling. By that time it had graduated about 1600 enlisted, 142 off candidates and 53 offs. Korean and Chinese were added to the curriculum while at Snelling. In 46 it was moved to the Presidio of Monterey and was renamed the "Army Language Sch." Russian was added to the curriculum, followed by Turkish, Arabic and the major and minor European languages. The first permanent bldg, a classroom and off bldg, was built. In 63 the Defense Dept took charge, and it was reorganized as the "Defense Language Institute." There are now three major bldgs, and the HQ is named for Kai.

Last Oct Preben Gustafsen, dir of "Non-Stop Travel," wrote **Emma** that in Dec 90 they were vacationing in Honolulu and ran across an article dealing with **Kai** and his Nisei Sch on the naming of "**Rasumussen** Hall." Through his agent in Honolulu, he located a former pupil of Kai's, Mr Norman Kihuta, who wrote him and enclosed the booklet, *In Memoriam*, which Emma and her daughter published. Before that he had been talking to a lot of people, mil and civ, Danish and American, even including the Queen. He will have more to tell Emma after his next visit to Honolulu this mo (Nov), in addition to his comment that he had learned that Pres Bush will be presenting a post-mortem award.

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It is nice to see that now the return address on a lot of Bill Yost's correspondence is "Cl of '29 Gallery, Eisenhower Hall, USMA, WP, NY." Also that a recent exhibition was by Ken Hruby '61, one of 3 Hrubys who grad from WP. Ken is an Army brat and served in the Army over 21 yrs, including tours in Korea and Vietnam before he ret and attended the Sch of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. He was awarded a prestigious Traveling Scholars Award.

Had a very interesting ltr from **Johnny Theimer**, quoted herein:

"I have just been talking to **Ducky Hail** on the tel, and he sounds pretty good, although he does not get around too much. I assume people who have been located in or near the San Fran and Oakland area are aware of our recent fire and fire storm. Fortunately no '29'ers live in the immediate area except for Lois Carey, who lives in St Paul's Towers on the shore of Lake Merritt in Oakland. The fire did not reach that part of Oakland, although Lois said they were concerned about it. The Angluins live in Walnut Creek and were not endangered. Watching television the night of the fire, it looked as though the Gar Davidsons' house must have burned, but although they were evacuated, it turned out that their house came through o.k. and they moved back in the next morn."

A note from **Henry McKenzie** says he's holding his own and keeps busy. **Dottie Talbot** has moved again and is now at 4601 Montano NW, Bldg 12 #73, Albuquerque, NM 87120. Her daughter Trish is with her. Their phone is (505) 899-1168.

Others who were personally concerned with the Oakland fire were **Pat & Betty O'Hara**. Fortunately, their daughter Elizabeth and family were simply alerted to be ready to evacuate, but they didn't have to. P&B leave the day after Christmas to spend the New Year with Elizabeth & Steve and get reacquainted with their newest grandson.

Paul Thompson is pretty well over his heart attack, followed by the gout, but he is taking it a bit easier. He still hopes to see GEN Graves before Christmas and possibly enlist him as a dir of Boscobel. **Paul & Josette** made a quick trip to DC, had a very pleasant lunch with **Slim Vittrup** and Charlote Rumsey '35, followed by a VIP tour of the Fairfax—where Slim seems to be an "elder statesman."

Another note came from John D Schannep '56, **Shan & Louise**'s eldest son (Robert was '60). See Shan's obit in this *ASSEMBLY*. He & his wife visited the remote Japanese isl where Shan's crash was assumed to have occurred in Jul 46. Also, he noted that the list of '29 sons in *Who's Who* should be expanded to include him. Are there any others missing? (See **Miriam Keller**'s ltr).

Johnny Theimer has lined up **George Coolidge** to send in notes from the San Fran Bay area. His first sad note was to tell me of **Dave Angluin**'s death after a long illness. Svcs had been deferred until the new columbarium at WP was completed. The Cl has sent a mem contribution to the AOG, as Charmian requested. Also that **Ducky Hail** had another hosp stay. **Martha** said the dr's prognosis is favorable.

Roy Vincent has moved around the corner, so he has no yard to take care of, but keeps the same zip and phone numbers.

Both the WP Fund and **Ina** have expressed appreciation for the Cl mem contribution for **Bo**.

The NC Park System is grateful for our memorial contribution for **Marshall Stubbs**, which, with others, has enabled them to develop an all-weather display for Mt Mitchell Exhibit which is dedicated to Marshall and Robert Mason.

Bruce Easley says his cuts and bruises are much improved, but it still requires caution in moving about, as does **Matilda** after her second hip opn. Wasatch Academy has included Bruce in its grads who have received "Distinguished Mil Honors," citing his processing for redeployment of over 1,000,000 troops in 45; svc as AG of GEN MacArthur's and US Army HQs; and developing Army's direct asgmt system along with the revolutionary functional filing system.

Mr James P DeSalvo of Fairfax, VA wrote to find the current address of **Ann Hunter**, as he is doing historical research on **Newt** and would like to correspond with family mbrs and others who were close to Newt. I sent him a copy of the entry in the 30-yr book, which doesn't do justice to his part in the Burma Theater.

Henry McKenzie's Christmas card says best wishes for the holiday season, despite his lack of mobility and pep.

Have received 3 very interesting ltrs; I'll quote the ones from **George Bush** and **Miriam Keeler**. **Slim Vittrup** sent a copy of 27 Nov issue of *Castle* from Ft Belvoir, which tells of the Abner Doubleday Society, which is a gp of grads and athletes interested in preserving Doubleday Field in its present location and promoting Army baseball. They awarded the First Distinguished Svc Award to Red Reeder '26 at the Fairfax. They cited many reasons to keep Doubleday Field where it is. (Your offs hope that GEN Graves will use the **Doby Kraft** bequest on a better project than moving Doubleday Field.)

Miriam & George Keeler are going to DC for Christmas to observe their son George as a grandfather. She writes:

"Congratulations on that marvelous-[ly] long and newsy *ASSEMBLY* ltr. . . how do you do it? **Bozo**'s father, Dr McKee, was quite a character. He was announced as outstanding physician in VA in his 80's, and, when he finally was bedridden in his 90's, his patients continued to talk things over with him in his home. When McKee was vice-chief of the AF, he used to write a long wkly rep to his father of whatever he had done, and he would send us a copy, too, an interesting contribution.

"We were interested in the *Who's Who* section, too. For many yrs I was in the *Who's Who in American Women* and the *Who's Who in the South and Southwest* volumes as a writer and lecturer, but as they did not send me the entry to proofread for the last edition, perhaps they think I am now extinct!"

At their family reunion of 54 **Keelers**, they had 3 great-grandchildren. **George Bush** says, "The only 'Cl notes' news I have is that, as the 50th anniv of Pearl Harbor approaches, **Helen**, our daughter Jane and I are vividly reminded of the events of the 'Day of Infamy' and later, because we were there at Schofield Barracks at the time. Our qtrs were about 1,000 yds away from Wheeler Field, and we could hear some of the Japanese strafing bullets going through the nearby eucalyptus trees.

"**Tommy & Ginny Griffin** and their son (now a ret LTG), were the only '29'ers there then that I know of. I am almost sure that **Bill & Fama Maulsby** had left Oahu before 7 Dec 41.

"I was a MAJ then, cmding the 3d Bn, 27th Inf, and our battle stations, to which we immediately deployed, were along the seacoast from the entrance to Pearl Harbor on the W to the entrance to Honolulu Harbor on the E. **Helen**, along with other dependents, was taken to a schoolhouse in Honolulu the night of 7 Dec. Then on 8 and 9 Dec, she spent the nights in a storage rm on the inside of Diamond Head crater. The dependents were told they could return to Schofield Barracks on Sat, 13 Dec. I remained with my bn until we shipped out a yr later for the S Pacific and ended up in Guadalcanal."

Helen Poinier and Phyllis Tixier (she's the widow of **David**'s bn cmdr '46) both enthused over the fine facilities and activities available at ARC, and **Red Cooper** and **Billy Greear** confirm it.

At the '37 4-day Mini-Cl Reunion in Seattle last May, all had a good time; George McDowell was designated to head plans for their 55th Reunion this May. Hope to get a few ideas for our 65th from him.

Freddie Lincoln "versified" her report of surgery which grounded her, but a trip to Big Sur was a perfect cure and she's back riding now.

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'30

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A delightful ltr arrived from **WH Sterling Wright** on 1 Oct. He was happy to read in the last notes that **Phil & Eloise Wehle**'s daughter, Jennifer, now lives with her family in Mountain Lakes, NJ, which is Sterling's old podunk. Sterling has written to Jennifer for more details about the 6 Wehle children. He heard from oldest son Flip (Philip Jr) in Sep and received a sketchy family rep by phone. Phil & Eloise lived at Indian Banks (built in 1699), near Ster's home in Fiddler's Green. Sterling recalled some of the great bull sessions he had with Phil at his home, and with such guests as the **Wootens, Kings, Fergusons** and others.

Currently, the **Wrights** see **Carolyn Fitch** now and then, either at her place at Williamsburg Landing, or at Fiddler's Green. Carolyn goes to FL if she gets too cold, and to the fishing place in VA in the summer, which **Alva** named Gunner's Cove, like a good Artilleryman. They, and we all, miss Alva.

Ster wrote that **Tilly** is not getting better, but is bearing up nobly. She has day and night nursing care. She fell in Aug and broke a hip—not bad enough to require an opn and pins, but still badly disabling and no fun. Sterling stays quite close to home these days, which accts for his absence at **Bob Porter**'s get-together and the fall luncheon. Under prodding from the PO, Sterling asks that we change his address to Rt 2, Box 5070, White Stone, VA 22578. Many, many thanks for your very welcome ltr, Ster. Please keep in touch, and, our love to "Miss" Tilly.

I had an interesting note from James P DeSalvo, 9317 Marycrest St, Fairfax, VA 22031, dated 12 Oct 91. He is conducting historical research on our **Walter Campbell Sweeney Jr** and would like to locate any mbrs of Cam's family. If any of you, particularly you AF types, know anyone that might help Mr DeSalvo, please send him a note at your earliest convenience.

Our one-of-a-kind **Hank Royall**, who never misses a Jun Wk if he can help it, sent in a charming ltr dated 22 Oct 91 from his home at 105 Noble St, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. Hank wrote that 91 started poorly for him, in that he was in the Vet's Med Ctr in Durham during Jan and Feb. By Jun Wk he was able to fly up to Stewart Field at Newburgh. With the help of a cane, he was able to make all the Alumni formations, including the walk to Thayer Monument. For that march he was preceded only by the Cl of '26. There was no one there from '27, '28 or '29. Hank considered this perilously close to the front.

Hank was able to drive up to VA Beach to see **Thad Broom** in the summer. Thad had major surgery and is still slowly regaining his strength. The two of them were assigned to Ft Moultrie, SC in the 8th Inf for their first post after grad, and have kept in touch ever since.

In Aug, **Hank** flew out to WA to visit his children's families. Son Mike lives with his family in Federal Way between Tacoma and Seattle, and daughter Lorna Royall Hink & Gary own and operate Jarrell's Cove Marina on Horstine Isl near the southern tip of Puget Sound. Their PO is Shelton, WA. Hank said he did not have enough time or paper to tell me about his grandchildren. We know what you mean, Hank. Anyway, he thoroughly enjoyed perfect weather during his entire 10-day visit in WA, which is certainly some kind of a record. Many thanks, Hank; please stay in touch.

Ted Kimpton responded to my plea for news with a ltr from Carlisle, PA dated 22 Oct, for which I am truly grateful. He attended the Founders Day dinner at the OC of the AWC in Carlisle and turned out to be the "oldest living grad" present. Someone had checked up on Ted's activities since ret, so the MC was able to give him a very complimentary introduction. The Com, USMA, was there as the keynote speaker, as well as the splendid gp of students at AWC, so the evening was a great success.

On the home front, **Ted** divides his time between golf and Spanish lessons at Dickinson Col. He hoped to teach "Beginners' Spanish" again at the New Smyrna Public Library in fall 91. **Rita** underwent major surgery in 91 but came out of it in great style. All of us are very happy to hear she is in tip-top health again.

Ted asked how many of our Cl still survive. I am not sure that all loss reps have reached me, but, based on my info, we are now down to 67. This leads me to ask all of our Cl: Have you sent in your obit, with a pic, to your scribe—just in case??

Many thanks for your letter, **Ted**. We hope you & **Rita** are enjoying New Smyrna again this winter.

Our fall luncheon was held at Ft McNair, DC on 4 Nov. The "local" mbrs attending were **King, Carter, Mitchell, Moore, Wooten, Janairo, Lewis, Duehring** and **Beasley**. In addition, out-of-town visitors were **Ferguson** from Philly and **Don Neil** from Short Hills, NJ. These two had arranged to come down and return together on Amtrak, which they found enjoyable. It was a real pleasure to have them with us—they contributed to an excellent luncheon. The wives who attended and had lunch separately were **Amelia Janairo, Vivian Moore** and **Charlotte Brisach**. At the luncheon I was handed the photo at left, which I found most interesting. It shows the USMA Swim Team of 27–28, now more than 60 yrs ago. Our Cl is well-represented. Moore '17–1/2 was a mgr. Team mbrs I can recognize are **Wing** 8, **Landon** 20, **Howze** 21, **Garton** 22, **Wooten** 23 and **Stevens** 27. If I missed any classmates, please let me know. I also noticed two men in '31 who had outstanding mil careers in the Army, WW Dick 6 and CB Duff 33.

Bob Cron wrote us a note as of 13 Nov to say that he & **Elinora** have moved to a life-care community in CO. Their new address is Liberty Heights Apt 510, 1210 Ambassador Dr, Colorado Springs, CO

1930: USMA Swim Team, 1927–28

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80900. Bob sold their home in Walnut Creek, CA. They feel that life in CO will be delightful but that settling in is difficult. Bob rep that he was delighted to be honored recently with a pictographic history of his WWII Engr Bn, the 842nd. Bob & Elinora send best regards to all. Our thanks and best wishes to you two for a long and happy life in Liberty Heights.

We received a lovely invitation to the wedding of John Rals Murrell to Mary Kelly Allison in Dallas on 16 Nov at high noon in the Church of the Incarnation. The reception following the svc was at the Dallas Country Club. We don't know the bride, but the groom is the handsome son of our **Johnnie H & Darlene Murrell**. Young John attended our 60th Reunion with his parents. We were most favorably impressed by John, and wish him & his young bride every happiness.

On 22 Nov **Herb Mitchell** spoke to **Jim Brett** at the Army's Ret Home Potomac, near Ft Belvoir. Jim was being shown the facility by GEN Camm, who was in charge of its devel. Jim is interested in the possibilities for similar ret homes on the W Coast. His time was extremely limited on this trip E, but we hope he can return for a longer visit soon. Our sincere thanks to you, Herb, for this info.

Finally, **Mark Bradley** sent in a welcome note 22 Nov from his new home in AF Vil W, near Riverside, CA. He has sold his home at Palos Verdes. The new address is 21123 Vandenberg, Riverside, CA 92508–0000. Mark finds life in the Vil very pleasant, with several good old friends aboard and some new ones as well, but none from '30. Time drags by the day, and he reads a book a wk, but "the yrs go humping by." Mark sends best wishes to the DC gang and good luck to all of '30. Many thanks and the best of luck to you, Mark.

When you read this, winter will be on the way OUT!!! It will be less than 100 days 'til Grad, and the peach trees will be blooming in FL and TX, so BE HAPPY!

'31

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One of the greatest patriots of the Cl, **Maggie McGee**, died of a heart attack in the Ft Sam Houston Hosp on 25 Nov 91. He was buried in the Ft Sam Houston Cem on 29 Nov in a grave with **Mary Anne**, overlooking the third hole of the golf course that she enjoyed so very much for many yrs. Maggie had been a stalwart of the conservative camp, and, although a dyed-in-the-wood Catholic according to his long-time friend and erstwhile cadet roommate, **Johnny Davis**, he dashed off some pithy notes to the Catholic Bishops and other liberals to straighten them out on defense issues. The courage and fortitude of this man, evident to all of us in cadet days, became even more evident when, in escaping from a Japanese POW ship, he swam ashore in Jun 44. He joined the guerrillas on Mindanao and became the CO of survivors in Zamboanga. **Jack Gordon** attended Maggie's funeral.

1931: Mary Farris and John Ruggles

Dutch Spangler, with his son, was among those who relived the "Day of Infamy" on Pearl Harbor as he attended ceremonies there on the 50th anniv of the attack. Of the 10 classmates I know who were stationed on this paradise-isle on 7 Dec 41, 4 "coasted with"—**Chet Diestel, Charlie Duff** (16" battery), **Herb Mansfield** and Dutch; two were field artyman—**Bill Dick** and **Don Little**; two were doughboys—**Dick Lawson** and **Jim Maloney**; and two were in the Air Corps—**Al Gay** and **Gordon Blake**, who was very busy guiding to Oahu during those critical hrs the beleaguered unarmed flight of B-17's bound in from the States.

Marcellus Duffy, in his computerized home off, is busier than ever, working long hrs as an investment mgt consultant. His mentors—grandsons who are steeped in computer technology—have provided Marcellus with spreadsheets, windows and graphs in abundance, giving him quite the equivalent of a Ph.D. in the world of computer opns. It's time for us to ask him and stockbroker **Chuck Westpheling** to pull us out of our current economic doldrums.

Dick Steinbach straightens me out a bit regarding misguesses on my matching of names with faces in the 10 Nov 45 pic of classmates appearing in the Nov 91 *ASSEMBLY*. He says it is he, not **Carhart**, on **Boyd**'s rt. I won't argue; Dick says "I was there, **Charlie**." He says it's **Messenger**, not **Lichirie**, on **Marnane**'s rt. But I'll bet it *is* Lichirie. One of the two "unknowns" in the pic is **Bob Cheal**, on Lichirie's rt. Even **Bob Lee** can't tell me who it is to his rt. Another pic of the same gp at the 45 party is published herewith in the hopes of resolving the problem of our sagging memories.

Mac & Georgie McBride rave about Costa Rica, advising that it is a must on any itinerary. The lush, fresh green that abounds and the beaches that duplicate Oahu's Kahana are something to behold. Even *la lengua española* as locally spoken displays an esp attractive lilt. Food delicious, accommodations and svc top-grade, so they award the little country 5 bright stars.

Here are answers to questions regarding contributions and payment of Cl dues. Voluntary tax-deductible contribu-

1931: (Front row) Moses, Daley, Boyd, unidentified [who is he?], Westphaling, SG Brown; (back row) Cheal, Steinbach, Fletcher, Levenick, Cook, Lee, Howze, Lichirie and Marnane in Frankfurt, Ger, 10 Nov 45

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tions for the spt of our Cl gift, the Thayer Award Rm, should be made by check payable to "AOG, '31 Acct" and sent either to **Ockie Krueger** or to WP. If to the latter, let Ockie know so he can follow-up to assure that the Thayer Award Rm is credited. Tax-deductible Cl dues of $25 ea spring are voluntary. Our widows need not be concerned, though their participation is welcome. Checks should be made payable to "Cl Fund USMA '31" and mailed to Cl Treas **Klemm Boyd**. This fund defrays costs incurred in the conduct of routine Cl business for stationery, postage and reproduction; for periodic updating of the Cl directory; for memorialization (through a $25 transfer by our Treas to the AOG) of a classmate, upon his death, in the WP Memory Book and of a wife or widow, upon her death, in the Book of Friends of WP. This fund also pays for any special project, such as the recent bronze plaque honoring classmates who lost their lives in WWII and Korea.

Klemm Boyd's area code has changed; his new tel no is (410) 255-4529. News has just reached me as I go to press that **Gussie Hardick** has moved into a comfortable, pleasant personal care ctr; address is Rm 317, Nottingham Village, Strawbridge Rd, PO Box 32, Northumberland, PA 17857.

'32

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THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A WP! **Archie Lyon** phoned the sad news that **Eleanor Woolnough** joined the Long Gray Line on 14 Oct, just a couple of days after I sent in the last '32 *ASSEMBLY* notes. The timing isn't important, however; it's the fact that attractive Eleanor, who was always in there with **Jim** at all of our '32 gatherings, is gone.

Bill & Vivian Kunzig had gone from their home in San Fran to Alexandria for a reunion of the First Army HQ and had planned to stay with **Jim & Eleanor**, but Eleanor was in bad shape when they arrived and they did not see her. She died the next day.

1932: Jim & (the late) Eleanor Woolnough

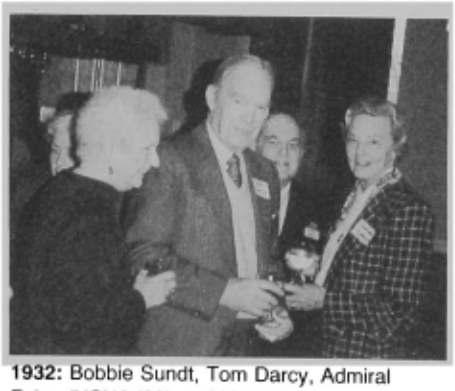
The interment was at Arlington on a rainy, really horrible day. The **Kunzigs** saw **Ward & Mary Ellen Gillette, Dick & Helen Hunt** and **Essie Baer**, and there may have been other classmates present. During the ceremonies, two of **Eleanor**'s co-workers in the real estate business gave a little informal eulogy—it was from the heart and told how Eleanor was the tops in her business dealings as she was in everything else.

Eleanor had known for some time that her number was up, and it is the feeling in our Wash gp that she had asked her close friend Mary Dabinett to "take care of" **Jim** when she was gone.

At the annual A-N '32 joint luncheon it was announced that **Jim & Mary** would be married on 21 Dec. Mary is head of the neighborhood assoc, an Army widow and is a well-known Washingtonian (see pic below).

1932: Dottie James, Jim Woolnough, Mary Dabinett and Andy Nisewaner, USNA '32

Among the Auslanders were **Tom & Marjorie Darcy**, who drove from CT for the annual joint luncheon (see pic).



1932: Bobbie Sundt, Tom Darcy, Admiral Foley (USNA '32) and Marge Darcy

Besides being my classmate, **Jim** always seemed something like a brother-in-law to me. Back in 58, my daughter and his daughter-in-law were roommates in the Corpus Christi hosp when Jim and I ea had our first grandchild. I'm glad that **Jim** has lots of family around when he needs them.

1932: Ann Sawicki and Mary Ellen Gillette

FINAL FAREWELLS. Sandy Sanders '34 telephoned me from his home in Lawton, OK to say that the morn's paper had the news that **Stan Sawicki** had died the preceding day. The details are particularly tragic: something went wrong in the home heating plant, causing it to release carbon monoxide. **Stan** was found dead in his bed and **Ann** was unconscious on the floor nearby. She was rushed to the hosp in serious condition and was in intensive care when Sandy phoned me.

Stan was a good man: two bronze stars cmding a divisional FA Bn across the Pacific for two yrs in WWII; XO of the Berlin Mil Post for two yrs in its busy time; and others. He & **Ann** kept active after ret and regularly visited their talented children all over the US.

Stan was buried at Ft Sill, with **Sanders**, Clark Lynn '34 and other grads among the honorary pallbearers. Since then, **Ann** has been released from the hosp and is staying with one of her sons in FL.

When I called her Lawton phone I found the no had been changed to (407) 286-4160, but there was no answer. I sent my little condolence note to the Lawton address, knowing that it would be forwarded to her wherever she is. So long, **Stan**. Stay with us, **Ann**.

THE FAMILY SEQUOIA. In the last issue I wrote about **Danny Sundt**'s nephew Dr Thoralf M (Brud) Sundt '52, chm of the Neurosurgery Dept at the Mayo Clinic. I told about his appearance as a feature on TV's prime time natl broadcast, "60 Minutes."

We have just learned that Brud's classmates have written the AOG recommending Brud for the Thayer Award. It will require an exception to the regulation, introduced some yrs ago, that USMA grads are not eligible for consider-

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ation, but in this case I think it's justified.

His career as an off was outstanding, but his greatest contribution to humanity has been after he left active duty, as head of a major dept in what is recognized as one of the most advanced med institutions in the world. He has personally treated a range of patients from a 6-yr-old little girl to Pres Reagan. I can't imagine anyone who deserves it more.

A news release from Seattle says that "The Workwise Report" by Dr Mildred L **Culp**, daughter of our **Winnie** & her late **Bill**, is airing wkly on KIRO Radio, Puget Sound's leading station. It covers a wide range of workplace-related issues, and is projected to be syndicated nationwide. Millie also writes a regular "Workwise" feature which is currently distributed intlly by Singer Media Corp.

A SCRIBE MUST DO HIS DUTY. A recent issue of Friends of the WP Library Newsltr said in the *WP Trivia Quiz* that Pete Dawkins was a multiple major sports ltr-winner and asked, "Can you name two other earlier cadet football players who were also multiple sports ltr-winners?" The answer given was Arnold Galiffa '50 and Lighthorse Harry Wilson '26. In my ltr to the ed of the newsltr, I added **Ray Stecker** '32, who lettered in football, basketball (captain) and track.

LTRS TO THE ED. In the Nov issue of *ASSEMBLY* there was a ltr by Harry J Shaw '45, saying he was "disturbed and dismayed" by an article by Bert Sparrow '33 in the Jul issue, "The Mil vs the Media." I exercised my right of free print to write a Ltr to the Ed completely in spt of Sparrow's view. [It appears in this issue.]

LET'S ALL RAP IN THE NATION'S CAP! **Mary Cain** wrote about a visit to the DC area by **Esther Wray** to spend a wk away from the wilds of San Ant. Esther visited all the old friends she knew back when she & **Stan** owned the town, and set the trap for Mary to visit San Ant again in the spring, "after IRS Day."

Mary's schedule included a visit with young Jim and his family in Cincinnati at Christmas to rally with their 3 kids plus the bride-to-be of Jim IV. Mary's grandson Tom (late daughter Pat's son), who is now a research scientist with Johnson & Johnson in NJ, was also on the list. As Mary put it, "just like a college reunion."

AND RAISE A TOAST ON THE OTHER COAST! From Cal, **Chris Dreyer** sent Christmas greetings early because they were going to spend most of Dec visiting family mbrs in FL, AL, MD, PA and NJ. During the circuit they attended the wedding of **Phyl**'s granddaughter in AL.

If you asked me who the most active guy in the world is—not just '32, *the world*—I would have to say **Chris Dreyer**. He is over 85, voluntarily is a sort of legal caretaker of an old widow in his neighborhood, competes in natl tennis tournaments in his age bracket and is currently beefing that surgery for cataract and hernia has kept him off the courts. "Nothing serious," he says, and he'll "soon be back to 1 1/2 hrs a day at the beautiful new gym at the nearby Presidio of Monterey."

1932: Ermine Hannah, Carrie Bess Smith and Adaline Cochran calling the signals for Ray Cochran

COVERING ALL THE BASES. A cheery note from **Adaline Cochran** in Columbia, SC told of a mini-mini featuring herself & **Ray**, **Ermine Hannah** from Lexington, SC and **Carrie Bess Smith** from Anniston, AL. You must agree that it is a more attractive quartet then the Goats' backfield that **Ray** quarterbacked in the Engr-Goat Classic on Thanksgiving Day of 30.

This is all for now. Do make our 60th at WP in May, if you are up to it. A lot of our good guys are gone, but over the yrs we have come to look on ea widow as part of the same guy.

With only one plane change en route, you can land at WP's Stewart Field near Newburgh, then take the short bus run to WP. It looks as though we shall be staying at the Thayer again. **Archie Lyon** has all the details.

'33

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A scribe in these days may be defined as someone who wishes his distant classmates a Happy Valentine's Day while he's still saying "Merry Christmas!" to those close at hand.

Ltrs for mention: Fine updates from **Pop Risden** and **Paul Walters**, and **Bob Tripp** shares harrowing experiences of The Great Oakland Fire.

Mercifully, as of this writing, we have no known deaths to rep.

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Wally Andrews thanks **Abe** for copy of the story of the **Sheridan** Memorial: "Many hrs I sat at that memorial, watching the Hudson go by. I was privileged to have known **Dick** and to have had him for a friend. He was a true gentleman. . . . Here in HI there are only **Doleman, Hallock, Tubbs** and I—**Hurly** comes back occasionally."

1933: "Impressions of Red Square" by Sam Donnelly

"We're perking along, though creaking a bit," say **Bob & Ann Blanchard**. "We look forward to our '33 get-together for the Navy game, which **Jean Myers** and **Florence Cahill** are hosting. . . . The arrival last May of our first great-granddaughter (son Bob's granddaughter Amanda Catharine) adds a glow to our 'Golden Yrs.' " May your tribe increase, Bob!

"I plan to spend Christmas in Indianapolis with daughter Ruth and family," writes **El Conway**. "Things have been quiet here since my trip to AK, which was *really super*!"

A welcome call came from **Dwight Divine**, though it was to give us the word of **Pat Patterson**'s death. "I remember when he and I flew to Australia together," said Dwight. He & **Julie** are at John Knox Vil, just S of Jacksonville (address in Cl Roster is correct).

"We had a great trip to S China in Oct," rep the **Donnellys**. "We were impressed with it as a manufacturing, big business and economic ctr—the friendly, smiling people have plenty of food, and large housing complexes were under construction wherever we went. If China ever gets its act together, it will be an economic power to be reckoned with."

Gray Essman called to say that he & **Dorothy** are in good shape. He was writing a ltr opposing the recent trend to make WP more like a civ univ. Amen, Gray!

Bill Fletter says they'd been in S CA to celebrate his 80th, and that, though it had been "one heck of a blow," their Gig Harbor home had suffered little storm damage. He expressed his & **Irma**'s sorrow upon learning of **Dottie Hartel**'s death.

"This is to let you know," writes **Ruthie Gibb**, "that I'm moving to a new address: 13788 Newport Dr, Chantilly, VA 22021. My daughter and I have purchased a townhouse out there and will share it."

"I love reading '33 news but am remiss

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as a contributor," says **Betty Gibbs**. "Never can quite believe how far back we're becoming in *ASSEMBLY*. . . . The Gibbs tribe is thriving—#5 great-grandchild on the way. I live a life of ease in a great ret residence here in St Pete."

The **Guineys** treated the **Sparrows** to a great lunch-in-passing just before Thanksgiving at their new home in Hershey (no address change). They want to be remembered to all classmates.

1933: Leo & Allyn Heintz at Leo's 80th

"This will be a sad Christmas for us," writes **Fritz Hartel**. "I'm visiting with Linda & Butch Downing in Richardson, TX. En route here we visited **Ebe & Thelma Downing**, Butch's parents, in Stuttgart, AK—had a good 'Cl Reunion.' I return to VA first wk in Jan."

"Recently I had a chance to read '35's 50-Year Book," sez **Leo Heintz**, "which prompted me to get out *ours* and spend some time re-appreciating it. I'm grateful to all who worked to make it such a fine production. . . . **Allyn** & I are still enjoying our home here in Western NC. Enclosed is a pic taken of us on my 80th."

From HI, the **Hurlbuts** send Christmas greetings dated 7 Dec, and reminisce: "52 yrs ago this morn **Polly** was walking our cocker spaniel Buster in front of our qtrs at Hickam Field (which faced Pearl Harbor) when the first Jap[anese] bombs fell on both installations. Hurrying inside, she announced, 'Those Navy PBYs are using live ammo on Sun!' A quick glance out the window revealed red circles under the wings of a climbing dive bomber. . . .

"We celebrate **Hurly**'s 80th here," sez **Polly**, "then Christmas and our 55th in VA. After that we'll head for Jupiter, FL, where Mr Grouch will assess the financial impact of Polly's Folly."

"Have read 220 pp of **Bill Quinn**'s *Buffalo Bill Remembers*," says Abe Lincoln, "but not completed Part II—World War II, which should interest anyone who remembers the names of people and events, including some Seventh Army opns. Parts are of extraordinary interest. . . I'd strongly recommend the book."

From **Dottie Messersmith** comes word that **Jake**'s ashes (cremains) were buried

1933: Harry & Gracie King at Bailey Isl home, "King's Ranson"

in the Natl Mem Cemetery of AZ in Phoenix. "Jake is now at peace after some 5 yrs of declining health," writes Dottie. "The cem. . . has been open for only 5 yrs. It is a lovely place, and, as the yrs pass, it will become more lovely."

"I've had a hard time writing since I tore the rotator cuff in my right shoulder while throwing a large bag of dog food in a grocery cart," rep **Posie Neely**. "I spent the summer either at PT or swimming laps, feeling like Bo Jackson. . . . **Lee & Cam Longley** visited us recently, which was great for us because we don't get out much. They drove rather than flew, which was good as they left in a snowstorm." Posie, how many times must we tell you, cut down on the dog food! **Bob** doesn't like it, anyway. . . .

Bud & Cleo Powell's new address: The Atrium, Apt 35306, 2141 NW 41st St, Gainesville, FL 32606; phone (904) 355-4732.

A grand Christmas note from **Bob Rayburn**: "1991 has been a banner yr for me. The hunting season was up to its usual high standards. Following that was my attendance at the USMA FD dinner in London, where as the senior present I was called upon to speak. Son Bob and family are still in Denver; daughter Rosalie, Mike, Max and now Patrick (born last Aug) are in Houston. . . . I've now lived here in Ferns (Eire) more than 20 yrs—am integrated into the community and have a host of friends. Any '33'ers who visit Ireland are welcome at Ballinamore House—I've plenty of room!"

"I'm just back from Ft Benning," rep **Roy Reynolds**. "No, I wasn't playing in a tennis tournament but attending the grad of my godson, Private Michael Alden, from the Abn Sch. At the exercise, where I gave the grad talk, I was very much pleased that COL Larry White, **Red & Sue White**'s son, introduced himself; we had a very pleasant chat."

"My lovely and devoted wife,

1933: Shades of yesteryear: Phil Pope (rt) in coonskin coat and derby

Lorene," writes **Pop Risden**, "has just read the new *ASSEMBLY* to me—the '33 notes are always interesting, and we read them faithfully. Our daughter Catherine Louise & COL Dick Coulter live next door. They have 3 daughters and a son, and are grandparents of two boys, 3 and 7. That makes me a great-grandfather. Someday I hope one of them will aspire to and enter USMA. (Incidentally, Catherine Louise teaches in the Lake City Schs and was selected 'Teacher of the Yr' for her sch in 91. She met Dick when **Elma** & I were stationed at Ft Carson, where I was CG. Elma died in 77).

"After ret, which included time as VP of General Instruments in Taiwan, we settled on Lake Dora here in Tavares, FL. I'm well enough to handle house and grounds chores but have the same problem as **Clo Powell**, who we note recently moved with **Bud** to The Atrium in Gainesville, FL. The condition, macular degeneration, precludes reading and writing, for which I'm dependent on **Lorene**. . . . (You may recall that we were married in 80; her husband also died in 77.) Unlike many classmates, I'm unable to travel but am thankful for the yrs I traveled widely, and for the many blessings we've enjoyed." Thanks for a grand ltr, Pop.

A word from **Lisa Shinberger**: "Our grandson David at WP is on the lightweight football team, travels with the team and eats at the sports table. He seems very pleased with everything. . . . I don't drive on I-95 anymore—but I'm thankful to be fine and drive in town."

"Thought you might like a first-hand acct of how it felt to sweat out the Oakland holocaust," writes **Bob Tripp**. "**Lylian** & I had spent a few days in the Sierra foothills to pass my 80th birthday. As we started home I turned on the car radio to pick up the '49'er football game.

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Instead, the announcer was talking excitedly about a firestorm in the Oakland hills. We immediately called home, where Lylian's 85-yr-old mother was holding the fort. She'd been hearing the sirens and watching clouds of smoke, and understandably was frantic.

"We must have averaged well over 70 getting home, where we found that **Lylian**'s son Ralph had taken his grandmother and the two dogs to his apt. An ominous cloud of black smoke and the roar of tanker helicopters were overhead; the smell of fire was everywhere.

Ralph returned and we loaded 3 vehicles with everything we could think of, including my 3 best bottles of wine [one per vehicle, Bob?] By now it was getting dark and the fire was still advancing inexorably in our direction. Most of the houses on our street had been evacuated, but there were so many strangers wandering up and down (potential looters, we thought) that we decided to sweat it out in place. I broke out another of my best bottles and we sat down to enjoy some wine and cheese, and to ponder our future if our home went up in smoke. . . .

"There was a vantage point 200 yrds up the road where we could watch the advance of the fire. It was coming from two different directions and we couldn't tell which would get us first. Fortunately, around 3 am the wind shifted, and the fire lost momentum. By morn a moist breeze from the sea came in and the fire was stopped 1/2 mi short of our place. Fire officers said later that the shift in wind was the only thing that could have halted the flames.

"**Lylian** is only now (4 Nov) getting over the shock of it all. Among the many calls of concern from all over, we appreciate the '33 calls from **Charlie Carver, Harry King** and **Effie Lonning**. It wasn't easy to get through on the phone!"

1933: "Grandma June" Sparrow with great-granddaughter Kellie Nicole Eldridge

"Just a little **Walters** news," writes **Paul**, "without admitting strongly how **Betty** prefers to stay put with her local interests and fewer activities away from home base.

"Our only grandson, Michael, had a VA beach setting for an 'old-fashioned' wedding with his lovely bride Laura. **Betty** & I played our first 18 holes of golf since Betty's accident in Jun 90. We partied with friendly young people and family and ret to Alexandria, delighted that we not only survived but felt younger.

"During a wkend at Penn St U visiting with daughter Elizabeth, [we] went to a football game and saw Penn St beat Rutgers. Our daughter, professor of ancient art history, will be in Egypt for a mo of archaeological field work at Hierakonopolis—a project which began in 59 recovering material evidence of the origin of civilization, the genesis of pharaonic Egypt. Elizabeth has been on archeological expeditions 5 times in Pakistan and two previous occasions in Egypt.

"**Betty** & I spent a wk in San Ant with son Michael, our Army surgeon, and visited relatives. We checked out the USAA Towers and saw **Mac McClelland** and **Barbara Carver** (**Charlie** was on the golf course)."

CLASS MATTERS: Cl of '33
Co-Ed Lunch, 30 Oct:

—Out-of-towners: **Christine & Ed Bodeau** from Fuquay-Varina, NC; **Caroline (Hawkins) Jennings** and daughter Stephene (Hawkins) Black from WV; **Sam Otto** and daughter Ann from Annapolis; and **Betty Gallagher** from Orleans, MA.

—In a special action to demonstrate '33's growing antiquity, **Hurly** introduced **Billie Olson**'s son, ret MG Hardin Olson '57.

—As a trustee emeritus, AOG, **Hurly** rep on a recent visit to WP: Favorable reactions to new Supe, LTG Howard Graves; will be early 92 before we learn availability of Thayer for our 60th ('43 Classes have priority); Cl of '33 Mem Terrace appears well-maintained.

Cabanatuan P.O.W. Memorial: '33's Cl Pres **Abe Lincoln** has received a framed pic of the Memorial sent in appreciation of the "encouragement you and your classmates gave to the Memorial Project."

—The Memorial, started in 80 and completed in 85, is about 85 mi N of Manila. Its list of those who died in/from the Japanese invasion includes 11 '33'ers (**Dalton**, KIA during the '45 campaign, has his own memorial at Dalton Pass.)

—Our Cl mbrs (85) and widows (14) contributed over $5,000 for "perpetual maintenance" of the Memorial.

—The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) rep there was no damage from the recent volcanic eruption.

—The Memorial has been recognized as a natl monument, and Congress has authorized the ABMC to take responsibility for it. **HGS**.

'34

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Greetings from the Cl's mini-reunion in Colonial Williamsburg. We counted 40 heads including a '34 grad of USNA with femme. The accommodations in the Williamsburg Lodge were elegant, including 3 hospitality suites which dispensed congeniality 24 hrs/day. Our guest speakers were distinguished VIPs: Parke Rouse, who has directed the Jamestown Restoration and the VA Bicentennial and has written a dozen best-selling books on Billsburg and its history; Cotesworth Lewis, Rector Emeritus of Bruton Parish Church, who gave a skirmish-by-skirmish acct of his attacks from the pulpit on presidents and potentates, 29 3/4 yrs of which he survived; and Ludwell Johnson, Distinguished Prof of American History of the College of William & Mary, who told it like it was in academia from 1607 to WWII, and how the humanities have been neglected in the progression to publish-or-perish. Ea speaker gave his time and talent as a memorial to our classmates, and was, in turn, made an honorary mbr of '34. Cotesworth was a HS classmate of **Bill Denson** in Birmingham, both serving as boy sopranos in the Episcopal Church choir.

Our business mtg started with a memorial recognition of classmates & wives who have died since our last reunion. We read in unison the Cdt Prayer and the elegy, poet unnamed, which opens our Cl *Howitzer*. We recommend you scan that beautiful annual again for its drawings of WP's famous bldgs and views, and for its recital (photo and verbal) of our spectacular 4 yrs as cdts.

Johnny Stevens conducted the very important part of the mtg: a review of the Corps today as seen by concerned grads from CA and VA, who had expressed their dissatisfaction to the new Supe. GEN Graves answered the critics, and copies of all correspondence were given to classmates & spouses. **Cy Betts**, Cl Pres, will present the sense of those at the mini-reunion as endorsing the contents of Stevens' ltr to the Supe, and our spt of GEN Graves, whose gracious and respectful answer to Johnny included: "such dialogue [as ours] is esp central to prosecuting the responsibilities of the Superintendency. You can, therefore, be assured that I will take your concerns to heart and ponder them as I go about assessing the state of our current programs and policies." The remainder of the Supe's ltrs to Stevens and to the pres of WP Soc of N CA/NV was an apology for the liberalizing influences at USMA and how they have affected its charter: "to develop leaders of character to serve

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1934: Reunioneers debussed at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitors Ctr

our nation in the armed forces." This flurry of communications deserves your attention: you will find "the message" in your *ASSEMBLY*, ea issue of which begins with a personal message from the Supe. Like the reps from the Dean, they circumscribe the issues, but they are excursions in futility for older grads who have not been involved in the process.

A highlight of the reunion was the tour by bus of the Yorktown Battlefield and a return to the scene of our first cl trip at Ft Monroe. Both stops were full of memories as well as history. Many classmates were married at the Chapel of the Centurion at Monroe. The Moore House in Yorktown, where the peace terms were arranged, was the home of **Evelyn Ward**'s family.

1934: Peggy Doane and Suzanne Hill admiring a model of the Moore House, Yorktown (see story)

We are proud of those who came to Williamsburg; some, like **Frannie Stevens** and **Bill Kern**, found wheelchairs helpful for the distances. A few, as did **Bill Moorman**, found renewed energy with a siesta after lunch. Widows, including friends of the Cl, were **Peggy Doane, Beth Lyon, Lydia McCrary, Rhoda Metraux** and **Georgia Mullen**. Widowers and singles without spouses were **Cy Betts, EO Davis, Tom Foote, Paul Hanley, Alex Stuart** and **Axel Waugh**. Couples were the **Blairs, Hills, Kerns, Kopcsaks, Lipscombs, McLennans, Moormans, Northams, Renfroes, Stevenses, Tysons** and **Wards**. And, oh yes! The **Diefendorfs** were on the cmte and participated in every event, despite John's severe arthritis.

The actuary at USAA told us that the Grim Reaper would harvest half of us in 5 yrs, half of those left in 5 yrs and half again in 3 yrs, with one of us becoming the oldest living grad in the yr 2014! Are there any volunteers?

The cmte was given a lot of applause and hoopla for planning an award-winning affair.

1934: Waugh, Betts, W Moorman, Ward, Hill and Hanley compare muzzle-loading howitzer with the 100-yr younger howitzers they fired 58 yrs ago at Ft Monroe

At the reunion business mtg **Cy Betts** announced that **Ken Cunin** is turning over the position of Cl secy, after yrs of selfless and efficient performance, to **Paul Hanley**. Several classmates eulogized Ken's devotion to managing the business affairs of the Cl, and there was a vote of thanks to Ken. We send prayers for Ken's improvement and best wishes to **Jane Dahlberg**, who shares Ken's concerns and efforts on behalf of the Cl.

Cy appointed the following cmtes. 60th Reunion: **Axel Waugh**, chm; **Ralph Bucknam, Bill Neal, Moon Northam** and **Bert Spivey**. Cl Gift: **Johhny Stevens**, chm, **Bud Buehler, Bill Craig, Jack Renfroe** and **Alex Stuart**. All classmates and widows are urged to send suggestions to Johnny and to Axel without further delay.

Alex Stuart turned on the emotions at the Cl mtg, reciting stacks of figures on juvenile crime and the failure of the American nation to teach morality in the homes and the schs. Alex's speeches have the dedication and the humanity of the circuit rider. Alex is pres of the Natl Character Laboratory, and he departed from the reunion to appear before several cmtes in Wash on its behalf.

The following excerpt is from a ltr from Lud Johnson, one of our 3 outstanding speakers. "Many thanks for the opportunity to address my little talk to your Cl reunion. It was a great pleasure to meet and dine with '34. You are a remarkable gp: after a long day and an elegant dinner—and after listening to me—you continued with song and cheer far into the night. I am touched by becoming an honorary mbr of the Cl of '34. To be included is no small distinction." Lud likes to joke about the Axis surrendering immediately after it was known that he had enlisted and successfully fired shells from his battery at sea.

1934: Marion & Bill Moorman listening to Revolutionary War mannequin tell it like it was

Among those who sent regrets were **Deede Cunningham**, who is alive and well in Mathews County in the serene Mobjack Bay area of VA, and **Sue (Smoller) Stevenson**. John's and her son, John Jr, attended part of the reunion. Also recognized by many classmates at Williamsburg were the McLennans' daughter & son-in-law, Sandy & Cooper Bowen.

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Betty Anne & Dan Cheston had to cancel at the last min because of a family emergency. "Our eldest daughter, Nancy Gardner, is married to an oil and chem engr in Saudi Arabia. They live about 40 mins from Dharan and could hear and see the SCUD missiles coming from Iraq. They still smell the smoke from the burning oil wells. They live in a compound for foreign natls where women are not allowed to drive cars off-base. She likes the Saudi svc despite its inconveniences—like having to wear a veil and baggy clothes. Last summer we visited our youngest daughter Sally and youngest son Alvin in Ellensburgh, WA where Sally's husband is city mgr. Sally, who grad from CO U, has returned to coll for grad certificate to teach with husband Doug. He is an avid mountain climber, Boy Scout leader and lay pastor. He has a son and daughter, and Sally has three beautiful, blonde, blue-eyed daughters; all 5 of these grandchildren are straight-A students. Alvin has two stepdaughters from his last marriage. Our eldest son Murray grad from USNA, is ret and now works for the Navy in DC.

Frances & Si Gilman also had their reunion plans scrubbed at the last min—Fran needed serious surgery. Her ltr: "Many, many thanks for your prayers and hopes that all would go well with me. You were "heard" and I am with you for a while longer. I am not back to my old self; I was told it would not be a fast recovery, and it isn't. I hope this is the last reunion Si & I will miss. He goes on about the same, but he depends on me more. Our daughter from Boston stayed with Si while I was in the repair shop. It was good for both of them. **Francie & Johnny** brought me the beautiful pot of yellow mums. Thank you all muchly for the remembrance."

Address changes to Cl Roster: **Louise & Jim Snee** now reside at 1200 S Courtenay Pkwy, Apt 908, Merritt Isl, FL 32952; phone (407) 455-2873. Now put **Dave (EO) Davis** at 55 Stringham Rd, Apt 6, Battle Creek, MI 49017; phone (616) 963-1469. That's two mi from EO Jr, who has taught 28+ yrs at Battle Creek HS.

Paul Hanley composed this acct of their life adventure for the memorial svc for **Jody**. Reading it should put us all in the mood to review with our spouses, living or departed, our own life adventures.

"Lovely Lady,/We met, courted and married in San Ant./Wonderful Wife,/We laughed, danced and loved through life./Marvelous Mother,/Who taught us all to love one another, to grow/From sadness into joy, to live each day to its fullest./Peerless Partner,/We travelled together to far-flung places. . . /From NY to Niagara, Mackinac, Vancouver;/Mexico to Magallanes, and back to the mists of Maccu Piccu;/Rio to La Paz, and Lima, Quito and Panama,/We came to know the Americas together./On the Island World: Rome and Paris and London./We did Madrid, Tangier to Istanbul, Oslo/To Nairobi and The Tree Tops./Cherished Companion,/We sailed the shores of The Seven Seas,/Of the Pacific from HI to Bangkok, Hong Kong/And back to Pebble Beach./And now again, San Ant, through clouds of denial,/Anger, frustration and fear. We must accept/That you have slipped ahead without me./But you are not alone:/Our love is with you/And yours with me."

Lil & Bob Tyson, who were reunion planners, wrote, "We wouldn't have missed it for the world. Seeing our classmates was the greatest. Our last meal at the Lodge was breakfast with **Anne & Bill Kern** and **Ruth & Pete Kopcsak**. We worry lest some of us may not make the 60th." (Refer to Grim Reaper previous page.)

1934: Beth Lyon, Ward, Hanley, Betts and Waugh ducking under masonry arches in Casemate Museum at Ft Monroe

A note from **Francie** (who carries a stick when walking) **& Johnny Stevens**: "We thought it was a great reunion on the VA Peninsula. We started out at Ft Monroe and have always loved the area. The speakers after dinner and at the Cl mtg were the best. **Bill Kern** has been into and out of the hosp, not doing too well." As we go to press, Johnny is in sick bay, complaining of angina pectoris. Our *oldest living grad* may have to be held together with stickum and bailing wire, but at this accounting it may be any one of us. We all volunteered.

Georgia Mullen added her thanks to the cmte for "the concerned, warm and loving gathering you arranged. There is a lot of difference between being *invited* and being *included*. I appreciate more than I can say the feeling of being included, of really belonging to this special gp."

Suzanne & Charlie Hill and **Peggy Doane** wrote, "YGDG, as we Cajuns say: 'you guys done good!' Post-reunion, we visited the Fairfax and found that place to be flashy and expensive. Headed N into PA and back to Baltimore to visit daughter Susan, and now we're home. . . . We won't return to VA for Christmas, so all of you guys come on down here." I guess Susan, ex-master plumber, should finish her Ph.D. next yr.

Nancy & Moon Northam got to Maitland, FL just in time to stage his "Octogenarian:" "Fourscore yrs or 2080 fortnights," they say. It must have been, as advertised, a "big birthday bash at the Civic Ctr."

Beth Lyon also encl pics, saying, "I enjoyed every min of the reunion. The *slam dunk* was the tour of the Casemate Museum with its artifacts from our own mil svc."

1934: Natl Park Svc guide and Muff Blair listening to Alex Stuart

Alice & Don McLennan had this to say about the reunion: "It was esp gratifying to renew and reinforce friendships with those with whom we have had little contact since leaving [our] beloved alma mater. We expect to beat the odds and see everybody return to the big 60th."

How could the postal people let this jingle get through?

"We have a new address/At AF Village W./A place we think the best/For folks like us to rest/With joy among our kind/Secure in ties that bind./So now we're settled in/With time a tree to trim./We plan to be around/Till Gabriel's trumpet sounds,/And wish you every year/This hearty Christmas cheer."

Virginia or **Dale Smith** composed that doggerel. You may send your comments to 17050 Arnold Dr, G-107, Riverside, CA 92508.

It does the heart good, this family record, by a note from **Helen Wolfe**. "I am saddened to advise the Cl that **Yale** passed gently into God's hands on 17 Oct. For more than 5 yrs he bravely fought a degenerative heart disease. Yale was laid to rest at WP, with our 6 children, 13 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter in attendance. That wonderful **EO (Dave) Davis** represented the Cl."

I think this was **Dave**'s last official act before going to the reunion and moving to Battle Creek. Funerals are sad times and, sadly, a guy can take only so many when he takes his Cl representation asgmt seriously, as did Dave.

Our correspondent in TX rep: "Encl

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[but NOT encl] are copies of old but good brochures on Williamsburg and copies of an excellent issue of the CGSC *Military Review* of 54." [They arrived under separate cover at the cheap fourth cl rate.] "Excellent issue" because **Dudley Wilmeth** was editor and also author of the lead article, 'Russians Are Not Forty Feet Tall,' which was based on Dud's 'Three Years Behind the Iron Curtain' and which is also the title of his book. "The book" lies unpublished, but you may obtain manuscript copies of it and the *Military Review* by writing to this distinguished author. If you are wondering "how come?," let our man in Ft Worth explain: "All of this old stuff comes to light because we moved, and these are among the forgotten things one must discard when he rummages out his attic. Giving justice to Dud, I must admit that the editor-in-chief of the publication was **Don Durfee**, whose entry in our 50th Yearbook became his own obit. Don wrote his brilliant tribute to Alma Mater, beloved **Thelma Jean** and their family through surgery including nephrectomy, oncology, accupuncture and immobilization. Our personal items in the 50th Yearbook give the *whole life*, some of which is missed by obits and eulogies.

'35

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Here it is mid-Dec and your scribe and his distaff asst (female "elf!") are in the midst of: (1) a very early *ASSEMBLY* deadline; (2) upcoming Yule; and (3) the onset of 92. So what better occasion to express thanks for past cooperation and put in a plug to "keep-it-alive" as in '35. In this vein, AOG, wholly unsolicited, sent all scribes a list of non-subscribers to *ASSEMBLY*—25 from our gp. If the rest of us become "boosters," the message might get across—no better way to "close ranks" than through *ASSEMBLY*. (Let's "grip hands" now while we're able!) Reminders and application blanks have gone out from WP, so give a push if you can. The Cl widows do their share and more; it's our old grads themselves who are remiss—surely a correctable oversight and not through indifference.

On Cancun mini: by now you are long in receipt of all details from our able chm, **Bud Schlanser**. By now, mid-Feb, enthusiasm should be at "white heat" and your plans underway. If an endorsement is in order from us, we've done the Cancun bit a couple times, and we give it our unqualified spt. Some rumors have surfaced concerning the possibility of the trip being physically demanding. Not so. **Marie** & I "did" the Mayan ruins via the "19th-hole" approach—or the ski-run at the lodge fireside. So—think positive; much to do just striking out in small gps or merely socializing with old friends. Since "it's later than you think," this entire exercise is very worthwhile. See you there.

Appears that a sad note comes per issue. On 24 Oct our **Hoot Gibson** lost dear **Mary Eliz** to an 8-yr struggle with Alzheimer's. She fought the good fight; a superb lady to the end. We were privileged to visit her some few yrs ago with Hoot in the nursing facilities, where she received superior care/attention. We detected a glint of recognition. Svcs were conducted here in San Ant at the First Presbyterian Church, with interment in Mission Park. Survivors are son Bill & Susan, residing in Atlanta. They'll take good care of our classmate; a few words to him would be appreciated.

1935: Standing in front of the '35 Monument is Daniel J Ferris '71, '35 grandson, on the occasion of his 20th Cl Reunion

Hart & Betty Caughey entertained two other Pittsburghers—**Chuck & Ann Symroski**, while they were on tour of the FL area.

1935: A composite pic of Caughey and Symroski and their wives

Reps from this quartet are 100% on the upbeat side. Hart also enclosed a long article from a Beaufort newspaper depicting our **Frank Osmanski**'s major role in the Logistics phase of the Allied sweep across N Europe and into Ger. It detailed his part in the concept and execution of the "Red Ball Express," flexible pipelines and other logistics marvels. The author concluded with a detailed acct of Frank's activities as C/LOG, VN in which **Edie** played no small part diplomatically and politically—even barely escaping combat injury in their proximity to the Diem overthrow.

1935: The Fairfax distaffers: (front) Marguerite Bowyer and Irene Taylor; (second row) Edna Hill, Isabel Bidgood (visitor), Sally Fickel and Dottie Wheeler; (back) Margaret Orth, Charlotte Rumsey, Jean Horstmen and Kay St John

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From **Joe & Jean Wiechmann** comes refreshing confirmation of their #1 status as "Cl Army football aficionados;" 100% attendance at home games and road contests as possible. Joe's "Sun A.M Q-B" appraisal of the Army team—"a will to win but too many stumbles getting there."

Bernie & Harriet Waterman are well-settled in the Fairfax. Last edition carried their address; their tel is (703) 780-6091. Since Bernie relinquished the Cl chmship, we've missed his flow of sparkling correspondence. Trust it will resume.

Ralph Haines flew to Portland, OR in Nov for a series of 5 speaking engagements in that area. While there, he visited with **Bill Proctor** for several hrs, with warm reminiscences of Cl activities and personalities, most particularly of **Bob Stillman**. Bill is now our lone '35 rep in the great NW; he & **Eulalie** are doing well.

Tommy & Jo Musgrave dropped by San Ant to visit family and check their TX roots. Jo had to attend a bd mtg at St Mary's Hall, her HS alma mater. Despite her geographic separation from San Ant, sch authorities have wisely continued her as a trustee to take advantage of her sage counsel. **Ralph & Sally Haines** had lunch with them and found they've kept their figures and their charm.

1935: Ralph Haines, Jo Musgrave, Sally Haines and Tommy Musgrave

Ralph & Sally hosted a Thanksgiving family dinner at the USAA Towers for 18. Present were Sally's sister Suzanne Cherry and three generations of the Haines and Cherry clans. They gorged themselves but thanked God as an extended family for the many blessings He has showered on them.

Since we alluded to the Yule Season earlier—and you will have this in your hands shortly into the NEW YEAR—let's wish all of us the best for 92—esp good health. And keep the news flowing—good resolution!

"ON TO CANCUN."

'36

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No one should dare call these notes anything but a gossip *column*. Yet in defense of *history*, it should be noted that when this col was written in mid-Dec a yr ago, a few of us really thought that a great no of the govt's body bags would be filled (in Desert Storm) by the time you read the notes—in Feb 91! And THEN!!! Halleluyah! We were wrong! Now, at the same period, but *this* yr, an event that few of us can ever remember or even imagine: there is no more Russian Empire. What will it be when you actually read these notes???

26 Sep marked a very special event: **Herbert Cady** died in a nursing home near Sarasota, FL. He died from the many complications he had endured for an exceedingly long period. He was also virtually alone—as far as family and old friends are concerned. Three-fourths of his Academy life was in Cl of '35. We ('36) benefitted from his presence only first-cl yr. Herb was not commissioned and went directly into civ life. He & **Adele** settled in the Philadelphia area and raised two daughters and a son. Herb started a career in the life insurance business and in short order revolutionized insurance. Through the yrs he received almost every award and honor a very grateful CT General Co and Philadelphia metropolis could confer. He was the last of your scribe's roommates and, for the short period of one yr and from the activities of this man since, it's not difficult to prophesy that, had Herb served in the mil, the Cl of '36 would have had another 4-star GEN—making it surpassed by only two other classes. And since he was that type of man, Herb certainly could have been a Supe! This very wonderful individual was cremated and buried at "St Peter's Church in the Great Valley," Philadelphia.

Another loss to lament occurred on 6 Nov when Pat, **Caye Curran's** 52-yr-old only daughter, passed away after a long period of heart trauma. Caye, naturally, has been desolate.

Regrettably, we also must rep the death of **Ted Clifton** on 23 Dec 91 following surgery at a DC hosp.

At this writing, **Larry Sievers** is in a nursing home with advanced cancer. We *do* wish her well.

Long after we mailed out our post-55th reunion salutation to those who did *not* attend, an undelivered envelope was returned to **Eddie Beggs**. Consequently, we rep that nothing is currently known of his whereabouts! **Betty Chaffin**—"pinch-hitting" in the absence of her irreplaceable **Dave**—told of **Larry Sievers** being in very distressed shape at Memorial Hosp, 219 S Washington St, No 911B, Easton, MD 21601. And only-daughter Sharon can be reached at (703) 920-6309 (non-work hrs). Betty also commented that recently **Bob O'Brien** broke his leg in *FOUR* places. And he wasn't on a horse, either! If you think Betty had nothing but sorrowful news, you're wrong. She has gone back to work on hrs suitable to herself. And she was preparing a wonderful Christmas cruise with an old Oahu friend. **Lucy Chiles** rep feeling in good health with no need for therapy after her last summer surgery. **Betty Connor** had surgery (successfully) on a "football" knee in Nov. This is what caused her to miss our 55th in May. **Bill Hay** continues to amaze us with his dogged determination to overcome his *second* stroke. He has written us several times. The only task he is not willing to tackle (again) is to manage another reunion!

On a beautiful Oct day, we visited with **Jean & Tom Hayes**. Jean was recovering—quite rapidly—from hip surgery. Tom gave us our most complete tour of the Presidio and all adjacent mil establishments, both former and current. . . and perhaps "soon to be no more!" The **Hesses** called and wrote on several occasions. The **Hiesters** were in Ger and Spain in Oct; Thanksgiving in PA; and 7 Dec at Pearl Harbor. Was very flattered to receive two long ltrs from Susan **Holderness** of Albuquerque, wife of Jerry, the second son of *our* **Steve & Elsie**. Susan says hubbie Jerry (ex-USMA '68) works for an engring firm and that daughter Maggie is a mbr of USMA '95. THAT's an all-Army family!

Ernie Holmes sent in his obit (please note all you *many* who've not). He reminisced about **Evans, Griffith** and **McCarty**. He & **Jean** are fine way out in NM. A really great surprise (and thrill) occurred one day when gorgeous, gracious **Gerrie Lampert** called. She again apologized for not being "up to" the emotional impact of a '36-at-USMA reunion—like last May. She was also one of several (ladies) who were inquiring about **Dave Chaffin**. In Oct we had a long lunch at a Del Monte bar with **Tiger Janof**; discussed his activities of the last decade. Didn't see, but had several phone talks with, **Willie Jones** on the occasion of his heart and artery surgery. Son Brice also entered discussions, with regard to a very desirable San Fran reunion possibility. Incidentally, Willie has recovered well from his heart difficulties. **Larry Laurion** is still in critical shape—heart, lungs, cancer, and you name it. He has it all! But he writes continually, serves others and visits with classmates and family. He is a remarkable guy; long may he continue his good deeds and caring for others.

The **McElhenys** wrote they had visited **Peg Klock**. They had high praise for

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her. **Paule Hiatt** produced a delicious French repast for the **Ripples** and visiting sailors, the **Meanys**, in Nov. The **Gages** were treated to a very enjoyable eve when first-time visitor and very attractive Ginny **Miller** (**Jean**'s & **Ace**'s second oldest offspring) came to Atl. **Doc Mohlere** passed through airport in Nov. Said he was visiting an invalid friend in FL.

For a respite: a *real* piece of news—**Leon Punsalan** called to announce that his son Basil '65 had just won the VA lottery (2 Nov) for $4 1/2 mil! Really and truly!! In Oct the **Quinns** came to town to attend the annual Highland Games. They advised that their town is the same as Judge Clarence Thomas'—i.e., "Pin Point," GA. **TC Rogers** wrote that "**Tootie**" is holding her own and sometimes has "moments of clarity." **Helen Spencer** writes of her pleasure at being with the Cl (at Fairfax). She also loaned some pics of **Norm** when he was about 4 and wearing a mil uniform esp made for him. It was, of course, very cute.

Clint True continues to move about despite having had a pacemaker, heart attack and catheter (in that order), he explains. The **Warfields** wrote why they weren't at the 55th: Bud has had severe pulmonary problems. He has been taking oxygen since Mar. **Kitsy & Westy** were in Atl in Oct, but the **Gages** were gone and the **Kellys** were sick. Apologies are profuse. Best wishes for the rest of 92.

'37

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Since my last rep in the Jan *ASSEMBLY*, we lost three more classmates. **Lee Martin**'s death on 9 Nov in Walnut Creek, CA Hosp was rep by his brother-in-law, COL Earl H Power, USA Ret. He had been in the Pleasant Hill Nursing Home for the past yr, where he was looked after by his daughters Pat and Dorothy. He had fallen and broken his hip the day before and died of a heart attack. He was buried at WP with Dorothy and son Tommy, who died in a childhood accident at WP in the late 40's. The surviving mbrs of his family attended the svcs: Lowell L, USNA '61, who is ret from the Army, the two daughters already mentioned, and Robert, who lives with his family in the home in Arlington, VA. Lee was one of the more colorful mbrs of our Cl and well-known to all of us. After trying flight tng at Randolph he went into the Inf and then to the Signal Corps—he had been a ham radio operator since early in life. His very active life in the svc and parachuting resulted in much leg misery after ret, even with both knee replacements.

On 2 Dec **Pop Metz** called from Raleigh with the sad news of **Jack Tolson**'s death in the hosp, where he had been for about a wk for observation. He was to be discharged when he had a massive heart attack. He was buried in Arlington after a graveside ceremony will full mil honors. Three cavalrymen in colorful uniforms signified his highest combat cmd—the 1st Cav Div (Abn) in Vietnam. A large gp of classmates and friends were at the ceremony and included GEN Eddleman, who was his Tac in D Co, and GENs Westmoreland and Von Kann, for whom he worked in Sixth Army in WWII. The Metzes drove up from Raleigh. Afterwards, **Margaret** met with friends at son Jay's home in Arlington, VA. Jack was involved in the early devel of Army Abn, and he made combat jumps into Ormoc on Leyte and onto Corregidor, among others. Later he was involved in developing Army Avn, was CG of Ft Rucker and helped to establish the Army Avn Museum there. After ret he served in NC Governor's cabinet as secy of the Dept of Mil and Veteran Affairs and as pres of the Assoc of the US Army. He always attended their annual mtgs and would call and thank me for these cols. Our last exchange was this past Oct. We last saw him & Margaret at the Seattle Mini. He was still the gracious southern gentleman we all admired, and there was no indication of any physical problems.

Dick Hackford called to tell me that **Curt Low** died 6 Dec of bone cancer in a CO Spr hospice. Memorial svcs were held at 1100 on 9 Dec at the Chapel of Our Savior, and burial will be at WP. He was diagnosed as having Alzheimer's, but recent tests discovered terminal cancer. Curt wrote a very interesting bio for the 50-Yearbook which reflected his character and wonderful outlook on life. Read it. There is nothing I can add to it except that we were fortunate to get to know him & **Barby** better during our reunions, which they never missed. However, **Scott Hall** and I wondered why they didn't spend last summer at their cabin at Webler Pond Dam, Augusta, ME.

In Sep the **Amoses** motored 6,000 mi, visiting the UT-CO canyon country, Mt Rushmore, Deadwood and **Dotty**'s sister Carolyn in Rochester, MN. Carolyn's husband, Dr Paul Zoller, took **Bill** on a fascinating tour of the Mayo Clinic's animal clinic. They returned home to join the **McDowells** for a tour of Big Bend country. Bill said that the McDowells "are a pair to draw to and a joy to travel with." He also said that John Blaha's daughter Carolyn and Dotty's grandson Jack III are freshmen at Purdue but haven't met yet. The Amoses will spend Christmas in Hong Kong and hopefully Australia/NZ during Mar-Apr, thence to WP for the 55th. After that they will do the Maritime Provinces in Canada. They enjoy the classmates & wives at the ARC. Dotty joins **Frances Blaha**, **Sally Mercado** and **Louise Gray** for wkly bridge luncheons.

At the co-ed luncheon on 18 Oct we had 48 enthusiastic diners. It was a great one, with **Sally Mercado** up from TX and the **Lopez-Dupreys** from San Juan. **Jack Polk** introduced his new bride **Sarah**. Finn turned over the gavel to **Fred Clarke** for a 3-yr term as pres. **Mette Parker** took time out from her busy sched of selling her present home and buying another with less maintenance.

On the Sun after the luncheon we had a cocktail buffet at home for **Sally Mercado** and the **Lopez-Dupreys** and in appreciation of the many, many times we have enjoyed the hospitality of our classmates in this area. Our daughters & their husbands helped us put it on. One of them said later, "Wow, your friends sure know how to party!"

1937: Frances Uglow Cahill, COL Snodgrass, Sarita and Elizabeth Cahill Walzer at Cullum Hall

A 4 Nov ltr from Bill Cahill, son-in-law of **Sarita Uglow** Comyns (**Homer**'s widow), described a visit to WP last Jun with Sarita, wife Fran and their eldest daughter Elizabeth Cahill Walzer. They were met "in an act of great kindness, considering that it was Sun morning, by COL John C Snodgrass, who gave them a tour that included Washington Hall and the Regimental Room, where they saw the bronze plaque bearing the names of Homer and his friends." It was an emotional visit for Sarita, who had vivid memories of being there in 39 with Homer and staying at the Thayer. In the Regimental Room she ran her fingers over his name on the plaque. The visit preceded Sarah Cahill's grad from Princeton (magna cum laude). She is Homer's youngest grandchild, who hit the ground running with diploma in hand and in a matter of wks was hired as city dir of San Ant for a firm called the Princeton Review. "Something of a full circle brings Sarah to San Ant. Sarita brought toddler Frances (Sarah's mother) and infant Margaret there in late 41 after leaving the Philippines and Hom-

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er. I would like to think that Homer Uglow knew that his family, like his country (to echo Faulkner), would not only endure but would prevail."

In response to **McDowell**'s query to **Doc Leist** about not signing up for the 55th, his 1st Ind of 31 Oct stated that he was so busy getting married on 7 Oct that he just didn't remember to return the completed form. In a recent Christmas card he provided some details. He & **Bev**, his ladyfriend of some yrs, were happily married in a quiet, private, Catholic ceremony. They plan to attend the 55th. Most of us in the Wash area have met Bev. She accompanied Doc to two of our co-ed luncheons in the past. She is a most welcome addition to the distaff of '37.

A nice note from and about the **Hallocks**: Under the auspices of the Intl Exec Svc Corps, they spent last summer mostly in Warsaw, but also Gdansk and Cracow, and traveled about eastern Poland to assist newly-privatized firms to enter the mkt economy. They visited 47 small and medium-sized firms and enjoyed the experience. Hal is upbeat about Poland and its economic future, if it can solve its political problems. He likes the administration's policy of technology transfer rather than billions of bucks for central and eastern Europe. Amen!

In early Nov **Jim Duncan** was stricken with severe abdominal pains on the Belvoir GC and was taken by golfmate **Fred Clarke** to DeWitt Hosp, where he received relief and was discharged. Early the next morn he drove to Bethesda Naval Hosp, which has cared for him many yrs. Tests revealed a ruptured appendix, but the opn was a success. He was in great shape when I took his old friend John Stowell to see him in the hosp. John was the PM at WP after WWII while Jim was CO of the Armor Detachment there. Jim is back at the Fairfax and stroking the ball again.

Incredibly our 15 Nov luncheon was again attended by 21. Absentees were **Duncan**, still a little sore from his opn, and **Teeter**, who was taking care of **Doris** after her opn. **Bill Cain** joined us. He had spent a few days in the hosp undergoing some tests. **Trapper Drum** was still recovering from his hip opn. **Bob White**, pres of the GEN Douglas MacArthur Foundation, told us an interesting story about MacArthur's involvement in the formation of the Rainbow Div. Incidentally, at MacArthur's 75th birthday party, GEN Krueger awarded him the CIB, the only decoration he didn't have. In discussion of obits to be done, **Poopy Connor**'s name surfaced. It's hard to imagine a classmate as well-known and loved not having one. **Geo Maliszewski** told us that Poopy had 90 jumps to his credit and, while talking to his tps in the PI, he was hit in the mouth and leg by a sniper. **Bob Seedlock** added that, as a cdt, Poopy also caught a hockey puck in the mouth. **Bob Gildart** said that a contract was signed for a European lux bus—no smoking, no drinks, no food—but there will be a stop for lunch en route. **Fred Clarke** presented **Finn** with a framed certificate of appreciation for his 20 yrs' svc as pres.

1937: Charleyrene & Bud Hines and Pop & Anne Metz at the Army-Citadel Game

On their way to WP and the Army-Citadel game, the **Metzes** stopped by the Fairfax to pick up the **Bud Hineses**. They all stayed at the Holiday Inn, Fishkill. **Randy Hines** met them at the game. It must have been quite a test of loyalty for Pop. He was First CPT at The Citadel before WP and played on both teams. Pop and Bud marched in the alumni col to the review. They were #5 and #6, which must have made them feel their yrs. They returned via Scranton, Harrisburg and Frederick.

Ginger Gildart had a slight stroke (TIA) and spent a wk in Bethesda Naval Hosp. To keep her company, **Bob** entered Fri for a hernia opn. Daughter Nancy from Poughkeepsie brought them both home on Sat.

Last Jul the **Sloans** flew with Mary's nephew Bob Plimpton & Franziska in their Twin Comanche from their home in Switzerland to Spitzenberg, the northernmost inhabited land mass on Earth.

1937: George & Mary in the Arctic

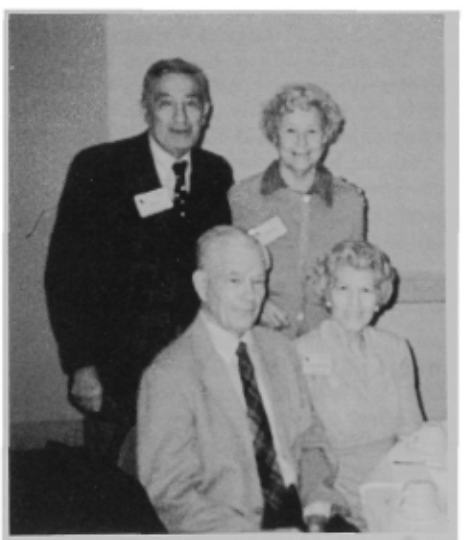
They joined the crews of 9 other Comanches (25) for a 4-day cruise into the Arctic aboard a chartered ice breaker, *The Polar Star*, and got to within 500 mi of the N Pole. Quite a change from summer in old St Louis!

On 20 Nov **Pat Kennedy** had a sextuple-bypass opn in WRAMC and, as of this date (12 Dec), is in stable condition. He is also facing an opn to correct an aortic aneurism when his condition permits. His daughter Sorrel, who lives with them, is helping **Lonnie** with Pat's 103-yr-old mother, also at home.

Ann Chase recently had a successful opn for cancer and is recovering satisfactorily.

On that fateful day, 7 Dec, Navy trounced Army in spite of enthusiastic rooting by the 18 fanatics assembled at the **Fraziers**'. Even our Navy Jr hostess was on the Army side for a change. **Jerrie Stumpf** was ambivalent—she wore Army colors but was topped off with a Navy hat. **Bud Hines** was resplendent in a snappy cdt jogging suit. **Trapper Drum** was there and doing just fine with the help of a cane. The less said about the game, the better. But wait until next yr!

The **Evanses** and **Seedlocks** attended the 41st Engr's Reunion, their first, at the fabulous North River Yacht Club in AL. The complex was developed under the direction of Jack W Warner, who furnished and adorned it with a unique collection of artifacts from all over the world. You engrs go first cl!



1937: The Evanses and Seedlocks at 41st Engrs Reunion

In this issue there is an obit on COL Schannep '29, who was lost on a B-17 flight in the Pacific in Jul 46. Our **John Foy** was on that flight, and COL Schannep's son, John D '56, is trying to locate **Jane** Foy and/or her kids, Belinda Jane and John Jr. John married Jane Inman of Mt Airy, NC in 37. Rumor is that she remarried a Mr Burnett in Bradenton, FL. No luck with the AOG, classmates here or telephone operators in Mt Airy and Bradenton. Please pass along any info you have.

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The **Fraziers** and **Shives** depart 15 Mar for the USAA-sponsored tour of NZ, Australia, Indonesia, Singapore and Bangkok, returning 18 Apr. **Scott Hall** has agreed to take over until I return, so send your info to him in my absence.

'38

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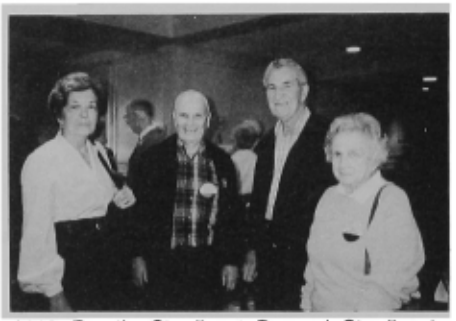
Christmas Day 91 the Cl of '38 joined the family and many friends of **Dick Stilwell** in mourning his untimely death. On 18 Dec, while in hosp, he lapsed into a coma from which he never recovered. Survivors in his family include **Alice**, son Richard G Stilwell Jr, daughters Ann Strong, Barbara Snook and Dian Shackleford, plus 4 grandchildren. On 28 Dec, mem svcs, with full mil honors, filled the New Chapel at Ft Myer, including many local classmates plus the **Barnards** and granddaughter Kelsey, **Art & Jane Smith** and **Mert Singer**. We received calls from many others unable to attend. On 30 Dec funeral svcs and interment, with full mil honors at WP, were attended by Army C/S GEN Sullivan, former C/S GEN Vuono, a Korean delegation, the **Harringtons, Loughs & Muriel Amick**, plus many AOG, local military and other friends. We shall miss Dick's leadership, friendship and other outstanding qualities. He was never too busy to help widows and others in coping with the loss of loved ones. We salute, sadly and with fond memories, as he joins the Long Gray Line.

On 29 Jul **Shirley Bailey**, wife of our classmate, **John**, died suddenly at Madison, IN and was interred near her parents (EM Gregory '19) in the WP Cemetery. Her survivors include John, 4 daughters and 9 grandchildren. We learned of her death 31 Oct at the mini-reunion. On 11 Oct **Evelyn Hartman**, widow of our classmate, **Frank**, died in San Ant after a long illness. The **Artmans, Irvins, Singers, Skaers, Strands** and **Wallaces** attended the funeral svcs. We sympathize deeply with these families in their bereavement.

Here are corrections on our Cl notes in Nov issue of *ASSEMBLY*. Dr Michael Harrington is chm of Family Medical Dept—not Medicare. Keesler was misspelled under pic. Mrazek was misspelled late in col as Brazek. We regret these errors.

About 100 attendees enjoyed our mini-reunion 31 Oct-2 Nov at Williamsburg. Forty-three classmates, 33 wives and 14 widows attended. Among the guests were Paul Barker, brother of our deceased classmate, **Robert A Barker**. Paul brought several copies of his book, *The Philippine Diary*, which Bob had maintained while a POW during WWII. We enjoyed getting acquainted with him and his friend, Mollie, during various events of the mini.



1938: Dorothy Sturdivant, Barnard, Sturdivant and Peg Barnard at mini-reunion, 31 Oct 91

The **Bromileys**' guests were their two daughters, Joan and Lynne Harvey. Eleanor Garris expressed pleasure at meeting so many '38'ers and families. She and **Trudy Hannum** are frequent NVA bridge partners. Our Cl Pres, **Dick Stilwell**, was unable to attend this mini due to heart surgery. **Paul Davis** also had heart surgery and had to cancel. **Mary Kelley** suffered a back injury from a fall in Norfolk while en route; after hosp she was returned to San Ant. COL Phil Merrick assisted the Prog Cmte as our local representative in Williamsburg. The Hospitality House was conveniently located across the street from William & Mary campus and close to historic areas. During eves and at meals we enjoyed informal meetings with old friends.

1938: Bette & Harlan Holman with Patsy Norris at registration for the mini, 31 Oct 91

1938: Sibley, the Kelseys and Mechi Sherrard after registration for the mini, 31 Oct 91

On 1 Nov VP **Lotz** chaired a business mtg of classmates and on 2 Nov led attendees in memorial svcs honoring 139 deceased classmates, plus remembering those unable to attend.

1938: Sweeney, Lotz, Thelma and Jim Mrazek at memorial svcs at Bruton Parish Church, 2 Nov 91

Father **Gene Sweeney** conducted the religious svcs there, and also conducted Mass daily for Catholic attendees. Three roommates as cdts '35-'38 were together again at these svcs.

1938: Harrison, Taylor and Jackson at memorial svcs at Bruton Parish Church, 2 Nov

Here are some miscellaneous notes about attendees. **Rosalie Valentine** discussed her recent trip to Russia and Czechoslavakia with those interested [see pic on pg 92 of Jan 92 *ASSEMBLY*]. "She was glad to be an American. . . . She and her son were at Pearl Harbor and at the Russian crisis. . . . She hopes the third major event will be a happy one."

Ed & Jean Bailey traveled from Se-

1938: Margaret Beverley, Rosalie Valentine and Bob & Fran Offer at hotel, 31 Oct 91

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quim, WN to Williamsburg and back in their motor home, visiting friends en route. **Jean Sundin** was away from SC during Hugo and 91 storm. She goes to Martha's Vineyard May-fall and enjoys painting and traveling. She spent 30 days in Wales and one wk in Scotland this yr. Last time she visited her sister **Madge & Don Williams**, it was 3 wks filled with activities, including tennis and golf. On 1 Nov the **Riordans** left the mini so that **Cliff** could get ready to run in the Marine Marathon. Running with the FL Track Club, he completed it in over 4 hrs. Reference Cl notes in Jul *ASSEMBLY*, the **Offers'** residence was robbed while they were in FL. **Bob** is particularly distressed that his USMA '38 ring was never recovered. Anyone who may assist him in obtaining a replacement ring of a classmate should contact him directly.

1938: Babbi & Jeff Irvin with Bettie & Hubie Strange at hotel, 31 Oct 91

Jean Learman is trying to contact Paula Jenkins, daughter of our classmate **Francis & Georgie Jenkins**. In 65 Paula was an Army MAJ or LTC and unmarried. **Anne Brown** and **Peggy Miller** are alumna of the College of William & Mary.

1938: Billie & Frank Izenour and Fran & Dick Simms at dinner dance, 2 Nov

On 2 Nov at our dinner dance, VP **Lotz** expressed appreciation on behalf of all attendees to the **Mrazeks** for a highly successful and enjoyable reunion. Jim Mrazek then thanked the Program Cmte mbrs for their participation.

The Radio Club of America recently awarded mbr, LTG **Lotz**, the Sarnoff

1938: Bill & Dotsy Strand and Cliff Macomber at dinner dance at hotel, 2 Nov

Citation for significant contributions to the advancement of electronic communications. The award was presented on 22 Nov in NYC but, due to illness, Junie was unable to attend and the award was accepted on his behalf. The roster of Radio Club of America is a "worldwide *Who's Who* that includes many who founded the radio industry."

On 6 Dec **Stilwell, Davis** and **Mary Kelley** were recuperating at their homes. From Stilwell, "The events of this past Oct have linked me even closer to all those who constitute the Cl of '38 tradition. While hospitalized, expressions of moral spt came from many qtrs, but none were warmer or more meaningful than those voiced by classmates, their wives, widows and progeny. It was overwhelming: flowers, ltrs, special prayers, get-well cards, phone calls (direct and indirect) and even personal visits. I am profoundly grateful for such widespread concern, affection, and above all, friendship. Many thanks, gang!"

Mary Kelley wrote thanking the Cl of '38 for lovely flowers and our expressions of concern and spt. **Paul Davis** told me that he & **Joyce** will be at the monthly luncheon 20 Dec. On 21 Dec Joyce will be with her mother in AL and in Jan will be on active duty as an Army nurse (MAJ) for tng at San Ant. She will go to Ft Lewis in Apr for permanent station, and Paul will move there to be with her.

On 7 Dec 91 **Bess Tittle** attended a reunion of the co **Norm** cmded on 7 Dec 41. He had assumed cmd a couple of days before. Bess is a professional writer and has written for publication about the experiences of her family during and after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. She has also written many other articles for publication. On 29 Nov from **Bill Strand** (excerpts): "**Mert & Jean Singer** celebrated their 50th wedding anniv with an elegant dinner dance at the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel, with at least 200 guests including about 20 '38'ers. Son Steve & Lea and grandson Robert planned and hosted this party. Robert and Steve presented a fabulous "This Is Your Life" program. . . ."

1938: Fay & Hank Crouch and Mary Corley at dinner dance at hotel, 2 Nov

Elizabeth Sawyer visited her daughter Susan & COL John Klish and grandson Andrew at Rhine Main AFB in Ger. During two wks there she did some local sightseeing in Frankfurt and Strasburg. On 1 Dec from **Hugh Wallace** (excerpts): "The **Irvins** had their oldest son '58 and grandson in from NY for visit at Thanksgiving. The **Kieffers'** oldest son & wife from Anchorage visited them for about 10 days. **Maggie**'s brother is due in for a brief visit. The **Knoxes** attended grad of their youngest daughter from U of ND nursing sch. She had previously graduated and was a dancer, but broke her foot, ending that career. **Mona Preuss'** oldest son from San Fran visited her before Thanksgiving. The **Skaers** attended the wedding of **Helen**'s grandson in New Iberia. **Jan** & I drove to Dallas, where our family had a most pleasant Thanksgiving. Our son in PA was the only one of 5 families unable to be there. **Hope O'Connor** has apparently moved, with no forwarding address or phone no."

'39

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Pearl Harbor Remembrance, 50th Anniv—The Oahu mini-reunion, 4–10 Dec 91, arranged by **Stan Dziuban** via tel from CA with local legwork by HI classmates (mainly **Walt & Ann Winegar**), was a great success. While avoiding many of the speeches and ceremonies, the gp in its own way paid its respects at the AZ Memorial during a cruise on CINCPACLFT's barge *Remembrance* and at the Punchbowl Natl Cem. Enjoying *in toto* or in part were those named in pic, plus **Shep & Sue Fitzgerald, Jake & Rosene Jacoby, Janet (Harrison)** Lathrop, **Dick White (Nena** temporarily ill), **Peggy Wintermute** and Dave & Doris Hiester '36.

Of the non-attendees, the gp esp missed those others who debarked from the *USAT Republic* in Dec 39 or who, via other modes, found themselves there on that fateful 7 Dec. However, their newsy ltrs of regret were enjoyed.

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1939: At Punchbowl Natl Cem: (front row) Dean McDavid, Shirley Banning, Marge Wickboldt, Peg Beier, Bill Banning; (second row) John McDavid, Bob Cassidy, Bea Crandall, Jack Beier, Walt Wickboldt; (third row) McDavids' friends AF Col Nick & Tex Gaynos, Riel Crandall and Stan Dziuban

1939: '39 group landing at AZ Memorial (background)

In addition, the gp sallied forth ea day, including a tour of Honolulu with emphasis on Schofield Bks/Wheeler Field, a luau and brunch at the Hale Koa, a dinner cruise off Waikiki, the Don Ho show and the Polynesian Cultural Ctr. Possibly the only event better skipped: the big-screen viewing of the A-N debacle in Phila!

Cl Gift—Cmte chaired by **Bob Ploger**, including **Riel Crandall, Ted Hunsbedt** and **Bud Newcomer**, has finally finished its long labors by delivering final two volumes of archival quality to the WP Museum and USMA Library. Ea, bound in pebble grain, black Moroccan leather, summarizes our gift plaques honoring WP CMH recipients. Original volume also went to the Library, but this copy will be available only to cdts, staff and serious researchers. Officials of both Museum and Library complimented the mbrs of '39 for our generosity. (Bob and his cmte truly deserve our sincere appreciation for their long, difficult but rewarding efforts in producing this unusual but significant memorial gift.)

AUSA's reception, dinner and presentation of Marshall Award to **Andy Goodpaster** were more than well-attended (est 2,000–2,500) including a no of '39'ers—**Dutch Kerwin, Mike Davison, Norm Farrell, Jimmy Collins, Eloy Alfaro** from Panama, **Bob Ploger** from MI and returning from SHAPE reunion, **Clyde Sutton** from Atl, and perhaps others. Last three named obviously compete for greatest distance award. Uncertainty of which wives were present forces omission of their names (sorry). But there is no uncertainty about Andy's talk: two sources used identical word—"spellbinding!"

The *Jabberwocky* in French and *Casey at the Bat*, both rendered by **Huey Long**, were the high points of prestigious 4-day blast in Aspen ably engred by **Bill & Mary Martin** in Sep. Core gp—AF classmates who assemble periodically to celebrate flying sch days together. Apparently, Bill & Mary outdid themselves. Events included much golf, shopping, hiking, sightseeing, cocktailing and dining at the fine "eateries" of Aspen. Present: those listed in photo plus **Roger & Betty Lilly** and **Tom & Anne Whitehouse**.

1939: (front row) Mary Emma Knapp, Fran Bestic, relative, Jean Crawford, June Bradley, Bettie Samuel, Mary Ann Stocking; (second row) Jim Knapp, Lib McGowan, Rocky Crawford, Bill Bradley, Sam Samuel, Sox Stocking; (third row) Mary Martin, relative, Rosene Jacoby, BJ & Huey Long, Nina & Bill Smith; (top row) Bill Martin and Jean & Milt Adams

Also from CO comes word that the super baseball fan **Crawfords** hosted a pizza and beer tailgate party in CO Spr to see their AAA team win the div. Present: the **Lillys, Stockings, Bradleys, Whimpy & Nancy Walker**, and Ross '40 (x-'39) & Betty Milton. More recently, the Lillys jumped the gun on their early 92 50th Anniv by "Concorde-ing" out of JFK in Dec for 4 days in London and then "*QE II*-ing" to NY for CT Christmas with daughter Marian's family.

Bob & Jeanne Ploger in MI have to stretch to cover far-flung relatives—

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Bob's 97-yr-"young" mother in a Sarasota condo; Jeanne's son Tom **Latoszewski** & bride and their new son in San Ant (with side trips to Austin to see the **Herzbergs** and **Higginsons**); and Bob's youngest son in Bologna, Italy, a chiropractor in an Italian govt clinic. All this and Big Sky, MT in Feb!

Football homecoming produced a sizeable '39 turnout and a second-place award in the Annual Amer Airlines Tailgate Competition. Cl banner from our 50th reunion, requested by **Speedy Hull**, was rushed to WP by **Gene Trahan**. Scoreboard flashed "Cl of '39 display by **Dottie Hull**." Food, beverages, Army songs and **Alys Krisman**'s "Devil's Stick" music prompted a passing cdt to say that he hoped he "could be having so much fun after 50 yrs!" Gp together again at Supe's reception in Mess Hall also included **Andy & Dossy Goodpaster, Mike & Helen Davison** and **Ed Hamilton**. Others attending tailgate parties earlier were the **Phil Davidsons, Jack Habeckers, Bud Lasches** and **Bill Boyle**.

Army-Louisville—The Army Football team overcame the odds in trouncing Louisville, 35–12, much to the delight of us "mid-easterners" present. Cdt band and loyal fans came from WP, Ft Knox, IN and other nearby spots. Your scribe & spouse, noting the absence of the Army mules, were told that they had started but, for unknown reasons, had not arrived.

Eloy Alfaro in DC at the AUSA mtg spoke glowingly of the liberation of Panama and mil opns in the Persian Gulf. He encouraged any classmate passing through Panama to contact him.

But when **Jack Habecker** tried to do exactly that and invited Eloy & **Edna** to come aboard for lunch, they were not allowed on board during transit. Then, Eloy sent a note that he would be at the Miraflores Locks—"G Co stature, white hair, red shirt." When identified alone, he responded to shout of "Where's Edna?" with a motion like rocking a baby. Shipboard translation: new grandchild?

The Oct Pentagon luncheon produced

1939: D Co: Linc Simon, Bill McCaffrey, PJ Long, Tommy Thomason and Harry McClellan

the next two great pics of D & F Co files.

This luncheon may have been the last one for awhile for **Jay & Natalie Dawley**, moving soon to their Stuart, GA home, having sold their McLean home. But it brought in **Matt Smith** all the way from CA (**Bel** was also in DC but missed the luncheon).

Chuck Medinnis' travels are based somewhat on **Bernice**'s DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) tng sessions in CA, WA, AZ,NV & DoD schs in Europe. These provided opportunity to

1939: F Co: Bob Camp, Matt Smith, Bill Banning and Earle Lerette

enjoy Pac NW as well as Wales, London, Paris, Annecy, Geneva (for wk with son & wife) and Garmisch inter alia. Quoth Chuck, ". . . Garmisch, after 25 yrs, had grown, become bustling; no longer a small, quaint Bavarian town, it appeared to be controlled, well-planned growth, not glitzy." Back home, Chuck recently prepared a Marriage Creed from a friend's wedding liturgy. In doing so, he called upon his experience with illuminated scripts (one of which he prepared as the gift to our 50th reunion guide) and designed a colorful scroll containing the beautiful sentiments applicable to any successful marriage or peaceful household. His friend was so pleased he asked Chuck for 4 more for the friend's offspring!

Walt & Ann Winegar, after their 6th Elderhostel program in W Europe, highly recommend them as both interesting and rewarding. Latest catalog thereon is in any US library.

1939: Walt & Ann Winegar, Lake Garda, Italy, Oct 91

Pat Crawford writes that **Tom** & she are well, busy and, after 24 yrs, still enjoying the wonderful city of Verona. They house-rotate to Venice, FL in Nov, return in Apr, and are involved in both places extensively. They enjoyed **Jack & Ann Habecker** in nearby Padua on a highly recommended Elderhostel program: organization, course structure, accommodations and price. Tom & Pat keep physically fit with golf and skiing. In the US they look forward to seeing inter alia the **Thomasons** in FL, **Ed Smiths** in H Hd, and daughter's family in

1939: (standing) Mac McFerren, Jackie Newcomer, Mary McFerren (hidden), Bea Crandall, Pappy & Betty Myers, Barbara Robbins (x-Legler), Speedy Hull, Ted Hunsbedt, Bud Newcomer, Riel Crandall; (front row) Gert McCollam (hiding Bert), Dottie Hull and Alys & Mike Krisman

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MD, who, being Italian scholars, dream up as many visits to Verona as possible.

1939: Pat & Tom Crawford in Verona, Italy, summer 91

Harry Murray from Jacksonville sends word of their Dec 90 50th anniv celebration including **Henry & Paulette Newcomer**. In Apr they did the Four Corners and Grand Canyon. The past 10 summers they've spent at Lake Toxaway in W NC. Sep found them in NH for the christening of a great-granddaughter, followed by sightseeing in NH, VT and NY. "Though pretty, we enjoyed the Shenandoah Valley more."

Charlie & Nina Kepple's summer motorhome trek went off as planned except for a hurricane in MD, plus a tour of Scandinavian capitals, magnificent fjords and even Helsinki. 6700 RV mi plus many more in pickup towed for such use = 11 wks and 4 days and quite an adventure!

Levin Lee writes from El Paso that in 76 he helped form the US Horse Cav Assoc which now includes 3500 mbrs. Moved to Ft Riley, it sponsors the Cav Museum and a Cav reference library there. Levin, as the scribe, prepares a newsltr for the 1st Cav Div Assoc. **Annie** is active in Army Daughters and Wives Club. They have 3 sons—oldest with family in El Paso; second, a LTC on Joint Staff, is a grad of Marion Mil Inst and U of AL; and 3rd, USMA '72, after 12 yrs mil, now on LSU faculty in marine biology research.

John Dickerson stayed in Rye, NY until late Jun 91, then went back to Vienna for a fairly light sched, including a few days at his cousin's country place 45 mi S, and returned to Rye in late Nov, where he can be reached until mid-Apr 92. He was uncertain about his wintering in CA on this trip.

We can claim many talents and capabilities, e.g., wine-making, woodworking, watercoloring, antique appraisals and collecting. Curious about **Jack Norris**' brief comment in his 50th bio about apple growing, we asked for more details. Jack's fascinating reply, drastically reduced here, emphasized two characteristics: extreme risks and intensive labor: 3 of 4 yrs hit by frost and hail; ironically, in 4th yr, the good crop lost to the alar scare caused by pseudo-scientific environmentalists and irresponsible media. Orchardist must even provide bees for pollenization and put out poison for rodents. However, ". . . a family can come out and experience the pleasure of harvesting its own fruit, and gives many kids an opportunity to climb a ladder and pick an apple!" Finally, the Payette R Valley of SW ID "provides a gamut of rec opportunities—fishing, hunting, water skiing, world-class white-water rafting and kayaking; and Boise, only 60 mi away, is the 4th most livable city in the US."

Taps—We sadly rep the deaths of two classmates and two close relatives of classmates. **Max Cochran** died 19 Oct at Santa Rosa, CA after a long illness and was buried in San Fran on 1 Nov. We extend our sympathy to **Emanette**, their two daughters, son and their families. Also, **Frank Gilchrist** died 13 Nov after a long illness and was buried in Columbia, TN. We extend sympathy to **June**, Frank's two sons and their families. Two other deaths, both in auto accidents, occurred—Victor Johnson, 41-yr-old son of **Vic & Corinne Johnson**, publisher and businessman, Hilton Head Isl, 14 Nov; and the 17-yr-old grandson of **Ed & Grace Hamilton**, while en route to sch in Marshall, VA. Again, our sympathy goes out to all their families.

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'40

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As forecast in the Jan issue, there was a small but moving ceremony on 28 Oct at WP in the Admin Bldg's imposing Thayer Award Room, which we of an earlier day once knew as the Ord Museum. At the ceremony, **John Burfening**, our pres, and **Woodie Vaughan**, past pres, presented the Supe, USMA, with a copy of the Cl of '40's 50th anniv gift, *The Illustrated History of WP*. Also participating and representing the Gift Cmte were **Walt Winton**, chm; **Jim Maedler**; and, in place of **Dave Parker**, the late former chm, his widow, **Betty**. Dr Ted Crackel, the author, also stood with the Supe, as did a no of representatives of Harry N Abrams, Inc, the publisher, including Adele Westbrook, the sr editor, and Ted Spiegel, who did the original photography.

The audience at the ceremony included reps of the Supe's ofc, USMA HQ, academic depts, and the AOG, along with **Alleen Burfening, Beth Vaughan** and **George & Marge Mayo**.

Before presenting the book, **John Burfening** reminded the audience of a few of the many individuals who had worked so hard to make the book a reality. He paid particular tribute to the late **Dave Parker**, original chm of the Gift Cmte, who conceived and started the project; **Walt Winton**, who replaced Dave Parker after his untimely death; as well as Ted Crackel; Ted Spiegel; and Adele Westbrook. John spoke of Dave Parker's concept of a history emphasizing the effect of the physical characteristics of WP on the devel of the Academy and its grads. He also pointed out that the AOG holds the book's copyright (except for Abrams' copyright on original photography) and that sales of the book, whether by the AOG or the publisher, will produce royalty income for the WP Fund.

From the reviews written so far and from ltrs, calls and comments, '40 seems to have a good product. For example, EE Farnsworth '32 wrote, ". . . It is truly a masterpiece and worth many times its cost. I've been trying repeatedly over the yrs to convince various offs at USMA to produce such a work. . . . Congratulations to '40."

Walt Winton gave me some figures that seem to confirm that book sales are going well. The Cl ordered 2,500 copies of the special early edition to meet initial requirements; these were shipped to WP in late Oct. About 440 of these were sent as complimentary copies to the Supe and the Academy, to classmates or next-of-kin, and to the author. About 900 more have been sold, either in response to the Cl flyers or over-the-counter in retail outlets like the AOG Gift Shop or the Cadet Bookstore. Thus, the no of unsold books in early Dec was less than half the special edition.

The *USMA '40 in 92* mini-cmte (**Marvin & Mary Jacobs** and **John & Bettye Graf**) rep they are still on track. They remind us: dates: 10–13 Jun; place: Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN.

If you responded to the initial mailing last summer with a *yes*, *probably* or *maybe*, you can expect the next mailing—asking for your firm commitment and reservations—to arrive late Mar. You'll be left out if you answered *probably not* or *no* last summer; so, if you want to change your classification and receive the mailing, call or write to Marvin or John now.

Marvin & Mary heard a few comments from classmates about over-concentration on country music in Nashville. They hasten to say that you could spend a full wk there in historic, scenic, entertainment, dining, educational (museums) and other activities without getting into country music. The hotel will arrange tickets and also provide shuttle buses to many of these activities. Driving is easy and fees (including sr citizen disc) are reasonable.

For classmates who may drive to Nashville from the Eastern seaboard, **Marvin & Mary** have a commitment from

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1940: At presentation of 50th Anniversary gift, *The Illustrated History of West Point*

1940: Frank & Betty Devlin started their honeymoon near Pebble Beach, Aug 89

the Martha Washington Inn, Abingdon, VA for attractive rates for the nights just before and after the mini. This historical, AAA 4-star inn is about 300 mi from Nashville for those driving I-81. More details will be in the next mini mailing.

Ed & Raye Wynne wrote they'd met **John & Elaine Pidgeon** in NYC for a Sep cruise on the *Westward* to Bermuda. After their return to FL, they met **Harmon Rimmer**, looking very good, on his way to a visit with **Scottie & Priscilla Case**.

1940: John Pidgeon and Ed Wynne aboard the *Westward*

Last Oct, **Bill & Kathy Porte** took time off from their intl travels to visit Bill's sister in Annapolis. **Dick & Eleanor Abbey** enticed them over to Alexandria for lunch with a gp including **John & Allen Burfening, Joe & Mary Couch, Joe & Lu Donohue, Hazey & Becky Hazeltine, George & Marge Mayo, Lou & Jean Mendez** and **Bid & Criss Moore**.

Ed & Grace Verner wrote to say **Stan & Kay Smith** were really moving from San Ant to CO Spr, as rep in the Nov notes. By way of a send-off for the Smiths, **Bill & Nancy Francisco** held a Halloween party for the San Ant contingent, including **Bart Barton, Dan & Babs Briggs, Betty Brousseau, Marjorie Colligan** (newly moved to San Ant), **Pete & Vi Kramer, Les & Thelma Schockner, Morry & Flora Shoss** and **Mary Lou Stewart**. Now we'll have to check to see that the Smiths really got there.

Jack & Louise Dibble wrote that they'd made a nostalgic return to HI in Nov to view Qtrs #6 at Ft DeRussy, where they lived 67–70.

1940: Jack & Louise Dibble and Helen & Rollie Hamelin on Hawaiian holiday

Jack added, "While here, we visited **Rollie & Helen Hamelin** at their super-elegant home overlooking Kawaihoa Point and Maunalua Bay at Koko Head. They took us to Roy's for an unforgettable dinner. Aloha."

And that wasn't the only such holiday. **Frank & Betty Devlin**, who were married, you recall, in Jul 89, have since been junketing over the world on an extended honeymoon.

Frank scrawled their route: "Our honeymoon really began in Carmel and Monterey in Aug 89. But, after we got back from Austria in Dec 90, we spent the winter in FL, then went to Seattle to count grandchildren. We talked to **Harry & Zee Stella**; Zee is still recovering from her illness, but it's steady and she's getting stronger all the time. We went on to Honolulu, where we visited TJ Wells '28, our old E Co Tac, and spent a prime day with **Rollie & Helen Hamelin** at their beautiful home. After coming back to the mainland, we left for Ireland, then made it back in time to go with the AOG tour on the *Mississippi Queen* up the river, then back to New Orleans."

Con & Phyllis Murphy wrote from Naples, FL that their current activities are mostly graduations and marriages of their grandchildren, 6 of whom live in "frigid NJ." They nearly froze during a Nov trek to NJ for the wedding of grandson John P Murphy '89. He promptly left for SW Asia and the Iraq unpleasantness and is now in Ger. Their oldest grandchild is a female AF CPT; the next oldest (male) is at Ft Leonard Wood as a new 2LT of Engrs.

Woodie Vaughan wrote that, while he & **Beth** were at WP for the 50-yr gift presentation, he went to Ft Clinton to see our 40th gift, the walkway and bench on the parapet. Despite the promise made in earlier yrs to keep it in good repair, it had again deteriorated. Woodie mentioned this to the authorities and, before he left, there was evidence of repair work starting. Woodie added, "I can only suggest that any classmate visiting the Academy look at the site and, if it needs repair, speak to the Supe's Ofc and also tell our Cl pres, who will take it up through channels."

Woodie went on, "When I got home, I found I'd been chosen to the Army QM Hall of Fame, to which I was inducted in a very nice ceremony. I'm not sure what I did that was all that notable, but since **Beth** received an award, I must have been part of a package deal!"

Bill Gildart phoned in mid-Nov; he had open heart surgery in Aug and, after two wks in the hosp, has done very well. He said **Mike Kuziv** also had successful surgery to put in a new hip joint; he's now mobile and back at work.

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Lanny Witt called in early Nov to rep **Nora**'s 8 Oct surgery for colon cancer at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale. The procedure was apparently fully effective; Nora was recovering and expected to be in full health in the immediate future.

Early Thanksgiving wk, **Dick Cassidy** called to say **Dick & Eleanor Abbey** had arrived at El Paso. They were met at the airport by **John & Edy O'Keefe**, who brought them to the O'Club for lunch with **Dick & Annette Cassidy, Robbie Norris, Roy & Judy Shoemaker, Rosemary Taylor** and **Lanny Witt**. After lunch the Abbeys left for Las Cruces to join all their sons' families for the holiday. Shortly after the lunch, the O'Keefes loaded up to fly to the Wash area to visit their daughter. John called to confirm Dick Cassidy's rep.

Unfortunately, **John O'Keefe** delayed his call to me until 2 Dec, the Mon after Thanksgiving, so that I couldn't warn him in time to join us at the 1 Dec lunch for classmates & wives in the Wash area. This was quite well-attended, with about 50 present. **Kermit Dyke**, our honcho for Cl activities in the Wash area, tested the opinion of the gp and announced planning for a similar affair for the Wash gp around late-Apr (come join us!). We spent some time discussing the effects of the Defense budget cuts on the Army force structure and particularly on the Corps of Cadets. **Joe Donohue** noted that he was born on 7 Dec, so that Pearl Harbor made the second castastrophe for that day. This profound statement completely overlooked the third one—the Navy game also came on that day.

I'm sorry to say I had a late-Nov note from **Paul Cullen** in Lawton, OK with the info that he's currently in ill health, although **Lois** seems to be bearing up well.

We gladly noted that Montgomery C Meigs '67 was on the Army's BG list this past Oct. He, of course, is the son of our own **Montgomery C Meigs**, who was killed on the Maginot Line in 44. The son served as an aide at our 45th Reunion and is currently cmdr, 7th Army Tng Cmd in Ger.

Marge & I look forward to seeing you at the mini in Nashville in Jun.

'41

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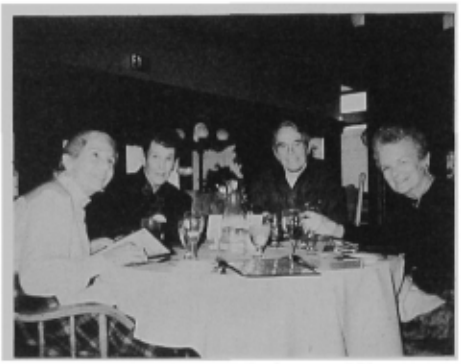
Guest author **Ben Spiller** drew kudos for the outstanding job he did on the Nov notes. Ben, as you know, not only has a Journalism MS, but he also teaches the subject. In the spring, you will hear from **Tom Cleary**, who has the same degree and is the author of *The History of the Sixth Army in WWII*.

We had a great turnout for the Army-AF game on 9 Nov. **Skip Brown** was here



1941: Jean Corbin, Kay Andrus and Tom Corbin toasting our lovely visitor, Skip Brown

as a mbr of the Bd of the Falcon Foundation. **Jean & Tom Corbin** picked her up at the airport for a luncheon which included **Kay** & me.

Other out-of-towners included **Johnny & Janie Brooks**, staying *chez nous*; **Ralph & Betty Upton** with the **Troups**; **Pete & Tulah Crow** with **Curt & Terry Chapman**; **Renee Linton** and daughters Barbara and Betsy with **Ben & Harrie Spiller**; and **Bill & Jerry Brier** with **John Henschke** in Denver. **Babe & Marge**

1941: Babe Hendrickson, Al Hendrickson, Wendy Andrus Hunter and Roy George Hendrickson

Hendrickson came in from AZ to stay with son Al in Boulder along with other son Roy George USAFA '72, now a Delta pilot. **Tom & Jean Corbin** were entertaining their very attractive nephew Mark Quarels. All of these were at the game and later at our little bash.

The score 25–0 did not reveal the dogged fight of the Army Team. Mr

1941: Janie Brooks, Mark Quarels and Jerry & Bill Brier

Williams, recently converted from wide receiver to qtrback, was impressive.

My beautiful bride decided that we would host the Army game party this yr. Happily, our son Curt & Joan offered their beautiful home in town. Best of all, their 5 kids, two of whom are Marnie's daughters, were eager to help with the logistics. They even put "welcome" signs in the driveway and directed parking.

Besides the classmates above we had **Mary Gauvreau**, who is busy moving into her new ret home, **Lou & Jim Carroll**, our daughter Wendy and her daughter Kendra, our son Bob and his fiancé Linda. **Skip** could not join us because she departed immediately after the game.

Also, that wkend we had the great pleasure of hosting Scott Hyatt, **Harriet Linnell**'s grandson, who wants to fly F-15s and wear USAF silver wings. He is categorized as a "recommended candidate," meaning all he needs is an appointment. I arranged and conducted a tour of the Cadet Flying programs. Next day he saw the pageantry of the game and met our classmates at the party. He heard many good words about his stepgrandfather **Frank Linnell**.

We continue to hear nice things about the Video, and last rep from **Ralph Upton**, 130 had been sold. Thanks go to **Ben Spiller** and **Mal Troup**. I am saddened to rep that Ben Spiller had a very bad fall. He was doing some home refurbishment outside when the ladder gave way.

Mike Greene has been invited to represent the Academy at a memorial svc at Ft Lauderdale HS on 11 Jan commemorating the 15th anniv of **Sandy Nininger**'s death. Under the aegis of the Key Club, of which Sandy was a charter mbr, Mike plans to present them with copies of *Gold '41* and also Yenne's book. Mike also plans to meet with a Miss Geraldine Rasmussen of Ft Lauderdale (who has painted a portrait of Sandy) to determine if it can be hung in Nininger Hall.

A very sweet ltr from **Martha Schilling** rep, "I have had my beautiful 50th Year Pin adapted to be worn on a chain as a pendant. I can then wear the 50th pin as a pin (when my fingers are working) or as a pendant. Chuck is fine—still enjoys his engr counseling in Nashville."

A very special mini took place in Oct in San Ant. **Lid Rhynard** rep, "**Lil & Billy Mitchell** drove over from Shreveport and we flew in to visit **Dick & Tad Travis**. We were surprised at how good he looks after what he is enduring [an inoperable pancreatic tumor]. We started our mil careers with the Mitchells—Lil and I trying to find something to live in along with **George & Dana Hicks**.

"A truly high spot in our visit was watching the Reunion Video. We all had tears in our eyes as we watched. WP is

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1941: Betsy Linton, Mal Troup and Renee Linton

not just a sch turning out engrs; it is a lifetime experience. We esp loved the first part of the Cl of '41 and then the Long Gray Line on parade, which I think everyone loved the best."

I autovoned **Dick**, my one-time roommate, and he sounded great. New medication has induced some remission; he is hanging in there, as is his lovely lady, **Tad**. He reinforced their appreciation of the Video.

Gregg McKee rep he & **Mickey** attended a ceremony and dinner at Vandenberg AFB commemorating the 50th anniv of the base which began life as Camp Cooke. "For me, the thing that made the eve most memorable was a table decorated in honor of our American casualties of all wars, those missing in action and unaccounted-for POWs. This was followed by a soul-stirring toast in their honor. This beautiful ceremony should be institutionalized."

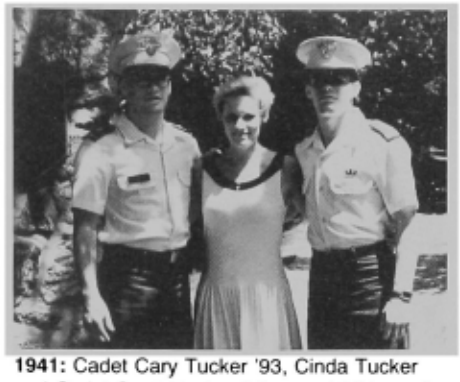
I agree; the description of the symbolism of the table setting with one yellow rose, an inverted wine glass and the American Flag properly folded and protected by two sabers is most impressive. The toast, in water, to our POW/MIA's was the finale. If any of you want a copy of this ceremony, write to **Gregg** or me.

After a difficult fall season, **Gregg** had a laminectomy followed by an attack of shingles, and **Mickey** developed a "bad back." Nevertheless, they plan a trip to the World's Fair in Saville and a stop in their old "home town" of Lisbon next spring.

Potter & Betty Campbell were completely surprised in Sep by the "Campbell kids' " initiative in the celebration of their 50th golden wedding anniv. "They picked Sep instead of snowy 16 Feb (real date) so travel would be practical. Security was perfect, so when we walked in and 90+ guests shouted 'surprise,' we were completely overwhelmed. It was a great party, with skits and talks. They staged a sequel the next day, and 50 showed for the brunch—a real blast."

An extremely moving ltr arrived from **Bob Rosen**'s daughter, Judy Tucker, mother of two USMA cadets who are varsity wrestlers. "It was like a catharsis for me to meet people who had known my father and to hear accts of his life at WP as well as his military actions and death. It was really wonderful the way so many people took the time to talk to me and my family.

"My sons certainly gained a deeper understanding of WP and the bonds they are beginning to form there. For the first time I felt I knew a little bit of what my father was like and even a bit of what he would have been like and done had he lived. I know he would be very proud of Scott and Cary—I wish he were here to see them following in his footsteps."



1941: Cadet Cary Tucker '93, Cinda Tucker and Cadet Scott Tucker '92, grandchildren of our late Bob Rosen

Her address is not in our roster, so for those who would like to keep in touch with this very special lady, it is: Mrs Robert D Tucker Jr, 3155 Spring Valley Rd, Dubuque, IA 52001; phone (319) 588-2898.

Hugh Foster continues to come through with "gems." A clip headline reading "Thought of Gals' WP Frightens Folks in Pentagon," dated Nov 44 by Army News Svc, opens with, "All 5 sides of the Pentagon bldg shuddered today when War Dept officials were asked to comment on a bill providing for a woman's WP, introduced by Rep Eugene Cox (D GA), Intl News Svc rep. A one-star general, Army Svc Forces, said simply, "It's a horrible thought, but don't quote me on that."

1941: '41 at Betty & Potter's 50th anniv party: (front row) Betty & Potter; (second row) Powell, Alice Fisher, Terry Chapman, M Greene, Cleo Powell, Priscilla Atteberry, Eileen Greene; (third row) Fisher, Chapman, Atteberry, L Greene, Betty & W Woolwine and Jane Greene

1941: Betty Upton, Mal & Alma Troup (not terribly saddened by Army's loss) and Janie Brooks

If we had an award of "Goat Horns" for dumping on classmates, I would clearly win it for 91. In Feb of this yr, **Kay** & I arrived at the N Ft Myers airport at 25 mins after midnight (only connection we could get on our Delta coupons). We were responding to an invitation from **Johnny & Janie Brooks**. They insisted on meeting us at that ungodly hr. Eight mos later, when they drove in as our guests for the Army game they found a note on our door saying, "We will be back shortly; come in and make yourselves comfortable." There was only one problem:

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I failed to leave the door unlocked, and "shortly" turned out to be 60 mins.

1941: Prue & Bill Petre and Rip & Ruth Collins seeking a pod of whales

POTPOURRI: A postcard arrived from **Stan & Eva Hays**; the pic side was completely black with an inscription: "Outer Banks at Night." The message read, "The photo is Hays hang-gliding by night—didn't turn out too well, wild place!" **Bill Petre**'s note: "**Ruth & Rip Collins, Prue** & I represented the Black Cl on the AOG AK tour in Jul. Great trip; see pic. Comment on Yenne's Book from old **Wil Vaughan**, "It should have been named Pickett's Charge." **Jack & Muriel Christensen** are on the rerun of the Med Cruise which aborted a couple of yrs ago—fly to Athens—debark at Ft Lauderdale. **Ace Bailey** sent a ltr from Martin Community Coll, the recipient of his gift copy of *Gold '41*. The Dean wrote, "We will keep it with pride remembering your yrs as a mathematics teacher at our institution; many thanks." **Lee Michels** ran across an acct in *Hitler's Elite* of my father's discovery that Goering had taken his cyanide capsule. It recently has been proven that one of dad's LTs betrayed trust and gave Goering access to his luggage where the capsule was secreted. **Dick Kline**'s daughter Leigh Suzanne graduated (our second grandchild to grad from a svc academy) from Annapolis on 21 Dec and will be stationed in Charleston; in Feb she will wed Ensign Disy, USNA '90 in Phoenix.

'42

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I hope that your Gloom Period—if any—is almost over and you are directing happy thoughts to May flowers and the big 50th.

The first order of business is to apologize to **Ed & Mary Farrington** for erroneously rep the death of his mother. Ed advises that she continues to thrive in HI, praise be!

Crit Crittenberger is again pleading for the names of the USMA "wives" of **Tommy Arms, Bob Blair, Jack Pryor, Joe Schmidt** and **Carter Williamson**. Surely some of you A Co types can help him with at least one pairing.

Jack & Mary Barnes were in San Ant for his HS reunion and enjoyed a bash at the ARC with **Don & Margaret Bolton, Ink & Esther Gates, Frank & Lyn Koisch** and **Bud & Caldy Ryder**.

Carl Ulsaker arranged for a DC contingent dinner dance at the ANCC on 24 Nov. I note from the announcement that, in keeping with our advancing seniority, dancing ended at 10 pm!

Our car was packed for the Kingsmill Golf Gaggle when I realized the impropriety of spending all that money in VA when the FL economy needed a boost. Sooo, off to the hosp for a brief stay with a kidney stone! As the Bible says, "This, too, shall pass"—and sure enough, it did! **Joan Michel** had worse luck. She was with **Sam & Cherie Koster** prior to the event, tripped on the stairs and badly fractured her wrist.

Bette Lou Plott rep the event a huge success due to the labors of **Rip & Bettye Young**. On hand, in addition to the aforesaid, were **John Anderson**, the **Bermans, Bonassos, Deanes, Evanses, Hanleys, Johnsons, Helen Marshall, Mizells, John Murphys, O'Neals, Rehkopfs, John Reid, Reinbolds, Hal Rice, Robertses, Ryders, Shedds, Slatons, Vivians** and **Wymans**. Offspring attending one eve were Nicki (Horridge) and Bob Seger and Teddy Michel & frau. Missing was **Ginger Cage**, busily nursing a sick child. The first night's picnic supper was housed by **Larry & Jane Adams**. **Chris** Slaton and Bettye Young had prepared all the fixin's at home, bless 'em! Best funny: **Bill Shedd** found a club on a green and speculated aloud about its ownership. A stranger advised that it "belonged to an elderly gentleman in red knickers." **Bill Plott** thereupon gained a new sobriquet!! **Phil Wyman** took care of all of the golf record keeping. Ladies were led by **Sue O'Neal** and **Carolyn Deane**, while **Howie Slaton** led the men, with **John Murphy** #2, **Sam Koster** #3 and **Bunny, Phil** and **Rip** tied for 4th.

A card from Larry G, **Tom Galloway**'s brother, doing missionary work and on his way to Tokyo to hold a retreat for the tps of Tom Galloway Fergusson!

Lates for the Newsltr included **Jim Josendale**, advising no change in **Debbie**'s status and a move to more modest qtrs at 3418 W Colony Sq 64506–1515. **Miles & Sara Wachendorf** are fine, ready for the 50th. **Rock Obenchain** rep **Nam** finishing a series of chemo and radiation treatments, but the reunion seems very iffy. We hope and pray for the best. **Jack & Betty Crowley** are back in their Marina Blvd home, two yrs after the earthquake. Hooray! Tel (415) 776-6133. **Andy & Kikumi Wiegel** resting up from running a reunion for his WWII sqdn. **Ec Cutler** and others involved in our big "do" now have an ardent admirer! A trip to Japan for Kikumi to pay taxes and visit family included a bypass to Bangkok. Without his cavalry spurs, Andy did not do well elephant-wise! A two-wk Scandanavian cruise took them to Leningrad on the day it reverted to St Petersburg.

A clip from a Hudson Valley paper reps a dinner at WP honoring former basketball coach Bob Knight. It noted that he was hired by then-COL **Ray Murphy**! Things ain't been the same since!

Andy Low was asked by a B-52 sqdn at Ft Worth to persuade his one-time boss

1942: Those old guys clean up almost as well as the gals!

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Jimmy Stewart to be their "Dining Out" speaker. Not only did he accept, but Andy's two alternatives did as well! (GEN Leon Johnson '28, Medal of Honor winner, and MG Potts, cmdr of the 455th when Stewart and Low were in Ops.)

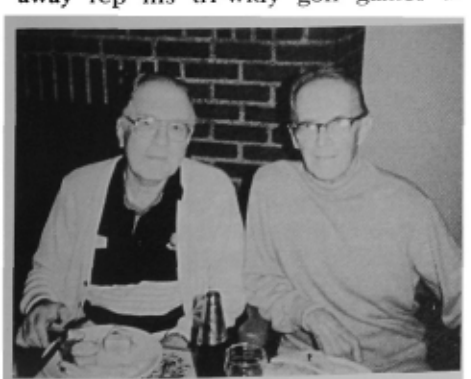
1942: Virginia & Howie Fender and Helen & Andy Low with GEN Jimmy Stewart

Andy's only request in return for his attendance was that Judge **Howard Fender** be on the guest list! Andy was the principal speaker at the unit's memorial svc and sent a snap of the granite monument dedicated to the unit losses—with his name inscribed thereon!

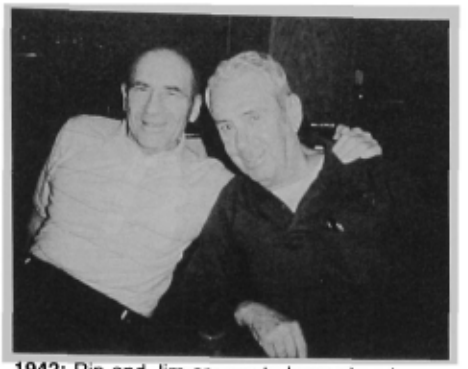
1942: GENs Stewart, Low, Potts and Johnson grace the dais

The Oct Golf Classic in DC paired low and high handicap players into two-man teams. **Floyd Robinson** and **Ed Farrington** were the winners, with **Phil Wyman** and **George Hesselbacher** second and **Rip Young** and **Jim Newman** third.

A very welcome note from **Ben Hardaway** rep his tri-wkly golf games at



1942: George and Phil try to look modest



1942: Rip and Jim appear to have already spent their earnings!

Mather AFB with **Don Deffke**. A fall limited Don's participation to "walking company" for a spell. Now Ben is in the same boat after spraining a wrist!

Eric & Pat Orme touched base with **Dick & Betty Hennessy**. Betty is apparently restricted by an oxygen tether—and I always thought that Dick needed the tether! They also rep that **Sam & Betty Hays** were unscathed by the Oakland fire—by a margin of only two blocks!

Anyone discovering that their '42 *Howitzer* is lost, strayed or stolen may receive a replacement from one of our jr cdts, COL Frederick B Porter Jr, for the mailing costs. Write him at 1328 La Paloma Way, CO Springs, CO 80906. Thanks, Fred.

In late Oct we went to DC to see the kids and have pix made for the 50th book. To our distress, we learned that **Bill Hamilton** had lost his long battle and we had missed the memorial svc by just one day. It was packed with those of '42 and others wishing to pay their last respects to Bill and to lend their spt to **Gloria**. From all reps, **Crit** did a wonderful job on the eulogy. A phone conv with the **Bringhams** revealed that workers had left some electric cords on the garage floor; **Bob** tripped, broke a kneecap and ended up in a fearsome cast. **Marcie** continues to persevere. **Butch Offley** tracked us down to let us know that **Bobbie**'s mother Gerry had died. Was able to get to lunch with **George Allin**—still a master at getting the Newsltr out to us eager readers—and **Charlie Mizell**, who's thoroughly enjoying his turn as our Cl rep to the AOG.

Dopey Stephens called in mid-Nov advising that a friend had informed him of **Dan Halpin**'s death. I know of no details but have subsequently had a note from **Ree** asking that I thank all of you who attended the svcs at Arlington.

A call came from **Pat Harmeling**, asking for a hand in locating a spot where she & **Hank** could vacation in early Jan. No further word so we hope that the next call from them will be a local one!

Jerry Snow is hard at work keeping our *ASSEMBLY* obits on the high course that **Jeff Davis** had set. Of our losses, 117 have been memorialized, 6 await publication, 13 are in the works and 5 require locating the next-of-kin or coordination with them. Needed are willing hands and warm hearts to step in for **Dave May, Ray Miller** and **Bill Zimmerman**. It may seem like a daunting job if you've not tried before, but the rewards are indeed worth the effort.

The **Horridge** offspring stunned **Dick & Claire** with a surprise 50th anniv party. When we received our invite, we surmised that the kids all flunked arithmetic! Then we found out just how smart they really are! Knowing that the 50th Reunion would have everyone committed at the actual time, they figured that 50 minus 1 would do just fine—and apparently they were rt on target!

Happy to note that two stalwarts are still active in WP socs. **Jack Rose** is VP of the NW FL Soc and **Lynn Sifford** is VP of the Dayton Soc. Must be that time spent in the upper atmosphere has kept those two flyboys from aging as rapidly as the rest of us!

Frank Clay and **Bill Kraft** conducted another tactical walk, this one in early Nov at the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House battlefields. The snap, taken by **Bob Terry**, shows Bill, Frank, **Al Hunter, Larry Vogel**, friend Frank Sheridan, **Jerry Snow**, friend Ed McGregor and **Ben Hill**. The background marker indicates where GEN Sedgwick was killed by a sniper.

1942: This gp of old soldiers would seem to spt what GEN Sherman said about war!

Warm communications from **Bill & Mary Gernert**, by phone and mail. Ole Bill was honored by the Varsity Bowling Green Club with the Golden Letterman's Award for his 3 ltrs in track and participation in the 440 record-setting relay team in 38—plus being an honor student in chemistry and math! Presentation on the 50-yd line before the big game, Mary in the AD's box and a reception in their honor afterward! Only fittin', Bill! **Ink & Esther Gates** and **Butch & Bobbie Offley** were with them for the Army-AF Game. Sixteen for dinner Fri night included the above plus the **Connollys** and **Garvins**, as well as the Delamaters, Merritts and Steffes of '44. **Joe & Marie Hennessee**

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had to scratch because of his deteriorating condition. Bill, **Pappy** and Ink were flying to Albuquerque to be with Joe on his birthday, and **Bob Terry** told me that Bill had organized K Co mates to keep Joe well-supplied with phone calls.

Game day began with brunch at the AFA O'Club, with **Pam Gates** & hubby aboard. The seats on the 50 provided by Frank Merritt didn't ease the pain of the game, but the cocktail hr at the **Gernerts'** seemed to help immeasurably! **Mary Beth Gernert** and **Patti Garvin** joined with their spouses, but **Honie Garvin** was applauding while his wife received a special award from Digital, and **Bill Gernert** the younger was busy stalking elk! Accompanying snaps courtesy of **Ink** and Bill—who says that he & **Mary** slept for only two days after the rowdy gang departed on Mon?!

The best of the best to all of you in 92.

1942: Patience, Mary! Butch, move head left or glass rt!

1942: While Pappy, Butch and Ink smile, Bill looks at the carnage

1942: *The Broadmoor Terrace Bar—and* where are our drinks?

Jan '43

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Little more than 3 mos after the death of **"Smokey Joe"** (alias **"The Mole"**) **Lovett** (as rep in our Nov 91 Cl notes), I received a tragic tel call from **Jane Doyle**, who advised me that her **Jim (Pappy) Doyle** (and "The Mole's" cadet roommate) died suddenly of a double aneurysm on 7 Nov 91.

Jan '43: Our late beloved Jim (Pappy) Doyle, 15 Mar 19–7 Nov 91

Pappy had recently ret as the pres of the AF Ofc of Special Investigations (OSI) Assoc and had become a mbr of its bd of dirs. A mem svc was conducted for Pappy in the Sylvan Abbey Chapel, Clearwater, FL on 9 Nov 91 but, according to Jane, a final svc and interment at the Arlington Natl Cem is being planned for 27 May 92, which will be their 49th wedding anniv. Pappy met Jane (Quick) when she visited WP to date "The Mole," but he was "tied up" with his sister, so Pappy just "took over" from there. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the WP Fund (Cl of Jan '43), WP, NY 10996 in Pappy's memory.

Cliff Butler died of heart failure in Salt Lake City, UT on 11 Sep 91. Following his disability ret from the AF (and DoD's Advanced Research Projects Agency) in 69, Cliff became mgr of engring for Owens-Illinois on a NASA telescope project and subsequently served as a mbr of the Small Business Assoc's SCORE program for more than 10 yrs.

Jan '43: Dot & Cliff Butler at home in Salt Lake City prior to his death on 11 Sep 91

Under the heading of reunions, dedications and awards:

• **Peggy Wilkes** and **Art Grace** wrote glowing reps on the 45th reunion of the "pioneers" who served with AFSWP at Sandia Base, NM during the early, post-WWII devel and testing of nuclear weapons.

Jan '43: Terrie & Art Grace, Rosemary & Pappy Wilkes, Jean & Jim Cobb and Brenning Waters at the 45th Reunion of the Army "old-timers" of Sandia Base, NM

Not present for the snapshot of classmates & wives who attended this reunion were **Brenning Waters'** wife **Judy** and **Paul & Phyllis Ellis**. Just prior to the Sandia reunion, **Pappy & Rosemary Wilkes** attended their Hubbard, TX HS historic homecoming celebration, during which the HS's memorial library was dedicated to Pappy's parents, "Professor" Lowell & Elinor Wilkes.

Jan '43: Bill & Peggy Knowlton enjoy a bit of tennis with Bob & Marilyn Beightler in Oakland, CA

• **Bill Knowlton, Joe & Nancy Benson** and **Bob & Frances Wood** attended the 4th Armored Div Reunion in Baltimore over the Labor Day wkend. Bill also delivered a stirring address at the banquet that preceded the dedication of a monument to US armored forces near the visitors' entrance to Arlington Natl Cem.

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• **McD** was honored again at the dedication of the Robert F McDermott Clinical Science Bldg at the Univ of TX Health Ctr of San Ant on 23 Oct 91. Among the special guests were Dr Louis Sullivan (Secy of Health and Human Svcs) and entrepreneur Ross Perot (USNA '53).

Jan '43: Tote Talbott, the highly effective and respected C/S of the Mil Order of World Wars, just prior to his ret on 1 Aug 91

• **Tote Talbott** received the Distinguished Svc Award and a standing ovation at the 91 Convention of the Mil Order of World Wars (MOWW) on his ret as C/S of the MOWW since 77. At the same time, he was unanimously appointed "C/S Emeritus" and will continue to serve the interests of the Order.

Classmates who recently appeared on TV or "in print" were:

• **Ted Seith**, who was on CNN discussing the '41 A-N football game (which we lost) and the impact of Pearl Harbor on the eve before the 91 game/disaster.

Jan '43: Jo & Jim Hackler, Jean & Jim Cobb, Tut & Frances Frakes and Joe & Vicki Hackler (son & wife) at the installation of Jim Hackler as pres of Rotary's intl golfing orgn in Woodland, TX

• **Tut Frakes**, whose reactions to the '41 attack on Pearl Harbor were in the 7 Dec 91 edition of *The Montgomery Advisor*. He was eating lunch with MAJ Ollie Niess (physician for the Army football team) when they heard the news on the radio. Tut joined the knee-replacement contingent of our Cl in Aug.

• **Frank Camm**, who, along with former SECDEF McNamara and Andy Goodpaster '39, discussed "war and peace in the nuclear age" on a PBS TV special. Frank's comments on the destruction of nuclear weapons also appeared in the 20 Nov 91 edition of the *Wall Street Journal*.

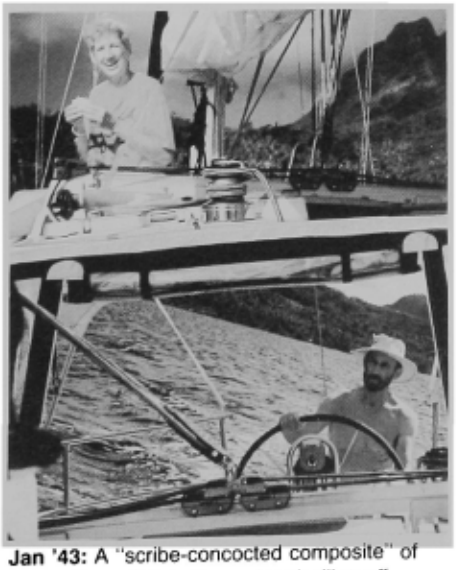
Jan '43: In another "flashback" to our spring mini-reunion in Atl, GA, here are Peg & Fly Flanagan and Bob & Barbara Fiss—courtesy of Bob Bullard

• **Fly Flanagan**, who listed/defined more than 100 "sandspeak" terms invented/used by US/British tps during the Gulf War in the Nov 91 edition of *Army Mag*; for example, "BMOs" = black moving objects = heavily veiled Saudi women.

• **Don & Betty Vlcek**, whose handcrafted/illustrated Christmas cards were unique—like patchwork quilting.

Among our traveling classmates & wives were:

• **Harry & Jan Pritchett**, who spent two mos last summer sailing, scuba-diving and flying about the S Pacific. Harry and his son are still in the computer software business under the logo HPA and will be announcing a major upgrade of their Markex program in Jan.



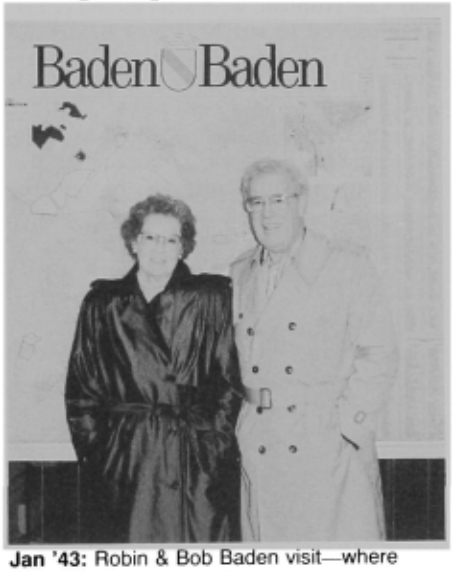
Jan '43: A "scribe-concocted composite" of Jan & Harry Pritchett snacking/sailing off Bora-Bora Isl in the S Pacific

• **Joe & Marie Conmy**, who spent Sep-Oct in TX—mostly in the little town of McKinney awaiting the arrival of their 15th grandchild, Colin Joseph Gill, on 6 Oct 91 via their daughter Mary Alice & Pat Gill. They visited **Bill & Mary Dee Starnes** in San Ant and saw our local classmates & wives **Tim Brown, George & Kay Sykes, Gene & Irma June Wink, Mitch & Helen Goldenthal, Dana & Betty Stewart, Duke & Virginia Kane** and **McD**. According to Joe, Bill & Mary Dee took 3rd place in a husband & wife invitational tournament at the Oak Hill Country Club, despite Bill's chemotherapy treatments—a real "profile in courage!"

Jan '43: Joe & Marie Conmy party with George & Kay Sykes and Bill & Mary Dee Starnes at the Oak Hill Country Club in San Ant, TX

• **Em & Betty Reynolds**, who made a trip to HI and the outer isl with Em in a wheelchair. His only complaint was the length of the flight from Atl to Honolulu and return. There's another "profile in courage!"

• **Bob & Robin Baden**, who spent 3 enjoyable wks in Holland and Ger, including the spa town of Baden-Baden.



Jan '43: Robin & Bob Baden visit—where else?—Baden-Baden, Ger

Continuing with "profiles in courage," one appeared in the 28 Nov 91 edition of the *Washington Times* under the headline "Grateful Hearts" about young George Rehb and his mother Jeanne, who has been fighting cancer since 83

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and is currently undergoing special anti-cancer treatment at NIH. Although young George has made it his quest to find a cure for his mother, it has been Jeanne's internal fortitude that has helped her cope in her struggle with cancer.

In other bits of news from here and there:

• **Phyllis Berry** (**Kearie**'s widow in CO Spr) rep that their two children (Kearie III and Dana, born in China) have blessed her with 9 grandchildren.

• John Wheeler (**Jack & Janet Wheeler**'s son and USMA '66), who "in previous lives was chm of the Vietnam Veterans Mem Fund, CEO of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and secy of the Securities and Exchange Commission, has just emerged from 8 mos at a Trappist monastery with plans for the first exhibition of items left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial next fall."

• It is a pleasure to note that our son Dave wrote the script and assisted in the production of the just-released PBS documentary on the Bill of Rights, whose 200th anniv occurred 15 Dec 91.

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Perhaps you saw the CBS Pearl Harbor special on 7 Dec? If you watched closely, you could have seen a young **Jack, Duke of Novak**, in 3 quick shots.

My thanks go out to all of you who have sent and are sending season's greetings to your scribe. Among the first was **Lee Hudson**, who tells me he & **Lib** have moved to 101 N Upper Broadway St, #1011, Corpus Christi, TX 78401. "We're in a ret home now, and I don't miss the house and yard work at all!"

Both **Deke Childs** and **Bobbie Keck** have sent me the same great pic from the AF Assoc convention in DC in Sep 91.

Jun '43: Deke & Betty Anne Childs, Bobbie & Jim Keck and Harriet & Bill Scott

From San Ant, **Bobbie Keck** writes: "Wish to rep that we had a 70th birthday party (4 Sep) for **Jim** at AF Vil II. I fixed a light buffet, with pasta salad, for 78 people! Among the folks from around town were **Penny & Kit Carson, Rip Collins, Georgene & KP Kilpatrick** and **Helen & Jim Phillips**. Big surprise of the eve came with the first arrivals: **Jean & Del Perkins**, up from Brownsville, and the smiling **Jim Bower**. Jim B has made a wonderful recovery from his knee replacement, but now Del is facing the same opn. How well I recall dancing with both Jim and Del at Cullum Hall many yrs ago!"

Jun '43: Jim Phillips, KP & Georgene Kilpatrick and Helen Phillips

More news from San Ant: **Jim Phillips** rep the bi-monthly Cl luncheon is a real magnet for bringing together classmates in central TX. **Craig Teller** and **Ed Renth** organized and hosted the most recent, at which the ladies are now included. Full credit for the photo goes to **Jim Bower**, with his new knee. I challenge you to identify as many as you can without looking at the following key. Names are given by row, from the bottom up (L-R). First row: **Kathy Falck, Anne Renth** and **Al Metts**; second row: **Mayme Cobb, John Cobb, Joe Eastmead, Juanita Eastmead, Fletcher Veach, Dick Parker** and

Jun '43: Jim Bower and Del Perkins

Ed Shaifer; third row: **Helen Phillips, Georgene Kilpatrick, Elaine Hinds, Elizabeth Teller, Dorothy Veach** and **Marci Garrett**; fourth row: **Jack (the Rogue) Teague, Ed Renth, Del Perkins, Jean Perkins, Ernie Hinds, KP Kilpatrick, Rip Collins, Tom Garrett, Mary Elizabeth Teague, Craig Teller, Peggy Shaifer** and **Jim Phillips**.

Janie & Bill Glasgow rep a yr of whirlwind travel and a dazzling span of activities that included the Grandfather Mtn Highland Games in NC. New Jun '43 additions continue to appear in the Melbourne, FL area, esp at the Indian River Colony. From Janie's card: "**Deke & Betty Anne Childs**' house is being built. **Kathy & Lemon Blank** were here for the Thirsty Niters (5 Dec) and are on the list for a house. **Marge & John Bowley** came over from Deland for the annual mtg on 3 Dec and will move here when John ret. **Marion & Marty Martin** were up from Vero Beach on a visit. **Bud O'Connor** and **Mathes** are down for the winter, and **Surkamps** will be back soon, too. **Bill Dudley** is currently (7 Dec) in the hosp with fluid in the lungs. The **Dudleys** lost

Jun '43: San Ant lunch squadron

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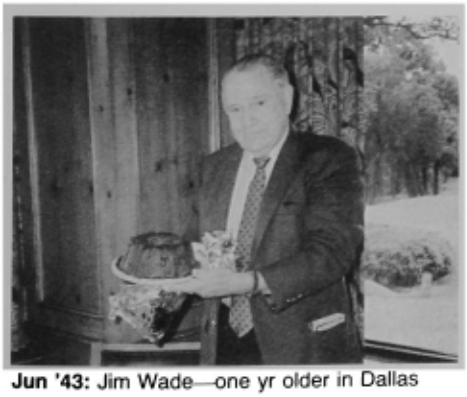
their daughter Linda in Sep, so 91 has been a rough year for them."

Art & Barbara Surkamp and one horse returned to the Middleburg, VA area in late 91 so that Art and the horse could participate in the fall fox hunting, which both of them hugely enjoy. However, by the time you read this Barbara and the hunters will be back down in FL. . . . **Keith & Patty Pigg**'s son Robert, lucky lad that he is, has found his way to Brigadoon and on 21 Dec 91 will marry Susan Marie Corcoran, daughter of Judge & Mrs J Roger Corcoran, in Johnstown, PA. This is the almost-mythical hometown of **JW Krobar** as well as Susan Marie. Krobar has helped the Piggs with maps, brochures and historical orientation. . . . A note from Tom Jones '45. Tom says that he "was able last fall to entice brother **Charlie Jones** away from his third career as finance div planner for the NY Port Authority. Charlie was navigator for a fun cruise on Tom's 36-footer down the St John's River and N on the intracoastal from central FL to Georgetown, SC. We had thunderstorms, seafood, daiquiris and 500 mi of superb non-interstate US scenery. Charlie & **Estelle** are fine and continue to commute to NYC from their Greenwich, CT home." Thanks, Tom.

The Jun '43 soldiers in Dallas are not as numerous as those in San Ant, but the monthly Cl lunch tradition in "Big-D" is older, maintained by **Bud Bolling, Howard Coffman, Hal Parfitt, Chuck Spieth** and **Jim Wade**. For Jim's latest birthday, **Pat Parfitt** made him a cake, as you see below. Good luck to you, Jim, in your new venture growing Sea Island cotton in Belize.



Jun '43: Jim Wade—one yr older in Dallas

Some of you may recall **Roger Hilsman** losing his ring while rescuing his grandson, who had fallen overboard while boating near Lyme, CT. Also, how Roger obtained a brand new ring from BB&B. A note from him in late Oct rep that a Nature Conservancy worker had found his original ring, identified him with assistance from AOG, and returned said ring. Then got a ltr from **Willie Herres** on 1 Nov 91 saying that "Last Christmas 90 in the chaos of opening Christmas boxes with grandkids, my much-prized Cl ring somehow disappeared—never to reappear." Willie asked if there exists a central repository for rings. AOG does *not* maintain such a repository, although several classes (not including Jun '43) have done so in the past. Roger & **Eleanor** have two sons, and he intends to leave one ring to ea. Roger's advice to ring losers in this: start from scratch with your own new, individual order rather than trying to find a used ring. A new ring will cost in the neighborhood of $1,000 (gulp), the exact price depending on the stone. The point of contact: Mr Paul W Thurston, VP for Insignia, Bailey, Banks & Biddle, Chestnut and 16th St, Philadelphia, PA 19102–2767.

Last time I rep that our honorary classmate, **Tim Doyle**, was running for city council out in New Haven, IN on an environmental platform. In the elections of 5 Nov 91 Tim triumphed with some 62% of the vote in his district, defeating a 25-yr incumbent. Despite all the excitement, Tim managed a quick trip E to help **Wick** assume his new septuagenarian status on 9 Nov 91. And here they are:

Jun '43: The Honorable TE Doyle and HT Wickert at 70

Cl lunch mtgs are, you might say, mini-reunions; and I have tried to rep faithfully on these worthy gatherings. Perhaps the oldest lunch gp is the Jun '43 N VA Chowder and Marching Soc. This highly informal bunch meets at 1230 hrs every Fri in the Lamplighter Rm of the O'Club at Ft Myer. This gp started with 3 classmates in Aug 85, and grew gradually to an avg of 10 in 91. On 6 Dec 91 a record was set with 15 on hand: **Quint Atkinson, Steve Brown, Bill Calnan, Bill Cover, Harry Heintzelman, Arch Hill, Dick McAdam, Jack McGregor, Hank Morgan, Mo Mozingo, Keith Pigg, Bill Roos, Wick Wickert, Dutch Umlauf** and **Frank Wood**.

On 12 Oct **Krobar, McGregor** and **Morgan** went with **Quint Atkinson** to a site near Manassas, VA, where private individuals have assembled a remarkable collection of US Army armored and wheeled vehicles from WWII and later—in running condition!

On the way back we passed an airstrip where a B-17 was on display. Although labeled "Memphis Belle," this was for showbiz purposes only, the actual historic craft being enshrined at (surprise) Memphis, as **McG** told us.

Jun '43: Atkinson seems dubious about early M-4 tanks

Jun '43: Fearsome foursome with B-17 near Manassas, VA

For several yrs **Quintus Atkinson** has served with distinction, particularly in representing tank destroyer interests, as one of the vice-chm of the Exec Cmte of the Armored Forces Monument Cmte headed by GEN Bruce Palmer and LTG Robert Baer. Finally, the hard work paid off with a grand dedication and anniv program 8–11 Nov 91 in Wash, DC. On 9 Nov, at the mem dedication banquet, GEN Bill Knowlton (USMA Jan '43) gave the address. At the dedication on 11 Nov, GEN Gordan R Sullivan, C/S USA, was the speaker, and Mrs Creighton Abrams unveiled the monument, made of VT granite and black Italian marble. This monument is located on the left of Memorial Dr as one approaches the Custis-Lee Mansion and before reaching the left-hand turn-in to Arlington Natl Cem.

With **Quint Atkinson** during this program and dedication were 3 mbrs of the plt he cmded in combat in Europe in WWII! Although this plt was actually equipped with the M-36 tank destroyer, the 4 at the dedication had to gather in front of an M-10 appropriately marked to memorialize the 2nd Plt of Co "C" of the 610th Tank Destroyer Bn, Third Army. Standing (L-R) in pic (next pg) are Security Squad Sgt Jack Ryan of Long Island, NY; Platoon Sgt Bill Powell of Columbia, MO; and Security Squad Cpl Marv Lansinger from OH. Kneeling in front, of course, is Plt Ldr 1st LT **QC Atkinson**.

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Jun '43: New US Armored Forces Monument

Jun '43: 2nd Plt, Co "C," 610th TD Bn survives!

Now the end comes. **Laurent Pavy**, of 5-H Downing Pl, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, called to say that **Doris** had died of cancer on 15 Oct 91. A funeral mass was said on 17 Oct, followed by burial at WP. With Laurent for these svcs were **Leo & Dorothy Hayes** from CT. . . . Then, on 8 Nov 91 **Jack Brady** died of cancer at his home in Alexandria, VA. After svcs at the Ft Myer Chapel on 14 Nov he was buried with full mil honors in Arlington Natl Cem. The Cl was well-represented. His wife, **Meta Barbara**, continues at this address: Mrs John S Brady, 112 Roberts Lane, Apt 200, Alexandria, VA 22314. . . . If you will look now at p 90 of the Nov 91 *ASSEMBLY* you will see a photo of **Wendell ("Van") & Sue VanAuken** with **Art & Mary Rasper** in Copenhagen in Jun 91. But after return, Van fell ill and was diagnosed as suffering from leukemia. It moved with terrible swiftness, and on 7 Dec 91 Van VanAuken died. A mem svc was held at the William Thomas Funeral Home in Gainesville on 10 Dec. **Tommy & Suzanne Tomlinson** were present. After cremation, interment will follow at WP at a time TBA. Sue's address is 816 NW 37th Dr, Gainesville, FL 32605. . . . To the Dudley family in Melbourne, FL, to Laurent Pavy, and to Barbara Brady and Sue VanAuken and their families, the Cl extends sincere sympathy in the loss of their loved ones.

Aided by the **Barickmans, Teddy Wilson** and **Arch Hill**, the **Joneses—Lynn & Alan**—again organized a gala Christmas dinner party for the Cl at The Fairfax. Will have to tell you about it next time.

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The Annual Cl Newsltr was again a resounding success! Congratulations to the contributors and to **Don Carter**! Several excellent articles appeared, particularly one by **George Blanchard** on the experiences as CINCUSAREUR with his Soviet counterpart, CINC Gp of Soviet Forces Ger. However, **Ann Patton**'s sea story is awarded my Push-itzer as a great counterpt to Ollie's softback saddle sagas published over the yrs.

In this connection, our Cl Pres invites your contribution of a nominal $25 to feed the Cl kitty. Publisher **Connell** points out that our newsltr costs about $4,300 to put in your mailbox this yr, including the nominal $350 for the earlier worldwide mailing inviting submissions. The purposes of the newsltr and this col are the same—to provide broadcast communication, on short or longer terms available at sender's choice, among and about us. Although *ASSEMBLY* also spreads the word to friends and the curious among our longside classes, that's mainly a bonus. The newsltr aims to reach those classmates who do not subscribe to *ASSEMBLY*. (An errant thought intrudes that at $15 a yr, $4,300 would pay for lotsa subscriptions.)

However, don't get any bright ideas about collapsing the Newsltr into this col; the two are complementary. One hundred and thirty-one ltrs arrived from classmates to be posted on the Newsltr Bulletin Brd, 3 times the no that provided the yr's bugs in this col's periodic soup. Too, since we are all "chiefs"—not a one-feather brave among us—ea of us has so far had in the Newsltr a platform for his unedited "say" in his own words, brevity be damned, thank you! The space constraints of a bi-monthly 500-word Cl col make a poor dais from which to call the Mess Hall to attention. The annual Newsltr B-Bd is a great poop-deck! Sound off when and where you will; we can stand a little noise around here.

Mail Call:

- **Dick & Dottie McPherson** now at The Renaissance, Unit 15, 1110 W Ivanhoe Blvd, Orlando, FL 32804.
- **Al & Billie Wald**: newly at 16635 Diaz Dr, San Diego, CA 92128 with news that **Werners, Stegers, Sheltons**, also in Rancho Bernardo, and **Murrays** in nearby Escondido appear daily to greet the sun, giving Steger "another day in which to excel."
- **Ev Mire**, 39 days late for the Newsltr, diverted here: he's hip-deep in the local/TX Knights of Columbus celebration of the 500th Columbus anniv of (that historically dubious) discovery of America. Ev will be a judge of a youth essay contest with 8,600 potential entries. Good luck, Ev!
- From some place in China, **Bill Miller**'s postcard sez the Flying Tiger Tour is great; revisited an old US airbase now used for parachute tng with old Soviet Antonov WWII bi-planes. On to Shanghai!
- Note to **Connell** from the patient sez that **Bressler** now recuperating from intensive care. Get Well, **Dean!**

Mollie & Jean Molloy brought **Connell & Anne Phillips** from El Paso to a gathering for the 9 Nov A-AF game in CO Spr, where they were joined by **George & Betty Wear, Bob & Nancy Flynn** and **Al Weston**.

The **Todds** B-ached; Bill had by-pass surgery. The gang met with **Fred & Joan Porter** and **Frank & Arlene Merritt**. Post-game conducted tours of Santa Fe and Mesilla for Anne & Jim were assisted by the NM State Police, who augmented safety for a $46 fee incurred at roadside.

1944: Christmas dinner dance, 7 Dec 91

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We had a fine Christmas dinner dance at A-N on 7 Dec 91. (Note very proper Cowherd dance posture!) Most of us could recall the spot and moment at WP that we got the news of Pearl Harbor in the biggest wk of the 20th Century: 5 Dec 41 was the high tide of the German attack on the USSR as the Soviet tps who had walked 3,000 mi from Asia hit the Wehrmacht on the western approaches to Moscow. And Hitler declared war on the US. Now 50 yrs to the wk we hear the USSR declared dead as a political entity. Yes, we danced to the music of the 40's and were pleased to have **Randy &**

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1944: The Molloys, Wears, Flynns, Anne Phillips, Weston and Connell at Army-AF Game, Co Spr, Nov 91

Becky Cary join us. **Rose Marks, Mary O'Brian, Louise Vitullo, Dusty Rivers** and **Bob Robinson** livened up the gathering. The **Haymans** and **Cushmans** came from Crabtown, **Frank & Sylvia (McElvey)** Gilchrist made it from Middleburg, and **Jack & Bes Peterson** from Fredricksburg. That left the rest of us from inside the Beltway: the **Brights, Carters, Cowherds, Harrises, Maishes, McAuliffes, O'Donnells, Joyce Ott** (**Dave** TDY), **Smiths, John Sullivan** and **Tkaciks**. Thanks are due to **Pat & Ed O'Donnell** for a third yr of leadership and to **Annette Sullivan** again for her fine table decorations. We are sorry Annette was under the weather that eve, and we also missed the **Ginsburghs** and the **Morrisons** due to health problems.

Connell informed me of the 12 Dec luncheon held at the Pentagon, missed because I was hyper-ventilating at "play" with a 14-mo-old grandson left in our care for several days. **Dave Ott** kindly passed on my position rep on the Cl History (scarce inputs), and **Jim** sez we had no particularly memorable business there. Good! Luncheons oughta be light fare in all respects.

Following a visit with children in Newport, RI and Ft Drum, the **Pollins** went by WP, where **Jack** was uniquely honored by the Dept of Mathematical Sci. Jack was asked to cut the ribbon for the opening of the new dept library, heard the dept head speak of Jack's many contributions to the dept and WP, then watched **Jinnie** unveil Jack's portrait in what will be the Pollin Library. Congratulations, Jack; "it can't get much better than that!"

The holidays are upon us, my shopping is late and over budget, my schedule is behind-er, all our children, spouses and g-chilluns will make our house bulge for Christmas. Oh, may you have had the best of times and be ready for Easter when you get this. GSOYP,A!

1944: Jack & Jinnie Pollin at the Pollin Library, USMA

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Margie McDonald is definitely on the mend from a severe bout with Guillian Barre Syndrome—a strange malady that can cause paralysis. Margie & **Mac** joined **Orv & Fran Post** in Sep for a wk watching the aspens take on their golden hues in the vicinity of Jackson Hole, WY and Perre's Hole, ID. They also got in some moderate walking, touring, and Orv and Mac played a couple of rounds of a "game resembling golf."

1945: Fran Post and Margie & JJ McDonald at Jackson Hole, WY, Sep 91

Bart Kerr's second book, *Flames Over Tokyo: The US Army Air Forces' Incendiary Campaign Against Japan, 44–45*, appeared in bookstores in Oct, accompanied by very fine pre-pub reviews. [See book review elsewhere in this issue.] His first book, *Surrender and Survival*, covered the experience of WWII American POW's in the Pacific.

Zoot Johnson's widow, **Jean Robinson Johnson**, joined **Nancy & JM Ferguson** for lunch in Oct at Windows-on-Urbanna, VA. JM said he worked for Jean's father in Korea in 47 when COL Robinson was G2, USAFIK.

1945: JM & Nancy Ferguson with Jean Robinson Johnson

Randy Heard and **Ruby Harlow** spent a wknd with **Tom & Lou Longino** in Sep. They all met **Tom & CB Maertens** for Sun brunch in Clemson. **Lee & Big Jim Morris** stopped by the Longinos' in Oct and had a great time reminiscing.

Ky & Maria Murphy spent the better part of the summer in Estoril, Portugal, where they've had a home for nearly 20 yrs. In late Sep they returned to Europe and joined the *Vistafjord* in Venice. The next 15 days they visited such interesting ports as Yalta, Odessa, Varna in Bulgaria, Istanbul and Malta. They recommend the voyage.

Lucy Daoust was honored by The Langley Sch, McLean, VA on 14 Sep when they dedicated the Arts & Science

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1945: Ruby Harlow, Randy Heard, Tom & Lou Longino and Tom & CB Maertens in Clemson, SC, Sep 91

1945: Ky & Maria Murphy on the Black Sea, Sep 91

Bldg to her. Lucy was dir of the sch for 14 yrs (64–78). During that time it grew from 180 to 369 students and from one to five bldgs and became noted for academic excellence while remaining the caring, warm place it had always been. Congratulations to Lucy for this well-deserved recognition.

Aus Yerks died in Miami on 17 Oct and was buried in Arlington on 21 Oct. **Tom Longino** wrote that, ironically, he and **Big Jim Morris** were happily remembering Aus just a few days before his death. He did a great job writing this col for many yrs. We'll all miss him. **Alice** plans to stay in Miami.

Dan Silverman died in River Ridge, LA from cancer on 8 Oct. He was buried in New Orleans, though he had wanted to be buried at WP. Rules wouldn't permit that. He was a great benefactor of our Cl projects and the Academy. **Tom Schwinn** visited in New Orleans with him in Jun and said there isn't any classmate that revered the Academy more than Dan. He had divorced Susan, the young bride he brought to the mini-reunion in Orlando, so there was no widow, but he leaves one daughter and two sons. We'll miss Dan.

Ed Weber '46 rep he has an extra copy of the '45 *Howitzer*. He'll send it to any '45'er who wants it. Write Ed at 613 SE 38th St, Lawton, OK 73501 or call (405) 248-6770.

Frank Davies said: "This is news only because it happens so rarely." Classmates in the Eglin AFB area of NW FL assembled in early fall for lunch. **Axel Briggs**, the Sage of Pensacola, motored over to Ft Walton Beach to join **Al Blue, John Carley, Ed Munyon, Frank Davies** and **Harry Kelly**, a fairly new resident of the area. All agreed that the gift cmte is doing the best they can and deserves the spt of all. Future plans include getting together for golf for the 4 who admit to playing. Not Kelly, though. Harry, an ardent tennis player, says he's not old enough for golf.

1945: "Okay, guys, you can take the masks off." Davies, Kelly, Blue, Carley, Briggs and Munyon at Ft Walton Beach, FL, Halloween 91

Tom (Harvey C) & Martha Jones live in Cheraw, SC, "the prettiest town in Dixie." Tom says that with **John & Sarah Fletcher** just 3 mi E in historic (1834) Rose Hall, they claim 0.3% of the Cl. (I just got out my slide rule and checked that. It doesn't come out right, but it's probably my slide rule.) At Rose Hall, the Fletchers keep tab on progeny and grandprogeny, selectively farm, John builds the finest furniture in Marlboro County, and it's where they commute to from their acting firm in Fayetteville. The Joneses have been deeply involved in creating the town's performing arts ctr as well as researching and speaking on G Washington's strategist and buddy, Nathaniel Greene & Caty. They spent the Desert Storm part of the winter in London (theater tickets never easier) and Paris, where Tom caught up on EuroDisneyland construction. Then they spent a mo on their 36-ft *Pretty Girl* to FL and Disney World. There was a quick fun-filled trip to **Walt & Jean Hylander**'s beautiful Rossmore Plantation (1857) near Natchez to celebrate Walt's birthday, followed by 6 wks in Nantucket. Along the way they were able to visit their 5 children and 5 grandchildren during the yr. Two more grandchildren were due before Christmas.

John Chickering wrote that it was time for his decennial communication to me. **Tom Godwin** & his wife surprised them with a knock on their door in Tucson for a pleasant visit. **Doug Lott** was in Tucson from TX, and he and John played 9 holes. **Don Henderson** got John to agree to write a mem article for **Steve Olds**. Someone ought to pin a medal on Don for the job he's doing. John also flew out to Laguna Hills to visit **Bill McNamee** during his last days—it was a gut-wrencher, as it was for **Tom Catron** in Tucson. **Lola** & he went to USMA homecoming in 89—enjoyed seeing it, but didn't see anyone they knew.

1945: Lola & John (now 67) Chickering in Tucson, AZ, Oct 91

Albuquerque was the site of the Sandia Base Army Reunion, 14–17 Oct 91. **Theo Bush** was the sparkplug of the reunion and chaired the cmte, with much of the planning and organization being done by **George & Katy Dexter** and **Butch & Mary McCulloch**, along with other Sandia alumni in the area. Reunion events included a visit to Sandia Base with a nostalgic tour of the qtrs area, a visit to the Atomic Museum, luncheon at the club, a great tour of Los Alamos, a trip to Sante Fe, a bus tour of Albuquerque and the Marriott for dinner. Cl mbrs attending were **George** & Theo Bush, George & Katy Dexter, **Bill & Marietta Ekberg, Bob & Ann Erickson, Dave & Peg Higgins, Frank & Bonnie LaBoon, Norm & Mary Mallory, Rock & Wynne McBride**, John & Mary McCulloch, **Jack & Helen Rhett, Harry & Nancy Shaw** and **Wally & Ginger Wittwer**.

1945: Club "505" alumni: the McCulloughs, Rhetts and Shaws, Albuquerque, Oct 91

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The **Dexters** and **McCullochs** hosted a cocktail buffet for all the mbrs of the reunion cmte, reunion classmates and area classmates who were not Sandia alumni. Classmates from the area attending were **Lucian & Anne Truscott** (who are moving to WA St), **Don & Betty Fowler** (from Santa Fe), **Doc Hesse** (who happened to be in area on business), **John & Mary Stoer** and **George Garman**.

Classmates who arrived at Sandia in the period 46–49 were frequently trapped by those delightful Albuquerque/U of NM girls. Among classmates at the reunion who found their wives there were **Bush, McBride, Rhett, McCulloch** and **Shaw**—the last 3 being denizens of the infamous bachelor pad off-base known as "Club 505," along with **Bill McNamee**.

Nancy & Harry followed the reunion with a 4-wk tour of the W Coast. They started in LA, visited friends in the San Fran Bay area, where they stopped to see **Mac & Nancy McGovern** in Burlingame, and had a lovely dinner at which **Gene & Laurel Love** and **Jim & Martha Rasmussen** were present.

1945: The Shaws, McGoverns, Rasmussens and Loves at the McGoverns' home in Burlingame, CA, Oct 91

1100 hrs on 11 Nov 91 was the occasion for dedication of a monument in Pinehurst, NC memorializing those who have served from WWI through the Iraqi War. **Ed Saxby**, who is pres of the area's TROA chapter, took the idea to his bd, which furnished $2,000 seed money, and secured the participation of VFW, NC Disabled Vets, American Legion and other veterans and the public. Ed and the American Legion area cmdr unveiled the memorial before more than 1,000 spectators and with the NC Governor.

Big Jim Morris writes that he misses his bunch of good-ole-boy buddies in the Columbus, GA area. **Harry Kelly** left for FL, and death took **Jack Boettcher** and **Henry Hutchinson**. He sees **Ralph Hinman** every couple of mos—he's feeble but is still "with it." In Oct **Lee** & Jim went N to see the leaves. They spent a day in N GA with **Tom & Lou Longinos**, who have a beautiful place on a lake near the GA-SC line. Tom has instructed in nearby colls and is a bd mbr of a community hosp. Tom and Jim went to Sully's prep sch together, partied in NYC on the eve of reporting to USMA, took the W Shore RR to WP and marched up the hill together on entrance day.

Jim says they keep up with the active duty Army news through son Jim Morris IV; nephew Robert P Morris, who is an instructor in the successor to MT&G; and the Columbus, GA newspaper, which, among other news, mentioned that COL Robert J St Onge Jr has assumed cmd of a bde at Ft Benning. Jim talked to the littlest of the 3 **Jim Morrises** in '45—he's in the Seattle area, but hasn't had contact with any classmates.

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(187) This is being typed on the 50th anniv of Pearl Harbor and will be in the 50th anniv issue of *ASSEMBLY*.

1946: Street and Bryant at 45th Reunion

1946: Dick & Marcy Burgess at 45th Reunion

I'm sure ea one of you received **Cal Benedict**'s 4 Nov 91 ltr regarding a Cl 50th Reunion gift to WP. An answer should have been returned to him by now. If you did not get such a ltr, contact Benedict, or if you have not yet given him your choice, get off your butt and do it now.

More on the subject by **Dick Gruenther**: "By this date (mid-Dec), 326 mbrs of our Cl have responded to the ltr sent out by our Cl pres, **Cal Benedict**, in Nov. Some 63% of those responding chose the Great Hall of the new AOG Alumni Ctr as their first choice for our 50th Reunion gift. Cal has just received approval from Denis Mullane, AOG Pres, assigning the Great Hall to '46. "Later this winter, **Cal** and the Cl Cmte will mail a fund-raising ltr to all classmates and widows requesting spt for this magnificent hall. This will be our last chance to act as a cl in spt of WP. In the meantime, the Cl Fund-raising Cmte has been seeking major gifts for the project."

1946: Levi & Barbara Brown at 45th Reunion

1946: Wilt Persons and Dott & Wally Berry at 45th Reunion

My most recent col mentioned the Cl Memorial Plaque being worked up by **Jack McWhorter**, and that one name was to be added. That person is **Dick Mealor**, who died on 27 Oct 50 in the Korean War. I now rep a more recent death, that of **William Sacharov Volmer**, on 10 Oct 91 at Ft Howard VA hosp in MD. Bill was buried at WP on 18 Oct 91. At present we know of no next-of-kin for Bill, but regardless, express our sympathy to any family and friends. Although belatedly, since I know I have not heretofore rep, Bill earned a master's in oceanography from OR St and a doctorate in same from Johns Hopkins. He also grad from the U of MD law sch. Bill ran unsuccessfully for Judge of the Orphans Court in Baltimore, worked for the Dept of Social Svcs and also taught in Baltimore's schs. The newspaper article on Bill was mailed to me by **Bill Stone.**

Bill Volmer's passing away brings up another subject dear to **McWhorter**'s heart. His death is the third case of a deceased classmate who became estranged from wife and children prior to death and leaves no one to contact re his

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obit. **Jack** has so far received 105 contingency planning outlines or drafts for obits, but there are still many of you who will say there'll be someone around to write the obit. Even if it may not be necessary when the inevitable happens, why not fill out the form and mail it to Jack? Incidentally, Jack has run into a stone wall trying to locate relatives of 7 classmates. He now has asked that I request former company mates to mail any data about these men to him so he may complete their obits. They are: **John L Bennett**, D-1, AF, multi-engine; **Charles E Bonner**, D-1, Army Engrs; **Edward M Carr**, E-1, AF, single engine; **Charles J Hauenstein**, H-1, AF, single engine; **Benjamin W Kernan**, A-2, AF, single engine; **Robert E Eyman**, E-2, AF, multi-engine; and **James E Bruce**, F-2, AF, multi-engine.

On 2 Nov, after the Vanderbilt game, **Bob & Miriam Lamb** hosted a gathering of folks at their home in Highland Falls. The guests included **Dick & Sue Gruenther** and **Sam & Ethel France**. Their home has a beautiful view overlooking the Hudson River and is on a dead-end street in the Cragston area of town. We enjoyed ourselves and the comfort of a home after being in the raw game weather.

Bill & Ivy Roney were on a cruise around S America about two yrs ago, and the day before they docked in Rio his Cl ring was stolen. Bill said he would not expect any Argentine would become so filled with remorse that said person would return it to USMA, but if they should he'd like it back. I suspect, Bill, that it has long ago been melted down for the gold.

Skip Strain has returned from a two-wk visit with his daughter Debbi and grandchildren in Barbados. Husband Terry Miller is with the State Dept as a counselor to the Ambassador there. In Jun they return to DC as he becomes dir of Social and Refugee Affairs. Next you will find a photo of **George & Lynn Webb** taken in Oct 91 while in Jerusalem. The Dome of the Rock is in the background. They were on a tour of Egypt and Israel and had received some good tips from **Jim & Belle Loome**, who had made the same trip a few yrs ago. George said they had a great time on the trip and at the 45th Reunion.

Our most traveled classmate, **Kent Berge**, has mailed his annual Christmas greetings from Honolulu while on his way to New Zealand. Picking up from a yr ago, he then left NZ for Tasmania and all the renewed joys of that land. Sometime in 91 he visited Vancouver and mainland BC. Midway in 91 he attended a family reunion at Bald Head Isl, NC, with 4 granddaughters included.

Bud & Mary Devens' annual card has arrived with, by my count, 33 in the family today. The latest addition: Timothy Harvey on 21 Mar 91. Other news: Jamie returned from Desert Storm and is now with Roanoke Gas; Pat (MAJ) & Patty returned from HI and are now in Springfield, VA; Donnie & Bill—he's back at Mitre after recall to Pentagon duty during Desert Storm; Elissa & Bob (MAJ) hoping to transfer to Heidelberg after 2+ yrs in Italy; Exxon moved Sheri, Tim and kids from CA to Houston; Barb & Ted in Cary, NC, he with NCDOT, she with Duke Hosp.

1946: The Webbs in Jerusalem, Oct 91

1946: Table 1, H-1, at 45th Reunion

1946: Table 2, H-1, 45th Reunion

Phil Farris mailed 12 pics of Reunion gps; space does not permit including all at this time. Two pics show H-1 tables at dinner, to include Table 1—**John & Phil Mathias, Bernie & Bev Pankowski, Dave & Nancy Bryant, Rita & Ed Crowley**; and Table 2—**Al & Mary Gerardo, Lois & PI Barthol, Bertha & Dave Bradburn, Pat & Zeke Hopkins**. Another, taken before Alumni P-rade, shows **Wally Berry, Tom Provenzano,** PI Bartho and Phil Farris. Remainder of photos are identified with caption throughout column.

1946: H-1 files, 45th Reunion

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Here in Lubbock in early Dec, spring-like weather has returned after an early winter. The Post Office's new scanning equipment (which scans only addresses and sends mailing addresses with solitary ltrs like "E" to East Lubbock and then back to the sender) is not working properly. What happened to the very important 9-digit zip code? Note how I have [slightly] changed my address again!

I have had numerous contacts with **Bob Rosen** exchanging reunion and Cl roster info. Bob is predicting that 180 classmates should return for our 45th. Reunion planning work continues. **Marilyn & Dick McAdoo** joined **Bev** & Bob Rosen at Mohonk in Oct again, critically checking things out. "The program and return sheets for reservations, etc, will be out on 15 Jan 92." The Rosens have done extensive traveling during "sr citizen" traveling periods (after Sep): They visited **Betty & Pete Boerger** in Sanford, NC; 3rd Inf Div Reunion in Charleston, SC, and **Janet & John Miller** in Lexington on Lake Murray, SC. The Millers' hospitality "included John giving me a 'driving' lesson in his new Sea Ray, a power boat designed to tow skis. About 1/2 hr out into the lake a squall came up, and John told me his dealer had advised him that you never needed windshield wipers on Lake Murray. So while I was driving blind at about 30 knots, John was standing up so he could look over the windshield to navigate. I haven't felt quite like that since the first time I got on a horse and the instructor shouted 'Gallup Hooo!' " They saw the Shoenbergs '48 and **Mimi & Alan Gould** down in Atl. Bob rep that Mimi is doing nicely after major surgery and chemo a few mo ago. Full of news, Bob gave me a "knee rep" also: **Jimmy Johnson** and **Mike Greenberg** are recovering from recent knee replacements; **Bernie Abrams** is awaiting one; and **Posey Rogers** had her knee crushed on the golf course by a little, old lady driving a golf cart.

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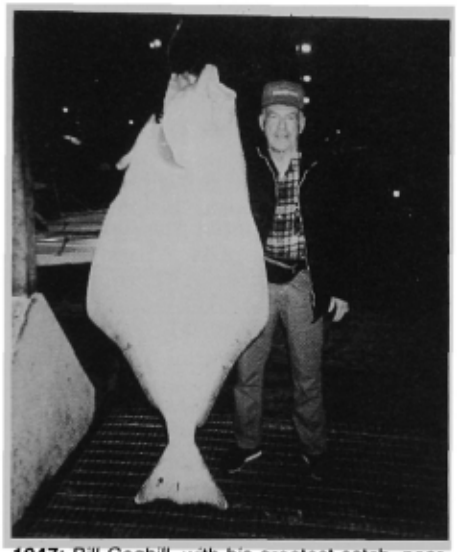
Marilyn Halligan sent me a clip (presumably from the local Indian Wells, CA newspaper) which rep that German authorities have charged a married couple of attempted murder in the 79 bombing of a limousine carrying **Al Haig**, then cmdr, NATO, in Belgium. Al escaped injury then because the plastic explosive bomb device detonated just after his car passed. And as far as I know, Al remains in good health today. . . . **Willie Munroe**'s winter address is Harbor Village, B-104, 6121 NE 175th St, Seattle, WA 98155; tel (206) 485-0903.

We have lost **Jay Bleiman**. Both Ann De Marchi Corwin, asst dir of Grad Career Svcs at Princeton U, and **Bob Lilley** have sent me detailed reps of Jay's strong fight against cancer before succumbing on 31 Oct 91. Bob Lilley had his 50th HS Reunion in Princeton in early Oct. While there he contacted Jay, who had been diagnosed with cancer of the liver and was undergoing chemo. Jay had been a mayor of Princeton Township. He ret from the Army in 68 and then ret from the Woodrow Wilson Sch of Public & Int Affairs of Princeton Univ in 89 as asst dean. Mem contributions should be made to the Nuclear Disarmament Education Fund, 40 Witherspoon St, Princeton, NJ 08542. A memorial svc was held on 1 Dec in the Princeton Univ Chapel, with internment at USMA on 2 Dec. The Cl extends heartfelt condolences to **Yvonne** and daughter Rebecca of NYC. Yvonne (**Mrs Junius J**) may be contacted at 75 Clover Lane, Princeton, NJ 08540; tel (609) 921-3427.

Butch & Bob Lilley returned to the Casa Grande area for the winter for golfing. They remain good golfers and skiers. . . . **Joe Addison** called me one night when he was in the E, in AL, to announce his upcoming marriage to **Yvonne Waskin** from AL on 7 Dec (Pearl Harbor Day; A-N Game) at Ft Myers. **George Maloney** worked on the details of the wedding. We are pleased and welcome Yvonne to the Cl and expect to see them at Reunion in Sep! **Meade Wildrick** writes now after his twice-yrly trips to the E Coast. He saw Army lose to The Citadel and then visited the **Webbs** in DC area where pic was taken. . . . In **Bill Coghill**'s last ltr, he said that I could finally speak the truth about his catching fish heavier and bigger than himself. The pic proves the story. Bill and son Tom, fishing out of Valdez in Prince William Sound, hooked this 126-lb halibut after struggling 1/2 hr to bring him up from 201 ft down. **Gerry & Bill**'s grandchildren get better ea yr in golf and baseball.

The **Burners** passed on the following news: **Doc Haskin** joined the swelling ranks of nicely recovered prostate surgery patients; **Bill West** stopped off for a 0745 breakfast visit at the Burners' recently—he has ret from business but still bikes and skis; **Barb Boerger** plans to put her house up for sale this spring; **Mary & Hap Beuhler** made good recoveries from their med problems and once again, in Dec, met **June & Jean** for their annual "half-way" dinner; **Marge & Andy Anderson** were through DC area doing an Elderhostel.

1947: Chez Webbs: Wayne Hauck, Al Haig, Muriel Webb, Dottie Hauck, Pat Haig, Meade Wildrick and Bill Webb



1947: Bill Coghill, with his greatest catch, near Valdez: 126-lb halibut, Sep 91

1947: Bill Coghill, with grandkids Billy and Carolyn, in Soldotna, Alaska

Bobbi & I had an emotional trip to Korea and Thailand in Oct. See pic of me and S Korean in Korean Folk Vil. Forty-one yrs ago, N Korean Army soldiers dressed like this mingled among the fleeing populace as 5th-column irregulars. Weapons and hand grenades were, of course, underneath the white tunic. Over Thanksgiving, we also visited son Allen & Karen in Burke, VA. We went soaring over Gettysburg and vicinity with competent veteran glider instructor, **Don Robb**; and put our hands over **"William B Cronin"** on the Vietnam Memorial in DC.

1947: Al & Bobbi Geraci in Kyongju Kolon Hotel, Korea

1947: Al Geraci in Korea with a new "old friend"

A recent quip at the bottom of a pg in the *New Yorker* mag:

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Paul & Marie Weaver's daughter CPT Anne Worster (USAFA '85) & CPT Ward Worster (USAFA '84) were ea awarded the 91 Patriot of the Yr Award at the Mil Ball in Ft Worth. Anne & husband, KC-135 aircraft cmdrs, flew over 40 combat missions ea, refueling fighters over and around Iraq. Highlights included Anne being chased out of Iraqi airspace by a MIG and Ward circling over a downed pilot, refueling an A-10 so that plane could suppress approaching Iraqi soldiers until one of our choppers could extricate our pilot.

Odell Williamson sent his check for

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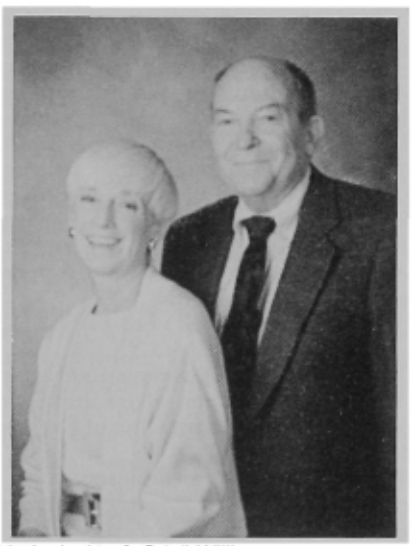
1948: LTG Ryan and CPT Anne Worster

lifetime mbrship, specifying its purpose on his note paper, titled "The Amazing Micro Diet," listing Odell as "independent advisor." He advises that the diet really works and sent the scribe a sample (I am not sure that is a compliment). After Odell resigned in 53 at Sandia Base, he relocated to home state GA and went into construction.



1948: Jackie & Odell Williamson

He has been a general contractor, with **Jackie** and daughter Jane helping in interior design for his bldgs. As dir of construction, he practically rebuilt GA Tech in 8 yrs, leaving Tech in 72.

Randy Beirne sent a copy of a paper he did on the Korean War comparing statistics on the participation of '48 and other classes.[Note: see Randy's "Ltr to the Editor" in Jan 92 *ASSEMBLY*.] Randy continues as a prof of Sociology at the Univ of Baltimore.

Pierce Gaver has been gathering material for the obit he will be writing on **Edward Thomas Klett**, his cow-yr roommate. Please send Pierce any info, ideas or anecdotes about Ed.

John & Eunice Edwards entertained the scribe while on a golfing vacation to Myrtle Beach. Eunice is happily taking daily care of her young grandson while her daughter tends the ill in the hosp. John testifies as an expert witness in motor-vehicle accident cases.

1948: John & Eunice Edwards

Carl Schmidt sent a nostalgic article from the Baltimore paper about the replacement of Memorial Stadium, citing the great A-N game of 44. What it did not recite was our troopship adventure, the 6-mi march through Baltimore, and our BJ actions serving shipboard chow to the upper classmen, resulting in our losing fall-out privileges. The only thing I can recall that was more "fun" was chipping paint on CAMID.

Woe & Marge Enderle stopped in San Ant to take a Cl census. **Rosey Rosencrans** was active at the time, getting son Douglas ensconced in TX A&M. Once done, Rosey & **Billie** are planning a few trips. **Elenita Scott** rep that **Ed Scott** was at his cabin in ID, sighting in a rifle to be used for the fall Elk hunt. Woe made contact for lunch with **Sol Resnick**. While with the 24th Div Arty in 50, Sol was hit by incoming mortar fire. Sol almost lost his right arm, took disability ret in 59 for a civil svc job, and then in 65 went into private business, with a subsequent return in 74 to civil svc. After ret in 88, Sol moved to San Ant with Modern Tech Corp. Woe concluded his excellent rep by advising he & **Marge** now have a second home at 14192 S Yorba St, Tustin, CA 92680 (LA area), with a bedroom for '48'ers passing through; phone (714) 544-4090.

Babs Wadsworth Nelson made the final presentation of the Wadsworth Trophy last fall to the Norwich-Middlebury winner at the final game of their 100-yr-old competition, which is being discontinued because of conference restrictions. The trophy was established in **John Wadsworth**'s name in 77 and inscribed "Dedication, Loyalty and Sportsmanship," to echo the qualities that John continually demonstrated. Since son John was Norwich '75 and Todd was Middlebury '76, Babs is having a second trophy made so ea sch will have a Wadsworth Trophy for permanent retention. **Dolly Petersen** went to Pisgah Forest, NC for a visit with Babs and **Patty Osteen**, who live about 5 mins apart (does anyone in Pisgah Forest live more than 5 mins apart?). The pic of the 3 ladies was taken at the Osteens' son Luke's Fireside Bookstore.

1948: Patty Osteen, Dolly Petersen and Babs Wadsworth Nelson, 16 Nov 91

As Dolly was preparing for her trip to Asheville, she saw Joan Lunden of "Good Morning America" interview Hunt Mallet, son of **Dave & Sarah Mallett**, as he explained his cloggers gp and then performed with the gp.

The Oct 91 Wash wkend was a big one. The highlight was at the Sun brunch with the presentation of the POW medal honoring **Jim Ruddell** to his son James.

1948: Patch and James Ruddell

He gave a most moving acceptance speech, and we all know that Jim, looking down on the scene, must be very proud of that young man. Out-of-town attendees included **Russ Ball** with date Dr Sandra Crawchik. Befitting this gathering of the geriatric clan, Sandra got the best laugh of the evening with her comment that "I brought Russ down to the party in an ambulance." Not to worry, Russ looked great—or at least he didn't look any worse than the rest of us. Also present: **Jack & Marie Capps, Bill & Chris Cook, Lee & Johnsie Doyle, Ashby & Happy Foote, Jim & Bev Hall, Stan & Jane Harsh, Charlie & Mary Horn, Marge Jones, Hugh & Barbara Perry, Irv & Ann Schoenberg** and **Charlotte Webber**.

Special guests, in addition to Jim & Dale Ruddell, included the Footes' daughter & son-in-law, Cissy & Fred

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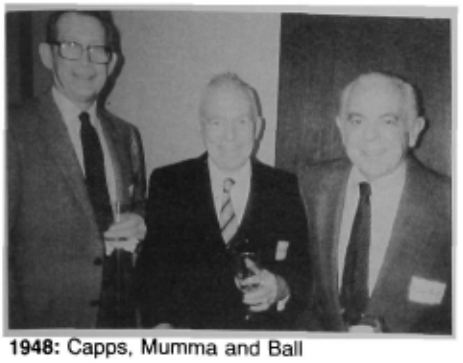


1948: Capps, Mumma and Ball

1948: Bobbie Perry, Jim & Bev Hall and Beji Ward

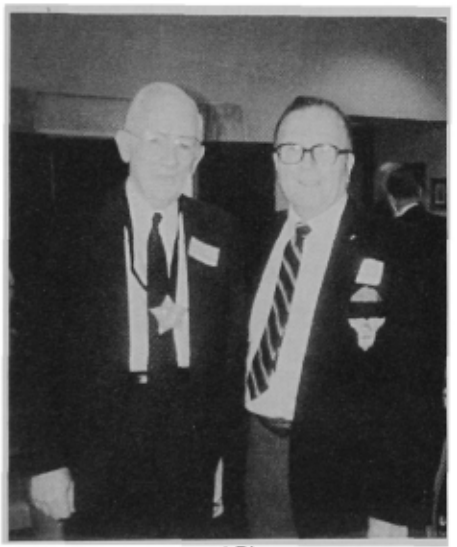
Anklam, and the Horns' son & daughter-in-law, LTC Charles & Vicki Horn.

1948: Foote, Deehan and Schalk

In-town attendees at Sat and/or Sun's brunch were **Jim & Kitty Allen, Carl & Wanda Anderson, John & Anne Bellinger, Sid & Anne Berry, Arnie & Ione Braswell, Joe & Louise Bratton, Jay & Kay Brill, Sam & Alice Cockerham, Don Deehan, Jim & Sylvia Dingeman, John & Sandy Egbert, Gene Forester, Anne Griffith, Jerry Jones, Jay & Naomi Josephs, Jack & Audrey Kastris, Marianne Kiernan, Ed & Peggy Kritzer, Jim & Sally Macklin, Mort & Babs Mumma, Don & Jo Packard, Bill & Hellie Patch, Nancy Pater** with daughter Leslie, **Walt & Katy Plummer, Bob & Carol Pomeroy, Lou Schalk** with Barbara Sloan, **Scotty & Dusty Scott, Moe & Pat Selig, Pete & Lila Shively, Donn & Letty Starry, Chloe & Imogene Swearengen, Don & Frankie Swenholt, George Thomas** and **Phyllis Langton, Bob & Beji Ward, Tom & Ann Ware, Ennis & Novella Whitehead, Whit & Millie Whitley** and **Andy & Pilar Witko.**

1948: Thomas, Packard, Witko, Ward, Patch, Shively and Pomeroy

Sat night, the new offs (see pic; only **Hallahan** absent) were installed. **P-Roy** was recognized for his great job as prexy, and **Chloe** was recognized for his continuous behind-the-scenes help to all of us in times of need and personal hardship or tragedy.



1948: Swearengen and Dingeman

Our deepest sympathy to **Bob Kirwan** and his children on the loss of **Emilia** after a long bout with cancer. I also regret to rep the loss of **Gill Gillogly** in Ocean City, MD on 1 Dec 91; our condolences to **Edie** and the children.

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Ed Cave wrote to rep the death of **Alfred J (Andy) Anderson** on 3 Nov at Emory U Hosp, Atl, GA. No further details were given. **Ann** can be reached at PO Box 3464, Boca Raton, FL 33427. Ed said he & **Suedell** were in New England during the Oct leaf season and unexpectedly met **Jack & Gloria Hammack** in the dining rm of a small inn outside N Conway, NH. Ed adds that he has lunch about once a wk with **Goble Bryant** in Atl.

Bill Robison broke a 42-yr record of not writing anything for inclusion in *ASSEMBLY*. He was moved to comment on the Nov 91 Cl notes reference **Les Kirkpatrick**'s death, saying, "We never seem quite able to escape the past." Bill notes he was Kirk's roommate for 3 yrs at WP, attended his wedding in Little Rock in Apr 50, and showed him & his bride around San Fran Bay in Aug 50 when Bill had just grad from pilot tng. He also "had the sad job of going through Les's effects with **Kitty**, in Little Rock, in the spring of 51." Kitty remarried and lives in CT with her now-ret husband. Bill says, "They have 3 grown children; one married daughter lives not far from us in Palo Alto." Kitty acknowledged with gratitude the info provided her. Bill adds that he & **Marianne** have a first (3-mo-old) granddaughter, Anna.

Responding to the same Nov 91 Cl notes, **Harry Maihafer** wrote to Grover Asmus '46 for added info reference **Kirk**. Harry also sent me a brief excerpt from his proposed book (on '49 in Korea) in which he recounts a mtg with Les—with whom he had been friends since pre-cadet days in Lafayette. Some of his words: "We passed elements of the 19th Inf, marching along the road in double column. Leading one of the plts was Kirk, the ex-paratrooper from AL, tall, confident, personable, with combat experience from WWII. . . . I yelled. . . Kirk looked up, startled. . . . We pounded ea other on the back and I walked with him for a few mins. . . . I said I had just heard **Bill Wilber** had been killed. . . . We agree that one almost dreaded mtg a classmate, since ea time it seemed there was more bad news to share. . . . " The book is in its final draft. Harry expects it to contain stories on well over a hundred classmates.

Warren Toland wrote from S Weymouth, MA, sending an announcement of the unveiling, on 3 Nov, of a S Boston Korean War Mem in honor of the 20 young men from S Boston who were killed in that war. **Joseph D Toomey** was one of the names listed. Joe's widow, now **Jean** B Holland, was one of the honored guests. The name next to Joe's, Donald T Toland, USMC, was the uncle of Jay M Toland '90.

George Hoffmaster, Flo Huber and **Bill Robison** provided info on the late-Oct San Fran-area firestorm that completely destroyed the home of **Dick & Betsy Connell**. It seems that they had put on hiking clothes and drove from their Oakland home to participate in a "charity walk." They had not listened to the car radio and were unprepared, upon returning home, to find their street blocked by police who prevented them from entering. They lost everything to the fire except the car and what they

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were wearing. Bill says he understands Dick found his undamaged Cl ring in the rubble.

Larry Vogel '42, brother of **John Vogel**, wrote and enclosed a copy of John's mem article being sent to *ASSEMBLY*. Larry expressed his thanks to the Cl for its donation to the WP Fund in memory of John. **Bill & Nancy Luebbert** returned to NH from Zimbabwe, where Bill served as a volunteer with IESC (Intl Exec Svc Corps), helping to establish a trng program for computer engrs. For info on volunteering, write WJ Lippincott, VP, EISC, PO Box 10005, Stamford, CT 06904.

Wayne Norby called to say he had been at the football game at WP on 12 Oct. He saw **Freddie Birch, Ted DeMuro, Jack Hammack, Jack Rust, Bill Stemple** and **Doug Weart**. The saga of **Charlie Smith** has taken a new turn. In Oct he underwent surgery for a colon tumor and in Nov went to Lackland AFB for radiation and chemotherapy. **Geny** must cope, ready or not, with English and Charlie's health matters.

George Hoffmaster had a ltr from **Bob Noce**, who had an aortic valve replaced, then developed endocarditis and apparently came close to cashing it in. He was hospitalized for several wks and lost 40 lbs. **Carver Wood** took him to a USMA luncheon in Warren, MI on 3 Oct, so all this must have occurred during Aug-Sep. George adds that **Ogden & Jeannie Jones** and **Joe & Betty Yates** recently took a tour of China. Joe is in the tank business at Gen Dynamics; Ogden is ret.

Some of the DC-area bunch met for dinner on 10 Nov at Bolling AFB. Present were **Cindy & Charlie Adams, Pat & Tom Bamford, Anne & Bob Black, Uschi & Ted Boland, Marylee & Dave Bolte, Lois & Dick Bowman, Jeanne & Jack Carr, Jane & Jack Cronin, Nancy & Hill Dickinson, Wren & Bob Ennis, Doreen & Al Fagg, Mary Deane & Phil Feir, Carolyn & Dick Gillespie, Shirley & Tut Hendricks, Flo & Bill Huber**, Doris Pappas and **Web Ivy, Erika & Don Keith, Anne & Kirby Lamar, Margaret & Gene Marder, Elaine & Wayne Norby, Betty & Bill Nordin, Alice & Bob Nulsen** (visiting from NH), **Jean & Duane Smith, Gwen & Orton Spencer, Sally & Bob Springer, Cay & Ted Swett, Jan & Ed Townsley, Nancy & John VanderVoort, Eunice & Ed Yellman**, and **Sachiko Summers** & your scribe. The only deficiency noted by some of the non-AF types was that the after-dinner "strolling strings" didn't seem to put much soul into their version of The Army Song (ex-FA March).

Ex-49'er **Robert C Schleiger** wrote from his home in Centreville, MD, enclosing some clips. Bob, who has just ret after 16 yrs as pres of Chesapeake Coll, was one of 4 Marylanders honored by the governor for economic excellence. He has a long list of business, community and state accomplishments for which he received the Pate Award. John Driscoll '83, son of **Art Driscoll**, whose death was noted in the Jan 92 issue, wrote to pay tribute to his father and to say that Art, who had been in apparent good health, died unexpectedly of a massive heart attack. John said, "My father was so proud of WP. . . . Many of his classmates. . . stated that my father personified the ideals of how a WP'er should act. I feel this is true."

Frank Hinchion did some detective work and learned that Dr William Douglas Bush Heller would like to hear from classmates who knew his father, **Doug Bush**, and can tell him something about his father's life before Korea. His address is 1224 Luna Pl, Honolulu, HI 96822. **Ted Swett**, one of Doug's roommates, has already made contact. **Bill & Jean Lowrey** and daughter Cathryn left Aiea, HI and moved to CO Spr, CO on 1 Nov. Bill was a VP in condo mgmt and is now ret. He would like to hear from classmates in his area. He's at 4575 Star Ranch Rd, zip 80906; tel (719) 527-9059.

Paul Murray called to say he was still alive, although out of touch for many yrs. He's at 796 E 2200 No, No Logan, UT 84321; tel (801) 752-3385. He's ret from the Univ of Logan (UT), and he & **Bev** are doing genealogy work for the LDS Church. They have 7 daughters and 2 sons. He says he'll be too busy to get to Phoenix for the reunion. He mentioned that he recalled being floored by **Lee Surut** during a boxing match. What strange memories we keep! **Jean Eaton** returned in mid-Nov from a mo in France with a side trip to Morocco to see her new grandson. She has a brother living in the Paris area.

At the Pentagon luncheon on 19 Nov were **Malcolm Agnew, Charlie Adams, Bob Black, Bill Bumpus, Jack Carr, Hill Dickinson, Al English, Bob Ennis, Al Fagg, Don Gower, Ed Hindman, Bill Hoffmann, George Hoffmaster, Ed Howard, Bill Huber, Don Keith, Art Kingdom, Bill Lake, Kirby Lamar, Charlie Lehner, Hal Lombard, John Maurer, Paul Monahan, Dick Morton, Joe Muckerman, Wayne Norby, Phil O'Brien, Gene Mechling, Duane Smith, Orton Spencer, Lee Surut, Ted Swett, Ed Townsley, John VanderVoort, Ed Yellman** and your scribe. Bill Bumpus appeared in dark glasses, having undergone cataract surgery in one eye a few days earlier.

Facts to amaze your friends: the Pentagon was completed 15 Jan 43, 17 mos and 4 days after the contract was signed! It has 17.5 mi of corridors, 7,754 windows, and 284 rest rooms. The next '49 luncheon at that famed place, after you receive this issue of *ASSEMBLY*, will be 17 Mar. Call our host, **Art Kingdom**, at (703) 569-9360 for reservations and to verify that the date has not been changed. By the time you read this, the 42.5 reunion will be history. Send your notes and a copy of your best photo so we can preserve the occasion in print.

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One of the great times was the mini-reunion at Ft Leonard Wood. Got a nice note from **Lou Prentiss**, saying that he & **Shirley** really enjoyed putting it on and were delighted that so many came.

Down in San Ant the Fiesta Fifty 92 Gang is gearing up. Thanks to **Morris Herbert**, the invitations have been mailed and many have already responded. With hotel space scarce, get your preference sheets and checks in soon. If you need more info, get in touch with **Blackie Bolduc** at 201 Primrose Pl, San Ant, TX 78209 or phone (512) 822-1797. Blackie says that **Evelyn Osterndorf**, sponsor of part of the optional tour of the Army Residence Community in San Ant, hosted a brunch for the Gang there.

1950: The Baxter-Baker wedding, 1 Jun 91

Blackie also sent along a pic taken at the wedding of **Buz & Lila Baxter**'s daughter in Jun; seated L-R are Lila, Rosemary Baxter Baker and **Mary Pharr Love**. Standing are Buz, Blackie, Clif Baker and **Joe Love**.

From **Reg & Sally Lombard** came a pic (next pg) of their daughter's wedding at Cape Elizabeth, ME in Aug, the day before Hurricane Bob hit.

Seated are **Johanna von Walter, Margaret Thompson, Sam Smithers, Beth Oliver, Charlotte Ferguson** and **Philo & Mitch Hutcheson**. Standing are Kristen & Dan Deniso, **Reg & Sally** and **Sandy Oliver**. Behind the camera was **Nels Thompson**.

While some were adding sons-in-law, others were adding grandchildren. **Kathy O'Brien** called with the happy news that her daughter Kacie & Bill Rooney had a son, Andrew John, on 3 Sep in Attleboro, MS—8 lbs, 12 oz! Kathy's other daughter, Erin '86, was reassigned in Oct to NATO S in Italy.

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1950: The Lombard-Deniso wedding

Meanwhile, over in Italy, **Andy & Doris Byers**' daughter Annette & Walter Colvertaldo had an 8 lb, 9 oz daughter, Erika Simone, on 16 Sep.

Seymour Fishbein married **Eiko** Hasumi in the new Jewish Chapel at WP on 25 Oct. You may remember her from the 40th Reunion. Eiko's father is a prominent Japanese ambassador, and she has lived in 6 different countries. Her son Kenny, daughter Marie & Steven Cruisinberry, all of CA, attended the wedding, as did Seymour's son Michael with his wife Joann and 5-yr-old daughter Emily.

Phil Bardos has taken on a real challenge, playing a key role in the World Cup Organizing Cmte for soccer championships to be held in the US in Jun and Jul of 94. Some 52 games will be held in 12 cities. One of the volunteers Phil has already recruited is **John McCleary**. Anyone interested can contact Phil at 2029 Century Park E, Suite 400, LA, CA 90067; tel (213) 522-1994.

The latest USAWC Alumni newsltr carried an article on the installation of 3 Distinguished Fellows, one of whom was **Hooper Adams**, who directed a no of courses during his 14 yrs there and held both the Elihu Root Chair of Strategy and Matthew B Ridgway Chair of Ldrship.

1950: '50 Men's lunch

From NC comes word that **Stan & Sally Reinhart** are in their new home at 134 Forest View Dr, Flat Rock, 28731, enjoying the Carolina mtns. Even so, they were off to spend Christmas with daughter Susie and her family at Schofield Bks, then back to Santa Cruz, CA for a stay with daughter Mary and her family. Son Bill '90, a third-generation artyman, is in Korea. Daughter Cammie, married to Rich Salmon and living in Boston, had the Reinharts' fifth grandchild not long ago.

Took a pic of one of the monthly men's lunches we hold at the Tysons Marriott: standing (L-R) are **Matt Henrikson, Bennie Davis, Phil Bolte, Wendy Phillips, Bill Howe, Jack Maxwell, Win Skelton** and **Dave Pettit**. Seated are **Seymour Fishbein, Jack Wagner, Sib Sibbles** and **Mark Jones**. Anyone in the area on the last Wed of the mo, come by.

In Oct **Phil Bolte** organized a guided tour of the Chancellorsville Battlefield. Phil gave an interesting talk, complete with handouts in the best Army fashion.

Lou & Rose Genuario and **Robin** & I had a long wkend in Nov as the guests of **Morris & Faith Herbert** in Highland Falls. While the game is not worth mentioning, we enjoyed the wonderful tailgate party preceding it.

Lou's daughter Donna took a fine pic of the men with the first '50 grandson. From L-R are **Andy Byers, Joe Buccolo,** Chuck **Phillips** '79 (**Wendy & Penny**'s son), **Bob Ehrlich, Nate Gallagher**, me, **Morris Herbert, Kent Cooley**, Don Hart '95 (Lou & Rose's grandson), **Lou Genuario** and **Ken Ebner**.

Earlier in the yr the **Genuarios**, together with daughter Donna & Donn Hart, went to WP for Parents Wkend. They saw **Ben & Malvene Lewis**' daughter Debbie '80, a CPT teaching Systems Engring.

1950: The Lewis and Genuario families

On L is Malvene Lewis, Debbie's husband Mike Cardarelli '80, Debbie, Ben Lewis, Lou, Don Hart '95 and Rose.

This summer **Russ & Pris Glenn** managed to gather their family for a "gp" pic when sons Russ, Randy and Robert brought their families to Atl.

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1950: Bolte's battlefield bde

1950: The Singers and Stricklands

The longest distance traveled goes to **Sid & Jeannie Steele**, who made it all the way "down under" to Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra, *et al*, plus enjoying Honolulu and Maui on their way home.

Another visitor to the Monterey area was **Theda Tankersley** and her daughter Theda, out to visit **Andy & Bunty McFarland**. **Drew Rutherford** sent a pic of dinner in Carmel.

1950: Dinner in Carmel

1950: '50 tailgate party

Frm L-R are Drew, Theda, daughter Theda (behind her mother), **Kay Rutherford**, Bunty, **Ray Singer**, Andy and **Peg Singer**.

Dunc & Patti Joy have one of the best deals going, spending part of the yr here in the DC area and part out in La Jolla, CA. Dunc is even a mbr of both the DC and San Diego WP Socs. During their recent stay out W they had lunch with **Mike & Barbara Dowe**, also from La Jolla.

"Otto" Kuckhahn rep that he & **Trudy** will be in Cocoa Beach, FL this winter and that they plan to get a new condo on the Atlantic coast next summer. Son Karl Jr, a CPT in the Army, and two daughters, one from Manitowoc, WI and the other from Seattle, WA, will bring their families for a reunion there in Cocoa Beach at Christmas.

Ken & Marilyn Moll spent Thanksgiving with her mother in Pompano Beach, FL. Son Kevin & wife came in from CA, where he is a PhD candidate in musicology at Stanford. Ken talked with **Ed Pierce**, who is heading up the "14th Annual S FL Winter Escape Party" near Ft Lauderdale.

Robin talked with **Marj Hammond** in

1950: The Glenn family

In rear row L-R are Joyce, Nicole, Russ, Dee, Robert, Phyllis, Randy and Russ & Pris; in front row are Kendall, Jessica, Michelle, Russell and Drew. Jessica and Michelle go with Robert & Phyllis, Nicole and Kendall with Randy & Joyce and Russell and Drew with Russ & Dee.

Hank & Muriel Strickland took a 5-wk, 9,500-mi car trip from DC to the NW, Canada and CA. Major stops included daughter Mary in Madison, WI, who is promoting small businesses, and **Ray & Peg Singer** in Monterey, CA, where they are enjoying the ultimate ret.

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Nov, just after she had returned from CO Spr. There she saw **Frank & Kim Zagorsky**, who have just bought a house on Cape Cod.

Tom & Jinny Loper stole away for a wk-long cruise in the Caribbean. Also on the cruise was **Joy Viskochil**. Following that, the Lopers went off to their timeshare in Sky Valley, GA. Now Tom is taking it easy while Jinny gets ready for another art show.

Our traveling pair, **Mel Johnsrud** and his brother Sherm, had two cruises. The first, on the *Dawn Princess*, made 5 ports along the Mexican Riviera. The second was on the *SS Norway* out of FL. They saw **Bruce & Barbara Petree** and **Ben & Malvene Lewis**.

Some bits and pieces of news, thanks to **Blackie Bolduc** and his central newsltr:

- **Ed Allbaugh** rep he & **Leni** are back to round and square dancing and that **John Shelley** joins in.
- **Waxy Manion**'s son Marion II grad from Kemper Mil Sch in Jun as valedictorian with both academic and athletic awards, and entered Kemper JC in the fall.
- **Jim Thompson** has become special asst to the mayor of Boise, ID, focusing on devel. He says ID is great fun and relatively unspoiled.
- **Ray Griswold** is still working for Honeywell Satellite Systems, but hopes to be at least semi-ret by next reunion and plans to attend.

On the sad side, **Don Sampson**'s wife **Claire** died on 17 Sep after a long bout with cancer. All 5 of their children were there when she died: Michael from Cleveland, OH; Kathryn from the Ivory Coast, where her husband is with the St Dept; and Elizabeth, Patricia and Julia from Alexandria, VA. Don lives at 7705 Lookout Ct, Alexandria, VA 22306.

On 30 Nov **Clarence Q Jones** died suddenly of a heart attack in Boynton Beach, FL, where he is interred. He is survived by **Betsy**, 3 daughters and 9 grandchildren. Betsy's address is 1144 SW 25th St, Boynton Beach, FL 33426.

I know that all of you join me in expressing our sympathies to both these families.

'51

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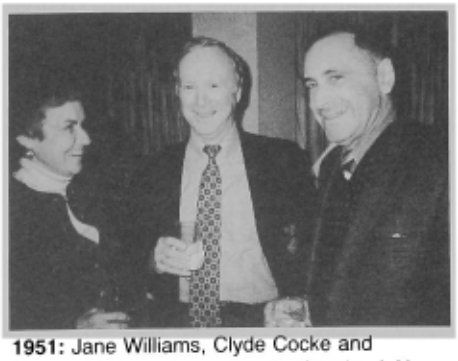
Cl Activities: The Homecoming game with The Citadel is best forgotten, but it was a beautiful day and we enjoyed seeing **Cappy & Flo Bernstein** and **Al & Elaine Lichtenberg**. **George Meighen** rep that he attended the Army-Louisville game and saw **Barney & Muriel Landry** and **John Gardner**. It was a big Army win, and a great time was had by all. **Peg & John Byers** hosted their annual Oct '51 Fall Fest at their Prince Royal Gallery in Alexandria, VA for DC area classmates. Attending were **Ted & Sally Atkeson, Reb & Claudette Barber, Pete & Ellie Beczkiewicz, Dolores Bohan, Pat & Godfrey Crowe, Phil & Irene Cuny, Bob & Peggy Dean, George & Pat Gardes, Ann & Chan Goodnow, Saul & Arlene Jacobs, Walt & Joan Klein, Jean & Red Leffler, Carlos & Cecilia Mena, Tom & Clara McMullen, Dean & Nancy Mulder, George & Lee Orton, Elmer & Anne Pendleton, Janet Reed, Fred & Jean Rockwell, Jean & Joe Rogers, Howie & Dotsy Steele, Don & Betty Ann Van Matre** and, of course, Peg & John Byers. The Byers were ably assisted by Anne Pendleton, Jean Leffler, Clara McMullen and Sheila Waldman in the preparation of the food. Our thanks for a most enjoyable evening. CO Mini 91 was a gem of a mini-reunion from all reps. It was 3 days of fun, with only the loss to AF to mar an otherwise perfect gathering. Many thanks to **Hank & Mary Agnes Evans** and **Don & Elaine McGann** for making it happen. Don McGann provided info on the CO Mini. **Bill Barnett** and **Bill Owens** piloted two former paratroopers, **Howie Steele** and **Pete Clay**, to CO. Fortunately their paratrooper skills were not required! **Bob Issac**, mayor of CO Springs, was a very entertaining speaker at the Flying W Ranch dinner that followed cocktails at the Evanses' home. **Gordon Danforth**, although not in the best of health, was at the Evanses' cocktail party with Jo Ann. **T Nance** broke his hip on the first run of the ski season but was at the mini-reunion. Same for **Joyce Milburn**, another ski casualty (knee). **Rocky** has managed to stay healthy.

1951: CO MINI Broadmoor Hotel brunch: (first row) Russ Johnson, Pazderka, Zuver, Cocke, Bob Johnson, Beczkiewicz, Evans, Aldrin, Milburn, Howes; (second row) Fant, Rockwell, Stockdale, Sully Johnson, Esser, Hastings, McDonald, Herte, Niedringhaus, Louisell, Baird, Landry; (third row) McGann

Dean & Nancy Mulder and family attended, as did **Jane Otten, Clyde Cocke, Bob & Rita McDonald, Ed Zuver, Buzz & Lois Aldrin, Joe & Carolyn Fant, Bill & Virginia Louisell, Barney & Muriel Landry, Bill & Alice Stockdale, Roy & Mary Ann Herte, Bill & Mary Baird, Al & Jean Esser, John & Ann Ballard, Peter & Ellie Beczkiewicz, Bob & Jeanette Howes, Bob & Josephine Johnson, Paul & Gladyes Niedringhaus, Bob & Dianne Pazderka, Dick & Helene Ryan, Guerdon & Dorothy Sines, Mel Snyder, Bill Spence, George & Faith Stannard, Russ Johnson** and **Loyd Johnson**.

A-N was another disappointing game but a great opportunity to socialize. **Ab Weber** once again played host before



1951: Jane Williams, Clyde Cocke and George Psihas share a laugh after the A-N Game

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1951: Clara & Tom McMullen chow down at Ab's party after A-N

1951: Joe & Cecil Clemons on sail to Key West with the Guyers

and after the game at his 11th-floor Hilton CP. Thanks, Ab.

1951: John Prehn, USNA '46, son Jim, Bob Prehn Jr and Bob after A-N

1951: Sam Dickens and Frank Fischl in serious conversation as Clyde Cocke looks on at Ab's after A-N

Among those we saw at Ab's post-game bash were **Dean Mulder, Fred Rockwell, Pete Prehn, Don & Elaine McGann. Tom & Jane Williams, George & Bess Psihas, Guerdon Sines, Ted & Betty Griesinger, Bruno & Susan Giordano, Pete & Marie Foss, Frank & Ann Fischl, Clyde Cocke, Elmer & Anne Pendleton, Buzz Aldrin, Sam & Marcy Dickens, Camilla (Kuhn) & Bill Quinn,** and **Tom & Clara McMullen**.

Regional Spotlight-Midwest Reps: **Dave Bills, Check Wallens** and **Guy Jester**. Deputy Reps: **John Cousins, Jim Guyer** and **Walt Johnson**. Walt Johnson rep that son Mike returned from Saudi Arabia 19 Oct, so all the Johnson clan were home for Thanksgiving. Walt volunteers with the Christ Church Cathedral in St Louis, and **Judy** volunteers with the St Louis Special Sch District. Walt also rep that **Frank Sisson**'s consulting business in Wichita, KS is well, but the economy is causing him to work harder and travel more. **Guerdon Sines** escaped the rigors of NE winters by relocating to St Simons Isl, GA. He is now trying to get his golf handicap down to the level of **Dottie**'s. He celebrated his new-found freedom from work this summer by going on a fishing trip with his older son Bud in the boundary waters of MN and Ontario and then back-packing with his younger daughter Rae Ann in the Eastern Sierras above Lone Point. The Sines' new address is 132 Cypress Point, St Simons Isl, GA 31522; phone (912) 638-7758. **Guy Jester** has added a few new stops to his itinerary. He recently took on the additional duty of pres of Intl Constructors, Ltd, a subsidiary of JS Alberici. In Oct, he stopped in Switzerland on the way home from Tel Aviv to visit daughter Elaine, who is teaching World History and German there. He also managed to visit his older son Mark, who is practicing medicine in Rome, GA, and younger son Guy Leigh, who is working on an advanced degree in agricultural economics and is Cadet COL/Cmdr of the ROTC Bde at the U of TN. Older daughter Robin is the flood plain engr for Oxnard, CA and her husband designs deep-water vehicles for exploring ocean bottoms. **Willie Winner** has ret and turned his law practice over to his son and daughter. He also has moved across the river to Omaha. **Dave Bills** rep he & **Danielle** are in good health. Dave is still with the St of IN (bldg code business), a mbr of the American Soc of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engrs and assisted with the orgn's natl convention in Indianapolis. Dave & Danielle attended Dave's 45th Reunion at Culver Mil Academy and later vacationed in San Fran and the Napa Valley. **Bob Snyder** had a catherization procedure last May to check on his open-heart surgery. The surgical grafts were in good shape, but unfortunately the arteries continue to clog up. **Mary Carolyn** was selected as the most improved golfer in the Crawfordsville Municipal Women's League. **Mel Snyder** rep that he is still practicing law but hopes to hang it up completely in a couple of yrs.

Frank Wilson recently attended the Orvis Fly Fishing Sch in VT. **Howard Wiles** has farmed in KY since ret and says that he is a dir of a *sound* S&L. He & **Martha Nel** were looking forward to a trip to their home near Durango, CO for skiing. They offer lodging for classmates who would like to enjoy good, inexpensive skiing at Purgatory. **John Cousins** is

1951: Tom & Jane Williams, daughter Cathy (laughing) & Nils, Don & Elaine McGann and Pete & Marie Foss at A-N Game

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1951: Pres Fred Rockwell, George Psihas and Buzz Aldrin after A-N

still with State of OH but says ret is only 2–3 yrs off.

From here and there: **George Meighen** rep **Lum & Lolo Brentley** visited **Bud & Bette Bacon** in Sep and were joined by **George Ritter** for cocktails. Lum & Lolo have ret to Niceville, FL, where they golf when they aren't traveling in their new customized van. George & **Anne** Meighen spent a mo in Oahu last summer—must be nice! **Pat Patillo** rep that he had hernia surgery, probably caused by too much house work, and she had spinal surgery twice but is doing well. Last summer, lightning destroyed a boat, well pump and two trees at their lake house. Other than that, Mrs Lincoln, how was the play?

Farewell: **Jim Check** died 13 Oct 91 after a lengthy illness. Interment was in Lexington, KY. **Helen**, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

'52

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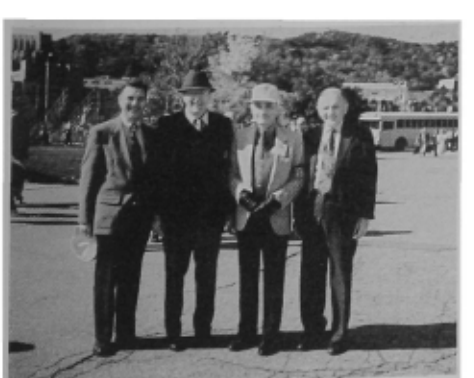
You will have read by now in the Jan *ASSEMBLY* a follow-up article on **Thor Sundt**. He has been much in our minds, and I am happy to rep that last fall he staved off a localized cancer. In Nov he was able to resume some of his duties at the Mayo Clinic. And we will see him at the 40th. This news comes from **Harry Dutchyshyn**, Thor's roommate and co-author of the article.



1952: Dutchyshyn, Harrison, Sundt and Youree after Alumni Parade, 12 Oct 91

In the meantime, the Cl has nominated **Thor Sundt** for the Thayer Award. **Dick Larkin** signed a ltr to the AOG pointing out that Thor's achievements are bringing to WP considerable respect, because he epitomizes the qualities to which the Academy would have all of its grads aspire. Thor has acknowledged that his successes can be attributed to his tng at WP and his experiences in combat.

In a parallel initiative, the Exec Cmte has campaigned to have **Thor** considered for the newly-established Distinguished Grad Award. This program is executed through the WP Soc chapters on an annual basis. A no of our Cl who are mbrs of these socs have volunteered to carry out this action within their chapters.

In the course of several conversations with **Harry**, I can rep that he spent all of his fall wknds watching his youngest son carry the ball for Cornell—he was their starting fullback. It has been a good season for all the **Dutchyshyns**. **Val** & Harry have sons stationed in Ger and the Pacific and a married daughter in CT.

Courtesy of **Otis Moran**, here is an update on **Jeff Knight**. He & **Micki** were in this area in Oct to visit their two sons: Fred in McLean and Cliff in Reston. Third son Tom and his family live "in the bush" in BC. And their daughter Tori lives in Portland, OR with her husband and 4 children. Back home in Beavercreek, OR, Jeff is bldg a large shop to satisfy his woodworking avocation, while Micki keeps busy with her counseling career.

1952: Jeff & Micki Knight in VA with Emilia & Otis Moran

Gray Parks arranged a luncheon in Oct for several of us to get together with **Jim Day**, up from TX to visit his two sons. **Art Deverill** inspired Jim to recount some L2 stories that surely will be retold at reunion. Jim is looking fit after his bypass last Jun. He is staying out of politics but has continued his ldrship of the TX Fiddlers Assoc. Son Bob works for the DC govt as an environmental engr—in short, he measures smog levels and determines just how bad it is out there. Son Jim has just given his parents their fourth granddaughter, the occasion for the visit. **Dorothy** & the Redhead also have two daughters.

I read in the *Washington Post* in early Dec that **Bruce DeWald**'s daughter Laura is continuing her distinguished running career. She had just finished well in the Metric Marathon (26 km) in Columbia, MD. Her career includes standout performances in quarter- and half-mi races at the UVA and qualification for upcoming Olympic marathon trials.

Harvey Perritt has opened his own law ofc in Fairfax and announced that he is now engaged in the general practice of law in VA and the District.

Bob Haras has weighed in with a long ltr from Australia. He has traveled extensively on that continent, getting in some "infantry" time out on the ranches and seeing all the sights and animals. He shot and ate a "roo" and got to eat camel steak! Then on to golf at Alice Springs and elsewhere at desert courses with sand greens.

But his main objective was to be on hand for daughter Alex's marriage to Carl Davies on 22 Sep in Perth. She is now Mrs Davies-Harasymowicz, but Bob thinks that name will be shortened eventually. Bob will be back in FL in Jan. He saw the **Grayebs** and **Ike Eisenhart** on his way out last Jun, and **Norb Szymczyk**, who came over to Perth from Melbourne. All are well.

1952: Bob Haras with daughter Alex & Carl Davies in Perth, Jun 91

From **John Carlson**, here is an update on his travels and classmates he saw. He attended the wedding of Laura Sundt & Nick Leon in Jun in Tucson—a delightful affair, as he had known Laura all her life. It gave him the opportunity to see **Thor & Lois Sundt** again. Later in the summer, he and Thor nearly met again, by coincidence, when John was in the Mid-E on business and Thor arrived in Riyadh, at the invitation of King Faud, to attend to the King's uncle.

John made 3 trips to Saudi Arabia this yr, and his firm is now re-established and bidding work. One of his co-workers ran into **Sam Wetzel** in Kuwait, presumably doing the same thing. John sees his daughter in London on these trips.

Last Mar, **John** went to the Philippines to see John Jr at Clark Field. That was some 30 days before Pinatubo erupted,

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so John was able to play golf on what are now lava-covered fairways. He toured Corregidor with his son and found it much improved since 77. In Aug, **Kate**'s daughter married an English fellow who works here in the States. The wedding was in Tucson. It was followed by a reception in Blackpool a wk later, so John & Kate extended their trip to the UK by touring Stockholm and Oslo; then back to England for a tour of Northern England and Wales with John's daughter Cami. She is married to a stockbroker in London. There is to be another wedding next May for Kate's eldest son, this time in Canada. One sad note from John: youngest son Charles died this yr. John closed with a promise to see us all at the reunion.

Speaking of which, received a call from **Dick Weyhrich** concerning his efforts to generate maximum attendance next May by G-2'ers. He indicated over 50% attendance, a level consistent with the reunion cmte's estimates. We trust the designated company "rabble rousers" have contacted most of you and that there will be a large turnout.

Several of us attended the annual A-N luncheon at The Touchdown Club here in Wash on 2 Dec. **John Kenney** organized our appearance: **Burke, Cline, Garver,** Kenney, **Larkin, McInerney, Paluh, Sullivan** and **Wiles**. More of us gathered at the **Yourees**' for the game. The highlight of that day was a mural contributed by **Paul Malone**. Paul managed to combine Army football and a classic Renaissance religious painting in a fairly believable manner, but it must be seen to be fully appreciated.

Dick Wiles, Exec Cmte treas, rep that he has opened a Cl Admin Acct with the AOG. This acct was established with funds set aside by the Exec Cmte as operating capital for the 40th Reunion. This acct is separate, and in addition to, the Cl Gift Acct, also with the AOG. There are 3 principal advantages to placing this acct with the AOG: contributions are tax- deductible, there are no minimum balance requirements or svc charges and investment income will probably be greater than the income we received from the credit union where we formerly kept the money. The balance in the acct will revert to the AOG upon the demise of the last mbr of our Cl.

The Admin Acct will be used as operating capital for reunions, flowers and other memorials for departed classmates, and for other purposes permitted by our Cl bylaws and authorized by the Exec Cmte. The Exec Cmte may also transfer funds from the Admin to the Gift Acct, but not the reverse. When you make a donation to the AOG, the Exec Cmte requests that you designate all of it for the Cl of '52 Admin Acct. If you desire a portion of your contribution transferred to the Gift Acct, so advise the Exec Cmte treas.

Here is a last-min reminder that the '52 ski trip is still on for 29 Feb-7 Mar at Aspen, CO. **Larry Putnam** rep a good turnout and room for those of you who haven't committed but would like to now.

Finally, a note about our reunion. The Reunion Cmte is arranging for discounted airfares for those of you who can fly Delta and American. We anticipate a minimum of 40% discounts from regular coach fares. Instructions will be included in the package I mail to you in Feb. We expect little change from the info given you in Oct, but this package will provide more details and request certain actions on your part. Please look for it in Feb and respond as quickly as you can.

'53

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The 10th Annual A-N '53 luncheon was held at Ft Myer O Club on 3 Dec. I missed it, and also the game party at **Max & Priscilla Noah**'s. I am told that there were good turnouts—58 USMA for the luncheon, and 67 at the Noahs'—and, except for the score, both were social successes. ("Except for that one thing, Mrs Lincoln, how did you like the play?")

Whitey Miller has been striving mightily to come up with a complete and correct Cl Roster. Ea of the successive Cl secys has taken their best shot, but it is more difficult than it might seem. Whitey devised a postcard and tested it here on us Wash-area residents. Then he sent it out to the rest of the Cl. He used the best address available to us, which for some names was as much as 30 yrs old. The first replies coming in promise a good response. Don't sit on it; send yours back right now if you still have it. Obviously, almost all the readers of this col are subscribers to *ASSEMBLY* and your address is current. Please use your initiative in this instance. If you have knowledge of anyone listed as "Lost" on the postcard, please inform Whitey (tel (703-522-5819, FAX 703-243-1846). There may be a reason why someone chooses to be lost and we certainly would not want to be intrusive, but we sure don't want to lose a classmate due to lack of effort.

One other bit of news concerning **Whitey:** Because we are coming up on our 40th, the AOG has given us another trustee slot. As if he did not already have enough to do, Whitey will serve as trustee until 1 Jul 93.

Rog Peterson sent a snapshot of our illustrious leader, **Norm Delbridge**, and Rog's wife **Liz** with him at the regional mtg in St Louis of the Soc of American Mil Engrs. Rog said that many of the attendees complimented Norm's outstanding seminar presentation.

1953: Norm Delbridge and Liz & Roger Peterson

It is with great pleasure that I pass on the news to you all that **Tom & Ruth Brain**'s daughter Sally was married last Aug to John R Gentille. Sally has her own co, "The Brain Trust," where her expertise is in construction economics. John is the exec dir of the Assoc of General Contractors. They will make their home in Arlington, VA. Ruth sent a photo showing the bride & groom, proud father and 3 cronies.

Doesn't she look gorgeous! I don't get an urge to cry at weddings. Maybe I just don't understand the problem.

1953: Cl daughter's wedding: Lou Friedersdorff, Tom Brain, Mr & Mrs John R Gentille, Al Lindholm and Art Arduna

Dick Durham wrote from Lake Oswego, OR, where he & **Shirley** have their home. This summer, they had **JJ & Gwen McFaull** over for dinner and sent a couple of photos. The wk before he wrote, they went to CO Spr for the A-AF Game. He said the weather was great, even if the score was not. He has that attitude of complacency because his #2 daughter, son-in-law and grandson live in CO Spr, so a trip isn't wasted even if we lose.

Standing next to him at the game was **Bill Horton**, whom he had not seen since they both departed E-2 in Jun 53. Bill lives in Albuquerque, where he has his own business, straightforwardly titled Horton Enterprises. Dick took to heart my requests about addresses and did

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1953: JJ & Gwen McFaull and Shirley & Dick Durham

1953: JJ & Gwen McFaull and Shirley Durham, with antique book ('53 *Howitzer*)

some detective work. He sent addresses of two classmates in his part of OR and 7 addresses from the CO WP Soc list. Out of that gp, 3 were not on our list and there were corrections to two of the addresses that we did have. Dick & Shirley visited the Wash area last Oct and saw **Bill & Pat Harris** and **Jim & Shirley Bambery**. Dick lunched at the A-N Club with **Norm Delbridge**.

1953: Bud Zimmer and Marilyn & Sid Carter

Sid Carter sent a photo of **Marilyn** & himself with **Bud Zimmer** at the local Founders Day do. He also relayed some info on a couple of the "Lost" entries. Sid is a PE consulting in mgt and environmental activities, and says that Marilyn maintains her designer skills in retailing.

Pat Morrison telephoned to say hello and get a couple of addresses. He says all's well and quiet in Norman, OK, where he & **Helen** live.

That's all the news. I appreciate your spt. Enjoy the spring flowers and weather, gang, but don't let's get complacent. Let me hear from you!

'54

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Lou & Judy Wagner hosted a nice cocktail-buffet for the DC gp at Bolling AFB OOM on 19 Oct. Among the 28 couples present were LTG John & Flo Anne Crosby of Lorton, VA, guests of **Dick & Ginny Sugg**. John became an assoc classmate when he taught in the USMA Math Dept in the 60s. He is a '54 grad of NC State Univ and was cmdt of the FA Sch and Ctr at Ft Sill and Dep CG of TRADOC, Ft Monroe. **Ken Bailey** came up from Kailua, HI, again for the annual AUSA conf, and attended with a guest. **Jim Williams** and **Jack Miller** boosted the 40th Reunion, and Dick Sugg displayed models of reunion yearbooks for consideration. Jack learned from AOG that 64 classmates have pledged various amounts to our Cl Gift Fund. That's about 12%, so keep up this effort. Jack & **Barbara** sold their former house in Spring Grove, PA and are settled in Gaithersburg, MD.

Bob & Charlene Goodwin write from Florissant, MO that he was transferred by McDonnell Douglas to St Louis from Irvine, CA. Bob is responsible for log analysis, parts requirements and maintenance pubs for the USN's new T-45A jet trainer. In Apr, Bob & Charlene gave son Douglas a baby brother, Jeffrey. Along with 3 dogs and 3 cats, Bob observes that this takes some interesting financial planning. Bob's other family of 4 children (he was a widower) also thrives. Three live in MI: Anne has two children, Richard is in coll, Elizabeth is a working single and Rob is an atty in Orlando.

John Shelter has been residing at WP, researching COL Earl Blaik's obit for the AOG. John's USNA-grad son Andrew safely withstood the combat, heat and sand of Bahrain, where he served during Desert Storm.

Bob & Carole Reed met with other classmates in **Leo & Karen Hobbs**' condo in Breckenridge, CO after a cool day on the slopes. The Reeds announced the successful mkting of their son's "Reed's Original Brew," a healthy, non-alcoholic drink, which may qualify as today's oxymoron. Bob & Carole are avid mtn hikers and enjoy wknd trips. They enjoyed a Christmas family reunion of their children and 6 grandchildren at daughter

1954: Ken Bell, host Leo Hobbs, John Sheehan and Bob Reed, warming up on Ginger Brew in CO

Kathy's in Orlando.

Elliott & Joyce Gritton write from Reno that they spent a great eve with **Dick & Dianne Hobbs**, who moved into their new home in nearby Sparks. Elliott joined the Navy League, which has an active council there with social events and trips. Elliott has visited the Naval Strike Ctr at Fallon, NE and lunched aboard the Trident sub *Nevada* at its Bangor, WA base. Elliott cruised on the attack helicopter carrier *Tripoli* in an amphibious task force from San Diego to San Fran for 6 days. Elliott says he could have made better time, but he had to stay with the ship. A big treat was witnessing night takeoffs and landings of USMC helicopters while underway.

1954: Elliott Gritton on flight deck of the *USS Tripoli* off CA, Oct 91

A *Washington Post* obit informed us that **Corky Gabbert**'s dad, Howard M Sr, died in Tucson in Nov at 85. Mr Gabbert had been coordinator of the Food for Peace program in the Agency for Intl Dev and dir of the State Dept's food resources div. Gab traveled extensively with the family before entering WP and since, having moved recently from Huntington, NY to Tuscon. The Cl extends its sympathy to him, **Andrea** and their family on their sad loss.

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1954: Harry Emrick, Gus Freyer, Ken Bell, Jack Beringer, John Koskella, Bill Frier, Leo Hobbs, Bud Eberhart, Ralph Porter, Bob Reed, George Calhoun, Spike Briggs and Tiny Tomsen feeding Woodrow in Monument, CO

1954: Ken & Rosemary Bell consoling Woodrow after the A-AF Game

Walt & Renate Evans in Potomac, MD write that eldest daughter Sarah ranks second in sales at Curtis-1000, an Atl paper co. Husband Mike is with First Data Sources. They have two children, Elizabeth and Ricky. The Evanses' younger daughter Stacie & David are in real estate. John Evans is earning a master's in intl mgt at the U of AZ, Tucson, from where he & Stacy went backpacking in the Grand Canyon. John was elected the first natl student-pres of the German-American Business Assoc. In Dec and Jan, he & Stacy traveled to Germany, where John took German business courses. Walt is the financial officer of the Visiting Nurses Assoc of DC, while Renate is an administrator in the German Embassy.

Ken & Rosemary Bell write from Monument, CO that our CO Spr denizens enjoyed a wonderful mini-reunion over the A-AF game wknd.

Present were the **Harry Emricks, Gus Freyers, Jack Beringers, John Koskellas, Bill Friers, Leo Hobbses, Bud Eberharts, Ralph Porters, Bob Reeds, Geo Calhouns, Spike Briggs, Tiny Tomsens, Nancy Shain, Rog & Ginger Browne** and **Don & Marie Panzer**. Behind coaches Frier, Hobbs and Koskella, the rabid fans were treated to a pre-game pep rally at Ft Carson, a game-day brunch at the Woodmoor Country Club and a post-game Mexican fiesta party hosted by the Bells.

No one watched the game or knows the score because they were tearing into the margaritas and fajitas, and vice versa. Tiny Tomsen gets photo credits. Next yr, the game should be cancelled.

Ed Pawlowski sends greetings from Ger, where he's been busy with mountaineering, bicycling, aerobics and racquetball. He was elected pres of the Munich Toastmasters Club. Back home, Ed Jr has added realty to his Alexandria architecture business. Daughter Edleen, husband and family are in Tokyo.

Dick & Susan Baughman write from Brentwood, TN that, on an enjoyable wknd, they attended the Army game at Louisville with **Dick & Fran Renfro** and stayed at the Renfros' in Lexington. On Sun, they all had brunch with **Jim & Jaramy Karns**.

1954: Jim & Jaramy Karns, Fran & Dick Renfro and Susan & Dick Baughman in Lexington, KY, Oct 91

Jim owns a couple of restaurants and is a professor of economics at Eastern KY Univ in Richmond.

Bless all you kind correspondents. Don't take any wooden trestles.

1954: Joan Beringer, Pat Koskella, Pat Eberhart, Dorothy Tomsen, Carole Reed, Jane Calhoun, Karen Hobbs, Nancy Shain, Lael Porter and Barb Emrick holding up Woodrow in Monument, CO

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As I write this issue on 15 Dec, 10 days short of Christmas Day and one wk after the surprising sadness of the A-N game in Phila, I must rep to you a sadness of which I only recently learned. Our classmate, friend and colleague, **Chet Pond**, passed away last 26 Mar at the St Joseph Med Ctr in Burbank, CA after a long bout with cancer. Following a mem svc with both US and British honor guards and colors and the WP flag prominently displayed, Chet was buried at sea in a private ceremony. Chet's loving wife **Mary** and his son were present for the svcs. I will miss this great friend's superb wit; we were USAF EM together at the old WP Prep Sch at Stewart Field, both having come from the Far E to go there. "Lily," as we used to call him, had a great facility with things mechanical and the English language but carried on a significant struggle with the Social Sciences. H-2 classmates had the pleasure of sharing his superb sense of humor over the WP yrs. We'll all miss this great friend; Be Thou at Peace, Chet. Well done.

Before I started this today, I spent a great hr on the tag-end of the annual '55 post-A-N, pre-holiday brunch held again this yr in the beautiful home of **Carl & Marcia Cathey**. Co-hosting with the Catheys were **Ed & Betsy Anderson, Dick & Carol Baker, Jack & Dorothy Goldstein, Durf & Barbara McJoynt, Dick & Sandy Wargowsky** and **Ted & Starla Vitori** (Ted spent some time telling me about his interesting new position with AMTRAK here in DC as dir of Telecommunications). On this cold, weather-threatening Dec day, there was a lot of friendship and warmth for everyone who attended this great gathering—one that is really becoming the centerpiece of Cl activities here in the DC area. The food was spectacular, the grog was pleasing, and the sharing of photos, experiences and tales of ea other's families made this a really warm holday affair. There wasn't much to celebrate regarding the A-N game, other than that some fine young men gave it a good shot.

Others attending were **John & Mary Pickitt, Ruth & John Sloan** (John was fresh back from a fantastic trip to the *former* Soviet Union, where his specialty as a historian put him in contact with a veritable mass of folks wanting to share info with him), **John & Sherry Giddings, Al & Val Bundren, Bob & Marly Carpenter, Bob & Linda Newton, Al & Edie Edwards, Bill & Anita Anderson, Jim & Nancy Cutchin, George & Mary Monahan, Carl & Jo McNair, Ed Zaborowski** and his guest, **Kit & Bill Volkstadt, Tom & Elaine West, Joanie O'Brien, Tom Herren, Greta & Dick Masson, Ray & Anne Gunderson, Dan & Anne Malone, Norm & Barb Blahuta, Pete Walton** and your scribe & **Vicki**. Can't tell you how great it is to have this fine gp of classmates nearby who will make the effort to come out for events like this. Hats off to our wonderful hosts!!

Well, it's that time of yr when folks are sending me their Christmas card ltrs so that I can use the news that they spread around to their family and friends. So far, a nice note from **Jack & Marlowe Viney** from their new house in Corona, CA, where they both enjoy having family close to them. Photo is of Jack & Marlowe with kids and grandkids. Jack still with Hughes, hoping soon to be back in the air with his Cessna 195 after his little "ouch" this last yr at Fullerton. But then, a good landing is any one you walk away from!

1955: The Vineys: three generations

Yet another holiday ltr was from **Nancy & Walt McCrillis**, from their home in Moss Pt, MS, where they have just settled in a new house, arranged it for their ultimate ret mode, and are continuing their loving care of the mbrs of the church for which Walt is minister. These two fine folks make living sound about as giving and caring as it can be, and they are having the great joy of enjoying it together. Walt is learning piano after all these yrs, with Nancy a willing and supportive teacher. Get ready for some tunes at the 40th, Walt; thanks for the nice ltr.

In a short note from **Carl McNair**, he recounted a recent business visit to FL, where he spent some time with **Rollie Nordlie** discussing Rollie's new battery devel business called BATCOM. Carl and Rollie spent some time recounting '55 matters and sent along the next snap.

Carl also sent along the following snaps from a recent Cl lunch that depict our pres, **Don Hilbert**, laying on some key pts under the watchful eye of GEN Abe Abrams, with **John Sloan, Dick Baker** and **Marty McGuire** paying close attention. These little lunch klatches are a great way to get 8–10 classmates together at a place (such as here) like Ft Myer, where we can keep pace with ea other and with Cl business.

1955: Carl McNair and Rollie Nordlie

1955: Don Hilbert at the lectern

1955: Sloan, Baker and McGuire at Ft Myer

Another short note from **Bob Camp** out in Littleton, CO recounts some Cl activities surrounding the A-AF game in early Nov. After a pre-game brunch hosted by **Todd & Sue Graham**, a crowd of '55'ers including **Quent & Anna Bates, Dick & Sally Bean, Fred & Dorothy Bliss, Bob Camp, Inez Cardillo** (**Rich** was needed in his Univ of CO Ath Dept capacity at the CO-OK game), **Danny & Loretta Dienst, Pete Hornbarger, John & Irma Martling, Ski & Ute Ordway, John & Ellie Schick, Bob & Pat Strati** and **Rod & Pat Vitty** gave their best shot to rooting the team past the Falcons, but, sad to say, it didn't help much. They then adjourned for a wonderful dinner and post-game schmoozing at the home of Ski & Ute Ordway in the hills near Monument. Bob promises some pics of the event from Rod Vitty in the near future. Can't help mentioning that CO is becoming a

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1955: '55 at USNA-USAFA Game: the Catheys, Smiths, Andersons, Giddings, Hilberts and Edwardses

great gathering place for '55'ers, and we expect to see more momentum that way for the mini-reunion in 93.

Also a note from **Dan & Anne Malone**, who advised they had traveled to CA to see their first grandchild, visited AZ en route with **Bill & Sharon Peters**, looked long into the Grand Canyon and the other sights there, and went on to enjoy grandparentness! How many '55 grandchildren are there? Any guesses?

A nice note from **Bill & Anita Anderson** from down in Charlottesville (Hooville, it's called there), VA, telling of a great '55 gathering for the AF-N game in Annapolis earlier this fall. Beautiful day, big crowd, and an AF win. Who didn't beat Navy? Don't answer! Bill is busy as WP Soc pres and AF Assoc pres in Hooville, and also with his growing law practice. Thanks for the note, Bill.

The first of two very newsy ltrs this fall came from **Bob & Lynn Strickland**, down in St Petersburg, FL, where Bob has for a no of yrs been a commercial real estate broker, but like so much of the country right now, is seeing less than ideal activity in the mkt. Bob rep that **John Hardy** is also in St Pete, as a municipal bonds broker, and that **Rudd Crawford** is in Ft Myer. Bob & Lynn thoroughly enjoyed the visit of the **Catheys** and the **Jacobs**, during which they were able to overdose on '55 news from both coasts. Bob, like so many of us, is concerned about business futures in the face of a suffering economy, but forwarded a very interesting and helpful brochure he has developed. Good to hear from an old USAFA teaching mate. Thanks for the ltr, Bob.

Finally, a very lovely ltr arrived from **Bob & Kitty Millard** from their home in Houston, TX, where for 25 yrs they have lived, as Kitty says, "right across the street from the Johnson Space Ctr!" Bob ret from IBM in 90, Kitty still is active directing the Nassau Bay Baptists Presch, and they are enjoying their youngsters being grown, in business and presenting them with lovely grandchildren. Bob & Kitty have driven to AK, enjoyed the beauty and thrills of Canada and thirst for more. Bob rep that they see **Bob Sherman** and his family in Waco frequently. Wish I could clone this wonderful ltr from a whole lot more folks, or, if the spirit moves you, use the TOLL-FREE no, (800) 521-9680, to drop a few lines to me or **Vicki** or the electronic gadget closeby here. Bob, thanks for your ltr—good to hear from an old 3d Bn buddy. By the time you all read this, the holidays will be past, but we're thinking about all of you and send our warmest holiday regards to all. Take care.

'56

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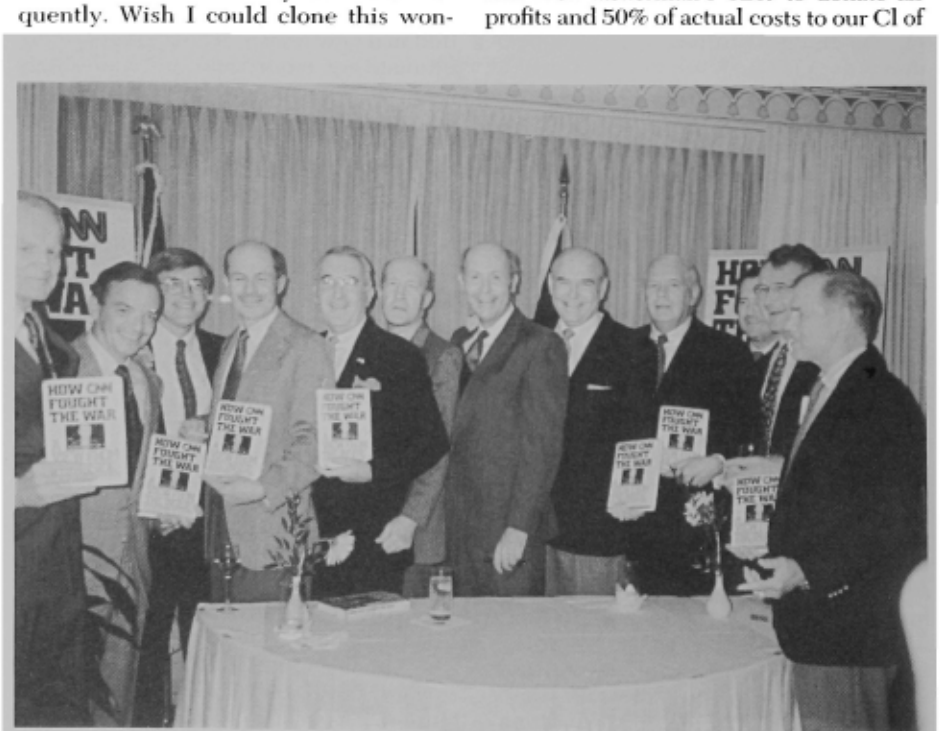
With the warm fuzzy glow of the 35th Reunion still in our memories, a large contingent from '56 attended the kick-off reception for **Perry Smith**'s book, *How CNN Fought The War: A View From The Inside* [see review of book on pgs 58–59 of Jan 92 *ASSEMBLY*]. It was a gala affair, with kind words about Perry & **Conner** from Newt Gingrich, Republican Whip from the House of Rep, and David Gergan, of *US News & World Report*.

Other notables in attendance included **Bill Crites, Dick Dowell, Al Renshaw, Pete & Ann Verfurth, Bob & Kay Sullivan, Bob & Ginny Sorley, Lee Denson** and Diane Suitors, **Jerry & Nancy Amlong, Ernie & Caroline Ruffner, Sam Alward, Mark Smith** and **George & Lynell Stapleton**.

Dick Washburn called from Arlington, TX to say how sorry he was to miss the Reunion. Last-min surgery caused him to cancel, but he's doing fine now.

I read with great interest **Al Hoffman** and **Don Ackerman**'s offer to donate all profits and 50% of actual costs to our Cl of



1956: Perry Smith's book party at Watergate Hotel

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'56 Room Project by enjoying a vacation at their Sun City Ctr Hotel/Golf & Racquet Club Complex. It's a grand idea to help us meet our Cl financial goals. Just spoke with **Bob Beyer**, who will be coordinator for the activities, and we believe that Sun City Ctr will be a great location for a mini-reunion in either Jan 93 or 94! Let Bob, **Mike Conrad** or me know your thoughts on whether a mini-reunion is a good idea and what yr (93 or 94) would be better.

1956: Ret ceremony for John & Gloria Foss, Sicily DZ, Ft Bragg, NC: "Airborne all the way"

John & Gloria Foss rep his change-of-cmd ceremony at TRADOC Hqs on 23 Aug 91. GEN Sullivan, CSA, awarded John his 3rd DSM, and the AF presented him an AFDSM. Sharing that very special day were son John Jr, a helicopter pilot in Panama, son Kevin of Williamsburg, daughter Julie, who lives in the Bahamas, and brother Pete '51 & wife. Classmates attending were **Bill Cody, Tony Jezior, Bill & Jan Weihl, Jim Waldeck** and **Dick & Sue Mackin**. On 29 Aug, John's formal ret ceremony was held in abn fashion as he made his 330th jump at Sicily DZ at Ft Bragg. John rep that his chinstrap broke as he exited the aircraft, requiring him to make a "standing landing." **Jack Nicholson** and **Leroy & Carol Suddath** shared that day with John & Gloria, who will reside at Kingsmill in Williamsburg.

1956: Mike & Meg Alexander with "friend" at 35th Reunion

Mike & Meg Alexander receive first prize (a 10-yr-old Christmas fruitcake) for sending the first Christmas newsltr. Mike was selected as the pres/CEO of Miltape Corp, a NY co for which he'd done a lot of consulting. This unexpected but delightful news will find Mike & Meg doing a lot of commuting between OH (where daughter Jessica is a freshman at Miami of OH and daughter Allison is a jr in HS), Long Island, NY (where Mike will work) and Quantico, VA (where son David & Kristen will live and David will fly jets for the USMC).

1956: Jim McNulty at Tom Griffin's ret ceremony at the Pentagon

Greg & Shirley Wold's ltr offers a very interesting challenge to all the other cadet companies. Greg's goal is to get everyone from A-1 back for our 40th! He suggests a competition between companies, with the winning co drinking free champagne all night (and free aspirin the next day)! Any co rep who wishes to take up the challenge, notify me and I'll keep all advised. Greg also noted that the AAA had omitted **Bob Farris'** name from a recent list of former First CPTs who had received a major "A." AAA had omitted 53 other First CPTs/Athletes and a corrected list was published. These glitches didn't happen when **Dave Palmer** was "Supe" and '56 was in charge!!

Carl & Denny Hattler rep they are enjoying the "empty nest" syndrome on Hilton Head Isl. Carl has moved from the general contractor business to financial mgt, but, as Denny says, "Profitability is yet undetermined."

1956: Dirk Lueders at 35th Reunion

Ted & Joan Dayharsh's ltr gave rave reviews to **Chuck Russell's** Omni Travel Svc for the handling of their entire visit to the E Coast from LA for the reunion and vacation afterwards. Ted also relayed **Leroy Suddath's** surprise when he saw cadets going to cl in fatigues and parading in short-sleeve white shirts. According to Rory, they should be wearing ties to cl and suffer the way we did! Cast my vote with Rory!!

1956: 40th Reunion Cl Gift Cmte hard at work at A/N Club: Bob Quackenbush, Lee Denson, Dave Palmer and John Foss

Tom Reinhardt and **Ray Cannon** have taken **Mike Conrad's** appeal for ideas to heart. They suggest that the theme for the display should be inspirational, e.g., a victory for humanity and all that is good in the world. . . so well-personified by the ideals of WP. It should not be a "we win vs you lose" memorial! Keep those ltrs coming to either Mike Conrad, **Dave Palmer** or me!

Keith Barlow rep he is acting headmaster at Beaufort Acad in Beaufort, SC. **Kay** & Keith are now looking for a home, and Kay already has started her psychotherapist practice in Beaufort.

I have the sad duty to rep that **Ernie Cross'** wife **Buggi** passed away from cancer at the WP Hosp on 11 Nov 91. A reception was held at **Jim & Joyce Anderson's** qtrs following the graveside svcs at the WP Cem.

1956: Ray Celeste Jr, Julie Williams, Mike Conrad and Margaret Williams at Vietnam Mem ceremony

Ray Celeste Jr rep that he attended the Annual '56 Vietnam Memorial Svc on 10 Nov 91 with **JJ & Penny McGinn**. This yr the wreath was placed in front of **Doug Williams'** name by his wife **Julie**, their daughter Margaret and Doug's sister, Mrs Charles Wise. Doug was KIA on 10 Jul 67 while serving with the 173rd Abn

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Bde. After the svc, the entire '56 contingent of approximately 75 moved to the A-N Country Club for brunch and friendship. Our thanks go to **Ernie Ruffner** for setting up the brunch, to **Bob Hammond** for the wreath and to **Bill Schrage** for the program.

1956: Mrs Charles Wise (Doug's sister), Julie Williams, Margaret Williams and Mike Conrad place Cl of '56 wreath by Doug Williams' name

During our 35th Reunion, we had the pleasure of having some of the Cl widows join us for the activities. To insure that we maintain our contacts with this very special gp, **Patsy Bagnal** has volunteered to act as a clearinghouse to insure that everyone is fully informed on all future Cl activities. The recommended and best method of maintaining contact is through co reps. If there is one OAO in ea cadet co who would be interested in helping, please contact Patsy at (803) 699-1386 (H) or 256-4251 (O). I'll publish the names of the co reps so all will know whom to contact. To get the ball rolling, **Lynell**, my bride, will be the rep for Co C-1.

Recently I talked with **Jane Smith**, widow of **DB (Skip) Smith**. Jane is living and working in Vero Beach, FL and rep that son 1LT DB Smith Jr was with the 101st Abn in "Desert Storm" and was awarded the BSM, and that son Doug is attending the NE Culinary Art Sch in W Palm Beach.

1956: Ward & Judy LeHardy and Nancy & Jerry Amlong by the *Cormorant* and *At Ease*

ABOARD THE *CORMORANT*—**LeHardys'** Log: **Ward & Judy** want to publicly thank all for a great send-off at S Dock, with a special thanks to Father **Harry Crandall** and **Doc Bahnsen**. On the way S along the E Coast, they visited **Jack & Joyce Munsey** in Annapolis; **Dick & Sue Mackin** at Ft Monroe; **Leroy & Carol Suddath** in Savannah; **Dick Tripp** at St Augustine; and **Charlie & Pat Poole** in Ft Lauderdale. Ward & Judy took a side trip to Tampa, where **Bob & Nondi Beyer** hosted a special party at their beautiful home. Classmates included **Jim & Judy Dozier, Charlie & May Glenn, Norm & Brenda Schwarzkopf, Neal Luft, Charlie & Ann Prather, Bill & Doris Wescott**, Bill DeCamp (assoc '56), **Al Beauchamp** and **Al Hoffman**. After completing a seminar with the Seven Seas Cruising Assoc, Ward & Judy sailed for the Bahamas in Dec, where Peter (USNA '89) and Ward Jr met them for Christmas in Georgetown. **Jerry & Nancy Amlong** also sailed into Georgetown and met them with the main attraction for dinner—the Christmas turkey!! In Jan 92, they hit the Virgin Isls and Puerto Rico, Panama in Feb and Mar, and expect to begin the voyage across the Pacific in Apr 92. You may call them anywhere in the world at (703) 786-3786 (Fred Chapman) and he will set up a radio/tel link. There's still time to sign up as able-bodied seamen for the crossing of the Pacific and Indian Oceans and the Red Sea. Our prayers go with you, Ward & Judy!

This col is being written in early Dec, covering news received since 5 Oct 91. When you receive this issue, my next deadline will be 15 Apr—which is also the date for the next DC Cl Luncheon. (Happy Income Tax Day!!!)

'57

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I could start by talking about the AF and Navy games, but there's not much to say. The best thing about the AF game was that the weather was unbelievably great and even the game couldn't spoil the great time we had at the reunion. I want to thank the entire crew, 11 classmates & their wives who put it together, on behalf of all the people who attended. Special thanks go to **Jack & Pat Murphy**, who spearheaded the effort. It was the best organized event in a long time, and the combined Wash/WP planners are going to have a tough time matching it. Everything just seemed to fall into place, including the weather, the accommodations, the tours, the meals and the spt provided by **Don Kutyna**.

There are two gp pics (next pg), one of each Regt. We had a good turnout—85 classmates and about 200 people overall. Most arrived on Thu and stayed through the reception at Kutyna's house on Sun night. I gathered quite a bit of pics and info, and will pass them on as space permits.

On Fri, we broke into two gps and alternately visited the AFA and the Cheyenne Mtn complex, getting together for lunch at the Broadmoor Hotel. Fri night we had a dinner at the Peterson AFB O'Club and learned that the person who came the greatest distance was **Nancy Stevens** (**Frank** stayed in Ger, where he works for RDA). The oldest classmate present was **Jack Adams**, followed closely by **Joe House**. **Jack Crater**'s mother, at 93, was the oldest person present. **John Loberg** told the most stories and also brought his video of Grad p-rade. **Sam Focer** has written a book titled *Hints for Hackers*. My first reaction was that it's for computer buffs, but it's for golfers. There were 14 engrs present, C-1 had 10 participants and 2nd Regt beat 1st by 43 to 42. Sat morn started with a moving mem svc held in the AF Chapel. **Jack Murphy** read the names, **Charlie Erb** read a prayer and the Rev Monsignor Cunniffe, Most Holy Trinity Chapel at USMA, presided.

At this point, it is with deep regret that I must inform you that **Dick Emery** died on 25 Sep 91 and was buried at WP. You may recall that Dick had leukemia, believed to have been caused by Agent Orange. I did not learn of his death until Jack got the info from the AOG while putting together the list for the svc. I would appreciate some info about his family.

Following the svc someone raised the issue of writing obits for our classmates, and **Jack Murphy** subsequently rep that 36 of our 53 dead classmates have not had an obit in the *ASSEMBLY*. **John Holland** once volunteered to act as a coordinator for writing the obits, and I suggest we take him up on it. One approach, suggested by **Jose Olvera** and **Fox McCarthy**, is for everyone to write some info down about your roommates or anyone you know well, and to send the info to John now. We can discuss this in more detail at our 35th Reunion.

Sat afternoon, following lunch at the AFA Golf Club, we enjoyed the beautiful weather, if not the game. **Gerry Galloway**, who travels with the team, led us in a rousing Army cheer. It didn't help. We had supper at the Woodmoor Country Club and then regrouped at the hospitality room to drown our sorrow. **Mike Petruno** was in good spirits and also looks good, even if he no longer needs a comb. Mike is taking chemotherapy for his lymphoma, and we all join in hoping for the best.

Sun, those who stayed went to **Don & Lucy Kutyna**'s for a reception. Lucy, unfortunately, is still on crutches due to her skiing accident. Don will ret this summer and they are going to settle in CO Spr. More notes from the reunion in my next col.

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1957: 1st Regt

The other recent Cl event was a joint luncheon at Ft Myer with Navy '57. We won that one 35 to 29. Too bad the Army team didn't do as well. One of the suggestions for the 40th gift is to endow a chair for a football coach.

Let's talk about the 35th: the reunion will start on Thu, 24 Sep with an informal dinner at the Holidome in Suffern, NY. **Bernie Tullington** has blocked 200 rooms at the hotel for the entire wknd (through Sat night). Right now we are trying to arrange for tours at WP and the use of the Supe's ferry for Fri (we'll split the gp in half and alternate between the AM and PM), with lunch and comments by the Supe at Eisenhower Hall. Fri night we'll have a picnic out at Buckner (I think). On Sat, we'll have a business mtg, a memorial svc at Trophy Point, review the parade and have lunch in the cadet mess. Then it's off to watch Army trounce The Citadel and return to the hotel for a victory dinner dance. Sun you're on your own. There will be a hospitality room at the hotel and buses to get back and forth. We'd like your input about this proposed agenda. Announcements will be going out in the near future, and you'll be asked to make a commitment—and to send money. We're not planning a 35th gift, but we need to plan for a good one at the 40th. **Bob Comeau**, Bernie Tullington and I are assisting **JJ Cortez** in the DC area, and **Gerry Galloway, Bruce Turnbull** and **Carolyn Gaspard** are supporting the effort at the WP end. If you have suggestions or questions, contact any one of us. Answers, however, are not guaranteed.

I have one ltr that I forgot last time and so I'll start with it. **Ed Hildreth** wrote back in Aug and included a pic of his son, Ted, who had just returned from Saudi.

The pic shows them about to remove the yellow ribbon from the tree in front of their house in Huntsville. Ted grad from Vanderbilt in May 89 with a Regular commission, attended the Air Def basic course, rep to the 101st in Feb 90 and went to the Gulf in Sep. He was XO of a btry supporting the 1st Bde in its airmobile opn into Iraq on the first day of the ground war. Ed and **Bob Westerfeldt** "solve complex defense problems" for SAIC in Huntsville. Ed's main effort for the past two yrs has been as the PI for a TMD study whose focus is the Far-E (or how to "bust SCUDs" in Asia). The work is being done for SDIO and SAIC is a subcontractor to Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) of Japan. Ed noted, with some irony, that he was in Honolulu on 7 Dec as a mbr of a team from the MHI Nagoya Aircraft Works (developers of the Zero aircraft) rep to CINCPAC on missile defense problems. His comment: "life goes on." Thanks, Ed for the note and the pic, and my apology for not printing it sooner.

1957: Ed, Ted, Jenny and Julia Hildreth, ready to take down the yellow ribbon

Ed Olivares missed the reunion in CS, but sent a ltr from Paris to explain. I don't have that ltr, but I did get one from Ed Jr '82 with pic. Ed is in Paris until next Jul, studying at Cordon Bleu. After 30 yrs in

1957: 2nd Regt

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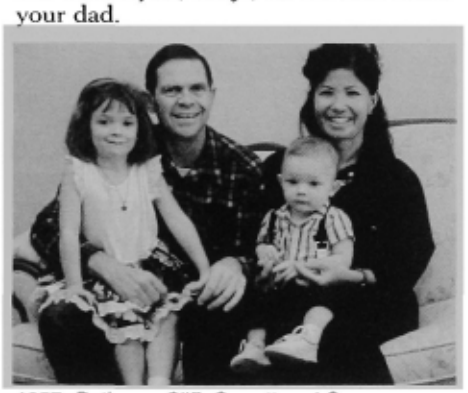
1957: Barbara, holding Edward Charles III, Edward II, holding Emily, and the original Ed Olivares

the aerospace industry he took early ret from Hughes to study cooking. He's living with a French family in a Paris suburb and commutes via bicycle. I guess he's going to open a French restaurant when he graduates. The photo was taken at Ft Devens as he was en route to Paris, and the occasion was the christening of his fifth grandchild, Ed III. Thank you, Ed Jr, for the info about your dad.



1957: Bethany, Cliff, Garrett and Sue Goodson (it's OK—they're grandchildren!)

Got a ltr, Chanukah card and pic from **Cliff Goodson**, who also missed the reunion. I included the pic because it has his two grandchildren, but will cover the ltr in a later col. The only co mate that came to the reunion was **Jack Hill**. His son is an AF cadet, and we got to spend some time with him. Jack is looking for **Jesse James**, and would greatly appreciate any info about Jesse's whereabouts. He was last seen in Japan.

I'd like to close with a "thank you" note to the Cl from **Cathy Garrigan**: "I want to try to convey to the Cl how much it meant to **Tom** & me that so many classmates rallied around me with their spt and attention. Tom was always very proud of his Cl, and that pride grew over the yrs. He was right. You're a very special bunch of people. Thanks to all who visited, wrote, called, sent contributions to Hospice, and loaned muscle, mind and helping hand." Thank you, Cathy, for expressing your feelings so eloquently, and we all wish you the very best for the future.

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A few more pics of S Padre Isl from **Tom Morgan**. The first is A2 STANDING TALL AT S PADRE ISL.

Note from **Chuck Davis**: "**Mike Dugan** came to speak to the AWC on 'Air Doctrine in Change' (Oct 91). Mike teaches at Johns Hopkins now. **Mike Jones** is administrator of First Baptist Church in Montgomery—also an ordained minister."

1958: Jones, Dugan and Davis

Hank Bielinski writes that "I'm living in Denver because I couldn't afford to fly out here every other wknd during the ski season. Now I can walk out of the ofc and be *on* the chairlift in less than one hr."

From **Ed Weckel**'s Oct 91 ltr to D1 files: "This is ltr #5 since **Bob Bunker** asked me to take over from him as Co CQ. Bob still owes us his address in Singapore so we can pop in for a visit. (08–04 Hampton Court, Astrid Meadows, 46 Coronation Dr W, Singapore 1026, or write to Bob & **Marion** c/o Brown & Root Intl, PO Box 3, Houston, TX 77001–0003).

"I still have not heard from **Lucky Jenison, Dick Franklin** (or is it **Dick Osborn**? Difficult for H2 scribe to decipher D1 CCQ ltr), **Dave Clarke, Doug Detlie, Ted Burke, Orlie Hill** and **Tom Stevens**.

"I've been advised that **Geno & JoAnne Wentworth** have volunteered to work on **Chuck Normington**'s obit. We all owe Gene a vote of thanks—I still need a volunteer for **Tony Evans**."

Christmas cards. The first was from **Bob & Marion Bunker** with zero news. The next was from **Jim & Dottie Castle** with news of their recent move to Manhattan Beach, CA: "After merging Infotron with Gandalf, Jim resigned from the co and accepted the position of pres and co-CEO of Teradata, HQed in El Segundo, less than 3 mi from our home. Tricia (daughter) had her daughter Cristina Lee on 19 Jan. On 13 Apr we gained a wonderful daughter when Jim married Lana Roeder in San Fran.

Ltr from **Phil Pryor** with a photo (next pg) of some mbrs of Thailand 92 Reunion Cmte. Any questions on Thailand? Contact **Bob Pointer**: tel (H) (518) 371-3979 or (O) (518) 785-2408.

Phil's daughter Penny married Mark Baumgartner (in Jul 91?). Phil & **Lynn** flew to HI for the wedding somewhere "next to the ocean on Oahu's eastern shore." Phil also sent evidence of having gotten "Lynn's name in lights. This was on her ?? birthday and the occasion of the Redskins-Phila Eagles Mon night game (30 Sep 91)." The scoreboard read "Happy Birthday Lynn Pryor. Love, Your Family."

1958: Nine A2 files at 91 Mini

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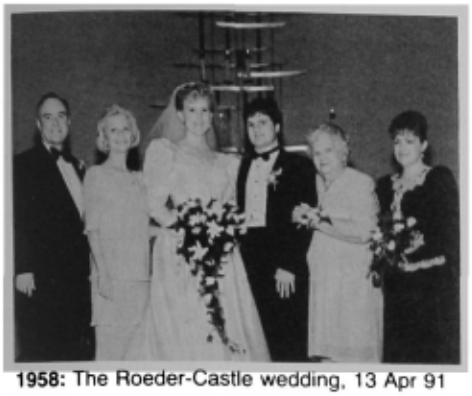

1958: The Roeder-Castle wedding, 13 Apr 91

1958: Phila Founders Day 91

1958: Thailand Reunion Cmte

1958: The Pryor-Baumgartner wedding

Next ltr is from **Don Johnson**, rep on **Mike Dugan**'s 13–14 Nov visit to Lynchburg Col Sch of Business. "Mike & I had a great visit. He visited a mil history cl, an intl affairs cl and a mass media cl; delivered the Sr Symposium lecture Wed eve and met with a gp of 35 Lions, ROA mbrs, reservists and politicians for breakfast. We squeezed in a luncheon and a private dinner." Don intends to contact other classmates as possible speakers. The next photo was taken at **Mimi & John Nun**'s house *outside* the Beltway in Jun 91. Missing from the jacuzzi were Wilbur Mills and Fanne Fox, last seen swimming in the Tidal Basin (*inside* the Beltway).

From **Gerry Schurtz**: "I am working in Riyadh for a co consulting for the Royal Saudi Air Def Force. No, I am not an air defender, but we all know that a cavalryman can do anything.

"I thought last Aug (90) I was going to get to demonstrate my cav skills in the conduct of the delay. However, the 82d Abn and USAF showed up in good fashion and relieved the tension. I was able to watch the Battle of Riyadh from the second-floor balcony of my villa. The fireworks displays were quite impressive; however, I would have missed some of the shots if **Bonnie**, with her keen sense of hearing, had not been. . . with me. She could hear the air raid siren much better than I. She was a good trooper and hung in for the duration."

Tell **Bob Rhodes** he did good work as a groomsman a few yrs back; I'm still married to that pretty young thing I latched onto when he was still **Dusty**.

And now from **John Palmer**: "I currently chair the Computer and Info Sys grad program at Mercer Univ and serve as the dir of the undergrad core program for the new sch of engring. **Barbara** is a full-time student in the liberal arts sch studying Christianity."

John continues, "one of the ring knockers here is **John Schaefer** (D1) who was AF, then went to NM State Univ after ret, then to The Citadel before joining us. **Barbara** & I will probably be at the A-N game.

In my mail upon returning from UK

1958: Raign and Morgan at SPI Mini

was a photo (next pg) from **George Lawton** taken at the Tailgate Party in Phila in connection with the debacle at the hands of the First-CPT-kidnapping-mule-stealing-ping-pong-ball-bombing Navy. The photo includes (L-R) Susan Santora (**Judy Moore**'s sister), whose husband Ed was the photographer, **Jill Roosma, Butch & Nancy Ordway**, Judy Moore, **George Lawton, Bob Moore** (with hat), **Gary Roosma, Bob Tallgren, Bob Pointer** (who personally guarantees that Thailand in 92 will set the stage for Army's victory over Navy in 92) and **Mary Jane Lawton**. Not pictured but supporting the Army team in Philly were **Mel & Jane Drisko, Jim & Peggy Moore, Will & Andrea Collett, John & Lois Deely** and **Brad & Carol Johnson**.

The next bit of trivia comes from the Natl Public Relations Cmte of WP Socs Circular Ltr No 58–3, dated 27 Mar 58, found after all these yrs by **Ed Ofgant**. "Construction is in progress on a new cadet club which will be roughly the same size as the present Weapons Room. The bldg in the ctr of the old Ordnance Compound next to Trophy Pt is being

1958: Annual swimming party

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1958: The A-N tailgate group

renovated." The renovated bldg/new First Cl Club was opened in May 58 and now the Cl Exec and Memorial Cmtes are working on a project to re-renovate the First Cl Club (reps on our efforts are provided by **Lawton**'s epistles). . . . Cadet **George R Robertson** appeared on the CBS-TV show entitled 'Captain Kangaroo' 13 Mar."

And, "At WP, Founders Day was recognized on 21 Mar by a joint cadet-grad luncheon in Wash Hall. This ceremony marked the inauguration of the Sylvanus Thayer Award by the Assoc. Dr Ernest O Lawrence of the Univ of CA was the first recipient. Pres Eisenhower and a distinguished guest list had planned to attend. *Unfortunately, it started to snow on Thu, 20 Mar and continued until Sat, in one of the worst storms in yrs* (emphasis added). GEN Maxwell D Taylor came in spite of the weather.

And "**Pete Byrne**, a first classman from Plainfield, NJ, set a new 600-yd mark of 1:11:9. . . . The hockey team beat Royal Mil Coll of Canada 5–1 at Kingston on 8 Mar, ringing down the curtain on the finest campaign in WP (hockey) history. The record now stands at 15 victories, 4 defeats and one tie. **Skip Hettinger** has already surpassed the individual career scoring mark with 107 points."

1958: Sun morn at SPI

Our 91 Mini-Reunion Cmte of **Tierney** and **Griffin** received some assistance from '56 and '57. The '56 contribution was courtesy of Ernie & Caroline Ruffner (L2). It seems that the '58 flag/banner was in transit from **Garry Roosma** to **Jack Tierney** via **Mark Sigurski**. Jack was in DC for his son Mike's wedding (the Cl gained another daughter, Andrea Migdal, on 31 Aug) but Mark & **Daun** were leaving for their annual canoe-trip-wedding-anniv bit in ME and could not deliver. Ernie & Caroline picked up the flag en route to the wedding, delivering same in good time for Tierney to take it to S Padre Isl.

The '57 help was provided by Dick Mollicone (D2), who attended with his wife Joyce as guests of the **Hansults**, serving as the "official photographer." Here is one gp shot with Mollicone "front and ctr" with the tools of his trade.

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Fred Malek has already begun, I am told, what promises to be a busy yr as Pres Bush's re-election campaign mgr. His reputation as an ace in such posts is well-earned, and we congratulate him on his appt. He will have to squeeze this into his other asgmts as co-chm of Coldwell Banker Commercial and pres of NW Airlines, but such *legerdemain* is old hat for him.

Bill Barry, one of our White House Fellows, gets an annual directory of past holders of that honor. The latest one discloses that **Pete Dawkins** is in Duluth, GA (an Atl suburb), with Primerica Financial Svcs. I think I have their credit card. **John Grinalds** is headmaster at Woodberry Forest Sch in Woodberry, VA; and **John Moellering** is with Lear Siegler Mgmt Svcs Corp in OK City. I recall a pleasant lunch with John in the White House Mess during the yr he worked for Anne Armstrong.

Bill & Brita live in Athens, GA, where Bill runs Dermatology of Athens, Inc. The logo is a cadeuses on cmd pilot's wings, which successfully synopsizes his two careers. He has been struck, he says, by the disparity between his first career (USAF), where his colleagues, now ret in their mid-50s, are considered "over the hill;" and his second career (medicine), where the leadership jobs just begin to fall on that age gp.

At the time of **Bill**'s ltr he had just returned from a 5-day holiday at Disney World, where his 7-yr-old daughter had worn him out. He has a little F33 Bonanza that makes such "local" trips a breeze, he says. When his son, who is USMA '89, returned from Desert Storm,

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they took a wk off to fly the plane up to ME for some whale chasing, golfing and lobster-eating. Bill heard his son's war stories (3d Armd Cav) and told him some of his own from flying F-4s in Vietnam. They sure got it right this time, says Bill.

Gary Beech ret from the Corps of Engrs in 85 and went to work for CH2M Hill, the largest environmental engring firm in the country. His first job was as deputy program dir and then program dir of the $2.3 billion Milwaukee Water Pollution Abatement Program. Since last Apr he has served as the co's Great Lakes regional mgr and VP responsible for all engring mkting and svcs in an 8-state area. In his spare time he is taking soaring instructions (gliders) and loves it.

Gary & Nadine live in Mequon, a suburb of Milwaukee. They had 22 moves in the Army and notice that they have now been in their present location more than twice as long as anywhere else. Their daughter Cynthia (25) is a grad of the U of KS, employed in Milwaukee and currently living at home. Son Mark (22) grad from WP last Jun with a degree in civil engring. During his 4 yrs his parents had a chance to see the **Gaileys**, the **Rustons** and the **Russells**, all of whom went out of their way to be helpful to Mark, says Gary. Mark chose Avn and is now in flight sch at Ft Rucker. I just had a flashback of writing such things about us not so many yrs ago, or so it seems.

1959: Ed Burba (at left) and Don Eckelbarger (ctr)

The accompanying photos, courtesy of **Sandy Beach**, are of **Don Eckelbarger**'s 30 Sep ret as CG, Fifth Army, at Ft Sam Houston, TX. Sandy & **Carol** were there, as was **Ed Burba**, who actually ret Don. Don & **Ann** have now joined the Beaches in Houston, where Don is VP at Boyce Engring. Others in Houston are **Dick & Nete Sundt, Bill Marshall, Carl Webster, Dave Wheeler** and **Jay Weisler** (down the road in Brenham).

1959: Carol & Sandy Beach and Ann & MG Don Eckelbarger (Ret)

Sandy Beach has now been pres of Houston Engrs, Inc for 11 yrs, as long as he was in the Army. HE, as they call it, manufactures, sells and rents tools used in drilling and producing oil and gas wells. They are the mkt ldr in drilling gizmos and accelerators and the only manufacturer of the reversing tool. They have many proprietary products and are well-known to those who make their living in the oil patch. They are located in Houston, Alice and Odessa, TX; Houma and New Iberia, LA; Caspar, WY; OK City; Scotland; Norway; Holland; Denmark; Ger; France; Syria; Abu Dhabi; Qatar; Algeria; Mauritania; Nigeria; Congo; Gabon; Angola; S Africa; Brunei; Australia; Venezuela; Brazil; Bolivia; and soon, Argentina and Colombia. Colombian opns, says Sandy, remind him of Vietnam. And the more they find themselves overseas, the more concerned he becomes about American jobs and productivity.

Sandy & Carol have been married 31 yrs and have 3 children. Dwight III, USMA '84, tennis letterman, CPT FA, Ger, Ft Lewis, resigned, MBA Yale '91, works for Camco, a British-owned oil svc co. He is 30, single and a fine young man. John (27) is U of TX '86, BSMA, lacrosse player, computer jock, engr for Flour, and engaged to be married to a wonderful young lady in Feb. Daughter Dawn (20) is a Pi Beta Phi jr at U of TX, an economics major, sings like a bird, dances like Cyd Charisse, and undertook calculus at her old man's urging. She pulled a "B." The kids never gave them a lick of trouble, says Sandy, and he acknowledges this as a tribute to Carol.

Sandy believes that if he had it to do over again, he'd go to WP. After having been exposed to MIT, Stanford and, through his children, TX and Yale, he considers WP tops because of the overall experience, not just the education. The physical, academic and moral experiences are second to none. The other schs excel in their specialties, but WP is tops overall. This from a guy who started off hating plebe yr.

Sandy notes that as he gets older he realizes how privileged he is to be a mbr of the Cl of '59 and a grad of WP. He wants to be involved in re-establishing the bonds we had as cadets and would like to participate in our giving something back to the institution. He would be happy to see classmates, including those who didn't graduate, whenever we find ourselves in Houston, and he welcomes a call if he can ever be of help. Thanks for a nice ltr, Sandy.

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John E Young wrote, exclaiming "one should never say never." After singing the praises of Santa Fe and telling everyone they would never leave, John & **Beverly** now plan to move to Austin, TX on 1 Dec. He has accepted the position of ch investment off of the 7th largest public pension fund in the country, the Teacher Ret Sys of TX. The fund has assets of $30 billion and a staff of 23 investment professionals, with all assets being managed in-house. He could not pass up the opportunity to finish his money mgt career in this position. Beverly & John plan to return to Santa Fe to ret.

While attending a conf in Denver recently, **John** enjoyed dinner with **Grafton & Sue Jhung** and then had breakfast with **John Wilkes**. Grafton is still with Denver Investment Advisors and John continues as the land commissioner for the state of CO. Grafton came through NY in Nov—we had dinner at BICE Soignee restaurant off 5th Ave. When I asked who suggested it, he replied that his "B" sch friend, Mrs Kravis did (Kohlberg, Kravis *et al*, as in Nabisco LBO).

John Young's ofc phone in Austin will be (512) 397-6460. Address will be: Teacher Ret Sys of TX, 1000 Red River St, Austin, TX 78701.

Bill Willoughby attended the 91 USMA Regional Coordinator's conference held by Admissions from 12–14 Sep. There were 24 or 25 people from all over the country—mostly grads who are working on a donated time "Admissions Participant" status.

Since **Bill** had been doing this job in NE OH for 12 yrs, he felt something of a veteran and authority on the subject. When he found out how long everyone else had been in the job, he advised that it became one more opportunity for him to keep his mouth shut and listen.

Our Cl was the best represented by far. The photo is of our gp; he has noted the yrs ea has served. From L-R are **Bill Willoughby** (12 yrs); **Bill McLaughlin** (15 yrs); **Fred Rice** (15 yrs); and **Walker Flint** (16 yrs). By the way, Bldg 606 is the Admissions Ofc.

The WPSNY recently held their annual "Dining-In" eve. From L-R in nearby

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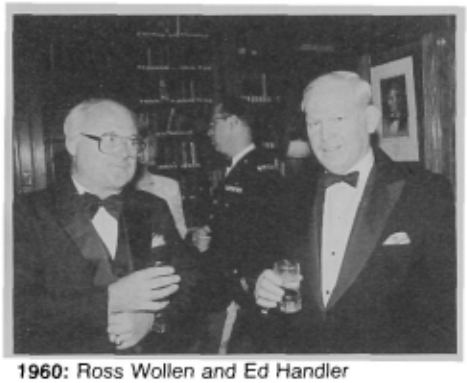
1960: Bill Willoughby, Bill McLaughlin, Fred Rice and Walker Flint

pic are **Ross Wollen**, VP of the WPSNY, and **Ed Handler III** (pres of the WPSNY). The featured speaker was Prof Legvold, Head of Columbia Univ's Harriman Inst of Soviet Studies.



1960: Ross Wollen and Ed Handler

As a result of the "Dining-In" eve, I was invited to speak on a panel at the Harriman Inst lecture regarding Intellectual Property with COL Vladimir Rubanov, dir of the Analytical Div of the Russian Republic's KGB. Am told I'll be on a panel in Moscow in Jan with Vladimir.

On 7 Dec your scribe & wife went to Phila to watch the A-N game. In attendance were the **Posts** (celebrating 30th anniv—congrats), **O'Malleys, Pat Richeson, Roy O'Connor, Trent & Sharon Crosby, Frank & Jean Farrell, Bob Klein, James Schwoob**, the **Lamberts** and the **Ritchies**.

1960: Susan Hawson and Gene Brisach

Gene Brisach and his OAO Susan Howson are now living very happily in FL and planning a new life together. Susan was introduced to Gene by the scribe, one of those little extras that's not in the job description. Susie is a Wellesley grad and has lived overseas for a no of yrs. They both seem very happy and complement one another, like proverbial peas in a pod.

Maginnis is looking at colleges for oldest child. **Carpenter** is getting ready to ret in Jun and bldg a home in MT, we hear. **George & Nancy Everbach** are holding down the Dallas front at Kimberly Clark from DC. **John Hesford** and a few others celebrated A-N game in NYC with **Mick McManus**.

Wishing you all a new yr filled with good health and fortune! All for now—send news.

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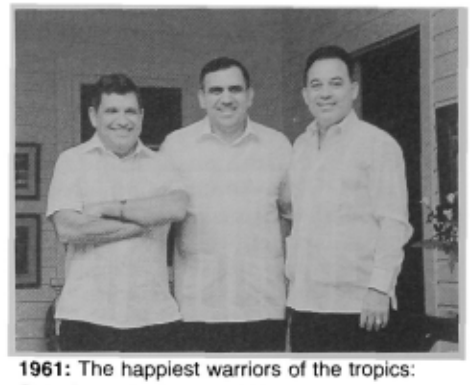
The date may be closer to Valentine's Day than to Christmas, but the holiday joy and excitement lingers still, as do the memories of our reunion in Oct. . . which will carry us all through 92 and until the next one. More than 170 of our Cl climbed the paths to the Plain. . . standing tall behind [the best of reunion cmte mbrs] **Heimdahl, Bacon, Fischer, Kilkenny, Shroyer, Skotzko, Sullivan, Vanderbush, LaBorne, Drummond** and **Stoneham** (**Tilghman** absent due to family emergency) were **Aaronson, Glen Adams, Anderson, Angstadt, Al Armstrong, Baird, Baldwin, Barrick, Bayless, Bennett, Breslin, Brooks, Brown, Buckner, Bruner, Burns, Butterworth, Cain, Cairns, Carroll** (**Tom** and **Pat**), **Cerasoli, Chelberg, Coddington, Connolly, Cornelson, Counts, Cowan, Couvillion, Coyne, Cuthbert, DeVries, DiCarlo, Dickson, Dluzyn, Downey** (**Art** and **Gordon**), **Dorr, Dunning, Dyer, Eaton, Sandra Eielson, Eiland, Esselstein, Evans, Eyler, Fishburne, Fritz, Gabriel, Ganderson, Gaskins, Gibson, Glass, Gleichenhaus, Grannemann, Graves, Chan Greene, Grigg, Grisoni, Habic, Hallenbeck, Hampton, Hannon, Hansell, Hansen, Harmon, Harrington, Hartford, Hastings, Hebert, Hodell, Hodges, Holmberg, Holton, Hoy, Hricz, Hruby, Hyde, Janoska, Java, Jones, Joulwan, Kewley, Knoblock, Kopcsak, Kovac, Kremer, Lionetti, Jim Livingston, Lord, Mace, Madsen, Magness, Maio, Phil Mallory, Maloney, Manning, Matson, Maus, McCann, McCarthy, McCurdy, McGinnis, McNear, Meissner, Middlesteadt, Dave Miller, Minor, Mucho, Neiger, Nevins, Nicholson, Noble, Olejniczak, Olshansky, Paone, Phelps, Plodinec, Protzman, Pryor, Randolph, Rauch, Ringdahl, Rosenkranz, Sager, Schultz, Sciple, Seidel, Seidl, Seltz, Shamblee, Shearer, Shipley, Shroyer, Siegenthaler, Silverman, Smith** (**Chip** and **Phil**), **Solomon, Stanley, Steege, Stiehl, Swain, Taylor, Tilton, Tobin, Underwood, Urette, Van Gorder, Van Riper, Veatch, Walker, Walters, Wanner, Watson, Watt, Wells, Welsh, Westpheling, White, Wilder, Williamson, Winters, Witherspoon, Woodward, Wright, Yost, Zaldo, Zimmerman**. . . and others. If this drill roll missed anyone, please let me know.

Among the many pleasant sidelights of our 30th Reunion gathering was a rekindling of co ties: E-2's **Brooks, Cairns** and **Silverman** caught up on roommates **Dombrowski, Weis, Rousseau, Baker** and **Yancey**; of course, others seem to be out of contact. A paramount event was the discussion about our Cl Gift and raising funds. **Dale Shipley** really got the ball rolling by auctioning **Gibson**'s favorite Rodeo Dr tie for a considerable fortune.



1961: The happiest warriors of the tropics: Stringham, Joulwan and Bazan

Upon **George Joulwan**'s return to his tropical paradise, he gave a full-blast acct of the reunion to **Stringham** and **Bazan**, who keep matters lively in the isthmus. **Joe** is a defense atty in Mexico; **Kaiser & Maribel** are well, getting together often with the Joulwans.

Jeanne & Terry Kirkpatrick have picked up their roots and moved their world out to Tumwater, WA. Terry ret Jun 91 and took a position with the WA State Dept of Natural Resources. So now the family is nestled in a home among the 100-ft Douglas firs and is looking forward to skiing, capturing salmon from the icy streams and driving into British Columbia.

The news from Thailand is that **Chan & Mike Eiland** are still there and that the news of their return during 91 was much exaggerated; they do expect to be in CONUS in early 92, so perhaps we'll all get a first-hand update.

Nan & Ron Beckett conducted their umpteenth annual tailgater, followed by watching Navy extend its losing streak (**Betsy & Tery Alexander** made a special trip from Detroit and **Leslie & Tom Coyne** were there, too, with **Blesse, DeVries** and **Rauch**); some of these same 'mates hastened to Phil two wks later,

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unfortunately, only to see Navy terminate their losing streak to defeat the Army Team as they had done just before Pearl Harbor 50 yrs earlier (a bit of properly forgotten history). The good news was that we got the Mules back; certainly **Grannemann** and the late **Ron Hines** would have hog-tied those dastardly rustlers. And among the witnesses to the fray in the Cl section were **Sue & Paul DeVries, Trish & Dick Buckner, Stan & Carol Clough, Joan & Frank Rauch, Myra & Shane Olshansky, Bobbie & Jim Blesse, Mike Eggleston** and his 3 sons, **Kilkenny** and **Beckett**. Satellite photography and other collection sources indicate that the **Vanderbushes, Graves** and **Counts** were present and accounted for elsewhere in the stadium.

Wedding bells: The **Becketts'** daughter Natasha is to be married to Joseph Sabelhaus at Ft Meade on 18 Jan 92. Be sure to read all about it, right here in the next issue!

School bells: the **Olejniczaks** rep that daughter Julie won early admission to Washington & Lee Univ as a pre-med biology major. 'Til next time.

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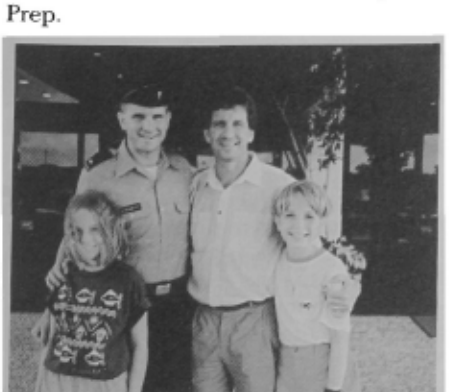
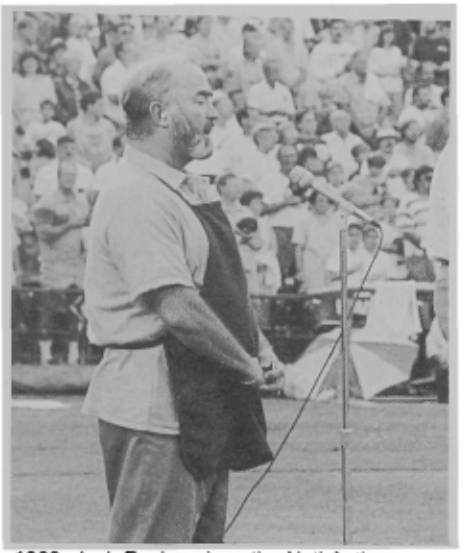
Writing this col is crazy; I want to wish all the best of holidays and a great New Yr, and yet you will not see this until late Feb.

I received an update from **Susan Strohmeyer** with news of the family. **Jim** has enjoyed a successful anesthesia practice at St Joseph Hosp in Houston for the past 16 yrs. He has also improved his tennis game to the point of winning a few local tournaments. Son Kevin was awarded an Army Med Sch scholarship to Baylor Univ; daughter Stefanie married Carlos Ardavin on 6 Jul 91; daughter Lisa is studying architecture and design in Gainesville, FL; and John and Sara are at home and are honor students at St John's Prep.



1962: Jim Strohmeyer with daughter Sara and son John visiting son Kevin at "boot camp"

Jack Rucker began his ltr ". . . with the exception of two events, this pen/typewriter has remained silent for these 29+ yrs since we've graduated." The two exceptions were ". . . in 70 when I sent questionnaires to 512 of you. . . a belated thank you. I got a B+ on the paper and an MBA from DePaul. . . . My second attempt was that rather philosophical bit I wrote for our 25th Yearbook. . . . " Jack added that he recently did something for which he felt a great deal of pride: he sang the Natl Anthem at a TX Ranger baseball game. Jack is presently living in Arlington, TX and teaches in the local secondary sch sys.



1962: Jack Rucker sings the Natl Anthem before a crowd of 22,000 TX Rangers-NY Yankees fans in Arlington, TX, Sep 91

Bill Mogan sent along a pic with his latest—a HOG with straight pipes and great looks. Bill has joined a motorcycle gang and claims that cycling is great in the winter weather of AZ. At a recent AUSA function, Bill ran into **Reimer, Downing, Gorden, Willis, Kimsey, PO Kelly, Fraser, Simcox** and others.

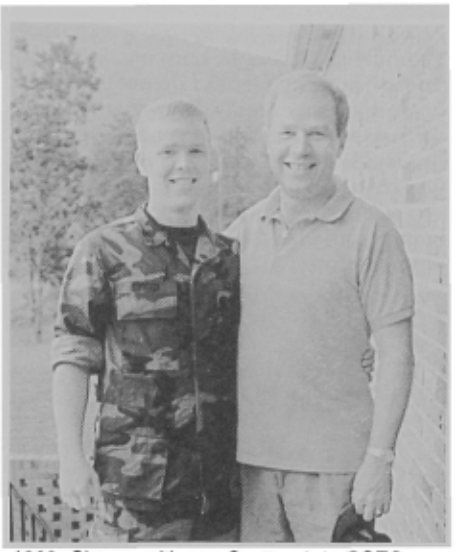
1962: Mysterious biker seen along the AZ highways

Speaking of **Simcox**, Tom stopped by our DC Luncheon after the AUSA happening and left me with a few photos.

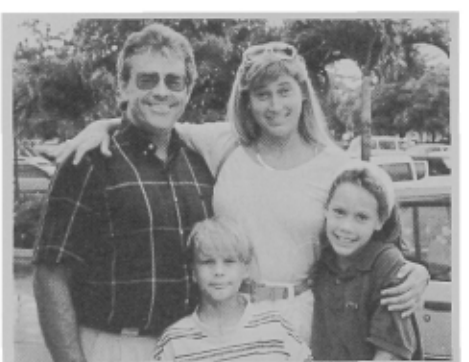
Rog Luis writes from the Philippine Isls that he received his first copy of the *ASSEMBLY* in nearly 20 yrs. He has recently come out of ret to serve as pres of his own architectural and engring firm. He & **Hedy**, also an architect, have a number of public bldgs to their credit. Rog ret as a COL, Dep Ch of Engrs, Armed Forces of the Philippines in 86. He said he may have gone on to a star but ". . . I was on the losing side in the coup that toppled Pres Marcos." Rog goes on to say, ". . . I keep fit with almost daily sets of tennis. I have also been taking voice lessons. I now sing arias from operas. . . . I have had several public presentations to my credit. . . . I hope to see you guys come Nov 92. . . . I just may make our 30th!"

Geoff & Jacqueline Withers send along a birth announcement: Geoffrey

1962: Tom & Linda Simcox and Anne & Charlie Murray



1962: Simcox with son Scott, a jr in ROTC



1962: The Mike & Nina McDonald family

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1962: Linda & Tom Simcox, Pat Webb, Bill Mogan, Donna & Jim Spencer and Ernie Webb

Dismukes Withers Jr, born on 12 Oct 91. You are correct, Geoff; I do not get many birth announcements from our Cl these days. Geoff said that he can never find his *Bugle Notes* when he needs it and wonders if it is customary for the Cl to give a cup to the last as well as the first baby? Could be, Geoff, but how old must we be before we *know* that it's the last?

1962: Geoff Withers with son Geoff Jr, our youngest Cl son

A couple of folks sent me a pic of the BoD of America OnLine Inc, the leading privately-held provider of consumer on-line svcs. Some of the photos showed a serious gp of businessmen; I selected the shot of a gp that shows **Kimsey** and **Caufield** as we know them.

1962: The Bd of Dirs of America OnLine, with a happy front row: Haig '47, Kimsey and Caufield

Jim Peterson was on a business trip to FL recently and had the opportunity to lunch with **Jim & Carol Ellis**. Ellis had just checked in as the new dep cmdr and C/S of Central Cmd. Peterson is now in business for himself in NY. He consults to orgns in the areas of exec communications and ldrship tng. He says that all is going well and he is having great fun. The work is much the same as the work he did with Jack Hilton, Inc, but now "... all the fun and profits are mine—better!"

1962: Jim & Carol Ellis with Jim Peterson and his aunt, Hazel Cook, at McDill O'Club

That's it for now; my next deadline for input is 15 Apr. Please let us hear from you before then.

'63

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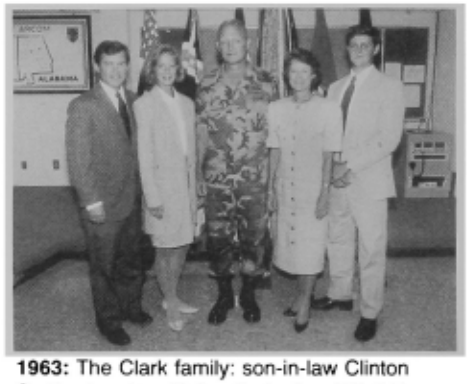
Our distinguished **Bob Mayer**, Circuit Judge on the US Court of Appeals, recently sent me info on two classmates who have been recognized for their outstanding work.

1963: At the Veterans Natl Wheelchair Games, Miami, FL: daughters Christi and Elizabeth with Jackie & Allen Clark

Allen Clark has been confirmed by the Senate to be dir of the Natl Cemetery Sys in the Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA). Prior to this appt, Allen was VA asst secy for Veterans Liaison and Program Coordination. **Bill Clark** (D-2) was promoted to BG, USAR on 22 Jul 91. Bill is Dep CG 121st ARCOM with units in AL, MS, GA, SC and TN. Bill is one of AL's most highly regarded lawyers and lives there with **Faye**, daughter Helen Catherine and son Will.

1963: Chuck Chalfont '94, Betty Chalfont (Allen Clark's sister), Allen Clark and Chad Chalfont '95 at USMA, 3 Nov 91



1963: The Clark family: son-in-law Clinton Smith, daughter Helen Catherine, Bill & Faye and son Will

1963: The CG and Faye pin on the stars at Bill Clark's promotion to BG, USAR

Bill Nugent x-'63 (H-2) was nominated by ME's govr and approved by the State Senate to serve a 6-yr term as one of 3 commissioners on the State's Public Utilities Commission. His prior experience as a commissioner was in 80–83 when he directed the activities of the MI Lottery. Bill's earlier asgmts include stints in OSD, 3 yrs with a White House Council, svc as an aide to the mayor of Detroit and the governor of MI. Bill & **Rita** live in Yarmouth, ME (4 Oakwood Dr, zip 04096). They have two sons:

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Chris graduated magna cum laude from Brown Univ in May and David is a freshman at Syracuse in the Newhouse Sch of Communications. Bill and I first met at the Valley Forge Army Hosp taking our WP entrance physicals—how time flies!

Talked by tel recently to **Lyndol Cook** about planning for the eventual presentation of a Cl gift to the Acad. He followed up with some written comments and asked that I pass them on to the Cl.

1. 30th Reunion will be 29–31 Oct 93 at WP. This is a football wknd (Western MI) and, thus far, we are the only reunion cl on those dates. More to follow.

2. Cl Gift: **Bill Alexander** has been appointed chm, Cl Gift Selection Cmte. The current plan is to propose a project to the Cl at our 30th Reunion. If approved, we would fund and present project to USMA at our 40th Reunion. Anyone with ideas on this, please call Bill at (717) 238-5737.

The **Cook** family is doing very well. **Lyndol** is pres and CEO of Polaris Pool Sys, Inc (top-selling cleaner in the US); **Diana** manages the computer software and consulting business she founded in 75; Bryon (16) is into HS football, wrestling and track; and Tiffany (13) is in jr high and into soccer, basketball and track.

One closing note: your scribe recently ran the Army 10-miler—finishing in 63 mins and 18 seconds—4th out of 194 in our age gp, commonly referred to as the "older than dirt div." Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season.

'64

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Dateline: Wash, DC, 14 Dec 91. This is being written "on the road," so to speak. I hung up my green suit on 1 Oct and, after a mo and a half of golf and beach in HI, hit the road on the E coast testing the waters for job opportunities. An added goal was to personally contact those of you I could find for input to this col. Consequently, I packed up my Cl of '64 Roster and hit the road. Unfortunately this latter goal proved very difficult to meet. I ran into a lot of bad phone nos, or folks not at work or not at home. I'll keep trying.

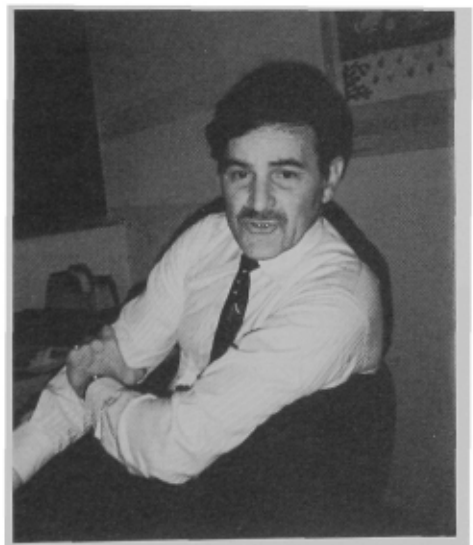
Speaking of the Cl Roster, **John Ward** is hard at work producing an updated version. Those of you whom we could find (that basically means a good AOG address) should have received forms requesting *current* vital statistics and bios. Get those in! John would like to see those within a wk of your receipt of this issue of the *ASSEMBLY*. So do it now! We want *new* info.

As usual, there are many classmates who are lost, and we need your help in finding them. If you have a line of these guys, get the word to **John** at 931 Kings Lane, Glenview, IL 60025: **Burnham, Campbell, Carlson R, Dews, Fracker, Gleszer, Grisham, Kleuss, Melchiori, Stepek D, Sornson, Smith W, Roller J, Seiler, Boone, Muratti, Efrid, Sanderson, Bigelow** and **Delgado**.

Additionally we would like to have the family address for: **Cotter, Szekely, Stone D, Bujalski, Thurston, O'Brien, Hottell, Kotrc, Kaufman, Nawrosky, Green, Walters, Ugland, Millacci** and **Graham**.

I did get some mail this time, including an update from first-time correspondent **Art Mack**, who joins the list of '64 Desert Storm participants by way of his svc as Chaplain of the mobilized reserve 365th Evac Hosp out of Niagara Falls. They were in Oman from Jan-Mar. Following Art's war-time activities were his sons David, a CPT at Hood, and Andrew, a firstie at you-know-where. In real life Art ministers to his congregation at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lancaster, NY.

Gene Sullivan has been on the road again. **Pat Graves** rep attending a speech Gene gave at the AUSA Huntsville, AL chapter. **Chris Stone** was also the beneficiary of Gene's presentation. No critique on performance.



1964: Jeff Kleb

Jeff Kleb has adjusted quickly to civ life (see photo) and is insuring that the new configuration of the Soviet Union meets his idea of order. Jeff, **John Ward** and **Dan Evans** are working on a project to have obits of all our deceased classmates published by the next reunion. Jeff requests that any obit info on any classmate be provided to him or Dan. I'm sure that they will also accept volunteer writers if anyone is so inclined.

Huba Wars de Czege passed through HI on a junket and called from the airport. Huba recently returned from Europe and is now ADC at Ft Riley. The family is thrilled with the asgmt, as it will permit them to reunite with their "6" horses.

1964: Seth & Joy Hudgins with Ambassador Paul Nitze

Seth & Joy Hudgins are still at it, keeping our AOG on an even keel. The enclosed pic is of Seth & Joy with Ambassador Paul Nitze on the occasion of the Thayer Award ceremony.

Finally, I'm sorry to rep the untimely death of **John Arrington**. Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Marsha**.

That's it for this issue. Hope you all had a pleasant holiday—**George**.

'65

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Greetings once again from Chicago. Well, the good news is that our response to the '65 questionnaire has been overwhelming. Our thanks to **Bobby Jones** for returning the first questionnaire. Over 50% of the Cl has responded, which for something like this is phenomenal. The roster should be printed and mailed on or about the time you read this article in *ASSEMBLY*. If you have not sent your questionnaire in, please still do so since we will have a second update on this roster later this yr. Thanks to all of you who spent the 10 min necessary to fill it out and get it back to me on time.

All of the questionnaires that were sent out asked the post ofc to provide an address correction. To date, we have only received a handful of those back without new addresses. So, if anyone knows where **Zais, Mushovic, Hjelm** or **Dave Benton** are, please let me know.

We had our Cl offspring pic sched for Homecoming last Oct, but unfortunately only one of our offspring showed up. I'm not sure what happened to the others, but if one of them is yours, please check on it.

Ted Kleinmaier wrote from Indianapolis, where he's involved with Silver Convenience Ctrs in IN, VA and NC. He and his family have been there since 70, after he was assigned to Ft Harrison from Vietnam. His "cookie cutter" real estate opn has to be one of the few doing well in this terrible real estate market.

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1965: Denny Lewis, John Seymour and Dave Kuhn

As you can see by the pic of **Kuhn** and **Lewis**, they are celebrating **John Seymour**'s hole-in-one at Kuhn's new golf club, the first hole-in-one on the course.

1965: Tim Vogel, Chuck Pfeifer, Don Parcells and Denny Lewis

The other pic shows **Tim Vogel, Donny Parcells** and **Denny Lewis** at the Harvard game with **Chuck Pfeifer**. Vogel lives in Annapolis.

Dan Christman is also shown, taking cmd of the Engr Ctr at Ft Leonard Wood while he awaits his second star. Congrats, Dan & **Susan**.

1965: CSM Wilson, BG (P) Dan Christman and BG Ballard

Mac Gill writes that daughter Mylinda is a nurse (O-1) with the 24th Inf Div (Mech) at Ft Stewart. She'll be getting married in Jun 92 in NY. Daughter Jennifer gave birth to her second child, another son (Austin Gill King) in Sep 91. Mac & **Dianne** live in Kalamazoo.

Rich Boerckel wrote that he has seen **Tim Timmerman**, who is an exec dir with Rich at USAA and heads up the corp research ofc. **Frank Arnall** writes from Orlando that he & **Susan** were here in Chicago last Jul for a 5K run. They saw **Ralph Reller** and **Donna** while they were here. The Arnalls see **Lew & Barb Green** regularly. Lew is the pres of the local WP Soc. Lew is also organizing a local WP foundation to recognize the ideals of WP. **Zig Roebuck** rep that he is working with **Cathy Metzner** to gather info on **Ladd**'s obit. Zig & **Linda** really enjoy Huntsville and the ret life but will always miss the Army. **TJ Kelly** wrote from DC that he misses Chicago. He had lunch with **Manny Mimone**, who still works for SAIC and is a VP there. He looks good and stays in shape bike riding many miles. TJ talked with **Ralph Adams**, who works for Renault and Handley Real Estate in Santa Clara. Ralph still blames TJ for a blind date arranged Jun Wk—the blind date happens to be the same girl to whom Ralph had been married and with whom he has spent his life! He also saw **Mike Applin** in MD. Mike is still at the Pentagon.

My old friend **Jack Cooley** is alive and well here in Chicago, where he is an arbitrator/mediator in his own business. **Dan Steinwald** is the GM of the Canadian Weightlifting Federation (figure that one out). **Rick Sullivan** is in the printing business in Plantsville, CT and has volunteered to help out with the Cl crest and stationery. Rick, we'll take you up on that offer. **John Pickler** is the new cmdr of Joint Taskforce 6 and should be getting a second star. We finally met **Donna & Joe Anderson** at WP this past fall. **Pat & Alice Kenny** have moved to Ft Benning, where they seem to enjoy themselves. Pat rep that **Bob Radcliff** is in OR but is moving to Charlotte, NC, where he will work with Phillip Morris. The Kennys' oldest daughter Erin is married and lives in NJ and works for Tiffany. Daughter Trish is grad from Xavier and son Mike is a frosh at Notre Dame. Last son Pat is a frosh in HS.

Leighton (*aka* **Lee**) **Atteberry** rep that he hasn't been in SA in over 4 yrs. Son Chris is flying a B-1 out of McConnell AFB and is married. Daughter Tamera (named for **Chuck Wuertenberger**'s widow) is a sr at the Univ of Richmond. Leighton, I may not be coming your way for quite some time, so if you're ever heading toward Chicago, let me know.

Speaking of good things, I understand that **Loco** (**Ralph Locurcio**) has made the BG list—congrats! Intelligence sources rep that he is still fixing the roads and toilets that Saddam destroyed.

Ron Wells read a recent article and wrote a rep that he had *not*, in fact, fallen off the radar screens. Since 82, he's been working for the Inst of Nuclear Power Opns, a co that was formed after the Three Mile Island accident in 80. It is a non-profit corp funded totally by 50 utilities in the US that operate nuclear plants in the US, plus 14 in Europe. Ron is on a two-yr asgmt, providing operational nuclear safety advice for the nationalized French utility. He works in Paris but travels throughout France. He returns this Aug to Atl with **Erica** and daughters Kim and Kelly.

1965: Ron & Erica Wells with daughters Kim and Kelly and son Michael in Paris

Kim (24) just finished her master's and is a sch psychologist in Atl; she is married to a pharmacist. Second daughter Kelly (22) grad from UGA last yr with a degree in journalism. Son Michael (20) also attends UGA, where he's studying business and playing rugby. Ron is inquiring as to whether anyone has seen or heard of **Mike Shaver** (according to our roster, Mike & **Rose Anne** are in LaCrosse, WI, where he teaches at Western WI Tech Coll). Mike, if you're out there, let us know. A great pic, Ron, and thanks for the update.

Also received a resumé from **Chris Needels**, who is leaving his job at the NSC and is entering the civ world. Chris, as some of you know, had a unique desk at the NSC, specifically Ollie North's old (physical) one. If anyone's interested, give Chris a call in Nokesville, VA.

Linda Alger called looking for some assistance here in Chicago and rep that she & **John** are slowly digging their way out of the coll financial hole. Of their 7 kids, 4 are in college, 2 are married and 3 are out of sch. The colleges include RI Sch of Design, Slippery Rock (great place, great beer), CO State and Cornell. Linda travels a lot for TM Mkting, a communications co for the health-care ind.

Jim Golden rep that our 30th Reunion is initially sched for May 95 (28–31 May), but we can (and probably will) move it to a fall football game. **Dave Kuhn** has this info and is handling it.

And finally, in case you think that the Corps has (or hasn't for that matter), our last pic shows two of our stellar classmates (dep dean and pres) with nametags slightly out of alignment. At least the shoes are shined!

Well folks, that's about it for now. Keep those cards and ltrs coming, and if you send out a Christmas ltr to your

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1965: Jim McEliece and Dave Kuhn

friends and family this Christmas, why not add your friendly scribe to your mailing list? Send me a copy of this past one and put me on the list for next yr. Thanx!

'66

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Belated season's greetings! It's 15 Dec 91, and I just spent the afternoon with one of the 20 middies who stole the mules—espec interesting for me as a mule rider and goat thief. Anyone interested in the details, send me a self-addressed envelope, and I'll mail them to you. Give me some current info on yourself while you're at it. **JC Carrow** set up a pre-game tailgate and post-game party for the A-N game. About 20 attended, from what I hear, but no pics or specs yet; anyone having same, please send.

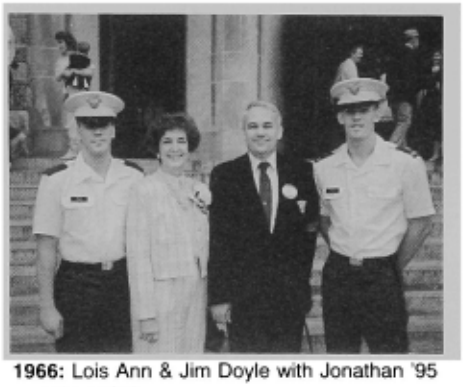
Got some nice reunion reps and pics. . . . **Dave Martin** got 5 of his original Beast squad-mates together. All but one of their original squad graduated. Can anyone beat that? **Roger Sherrard** is now an atty in the Seattle area; **Bryan Stevens** is with Merrill Lynch in Portland; **Vardell Nesmith** is a prof of mil history at the AWC; and **Bob Meccia** recently relocated to Oak Ridge, TN with EBASCO.

Jim Doyle sent pics of the D3 contingent and one of his family. Jim & **Lois Ann** reside in Alexandria, VA.

Lou Salz put together a small golf outing at the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains, NJ the Thu before the 25th. **Bob Hammond, Sam Rizzo, Tom Zurla, Vinnie Casillo, Jon Blades**, Lou, **Sam Champi** and **Frank Cosentino** attended. Lou rep "all participants were lucky winners of trophies, and it was decided by all that Bob Hammond should take up tennis. We all need a lot of work at our golf game, but it sure

1966: D3 at the 25th

1966: Original Beast squad at the 25th Reunion



1966: Lois Ann & Jim Doyle with Jonathan '95 and David '93

1966: Seven golfers and a tennis player before the 25th

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was a lot of fun to have this gp of guys together. The reunion wknd was even better than I thought it could be, and I am really looking forward to any get-together for our Cl in the future. Please pass on my comments to the people who were intimately involved in running the reunion, as they did a splendid job." Lou is VP, Linden Motor Freight Co, Linden, NJ. Thanks for your ltr and comments, Lou.

Bill Ferguson & (new wife) **Tommie** are living in Wilmington, DE. Bill became a grandfather on Thanksgiving Day. Bill works for Science and Tech in Edgewood, MD, doing the "Jack of all trades trick." The Cl is well-represented in the area. **Dave Haines** is at Aberdeen Proving Ground as head of the Visitors Bureau. He just passed the bar and is looking for a place to practice. **Jan Van Prooyen** is cmdr at Edgewood Proving Ground. **Jim Krieble** is due in the area in Aug to cmd the Combat Sys Test Activity at Aberdeen. Bill says his boat has been put away for the season, leading to great depression. Sounds like "gloom period on the Chesapeake."

1966: The Kanes, DiFiores, Potters, McKinneys and Ligons at Founders Day 91, Korea

1966: Dinner on board the *Spirit of New York*

Two FD photos, Korea and Ger, just arrived on the slow boat from China.

The very large gp photo from Ger shows **Roger & Inga Thompson, Troy & Elke Scott, Charlie & Brenda Williams, Gil & Pamela Ruderman, Ken & Victoria Carlson, Rance & Susan Farrell, Bob & Gertrud Mentell, John & Susan Eberle, Dan & Martina Waldo, Mary Gibson** and **Cindy Van Prooyen**.

Cl Fund contributions are somewhat disappointing, according to **Mike Mewhinney**. Mike points out that we are looking for pledges, which can be met over a period of mos or yrs. For example, if you pledged $5,000 you could send in $66.66 per mo and easily reach that goal in less than 5 yrs. If you haven't made a contribution or pledge, please give it some serious thought. **Norm Pretwell** said that, at the reunion, there was a lot of talk about enhancing the Cl Fund. He rep a large no of classmates said they would step forward. Where are you guys? We are approaching a half-million at this pt, with a final goal of two million.

Mewhinney ran into **Memo de la Rosa** in Dallas recently. He's at Northern Telecom, handling their opns in Mexico.

A long time ago I promised a "GEN's Report." Hopefully next time. These GENs are tricky, slippery fellows, refusing to stay in one place, and are very shy (except **Rees**) about having their pic taken. Anyone having photos of stars being pinned on, please send.

Mike & Mary Brown sent me a fax from Bangkok, where Mike is plant mgr for the Scott Paper Co. He moved the entire family there after tiring of the "commute." Mike, Mary and their 18-yr-old daughter Laura have been there almost 14 mos. Mike describes the economy as "booming" and Bangkok as "interesting." He plans to take the family to An Loc, Vietnam for Christmas and be there Chrsitmas Day! An Loc is about 70 mi N of Saigon on Hwy 13. I remember it well, since I spent my yr only 30 mi away. Mike's Cobra was shot down over An Loc in 72. He thinks maybe it will be on display at the entrance to the village! His travel agent thinks he's nuts. . . I don't know. . . there is some kind of draw that makes me want to go back also. Anyway, Mike says they will tour the 1st Div AO and return to Bangkok. His voice phone/fax no is 011–66–2-253-72911. He

1966: Founders Day 91, Heidelberg

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invites anyone interested to fax or call and he'll share info about his trip.

George Cox reminds all that if by now they haven't received what they ordered, call him at 1-800-333-4858. George rep that **Bill Thomas** is a new VP at Safeco Insurance Co in Seattle, WA.

We just found out my son Hall (17) was granted early acceptance to Washington & Lee Univ for next yr. Does anyone else have kids there? [see '61 col] Thanks for the ltrs and pics. Best wishes to all for a safe and much more prosperous yr in 92—**Kes**.

'67

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19 Oct 91: Ltr from Fayetteville, NC's leading tooth fairy fell out of the mailbox today, along with the usual deluge of sweepstakes entries and credit card bills. **Bill Freccia**, doing **Tom Blaney**'s job for him, wrote to rep on the marriage of Tom's son Mike '90 on 3 Aug.

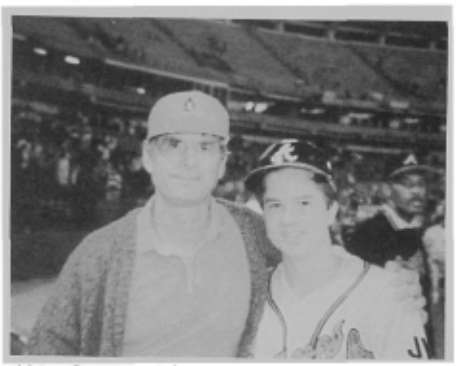
1967: Bill Freccia, sons Jeff '92 and Mike '90 with Tom Blaney, and Bob Angeli at Mike's wedding, Aug 91

Mike married a young lady named Carly, a flight attendant for United Airlines. I guess the skies really are friendly after all, at least for some of us. It just so happens that **Jean**, Tom's wife, which coincidentally makes her Mike's mother (I had to put that in for **Dewey**'s benefit) also flies for United. The sr Blaneys live in Fayetteville, GA, where Tom practices endodontics (there must be some kind of weird bonding thing among tooth fairies; you'll notice the Freccias also live in Fayetteville, NC). Mike is currently going to med sch at Emory Univ in Hot-lanta. Bill sent a photo from the wedding; I wish you could see it in color. While everyone else is dressed in appropriate conservative hues, Freccia's jacket is bright enough to melt your contacts. A real cl act, he is.

28 Oct 91: **Roger Arango** was feeling spry enough, despite his age, to drop a line recently. He & **Margo** continue to enjoy the life of academe at Heritage Coll in Yakima, WA, where Rog is chm of the Dept of Public Policy and Admin and Margo is the dir of Student Info Svcs. Roger claims that Heritage Coll is one of the outstanding small colls in the country, but the fact that he has been chosen as the pres of the Faculty Senate this yr and was recently awarded the Burlington Northern Award as Outstanding Teacher causes one to wonder about the standards of the institution. Of course, if you're interested in ancient history from a first-person perspective, it's probably a good place to go. Speaking of which—Roger, who recently vaulted the big 50 barrier, claims that **Mike Kempf** is actually older than he is. Let us hope that the ravages of time have been kinder to Mike's visage than they have to Roger's. The oldest Arango boy, Clay, is a soph at Central Wash Univ; younger son Criag is a HS sr and Natl Merit Scholar. Roger says he tried to get him interested in WP, but after seeing the likes of **Ace Clark, Ray Winkel, Earl Walker, Jim Siket** and other classmates on the faculty, Craig would have none of the place. Finally, Rog wants to pass the following message to **Doug Starr**: "The only reason Doug became a Regt cmdr is because he learned the difference between long, medium and short beams." Don't ask me what it means—this is obviously some code known only to people who were in the upper sections of CE or Ord. Since **Bobby Rettig** and I roomed together and tutored ea other in these courses, we never got exposed to all that fancy stuff. Those of us in the last section had enough of a challenge trying to remember how to get from the Ord bldg to Thayer Hall without getting lost. I do remember teaching Rettig how to open the case for his slide rule, though—but that's another story.

4 Nov 91: High Roller Roll Call Time (we haven't had this one for awhile, have we). The 91 BG (moment of awed, reverent silence here) list has just been released, and by golly, we've got 4 overachievers being elevated to Great Mil Ldr status this yr. The even better news is that once again, **Dewey**'s name got inadvertently omitted from the list (the bd must have realized that last yr's inclusion of **Dave Hale** on the list was enough damage for the Army). This yr's heroes are **Monty Meigs** (currently cmdr, 2d Bde, 3d Inf Div), **Chuck Sutten** (dep cmdr, 5th Signal Cmd), **Paul Kern** (dep asst to the ADCSOPS) and **Chuck Thomas** (dep ch for Intelligence, The Joint Staff). Late lights and section tenths authorized all around. You may also go to late chapel on Sun.

8 Nov 91: Nice ltr from **Dave Ellis** today, somebody else who finally overcame 24 yrs of inertia and decided to check into the net. Dave has lived in the Charlotte/Rock Hill, NC area since 73. After working for the Celanese Corp for 10 yrs, he and a friend decided to start their own business. WEBTEC, Inc sells textile products to the construction ind through a network of over 100 distributors, mainly E of the MS. Dave married **Faye** 7 yrs ago; she has a daughter who is a jr at the Univ of SC and a son who is a freshman at MTSU in Murfreesboro, TN. Dave's younger son, Christopher, is a jr at Dunwoodie High in Atl and is a batboy for the Atl Braves.



1967: Dave and Christopher Ellis at the 91 World Series, Atlanta

Dave sent along the photo of himself and Christopher taken at the 4th game of the World Series. Christopher lives with his mother, Sue Wiggin, who is **Mike Heyne**'s sister. Dave's other son, Patrick, currently lives with Dave in Rock Hill. Dave rep that, in the course of his frequent travels, he occasionally scrounges free room and board from **Gary & Kathy Fowler** in Wooster, OH. Gary is still teaching HS in Wooster.

23 Nov 91: Am at WP this wknd for my niece's wedding. Took time to drop in on **Ace Clark** and talk reunion—as of this date, 111 people have sent money. We can do better than that. Get off your buns and send your dough (don't you love my metaphor). I also reminded Ace of the open bar, buffet dinner at his house the first night of the reunion. You don't want to miss that.

26 Nov 91: 0645 phone call from **Ed Dewey** today. He's here in the area at Ft Monroe on TDY from Ger. He wrote a few wks ago and said he would be here on the 25th and wanted a free meal. I wrote him back and told him that would be fine, but since the 25th was my birthday, I expected him to bring a very nice present. The cheap chump decided to pass on the free food and wake me up at 0-dark thirty instead. He wanted me to know all about the terribly important briefings he was giving to all the important GENs in the area. I didn't have the heart to burst his bubble and tell him the only reason they let him come along was because those GENs just needed some comic relief.

A 2020 hrs phone call from **Mike Cox**. He called to tell me he had spent the morn with **Dewey** and was desperate for some intelligent conversation. He also rep that his son Mike is a plebe this yr.

3 Dec 91: Speaking of **Cox** and his son

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Brian, received a ltr from the young lad today, along with a photo of him and his old man taken at WP this fall. It does not surprise me that the son has more initiative than the father when it comes to keeping the Cl quidnunc happy.

1967: Mike Cox and son Brian '95

4 Dec 91: First Christmas card of the yr honors go to **John & Gael James**. They still live here in the area (VA Beach), and John is assigned to TRADOC Hqs at Ft Monroe. Both their kids are out of the house now, at coll.

1967: The Jameses: Fiona, Gael, John and Ian, Jun 91

7 Dec 91: Short note from **Jack Wood** (Jack only has time these days for short notes, since he took **Dave Hale**'s old job working for the CSA—spends most of his time trying to undo Hale's damage). Jack wanted to rep what he thinks is the first case of Cl incest—his daughter Kimberly is engaged to marry **Steve Viney**'s son Mark '91 on 17 Apr. Mark is currently in Ranger Sch (don't start having flashbacks and crying, **Uberecken**; it's all over now for you) and Kim is a reporter working for Multi Media Corp in Columbus, GA. Although Jack forgot to mention it in his note, we're ALL invited to the wedding reception. Stay tuned.

12 Dec 91: Deadline tomorrow; this goes into the mail today. Christmas cards are slow coming in this yr, but then I assume most of you are too busy shopping for my presents, which I expect to be VERY nice this yr to make up for past failures. I can hardly wait to see what **Suzi** is going to do to improve upon the bar of soap and pair of socks she gave me last yr. I am giving her some Turtle Wax

1967: Mark Viney '91 and his fiancée Kimberly Wood

for her car. The kids are definitely into the spirit of the season; last wk they delivered to me their want list. It's length reminded me of *War and Peace*, but then I noticed they had thoughtfully written Vol 1 on the cover. Of course, the first 3 pgs contain items that have been sold out of all stores since Jun. (If anyone knows where the hell I can get my hands on a Nerf Bow and Arrow, I will pay dearly). Brendan, the middle son, says all he really wants is a 9mm automatic with a silencer and a good filleting knife. I notice that, as he says this, he is glaring at his younger brother and roommate, Colin, *aka* Dr Doom. This gives me some pause; it may be time to come through on the promise to give Brendan his own room. We'll see. This yr, I am going to double the size of my batch of Bloody Marys for Christmas morn; I suspect I may require some extra lubrication to cope. Stay tuned, sports fans. God bless us, every one. BEAT NAVY.

'68

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'Tis two days before the kids come home from coll, a wk before the in-laws show up for a wk's visit, and 10 days before Christmas. . . . Let the holiday chronicles begin! The **Jewells**' Christmas ltr has arrived—along with a lot of other news. With this windfall, we'll concentrate on people rather than events, except to nominate **Cathy Cohn**, **Sandy**'s bride, for sainthood for feeding and entertaining over 80 classmates and significant others. This party brought more classmates together than any other event since the 20th Reunion. Thanks also to **Ted Trauner** and **Jim Cima** for hosting the second annual '68 tailgate at the Spectrum, prior to the A-N debacle. I only found out this yr that 10 days after the 90 tailgate, Jim Cima went in for open-heart surgery to repair a faulty valve. Thankfully, the opn was a success and Jim is back to his high-stress, low-nutrition diet and fun-loving self.

1968: Kathy & Steve Winsor at Founders Day 91, Ger

We're now down to under 175 on active duty—which is about normal. What is not normal is the no of classmates who do not subscribe to the *ASSEMBLY*, which is above normal; and the size of our Cl coffers, which is below normal. As for the latter, **Paul DeCorsey** has volunteered to help get us out of those doldrums with a plan, a vision and a drive—stand by. It seems that more and more orgns are standing around with their hands out, but, Rabble, this is what made us what we are today—it's important!

On the bright side, the **Jewells** have settled down to a dull roar, with **Tom** on sabbatical to update the book he published last yr after being named to the Carl B Jansen endowed chair to CE, which will provide funding for lab equipment, conference fees and a cruise on the Caribbean. . . . Needless to say, the Jewells vote to cruise for our 25th Reunion.

For those of you between jobs, leave it to **Tom, John Calabro** and **Dan Kaufman**

1968: Myles & Chris Crow, Pete & Marilyn Sowa and Carlie & Jeff Rogers at Founders Day 91, ROK

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to teach us the word for it—sabbatical. John took off last yr to go to England. Dan was going to write a book this yr; however, smart sizing the greatest war-fighting machine ever built is taking priority, so he's now advising in the ofc of the Army C/S.

Another very welcome mass mailing ltr from **Al & Martha Sleder** (3475 Golfview Dr, #319, Eagan, MN 55123). Al ret at Ft Sill in mid-90. After selling their Lawton home and settling their son into Notre Dame, the clan accompanied Al on deserved sabbatical in Al's home town, Omaha, where Al taught math at the Univ of NE-Omaha and Martha went back into the travel business. Last spr, Al accepted a sr project engr position on the AFAS in Minneapolis with FMC—about the same time **Charlie Lieb** left to head his own co.

Also about the same time, **Dick Steiner**'s bride **Suzanne** got PCS orders from Minneapolis to Annapolis to become the asst opns off to the Cmdt. Since moving back E (974 Rustling Oaks Dr, Millersville, MD 21108), Dick has joined the local Chamber of Commerce and WP Soc to network his comedy magic. If you haven't seen Dick work, catch him when you can.

Paul Joseph dropped a note to let us know that he continues to work at the Embassy in Panama at the US Def Rep—Def attachés aren't recognized there. He rep that **Rick Wright, Gil Tijerina** and **Jim Howard** are well. He also mentioned that **John McDonald**, currently the CINC's exec, will ret in Mar. Although Paul mentioned that **Lee Morand** took over the Mil Gp in Paraguay, **Ginny Morand** would not be outdone. She also dropped a note confirming the Morand arrival in Asuncion in Aug and Lee's title of ch of the Ofc of Def Cooperation.

1968: Lee & Ginny Morand and Claire & Paul Joseph at the SouthCom Cmdrs Conference, Panama 91

At the continuous prodding of **Jack Munson, Rick & Pat Goodell** (15175 NW Oak Hills Dr, Beaverton, OR 97006) rep that Rick ret from the Army about the same time as **Al Sleder**—only Rick did it in OR as the dep district engr for Portland District. He then took a job as PM for the Henry M Jackson Hydroelectic Project in WA. About the time Al Sleder went with FMC, Rick was selected as ch of Nav for the Portland CE District. However, he hasn't worked at that job much since he was sent on TDY to manage the John Day Dam. His shortest commute is 120 mi—one way. To stay in shape, he trains for and runs in the Portland marathon.

1968: The Goodells at home in the NW

Dale Hansen, another runner, also checked in to inform us that he participated in the JFK 50-mi hike/run held in Boonsboro, MD and bettered his 74 time. Dale has also modified his lifestyle by having **Joyce** as his wife for two consecutive A-N games. . . . I guess he found a "keeper." Dale also appeared with **Charlie Adkins** and **Jerry Cobb** on the USAR 0–6 list. Congratulations, guys!

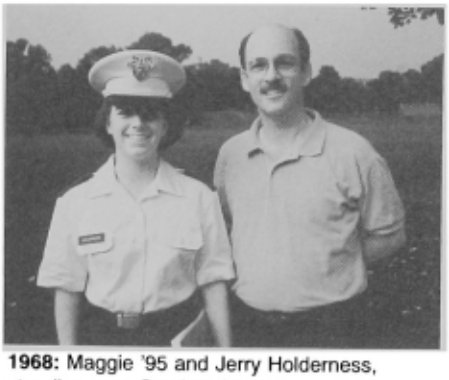
Speaking of lists, the BG lists contained **Russ Furhman** and **Bob Beahm** (USAR), respectively! Can you believe that, in this day and time, we have 4 GENs in our Cl? Way to go, Russ and Bob!

Jerry Holderness rep that the clan, minus his & **Susan**'s first-born, Maggie, who is the 4th-generation (and first female) Holderness to attend WP, continue to live happily in Albuquerque. Jerry is teaching C&GSC classes for the local USAR sch after being on the sch staff for the last 10 yrs. In real life, he's the Asst PM for Mgt Svcs for Jacobs Engring Gp on the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project, a DOE project cleaning up 24 sites from the Manhattan Project. Jerry still has another 25 yrs and $1.7 billion of work to go. . . .

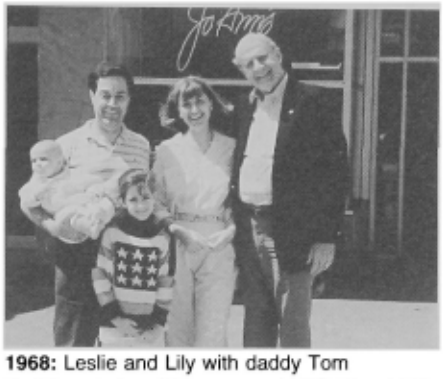
Speaking of cleanups, **Mike Fellows** is the ch of Environmental Restoration for the Army CE and responsible for turning over all the Army and AF bases to be closed within the next 4 yrs.

Tom & Stephanie Kurkjian have finally responded with a superb photo of Tom, his daughters, and Tom's godfather, LTG (Ret) Tom Rienzi '42—the very person who taught us that "snotnblood" is an acceptable word—and, as a deacon, baptized Tom's & Stephanie's girls. Stephanie is the photographer.

Tom & Stephanie wrote that they occasionally visit DC, but too quickly to call. Wrong! If **Chris Ohlinger, Phil Samuel, Bob Shaw, Dick Shipley** and **Pete Wallace** can call, so can they. As the pres/CEO of Svc Ind Research Systems, a mkting research firm catering to food distributors, Chris is also quite adept at putting eateries and drinkeries through severe operational tests. During his last trip, we discovered that the only thing that has changed at the Tombs, downstairs from 1789 in G-town, is our bodies. More about Chris & **Debbie** next issue.



1968: Maggie '95 and Jerry Holderness, standing near Stephen Holderness '36 drinking fountain



1968: Leslie and Lily with daddy Tom Kurkjian, JoAnn Dilorenzo and LTG Rienzi '42

If you've been taking really careful notes, you'll know that you haven't heard about **Bob Shaw**'s visit. That's because it was a wk after **Chris**' visit, and we hadn't recovered yet. Wrong again! We had recovered; however, Bob had some early business the next morn and had taken the red-eye in from CA that morn—a rather perplexing schedule for a guy in charge of plans for LA Power and Light. Bob and I consoled ea other regarding the driving records of our daughters, and he rep that living around New Orleans and in LA, you needn't go to a night club for comedy—just read the paper and go to the polls.

Bob's comments were seconded by **Bob & Carol Shimp**, who rep that **BG Weeks** is back in New Orleans practicing law and **Billy McAdams** is operating on the theory that "if you owe more $ on a house than it's worth, the bank won't take it away from you. . . . " The Shimps had a full, fruitful and accident-free 91 in Houston and saw **Steve & Donna Marcuccilli** in Honolulu in Aug. It would appear that he's become interested in

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1968: The Shimps and Marcuccillis in HI, Aug 91

Thomas Harris books and is planning on moving to Milwaukee, since we have no current address for him.

It's going to be esp important to stay in touch this yr, Rabble. **John Keane** is planning a DC-area Cl lunch sometime during the wk of 18 Feb, the **Johnsons** are planning a spring fling to lighten their PCS Cl VI load, and the **Ohles** have promised to host a party on 4 Jul at their qtrs at Ft Myer. Then there are the FD, WP Soc and Parent Club functions. Go, enjoy and send pics because YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT—**Dave**.

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This col is being written on 15 Dec 91, covering news since 15 Oct. My next deadline will be 15 Apr 92. Please send your news before then and note the new address above, which results from a change in the mil mail system overseas.

Great news to start this time. Our Cl Gift Fund topped $100,000 as of 1 Dec 91. Our goal is to reach $1,000,000 by our 25th Reunion in 94, and we are bldg real momentum toward that goal. I encourage ea of you to continue to respond generously, with a check or pledge to the Cl of '69 Gift Cmte, c/o Olympic Lincoln-Mercury, PO Box 33764, Seattle, WA 98133–9945.

Another way to increase our contributions, as well as broaden Cl camaraderie, is to increase our subscriptions to *ASSEMBLY*. I have sent a solicitation to all non-subscribers in the Cl, but would appreciate current subscribers such as yourself also encouraging classmates with whom you are in contact to sign up.

Since arriving in Ger in Aug 91, I have seen, spoken to or heard from quite a few classmates in Europe. In addition to **Marcy & Pete Heesch** here in Bonn, I have seen **Doug Aykroyd** and **Bill Taylor** (F-3) in Brussels, **H Lobdell** in Heidelberg, and **Harry Dolton** and **Al Leister** in Stuttgart. Have also exchanged notes with, and hope to see in the new yr, **Dan Cox** in Hohenfels and **Skip Bacevich** in Fulda. According to a list prepared for the Mar 92 FD dinner in Heidelberg, the following are also in Europe: **Curl, Ellertson, Gelineau, Goff, Kyle, McBane, Merhar** and **Schempf**. Since I am scheduled to attend the event in Heidelberg, I will rep on the FD attendees later.

Katie & Tom Fagan opened the active-duty mail with a nice ltr from WP. Tom is in the Soc Sci Dept, Katie teaches pre-sch and supervises the Dept of Agriculture in-home, day-care food subsidy program and daughter Mollie is an active HS jr.

Ella & Joe Cornelison are still in DC but move to Ft Bragg this summer when Joe becomes JAG of the XVIII Abn Corps. (Going back on jump status after nearly 20 yrs should be interesting, Joe!)

Joan & Bob St Onge and girls are in Ft Benning, GA, where Bob took cmd of the 2d Bde, 24th Inf Div on 30 Oct.

Gayle & Mike Colacicco wrote from Ft Riley, where Mike is the DEH, the same position he recently held in Giessen. Their oldest son, Joseph, entered WP in Jul 91 with the Cl of '95.

Bob Roseta sent the first civ ltr, a nice note from Nashua, NH. **Katie & Tom Kerestes** were also in touch, from Allentown, PA, where Tom works with Air Products. Tom said he and **Scott Nix** had watched the Rutgers game together at Giants Stadium. Scott is a VP with Allied Signal in Morristown, NJ.

1969: Albrecht, Wanless and Gelineau at Kimmitt's swearing-in ceremony

George Albrecht sent a long ltr with photos from MD, where he lives in Derwood and works in Germantown. George, **Joe Cornelison, Joe Gelineau, Jim O'Toole** and **Ken Wanless** were kind enough to attend my swearing-in ceremony in Aug, which George captured on film.

George later went to the Homecoming game at WP, together with **Doug Craft**, who is stationed at Carlisle. They met up with **Wanless** (who was visiting plebe son Kenny), **Leo Carrigan, John Oristian, Tom Ramos** and **Eric Robyn**. **Sue** & Tom Ramos are on a one-yr detail in DC from Lawrence Livermore Lab. George rep the gp saw **Pam & Bruce Wheeler** at WP, where Bruce is on the med staff.

1969: Carrigan, Craft and Wanless at Lusk Reservoir

1969: Wanless, Craft, Oristian, Albrecht, Carrigan, Robyn and Ramos at Michie Stadium

Next, Albrecht went to Louisville to visit his son Robert and see the Army-Louisville game. **Tony Guerrerio, Doug Madigan** and **Don Nagel** also attended.

Ken Wanless sent a nice ltr from the DC area, noting that he will host next yr's DC summer gathering. I only hope it matches this past yr's success: over 150 attendees and a $300 surplus that went directly to the Cl Gift Fund.

One attendee was **Bill Taylor** (E-4). Bill, who lives in Alexandria, VA. Later, he sent a nice note after a recent visit to Ger on an Army contract.

John Bacot was kind enough to respond to my *ASSEMBLY* solicitation with a ltr from Surfside Beach, SC. He had seen **Linda & Walt Ballenberger** in CO, and Walt recalled then-MAJ Norman Schwarzkopf's admonition to him one day in Mechanics: "Looks like a bad day at Black Rock for you, Ballenberger."

Karen & Jim McCullough sent the only holiday card I received prior to deadline. The McCulloughs are in Huntsville, AL, where Jim works as a div dir with Nichols Research Corp. **Peggy & Dan Gruenke**, who are still in Chicago, visited in AL in Jul.

Hank Russell was in touch from Franklin, TN, where he is a general and thoracic surgeon. Hank participated in

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Desert Storm as a surgeon with an Army Reserve hosp out of Chattanooga.

Mike Kelly sent a nice note from MN after calling me during a brief stopover in Frankfurt. **Maggie** & he are doing well, as are the boys.

Siobhan & Bill Burke wrote from Santa Monica, CA, just prior to a trip to Vienna, Budapest, Prague and Geneva. They promise that Bonn and Berlin are on their next itinerary.

1969: Victoria & Tom Wheelock near tank defending the Russian White House in Moscow, 20 Aug 91

Also in CA are **Victoria & Tom Wheelock**. They were in Moscow during the Aug 91 coup attempt, since Tom's co, Comspan, had been working closely with Boris Yeltsin's Russian TV and radio. In the wake of Yeltsin's success, Tom's efforts to bring American programming to Russian TV (starting with "Santa Barbara" on 1 Dec 91!) are going very well.

The last ltr is from **Jeanne & Cor Westerhoff** in Irvine, CA. Cor is with Grumman and manages part of a major satellite program.

The new BG list included our own **Jack von Kaenel** and **Don Smith**. Congratulations to you both!

Holly & I and the children—Kathleen (12), Robert (10), William (8), Mac (6) and Rooney (5)—have all acclimated well to our new life in Ger. While we travel frequently to Berlin and elsewhere in the new Ger, Bonn is home and ofc and will be throughout our tour, since the general move to Berlin will take a minimum of 4 yrs and likely longer.

We are enjoying preparing for our first holiday season here but with fond thoughts of family and friends in the US and throughout the world. We hope yours were happy and holy days and that the New Yr has blessed you.

God bless to all in '69.

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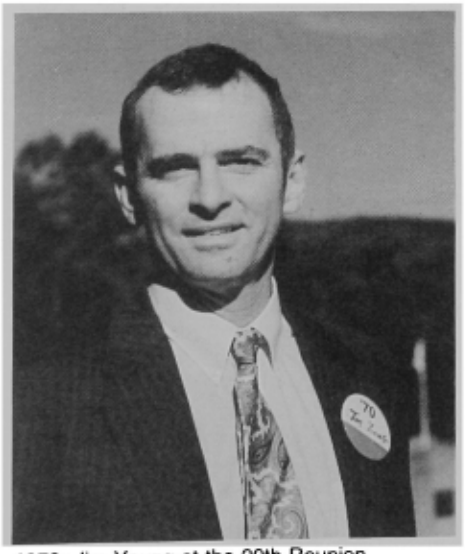
The chm of the bd of dirs for the Cl of '70 Golf Tour, **Jim Crawford**, announces that the Second Annual Link(s) Up will be in Tampa, probably sometime in the summer. The bd of dirs is composed of attendees at the previous competition (which last yr included, besides Jim, **Tom Anthony, Dave Brown, Bill Campbell, Nelson Johnson, Gil Pritchard, John Roberts, Dave Young** and **Mike Zolidis**, augmented by assorted spouses, children and parents). Crawford says he's sending out a preference sheet in Jan. Therefore, if you wish to participate, all is not lost if you harbor strong feelings on date and location. Contact Jim Crawford at 3000 Starmount Dr, Valrico, FL 33594; (H) (813) 653-9383, (O) (813) 830-4294.

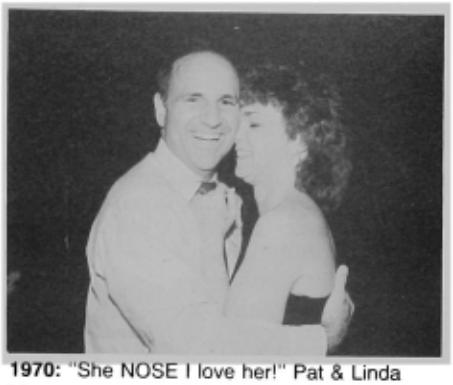
1970: Ann & John Carlson at the 20th Reunion

While heading for pts to the W, I passed briefly through Denver and decided to bother **Scott Patten** at work. Actually, first I had to bother **Carol**, who was at work in her domestic residence mgt position. Scott got out in 75 and earned a law degree. He is now pres and managing business partner for Flatiron Real Estate Development in Boulder. Daughter Jeni (12) plays piano and works out at tennis and volleyball. Scott & Carol send regards to all.



1970: Jim Young at the 20th Reunion

The *Official Army Book of Lists* reveals that, effective 30 Sep 91, several moved on to ret, including **Randy Cox, Will Etzler, Dave White, Bob Bauman** and **Bob Walton**. Enjoy your new life as silly-vilians, guys.



1970: "She NOSE I love her!" Pat & Linda Moran at the 20th Reunion

Those of you with a liking for large-format pic books may have seen the one called *New York—Heart of the City*. **Les Sumner** rep that **Patty** provided the cover and about 25% of the photos. Patty, with Les as business mgr, will be cruising the country, from CA to FL, for about two and a butt mos, for further photo adventures. Les appeared in one of Patty's pics used as a cover for *American Arbitration Journal*, depicting a sexual harassment scene, with Les posing as the harasser.

1970: Daisy & Bruce Robinson at the 20th Reunion

Les also rep on various classmates. **Jeff & Barbara Troxell** were at the 2 Nov Vandy football game, and Jeff was somewhat torn, having gone to Vandy about a yr before entering USMA. Their daughter Amy is now attending Lehigh. Also seen at Vandy were **Dave Allbee** and **Bill Wattendorf**. Bill now sports 100% grey hair—but at least he *has* hair.

John & Marianne Connors were expecting a baby in Jan 92, but this pres-

1970: John Connors at the 20th Reunion

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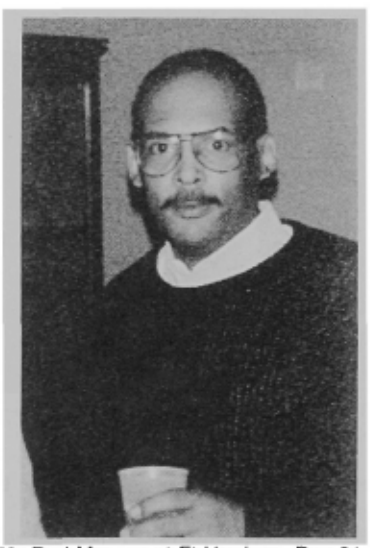
ents the scribe's dilemma: too soon upon writing this to rep results, but the event is past tense as you read this. Daughter Tina is now a yearling at USMA, and son Michael is a jr in HS. Here's wishing them all the best. **Mike & Dottie Mahan** are doing well at USMA. Dottie works on post in the family counseling ctr and had a real workout when the USMA specialists were pulled off-campus. All reps indicate that Dottie did a great job helping everybody cope. **Tom & Liz Secrest** probably have a copy of Patty's book on their coffee table, being long-time residents of the Big Apple and vic. Police reps indicate that Tom has *not* wrapped his red 'vette around a tree (or lightpole) yet. **Chip & Karen Lauckhardt** are doing well now, espec since the drs have given Chip a clean bill of health. It has been over 1–1/2 yrs since Chip had the opn. It seems that when they removed the kidney, the cancer was encapsulated and was completely removed as well. **Les** has tried to contact **Bill Green** in SC, but Bill is so slow that it takes him awhile to come up with a response.



1970: Rod Morgan at Ft Harrison, Dec 91

I have a new neighbor! Upon ret, **Rod Morgan** moved back to the area where he was raised, God's country, central IN. Rod is now working for the law firm of Bose, McKinney & Evans in Indy. He neglected to check in with me upon arrival, and after he got his neck out again, his B-ache that it was the turmoil of movement that prevented immediate contact. Rod, **John Joyce** and **Liz** & I all watched the A-N debacle on big-screen TV at the Ft Harrison O Club. John rep that the baseball card collection is consuming valuable living space in their home, but that it has not prevented him from expanding his interests into other sports cards as well.

Rapid fire, dredged up from the slime along the river: **Bill & Barb Wallis** found their way down to the Tampa area following Bill's ret. SOCOM has **Dave Selby**

1970: PDA! PDA! Bill & Barbara Wallis at the 20th Reunion

working there in the legal dept and **Dave Forinash** is still there doing high-tech computer contracting stuff. **John Vermillion** and **Brian Davis** are at CENTCOM after having contributd to the mother of all victories. **Phil Kensinger** is due out this summer from St Pete to cmd an SF bde. **Shelby & Lissa Stevens** are to PCS from DC and the Industrial Col upon grad. **Dom Crea** is now with the 66th MI Bde in Europe. **Wayne Barth** is still in the Ranger Regt at Ft Benning. **John Greenwalt** is expecting a move back to the DC area and should not have trouble with the relocation since **Ron Boggs** has been managing their DC area property. **Roger McCormick**, after filling out his Army career, has turned up in Indy—another new neighbor! Continuing his Pacific isl-hopping career, **John Fishback** now can be reached (by boat) on Guam. **Gary Steele** has saddled up from Ft Harrison to the academic world at Ft Leavenworth.

Bill Taylor wrote in from Gambrills, MD to announce the 22 Oct Cl of '70 DC denizens luncheon—but unfortunately, to date, Pentagon Security has been VERY effective in preventing photographic evidence of any such gathering. Upon his return from SHAPE, **Ted Shadid** hung up his spurs and settled in Littleton, CO. For all you other cowboys, **George O'Malley** is now in Cave Creek, AZ; the ret **Greg Webb** is in Albuquerque; **Bob Archer** can now be located in Mesa, AZ; **Cal Purdin** is in Scottsdale, AZ; the ret **Dick Goodyear** in Santa Fe; and **Rick Gass** in Duncan, OK. Those where were lost, **Mike Boies** and **Dave Dawson**, are now found, in Phoenix. Other long-lost souls who turned up are **Marty Burns**, in Newport News, VA, and **Jim Lovelace**, who was found, not unlike a gold nugget, at Ft Richardson, AK. **Bill Bennett** has returned stateside from points S to the DC area, as has **Brian Bryson**, but from a long stay in Europe. **Joe Wehrle** is at Mather AFB, CA and, as a USAF COL, is probably in cmd of something terribly important. **Bob Heaton** has finally been able to get to Europe to join up with his wife after a long bureaucratic nightmare. After **John Hostettler** launched out of Redstone Arsenal, he ended up landing in Bel Air, MD. **Tom Keller** crossed a couple of oceans to get from Ger to HI.

1970: Bill Taylor Jr '95 and Bill Taylor '70 at USMA, Aug 91

1970: Dave Dinsmore with one helluva backup group at the 20th Reunion

That just about scrapes the bowl on this one. But if we could just hear from some of those guys who PCS and don't bother telling anyone where they're at, like **Ed Murphy, Dave Kent, Mike Mullady, Roger LeDoux** or **Bill Williams**, then we would REALLY have some news. C'mon, people, I can stretch two lines of good poop only so far—TALK to me. And NEW pics—20th Reunion shots are fillers (entertaining, but nonetheless fillers).

If you want to see your name in bold print in an intlly distributed mag, thereby helping us all get past gloom period, then make a phone call, send a ltr or a card, or SOMETHING (with a pic), then I'll ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good. Delta Charlie Fox Out.

'71

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At the reunion, I offered the testimonial that I truly enjoyed writing this column. It's not entirely true. I find it very distasteful to rep sad news. Such is

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the case again, as, for the third issue in a row, I must rep the loss of another friend and teammate. **Steve Scales** passed away of inconclusive causes in his sleep at his home in Santa Ana, CA on 18 Nov. His cremains were interred with honors at WP on 13 Jan. Those of you who were fortunate enough to visit with Squat at the reunion found him still to be the fit, fun-loving, irrepressibly friendly man we have known for 24 yrs. There is little explanation for this loss save the comfort and understanding that Steve is at peace. Our sympathies and love are extended to those many relatives and friends that will miss him. Contributions may be made to the WP Fund (Cl of '71) in Steve's name.

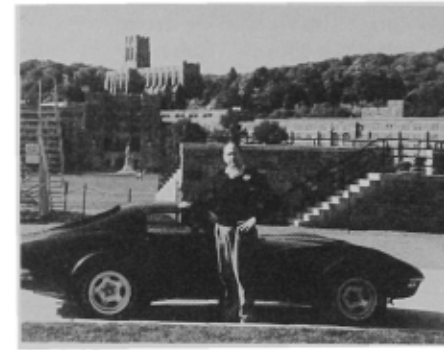
As I sift through my Christmas cards, it all comes back to me. . . this is why I enjoy writing this article. Not for the Pulitzer nominations, but for the community that is Professionally Done '71. However trite that may sound, y'all may not appreciate what special folks are out there. Here are some of them.

1971: The Wall qtrbacks

Bernie Wall was absent from the reunion, as Uncle Sam wouldn't pay him enough to pull off same yr trips from his Army Safety Ctr Exec job at Ft Rucker to WP and CO Spr. So he opted for Zoomieland to see his son Matt, who is a beanhead out there. Yep, the Walls have joined the **Suermanns** in the AF '71 Parent Soc. Unfortunately for WP, **Matt** is unlike Bernie in one important way. . . as a USAFA freshman QB, Matt can throw the ball. . . well. How can I be so cruel right before Christmas? **Anita** & Bernie are hanging up the fatigues next Jun and hopefully will stay in lower AL, given the right job offer. The Tide needs some good coaching, Bernie.

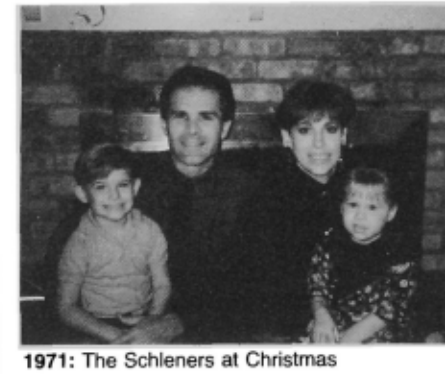
Reminds me that I have failed to mention that another Mark, this one **Vaughn Dille**'s son, is a plebe at WP. **John Szczepanski**'s eldest, John Jr, is also at USMA and is now a yearling. Both are surviving quite nicely. And no, there was nothing they could do to avert the 7 Dec 91 disaster in Phila. That is a subject for another day.

Back to holiday greetings. Despite a career in the AF, **Mike Neyland** could, and did, write a nice note outlining the D-2 get-together at the reunion. With 14 of 22 grads returning to carouse and tell lies, most at **John & Sophia Friel**'s country cottage across the river, the Renegades certainly left their mark. Their mark was noted elsewhere, too. Three of the 9 left on active duty (**John Brown, Bill Tetu** and **Stan Phernambucq**) were promoted ahead to COL. John and **Logan Kelly** had the opportunity to excel in the desert. John cmded one of the lead tank bns in the VII Corps to slash through the Republican Guards. Logan cmded all the B-52s that were flying from Diego Garcia to Iraq, the largest bombardment sqdn in AF combat history. The Neylands moved to DC in Jul after Mike relinquished sqdn cmd at McGuire AFB. Now why didn't we know that all those times we tried to go "space available" out of that garden spot? Note in the enclosed pic that Mike still owns and operates his 71 Corvette, complete with decal number 473. There aren't many 425 HP cars left on the road these days!



1971: Vintage Neyland

Dave & Kim Schlener continue to thrive in Tyler, TX. Big news is that the family Schlener will increase once again, as Kim expects #3 in Apr. Patience is the key, folks—espec with 3 terrorists under the age of 5. Dave continues to copilot B747s on the Dallas-Tokyo route, but was off to CPT's sch on the B727 in Jan.



1971: The Schleners at Christmas

1971: The D-2 Reunion

The Professionally Done family added Anne Marie **Phillips** on 27 Sep. Her folks, **Gary & Sharon**, are real proud. That tidbit was forwarded by **Don Smith**, who also passed on that the noted goat, **Jack Frink**, has a son on the Dean's list somewhere. But unlike his dad, his son is a natl-level swimmer. Jack continues to ply his foreign area expertise in Thailand.

I've had the opportunity to talk to **Mike Obrien**'s widow, **Jan** Obrien Andrews, several times lately. She is doing wonderfully. Jan remarried a ret Navy dr and settled in S Portland, ME with their combined 6 kids. Oldest son Jim is a candidate for WP next yr.

Tough times in the Army right now. . . guess it's no picnic in the American economy either. What I like about my loyal employer, the erstwhile Uncle Sam, is that he has timed his downsizing of the Army during a recession. Kind of

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like taking a WPR the day you leave the hosp, or taking a PT test the day after coming off a 30-day leave. Character-building. Anyway, our Cl mil ranks will decrease sharply from its current 22% over the next yr, as voluntary and involuntary ret find classmates tripping over one another in soup lines. Placement execs like **Mike Franzino** and **Pete Weddle** should be in heaven. In fact, Pete's co, Job Bank USA in Vienna, VA, recently got some natl exposure for its programs. Those of you in transition may want to call Job Bank at (703) 761-4291. Tell 'em WP sent you.

1971: The CA Holcombes

1971: The Howard family

Not one to plan too far ahead, I do note that it is Christmas Eve and I really should get to the enviable task of shopping for my loved ones. The kids have been naughty. . . the dog's been nice.

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This is being written as of 12 Dec. My next deadline is 15 April.

Congrats to **Jay O'Brien**! With a lot of hard work and spt, he won a seat to the VA House of Delegates, running as a Republican from the newly-formed 40th District. Making a virtue of necessity, he hosted a 40th birthday celebration and debt ret on 11 Dec.

Tom Shull and his USMA business partners have formed The Meridian Gp. This firm has successfully acquired one defense firm and is looking for others. After Meridian applies its mgt consulting expertise, the firm expects to sell its equity position at a higher price.

Pat Kane rep that his FA Bn Cmd has been busy with 4 NTC rotations. **Sharon** & Pat have 3 children, ages 13, 11 and 2. He says the two-yr-old has kept him young. He rep that **Don Riley** is cmding the Engr Bn and **Larry Bronstein** is Deputy PMO, all at Ft Polk. Pat's phone nos: (318) 537-5762 (home) and (318) 531-2204 (duty). Thanks, Pat, for the update and for volunteering to do **George Perkins**' obit.

Another cmdr who, like **Pat**, will change cmd this summer is **Scott Marcy**. After successful participation in Desert Storm, he returned home to Amberg and the demands of being a community cmdr. As such, he answers to the CG, 7th ATC while his other boss is the 66th COL of the Regt. After 7 yrs in the regt, he also expressed understandable concern about its future. He & **Suzanne** hope to enjoy some of the European sights before they return stateside. They already visited Verdun a couple of times. ". . . If all the lawmakers of every country would see the Verdun documentary and the Ossuary once every 6 mos, there would never be another war." He closed his ltr by congratulating **Mike Alden** on making the LTC list and **Steve Ankley** for making the cmd list.

I'd like to thank **Mark Brigham** for volunteering to do **Dave Dulong**'s obit. Thanks also to **Al Costantine** for his help in getting my last col printed.

Bob Rankin rep that the Army found out he was trying to homestead in Wash and sent him to Saudi Arabia with the 6th Signal Cmd. He is now working nuclear C3 with Defense Info Sys Agency.

Bill Haugh wrote that he, **Kathryn** and Emily are on a 3-yr tour in the Ivory Coast, W Africa with the foreign svc.

D-2 had a mini-reunion 27–29 Sep. **Pete & Charlene Correa** hosted a wknd-long party at their home (easily identified by the bedsheet banner he got the current D-2 cadets to make). Attendees included **Tom & Evelyn Stanford, Bill & Rita Goodrich, Tom & Terri Fitsimmons, Skip & Debbie Elliot, Doug & Elizabeth MacIntryre, Gary & Ann Dietz, Keith Arlund** and **Ray Paggi**. The Dietzes recently returned from Australia with their 4-mo-old son Travis. Everyone brought their families, and the kids had a good time getting to know one another. "Great to see old friends," says Tom Stanford.

Pete Correa arrived at WP with **Charlene**, son Adam (15) and daughter Jordan (14) to become the asst dean for Planning. Adam is a freshman at O'Neill HS and Jordan is an eighth-grader at WP Middle Sch. Charlene works in the USMA Protocol Ofc. Who's watching Daisy (18-mo-old Great Dane), Pete?

Fran Dougherty writes that **Charlie Berlin** is cmdr, 524 MI Bn and that **Jim Bessler** will cmd an AR bn in Korea. Thanks for the ltr, Fran, and for volunteering to help with the reunion. Fran will be ch, Fire Spt Branch, CJ3 Ops, Combined Forces Cmd until Jun 92. His address is HHC EUSA CJ3 Ops FSB, APO, SF 96301.

Received the **Lindners**' Christmas ltr. Great to hear from **Ray, Diane**, Andy, Rachel, Rob, Trip and Tori. Ray plans a Jul change of cmd for 4–3 ADA. His address is HHB/4–3 ADA, 26524 Box 39, APO AE 09225. Ray's in-country (Ger) missions in spt of Desert Shield and Desert Storm kept him away from home from Thanksgiving until mid-Apr. Diane is home schooling all 5 kids. It must make for full days, added to the responsibilities of an active cmdr's wife. Nevertheless, the family has toured in Czechoslovakia and Italy. They now live in qtrs in Kitzingen.

Joe Fitzharris went to Saudi Arabia as 1st AD DISCOM surgeon. While there, his branch reassigned him to Ft Bragg. The move was frenetic, but he's now on board as ch, Dept of Family Medicine at Womack Army Med Ctr, Ft Bragg, NC 28307–5000. Joe, **Debbie**, Katie, Brian, Mary Beth and Holly (the beagle) survived the move admirably and have already had all the drs and spouses over for dinner (over 100 people). The waves of people on successive Fri nights gave Joe's neighbors plenty of joke material. **George Weightman** is on staff at the FP residency. He recently returned from Saudi as the 82d Abn Div surgeon. He'll move up to be the residency dir this summer.

The Navy game was attended by some familiar faces: **Jim Young, Donny Atkins, Mark Clouse, Rit Dallaire** and others. Also present were **Kim Wright, Henry Keebler, Tom MacKenzie, Rick Young** and **Dave Kimball**. Given the outcome of the game, we were espec grateful that **Bill Dougherty** brought a traveling bar from his Baltimore establishment, the Irish Pub.

The standing cmte met to organize itself. The outcome was:

Steve Bothe—Chair/**Kenn Riordan**—Vice Chair/**Lin Arison**—Data Base Mgr/**Kelley Mohrmann**—20th Reunion/**Pat Putignano**—Scribe/**Bruce Kasold**—Counsel.

As always, **Pat**.

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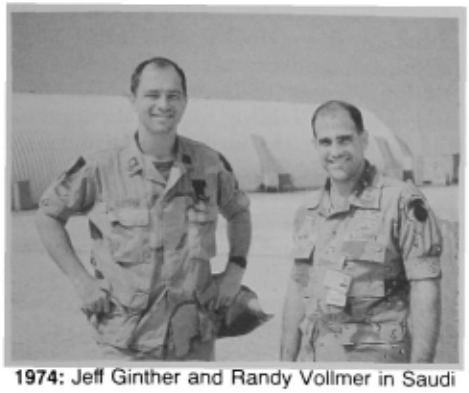
Greetings! This writing comes on the heel of the A-N game—tuff loss! The program needs a lot of spt to get back on track; let's beat AF and Navy next yr!



1974: Jeff Ginther and Randy Vollmer in Saudi Arabia

Just when everybody thought the Gulf War aftermath was over, I get a ltr from one of the redeployment holdovers in Saudi: **Jeff Ginther**. He was deployed with the 21st Evac Hosp as the ch of Ortho. Now he's the only orthopaedist left in theater. But by this printing he has probably redeployed to Carson. He ran into **Randy Vollmer** in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; Randy is a TC off and was activated from the Reserves.

Received a good update from fellow Bulldog **Tom McGinnis**, who's cmding the Army's most spread out and biggest ADA bn, 5–5 ADA in Korea. The outfit has Chaps, Vulcans, Stingers and Avengers on 5 different posts. After Tom finished SAMS at Leavenworth in 88, he served in Carson as Bn XO and Asst G-3. While in Korea, **Jan** and the kids stayed in CO Spr, she as the outreach coordinator at Carson. The kids are all in sch now: Betsy (5th grade), Lisa (3rd) and Mike (1st). On others in Korea, Tom notes **Mark Redlinger** & wife in the Eighth Army J-3. **Tom Turner** cmds the bn at the JSA. **Dave Dlugolenski** is the 2nd ID Provost Marshal; **Brian Geehan** took cmd of the 296th Fwd Spt Bn on 26 Oct 91; **Clark Sorenson** & wife are in Yongsan; he's 3d Bde XO. Back at Carson he noted **Champe Miller** as 1st Bde S-3, **Mike Bradley** as Divarty S-3, and **Andy Nordby** in the Div G-1 until he left for Leavenworth. Also 4 bn cmdrs: **Rich Rowe** had the cav sqdn, **Fuzzy Webster** 4–32 AR, Kerry Pierce the 4th Engrs and **Guy Bourn** had 3–29 FA. Thanks, Tom.

Pat Cooney sent in a Knox update. At the Army-Louisville victory he saw **Frank Janoski** (atty in St Louis) and **Harry Rollins** (moving business in Springfield, OH). At Knox, Pat had seen the AR and Cav bn-cmdrs-to-be passing through at the

1974: Wentz, Dempsey, Rowe and Cooney at Knox

pre-cmd crse. Among them were **Tom Hinkel** (4–9 Cav (AV) at Ft Wainwright, AK), **Jim Kelley** (3–17 Cav, Ft Drum), **Marty Dempsey** (4–67 AR), **Kurt Norman** (1–11 ACR, Ger), **Russ Goehring** (2–66 AR), **Bob Mixon** (2–3 ACR, Bliss) and **Bill Betson** (6–40 AR, Berlin). Also, **Chip Wentz** is at Knox with the Total Arm Force Readiness, awaiting cmd. **Bill Myers** is with the 100th Div (Tng) out of Louisville and had been activated during Desert Shield/Storm. He's working on his doctorate at the U of Louisville. And finally, after 5 yrs as ed-in-chief of *Armor Magazine*, Pat expects to move this summer. Where to? Thanks, Pat.

1974: Regina & Bob Williams, with their son Stewart, and David '76 (ctr) in Houston

Bob Williams sends in Houston news. He & **Regina**, along with Megan (11), Erin (8) and Stewart (6), live S of Houston in the NASA area of Clear Lake. Bob does network ops for SW Bell Tel while also in the Reserves with the 75th MAC. **Lonnie Nesrsta** is also in the unit, which provides war game exercises for major cmds. Last summer, Bob ran into **Tim Mahar** and **Norm Anderson** with the 311 COSCOM out of L.A. He also notes that **Rich Clifford** lives in the area, still with NASA and may be selected for a shuttle mission soon. On others: **Mike & Sharon Tixier** and son John are in Palm Beach, FL; Mike's a construction engr for the VA Hosp Dept. **GW Roberts** is still teaching tactics at the JAG Sch in Charlottesville, VA. **Robert (RS) Williams** is living in NH with **Sherry** and daughter Cecile. Bob's brother, David '76, is a corp pilot out of Fresno, CA. Lastly, Bob sends out a query for **Mike Campo**—where are you?

Sig Kirchner called from his Coast Guard Air Station San Fran, where he still flies SAR (Search and Rescue). His outfit was transitioning from the Sikorsky H-3 "Pelicans" to UH-60 Blackhawks. Sig and I located **Charlie & Debbie Gates** here in the DC area; they had just welcomed #2 child on 31 Oct 91, making the tally a boy and a girl.

Christmas greetings from **John & Rosa Blanco** in Las Vegas; also, **Joe, Donna**, Justin (11) and Austin (8) **Hunter** in Gallup, NM.

1974: Ralph & Carol Graves with Frederick (2) and Beth (4) at Leavenworth

Ralph & Carol Graves are both students at CGSC. Ralph said he missed being the Cl Pres by one, and that was Larry Cook '72, a dentist. After they both had spent 6 mos in the desert, they were glad to see Beth (4) and Frederick (2), who had stayed with Ralph's brother. All are doing fine.

Newlywed news: **George Desiderio** to **Barbara** Pearl on 26 Oct 91 in Arlington, VA, with a reception at Cameron Station O Club. George is a GS-15 somewhere in the DC area while also in the Reserves. **Denis Rochette, Dennis Phillips** and **Steve LaRocca** witnessed the affair, as did George's old Tac, JD Szwarckop '62.

Notes from all over. **Bill Reinhart** is the dep cmdr in Izmir, Turkey and should finish this summer; **Susan** is still in the Army. **John Fitzpatrick** is a civ lawyer in Richmond, VA, specializing in product liability and med malpractice cases. **Dave Stinson** ambushed me in my ofc while TDY from San Ant. He's still a computer ace with the AF—has been for 17 and a butt yrs. He had previously had a 4+ yr tour in this 5-sided maze. **Tony Petruzzi** is teaching at the Army Logistics Mgt Col in Ft Lee, VA, specializing in integrated logistics spt; he even had gone to Albany, GA to teach it to the Marines. **Tim Kiggins** is the 1st ROTC Region IG at Bragg; his brother Tom '77 is in the Pentagon. **Bob Mixon**'s sqdn, 2–3 ACR, got a good write-up in the *Army Times* and was noted as being the 1st "veteran" unit from the Gulf War to take on the OPFOR at the NTC.

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1974: Tam Pham & Kim Chi with classmates at WP, Sep 91

A few moves from the DC area: **Tony Stamilio** will take cmd of the Corps MP Bn at Hood this summer; likewise, **Phil Coker** will cmd 1–1 Cav in Buedingen, Ger and **Larry Frank** the 52nd Signal Bn in Stuttgart. **Jeff Anderson** will cmd the provisional bn at Ft Monmouth this spring. **"Westy" Westenhoff** rep to the Air Staff at the Pentagon last Nov. **Jim Blackwell** had his book on the Gulf War published and released last Oct, entitled *Thunder in the Desert: The Strategy and Tactics of the Persian Gulf War*, by Bantam [see review in Jan 92 *ASSEMBLY*, pg 57].

1974: Steve & Christina Hashem and John & Marsha Martin with friends at A-N 91

A-N. Despite the game's outcome, the occasion was marked by numerous get-togethers. **John & Marsha Martin** went to the Vet and stayed with **Steve & Christina Hashem** at their Civil War-era farmhouse near Valley Forge. Others John noted at the game: **Jimmie King, Dale Fletcher, John Fitzpatrick, Buddy Blackman, Fred Stellar, Bill Higgs, Al Bryant, Tom Snyder, Dan Hulsey** and **Bill Muir**; **Frank Taylor** flew up from Palm Beach, FL where he works for Pratt and Whitney; and **Dave Burget** came up from Meade.

The DC gang had an A-N party in Woodbridge, with about 30 classmates and family mbrs in attendance. Notes: from **Bob & Marcia Bassler**: he's the structural engr at DIA; while in the desert last yr he saw **Ralph Graves**, XO of 16th EN Bn and **Ty Edwards**, XO of the 249th EN Bn. In Ger, **Dave Norwood** is now the S-3 of the 18th EN Bde in Karlsruhe. Also, **Steve & Heidi Trauth** are at Ft Huachuca, AZ, where Steve is planning for intel systems of the future. **Bob & Judi Humphreys** helped sponsor the Basslers into the DC area. **Larry & Eileen Frank** note: will finish 3+ yrs on the Joint Staff; spent most of last yr on the Desert Shield/Storm Crisis Ac Team with **Jim Koenig** and **Jeff Troxell** in the Natl Mil Cmd Ctr. His oldest is a freshman at VA Tech and youngest is in kindergarten. **Phil Coker**: son Garrett (14) and daughter Sara (8) are excited about their PCS to Ger this summer; are finishing 3 yrs in the J-7, Joint Staff, doing tng and exercises. **Chris & Patti Kaila**, along with daughters Mary and Christine, still doing real estate appraisals in Fredericksburg; stayed in touch with Dr **Todd Troxell** in Salt Lake City and **Joe Fox** in Hollywood, CA.

Tam update. Tam & **Kim** are now house sitting and attending for an older couple in Arlington, VA. This is helping his transition, as is his temp job as a teacher's aide in DC.

We had two '74'ers recently selected for 0–6 (COL): **Tom Turner** and **Skip Sharp**. Way to go!

Cl business. The DC gp formally will establish the Cl Standing Cmte this spring, making the Cl's HQ in DC. This is allowed in the Cl Constitution as a means of maintaining Cl unity and handling routine Cl admin actions. One such action is the planning for the 20-Yr Reunion; anyone having input/ideas should contact **Buddy Blackman** at the Chem Dept at WP or **Don Zacherl** at the Pentagon—only 2.5 yrs away!

The Army reduction plans are finally in the execution phase, with this yr seeing Selective Early Ret Bds, RIFs for selected yr gps and monetary bonuses given to selected volunteers who separate. These plans will likely continue for

1974: DC picnic at Ft Hunt Park, Oct 91

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the next 4 yrs as needed to shape the Army of the future.

That about wraps it up. Next deadlines are 14 Apr and 15 Jun. Have a great spring!

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Greetings to All Mbrs of Courage and Drive '75. I'm writing this col as we approach the Christmas 91 season. I hope all of you will have had a wonderful holiday and are in the midst of a great New Yr as you read this. If you have not already done so, drop one of those holiday ltrs or family photos in the mail to your scribe. It's never too late!

It is with deepest regret that I begin this col with the news of the passing of **Ioane Keehu**, who was killed in a training accident in HI. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to his family. It was very thoughtful of **Scott Johnson** to send me a newspaper clip regarding the accident. If any of you would like a copy of the clipping, drop me a line and I'll send one to you. Scott attended Kee's funeral on 21 Oct. Classmates in attendance included **Mike Smith, Doc Ford, M.R. Williams, Jim Olsen** and **Bob Aultman**. Scott is currently serving as a Bn XO in 4-22 Inf after having spent a yr as an S-3. Scott rep that **Dan Judy** is also living in "Paradise." Scott wrote his ltr at 3:30AM on his way to a manifest call for a bn deployment to Japan. Scott, please don't wait 16+ years to write to the scribe again!

Bob Aultman also wrote from HI. Bob called me on the night **Kee** was killed. I'm going to quote some of Bob's ltr verbatim to give you all the news. ". . . To give you some of the details, Kee was the XO of 1st BN, 27th INF 'Wolfhounds,' 25th Inf Div (L). They were in the field during very bad weather, and on 16 Oct 91 he went out to check on the condition of one of the companies with which communications was intermittent. While crossing a prepared fording site, a sudden surge in the water level and speed caused the HUMVEE to go out of control. Kee saw the danger and ordered the BN S-2 and S-4 out of the vehicle. They jumped and were swept away, but were rescued with some injuries by soldiers from the company they were checking. Kee ordered his driver, SPC Quinton B Paschal of Millerville, AL, out of the vehicle. Kee's door was apparently jammed, so he was trying to get out through a window when the water overturned the vehicle. Paschal was swept away and drowned. Kee was trapped in the vehicle and also drowned.

"Mem svcs were held at the Schofield Bks Main Post Chapel on Sun, 20 Oct with interment at the Honolulu National Cem of the Pacific, the Punchbowl, in Honolulu. He was posthumously promoted to LTC since he had come out on the O-5 promotion list only a few days earlier.

"**Cathy** and their children can be reached at 3 Worchester Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96818; tel (808) 422-7278. The family will remain in Honolulu. Donations may be made in memory of LTC **Ioane Keehu Jr** to the Wolfhound Orphanage Fund, c/o S-2, 4-27 INF, Schofield Bks, HI 96857. The Wolfhounds have supported an orphanage in Japan since early occupation days after WWII. This is a project in which Kee was actively involved.

"I can offer some more news. Dr (MAJ) **Jimmy Olsen** (I-4) is assigned at Tripler in the Opthalmology Dept. MAJ **MR Williams** (I-4) is also assigned at Tripler in Administration. **Craig Jung** (A-3) is here with Frito-Lay; **Scott Johnson** (D-4) and **Mike Smith** (F-4) are with 25 ID (L). **Dan Judy** is aide to CG, USARPAC at Ft Shafter.

"On the last day of Jan 91, I got a call from the Hoffman Bldg which, within 48 hrs, sent me to Saudi Arabia and Desert Storm. **Bruce Bachus** (A-4), my asgmts off, provided the assist to make it happen. I was subsequently assigned to augment VII Corps G-2 as the Asst Intel Collection mgr in early Feb. It was quite an experience and has given me a new perspective on a number of things both professional and personal. While there, I met a surprising number of friends and acquaintances from past asgmts, not the least of whom are **Jimmy Benn** (G-4) and **Rich Langhorst** (F-4), who were assigned to VII Corps HQ. It was good to see old classmates, but what a heck of a way to have a reunion! All returned safely. . . . " Bob, many thanks for a great ltr. I hope the next time we touch base it will be under much happier circumstances.

Christmas greetings have arrived from **Clark & Kathy Lynn**. They sent the photo nearby. **Pam & Steve Stacey** left TX for the Attaché Course and other mil schooling before reporting to Portugal as the asst Army attaché. The Lynns will have left right after Christmas. Clark will be attending the Attaché course and then heading to Barbados in the spring to be the Defense attaché for Barbados and several other isls in the Caribbean. **Greg & Janie Ellison** are scheduled to leave after the first of the yr and head to San Ant, where Greg will work with a Readiness Gp. Steve's been the XO of 1-8 Cav, Greg has been the S-3 for Divarty and Clark has been the Asst S-3 in Divarty. All 3 are looking forward to reacquainting themselves with their families after spending a couple of yrs in 1st Cav. Best of luck to you all in the year ahead.

1975: Greg & Janie Ellison, Pam & Steve Stacey and Kathy & Clark Lynn at the Lynns' house party

Roger Kaplan wrote in Oct with less than 90 days remaining in the Sinai, so we will expect that he is now settled in DC, where he should be doing historical studies in the Research and Analysis Div. He says he won't miss muddy boots or calls in the middle of the night. No news from Roger on classmates, but he says he was surrounded by '79'ers, making him the "Dean of the Majors." Of course, he wasn't doing too badly since he had a 56-yr-old Dutch CPT for company.

Pete Farrell and family sent their Christmas greetings in poetry form. They all seem to be well and happy. Pete still serves as the GEN's aide in Belgium. Sounds like they are having a great time traveling as often as possible.

That's the correspondence for now.

Kathy recently received a promotion and is now working on the Admin Staff of the sch system here as a guidance counselor. She spends her days working with children who have more problems than we can possibly imagine and rep that at least 90% of her worst cases are Army kids. Sad statistics. So take time out today to hug your kids and tell them that you love them. If you see an Army child in need, reach out and help. They may not be able to express their gratitude, but your care and concern will mean more than you'll ever know.

God Bless—**Bill**.

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I hope the holidays went well for all. We have a nice bunch of ltrs from our classmates. If you don't see your name, why not send your scribe a note!

The first note is from **Axel Krigsman**, who sent the pic holding the Bennington

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1976: Axel Krigsman

('76) flag. His SF bn was deployed to Iraq and Turkey.

The photo was taken just outside Zahko—he stopped to have a pic of himself made with the flag when a family of Kurds emerged to help him hold the flag. Axel's biggest current question is, as they will be closing Ft Devens, when will they be moving to Ft Carson? Skiing is in the near future.

1976: Lynne & Jim McGinnis with Sonny Busa, Cheng Huang and Tom Mitchell at '76 Reunion, 13 Oct 91

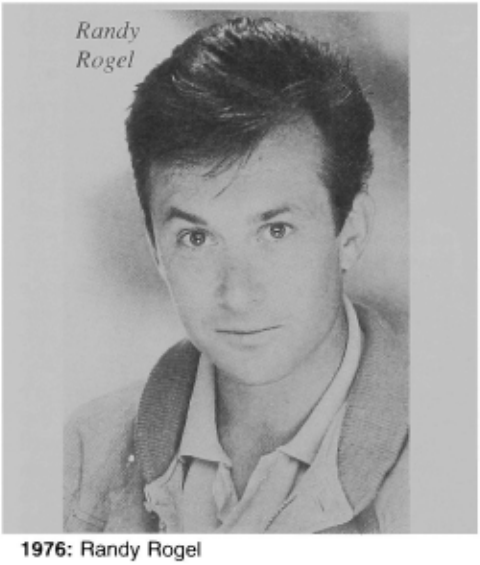
A second pic comes from **Lynne & Jim McGinnis**. The 15th Reunion cruise included Lynne & Jim, **Sonny Busa, Cheng Huang** and **Tom Mitchell**. Lynne & Jim both comment that the planning by the local arrangements gp was dramatically evident—*a great time was had by all*! Continuing in the "best pic" category is the pic of **Hank Keirsey** with the green hat on to protect his head from the cool of the desert eve. (The photo was submitted by a mystery classmate!)

A brief ltr comes from **Bob & Teresa Dalton**. He confirmed that the entire reunion went off without a hitch. Bob, being one of the many "worker bees," found it to be a very time-consuming project, albeit worthwhile. All of us owe a sincere "thank you" to all the folks stationed at WP who helped put on the affair.

A terrific ltr came from **Randy Rogel**, who read about himself in the last *ASSEMBLY*. The ltr deserves a brief summary, as I read it with utter fascination. Randy left his job with Digital Systems in Seattle about two yrs ago after great

1976: Hank Keirsey in the desert during Desert Storm—trying to "blend in" with the locals!

success in the corp arena as an executive mgr. His family moved to Hollywood, where he began hustling auditions with casting directors and agents. Randy says, "Instead of a film, acting or directing degree from USC like the several million other aspring artists here, I had a gen engring degree from a mil academy. I actually know most of the doors in Hollywood from having them slammed in my face so many times." Perseverence helped out, leading to a great part in a good show that received great reviews. Best of all, he heard of a new animated series being developed for TV. He wrote a script, took it into the producer's ofc during lunch and left in on his desk. When he called the next day, the producer not only took his call but was wild about the script and immediately hired him as a staff writer—a very coveted job in Hollywood. All of us who knew Randy from the Acad know that that position, in that town, is what he was made for—I know that all of us are as excited as Randy, and wish him the very best. Make sure you read the credits when you watch TV now!



1976: Randy Rogel

Tom & Mary Julich sent a nice Christmas card. They've moved again—their 6th PCS in the last 7 yrs. Living in Karlsruhe, in a brand-new German duplex, Bavarian style, with 4 floors, a spiral staircase, and absolutely no closets! Quite a change in pace from stairwell living in Frankfurt. They'll be going to Tacoma for Christmas for 3 wks, but all concede that they've not yet tired of their Ger experience. Our very good friends, **Joe & Gail Drelling**, live not far away in Heidelberg—also doing well.

As you finish the col, take a moment and think about some Cl business. The 20th Reunion is rapidly approaching—we do not yet have a gift decided upon. If you have any ideas that you would like to suggest, please send them along to me and I'll make sure they're passed along. Remember to write!!—**Ian**.

'77

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Not a whole lot of news this time around, but I welcome the lull, since the holidays are right around the corner. This is a special col in which two of the three ltrs came from family mbrs, not classmates.

From **Joe Durso**, Desert Storm, 18 Nov 91: "Greetings from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, where I am just completing 10 long and challenging mos. I arrived last Jan, just in time for the war to start, in order to install, test and retrofit all of our Army aircraft with upgraded electronic survivability equipment. I was fortunate enough to work with most of the deployed Avn units throughout the desert. When all that was over, I became the S-3 for the remaining Avn bde that provided all the utility and fixed wing spt in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. It proved to be a challenge and provided the opportunity to fly UH-60s and UH-1s. I was able to cross paths with several classmates over here. **Chris Born** was assigned to CENTCOM in Riyadh. I ran across him in Dhahran and later flew him to Kuwait so he could coordinate with his special opns folks for an exercise. **Hoa Generazio** was assigned at the Logistics Planning Cell at ARCENT (FWD) in Dhahran and worked directly for LTG Pagonis, the man who masterminded the entire logistics opn—the largest in history. Hoa is now back at USMA teaching math. **Bob Richardson** was an S-3 for an Avn unit in the XVIII Abn Corps. I saw him just as he was leaving. **Vance Riggs** was here as the XO for a USAR AV unit deployed from IL. Vance still lives and works for a defense contractor in St Louis, as does **Bob Leonard**, whom I spoke to in St Louis just before I departed for Saudi Arabia. Bob is with McDonnell Douglas, working in the contracting ofc. See next pg for a pic of "The Bear" (GEN H Norman Schwarzkopf) and myself when we flew

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him last summer. From here I will be going to the Pentagon to work Avn Acquisition in ODCSOPS. That should be quite a challenge, and I am looking forward to settling in the DC area.

1977: GEN Schwarzkopf and Joe Durso

From **Lynne Richardson**, Ft Bragg, NC, 22 Oct 91: "Thought I'd give you an update on **Bob**'s progress, as he doesn't write many ltrs (many of us fit in that mold). We're still stationed at Ft Bragg, although *The Army Times* rep that we were moving to the Pentagon. It was a long battle, but we won, thanks to the intervention of a GEN on post. Bob spent the better part of 90 in Saudi Arabia. He was the S-3 for the 1–17 Cav of the 82nd Avn Bde and was one of the first to go. He left on 20 Aug (the reason I remember so clearly is that it was the first day of sch for the kids) to what was to be Opn Desert Shield. I thought it would be 6–8 wks maximum. This makes 2 for 2 Christmases apart since being at Bragg (89 was Operation Just Cause). Bob and his unit spent the whole 7 mos out in the desert in tents—sometimes no showers for wks—nor hot meals, nor air conditioning! He planned numerous missions to keep all the gp busy—and *not* bored, like so many news agencies rep. I know because so many wives complained to me, asking to have Bob take it easy on tng. Bob returned on Easter—31 Mar—at midnight. We both learned and grew a lot through this experience. He then went to work as the DAO (Div Avn Ofc) of the 82nd on the G-3 staff. The job lasted 3 mos, and DA said the Pentagon was our next move. We decided to stay because of the good sch system on post. It was a long battle, but we are still at 41 Hunt St at Ft Bragg. However, Bob now works on the 'Black Side' of the house, working at OSOI (Ofc of Special Opns Integration). It's the first job he's had that I get a plastic coated-card that tells where he works. Wives even get a cl on the mission. 'I could tell you, but I'd have to kill you.' He spends a lot of time on TDY and it is also a flying and jumping slot. His boss promises me he will be home for Christmas this yr, so we are planning a special one. Our children, Bobby (12) and Brianna (9), dealt very well with Bob being gone. I wish some of the wives in the Cav could have done as well. Bob & I would like to personally thank everyone for all their spt and prayers. We don't have a lot of money, but times like Saudi made us realize we were very rich on friends. We hope to see many of you at the reunion."

From Jim & Helen Witcher of Oxnard, CA, 30 Oct 91: "We are writing to give you an update on our son, **Carl J Witcher**. We don't know if he ever will write to you himself. . . . Anyway, he left CGSC last Jun and went to the G-3 shop of the 2nd AD (FWD) located at Garlstadt, Ger. They played a major part in the Gulf War as a part of the Big Red One ID. Their tank bde was a great part of the sweep made around the Iraqis during the ground campaign. Carl returned to Ger in May 91, in good health, and is now the XO of 2–66 AR Bn. He & **Meloney** are enjoying their tour there as duty requirements permit. We plan to visit Carl in Ger during 92 if possible. Needless to say, we were worried about him while he was in the Desert—as, I'm sure, all other parents were about their "boys and girls."

By the time this article is published there will be about 7 mos until our reunion. Hope to see many of you there. Godspeed—**Keesy**.

'78

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Hope everybody had a safe and happy holiday season. Sure is much more relaxing than last yr! Pathetic is the only word I can think of to describe the most recent debacle with the squids. Five yrs ago I thought we had turned the corner, but the Army team seems to be regressing.

Do not have a lot of news this time. **Fred Orr** called from Campbell. He is still with USPA-IRA. He sounds like he is enjoying life.

Leamon Hall is still in Atl with Merrill Lynch. **Jim Nalepa** rep that the Republican party of IL was considering him for a run at the US Senate. I made him promise me a pork barrel appt of some kind if elected.

Craig College dropped a line from the puzzle palace, er, I mean the Pentagon. He & **Pat** just had a second son, Andrew (great name) Glenn, on 22 Nov. Craig left active duty to become the dir for Economic Analysis and Reserve Planning. Craig said that **Kevin Sheehan** is working with the State Dept and **Chris Littel** is at the French Staff Coll.

Got a quick note from **John Stewart**. John and **Tim Greene** grad from the Columbia Exec MBA program. John, married in Jun, is an area dir with Citibank, and Tim is a managing dir at Bear Stearns. **Hank Gillen** came in from Ft Sill and **Kevin (Disco) Downey** was there from NYC. Kevin is in the reinsurance business.

1978: (Front row) Sheehan, Shephard '77, Littel; (back row) Donna Sheehan, Jill Shephard, College, Eileen Littel and Iris & Herman Bulls

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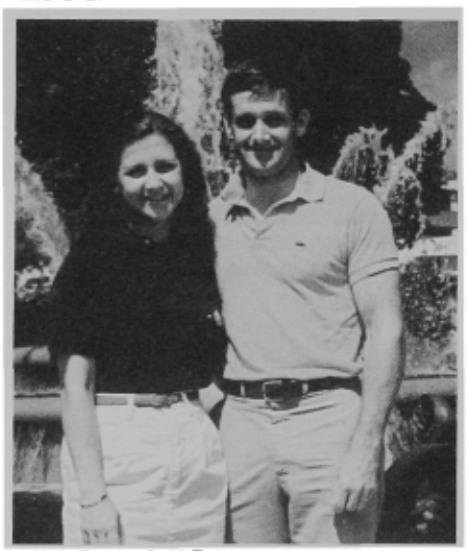
1978: John & Elizabeth Stewart and Tim Greene

Kevin (Action) Jackson called from N VA. He is working for the govt, and I think he said it had to do with NASA. He rep **Tim Sweeney** had just gotten married and that **Dave Rudorfer** had a son recently.

The shock of the day came with a wedding announcement from **Al Estes**. **Peggy** & Al were married at Ft Benning where Al is with the 36th Engr Gp. Al said it was a CGSC romance that worked. Peggy was in Ger but should have moved stateside by now. **Kevin Wall** is also with the 36th as the S-4, and Ace is the S-1.



1978: Peggy & Al Estes

Roger Brown called from L.A. He is with a British Aerospace firm that sells flight control systems. He loves the work but says that L.A. takes some getting used to.

I got together with **Bob Olds, Mike Collins** and **Paul Williamson** in DC in early Nov. We drank some beers, told some war stories and Paul got us into his sky box at the Cap Center for the Bullets-Celtics game. Paul is the self-confessed trash king of Annapolis. His co hauls all the trash for the squids. He & **Val** just bought a new house there and enjoy the area.

Bill Harner rep from Ft Leavenworth on 20 Dec: "Happy New Yr from all of us at Leavenworth. Present count puts us over 45 classmates. **Bob & Hanne Levoit** and their two children came in from Mainz, where he was the DEH. Bob rep that **Manny Hernandez** works on post at CACDA. **Ben & Laura Butler** came in from the Physics Dept with their two children. Ben rep that **Howard Lazarus** is the Asst DEH at Ft Carson. **Chris & Doreen Essig** and their 3 children did not have to move to attend CGSC. Chris moved out of his systems analyst position at the USA Info Systems Cmd across the street to attend sch. Chris rep that **Tom Hedge** is a GM-13, working with the Navy in San Diego. **Mike & Joan Bumbulsky** and their two children came in from the Math Dept. **Jim & Christine O'Shaughnessy** and their 3 children came in from Ft Belvoir working at the Nuclear and Chemical Agency in material development. Jim rep that **Mark & Karen Sheilds** just had their third boy in Arlington, VA. Mark is a consultant in DC. **Craig & Shannon Doerer** and two children came in from Europe. Craig served as the chief of the Defense Switched Network Systems, DCA. Craig rep that **Jeff Foley** performed, in his old baseball superstar form, in Saudi during Desert Shield/Storm in his signal specialty. **Mickey & Linda Hall** came in from Ft Meade. Mickey served as the cmdr/Res Mgt Off, INSCOM. Mickey rep that **Eddy Donnelly** grad from CGSC last yr and is now in the Coop program here. Reps have come in that Mickey is going to run for mayor of the CGSC Snack Bar next yr. **Mark & Eleftheria English** came in from the Dept of Foreign Languages, where he will return as a PAP after serving a tour in the US Embassy in Muscat, Oman and getting his Ph.D. Daughter Jennifer is a soph at the Univ of WA/Seattle. **Darryl & Charlotte Ching** moved across the street from CDCC at Leavenworth. Darryl rep that **Royal Koepsell** works here at the Army Space Inst. **Dan & Marie Hand** and Danny Jr came in from Dept of Civ and Mech Engring, USMA. Dan rep that **Joe McVeigh** works as Ft Eustis in the TC. **Billy & Nancy Forrester** and their two children came in from Europe. Bill was the Bde S-3 for 4th Bde, 8th ID. **Jim Barclay** was last seen in Iraq as the S-3, 4th Bde, 3d ID. Jim and his unit will be moving to Bragg. Bill and **Tad Davis** can be found every morn at 0530 pounding the pavement running. Tad & **Diane Davis** and their two children just came in from DCSOPS. Tad served on the transition team for CSA. **Joe & Samm Spenneberg** and their two children came in from the Math Dept. Joe rep that **Joe Augustine** is a plant mgr near Carlisle Bks and **Billy Damsel** is in the OH Atty Gen's Ofc. **Don & Charlotte Dawson** moved across the street from the CG's Ofc, as his special asst. Don rep that **Jack Faires** is 'married with child as of Oct 91.' **Jim Veditz** is Home Alone. **Leslie** and children remained back E. Jim just finished being an ORSA guru at PERSCOM, doing modelling on down-sizing the Army. **Dan & Joyce Busby** and their 3 kids came in from the Soc Sci Dept. Dan is busy putting together another master's thesis for a MMAS and then will be off to MacDill AFB for a joint job. Dan rep that **Frank & Gina Taylor** had a son, Frank IV, last Jul. **Mike & Melina Slotnick** and their two children came in from the UK. Mike was a missile-warning advisor. Mike rep that **Doug Vermillion** is a new dr at Ft Sam. **Wayne Nixon** is still working in investment banking in the NJ/NY area, and **Mark Hansen** is out of the Army in the Seattle area. **John D'Agostino** came in from the NTC after 2.5 yrs. John is still terrorizing bars in search of his first true love. He reps that **Bob "Ugly" McNamara** is at the AF CGSC at Maxwell AFB. **Rick & Diana Miller** moved across the street from being chief, Lessons Analysis Div for CALL. Rick is sporting an incredibly short flat-top haircut for an aviator. **Roger & Terri Moore** and their two kids came in from XVIII Abn Corps. Rogers served as the Corps Trans Off in SWA and Bragg. Roger rep having seen the sleuth **Jim Naggy** (SOC LNO), **Mark "Perry Mason" Prugh, Stu Coker** and **John Vanderbleek** (Corps G3). Roger also rep that he visited with **Mick & Donna Reagan**. Mick recently moved from being a district mgr for NY Bell to the HQ ofc. Roger also saw **John Drew**, who is a VP for mkting at UNIYSIS. John & **Ellen** are expecting their third child. **Dan & Chung Hui Moorer** and their two kids just came in from the 24th ID after spending 9 mos in SWA. **Jimmy Moon** came in from the 2d Bde S-3, 7th ID(L) after 4 yrs there. Jim got selected for SAMS. Therefore, he will spend an extra yr here. **Steve & Kate Johnson** and their two kids came in from SDI. Steve rep that **John Anderson** is in his 4th yr with the 8 ID in Mannheim. **Steve Kostick** came in from the CSA Ofc, where he served as a sr OR analyst. **Billy & Karen Lake** came in from Woops—Dept of Soc Sci. Bill is trying to join the Acquisition Corps. **Joe & Joan Duda** and their fire team of 5 children came in from Potsdam, Ger. He rep that **Tom Strutz** is working out of St Louis and **Jim Lewis** is working in ORSA at TRAC. Other classmates who are students at CGSC this yr are **Steve Curtis, Jack Sinclair, Curtis McCoy, Charlie Hart, Leigh Wacenske, Jim Knauff, Bobby Knotts, Perry Hargrove, Gordy Crom, Jim Drake, Terry DeRouchey, Dennis Szydloski, Eddy Poore, Tom McWhorter, Tim McKaig** and **Mike Lally**. Passing through Leavenworth this fall has been **Joe Yavorsky**, down at 1st Cav; **Paul Zacharzak** is a Bde S4 for the 25th; **Tom Buckley** works with the Army in Huntsville, AL; **Bill Wansley** and **Harry Johnson** are in SAMS; **Chuck Jacoby** is the Ops Off for the 25th; and **Flipper Brandli** is the G3 Air for the

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101st. **Charlie Allen** came in from V Corps, where he's a G3 Plans off. He rep that **Mark & Terry Magruder** are in G1 Plans over there, and **Jim Hayes** is a CE for the BOAR. Charlie said that he graduated from SAMS last yr with **Harry Chappel** (10th Mtn), **Tom Weifer** (25th), **Rob Madden, Jack Faires, Bill Hamilton** and **Chuck Jacoby**. Chuck also said that **Tom Gurthie** works for Sprint in Atl. **Mike Scapporatti** came through for a simulation exercise. He is now the 10th Mtn Div Ops Off and will move on to PERSCOM next yr. Scapp rep that **Ken Curley** is finishing up his Bde S-3 job and will become the 75th Regt (Ranger) S-1 in Jun. **Kevin Crawford** is serving a yr in Korea after grad from CGSC last yr; **Pat** is working on her master's in nursing in KC. There are reps that the **Graces** are expecting another child. **Tom Jewell** is the ch of Pathology at Bragg. **Dave Jennings** came through with his boss, GEN Saint, from Europe. Dave will become the 3ID S3. Dave rep that **Ken Jones** is an engr at Redstone Arsenal. **Eric & Pat Hughes** are expecting their first child this spring. As for **Linz** & me [**Bill Harner**], we had our second child, Jessica, last Apr. After graduation we will be heading off to Ft Campbell for our follow-on asgmt. But until then, we can be reached at 2 Dragoon, Ft Leavenworth, KS 66027. God Bless."

'79

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Greetings. I write this col as we prepare for the Christmas season. While the cards and ltrs have been few, I am proud to pass along the info that I have to the rest of the Cl.

The first ltr for this issue is from **Shep Sawyer**. He sent a photo that includes himself and **Greg Banner**. They were together on a civic action opn in El Salvador. Shep has been assigned as the civil affairs off since Jan 91, and Greg has been the advisor to 2nd Bde since May 91. Both are unaccompanied; Shep's family is back in Columbus, GA while Greg's is still in Ger. Shep is due to PCS to Ft Bragg this Dec, and Greg will be attending CGSC this Jun. While Shep has been in El Salvador, **Linda** gave birth to Daniel James Sawyer on 23 Aug. Shep says mother and son are doing fine. I know Shep is again "counting the days," but this time it will be for a family reunion. Thanks, Shep, for the ltr, and I pray everything goes as well as planned.

The other ltr for this issue is from **Jean Ubbelohde**. She says she has given up on trying to get **Kurt** to write, so she had to take action. I would encourage other wives to do the same; inputs are for the Cl and everyone knows it's the wives who really know what is going on. Jean

1979: MAJ Shep Sawyer and MAJ Greg Banner in El Salvador, Sep 91

sent a pic of Kurt with Mallory, the latest addition to the family—3 Mar 91. Kurt, Jean, Zachary (2–1/2) and Mallory have been residing in Stafford, VA for the last 3+ yrs. Kurt is working at DNA in Alexandria as the mil asst to GEN Watson, but Jean says we'll have to wait for Kurt to write to get more details about his duties.

1979: Kurt and Mallory Calhoun Ubbelohde, age 6 mos

I hope everyone is happy and healthy during this holiday season. Spending time with family and friends is always time well spent. God Bless—**Scott**.

'80

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After a long dry spell, some mail has finally arrived. Again, with publication 6 times a yr, there has not been enough mail (i.e., at least one or two ltrs) to submit a col every time. Hope that will motivate you to send some news.

John Wolf wrote from NPGS in Monterey, prior to which he was a Foreign Area off in Pakistan. While there he studied Urdu and attended the Pakistani CGSC. John was "frocked" to MAJ by GEN Schwarzkopf while there and may even get paid at that rank some day.

John expressed gratitude to **Robbie Robertson**, who kept John supplied with the essentials of life (PX version), sending from Ger what John couldn't get in Pakistan.

John traveled extensively while in-

1980: GEN Schwarzkopf promoted Wolf

country, and he, **Claudia** and their 3 kids spent two wks in Sri Lanka on vacation, as well as visiting Nepal and India. Just prior to the Gulf War they were evacuated, flying straight from New Delhi to NY with nothing but what they were wearing.

Not knowing what to do, **John** reverted to instinct; he and family headed for WP while the bureacracy cogitated and ruminated. John thanks **Jeff & Carol Weart** for the considerable help they provided in that difficult time.

Finally, DA gave **John** credit for a full tour and sent him off to grad sch, where he will live happily ever after until his next orders arrive. Thanks for the ltr, John.

1980: The Cooke family

Jim Cooke wrote to announce that he & **Kim** have a daughter, Virginia Rose, born 23 Aug 91. Jim is with White Oak Corp, building roads and bridges in CT. Jim is the project engr for the I-84/I-91 interchange in Hartford, so now you know who to curse specifically by name when stuck in traffic there.

Jim adds that he & **Kim** saw **Tom & Kathy Sullivan** at the Army-Harvard game. Jim talked with **Bob Davis**, who is doing well after a bout with cancer. Other news: **Steve Stefancin** works for IBM in NJ. **Steve & Belinda Reynolds** live in Rock Hill, SC, where Steve is a

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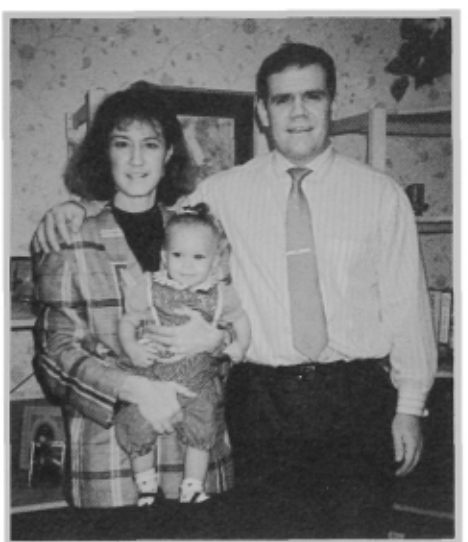
pastor. Thanks for the news, Jim, and congrats on becoming a parent. Heh-heh.

Speaking of parenthood, **Mike Timlin** wrote to assert that he doesn't have kids but if he did they'd get better grades than mine. I'll be happy to lease my 3 darling children to you for a yr or so, Mike, to test your thesis at no cost. (You pay expenses, of course, which currently runs $145,732.19 per yr per child. No, I don't make that much—we have Visa). Anyway, Mike didn't have much news, which is why I am adding all this dreadful filler. He is still selling microchips for Advanced Micro Devices and recently saw **Tim Perley**, who is with Stanford Telecom. Mike would like to hear from any classmates or E-3 alumni in the Silicon Valley area and insists that he is not the Mike Timlin who gave up a homerun in the recent ALCS series between Toronto and Minnesota.

And now, a really long, news-filled ltr from **Donna (Alesch) Newell**. She & **Mike** married on Graduation Day and are now at Ft Knox, after interim stops at Ft Hood, Ansbach (FRG), Chapel Hill and wherever else the Army wanted them to be. On 20 Feb 91 Donna gave birth to a daughter, Katherine Shannon.



1980: The Newell family

At Knox, **Donna & Mike** work at the Dir of Combat Devel (DCD), where she is the XO and he is an ORSA. They know several classmates at DCD. One is **Steve Rust**, who is an AR Sch ammo expert working on tank-round lethality, and who also is involved in a worldwide ministry to build churches, most recently in Brazil. Also at DCD is **Ed Payne**, who is ch of the Emerging Tech Branch. Donna say that means "Buck Rogers" stuff like electrothermal/magnetic energy guns, but in my view "emerging tech" to an AR-head means indoor plumbing. Anyway, Ed & **Julie** and sons Danny and Jeffrey came to Knox last summer from a USMA teaching asgmt.

Also at DCD: **Steve Bachinksi** is an ORSA doing studies on the M1A2 tank and a new tank-mounted grenade launcher. He & **Cheryl** had their second child, Katie, on 31 Jul 91; other daughter Heather is 5.

More classmates at Knox: **Chris Stoinoff** is a Small Gp Instructor at the Advanced Course ("advanced" in AR terms means that multiple-choice tests have more than one answer to pick from for ea question). **Paul Wright** is assisting in writing FM 17–18: Light AR Ops; **Debbie** directs the pre-sch program at the sch where their daughter Lindsey is in 5th grade.

John Gusz is a surgeon at Ireland Army Hosp. He & **Mindy** have two children, but, since drs don't return phone calls, Donna was not sure of their ages. **Tiki Traylor** works in G-3 doing mobilization planning; **Gwen** works in a sch computer lab, and their daughter Leslie turned 4 on 2 Dec 91. **Tom Arielly** is the ch of Cav doctrine, and **Alice** is an Internal Review auditor. They live on the 15th tee of a local golf course, and Tom boasts a single-digit handicap. Wait—I'm the real estate mogul who's supposed to be living it up on golf courses, and I'm lucky if I play one hole in single digits. Something's wrong here.

John & Mary Anne Turner arrived at Knox last summer. John is the S-3 Plans Off in the 194th Bde. **Mark Hu** is assigned to the 1st Tng Bde, 2–13 AR Bn.

Donna, thanks for the informative ltr, and congrats to you and the other new parents around. Don't let my cynical jibes about the fact that parenthood impoverishes one financially and intellectually—turning one into a debt-ridden wretch whose only solace is Mr Rogers' soothing voice—keep you from enjoying the many benefits of having children. Like tax deductions, for example.

I wrote this col in my wonderful little new notebook computer which the ofc bought for me. They transferred me to a position in Boston, so I ride the MBTA most days for an hr ea way. This gives me time to brood existentially, read the paper and write this col after the deadline, as usual. For you high-tech types, I can arrange a portable satellite downlink so you can transmit, via your car-phone, holograms of your family where mere snapshots won't do. The system will be in place by the next deadline, and will only cost $145,732.19 to use.

Until then, best wishes and God bless everyone—**Bill**.

'81

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I'm writing this in Dec and thinking of you all during this happy holiday season. I know we are all thankful that peace is breaking out all over the world as 92 begins. You are all in my thoughts every day. Recently it is **Ned Armstrong** who is uppermost in our thoughts. **Bob Domitrovitch**, B-3, called from HI to pass the word that Ned needs our spt right now. On the Fri after Thanksgiving, Ned went on sick call complaining of the flu and it was discovered that he had Acute Lipo Leukemia (ALL). He immediately began aggressive chemotherapy and also began driving the hosp staff at Tripler Army Med Hosp crazy. Let's keep Ned busy—his address is 379F Reasoner Rd, Honolulu, HI 96819. At the hosp the phone no is (808) 433-6946. Ned is young, strong and began receiving treatment immediately. His disease is beatable, and if anyone will beat it, Ned will. Call **Candy** at (808) 833-9517—Strength as One.

Write to me at my new address—4909 W 144th St, Midlothian, IL 60445. Better yet, anyone in the area should stop in and visit. We moved from TX at the end of the yr because **Dirk** was promoted to production mgr at the Chicago Ethicon plant. We are adjusting to the cold weather and otherwise are doing fine. Thanks to **Bob Domitrovitch** for his phone call. By the way, he really wants to know where **Steve Haustein** is now. Give him a call, drop him a postcard—anything, Steve! **NJS**.

'82

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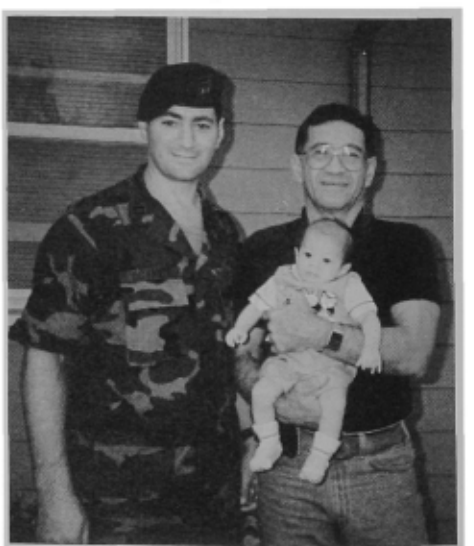
Happy 92, Select Few. Hope everyone is gearing up for the 10-yr Reunion to be held 9–11 Oct 92. Please be sure that a correct address is on file with AOG so we can get the latest info to you.

Dave Steer, Bill Rogers, John Garrison and their cmtes are hard at work planning the wknd and the Cl Gift.

Ed Olivares drops a line from Ft De-



1982: Ed Olivares I, II and III.

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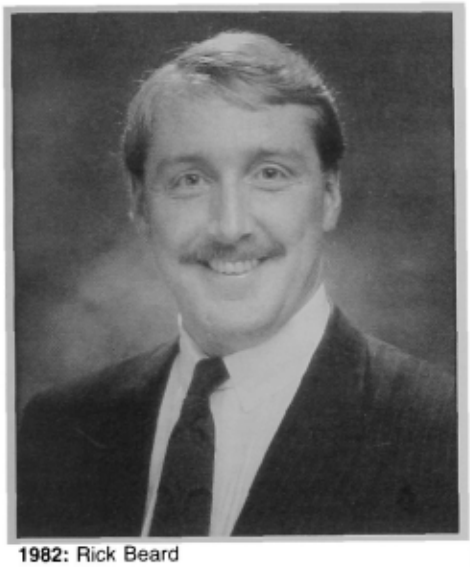
vens, with the 10th SF Gp. He deployed to the Turkey-Iraq border area during Opn Provide Comfort and ran patrols with his A-Team. Ed was a late arrival, as he watched Opn Desert Storm on CNN from CAS3 with **Todd Ebel, Dave Williams** and **Pete Keller**. **Dave Freedman** also arrived at Leavenworth on a permanent asgmt. The photo was taken at son Edward III's christening in Sep.[Also see pic in '57 col.] Ed III's father, grandfather, uncle and aunt are all grads. Uncle **Ken Rousseau & Aunt Lori (Sakauyi) Rousseau** are living in Fairfax, VA, where Ken is at DIA preparing for the Post Grad Intel Program next yr. **Lori** is out of the Army and will finish a master's degree in special ed soon.



1982: Rick Beard

Price-Waterhouse sends us news of **Rick Beard**'s promotion within the co. Rick was promoted to mgr in the P-W Strategic Consulting Gp in St Louis. He joined the firm in 89 after completing the Harvard MBA program. Rick & **Sonia** now live in St Louis.

Another Rick—**Rick Sullivan**—sends a hello via autovon from Alexandria, VA. Rick, **Stan Austin, KC Jones, Steve Salazar, Jim Creighton, Pete Taylor** and **Charlie Fletcher** all work at PERSCOM. Charlie is a newcomer to the bldg and has the fun job of working SERB actions. He & **Mary** have two boys, John (3) and Peter (6 mos).

Pete Taylor has been using his computer at DA to assist **Kevin Dotson** with a C-2 newsltr. A quick summary—Kevin & **Claudia** are in Wichita, where Kevin works for Pepsi. They've been to 4 cities in 4 yrs—so much for stability in the civ world. Claudia is working on an advanced degree and has been to 6 schs in 8 yrs. The Dotsons have two children, Laura and Ian. **Mario & Jennifer Ramirez** and their son Allegre have moved from Lubbock to Phoenix. Mario works for Pepsi also, "on the front line of the cola wars," as Kevin says. **Brett & Carol Boerema** and newborn Kelsey are living in Buffalo as Brett works as a construction mgr for Union Carbide. **Ron & Laura Welch** and their two girls are at USMA. He is a professor in the Dept of Civ and Mech Engring. **Jim & Wynne Hogle** are at Ft Belvoir while he works in the Pentagon. **Scott Pasolli** completed a master's program at Univ of MI and now works with Westinghouse in real estate development. He lives near Ft Lauderdale and does engring, permitting and site prep for planned communities. **Steve Kalish** is out of the Army and is living in the Hackensack, NJ area. He is working for ITT Corp as the project mgr for the Global Positioning System Satellite production project. **Al Guarino** is living in the Newburgh area and is the general mgr of an exec recruiting firm, Career Directions. He is active in the WP Soc of NY. **Rick & Donna Waddell** are at WP where he's a first-yr course dir. They have two children.

Joe Schulz is at GA Tech working on an ORSA degree. He & his wife will soon be USMA-bound. **Steve Peterson** is at the Pentagon after attending NPGS. While there he met and married **Heather**.

Thanks for the C-2 update, **Kevin**.

1982: (Back row) O'Connell, Lynch and Newman; (front row) Quimby '78, Murtaugh '83 and Reynolds '84

Bill Newman sends news from where a few '82'ers get together regularly. Bill, **Liam O'Connell** and **Tom Lynch** all served together on an FA team during reserve summer tng at Ft Drum. Bill is a portfolio mgr in the Private Bank for the Bank of Boston. He & **Kathy** live in RI and have two boys and a girl. Tom is a sales engr for Federal Mogul in the NE. He & **Kate** live in Tauton, MA. Liam & **Bernadette** and daughter Caitlin live in N Andover, MA; Liam is a lawyer with Choate, Hall & Stewart in Boston.

Other news **Bill** sends along—**Greg Voigt** is a stockbroker at Merrill Lynch in Providence. **Jay Brooks** and **Kyle Gerlitz** work for GTE. Jay is going to law sch at night and he & his wife have a daughter. Kyle & his wife have two sons. **Jim McCormick** works for TX Instruments and has 3 children.

That's all for this mo. **Lou Anne** is heading home soon, and I'll leave Korea a few mos later. Looks like Ft Chaffee is next. Take care—**Jay Jennings**.

'83

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Hello again, everyone. I trust that this new yr is treating you all well. The holidays were very enjoyable for our family—son Stuart (almost 2) really discovered all the fun and glitter of outdoor decorations this year. A simple trip to the store turned into tours of the neighborhood as he said "Lights, Daddy!" or "More!" I don't know about the rest of you, but I find it hard to turn down such enthusiastic requests.

Dave & Mary Sutter had a baby boy, Andrew David, on 24 Sep 91. He was born 6 weeks premature, but both he and mom are doing fine.

1983: Andrew David Sutter at about 1 1/2 wks with Dad at the hosp

Dave is currently at the Univ of Michigan working on his PhD in history before heading back to Woops. **Doreen & Dion King** also had a baby, and Dion is getting his graduate degree in mechanics to teach at Woops. **Mary Ann & Bill Raymond** had a baby this past Oct, and Bill is getting his PhD in poli sci en route to WP. "All these babies—you would think grad sch did not keep us busy or something." **Chris Martin** and **Greg Gulia** are also at U of MI but out of the Army. Chris is in the Business Sch and Greg is in the Business Law Program.

Cathy & Dan Gilewitch are still at the Univ of KS working on his master's in geography. Dan will be heading to WP this summer.

They had another boy, Thomas Michael, on 20 Mar 91. Dan spent his last summer vacation at CAS3. They did get a little traveling in to see his parents in NM and her parents in NY "and to have Thomas christened in the same church where Dan & I were married and where Nicholas was christened."

Karen & Michael Crumlin had a baby girl, Anita Marie, on 10 Jul 91 in Boston. Mike graduated from Harvard Business Sch in Jun, and he's in mkting mgt with MCI.

Lorenzo Valenzuela headed back

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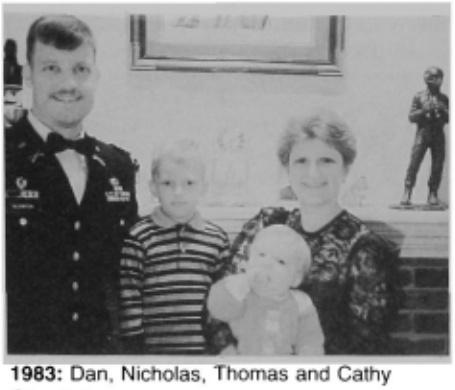

1983: Dan, Nicholas, Thomas and Cathy Gilewitch

1983: Karen & Mike Crumlin with 2-day-old Anita Marie

1983: Mike Crumlin and Lorenzo Valenzuela with son on Graduation Day at Harvard

home to AZ. **Allen Turbyfill** graduated and went to work for his dad in KY. **Warren Waldorf** graduated and went to work for JI Case in NY. **Mark Connors** has gone into business for himself, a publishing svc for grad-level schs. **Larry Laseter** is a consultant in Atl. **Pete Brual** is with Lasalle Partners near Atl. **Tommy Morgan** is going through HBS and flies back and forth every other wknd to see his wife and two kids. **Billy Don Ferris** had cmd in the 82nd during the war. **Scott Fewin** is a DOD Civ in DC in Spec Ops.

Becky & Larry Beisel are heading to the U of Indiana for his master's in Eastern Europe to become an FAO. **Deanne & Chuck Hoppe** had their third child, Christopher Ronald, on 8 Oct 91.

Deb & Steve Low had a very moving yr. Steve did his part in the war as a GTE consultant. Just before he left, Deb found out she was pregnant, so she left Ger and took the kids back home. Deb had a little girl, Meredith Katarina, on 16 Oct.

1983: Dani, Deb, Meri, Steve and Greg Low in Ger

They all enjoyed the conveniences that we all take for granted here in the States. Their travels in Ger have slowed down with 3 children and sch. Greg is in first grade and Dani is going to kindergarten. They have seen **Tammy & Tommy Cowan** and **Melissa & Gerry Shaw**, and have talked to **Dave Sacha** and **Bob Weddall**, who are in the Monterey area.

'84

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This is the second (and last) col from Charlottesville, VA, home of the Army lawyer. We are finishing up the JAG Basic Course here and, as promised last time, I want to begin by rectifying my negligence from the last col.

I mentioned last time that **Tracy Knox** graduated from the JAG Basic course in Sep and finished first in his cl. Well, I now have photographic evidence.

1984: Tracy Knox receiving an award at the JAG OBC graduation

Tracy's family was up from Ft Bragg, where Tracy is now stationed. Of course they were very proud of him! I should mention that Tracy graduated from Notre Dame Law Sch and was also first in his law sch cl!! Way to go, Tracy!

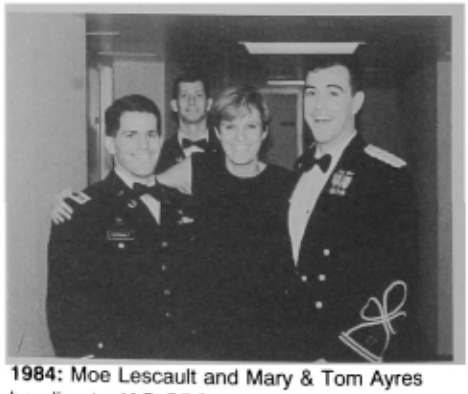
Well, the rest of us '84 FLEP'ers for this yr graduated this past Dec. **Tom & Mary Ayres** are at Ft Stewart, where Tom is slated as a trial counsel (prosecutor).

1984: The Knox family

Katherine Spaulding is headed off to a "tough" asgmt at Ft Carson, where she too will be a trial counsel. You all know I'm headed to the ROK by now. We had some great fun here at the sch during A-N wk. We had one squid exchange instructor, and we maintained the WP tradition by moving his office down by our classroom and also moved one of the cannons to pt at the office furniture. We aren't sure who did it, but some incriminating photos have been found!

1984: Mary & Tom Ayres, Katherine Spaulding and Moe Lescault—A-N Eve 91

We definitely won in the spirit dept down in C'ville!! We also ran a trip up to the game, which was fun despite the outcome. Finally (as if you hadn't seen enough of our ugly mugs), we had our required basic course blues gala, which was very nice. Well, I promised pix, and I've finally delivered!



1984: Moe Lescault and Mary & Tom Ayres heading to JAG OBC blues reception

I also mentioned people from other classes at the sch last time, and now I

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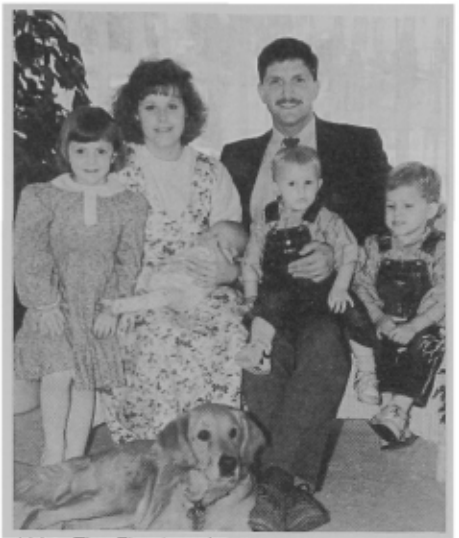
have a little more info. First, I mistakenly put Chris Detoro in '83 last time; he is '82. Chris is going to Ft Lee, VA, where he will be ch of Justice. Tom Swanton '83 is headed off to Ft Riley and the Big Red One. John Alumbaugh '83 is going to the 101st at Campbell (he earned his air assault wings this summer after the bar—way to go, John!!). Finally, Karen Wiggins-Fair '85 is off to Ft Hood.

We went up to Army-Navy on Pearl Harbor day, and I ran into a number of classmates there. **Luis Parada** was there with his son Luisita and **Jackie Foglia**. Luis' wife **Brenda** (Amster '85) was doing reserve duty that wknd and couldn't make the game. Luis and Jackie are both in DC working in their respective embassies (El Salvador and Honduras). Sitting nearby was **Sue (Lenio) & Eric Sine** '83, who are both up at WP. Sue is currently working in DMI running the summer training programs (like CTLT) and serving as the MI rep. The Math Dept was sitting in the next section, and I saw **Dan Hogan** and **Darrin Meek**, who are both instructors. **Andre Cuerington** is also there and **Keith Matthews** is due to arrive soon. Dan had heard about a couple of classmates. **Rich Staats** is at MIT getting his PhD!!! He'll be heading back to WP to teach afterwards—way to go, Rich! Also, **Caroline (Seeley) Choppa** is out of the Army now and is working on a physical therapy degree. Well, that's all I could scribble on the business cards at the game. Any and all mentioned are welcome to write me ltrs and give more details!

A fellow B-3 Bandit wrote from upstate NY. **Bill Kavanaugh** is out of the Army after serving in a variety of asgmts at Ft Jackson and Ft Campbell. Bill works for a nationwide printing co called Clarke American and has progressed to the position of plant mgr for their plant in Kingston, NY. Bill is happy with his progress but says the long hours get tough. A number of other grads work for this co, including **Alan Thornton** (working quality assurance in Charlotte, NC), Paul Lukert '83 (plant mgr in Pheonix, AZ), Dave Goodling '85 (plant superintendent in Charlotte), Mike Stimson '85 (another B-3 Bandit, quality assurance in Syracuse, NY) and Ron Reichart '85 (plant mgr in Columbus, OH). Bill joins me in putting out a call to all of you Bandits out there to let us know where you are!!!! Thanks for the scoop, Bill!

News came from an "exotic" place because it is the first ltr I've gotten from this country—Switzerland! **Jo Flemings**, **Cory Flemings**' wife, wrote from Herisau where Cory is an Olmsted Scholar, Cl of '91!! Congrats, Cory!! After 18 mos as co of a cav trp, Cory got to go to DLI to study German. Through an interesting series of events (too long to detail here), Cory ended up studying at the Hochschule in Switzerland because Olmsted scholars study two years in non-English-speaking univs! Well, the move has been an adventure because, while Cory is still in the Army, his only mil attachment is a "remote" connection to the Embassy! While that freedom is nice, its tough to get moves settled and goods shipped overseas without trans offices, etc.



1984: The Flemings family

But, as the photo shows, the family has made it through well! By the way, these cute kids in the photo are Sarah Gabriel, Joshua Luke (born this past Aug—CONGRATS!), Stephen Christian and Jonathan David. The dog is Sydnie. Great-looking family, guys! Cory gets to travel throughout Europe, and the family has been able to go along for most trips, including Ger, Sweden, Denmark and Austria! Jo, of course, has her hands full caring for four little ones and home schooling the kids for kindergarten as well!! Now that's a full-time job!! In her "spare" time, Jo has kept up with some others from "Best of the Corps." **Jake & Kelly Potak** were at Ft Lewis, where Jake took over Cory's troop about a yr ago. **Dan Beach** left the Army and is now in KS City with **Trish**. Thanks for all the news, Jo! Jo extends an invite to all passing through the area to pay a visit—I have the address and phone! All you folks in Europe need to take advantage and get in some skiing!!

Jim Nagel wrote from Ft Lewis, where he says he & **Kay** are trying to stay dry! Jim is in the 199th Inf Bde and was in cmd of a co until last July, but is now on bde staff. With him in the 199th are **Randy Brach**, **Lee Fetterman**, **Hal Nelson**, **Nick Coddington**, **Carl Grunow**, **Dave Cannella**, **Ken Koebberling** and **Jon Sullenberger**. Jim went to CAS3 after cmd and ran into **Mark Tolzmann**, who was heading off to Ranger Sch and then to a cmd in the 8th ID; **Mark Mueller**, taking a second cmd in Berlin; and **Sam White**, heading out to the NTC to be a controller after serving in 2nd ACR. Jim implied that CAS3 might not be that bad, as these guys managed to down "many a beer at the Havana Club!" Thanks for the "poop," Jim!

Dave Showerman wrote with a bunch of news worthy of congrats! Dave was married back in Sep to **Brenda** and is now the proud dad of a 7-yr-old daughter named Mallory! Congrats on both scores, Dave! Added to that, Dave & Brenda are expecting a little bundle of joy shortly after this is published. Things will certainly be bustling around the Showerman household! That household is now in Rochester, NY, where Dave works for Xerox. Dave had been in Stamford, CT until the first of this yr. Dave sent news about **Forrest Smith**, who was one of our heroes in the Gulf!! Forrest was stationed in Ger but should be back stateside when this is published. **Jeff Martin** also deserves congrats, as he was married to **Delia** back in Aug 90! Jeff is currently in his third yr of law sch at U of Miami. Also wrapping up law sch this year is **Dan Rice** at U of TX in Austin. Thanks for the info, Dave, and congrats again!

Finally, I have received a few phone calls, as has **Dianne** in my absence. **Wes Gillman** spoke with Dianne on the phone from CA, where he is currently in sch. **Mark Kehrer** is out of the Army, and he & **Tracy** are out at Ft Knox with their two children, working for the Navigators ministry.

Time to close out another col! When you read this, I'll be in the Land of the Morning Calm. Until then, be safe, be happy and start working now to BEAT NAVY next yr!!

'85

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'Tis the season to be on the olde computer again to write my final Cl notes for 91. Of course, I write this with remorse over the defeat we felt (even over here in HI) at the hands of the squids. It will be an even gloomier winter for the cadets; I am sure now that Navy has taken the wind out of our sails. We had a great party hosted by **Phil & Karen Helbling** over here, and we are already getting ready for next yr.

My first ltr came from **Harry Schute**. It seems I got some of the info wrong in my last col. I apologize, Harry, but in defense, I had to write the col while I was deployed to Ft Lewis and my wife was dictating ltrs to me over the phone. For the sake of keeping my phone bill under $100.00, I may have shortened my col. The infant pic in the Nov notes is Harry's daughter Elisabeth.

At CAS3, he saw **Brad Reuben, Jim Clark, Ed Flores, Steve Witkowski** and **Mike McMahon**. **Dick Kreunen** is mar-

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1985: The Duguays' post-wedding party, 1 Sep 91

ried but is not a newlywed. And finally, other AR folks who have gotten out are **Phil Dyer, Jeff Parrish, Keith Cook** and **Charlie Koehler**. Hope I got it right this time, Harry.

1985: '85 at Duguay's wedding

Dave Rizzo wrote, having attended **John Duguay**'s wedding in ME in Sep. In attendance were **Wes Bickford**, now at Ft Drum; **Dan Krack**, now a civ living in St Louis; **Hunchu Kwak**, now living in Hartford, CT; **Mickey Sanzotta**, now at Ft Stewart; and **Roberto Vasquez**, now at Ft Carson. Dave & his wife are now living in Albany. Great photos. It was super to hear from everyone.

Tom Durso wrote for the first time with some great news. He & **Cheryl** were blessed with the birth of Joseph Thomas this past Nov. Tom gave up cmd of an 8" Btry in Mar, only to take another—this time an MLRS Btry in Giessen, Ger. He rep that **Tony & Vicky Fiore** were blessed with their own child in Aug. Tony is still cmding in Hanau. **Kurt Switala** just gave up cmd, also in Ger, and **Danny Mitchell** is still cmding a maintenance co in Weisbaden. Great to hear from you, Tom.

Johnson Chin was in town and, although I was deployed (there's something new), my wife got to talk to him. He has cmd of an Army Space Cmd Detachment in CO Spr and is hoping to make it into the astronaut program. He was in town giving the head shed some important briefings. Sorry I missed you, but hey. . . how 'bout them Oilers!

Geoff Sutton joined the Wash Natl Guard recently and branch transferred to TC. He is in a unique asgmt with a marine maintenance co, one of only two like it in the Army. He continues to study bio-med engring at U of WA. But his best feat was bungee cord jumping, where he snapped into a good, tight body position that would have made even the best Abn Ranger happy! He rep that **Mike Thomas** is in his second yr of law sch and **Ed Hartley** is living somewhere near Portland, currently job hunting.

Got a quick note from **Ben Holtzman**, currently an MBA student at Tulane. A few old I-2 Mooses: **Rusty Stewart** is now working for Procter & Gamble; **Katie Lunsford** is working in an ROTC asgmt in Richmond; **Mike Perry** is in law sch; **Brent Bahl** is in DC; and **Tony Blount** is selling med supplies in San Fran.

Another quick note from **Ellis & Kathy Williams** finds Ellis at med sch while Kathy works at Munson Army Hosp at Ft Leavenworth. They would love to hear from all those with whom they lost contact. Contact me for the address.

Finally, **Peter Everett** wrote and has been doing a little time at Graf and Hohenfels. He had a rare opportunity to work, sort of like a missionary, taking clothes to refugees from Yugoslavia who were in Austria. He, along with 10 others from the "Hospitality House," worked one wknd trying to help these people get adapted to Western culture. Peter continues to get the humanitarian award. Heck, I can't even find my own clothes half the time. Great ltr, Pete!

Well, everyone is doing great here. As you can see from the photo, we had a great time at **Phil**'s. I figure there are 15–20 classmates here, all of whom are probably in or just finished cmd. Take care, and may I wish you Godspeed as you enter 92. You have my best, '85!

'86

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Those of you mailing ltrs in Nov and Dec, I hope they were returned to you or maybe the PO can dig them up. It's a long story. . . .

The ltrs managing to get through were from fellow D-3'ers. **Al Henricks** finally got the branch he was after and arrived at Ft Huachuca in Apr 91. (Goodbye, ADA!) After 4 yrs with the 82d Abn Div, spending most of his time with GEN staff brass, Al started MIOAC. Then he'll head for Korea with the 501st MI Bde. **Ed Henricks** (B-3), also MI and also in Al's plebe co, is worried about DA mix-ups since upperclassmen tended to blame Al for Ed and Ed for Al. . . or was it Ed? I think Ed is worrying unnecessarily.

1986: Al Henricks with Robert and Erin at Seaworld

With **Al** was **Ben Felts**, Al's old Bde staff roommate, who married **Carmen**, a beautiful lady from Honduras. Ben has mellowed a bit since his Hudson days—now there's someone to keep him in line. Ben & Carmen are at Vint Hill Farms, VA with the 201st MI Bde.

Ex-E-4 elephants **Mike Hanifan** and **Chuck Luigs** were reunited at Huachuca. Mike is with 5ID at Polk, and I have no idea where Chuck is.

Greg Ortz is out of the Army and attending the U of TX, earning a Math degree to become a "take boards" type of guy. Greg attended the reunion with **Joe Spudich**, also out and attending grad sch

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at Northern IL Univ in Dekalb. Like Greg, Joe is studying math.

1986: Silvana, Ruben and Ruben Jr

Greg also attended the reunion, where he snapped a pic of **Ruben & Silvana Robles** and their son Ruben Jr in the "nosebleed" section of Michie where they stuck our Cl. Greg also took the other pic of himself, **BJ Zoppa** and **JR Schartz**, both D-3'ers.

1986: Greg, JR and BJ

BJ is married and out of the Army. **JR** is dating a girl he met at **Bob Kleinhample**'s wedding 3 yrs ago. JR is still with the Army, cmding a btry at Ft Drum. Greg also said it was a pleasant surprise to see **John Badovinac** at the reunion. Greg, John and **Steve Sicinski** all attended the same HS together back in PR. John got out before the Persian Gulf War and is now living and selling insurance in NJ.

Bill "Woody" Woodring is out, happily single, living in AK and running his own consulting business. When asked what he consults on, Woody explained he consults on just about anything. Good luck, Woody!

Dana Milner is a stalwart Army man cmding a co at Ft Hood.

I'm just finishing up exams before heading back to AL for the holidays. . . which have long since past. Keep the mail coming.

'87

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Well, I received about a ltr every 10 days since the last issue. Not bad, guys, espec considering the holiday season. This issue was produced way back in Dec, so I'm still suffering the pains of our disaster at the hands of the evil squidmen. A definite Cha-Ching! Oh, well—next yr?

Turning to a major victory, **Steve Heidecker**, pictured here with **Tom Hiebert**, grad from Ranger Sch on 1 Oct 91.

1987: Tom Hiebert and Steve Heidecker cash in on Ranger Sch! Ba-bing!

Where in the world did you muster up that kind of motivation, Steve? Ranger Sch is the stuff for fresh butterbars and hungry E-5's who don't know any better. My hat is off to you. Tom Hiebert's ltr indicated that Steve was headed for Pathfinder Sch and a Bn S-4 slot with 3–319th FA Bn at Ft Bragg. He added that **Bill Leady** was headed for Ranger Sch from EOAC. The interesting thing is that he is attending with his brother '91. Did Steve Heidecker start something here?

Tom & Kelly Hiebert, Steve Heidecker and **Dave & Shannon Fee** took a trip to Bragg in search of a home. Not the same home, mind you—that might get crowded. Tom & Kelly were successful in their search and planned on closing on the new place and their new units sometime after Christmas. Tom finished IOAC on 19 Dec 91 and Kelly grad from Flight Sch at Rucker on 4 Oct 91. She finished up some follow-on courses by 25 Nov 91 and they were homeward-bound! Dave Fee began the Advanced Course in Oct 91 after finishing Flight Sch and Cobra transition in Jul 91. The Apache transition is looking pretty good, and Dave & Shannon are looking forward to going to Bragg. Well, Dave definitely is looking forward to Bragg and Shannon is coming around to the idea of Fayetteville, albeit with the convincing of Tom, Kelly and Steve. Here's the latest available from AP, UPI, CNN and most notably Tom about the current IOAC situation. **Steve Reed, Jeff Voight, Ken Romaine** (and their respective sweeties and families, of course) are all going to Ord and the 7th ID. **Kevin Brown** is headed for Hood. **Dave Duffy, Rich Young** and **Eric Gunhus** were all headed for SFAS in the Jan/Feb timeframe. **Jason Smith** was scheduled for the Q-course in Jan 92. **John Crino, Pat McMahon, Dan Oh** and **Chris Rush** will all call Bragg their home. **Eric Turner** is remaining at Benning. **Jim O'Brien** was with the 3rd Ranger Bn, and **Rembert Edwards** was in the 3 Bde, 24th ID. Ea was eyeing the Jan 92 Advanced Course.

While we're on a roll: **Stephen Morris** sent me a note that can only be categorized as "pure poop." According to Stephen, **Courtney Billington** is working for Johnson & Johnson in Cincinatti, OH and has a son named Lance. **Mike Kegler** was medically ret after a hit-and-run driver hit him over two yrs ago. Not to worry; he is OK. **Kevin Turner** is raising hell at ADA Advanced Course and is Korea bound. **James Boston** lives in Houston and works for Pepsico/KFC. **Bill Lampley** is with Mobil in FL. **Sean Long** is out and in his second yr of Columbia Law Sch. **Nate Hope** is an FA guy in IOAC, married, with one son. **Dale Willis** is at the EOAC. **Tim White, Paula White (Guilkey)** and **Stephen** are with Project Outreach WP for a yr—and working their tails off, I might add. Stephen just finished a yr as the III Corps Arty Cmdr's aide.

Quote of the mo. "I was promoted to CPT on 1 Nov 91 so I'm sure the whole Cl is promoted by now. There weren't too many behind me in Cl rank." Yes, ladies and gentlemen, **Scott Rainey** wrote and laid it to rest that at least most of the Cl are donning the railroad tracks. Scott finished FAOAC in Jun 91. He signed in at 5–1 FA at Ft Polk in Sep 91 and currently is making things happen as the FSO for TF 4–6 IN. He plans on a move to Ft Hood with his units in fall 93. When I said units, I meant units: TF 4–6 and TF Rainey. TF Rainey has become a full-fledged Army now: **Elaine** (Kempisty '85), Amanda Jean (born 12 Mar 91) and Emily Grace (born 3 Mar 90), seen here [next pg] in a recent family portrait, no doubt run the show in this unit.

As I'm sure all mothers out there will agree, **Scott** assures us that when **Elaine** traded her CPT's bars for the duties of motherhood, she increased her workload three-fold! Scott & Elaine, if the pic is any indication, then you've met the challenge of parenthood. You have a great-looking family.

Did I say great-looking family? Enter **Scott & Irene Rosen** with Stephanie. Stephanie joined the Rosen clan on 25 Mar 90.

Irene (Zatloukal) graduated from the

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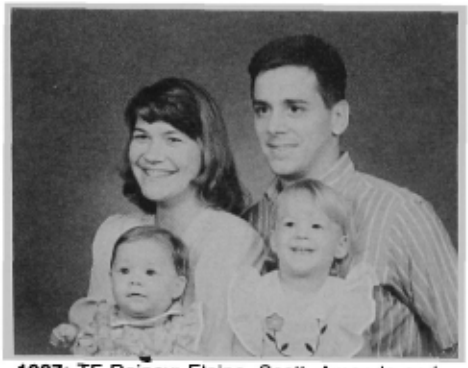

1987: TF Rainey: Elaine, Scott, Amanda and Emily

1987: Irene & Scott Rosen with Stephanie

TCAC in Sep 91 and currently works for the MTMC in Falls Church, VA. **Mark Karasz** graduated as the honor grad in his cl. **Stephanie Pollard** finished up TCAC in Sep, while **Martha Bowmen** and **Chris Rollins** were scheduled to finish in Dec 91. Scott branch-transferred to MI, was finishing the Advanced Course this past fall and was headed for Belvoir. He was joined at Ft Huachuca by **Axa Perwich, Rick Horsley, Julia (Homacher) Wagner, Tanja Shipman** and **Ronnie (Santopolo) Zsido**.

Irene asked for some info from my world, so I'll oblige. I began AOAC in Oct 91. I had the great fortune of sharing my small gp instruction with **Jeff Hassman, Brace Barber, Pat Clark, Andy Miller** and a slew of other great offs and friends. **Jeff** married **Carole** in the summer of 91 and is tentatively headed for Riley. Pat is headed for the altar very soon and will begin another tour in Ger in Apr 92. Brace & **Trista** are doing great and plan to stay at Ft Knox. Andy married a darling of a lady named **Kate**; they also were planning on a tour at Knox. Please realize that I'll forget someone, but here's my best try at a Knox laundry list. **Mark Bliese, Ted Frederick, Al Grein, Doug Cox, Jeff Sauer** and **Paul Kamnikar** all graduated from the AOAC last fall. Joining me for a late Mar 92 graduation are **Mark Rice, Kevin MacWatters, Jim Redwine, Klaus Schmidt, Geoff Farrell, Tom Bruen, Tim Clarke, John Farrari, John Gillord, Mike Johnson, Bill Prior, Brian Raftery, Thad Tolbert, Stan Olenginski, Fred Renzi** and **Shaun Wurzbach**, in addition to the guys in my small gp. I've had a few good belly laughs talking to everyone, reliving the OC Hack during our PT test in sub-zero temperatures and throwing ice cream at Mark Rice, but that's an entirely different story. Good times, but I'm looking forward to Ft Riley myself.

Besty Barron sent a great Christmas message and asked me to pass along a great big hello. She still lives in Munich and took cmd of the 18th MI Bn HHC in Jun 91. She finished a master's program in intl relations at BU last winter and spends her free time taking advantage of *tour de* Europe. Paris, London, Berlin, Luxembourg, the Riviera, Amsterdam, Switzerland and every other imaginable place have greeted Betsy in her travels. With all the things you've done over the last 4 yrs, where do you get the motivation? Have you been speaking with **Steve Heidecker** and **Bill Leady** or something? Thanks.

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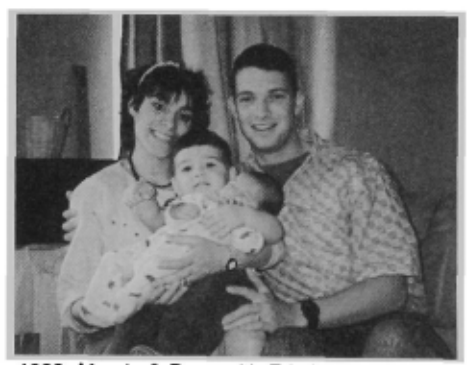
We need to get hopping on the Reunion Cmte. If you would like to volunteer, drop me a note. According to the latest DA board results, 320 of our classmates are now, or will be, out of the Army by Feb.

We have some new kids in the Cl. **Magda & David Bennett** gave birth to Eric Jefferey Bennett on 23 Jun 91. A few mos later both Dave & Magda deployed on a rotation to SWA.



1988: Magda & Dave with Eric in Christopher's arms in Schleid, Ger

1988: Ed with Marisa Lynn

Ed & Marsha Struzik have also multiplied: Marisa Lynn was born in Frankfurt on 17 Jul.

Congrats, everyone.

On a sad note, I regret to inform you of the death of LT **Daniel M Gadbois**. Dan died in Potsdam, Ger on 12 Oct 91. If any of you know of the circumstances, please drop me a note.

Have a Happy New Yr and keep writing.

'89

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Economic problems, mil drawdowns, breakup of empires, Navy beats Army. . . times are tough. But fear not, your faithful scribe is full of news.

Bill Harmon (Pee Wee) sent a sitrep from Ft Hood. He is ops off in an MLRS bn. He sees a lot of **Bill Moore, Bill Montgomery, Jeff Ruffenacht, Cid Carmona, Alex Hicks, Mark Kremer, Bit Rambusch** and **Mike Ball**. Also now in 1 Cav from the deactivating 2AD are **Ruben Lopez, Larry Hamm, Bert Marqueda** and **Fritz Hager**. Bill has been zipping around TX in his Dodge Stealth, much to the chagrin of the highway patrol. Garry Owen!

Cl Pres **Brian Roberts** has re-appeared at Ft Stewart, GA after a *long* TDY in Greece. Apparently, our Cl owes USMA some $4,200 for Cl rings of classmates who got kicked out or failed. There is quite a lot of red tape involved, and we are questioning the procedure. I will say more in future cols. Anyway, Brian has seen the likes of **John Viggiano, Marc Lee, Mark Jennings, Jeff Castille** and **Brendon Welsh**.

Turning to some D-3 "Delta Heat" news, **Tammy Singleton** writes of her "Delta Love" with **James Frezell**, as they got married in Oct 91. James just went to Ft Carson and Tammy is in Stuttgart, trying to get there. **Pam Heckathorn (Shaw)** married MAJ **Doug Shaw** '74 in Dec 90. **Pete Patacsil** and family are in Vilseck. And so the Delta Love continues. . . .

QWC Misenheimer ("Mise") says hello from Ft Hood. Mise had the GSR plt for 312 MI Bn, now is S-2 for 2–8 Cav. Mise has said **Drew & Jen (Ellington) Moore** are up at Ft Lewis. **Tess Sobiesk** is HHC XO for 66 MI Bde here in Ger. **Amy Ritz** finished her tour in Korea; now is a plt ldr in A/312 MI in 1 Cav. Also in Ft Hood, Mise has seen **Tom Weisenfels, Tim Johnson, Joel Bosco, Darrin (DA) Anderson, Paul Metzloff, Dave Seiger, Chris (Chavez) Horton, Carla (Miller) Easter, Mark Soloman, Amy Kerns, Chuck Crane, Jason Walrath, Arlen Ecker, Lars Danner** and **Bryan McClure**. Thanks for the ltr, Mise, and keep pumping that iron!

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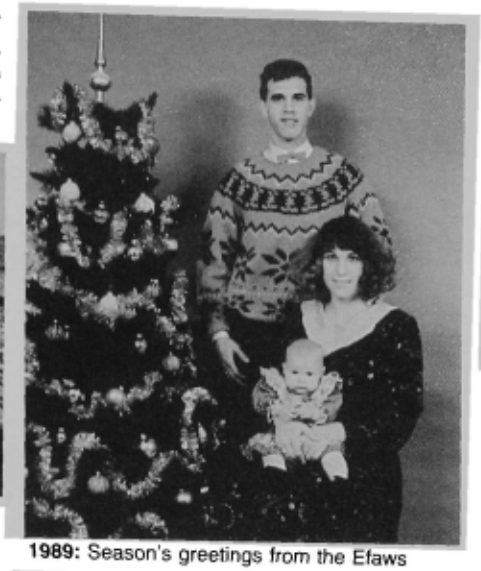
Steven Metze ("**Pez**") says Merry Christmas to all from Ft Hood. Also, Steve is going to hang up the uniform and write a bestseller on "the quintessentials of desert hygiene" (see photo).

1989: Pez on R & R



1989: Season's greetings from the Efaws

1990: Michelle & 2LT Pat Huston, 19 Oct 91

Stacey & Adam Such had their second daughter, Emily Marie, on 18 Sep 91 in Vicenza, Italy. Down in Pizzaland they see **Jon Tellier, Kevin Pettit, Bruce Thorn, Doug Vinson, Steve Mannell, John Gamm, Drew Bartkiewicz** and **John Seamon**. They all spent a few mos in northern Iraq providing security for the Kurds and got promoted in the CZ. Congrats to all!

Dave Harville writes from Ft Hood (lots from Ft Hood this time) where he is ops off for 47th EOD. Dave and **Roy Yan** blew up lots of munitions in the desert. **Steve Svoboda** is in med sch at Univ of MD. Also, **Frank Nocerito**, XO of a Chapparal Btry here in Ger, ran into **Rich Potterton** at Oktoberfest and talked over C-3 times while sipping on some Hofbraus (where were you guys when I ran into the German Golden Gloves champion?)

Andy & Amy (Blanchard) Efaw just had a little girl, Alexandra Nicole, in Jul 91. Amy is now out of the Army and getting a master's in counseling at Liberty Univ by correspondence. Andy is in 2–69 MLRS, Idar-Oberstein, Ger. **Mike & Karen (Dunn) Braun** are both getting out this spring but are currently in Wiesbaden, Ger. **Bill Gebhards** hung up his uniform in Nov 91 because his shoulder is bad from those Army football days. Amy has been keeping in touch with **Tyno & Tanya (Cheek) Carter, Julie King, Sheryl (Swofford) Tullis** and **Kim Griffin**. **Jim & Mary Barren** had twin boys on 19 Oct 91, Max and Jake. They are stationed in Idar-Oberstein, Ger.

Thanks for the ltr, Amy, and keep running!

Nate ("The Voice") Lamar called me recently and announced that he is getting out of the Army and is going to run for IN State Senator next yr. So the campaign begins. Good luck, Nate!

My funny story this time originates from **Dave Harville**. One day on the range at Ft Hood, **Bill Moore** was firing his MLRS plt. One rocket misfired, so

1989: "The Voice" on the Golan Heights

they called EOD. Out comes Dave and his boys, who extract the rocket and blow it up. As Bill thanks Dave and the EOD guys drive away, Bill turns around to see a giant range fire ablaze. Oh, well. EOD 1-MLRS 0.

If I don't get the chance to write all you news-senders back, I apologize. But your efforts are well-appreciated. Thanks for all the spt. For those who bid farewell to Army Blue and don the civ whatever—good luck out there. Stay in touch. I'll still be in the club or in the brush. WE STRENGTHEN THE LINE!

'90

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A few more of our classmates have tied the knot. **Josh King** (I-4) sent me this pic of **Pat** (B-4) **& Michelle Huston**, taken at Pat's house in Westlake, CA on 19 Oct 91. Pat had just finished flight sch and was assigned to Germany. Josh is headed for Ft Huachuca and MI, with Ft Meade, MD as his final destination.

Harry Moreno (E-3) married **Brandy Bauchman** at the WP Chapel on 16 Jun 91. The best man was **Paul Kuznik** (E-3) and the ushers included **Jamie Danner** (E-3) and **Mark Tribus** (H-3). **Ed Hoyt** (E-3) attended the wedding during a visit to the US after his first yr at Oxford. The Morenos spent their honeymoon in St Martin before moving to El Paso, TX. Harry had finished AOBC, Ranger, Abn and the Scout Plt Ldr's course prior to the wedding and is assigned to 3–3 ACR. **Andy Forsell** (I-3), **Al Mannes** (I-3), **Mike Panciera** (H-2), **Paul Reese** (D-2) and **Don Minton** (G-3) are all stationed with Harry and all have tank plts.

Ed Sinsley (A-4) sent word from the 5–7 ADA still in Saudi. He tells me that **Steve Durham** (E-2), **Joe Benz** (H-2) and **Jim Yee** (F-2) are keeping him company. They are supposed to train the Saudis to use the Patriot before they pull out in 92. Right now Ed and Steve are maintenance PL's, which Ed says is like running an Exxon station. Joe and Jim are HQ PL's working with NBC, Stingers and commo.

From Korea, **Larry Perino** (E-3) sends this pic of **Renee Sanchez** (B-2), **Curtis Sawyer** (C-2), **Phil Wahlbom** (A-4) and **Ruben Matos** (H-4). It was taken in the DMZ at Guardpost Oulette, where their bn was the last US unit to turn over responsibilities to the S Koreans. Their unit, 1–503 IN, is now at Camp Howze, where Larry has seen **Jamie Gough** (E-3), **Preston McCormick** (C-1), **Shawn Jordan** (F-2), **Steve Milstein** (E-3), **Mark Stabile** (A-4) and **Stacy Starbuck** (G-4). Some of our CI's new aviators also in S Korea: **Mike Kilbane** (B-1), **Rich Nair** (F-3, **Robert Reppa** (E-3) and **Todd Piett** (A-4).

1990: Renee Sanchez, Curtis Sawyer, Larry Perino, Phil Wahlbom and Ruben Matos

Bill Carrier (A-1) mailed me a book of a ltr that he wrote while working in the simulation ctr during REFORGER 91.

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1990: Harry & Brandy Moreno's wedding

He ran into several of our classmates during his stint in Deutschland. **Tom Jones** (H-3) spent some time on the SimEx and Bill rep that TJ's motivation is at its normal peak. **Ben Bigelow** (B-2) told Bill a few stories about his experiences in Saudi. It seems that while Ben's PSG was driving through the desert he ran into a lone 2LT. When he stopped, the LT asked if he knew if there was a PX around. **Ed Repetski** (B-2) is the alleged master of land navigation. Do you have anything to say for yourself, Ed?

Ted Reich (A-2) had the brutal job of escort duty for REFORGER, escorting VIP's. Also working the exercise was **Dodd Starbird** (B-2). Bill rep that **John Roou** (G-2) is assigned to a Cav unit that actually is activating in Ger, and that **Pat Boyer** (F-3) is getting married (probably has by now) to **Kirsten**, whom he has been dating since Firstie Yr, in CT. Also, walking down the aisle is **Rich Bilello** (B-2), according to Bill.

Bill also heard word from Ft Hood that **Dave Roberts** (F-4) has earned the nickname *"Doogie Howitzer, FA" (because of* his baby face) from the maneuver guys down there.

That is all for now. The Proud and the Mighty.

'91

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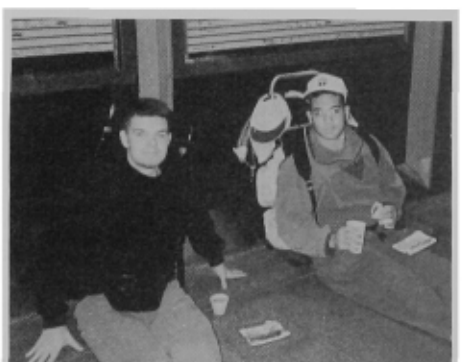
I hope that the holidays were good to all of you. Since the end of last yr the flow of mail has increased and our Cl has been busy.

Scott Feight keeps good tabs on C-2 grads and rep that several Circus mbrs have walked the aisle all over the country since Jun. He rep that **Mike Schultz** finished Abn with no rope burns, no bloody heels and, best of all, no broken bones.

The word from EOBC was that wknds were for the weak. Since I have not heard from any of our young engrs, I'd have to believe that they are too busy in the field to get near anything civilized—like a mailbox.

Todd Tamburino said that he, **Bob Barry, Jack O'Neil, Mark Wells, Tom Cipolla, Rich Stroiney** and **Blake Puckett** were just about done with AOBC at Knox, having a great time in the process. Todd went on to say that his entire AOBC cl went down to the Louisville/Army game, and they were able to behave themselves for a whole 5 mins.



1991: "The goat and his amigo," Terry Rice and EJ Pasteur

I recently heard from our beloved goat, **EJ Pasteur**. I'm including his ltr word-for-word so that you will know how he used the "goat fund" to unselfishly represent us on his European Tour.

"I would like to thank all of my classmates that chipped in for the 'goat fund.' I would like you to know that I put the money to good use. By the way, I collected approximately $1,200 on 1 Jun. Two days later I was on a MAC flight to Ger. I traveled northern Europe with former E-1 Viking **Terry Rice**. We visited several countries including Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Netherlands, Belgium and England. You paid for an exceptionally good dinner at a Russian restaurant in Helsinki. I had (sic) reigndeer (yes, he's our goat!) and Terry had beer. We washed it down with a dry Georgian wine. That dinner cost $200, but we didn't mind, it was your money that we were spending. Seriously though, it was a good trip and I would like to thank my classmates, professors (need I say!) and coach that helped me along the way. Peace, **EJ**." Thanks for the ltr, EJ!

1991: Liz & Clint Schreckhise at their wedding, 2 Jun 91

I would like to close with the first ltr I've received from one of our married classmates. **Clint & Liz Schreckhise** were married on 2 Jun, and I was privileged to attend their beautiful wedding. Liz's father, Sam Wrightson, is a '66 grad.

I know many others in our Cl have married, and I would like to share their wonderful news. I encourage everyone in the Cl to let me know about the interesting things you are doing. The best of luck to all as we tackle our first asgmts—**Troy Prestenberg**.

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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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Carl Frederick Duffner

NO. 6741 CLASS OF 1920

Died 17 April 1990 in Palmer Lake, Colorado, aged 92 years.

Interment: Memorial Gardens, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Carl Frederick Duffner

CARL FREDERICK DUFFNER was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 2 November 1897, the son of Carl A. and Louise A. Duffner. He attended Brown Preparatory school and Drexel Institute in Philadelphia before enlisting during World War I. He served as a first sergeant in the United States Army and was admitted to the United States Military Academy on 14 June 1918 by appointment from the Army. He graduated on 15 June 1920 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry.

Following graduation, Carl attended the student officer basic course at Fort Benning, Georgia and, in June 1921, was placed on detached service to Plattsburgh Barracks, New York as National Matches Range officer until September 1921. A brief illness confined him to Walter Reed Hospital, and, upon release, he was assigned to Camp Dix, New Jersey as company commander with the 26th Infantry until June 1922. His next assignment was to Camp Gaillard, Canal Zone, Service Company with the 42nd Infantry as a prison officer, military police officer, transportation officer and commanding quartermaster until August 1926. Upon return to the United States he was given a temporary assignment with the 16th Infantry, Governors Island, New York and then served at Fort Slocum, New York with the 18th Infantry as company officer, company commander, personnel adjutant and post adjutant until September 1928. Carl's next assignment was as an instructor, South Carolina National Guard, Columbia, South Carolina until September 1932, followed by assignment as platoon and company commander, 29th Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia until May 1936. The next two years Carl served with the 33rd Infantry, Fort Clayton, Canal Zone where he was nicknamed "The Iron Duke." He returned to the States and was assigned to Fort Screven, Georgia, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry as company commander. In July 1940 he was responsible for the construction of ranges and training aides at Camp Wheeler, Georgia; Camp Crowder, Missouri; and Fort McClellan, Alabama. With the entry of the United States into World War II he was assigned, in June 1942, as deputy chief of staff, European Theater of Operations, G-3, Headquarters, Services of Supply, until April 1943. Returning to the States, he assumed the duties of commanding officer, training requirements, Camp Wheeler, Georgia and, in March 1944, became commanding officer, Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Robinson, Arkansas until May 1944. He then served as director, Training, Infantry Replacement Center, Camp Wheeler, Georgia and Fort McClellan, Alabama. From September 1944 until September 1945, Carl served as commanding officer, 290th Infantry, 75th Division, with engagements at the Battle of the Bulge, Colmar, Alsace, Holland and Germany.

It was during the Battle of the Bulge that Carl put his professional career on the line by preventing the further destruction of his decimated and exhausted men. He had mastered several foreign languages and, in the Ruhr Pocket, Carl found a use for his skills. He took a loudspeaker and, in perfect German, exhorted the German troops to "surrender and live, fight on and die." A stream of prisoners poured into the 290th PW cage. Following hostilities he was reassigned to Frankfurt, Germany, as Head, Denazification of German State Railways in the United States Zone, until May 1946. This tour was followed by assignment as commanding officer, First Military Police Service Group, Headquarters European Command, until his return to the States in March 1948. He was assigned as instructor, 39th Infantry Division, Louisiana, Arkansas National Guard. It was during this assignment that he met and married Claudia Russel Dobson. She accompanied him on his last military assignment as commander of United States Forces, Fort Richardson, Alaska, until his retirement in 1953. During his years of service he was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Commendation Ribbon, Croix de Guerre avec Palm (Belgium), two Croix de Guerre avec Palm (France) and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Following retirement Carl served as assistant professor, Military Science and Tactics, DeLaSalle Military Academy. An historian and linguist, Carl completed post-graduate studies in Germany and was director, American Church Center, Munich until 1955. It was his love of teaching that led him to become chairman of the foreign language department at the Air Force Academy High School. In an interview he said, "I like teaching. I have a facility for getting along with young people. It took some adjustment, but in the Army you learn to adjust yourself to the situation." Upon his retirement from the Air Force Academy High School, a scholarship fund was established in his name. He also served as a member of the District 28 School Board, Palmer Lake Council and the Palmer Lake Planning Commission. As a member of the St. Philip in the Field Episcopal Church, he served on the Bishop's Committee and was a lay reader.

Colonel Duffner had a gruff exterior and made no pretense about where he stood. He was always ready to go the limit, opinionated but considerate of the opinions of others. Only those who served with him will ever know how many lives were saved by complying with his strict standards of discipline. Carl was born to serve his country and the Army he loved so well. In a letter following his passing a former executive officer wrote, "We have lost a courageous friend and leader, to whom we all owe a great debt of gratitude. His considerable military skills enhanced our chances of victory against a determined foe."

He was interred with full military honors in Memorial Gardens in Colorado Springs next to his beloved wife Claudia. He was survived by his sister Thelma B. Schwandt; his niece-in-law Mary Alice Dobson; and his cousin Colonel Leo C. Schmidt, Jr., USAF Retired.

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Ernest Victor Holmes

NO. 7691 CLASS OF 1925

Died 29 October 1990 in Kula, Hawaii, aged 87 years.

Cremated: ashes strewn in the ocean along the coast of Maui, Hawaii.

BRIGADIER GENERAL Ernest V. Holmes was born in Defiance, Iowa on 7 July 1903. He graduated from West Point in 1925 and was assigned as a second lieutenant in the 1st Battalion, 2nd Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After a tour in the Philippines he was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1931. He then served with the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1933–35 in Texas. After this service he returned to Fort Sill and commanded Battery B, 1st Field Artillery until 1936. He was an ROTC

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Ernest Victor Holmes

instructor at Purdue University until 1940 and then joined the 13th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He was present for the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941 with the 24th Division Artillery. He was assigned to Hawaiian Artillery command as Field Artillery representative and, upon promotion to colonel, became chief of staff. He became G-3 (operations planning), US Armed Forces Pacific Ocean Areas until reassignment to the mainland in January 1946. During the war he participated with the 7th Division in the attack on Kwajelein. He also attended and graduated from the Command and General Staff School during this period. His first mainland assignment after the war was as senior Field Artillery instructor with the California National Guard from 1946–49. In 1946 he married Lani Bowman Wood from Hawaii. In 1949 he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan as chief of staff and traveled to Korea after the declaration of hostilities in July 1950. He was injured on Christmas Day 1950 and evacuated to Tripler Hospital. After he recovered from his wounds he was assigned to the G-3 section in the Pentagon, where he remained until 1954 when he was promoted to brigadier general and commanded the 4th Armored Division Artillery at Fort Hood, Texas. He retired from the Army on 31 July 1955.

After retirement he became the director of the Emergency Planning Department of Commerce until 1962, when he retired for the second time. We lived near Fairfax, Virginia until moving to Hawaii in 1964. [In his words] "He enjoyed the paradise of the Pacific until June 1981, when he had two severe heart attacks."

During his career he was awarded the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with V for Valor with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart.

My husband lived a full life, had joy with it, was admired by all who came in contact with him and was loved by his family.

He is survived by his wife Lani; sons Victor and Richard; daughter Roberta Smith; sister Mrs. Robert E. Smith; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lani Holmes

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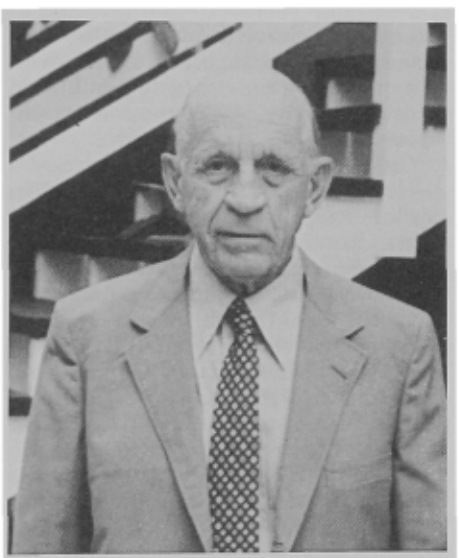
Harry Cromartie Kirby

NO. 8258 CLASS OF 1928

Died 20 January 1991 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 84 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.



Harry Cromartie Kirby

HARRY CROMARTIE KIRBY was born in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on 8 April 1906. His father was Colonel Henry Kirby, West Point Class of 1877. His grandfather, Emil Adam, was a major with the Union Army during the Civil War.

Harry Kirby's early years were spent with his parents at posts in Iowa, Missouri, the Philippine Islands, Arizona and New York. His father retired in 1914 and settled in Asheville, North Carolina.

Harry attended Asheville School and the University of North Carolina before entering West Point in the fall of 1924.

After graduating from West Point in 1928, he served as a second lieutenant at Fort Jay, New York and Camp Dix, New Jersey. He then went to Brooks Field and Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, where he met and married Estelle Stauss in 1931. After their honeymoon they went to Fort Benning, Georgia, and then to the Panama Canal Zone, where for four years he served as General Lytle Brown's aide.

In 1937 Harry returned to the States and served at Fort McClellan, Alabama and Fort Benning, Georgia. He attended the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and graduated second in his class of over 700. Then he was assigned to Fort McClellan, Alabama. In the summer of 1943 he served as the G-3 of the 71st Light Division at Colorado Springs, Colorado. In December 1943 he was sent on a secret mission to Washington, DC and then to Italy. He then was transferred to Washington, DC and retired as a lieutenant colonel for physical disability on 31 December 1944.

He settled with his family the next year in San Antonio, Texas. He had his own business in architectural products and later as a broker for stocks.

He enjoyed his weekly games of golf, bridge and poker. He, together with his wife, Estelle, enjoyed fishing on the Texas coast and in Colorado and bird hunting in South Texas. They both enjoyed traveling extensively in the western United States and Canada in their Winnebago. They took a four-month trip around the world in 1963. It was during that trip that they visited posts in the Philippines where he lived as a boy. Later, they went back to Europe, Russia and the Caribbean several times and to the Far East.

Harry Kirby is survived by his wife and two sons: Edward Kirby, an architect in Albany, New York and Dr. Gerald Kirby of New Orleans; five grandchildren; and many, many friends.

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Harding Palmer

NO. 8777 CLASS OF 1929

Died 2 February 1991 in Jacksonville, Florida, aged 83 years.

Ashes interred at the Parkwood Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

HARDING PALMER was born on 5 July 1907 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the elder son of Brigadier General Bruce Palmer, Sr, U.S. Army and Madeline Rebecca Harding, a concert pianist from a prominent Chicago family. As an Army brat, Harding grew up in many different places in the United States and abroad, including two tours in the Philippines. After winning a presidential appointment, he entered the Military Academy in 1924, only to be "found" a year later and turned back to join the Class of 1929. Nicknamed "Pee-Willie," he studied no more than necessary and enjoyed being a bonafide "goat." At West Point he "boned" romantic poetry and classical music while also playing in the cadet orchestra and working on the *Pointer* staff.

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Harding Palmer

Graduating very near the bottom of his class, Harding was commissioned in the Infantry and assigned to the 38th Infantry at Fort Douglas, Utah. Less than a year later he resigned his regular commission but retained a reserve commission. His timing was poor, however, as the Great Depression had begun. When the Civilian Conservation Corps was formed, Harding was recalled to active duty, commanding two CCC camps in the Middle West.

In the early 1930's Harding settled in southern California, where he married a charming school teacher, Amy Lucia Rickard, on 23 April 1932. They established their home in San Marino, California and were blessed with two lovely daughters, Lucia and Barbara. He worked first for Sears and then for the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation as an industrial engineer. He also joined the California National Guard, earning a promotion to captain.

On Pearl Harbor Day he was assistant chief industrial engineer of Lockheed on the eve of an enormous expansion of the American aircraft industry. Had Harding remained with Lockheed during the war, he undoubtedly would have made a fortune. But his deep sense of duty intervened, and, in February 1943, he went on active duty as a first lieutenant, serving with various anti-aircraft units on the West Coast. Promoted to captain, he went overseas in August 1945 in the Pacific Theater of Operations and, as the war ended, joined the Occupation forces in Japan, where he commanded an anti-aircraft half-track battery near Yokohama. In September 1946 he returned to the United States and terminated his military service.

He returned to Japan for three years, 1948–51, to serve as a U.S. Civil Service industrial engineer with the Civil Communications Section of General MacArthur's Supreme Headquarters, engaged in rehabilitating the Japanese electronics and communications industries. He and his family lived simply in a Japanese home in suburban Tokyo, where they enjoyed their friendly Japanese neighbors.

Returning stateside, he worked for the next three years with Lockheed and North American aircraft corporations successively, followed by three years with the U.S. Commerce Department in California. In 1954 he began a new career as a U.S. Civil Service procurement inspector for the Air Force Inspector General at Norton AFB, California, a job entailing world-wide inspection trips. In 1959 he was transferred to the Atlantic Missile Test Range at Patrick AFB, Florida, involved in overseeing the operation and maintenance contract for the range. He retired in 1967 as a GS-15 and received the prestigious Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding work. Meanwhile, however, Amy had been unwilling to join him in Florida, and in 1961 they were divorced.

On 31 May 1962, Harding married a lovely widow, Sarah Waring Renna, in Melbourne, Florida. For almost 29 years, Sarah gave him a fulfilling and happy life. They both loved the arts; Sarah was an accomplished painter and Harding was a gifted pianist. In 1967 they moved to Jacksonville, Florida where they were very active in cultural pursuits and strong supporters of Jacksonville University and the Parkwood Baptist Church. Harding also was able to establish the proven genealogy for the Palmer family, an enobling mission which he completed in a magnificent way before he died, leaving a priceless legacy to his blood relatives and descendants. During this time he and Sarah became active members of 25 nationally and internationally recognized hereditary and historical societies.

In the fall of 1990, Harding was stricken by liver cancer. With the unfailing and loving care of Sarah, who never left his side, he fought courageously but to no avail. He died in Jacksonville on 2 February 1991. Besides Sarah, he is survived by two daughters, Lucia Luff and Barbara Carr; two grandsons, David and Michael Luff; a granddaughter, Lisa Palmer Greene; his brother, General Bruce Palmer, Jr; and a sister, Sylvia Johnsen. We all loved him dearly and will sorely miss him.

B. Palmer '36

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Dwight Bahney Schannep

NO. 8593 CLASS OF 1929

Died 25 July 1946 near Amami-O-Shima, Ryukyu Islands, Japan, aged 40 years.

Body never recovered; memorialized at the National Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dwight Bahney Schannep

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, my three younger brothers and I lost our dad. We did not know him well, because we ranged in age from only four months to 12 years old. I am the oldest and knew him best, but only recently had the opportunity of a lifetime to more fully research his career and the mystery of his death.

Dwight was born on 24 May 1906 in Versailles, Missouri, the son of Isacc M. and Mary Bahney Schannep. Of the charter members of Boy Scout Troop #1 in Pilot Rock, Oregon, he was the first to pass his tenderfoot test. Upon graduation from Pendleton High School in 1924, Dwight headed for West Point, where he would thereafter be known throughout his Army career as "Shan." At West Point, Shan was involved in athletics from plebe spring football to yearling "A" squad track; was on an intramural lacrosse championship team; set intramural javelin and 100-yard-dash records; played summer camp baseball; sang as first tenor on the Cadet Chapel Choir and Glee Club; and was in the "Hundredth Night Show" cast for three consecutive years. Perhaps because of this active schedule, he took an extra year to graduate with his beloved Class of 1929.

Shan choose the Air Corps and was assigned to March Field, California for Primary Flying School, where he met and married Louise Quinn in June 1930. After earning his wings at Kelly Field, he and Lou traveled to France Field, in the Panama Canal Zone, where Shan was in

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the 24th Pursuit Squadron for two years. From November 1932 to March 1935 Shan was in the 2nd Bombardment Group at Langley Field, Virginia, interrupted by duty with the CCC for six months in 1933. Shan then joined Headquarters 2nd Wing, GHQ at Langley and became aide-de-camp to General H.C. Pratt and transferred in 1937 to Maxwell Field, Alabama. After Air Corps Tactical School, Shan became adjutant until transferring in September 1940 to Fort Douglas, Utah as base executive officer. By November 1942 Shan was division head and assistant chief of staff of the 4th Air Service Area Command for nine western states and was the youngest full colonel in the area's headquarters staff. After assignment to Air Service Command Headquarters in 1943 at Patterson Field, Ohio, Shan became commander of Spokane Air Service Command at Fort George Wright in January 1944. Following graduation from the Army and Navy Staff College in April 1945, Shan went overseas and became group commander of the 317th Troop Carrier Group stationed in Seoul, Korea. In February 1946, he joined the staff as A-4 of the 5th Air Force Headquarters in Tokyo and then Nogoya, Japan.

On 25 July 1946 Shan was returning from a conference in the Philippines, co-piloting a B-17 #3686 *Dixie Belle*, and got radio clearance from Naha, Okinawa to proceed from his present location 35 miles north of Okinawa to his destination at Kanoya, Japan. Two hours later a Navy plane, on patrol in the area, sighted the wreckage of an aircraft and a green dye marker, just west of Amami-O-Shima. A letter from General Ennis Whitehead, commander of the Far East Air Forces, gave "the details concerning the results of the many searches made for Shan's plane. The Navy pilot stated he observed three oil slicks in a triangular pattern indicating a crash instead of an attempted sea landing. No survivors were seen. Subsequently, personnel with interpreters landed on Amami-O-Shima and interrogated the natives, some of whom had found an olive drab flight cap, later identified as belonging to Colonel Krug, one of the passengers" (Leland Oscar Krug was a '38 USMA graduate. Also on board was John Franklin Foy '37). A typhoon passed through the area three days after the plane was lost. Nothing further was ever found of the men or their aircraft. A letter from Headquarters, Army Air Forces in Washington, DC indicated that "positive identification of the wreckage was not made. However, the fact that its position was along the route which Colonel Schannep's aircraft was scheduled to fly, together with other circumstances, indicates that the wreckage was Colonel Schannep's plane." Chaplain Brooks Patten wrote that "it was decided to hold a joint memorial service here in Nagoya for our personnel who were aboard the *Dixie Belle* on Sunday, 11 August 1946. This was a beautiful service in our chapel, with the altar decorated with flowers and flanked on either side by the American and Christian flags. The presence of many of Shan's friends honored him with the full respect and esteem shown by all with whom he was acquainted. We commended his soul's keeping unto God, praying that God would guard and guide him into the full joy and peace of a perfect life." Louise passed away 21 October 1960 in California.

This last winter, my wife Helen and I made an odyssey to the island of Amami-O-Shima, Japan. We did not discover the actual crash site, but we were at least able to see for ourselves the general area where the plane and crew disappeared and pay a final farewell. We took with us a bronze memorial plaque to commemorate the occasion. The local Kasari Museum administration received the plaque and established an exhibit in memory of the officers and men lost near their island those many years ago. A picture of Shan, the two other West Pointers, the *Dixie Belle* and a roster with the names of the 12 crew members and passengers accompanied the plaque that reads: IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR FATHER COLONEL DWIGHT BAHNEY SCHANNEP WHO, WITH HIS FELLOW OFFICERS AND MEN, PERISHED ABOARD THE B-17 *DIXIE BELLE* NEAR AMAMI-O-SHIMA, JULY 25, 1946. YOU HAVE BEEN SADLY MISSED BY YOUR FAMILY.

His sons, JDS (Class of '56); RNS (Class of '60); RDS; and GJS, Chaplain, US Army.

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Edward Thorndike Ashworth

NO. 9681 CLASS OF 1933

Died 24 September 1990 in Salmon, Idaho, aged 83 years.

Interment: Salmon Cemetery, Salmon, Idaho.

EDWARD THORNDIKE ASHWORTH was born on a ranch near Payette, Idaho on 22 July 1907, the eldest of the Reverend and Mrs. Thomas Ashworth's five children. He spent his boyhood on the ranch and attended schools in Payette. In addition to employment on the ranch, Ed was occupied during the summers in a variety of jobs. While still in grade school, he worked in a silver mine and on a sheep ranch. Following his junior year in high school, Ed held a very responsible position as operator of a pumping station that supplied water to several thousand acres of irrigated farm land.

There was time also for recreation, which generally involved semi-pro baseball and fishing trips. On one occasion,

Edward Thorndike Ashworth

Ed and friends made the 400-mile trip to Portland, Oregon in a Model T Bug—quite an achievement considering both the condition of western roads in the 1920's and the questionable reliability of the transportation.

During his senior year in high school, Ed was shipped off to Columbia, Missouri with his brother Tommy (USNA 1931) to attend Hall's War College in preparation for entrance examinations to the Naval Academy. He returned to Payette in time to graduate with his Class of 1925, and in June of that year reported to Annapolis. Midway through his second year he was found deficient in Mathematics and discharged. Reappointed, he failed the physical because of color blindness, thus ending his aspirations for a Naval career.

Returning to Idaho, Ed enlisted in the Idaho National Guard and, through the Guard, won an appointment to West Point. Entering the Academy in 1929, he found himself well prepared academically and militarily. Upon graduation, he stood in the upper third of his class and had attained the rank of cadet captain.

Ed was commissioned in the Coast Artillery and, shortly thereafter, married Edna Groebler of Yonkers, New York. There followed many fine assignments on the West Coast and in Hawaii and the birth of their daughter Jane.

During the war years, Ed served in Alaska and on the War Department General Staff. Then came another tour in Hawaii, followed by attendance at the Armed Forces Staff College. The year 1949 also saw the arrival, in Norfolk, Virginia, of a son, Edward T., Jr.

Ed spent two years with the Joint Chief of Staff and in 1953 attended the National War College. Assignments with Air Defense Commands interspersed with tours in Taiwan and the Pentagon closed out his service. In 1963 cancer of the throat requiring major surgery result-

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ed in his retirement with full disability after 30 years' service. Cancer was not to appear again until 1989.

Ed, Edna and young Eddy lived for a time in Carmel, California. Eddy later entered the Army and became a successful helicopter pilot in Vietnam. The family then decided to move north to Federal Way, Washington. However, Idaho always held a fascination for Ed, and, after checking out many localities, he and Edna left Federal Way and settled on ten acres of land along the Salmon River, a few miles south of Salmon, Idaho. After several pleasant years Edna's health began to fail, and she died in 1984 after a long illness. Ed moved to a new location, also near Salmon, and continued his close association with the people of Salmon; the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer where he served as Junior Warden; the American Legion; and the Elks Club.

During the last days of Edna's illness her registered nurse was Suzanne Figley of Salmon. A close relationship developed between Sue and Ed. They were married in the Church of the Redeemer, with Ed's children and other members of the family in attendance. Together they engaged in many activities, bought a motor home and traveled extensively throughout the country, keeping in close contact with family and friends.

The year 1989 brought an end to their happy days. Ed's daughter Jane, the wife of Air Force Major General Edwin W. Robertson (USMA 1947), died of cancer. This wonderful young woman and her family meant everything to Ed, and her death proved devastating. Just prior to this great loss, Ed was afflicted with lung cancer. All treatment failed and death came inevitably in September of the following year. Fortunately, Ed was blessed with a loving wife who tended him at home throughout his illness and never left his side.

Funeral services were held at the Church of the Redeemer, followed by burial in the Salmon Cemetery. Ed's brother, the Reverend Geoffrey W. Ashworth, officiated. Military honors were rendered by the American Legion, Lloyd Shaw Post No. 67. He now rests in one of the most beautiful parts of Idaho, the state he always loved.

If you should ask any of those who knew him what they remember most about Colonel Ashworth, they would tell you, "he was always a gentleman."

His family

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Theodore John Conway

NO. 9644 CLASS OF 1933

Died 11 September 1990 in St. Petersburg, Florida, aged 81 years.

Interment: San Francisco National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, California.

Theodore John Conway

THEODORE JOHN CONWAY, "Ted" to his friends and classmates, was born in Vallejo, California on 24 July 1909, the son of Theodore Allen Barnewitz and Ruth Irene Quinn. His father died when Ted was 5, and his mother married Captain (Infantry) William L. Conway. Ted graduated from Galileo High School (San Francisco) in 1927 and in 1929 received an appointment to West Point from the Honorable Richard T. Welch, 5th Congressional District, California.

Before entering the Military Academy, Ted had three and a half years Junior ROTC at Galileo, four years CMTC at Camp Del Monte, California, and had served a year as a private in Company I, 30th Infantry.

At West Point Ted displayed the qualities that would become his hallmark in later years: well-rounded, industrious, steadfast of purpose, good-natured, understanding. He played baseball all four years, winning his major "A" as a second classman; won a minor "A" in soccer; wore the stars of academic excellence; and commanded the Second Battalion, USCC throughout first class year.

As a cadet, Ted was normally "low key." "Modesty is his prime virtue," wrote his *Howitzer* biographer, "coupled with an unfaltering sense of duty. Officially, he has the force of TNT or amatol; (yet) his friendship is as soothing as Aqua Velva. A pint of ice cream and a good book are his true loves. . . . "

Of his experiences immediately following graduation, we can best let Ted speak for himself: "Twenty-one of our Class, in various stages of matrimony, reported to Fort Benning, Georgia in the fall of 1933. I was one of the bachelors who fell (or was pushed?) into matrimony at this tender age, marrying Eleanor Wright. (Her dad was the post inspector and I was short 18 horse blankets—at $7.50 a throw. I've always considered this a bargain.)

"At Benning we enjoyed four years of post life at a time when responsibilities were light and one had the opportunity to play baseball or tennis.

"In 1937–38 I was detailed to Paris as a language student, then sent to West Point for three very pleasant years as a French instructor. There we started to raise a family. Daughters Laura and Ruth arrived before the war."

During World War II Ted held a succession of key assignments. "[I was sent] overseas (to London) in 1942," he writes, "thence on to North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Southern France, and back to Italy, where I finished the war with the Fifth Army near Verona."

During that period he served with the 9th Infantry Division, VI Army Corps, and Headquarters, Fifth US Army. His service included battalion and regimental command and duty as aide-de-camp to British General Sir Harold Alexander. He was one of the American officers who planned the Commando raid at Dieppe and participated as a shipboard observer on the British destroyer, *Alderney*.

After the war, he was assigned to the Strategic Plans Branch of Operations Division (OPD). In 1947 Eleanor presented him with a son, John Wright Conway. In 1948 Ted attended the Armed Forces Staff College and then served as instructor, returning to Washington in 1950 to attend the National War College.

Ted went (at age 43) to the Airborne School and qualified as a parachutist before reporting to Fort Campbell to command the 188th Airborne Infantry Regiment. Later he became chief of staff of the 11th Airborne Division.

Ted served next with a NATO command, Allied Land Forces, Central Europe (ALFCE), with headquarters at Fontainbleau.

Returning to the Pentagon in 1955, he was promoted to brigadier general and served as director of Army Research. In 1959–60 he was with KMAG in Wonju, Korea. In 1961 he commanded the 82d Airborne Division. In 1962 he was posted to Bangkok as chief, U.S. Advisory Group, Thailand, and in 1963 to Seoul, where he was promoted to lieutenant general and became deputy commanding general, Eighth U.S. Army.

Back to the Pentagon in 1965, Ted became assistant chief of staff for Force Development. Upon leaving this assign-

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ment he became commanding general of the Seventh U.S. Army in Germany.

His final active-duty assignment (November 1966) was as commander-in-chief of the U.S. Strike Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He was concurrently commander-in-chief, Middle East, Southern Asia and Africa South of the Sahara. During this period he was honored as the Kermit Roosevelt Exchange Lecturer to the United Kingdom for 1969.

Ted retired in 1969, having completed more than 42 years of distinguished service to his country. His decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster; Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; French Legion of Honor; French Croix de Guerre with Palm; Czech-Slovak Military Cross; Polish Golden Cross of Merit with Swords; British OBE; Italian Order of the Crown; and the (US Army) Distinguished Service Medal.

"When I retired in 1969," wrote Ted in 1933's *40-Year Book*, "it was just a short step ($1.80 travel expenses) to St. Petersburg, where we since have been living.

" I went back to school, receiving an MA in international relations at the University of South Florida in 1975. We spent three years at Duke University (1978–81), where I was a graduate student in history"—and, he neglects to say, earned his doctorate at age 76.

The Conways' lives were not without sadness. "According to a friend of ours," Ted wrote, " 'Old age is not for sissies.' Though we had looked forward to the 'golden years,' personal tragedies shaped our thoughts and our lives during some of those days. Our son John, a veteran of Vietnam (3d Brigade, 82d Airborne Division), was killed in a parachute accident in 1977.

"In 1980 Eleanor was hit by a car in Durham, North Carolina. Her left leg was shattered in three places. Now she can walk with a cane. . . . "

In 1989 Ted learned of the cancer which was ultimately to take his life. He met this event with resolution and courage, sharing knowledge of his condition with only a limited number of friends apart from the immediate family. He died as he had lived, with dignity, quiet acceptance of reality and gallantry. Ted was, first and foremost, a soldier.

Much of this account has summarized the steady achievements of a dedicated professional soldier, a man who truly "filled the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run." Yet no less significant were the human and humane qualities of this warm and generous man—his enthusiasm, his keen sense of humor, his unfailing good humor in the face of adversity, his attributes as a cherished son, husband, father, comrade and friend. In these respects, no less than for his brilliant career, he is a shining light in the memories of all who knew him.

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Robert Penn Thompson

NO. 9727 CLASS OF 1933

Died 10 September 1990 in Alexandria, Virginia, aged 80 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Robert Penn Thompson

ROBERT PENN THOMPSON, son of Edward S. Thompson and Elizabeth MacDonald Urquhart, was born in Omaha on 23 November 1909. He attended Columbia Elementary School and Omaha Central High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and the journalism club and a lieutenant in the cadet regiment. Graduating in June 1927, he attended the University of Nebraska for one semester before entering West Point with the Class of 1933.

Bob was a happy cadet. "He is easy to get along with, efficient and generous," wrote his *Howitzer* biographer. He took part in many activities, including four years on the *Howitzer* staff; four with the Hundredth Night Show ("he had no equal when it came to costuming and making up the cast"); and, as a first classman, membership on the Camp Illumination Committee.

Upon graduation Bob was commissioned in the Field Artillery and sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, where he served with Battery B, 1st Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery. Next came Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) duty at Fort Knox (1934–35), followed by duty with the 68th Field Artillery.

During this fifth year of service Bob underwent two momentous experiences: The first (at Fort Knox) was an accident in an autogyro, from which he parachuted to earth and fractured a shoulder, earning his membership in the "Caterpillar Club." In early 1938, still recovering, he was assigned to the 18th Field Artillery at Fort Sill.

The second, more auspicious event was his marriage in June 1938 to the lovely Lucy Lee Randol, whose father commanded the 1st Field Artillery. Fittingly, his classmates gave the newlyweds the traditional "Caisson ride", closely followed, to the amusement of the spectators, by photographers in an official Fort Sill van, marked "Reproduction Department."

In December 1940, while he was Regimental Motor and Supply Officer of the 17th Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, Lucy Lee presented him with their daughter Marsha, named after her grandfather, Colonel Marshall Randol.

From April to December 1941 he served at Pine Camp, New York as battery commander, Battery B, 66th Field Artillery Battalion, 4th Armored Division; then he attended the 6th Special Course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth; after that he became assistant G-3, then G-3, 8th Armored Division at Fort Knox. From November 1942 to August 1943 he commanded an armored field artillery battalion and then served as executive officer, 8th Armored Division Artillery at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

In September 1943 Bob was ordered to the India-Burma Theater, where he served in several assignments, including chief liaison officer to the 38th Chinese Division, for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit and the (Chinese) Order of the Cloud and Banner.

Following the war Bob was selected to attend the Staff Officers Course in Asiatic Studies at Yale University. Then, early in 1946, he served in Tokyo as deputy headquarters commandant at General MacArthur's headquarters.

Returning to CONUS in 1947, Bob went to Fort McPherson, Georgia for three years in G-1, Headquarters Third Army. Moving from staff to troops, he commanded the 30th Field Artillery Battalion and then became the executive officer of V Corps Artillery at Fort Bragg (1950–51). He then attended the first Army War College class at Carlisle Barracks.

Baumholder, Germany was next, as executive officer, 2d Armored Division Artillery (1952–53). Then came duty as G-1 at the Communications Zone Headquarters in Orleans, France (1953–55) and a return to CONUS as an instructor at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia (1955–58).

The Thompsons' next move was a short one to Fort Monroe, Virginia, where he became executive officer of the Plans and Training Division, Headquar-

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ters Continental Army Command, under General Bruce Clarke.

From Fort Monroe Bob returned to the Far East, this time to the Republic of China on Taiwan, where he served (1961–62) with the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) as senior advisor to the Chinese National War College and the Armed Forces Staff College. Bob retired for physical disability at Fitzsimmons General Hospital on 12 June 1962, after 29 years of distinguished service.

Upon retiring, Bob enrolled at Duke University and in July 1963 was awarded a master of arts degree in teaching.

The Thompsons moved to Leawood, Kansas, where he taught math at the Barstow School of Kansas City. In May 1966 they moved to northern Virginia, where he was employed as an operations research analyst with the Combat Operations Research Group (CORG), a division of Technical Operations, Inc. (1966–69). Bob then resumed teaching at the Annandale Campus of Northern Virginia Community College until June 1973.

In our *40-Year Book* he wrote of time spent in travels, gardening and fishing. Then, "Lucy Lee and I have been very pleased with our move to the DC area. We especially enjoy our association with our classmates and their gals here, and with the many others who visit. We would not have missed it for the world."

In January 1978, however, tragedy struck—Bob lost his beloved Lucy Lee. Classmates gathered at her funeral to comfort him and their daughter Marsha (now Marsha Fancher).

But in the following year, as Bob reports in 1933's *50-Year Book*, "I was blessed with the good fortune of marrying Margaret Ellen Kolls of Arlington, Virginia. She became an instant member of the Class of 1933, and I became an instant grandfather. Our hobbies now are golf, travel, art and museums. . . ."

In 1983 Bob and Margaret settled in Alexandria, Virginia. They traveled extensively in the years that followed but in September 1990, after a full and happy life, Bob died peacefully at home from heart failure.

Bob is survived by his widow, Margaret, his daughter Marsha and his many friends. As an actor on the stage of life, he played his roles superlatively: as a soldier, husband, father and West Pointer. He brought to each a quiet dignity of strength, warmth, integrity, steadfastness of purpose and loyalty, for which he will long be remembered.

Two classmates

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Ronald LeVerne Martin

NO. 10011 CLASS OF 1934

Died 8 June 1989 in Orlando, Florida, aged 78 years.

Cremated.

Ronald LeVerne Martin

RONALD L. MARTIN was born in Batesville, Indiana on 18 July 1910. After graduating from high school he entered the University of Cincinnati in Ohio. He enrolled in the Engineering School under the Cooperative Plan, attending classes one month and working the next. After three semesters the Depression of 1929 had wiped out all the jobs for students, so he had to return home.

Within a few months he discovered a congressman who had a second alternate appointment for West Point available. Ron was the only candidate to pass both examinations, so he reported to West Point on 1 July 1930 to enter with the Class of 1934. He had joined the Ohio National Guard while at the University and also had a semester of ROTC, so the first shock of West Point was somewhat tempered. Except for being captain of the track team and holding the Academy pole vault record for several years, life as a cadet was rather routine.

Upon graduation he was assigned to the Third Field Artillery Battalion (horse) at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Shortly before reporting, he married Ruby E. (Sandy) Shane, his hometown OAO of ten years. Life at Sheridan, in the heart of a civilian community where polo, hunting and horse shows were common pastimes, was exciting and pleasant. After four years, and shortly before the birth of their first daughter, Ron was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

He spent one year at Sill while attending the Battery Officers Course of the Field Artillery School. At the close of the school year he won the Commandant's Cup at the annual horse show. His next assignment was to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he commanded the Horse Section of the Hawaiian Division Pack Train. This duty was interesting but hardly the place to improve an artilleryman's skills. Eventually he accepted the offer of a detail to the Army Chemical Warfare Service, with the expectation of getting graduate schooling at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He was returned to the Mainland shortly before Pearl Harbor, but civilian schooling was suspended for the duration. He became a member of the Staff and Faculty of the Chemical Warfare Service School at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, where he remained for two years. His second and third daughters were born during this period, one at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington and the other at Edgewood Arsenal.

He then was ordered to Washington for duty in the Office of the Chief Chemical Officer of the Army. This was followed by a detail to the G-3 Division of the WDGS. In early January 1944 he requested assignment to a combat area and a month later was in England. His mission was to organize and train a chemical mortar battalion.

This new unit, the 92nd Chemical Mortar Battalion, was not included in the ETO Troop Basis. As a consequence, nearly all the personnel, equipment and supplies came from excesses in units already in ETO. This presented many problems. Despite this, the battalion fired over 3,000 rounds of HE ammunition during its first combat mission during the first week of July 1944, in support of the 30th Infantry Division during its crossing of the Vine River en route to St Lo. By mid-April 1945, the battalion had crossed the Elbe River south of Magdeburg in support of the 83rd Infantry Division. Orders removed the battalion from the line and started it back to the USA, where it later joined up with the 104th Infantry Division at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. It was deactivated in October 1945. The battalion received credit for six campaigns. Ron received a Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars and the Croix de Guerre during the brief life of the unit.

Ron spent the next few years in command and administrative positions with the Chemical Corps in both Maryland and Washington, DC. He received an MBA from Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania in 1948, and in 1951 he returned to Germany as chemical officer of Seventh U.S. Army in Stuttgart. He and his family traveled extensively during this tour. After three years he was sent to Atlanta to be the chemical officer of Third U.S. Army. Shortly thereafter he arranged to be detailed to the Air-

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borne School at Fort Benning. He hoped to be assigned to an Airborne unit upon completion of jump training but was sent to Washington as chief, Research and Development Division, Office of the Chief Chemical Officer. He then attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, after which he commanded Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Denver, Colorado for one year. He then returned to Washington as deputy commander of the Chemical Corps Research and Development Command.

It was now early 1960 and Ron was facing the problem of having two daughters marrying within a few months. He decided it was time to retire and move to Northwest New Mexico. He chose Farmington in the Four Corners area. At 5400 feet elevation and with mostly sunny and warm days, this was a lovely location. During their fourteen years there, his third daughter graduated from New Mexico University of Albuquerque and later married there. Ron taught both junior and senior high school, as well as one year at a Navajo mission school. He worked in civil defense and spent his last six years as municipal judge, City of Farmington.

Finally, because both Sandy and Ron developed allergies to the sun and some pollens, they reluctantly left Farmington. They spent the next two years in a motor home exploring much of the USA and a good deal of Mexico. They finally settled in Homestead, Florida but eventually moved to the Orlando area. They have nine grandchildren, several of whom are in college.

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Frank Ray Harrison

NO. 11030 CLASS OF 1937

Died 8 September 1988 in San Jose, California, aged 76 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

ON 8 SEPTEMBER Frank Harrison left the two things that he loved most in this life: his country and his family.

He was born in Jacksonville, Florida on 31 March 1912, the second son of Colonel and Mrs. Samuel Charles Harrison. Sam had received an appointment to West Point, but his father, a Confederate veteran, would not allow him to attend. Sam entered the Regular Army from the Florida National Guard and became a colonel in the Infantry before World War I, never forgetting his dream to attend the Academy. When Frank was born, he assumed his father's legacy.

Frank attended Stanton Prep School, entered West Point in July 1931 and was turned out January 1933. He then spent one and a half years at Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama and became a second lieutenant in the Reserves, joining the Class of 1937 as a yearling. He was known as ". . . the least GI. . . wholesome but not boisterous. . . quietly firm, a man, men's style." Studying was never one of Frank's strengths, but, with the help of his roommates, Jim Duncan and "Doc" Leist, he graduated in 1937.

Frank Ray Harrison

Frank's first station was at Fort Sheridan, Illinois as a platoon leader in the 2d Infantry until ordered to the Philippines in early 1938, where he served as platoon leader in the 31st Infantry. Shortly after his arrival he met Jean Ervin Chandler, stepdaughter of Captain K. L. Hill, Annapolis 1917. Nine days later Frank asked Jean to become his bride. They were married 24 May 1938 and began a happy and glorious marriage of 50 years. Their first daughter, Jean Irene, was born 16 months later.

In the late spring of 1940, Frank and family left the Philippines for Fort Benning, Georgia, where he joined the 29th Infantry (school troops) as a platoon leader and later company commander. He was promoted to captain on 9 September 1940. He then was transferred to the 10th Infantry, Fort Thomas, Kentucky as commander of I Company and deployed to Iceland on 5 September 1941. A contemporary, who took over the company from Frank, Captain Stan Hayes described it as "the finest in the regiment due to Frank's leadership and exceptional training standards."

Frank returned home to see his second daughter, Louise, for the first time. He was assigned to Fort Benning as an instructor in the Weapons Section of the Infantry School, advancing to major on 14 November 1942 and to lieutenant colonel on 3 June 1943. In March 1944 he became executive officer of the 310th Infantry, Camp Pickett, Virginia, and later became commanding officer of the 1st Battalion. On Friday, 13 October 1944, the 78th Division, of which the 310th was a part, sailed for England and intensive training.

They then boarded vessels to mainland Europe, and travelled by truck and train to Germany. The last segment of their journey was a ten-mile night march into an assembly area during one of Europe's severest winters. "The early morning of 13 December was extremely cold, and the snow . . . was glazed and deceivingly deep. The troops were thoroughly wet and chilled. . . . Feet were already half frozen (there were never enough overshoes or arctics to go around)." Under these conditions the 1st Battalion received its baptism of fire by attacking the Siegfried Line, a superbly designed and fortified line with resolute defenders. Frank received the coveted Combat Infantryman Badge and the Bronze Star for Valor for this and subsequent actions, including a night attack that culminated in the capture of Imgenbroich. After this there was a "lull," during which the battalion defended against Von Rundstedt's counter-offensive in the Battle of the Bulge. On the offensive again, the 1st Battalion gained its objective against great odds—the high ground overlooking the Roer River dams, which had held up the Third Army for months. This set the stage for the race to the Rhine, which Frank missed because he was ordered to Ground Forces Training Center in Europe to train officers of the United States and Allied Armies. He received the first Oak Leaf Cluster to his Bronze Star for this duty.

Frank returned to the Infantry School, again as an instructor, until he was transferred with his family to Japan, arriving 1 September 1946. In GHQ he served successively as chief of the Administrative Division of the Government Section and chief of Civilian Fuels Branch, G-4. His third daughter, Joan Elizabeth, was born in Japan.

The Harrisons returned to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where Frank was an instructor until he joined the regular course as a student in August 1949. After graduation he joined the G-4 Section of the 4th Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas for two years and then went on a one-year unaccompanied tour to Turkey, where he was the field training team chief in Bursa. Just before leaving Turkey he was promoted to colonel on 27 August 1952.

After Turkey, Frank had a short tour in Washington, DC as chief of the Management Division of the Army Audit Agency. He then went with his family to the Antilles Command, U.S. Army Caribbean, Puerto Rico, where he had the most enjoyable assignment of his career. He was the commanding officer of Fort Buchanan for a short period before becoming commanding officer of Camp Losey and the 296th Regimental Combat Team, which later became the 65th Infantry.

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After graduating from the Army War College he spent three years at Fort Monroe, Virginia in the G-4 Section of Continental Army Command. His last duty there was as chief of the Infantry Weapons and Field Equipment Division. From there he went to his last tour of duty as commanding officer, Mississippi Sector Command IV US Army Corps at Fort Jackson. He retired there on 31 May 1962.

Frank and his family returned to their beloved home and friends in San Antonio and, for twenty-three years, enjoyed the fruits of his endeavors and the companionship of his classmates and cohorts. In 1972 Jean and Frank experienced the greatest tragedy of their lives: the death of their oldest daughter, Jean Irene, from an apparent blood clot. The comfort of their friends and family helped to pull them through this most difficult time.

In 1976 Frank experienced his first health setback, a massive coronary. Despite numerous medical problems, he fought with the same determination that characterized his military service. Although given only two years to live, he managed to live another twelve. After major surgery in 1983, he and Jean moved to San Jose, California in order to be near their two daughters and their families. In September 1988 Frank passed away from a coronary. His beloved wife, Jean, joined him just six weeks later, following a pattern established by Frank during their life together: he would always go first to prepare the way.

His final wish, that he and Jean be buried in Arlington next to his parents, was fulfilled. At the service he was honored by the reading of a poem written by his granddaughter Audrey, who inherited Frank's love of poetry. Frank and Jean are survived by two daughters, Louise and Joan, eight grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

Frank lived his life committed to the Code and a firm belief that one must take the "harder right instead of the easier wrong." His charm, contagious laughter, rollicking sense of humor, twinkling eyes and genuine love of life will always be remembered by those who had the pleasure of knowing him. In summary one would say of Frank, "Well Done!"

His daughter Joanie and classmate
Don Shive

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Charles Francis Mitchim

NO. 10744 CLASS OF 1937

Died 3 August 1990 in Winona, Mississippi, aged 79 years.

Interment: Oak Wood Cemetery, Winona, Mississippi.

Charles Francis Mitchim

"MITCH," AS HE WAS CALLED by his classmates, was born 29 June 1911 in DeSoto, Missouri, one of three children of Lillian W. and Charles C. Mitchim. Because of his mother's poor health, the family relocated to Mississippi to be near family. Following the death of both parents, Charles was cared for by an aunt. He graduated from Inverness, Mississippi High School in 1929.

During the summers, Charles worked as a construction worker in Missouri and as a wheat harvester in Nebraska in order to be able to attend Sunflower Junior College, where he graduated with honors. The Depression was in full swing, so he worked as a filling station attendant and laid claim to being "the best gas pumper and flat fixer in the Mississippi Delta." However, he continued to pursue his higher education. An aunt arranged an interview with Congressional Representative William M. Whittington of Mississippi, which resulted in Charles' appointment to West Point in 1933.

He arrived at West Shore Station on 2 July 1933 and was greeted by two upperclassmen who initiated him into the austerity of the grey walls of Beast Barracks. The young cadet found the academic arrangements a welcome challenge. Missing stars by a scant margin in his plebe year, he came back to take them in succeeding years, enjoying every challenge of cadet life.

His highest grades were in math, and several classmates declared "Mitch's tutoring in difficult math and physics courses was our only prayer to graduate." He was selected battalion commander, an office that was a great honor to him. Mitch graduated on 12 June 1937, ranking seventh in a class of 246, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Engineer Corps. He subsequently entered the University of California, Berkeley in June 1938 and earned a master of science in civil engineering in May 1939, graduating with honors.

On 3 August 1937, Charles married his sweetheart of six years, Eleanor Lucyle Outlaw. Their only son, Charles Amos, was born in Walter Reed Hospital, 31 August 1945.

Mitch's first duty assignment in 1939 was at Fort Belvoir, Virginia assisting in planning and supervising military engineers' training in roads, bridges and fortifications. He progressed in rank and responsibility from executive officer to company commander, 97th Engineer Construction Battalion to commander of the 97th Engineers and General Service Regiment, where he was the supervisor for the final location and construction of 200 miles of the northern sector of the Alaska Highway extending from Slana, Alaska, to the White River in the Yukon Territory. In 1943–44, as regimental commander, 97th Engineer Service, Charles was responsible for extensive rehabilitation of another 175 miles of highway connecting Fairbanks and Circle, Alaska. For this he was awarded the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster. Upon completion of this project, Charles was returned to the U.S. to retrain the regiment for transfer to New Guinea.

At the Army War College, he assisted the branch chief in preparing plans and instructions for training all US Army Engineer Troops. Additional tours of duty included Norway, Belgium and France. In 1953 Charles received special orders to participate as an observer in Exercise Desert Rock. This was a top-secret explosion of an atomic bomb, an awesome experience which was greater than the Hiroshima blast.

For service rendered during his Army career, Charles was also awarded the American Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, EAME Campaign Medal, Asia Pacific Medal, World War II Victory Medal, WDGS Ident and the National Defense Service Medal. Colonel Mitchim retired in December 1962.

Upon retirement from the Army, Charles sought a civilian career that had no mandatory retirement age and would be community-service oriented. He chose optometry and returned to school.

Older than his fellow students and even some of the faculty members, the new civilian was advised by the dean that he might find the curriculum challenging, but the advice only strengthened his determination. He graduated with highest honors as a doctor of op-

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tometry from the Los Angeles College of Optometry in June 1967.

His second career led Charles and Lucyle back to a small Mississippi town. In Winona he enjoyed years of fulfillment and pleasure. Though West Point and his Army career always commanded his greatest devotion, Charles was able to relax, find challenge in his work, devote time to his church and community and enjoy his two grandchildren. He was a modest gentleman who, even in his later years, enjoyed tutoring college students in math and physics. As a diligent, dedicated teacher of the Men's Sunday School class, an elder of the session and, upon request, lay minister in the First Presbyterian Church of Winona, his faith and commitment were noteworthy. Even in death Charles was blessed, for he suffered his fatal heart attack as he slept. He left a schedule at the office and a prepared Sunday School lesson to be taught.

He had maintained the honor, integrity and loyalty of the Corps untarnished and fulfilled his duty to God, his beloved Country, family and his fellow man. His family and friends cherish the memory of this confident man whose total unselfishness, zest for life and warm smile touched many hundreds of people during his tour of life.

L.O.M. and M.M.W.

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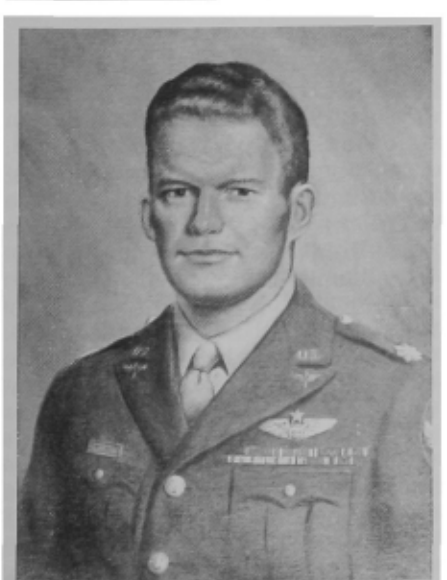
Charles Andrews Sprague

NO. 10941 CLASS OF 1937

Killed in action on 20 February 1942 (declared dead 26 February 1946), in an air mission over Bali, Netherland East Indies, aged 28 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



Charles Andrews Sprague

"BUD" SPRAGUE, our third classmate to die in combat, came from a long and honorable military tradition. His ancestor, Captain Isaac Davies, was the first American officer killed in the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Concord. A kinsman, Captain Joseph Mansfield, fought in the Revolutionary War for six years.

Colonel Jared Mansfield, another ancestor, was Professor of Natural and Experimental Philosophy in the developing USMA from 1812–28. He was a principal witness in the 1817 Court Martial of Captain Alden Partridge. Both grandfathers served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Bud's father served 17 months in France in World War I.

Bud was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on 6 August 1913 to Charles and Emma Sprague. It is not surprising, then, that, at age 12, he announced his intention to attend the United States Military Academy. He joined the Citizens Military Training Corps at age 16 and in 1933 was appointed to USMA from the National Guard.

Bud applied himself enthusiastically to a wide range of activities—football, lacrosse, wrestling and writing prose and poetry. He served on the Ring Committee and was chairman of the Lecture Committee.

After graduation Bud married Lillian Oelschlager and proceeded to Randolph Field for flight training. Daughter Barbara was born in 1938 and son Charles in 1939. In May 1941 Bud was ordered to the Philippines.

Bud, now a captain, joined 30 other classmates frantically working to build up the defenses of the Islands after a long period of peaceful austerity. Bud became Air Operations officer for Brigadier General Henry B. Claggett (USMA 1906). Thousands of pages have been written analyzing the Allies' early disastrous defeats in the Far East. General George Kenny best summed up this calamity—"another case of too little, too late."

The task Bud faced was monumental. Clark Field had a token anti-aircraft capability; the other bomber base and the four pursuit aircraft fields were undefended except for small arms. Of seven recently received short-range radar sets, only one was on-site and operative. It could provide range only—not altitude. Radio, telephone and telegraph communications facilities were en route.

Bud and his small staff worked around the clock to make the best of the inadequate resources. Not all of Bud's actions were just paperwork. Major Emmett (Rosie) O'Donnell (USMA 1928) brought the first B-17 heavy bombers to the Islands on 12 September 1941, arriving on the tail of a tropical typhoon. The incoming bomber pilots were unfamiliar with the locale and did not have the sophisticated electronic equipment common today. Bud sensed the danger of the situation, ordered up a P-40, intercepted the B-17 flight and helped guide it to a safe landing at Clark Field.

The 7th of December 1941 changed the complexion of the Pacific area forever. The situation in the Philippines deteriorated rapidly, and on 24 December all air elements were ordered to Bataan. Two days later Bud and a comrade intercepted a Japanese dive bomber and shot it down—Bud's first aerial victory.

On 2 January Bud and seven other pilots were ordered to Australia to obtain P-40's and return to the Philippines. Their transport was a two-engine civilian Beechcraft which had been declared unrepairable. There were 130 bullet holes in the fuselage and parts of the plane were wired back on. The refueling system consisted of ten five-gallon tins of gasoline in the cabin, fed into the tanks by an ingenious improvisation. When the party made a forced landing in southern Borneo, the Beechcraft finally expired. A Navy PBY gave them a ride to Java, and a transient B-17 took them to Brisbane, Australia.

Bud immediately began organizing the 17th Provisional Pursuit Squadron, and on 16 January he led the first flight of his unit to Darwin on Australia's northern coast. The flight then was informed that Japanese advances had cut off its route to the Philippines, and it was directed to Java instead.

On 22 January Bud's flight of 14 aircraft left Darwin, arriving at Soerbaja, Java on 24–25 January. Just getting the P-40's from Brisbane to Java was a feat of no mean proportion. The flight over the Australian outback was without navigational aids, proper maps or weather information—an acid test of the skill and nerve of Bud Sprague and his fellow pilots.

Bud, now Major Sprague, lost no time in joining battle. In bad weather he led his first combat mission in Java on 26 January to protect a crippled Dutch submarine returning to base.

Conditions were far from textbook-perfect. Each aircraft had one pilot, one crew chief and one armorer. All administration was in the hands of one sergeant with a portable typewriter. From Bud's wing man:

"Those days are hard to explain. The Dutch set aside houses that we could sleep in. One meal a day was prepared by Dutch women. It wasn't good and most skipped it. Instead we bought bananas and peanuts from the natives. It doesn't take much to survive when one is young. We had no spare parts, no supply lines and no paymaster. We didn't last long. In a couple of months we were through. We could only plan from hour to hour, not knowing if we would be alive in the next hour. Every-

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body was in good spirits despite our predicament."

Bud paid the men out of his own pocket initially. The high morale of the unit was a glowing tribute to Bud's leadership.

The operating environment was primitive. Ngoro, Bud's base, was made from drained rice fields. The T-shaped runways were camouflaged by natives after each take-off and landing. Bud's orders were to crash-land elsewhere rather than lead a pursuing Japanese aircraft back to the airfield.

Bud, as squadron commander, carried a full administrative load but still took alert duty under his P-40's wing along with the other pilots. On 20 February 1942 the sparse American air capability carried out a combined attack on the Japanese naval forces and shore positions on the island of Bali. The force consisted of three LB-30's and seven A-24's with sixteen P-40's for top cover, a pathetically slim effort but 100% of available capability. The mission was well-executed, but the cost was high; four of the P-40's failed to return. Two of the pilots were killed; one of them was the recently-promoted Lieutenant Colonel Bud Sprague.

The squadron commander who succeeded Bud gave us a first-hand picture of Bud Sprague in action:

"For the record I cannot think of a single negative about Bud. He was straight-forward, no pretenses, no false front, no deviousness. He came at you with a friendly manner and a grin and said what he was thinking. I can't recall ever being in any other organization where the commander was as well-liked and respected as was Bud Sprague by the members of the 17th Squadron."

Lieutenant General George Brett, upon the award of the Distinguished Service Cross for Bud's superb work over Bali, stated, "His aggressive and cheerful leadership endeared him to his officers and men. His shining example of courage and devotion to duty will be forever remembered."

Bud's unit received official credit for the destruction of 46 Japanese aircraft. In addition to the Distinguished Service Cross, Bud was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

Bud's body was buried by a native chieftain on the small island of Noesa Penida off Bali. It was recovered and reburied in Java. Recovered again, it was taken to Calcutta. Finally, in 1946, it was disinterred for the third time and returned "home" to its final West Point resting place.

From a 9 April 1942 NBC News broadcast of Bud's saga: "Here was a man. Here was an American."

By classmates

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Robert Alois Barker

NO. 11280 CLASS OF 1938

Died 17 January 1945 aboard POW ship *Brazil Maru*, aged 26 years.

Buried at sea.

Robert Alois Barker

ROBERT BARKER WAS BORN 17 February 1916 in Springfield, Illinois, the second son of Emily and Morton D. Barker. He enjoyed a secure and happy boyhood, being very popular and holding the respect of all who knew him. He thrived on sports and entered into all youthful activities. Educated in the public schools of Springfield, he went on to Cincinnati, Ohio to finish his secondary education. Bob Barker had a strong desire for military service and was thrilled to receive an appointment to the United States Military Academy.

Over 50 years have passed since Robert A. Barker left West Point to take up his first post at Plattsburgh Barracks. He had recently married Janet Tidmarsh. Shortly after, he was sent to work on the build-up of Fort Benning.

With the desire for a more stable family life, he misjudged his options and asked for service in the Philippines. After an idyllic but brief life in the Islands, war clouds gathered and his wife, along with others and their dependents, were returned to the United States. A few months later their only child, Emily Louise, was born.

Promoted to captain, Bob Barker took command of the Anti-Tank Company of the 31st Infantry and prepared for the possibility of war. On 7 December 1941 the Japanese struck the Philippines, and, for over four months, he and his fellow defenders held off the numerically superior forces of the invaders. Finally, with supplies exhausted and no hope for reinforcements, the remaining U.S. troops were forced to surrender.

Bob Barker was one of those who endured the Bataan Death March and then entered into a life as a Japanese prisoner of war.

At great risk, Bob kept a secret diary from the start of his captivity until he was shipped out by the Japanese during the final days of the war, only to find a horrible death. His diary recounts the endless days of forced labor, hunger, disease, brutal treatment and boredom suffered by the captured officers and men at the hands of their Japanese captors. There are flashes of humor, insights into character, kindness and generosity revealed among his fellow officers, many of them named. Always, he held the hope of rejoining his family and friends, but it was not to be. With the success of the returning U.S. troops at Leyte and Lingayen Gulf, the Japanese began to ship all able-bodied US prisoners to Japan. Bob, then in Bilibid, was one of them.

Over 1,000 men were forced into the dark and steaming holds of the *Oryoku Maru* to suffer three days of starvation, thirst and near-suffocation. On 15 December 1944, the unmarked ship was attacked by US Navy planes at Subic Bay. Heavily damaged, the vessel was abandoned and, after enduring 12 days of unrelenting cruelty ashore, the survivors were reloaded into the holds of the *Enoura Maru* to continue the most horrible voyage in history. That ship, too, was destroyed by our forces while in the harbor at Takao, Formosa. Bob was one of the few survivors to once again continue aboard another hell ship, the *Brazil Maru*, bound for Moji, Japan. He was not to arrive.

Robert A. Barker, one month short of his 29th birthday, died 17 January 1945 from exhaustion and disease. He was buried at sea.

A classmate writes: "During his cadet days Bob was an "I" Company favorite of his classmates. He seemed to take in stride the challenges of plebe year, and, as an upperclassman, he handled academics and tactics with determination and relative ease. As a cadet, Bob is perhaps best remembered for his even disposition. A standout football player in high school, Bob was too light to play collegiate ball. His interest in sports, however, continued at the Academy. He was on the plebe hockey team, assistant manager of tennis in his yearling year and played on the goat football team his second class year. When I read Bob's *Philippine Diary*, I suffered alongside with his trials as a prisoner of war, and I especially admired him for his courage and the strength he showed while being so harshly treated. Bob served his country with valor. He is a credit to the Academy and an inspiration to those who knew him so well."

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The *Philippine Diary* of Captain Robert A. Barker, 180 pages, hard-bound with many illustrations, has been published in a limited edition. Many events and numerous names of fellow officers are mentioned. The original manuscript is in the Special Collections Section of the USMA Library, and copies are available from the Robert A. Barker Foundation, 180 East Pearson, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Bob had earned the Silver Star and the Legion of Merit, but was never to realize the great future that would have been his. He remains with us, a shining memory, ever youthful, never to grow old.

His brother Paul Barker

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Edgar Stanton McKee

NO. 11164 CLASS OF 1938

Died 1 June 1985 in Atlanta, Georgia, aged 69 years.

Interment: Sumter Cemetery, Sumter, South Carolina.

Edgar Stanton McKee

EDGAR S. MCKEE was born in Darlington, South Carolina on 6 March 1916. He attended St. John High School in Darlington prior to entering The Citadel, where he received his first military training.

In 1934 Stan received his appointment to the United States Military Academy from South Carolina. As a cadet he learned the art of debating as a member of the Dialectic Society for four years. Further, he was active in the 100th Night Show and the Cadet Orchestra, which he directed in his first class year. Who can forget Mac's rendition of "Bugle Call Rag" on his trumpet? "Maxel" never seemed to have a care, whether coaching a man in math or beating tempo in the cadet orchestra. He was always ready, willing and able to help another.

Upon graduation Stan received his commission in the Infantry as a second lieutenant and was assigned to the 8th Infantry at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina. After a series of assignments in the Southeast, he joined the 44th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, as a battalion commander. Later the 44th was moved to the European Theater of Operations where Stan, as always, performed his duties on the highest level.

After World War II, he had a tour at Columbia University and then returned to Europe as a member of the United States Element Allied Commission for Austria in Vienna. After graduating from the Command and General Staff College he was assigned as professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Georgia Military Academy.

In 1952 Stan was assigned as G-3 1st Corps and senior advisor to the 1st ROK Division in Korea. Following this assignment he attended the AFSC at Norfolk, Virginia. He was then assigned as G-3 of Land Southeast in Turkey.

Upon return to the United States, Stan attended the War College. After an assignment as secretary with the staff and faculty at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, he returned to Europe. There his assignments included commanding officer, 1st Battle Group, 7th Infantry in Aschaffenburg, Germany; chief of staff, 3rd Infantry Division in Wurzburg; and commanding officer, Heidelberg Post.

He returned to the United States in 1963 as the deputy commander of XIX Corps, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

In 1968 Stan retired from the XII Corp in Atlanta, Georgia, earning a well-deserved rest and more time to spend with a growing family.

For his meritorious service, Stan received the Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantry Badge (second award), the Legion of Merit with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster and the Army Commendation Medal. He further received the Purple Heart for injuries received in combat.

Stan is survived by his wife Betsy, four sons, three daughters, five grandsons, four granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

As a cadet, officer and family man, Stan was a true example of "Duty, Honor and Country." God Bless Him.

H.P.B.

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Norman Lester Tittle

NO. 11126 CLASS OF 1938

Died 22 February 1964 in Fort Meade, Maryland, aged 50 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Norman Lester Tittle

HIS HEART WAS as big as the plains of Texas, from whence he came, and no one enjoyed his fellow man more than Norman Tittle. He not only went out of his way to visit and chat with acquaintances but also made friends from every chance encounter with strangers.

Norm was born on 15 April 1913 in Wichita Falls, Texas. His parents were Marion Lester and Eula Trevathan Tittle, and he had one sister, Irene Hortman, now of Arlington, Virginia. Upon graduation from high school in January of 1930 he enrolled in Wichita Falls Junior College, receiving a two-year diploma in May 1931. This was in the depths of the Depression and jobs were hard to find. He worked in various short-term jobs, including one with Perkins Timberlake Department Store in Wichita Falls. During this period his primary interests were directed towards obtaining an appointment to West Point. Again, due to the Depression, Academy appointments were at a premium. After much effort and many delays, Norm finally received a second alternate appointment from his representative, W.D. McFarlane, 13th Texas District. The Lord blessed him when neither the principal nor the first alternate qualified, and he became a new cadet on a hot 2 July 1934.

Norm took cadet life in stride. He possessed just the right amounts of attention to the essentials and indifference to the side issues to allow him to cope successfully with the system. Norm was a talker of the very highest caliber, and his friendly nature offered him many

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opportunities to exercise his vocal prowess. He would discuss—or argue—almost any subject. Sometimes, when discussion lagged, he would take his opponent's viewpoint and try to disprove the points he had previously supported.

He was not particularly athletic, but he did enjoy squash and gym workouts. He was a good student and studied conscientiously to rank 93 in a class of 301 while working on the *Howitzer* staff all four years. Like most cadets, he enjoyed Saturday night hops, and it was there that he met his future wife, Bessie May Wald. Norman and Bess were married a few days after graduation at Fort Totten, New York, the station of Bess's parents, Major George and Dora Wald. The marriage was a gala affair, with festivities lasting several days and many friends, relatives and graduated cadets in attendance. The ceremony was held in the Officers Club and was followed, in true military style, by a caisson ride through the post.

Norm chose the Signal Corps as his basic branch of service, but his heart belonged to flying. He spent seven exciting but disappointing months, along with about 120 classmates, at Randolph Field before he washed out after some 90 hours of flying time. He then was assigned to the Second Signal Company, at nearby Fort Sam Houston. One dividend of the change was that he was assigned quarters on the post, and another was that he still had the same friends and activities available in the San Antonio area. San Antonio proved to be a most enjoyable locale for junior second lieutenants, and Norm and Bess partook of the delights offered. Norm was also a dedicated officer, took all his assignments seriously and turned in a superior performance.

His first overseas tour came with a transfer to Hawaii in December 1940, and here his first son, David Miles, was born. He took command of the Signal Company AW Hawaii before Pearl Harbor and was commended for his "brilliant work" moving the company from Schofield Barracks to Fort Shafter in the 48 hours after the Japanese attack. He was transferred back to the United States in May 1942 and was assigned to the Signal Replacement Pool at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. From there he was transferred to the Western Task Force Signal Office for the November 1942 landings in West Africa and the resultant movement through North Africa, where he played a major role in providing communications for General George Patton. When the landings and subsequent activities of the Western Force were completed, he was transferred to the Fifth Army, under General Mark Clark, in December 1942. He served as the Signal officer when the VI Corps of the Fifth Army landed at Anzio, just south of Rome, in January 1944. He continued in the Signal Office of the Fifth Army, as it fought its way up the Italian Peninsula, and received a superior performance citation for his services. Also, he was awarded the Military Valor Cross by the Italian government with the commendation: "Lieutenant Colonel Norman Lester Tittle did distinguish himself by valor and a splendid spirit of service."

From 1945–52 he served with the Army Ground Forces headquarters, first in DC and later at Fort Monroe, Virginia; attended an extensive American Telephone and Telegraph plant engineering school; and saw duty with the Army Command and Communications Agency in Washington, DC. It was during this period that his second son, Richard Lester, was born. Then followed another overseas assignment back in Italy, with Allied Forces South in Naples. Upon return to the United States, he had a tour with the Signal Corps Laboratories at Fort Monmouth and an assignment at Langley Field, Virginia, where he provided communications for the extensive, combined services exercise, Sagebrush. This was followed by duty with the Joint Chiefs in DC. Here his commander, Rear Admiral W.D. Irvine, commended Norm's work as deputy director for communications. His last overseas service was with the Seventh Logistical Command in Seoul, Korea, an unaccompanied tour. He was stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland as signal officer, Second Army, when he died on 22 February 1964.

Norman served his country faithfully and capably for 26 years from his date of commissioning to his unfortunate death. He was awarded the Legion of Merit in January 1945 for meritorious combat service in the Fifth Army. In 1946 he was awarded the Italian Cross of Valor for service in the Italian campaign. He also served his family with devotion and love and was especially diligent in providing an excellent education for his two sons at Duke University, California Institute of Technology and the University of California at Berkeley. His family, friends and both military and civilian associates will long remember Norm as an interesting, devoted and caring man.

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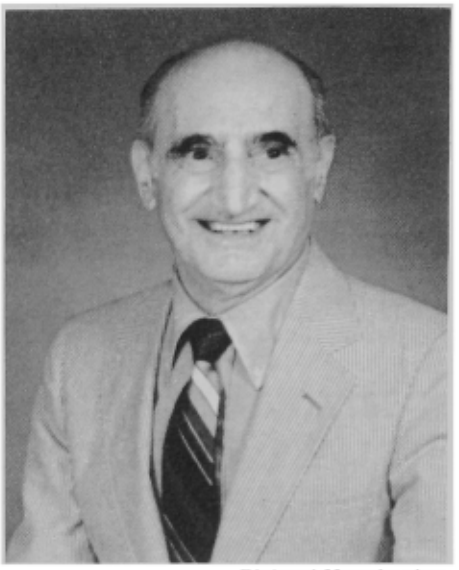
Richard Moushegian

NO. 11713 CLASS OF 1939

Died 13 March 1991 in Salem, Virginia, aged 77 years.

Interment: Sherwood Memorial Park, Salem, Virginia.

RICHARD MOUSHEGIAN WAS BORN in Lowell, Massachusetts in 1913, the youngest of six children. His parents had



Richard Moushegian

immigrated to America from Armenia around the turn of the century.

After high school, he attended Lowell Tech and then joined the Army, serving with the 13th Infantry. Later, he applied for an appointment to West Point and subsequently graduated in 1939. He was on the intercollegiate varsity boxing team and had an impressive record of victories.

Upon graduation, he was sent to Trinidad, British West Indies to an observation post in the Caribbean before the outbreak of World War II. Next, he was sent to Fort Ord, California to train others for combat. He swiftly rose in rank until he was sent to the European Theater, where he ultimately commanded the 7th Armored Infantry Battalion of the 8th Division as a major. In that assignment he was wounded in action in the Ardennes on 26 January 1945 and retrograded back to the United States as a very disappointed, frustrated military fighter. Next, the Army sent him to graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh to obtain his master's degree in petroleum engineering, but his next assignment was to Fort Knox to test and evaluate new equipment for the Infantry. Specifically, he was responsible for developing the design, testing and fielding of the quarter-ton Jeep trailer, an earlier design of the same trailer used today. Next, the Army sent him to the Army Language School in California to learn Persian so he could be sent to Teheran, Iran, where he was the assistant attaché.

His last assignment was as the area commander of a US Army Reserve center in Austin, Texas, again training people. Two heart attacks brought his 22-year military career to an end. He loved the military and retired reluctantly.

His next career was as a mathematics teacher at Roanoke College, a career of 18 years. He retired from this career in

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1978. He loved having lunch with his colleagues for the fellowship—a practice he continued long after his retirement. He enjoyed his retirement by reading, cooking and sometimes traveling.

He is survived by his wife Mary, their four married children, Richard, Stephen, Carl and Dorothy Gleason, and eight grandchildren.

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Michael Frank Aliotta

NO. 12454 CLASS OF 1941

Died 12 February 1978 in Ormond Beach, Florida, aged 61 years.

Interment: Ft. Sheridan, Chicago, Illinois.

Michael Frank Aliotta

MICHAEL FRANK ALIOTTA was born in Chicago, Illinois on 29 August 1916, the son of Frank and Jennie Aliotta. He attended grammar school and Marshall High School in Chicago. Before entering the Academy, Mike attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois from 1935–37.

While at West Point, Mike was the epitome of the active man. Always around with his camera, he enthusiastically photographed us over the next four years, and much of his work found its way into the *Howitzer*. He was on the plebe swim team and later competed for three years on the Academy wrestling team. Mike was a member of the concert orchestra all four years and sang in the Catholic choir. He was also the informal editor of the *Howitzer* and an active member of the fishing club.

Mike had the rare distinction of having the 1941 100th Night Show written about him. He played himself as the black prince of South Dakota and displayed his artistic talents in a most unusual way.

With the war in Europe heating up, Mike, along with his classmates, reported to branch school at Fort Monroe, Virginia, having been commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps.

His war service was in anti-aircraft artillery and later in the Corps of Engineers. He served in the European Theater with the 187th Engineer Combat Battalion. Following the war, he was assigned to the Intelligence Detachment, Headquarters EUCOM from 1945–47. For this service, he received the Army Commendation Medal.

During 1948–49, Mike attended Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College (Texas A&M), where he received a master's degree in engineering, followed by a tour at the Engineer Advance School Course at Fort Belvoir, Virginia for one year. After this tour, Mike was assigned as an assistant professor of military science and tactics at the University of Montana for three years (1949–52).

Mike then went overseas to Korea in 1953, where he was assigned to the Second Logistics Command. For his service there he was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal. Tours followed with the Army Ballistic Missile Command, which led to his receiving the Army Legion of Merit, and with Headquarters, CONARC from 1963–65.

In 1965, Mike moved to Washington and the Pentagon, where he was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. In 1967 Mike was with the MAAG in China. His last tour was as S-1 of Camp McCoy, Wisconsin from 1968–69. Mike retired in 1969 as a lieutenant colonel and settled down in Ormond Beach, Florida, where he lived until his death in 1978.

Throughout his years at the Academy and during his service, Mike was a loyal and devoted friend of his classmates and of the Academy. He took great pride in being a cadet and loved and enjoyed every minute of his time at USMA. His infectious grin and his outgoing generosity and friendliness were showered on all those around him. USMA and the Army were blessed by Mike's generosity and concern. Of him, it can be sung with conviction, "May it be said, 'Well Done; Be Thou at Peace.' "

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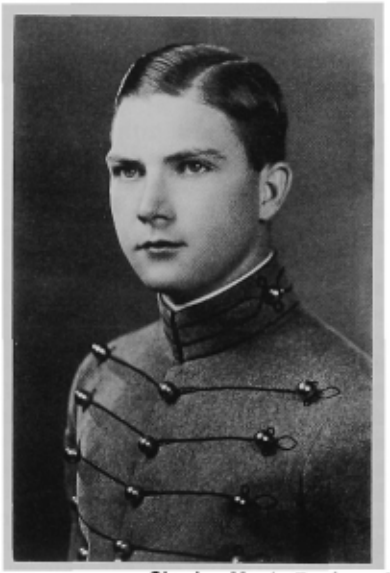
Charles Manly Busbee, Jr.

NO. 12509 CLASS OF 1941

Died 19 May 1971 in Honolulu, Hawaii, aged 53 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

CHARLES MANLY BUSBEE, JR. came from a family with a strong military tradition. His father, Brigadier General Charles Manly Busbee, graduated from USMA in 1915, 31st in a class of 125; his uncle, Brigadier General Albert Charles Stanford, graduated in the Class of April 1917; and his cousin, Colonel Frederick Clinton Stanford, graduated with Buzz in the Class of 1941. For the first half of plebe year they were roommates.



Charles Manly Busbee, Jr.

The elder of two sons, Charles was born a typical Army brat on 2 May 1918 to Elizabeth White Busbee at Fort Bliss, Texas, where his father had only recently returned from serving under General "Black Jack" Pershing in the pursuit of Pancho Villa across northern Mexico. He grew up on a series of Army posts between the wars, getting into the usual varieties of mischief available to an officer's son, and learned to ride and shoot and submit to discipline in the process. In short, he grew up to fit his middle name. A classmate said of Charles, "He was the toughest kid at Fort Leavenworth in the late 1920's where his father, Class of 1915, was on the staff of the Command and General Staff College." His toughness and brashness never left him, and his plebe year was spent with police calls and clothing formations. He attended Western High School in Washington, DC in 1932–33 and Shenandoah Military Academy in Winchester, Virginia from 1933–36. From the beginning there was no doubt as to his career: he would follow his father through the Military Academy into the US Army as a commissioned officer in the Field Artillery Corps. To achieve this goal, he enlisted as a private in Battery D of the 36th Field Artillery to attend the West Point Preparatory School at Fort McPherson, where he was promoted to private first class. In those days one stripe per enlistment was the common progress—Buzz made it in less than a year. From WPPS he won an appointment from the Honorable Harold E. Cooley of the Fourth Congressional District of North Carolina, where his father had been born, and entered USMA on 1 July 1937.

His pragmatism, keen sense of humor and sophistication in Army tradition and

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psychology were eye-openers to his third—and basically civilian—roommate, and contributed much to their survival of the rigors of plebe year and of academics throughout their cadet careers. His fine sense of fairness and justice and his deep voice and the tremendous volume with which he expressed his opinion of affronts—by tone, if not by word—introduced him to the Area, an acquaintanceship which he and the upperclassmen soon terminated.

He excelled as an equestrian and in all the basic military subjects, but found golf, the red comforter and dragging leading his list of preferred activities. A good athlete, Buzz was on the plebe basketball team, lettered in golf as a plebe, and competed in that sport during his four years at the Academy and thereafter. He was on the Alaskan Command golf team and represented that command in Army-wide competitions in the lower 48. A jitterbug *par excellence*, Charlie was active as a dancer in the Hundredth Night Show and saved his pachydermous roommate from going deficient in the ballroom. Having grown up as a horseman, he often enjoyed the privilege of camping with one of the Academy's "good horses."

At graduation, Buzz took his long-awaited commission in the Field Artillery. After three months at Fort Sill, he joined the Second Armored Division to serve in an armored field artillery battalion at Fort Benning. Varied and changing troop assignments came fast and furious but included a tour for Buzz as a provost marshal with the Constabulary in Germany. Charlie, knowing all the tricks, kept them straight. His 25-year class yearbook said, "The success of the Occupation of Germany stemmed from Charlie's tour as provost marshal."

After serving in the Occupation with the Constabulary at the end of World War II, he was assigned in 1949–50 with the Tenth Field Artillery Battalion of the Third Division. Like all good red-legged artillerymen, his next stateside tour was as an instructor on the staff and faculty of The Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma from 1950–54. Here his USMA roommate visited him for the first time in ten years to meet his charming wife, Knobby, and his lovely daughters. Other ZI duty was as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg and with the XVIII Airborne Corps.

Charlie spent many years overseas, serving in such exotic places as Laos, Ethiopia and Vietnam, as well as Germany, Alaska and Hawaii. Among other assignments in the Far East—at his 25th Class Reunion he described himself as a real life Terry and the Pirates—he served in the Military Advisory Group to Laos in 1960. During his subsequent tour he served in Alaska. In 1966 he was with the 25th Division in Hawaii as the assistant division artillery commander. In 1967 he crossed trails again with his old USAF roommate in Saigon, where they spent an entire night reminiscing about the adventures of the 30 years they had known each other. It was to be their last encounter.

From 1967–69, Buzz served in the Office of the G-3, US Army Hawaii, where he retired as a colonel in 1969. The value of Charles Manly Busbee, Jr. to the Army and to the Nation for 32 years of duty in various parts of the world was recognized by his superiors with two awards of the Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star, an Air Medal and two Commendation Medals.

Retirement was short. He survived his father by barely 16 months and died in Honolulu, Hawaii on 19 May 1971. It was a privilege to have known this fine officer and gentleman who so fully lived up to the USMA motto. His friendship and his memory are treasured.

His roommate, W.B.S.

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Harry Howard Ellis

NO. 12517 CLASS OF 1941

Died 27 March 1991 in Dallas, Texas, aged 76 years.

Interment: Hardin Memorial Gardens, Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

Harry Howard Ellis

HARRY HOWARD ELLIS was born on 25 July 1914 in Traverse City, Michigan. He grew up there and in nearby Northport, graduating from Traverse City Central High School in June 1932. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 6 December 1932, with the expressed desire of entering West Point. He graduated from the United States Military Academy on 11 June 1941 and was commissioned a second lieutenant of Cavalry. He married Mary Elizabeth Phelps on 14 August 1942 at Fort Knox, Kentucky. His troop duty started with Horse Cavalry, then progressed to Mechanized Cavalry and, finally, to Armor. During World War II he was commanding officer of the 66th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 66th Infantry Division in Northern France and Germany. As an Intelligence officer he served in the G-2 Division, Headquarters U.S.F.E.T., and served several tours in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army. He served as an Army attaché with the American Embassy in Saigon, Vietnam and later as an Intelligence advisor to the Vietnamese Army. He was chief of the Armor Section of the Infantry School. He was a graduate of the Armor School, the Army Language School, the Army Management School and the Command and General Staff College. He was director of the Senior Officers Preventive Maintenance Department, the Armor School at the time of his retirement on 31 July 1966. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

In retirement Harry earned a master's degree in mathematics at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida and taught mathematics at Northeast High School, Fort Lauderdale, Florida until 1979. Following his retirement from teaching, he compiled a family history and genealogy, publishing a book on Ellis history and genealogy in 1984 and a similar book on the Phelps family. As an 11th-generation descendant of Lieutenant John Ellis of Sandwich, Massachusetts, Harry contributed greatly to research on Colonial Ellis genealogy. He was working on a revised edition of this book at the time of his death.

Harry was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution as well as being active in the Dallas Retired Officers Association.

Harry is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary Elizabeth (Phelps) Ellis, of Dallas; his son, Harry H. Ellis, Jr. of Springfield, Virginia; two grandchildren, Christopher and Jennifer; and a sister, Mrs. James Camfield of Traverse City, Michigan. His family and friends will cherish his memory and miss him always.

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James Wetherby Graham

NO. 12625 CLASS OF 1941

Died 4 November 1969 (place of death unknown), aged 51 years.

Interment: unknown.

JAMES WETHERBY GRAHAM was born in Oxford, Ohio on 5 January 1918, the son of Mrs. Molly F. Graham of Hamilton, Ohio. He attended grammar and high school in Hamilton, Ohio.

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James Wetherby Graham

Appointed to the Academy by Senator Vick Donahey, "Jess," or "Jim" as his closest friends would call him, graduated 355th in his class and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps.

While at the Academy, Jim worked hard, played hard and enjoyed his many activities. An ardent sportsman, he went out for plebe football and quickly learned his H Company size would not cut it. A walking encyclopedia of sports knowledge and trivia, he regaled his classmates with many sports stories and with his broad knowledge of the history of baseball and its fine performers. His love for sports was carried into serving on the *Pointer* staff, and he was the sports editor during his first class year. Always the good soldier, Jim obtained corporal rank during his cow year and sergeant first class summer, only to become one of the "Tobyhanna Convicts" on the artillery hike during his first class summer.

After graduation, Jim attended branch school and later served in the ETO. He was one who loved troop duty, serving in nine divisions, experiencing extensive combat and accumulating an enviable array of decorations, including the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with two palms for gallantry, the Army Commendation Ribbon and the Purple Heart Medal.

In 1943, prior to going overseas, Jim married Phyllis Miller; eventually, they had five children.

Once overseas in the ETO, Jim remained in Europe until 1950, serving in the post-war period with the Fifth Infantry Division in Germany and in Austria with the headquarters zone command. Returning to the United States in 1950, Jim was first a student and then on the staff and faculty of the Infantry School at Fort Benning until 1955. Following his Fort Benning assignment, he then was assistant PMS&T at Fordham University. With his deep Catholic faith, this was a tour that was most meaningful to him, particularly since he had lost his beloved Phyllis during March 1955 at Fitzsimmons Hospital in Colorado.

In September 1956, Jim was married to Jil Larson of Laramie, Wyoming.

After his tour at Fordham, Jim served on the DMZ in Korea from 1959–60 as G-3 of the First Cavalry Division. Returning to the States, he continued his love for troop duty, serving at Fort Bragg with the 82nd Airborne Division and then later with the XVIII Airborne Corps.

Then followed a tour as PMS&T at St. Thomas Academy in Minnesota from 1963–66. At this time, Jim became involved with the Association of Graduates, serving as a candidate advisor and contact officer for the Military Academy. After a brief tour with ARVN in Vietnam in 1966–67, Jim returned to CONUS. Tragically, he succumbed to cancer in 1969.

Jim was a deeply religious man and persistent in his beliefs. A man of good courage who possessed a great sense of humor, he applied himself with dignity, no matter how difficult the task. He was always ready to help anyone he could. Both at West Point and later in his Army days, he was always the fine soldier, the embodiment of what USMA espouses, the true professional. West Point, the Army and Ohio have reason to be proud of the life of Jim Wetherby Graham. He was a good soldier; he fought the good fight!

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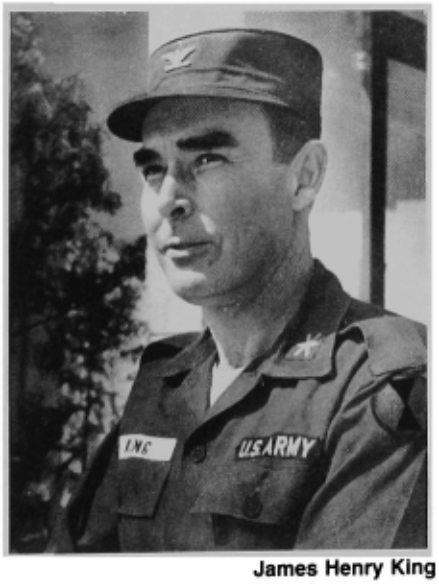
James Henry King

NO. 12443 CLASS OF 1941

Died 15 April 1989 in Beaufort, South Carolina, aged 72 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



James Henry King

IN THE WORDS of a classmate: "Jim King was a kind, thoughtful, concerned and generous friend. I never heard him say an unkind word about anyone. If a friend was in trouble, he was there to help. On many occasions he provided assistance to those in need, assistance ranging from advice and counseling to help finding a job, to financial support. Jim was a fun-loving individual, always ready to celebrate, but he had a serious side, too. He was highly moral and religious, with deep roots of faith." This was the man whose life we were happy to share, enjoy and respect.

He was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania on 11 September 1916 and christened James Louis Henry. When he was four, his parents died, leaving him to be raised by his maternal aunt in Meadville. Taking her name, he became James Henry King when he entered the Meadville School. He went on to graduate from Shadyside Academy in Pittsburgh and enter USMA in 1935.

When Jim was found deficient in Math plebe year, USMA 1939 lost a good man. When he was reappointed, now with four semesters of Allegheny College under his belt, USMA 1941 gained an even better one. While at Allegheny, Jim joined Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

During our USMA years, Jim participated enthusiastically in cadet life: social events, sports, academics, chapel, activities reg and non-reg. He graduated halfway between the Engineers and the Goats and reported for duty in the Field Artillery.

Following the usual preliminary and subordinate assignments, Jim served in the 2nd Infantry Division during World War II successively as battery officer and commanding officer (37th Field Artillery), Division Artillery S-2 and Assistant Division G-2—four years spread geographically from Fort Sam Houston to Camp McCoy, Ireland, France (Omaha Beach D+1), Germany and back to Texas (Camp Swift). The highlight of this period was his marriage to Joan Hays in 1942. In the words of a classmate: "He was most fortunate to have a devoted partner in Joan—a true Army wife—faithful, gracious, sincere and considerate. She stood at his side through happy times and difficult times, and she suffered with him through his final illness."

Their son, James Michael, was born during their 1946–49 tour in Montevideo, Uruguay (when Jim was assistant military attaché). Next came the advanced course at Fort Sill, then back to Germany for three years: 7th Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Infantry Division; Secretary to the General Staff, Seventh Army; and commanding officer, 426th Field Artillery Battalion. Jim graduated from Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth in 1954 and returned to USMA as a Field Artillery instructor. Then he attended the Army War College and graduated in the Class of 1958.

Four years in Washington came next:

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two with DC of S, G-2, and two with Weapons System Evaluation Group (WSEG), OSD. He livened up his Pentagon penance by earning a master's degree in international affairs at George Washington University.

Once again Jim went overseas, for a year in Korea as a Field Artillery group commander in I Corps. Then he returned to the Army War College as a faculty member in Research and Development. His next assignment was three years in Panama as commandant of the School of Americas and the commanding officer, US Jungle Warfare School. Health problems dictated a slower pace; on his return he opted for a Professor of Military Science and Tactics assignment at Marion Institute in Alabama, whence he retired in 1971—but not to rest on his many well-deserved laurels, which included the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Belgian Fourragere, French Croix de Guerre and service decorations.

Fluent in both French and Spanish, Jim taught the latter at the Beaufort Academy, South Carolina for two years. Next came a move to Camp Hill, Pennsylvania for two years' employment with the State of Pennsylvania, following which he returned to Beaufort in 1975 to enjoy retirement pursuits. These became sharply curtailed two years before his death on 15 April 1989.

As have several other '41'ers—after so much traveling—Joan has found a home in the Beaufort area, on Dataw Island. Their son Michael, his wife and son are also in South Carolina, in Greenville.

Jim was a truly gentle, kind, considerate man with a dry sense of humor and a love for the good life. He could have made his way in many professions—how lucky we were that he chose ours. He now rests with so many of our friends at Arlington. He is much loved and missed.

H.M.B.

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James William Roy

NO. 12318 CLASS OF 1941

Died 31 August 1975 in Washington, DC, aged 56 years.

Interment: unknown.

JAMES WILLIAM ROY was born in St. Louis, Missouri on 14 February 1919, the son of James W. Roy and Catherine (Deane) Roy. He attended grammar school and Soldan High School in St. Louis. Prior to entering the Military Academy, he attended Washington University in St. Louis for two years.

Appointed to the Military Academy by President (then US Senator) Harry S. Truman, Jim graduated 78th in his class

James William Roy

in June 1941. He was commissioned in the Coast Artillery. While at the Military Academy Jim was captain of the gymnastics team and lettered each year. During his senior year he was the intercollegiate champion on the highbar. Jim was a cadet lieutenant, business manager of the *Bugle Notes*, the "Plebe Bible," and involved in many other activities.

After a short vacation leave, Jim, along with the rest of his Coast Artillery classmates, attended the basic course at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. After school he enjoyed a blissful leave and short honeymoon with his newly-acquired wife "Biz" (Mary Elizabeth Quickel) of Heilwood, Pennsylvania. His first assignment was with the Harbor Defenses of Delaware, located in an area with which he became so enamored that he returned there 22 years later upon retirement.

Some of the highlights of Jim's career included an assignment during the war as an instructor in the Department of Physics and Chemistry at USMA from 1943–46, a tour in intelligence at Headquarters EUCOM from 1946–48, a staff assignment in Naples, Italy and a tour as S-3 of the 34th Anti-Aircraft Brigade in 1949–50.

Jim joined the G-2 Section of IX Corps in Korea in September 1950. A classmate remarked on being the first to meet Jim when he arrived, loaded down with duffel bag and bedding and looking for a friendly face. He served brilliantly as G-2 Operations under some of the most difficult conditions and was recommended for the Legion of Merit. Jim survived the "bugout" from North Korea, and, as a classmate who was with him said, "Jim responded just as he did at the Academy. He was still a 'captain of the team' type!" For his Korean service, he was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal.

Jim underwent the usual military education, attending the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk and the Army War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Here he was reunited with his former roommate of four years at West Point. Jim laughingly remarked, "I really never recovered from that."

Following his tour at Carlisle, Jim served three tours with Headquarters North American Air Defense Command at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado and retired in 1963 as a colonel of Artillery.

In retirement he entered into his own real estate business in Delaware. Actively involved, he worked tirelessly as he and Biz raised a son, James W. Roy, Jr., and two daughters, Pam and Carrie. Somehow they managed to find the time to travel extensively, particularly enjoying many exotic areas of South America.

Unfortunately, time did not treat him well, for he died prematurely on 31 August 1975 in Washington, DC. His beloved wife, Biz, died soon thereafter.

From the day he left his home state to become a plebe until the day of his death, Jim was a worker and a leader. He enjoyed people, was extremely popular and possessed great athletic ability and courage, which he showed on many occasions. All in all, Jim was universally liked, a competent and brilliant officer, one who always lived up to the highest traditions of West Point and the service. He was a living example of "when the going gets tough, the tough get going," as indicated by his calm and inspiring manner in December 1950 when IXth Corps was forced to withdraw from North Korea. It can be said, "He wore the Army blue well at all times." USMA and the Class of 1941 can well be proud of James W. Roy, a class act, always.

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Carl William Stapleton

NO. 12760 CLASS OF 1942

Died 12 June 1989 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 71 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

CARL WILLIAM STAPLETON was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on 13 November 1917. His parents, Hazel and Ben Stapleton, later moved the family to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Carl graduated from high school in 1935 with the goal of entering West Point. He received an alternate appointment but could not pass the entrance physical. Carl enlisted in the 8th Cavalry and used his limited pay to have a civilian orthodontist correct the problem that had disqualified him. After attending the preparatory school at Camp Bullis, Carl received a senatorial appointment to USMA.

His time at West Point is recalled by Carl's roommate, Robert Berman: "Stape in his cadet days can best be

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Carl William Stapleton

described as being resolute in the pursuit of his goals. He was determined and self-confident. His Army experience prior to entering West Point gave him a maturity that enabled him to take plebe life, and cadet life in general, with a minimum of annoyance. He was always available to assist his classmates. His expertise with horses made him cadet manager of the polo team. . . his leadership skills brought early recognition when he was promoted to cadet lieutenant."

During World War II Carl flew two combat tours with the 364th Fighter Group, 8th Air Force. He received an MBA from Columbia University in 1948 and then taught at the Air University. In 1952 Carl was assigned as air attaché to Thailand. After that he was chief of the Air Attaché branch for four years. He then was sent to the Taiwan Defense Command as J-2. In 1961 Carl was assigned to the USAF Security Service, where he spent the remainder of his active duty. He was promoted to major general in 1969 and became commander of USAFSS. Carl's decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with eight clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Order of the Crown (Thailand) and honorary pilot wings of the Royal Thai Air Force and the Chinese Air Force.

Following retirement in 1973, Carl served as cryptologic consultant to the commander, USAF Systems Command; vice-president of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce; and city manager of Olmos Park, a San Antonio suburb. He became interested in archaeology, studying at UTSA and then visiting many archaeological sites with Louise.

Carl died on 12 June 1989 of heart failure. Jogging had been a part of his daily routine, and an occasional jogging partner was the Reverend Thomas McClung. At Carl's funeral, he said, "On days when I wanted good conversation and the unvarnished truth, I would stop by the Stapletons'. Carl could speak [about] almost any subject with piercing insight. . . . He had a way of testing, needling and examining a person's ideas until they were refined in much the way a refiner's fire smelts gold. I loved the hours of sparring in the world of ideas with Carl. He had learned to argue both sides of many issues in a way that was seldom defensive."

In September 1990, Carl was honored by the USAF Security Service/Electronic Security Command when a recreation area on Kelly AFB was named "Stapleton Park." A bust created by Lieutenant Colonel Jerry McKenna, who had served with Carl, was unveiled at that time. Carl was devoted to, and proud of, his family. He is survived by his wife of 46 years and high school sweetheart, Louise Starrett Stapleton; daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Sammy Todd; Carolyn Stapleton and J. Peter Jordan; and a brother, Thomas J., USMA 1946. A deceased brother, John C., graduated from USMA in 1935.

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Leo Mose Blanchett, Jr.

NO. 13194 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 16 July 1990 in El Paso, Texas, aged 71 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas.

Leo Mose Blanchett, Jr.

LEO BLANCHETT WAS born in Staples, Minnesota and there he spent his youth. Graduating from Staples High School in 1937, he attended two years of college out-of-town at St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minnesota. But the subsidized educational opportunities of West Point appealed to him, and he won an appointment from Congressman Knutson to enter with our Class.

Leo's career at West Point was a quiet one, and he was not widely known—until he stepped into the boxing ring. There he won numerals and his "A" in the 120-pound class. Graduating at about the one-third mark academically, he chose Field Artillery. His initial troop assignment was to the 991st Field Artillery Battalion, with which he remained throughout the war in Europe.

In January 1944 the battalion moved to England for six months, awaiting Normandy. But, more importantly, it was there that he met Augusta Albertus of California, a nursing graduate of San Francisco State College and St. Joseph's College of Nursing, whose wartime assignment was to the 76th General Hospital. Just as Leo left for Normandy in July and toured France, Belgium and Germany, so Gus's hospital also toured France and Belgium, ending at Antwerp.

In the meantime, in 1945, Leo moved to VII Corps, where he won the Air Medal. Returning to the States, he remet and married Gus. They were to have 45 happy years together.

Their first shared tour was a civil schooling assignment for a master's degree in aeronautical engineering at the University of Southern California, followed by an assignment to White Sands Proving Ground. Ten of their next 15 years were to be spent in the Southwest, which decided their retirement spot. In 1960 Leo commanded the first Lacrosse missile battalion to be activated, foreshadowing a shift to the space environment and the Army's early efforts there.

In 1966 Leo retired from the Army and went to work as a civilian at the NASA Propulsion Site. The company operated a high-altitude simulation system which enabled the Lunar Module engine to be test-fired in its operational environment. In Leo's words, "It was there I discovered a fundamental difference between theoretical and hands-on engineering. On the drawing board components never fail, sensors never malfunction, seals never leak and humans never err." He retired again from his civil service position in 1981.

In 1990 death came to Leo in El Paso, the area where he enjoyed his two great loves of family and golf. He left behind a solid record of achievement in an area of increasing importance to our nation, as the Gulf War has shown. But he and Gus also have left this country another legacy in their five children. Three sons are medical doctors (one retired from the Army Medical Corps), the fourth is a mathematician and their daughter has a Ph.D. in engineering. No wonder Leo was so proud! He used to say that one of his happiest memories was a trip to Germany in 1980 to see their son, a staff doctor, in the town where he had com-

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pleted the eighth grade 20 years earlier.

Leo Blanchett well merited the soldier's accolade, "Well Done." We shall miss his cool aggressiveness in facing problems, his sincerity and his inherently good nature.

His classmates

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Roy Alexander Sanders

NO. 13221 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 3 February 1991 in Tampa, Florida, aged 71 years.

Interment: Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Roy Alexander Sanders

ROY SANDERS' TALE is the sort that makes Americans proud of this country. Born in Minnesota, the son of an immigrant blacksmith, Roy graduated from high school in his home town of Balaton before spending one year in St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. There he might have stayed, but he had developed an interest in road and bridge construction. When the Corps of Engineers published their plan for the Missouri Basin Development, Roy was inspired to contact his congressman and take the competitive appointment. Into our class he came, with dreams of engineering in his head.

In "L" Company Roy made friends rapidly. He won his intramural monogram and became involved as a yearling with the various stage productions of the class: Camp Illumination and Color Line. His easy way of doing things and his membership in the Fishing Club forecast his retirement activity. But he was jolted at Yearling branch drawing to realize he would never get a slot in the Engineers. So he took Coast Artillery, and moved to the Engineers as fast as he could after graduation.

While his tour in the Coast Artillery was short, it was long enough to meet and marry Barbara Whittier, who was to stay with him through tours in the Philippines and France, as well as holding up the homefront when he was away unaccompanied. During World War II Roy joined the 1155th Engineer Construction Group for duty in the European Theater. Then he was transferred to the Pacific and placed in charge of the reconstruction of Camp Hay in the Philippines—one of the more challenging assignments of his career.

A master's degree in civil engineering at the University of Illinois and further military schooling were followed by an assignment as district engineer in Orleans, France during the build-up of NATO and the supply line across France. Then came two years in the Riverdale Engineer District and the first of several Commendation Medals in the 13th Engineer Construction Battalion in Korea. Four years on the General Staff were followed by command of the 86th Engineer Battalion, where he was decorated again. From 1964–66 Roy was the post engineer at Fort Shafter, an assignment for which he was decorated yet again. From 1966–68 duty in the Chief of Engineers called. His final assignment was three years as deputy district engineer at Fort Armstrong in Hawaii, where he won the Legion of Merit.

Many years before his retirement, Roy and Barbara bought a lot in Port Charlotte; later they decided it would be their retirement address. In Roy's words, since retirement, they ". . . enjoyed boating, fishing, swimming, hiking and biking." For five years they spent the warmer months motor-homing across the USA. Then, again in Roy's words, "For the last few years, as age takes its toll, family gatherings, cookouts, TV and reading are more common. We are at that time when, as the old song says, 'They just fade away.' "

On Sunday, 3 February 1991, the colonel left us. Roy was a happy man, a close man who loved his family and his very close circle of friends. He was a man who took pleasure in the simple things of life. The boy who was impressed by articles about the Corps of Engineers served that Corps for almost 30 years. While construction was always his interest, he served in Europe during World War II, in Korea, on visits to Vietnam during that war and in the Middle East in 1967 during the Seven Day War. It was a full and happy life of service, centered on his country and his family.

Roy is survived by Barbara, his wife for almost all of that time; by his daughters, Susan Jane Reager of Sarasota; Barbara Jeanne of Tucson; and Marcia Ann Martin of Temple, Texas; by his son, Roy, Jr; by his beloved granddaughter, Melissa Reager; and by his brother and two sisters. A full life of service and 20 years of quiet retirement amid family and friends made Roy a happy man, content with the choice that the boy from Minnesota made so many years ago. RIP, old soldier.

His "L" Company classmates

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John Gibson Tomlinson

NO. 14618 CLASS OF 1945

Died 12 April 1989 in Boston, Massachusetts, aged 68 years.

Interment: Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge, New Jersey.

John Gibson Tomlinson

JACK TOMLINSON was born in New York City on 6 September 1920 to Alice (Ramsdale) and Henry Gibson Tomlinson. Jack was raised from his early teens by an aunt and uncle in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. He graduated from high school in Bernardsville, New Jersey in 1938. There he met Norma Cerino, his wife of nearly 44 years and mother of their four exceptional children, who hold among them four master's degrees, two Ph.D.'s, a Fullbright, a Guggenheim and a MacArthur award.

Having first been turned down for a political appointment to West Point, Jack attended Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. He also joined the National Guard's 112th Field Artillery Battalion after high school. When his unit was called to active duty he left his language studies at Drew and found himself a sergeant in C Battery, a horse-drawn, 75 mm howitzer unit. Applying from the ranks for a competitive appointment to West Point, he was sent to The Army's prep school at Fort McPherson. Colonel Richard Krueger, a high school classmate and a corporal under Jack in the 112th, remembers him as an outstanding example to himself and to oth-

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ers in the unit, and as one of the finest men he has ever known.

At West Point Jack quietly but quickly made his mark. Despite a nine-month slug while a yearling, he became company commander of F-2 Company as a first classman. While a cadet and thereafter, he lived the line in the Cadet Prayer that seeks the harder right rather than the easier wrong. Given two ways of doing a job, rest assured that, lacking clear guidance to the contrary, he would choose the harder right. Jack gave a good account of himself in plebe boxing and wrestling, no matter who was his opponent. Plebe summer, though he couldn't swim, he dove in without wavering when required to demonstrate his swimming ability. He went straight to the bottom, somehow making it back to the ladder, to return to his place in ranks (and three years of remedial swimming) without a backward glance.

He graduated well within the upper quarter of his class and was first in Spanish. He and Norma were married within a few days of graduation, and he returned to the Field Artillery, assigned to Occupation duty in Germany after the Basic Course at Fort Sill. As a second lieutenant Constabulary troop commander, he received the Army Commendation Ribbon for having one of the finest troop installations in the Theater.

Next came a year of immersion in Spanish at the University of Madrid in preparation for a three-year tour in the Department of Foreign Languages at the Military Academy. There Jack realized his love of teaching, and these were very pleasant years. In a note to Norma, Mrs. Jack Renfroe, under whose husband Jack taught, remembers him as a man of surpassing dependability and a tower of strength.

Sadly for the Army, and for Jack, he resigned his commission in 1954 following a year at the Advanced Officers Course at Fort Sill and Fort Bliss. He entered the business world as a cost analyst with US Steel, at the same time completing the course work for a master's in business administration at Duquesne University. During the next 12 years he held management positions in several of our largest corporations. Moves within the defense industry brought him to Andover, Massachusetts. There Jack returned to teaching at the Pike School, where he established their Spanish program and was assistant principal, while also teaching Spanish at Phillips Andover Academy. At Andover he worked with two other USMA graduates: John Kemper and Edward Harris, both from the Class of 1935.

In 1967 Headmaster Kemper offered Jack the resident directorship of the School Year Abroad program in Barcelona, Spain. He served in that capacity with great credit to himself and to Phillips Andover. He was much admired and respected by his students, some of whom kept in touch with Jack through the years, remembering their experiences abroad under his guidance, as among the more formative and constructive of their young lives.

During the summer of 1970, Jack was given responsibility for remodeling the school-owned Andover Inn. He completed that project on time and under budget. Not long after his return to Barcelona he was offered, and accepted, the directorship of the entire physical plant at Andover. He brought badly-needed order and definition to that department. Energy conservation became a subject of special interest to him. He saved the academy substantial sums of money by securing federal grants to finance energy-saving projects, making Andover a model among private schools and colleges. As one result of this work, he became the president of the Association of Physical Plant Administrators. Jack retired from Phillips Andover in 1984 but continued as the school's consultant in matters of energy conservation.

Those of us who knew him as a cadet and officer regarded as a great loss to the Army his decision to resign his commission in 1954, but, through strength of character, unwavering commitment to a few basic principles and the loving support of his wife and children, he made the most of the life that came his way.

On 12 April 1989, Jack died as the result of high-risk surgery performed to remove an arterial blockage that was intermittently incapacitating and threatened a devastating stroke. He knew the risks involved but characteristically selected surgery as the only acceptable option. That he made that decision without hesitation surprises none of us who knew him. That it failed was in keeping with the odds.

With Norma and the children we pray that Jack may rest in well-deserved peace.

George H. Troxell, Jr.

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Kenneth Homer Werner

NO. 14969 CLASS OF 1945

Died 3 August 1984 in Chesterfield, Missouri, aged 63 years.

Interment: Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

KENNETH HOMER WERNER was born 19 January 1921 in Buhl, Idaho, the youngest of four children. Ken's parents were farmers, and they moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where they bought a home farm. He grew up in a rural setting, attending a small Lutheran grade school and graduating from a high school with only 12 others in the senior class. From an early

Kenneth Homer Werner

age Ken knew that he wanted to go to West Point and have a military career.

After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Army on 10 July 1941 at Fort Douglas, Utah. His first duty station was Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas. He attained the rank of sergeant and, on 15 August 1941, received orders to the Army West Point Preparatory School at Camp Bullis, Texas. It was there that he met his life-long friend, Joe Martinez. They both received their West Point appointments and joined the Corps of Cadets in July 1942. Ken's appointment was from Idaho's second district.

Neither the academic nor the tactical departments presented any major problem to Ken, and his friendly smile and cheerful attitude made him a well-liked and respected classmate. Ken's dream was to fly, and, when the opportunity came to take flight training while still a cadet, he seized it. With the wartime curriculum cut to three years, he had to finish his academics early in order to complete his flight training at Stewart Field, New York. He received his pilot's wings and, on 6 June 1945, was commissioned as a second lieutenant and assigned to the US Army Air Corps.

While at West Point Ken met Edith Fisher from Queens, Long Island, New York. Their romance grew and they were married 29 December 1945.

Following B-25 and B-17 transition and the junior officers course, Ken received his first permanent assignment in February 1946 to Munich, Germany. Edith joined him in July 1946, and they lived in an apartment outside war-torn Munich. In addition to flying C-47's for the European Air Transport Service, he was the junior base legal officer. Ken was a major participant in the vital Berlin Airlift, completing 59 missions. He always prized the eight-millimeter movies he was able to take from the cockpit of

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his C-47 while flying in formation along the narrow Berlin corridor.

Ken loved his duties and reiterated many times that he was very fortunate to be able to have a career in the field that he liked best—flying—and to be able to serve his beloved country.

Following his return to CONUS in October 1948, Ken had a series of tours as an instructor at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, Bartow, Florida and Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. In 1953 he was assigned to fly B-29's for the Strategic Air Command at Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas. Ken transitioned to RB-47's and flew reconnaissance as aircraft commander of a select crew for three years. He was on the Wing Standardization Board for four years and operations officer for one year. In 1961 he was assigned as a KC-135 pilot at Kincheloe Air Force Base, Michigan. Because of medical reasons, this was his last flying assignment. By then Ken had logged 4,735 hours of flying time and was rated a command pilot.

He served as Intelligence staff officer at Kincheloe from 1961–63, when he was transferred to Hahn Air Force Base, Germany as chief, Intelligence Division, 50th Tactical Fighter Wing. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in July 1963. In 1965 the Base Air Police Squadron was not up to the desired standards and the wing commander asked Ken to reestablish it as a stable, respected unit. When Ken's tour was over and his family left for Bremerhaven in the family station wagon, the Air Police formed an Honor Guard along the Base Gateway to honor Ken for the professional approach he used to get the job done.

Upon returning to CONUS in October 1965, Ken reported to the 19th Air Force at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina. He retired 31 December 1966 after 25 years of faithful service.

He accepted a position as planner with McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis, Missouri and worked there for eight years. He then joined Sverdrup and Parcel, an engineering, architectural and planning firm in St. Louis, where he worked for seven more years.

Ken was diagnosed as having A-plastic Anemia and given three years to live. He never lost his courage or complained. His quiet dignity and, most of all, his faith prevailed. He died on 3 August 1984 at his home in Chesterfield, Missouri. He was buried with full military honors at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis. Among the attendees, besides his wife Edith, were his sons Kenneth (Captain USAF), Richard and John; daughters Madeline and Nancy; their families; and classmates Douglas Atkin and Joseph Hadzima. The eulogy was given by Edward Hemkens, Colonel USAF (Ret), longtime friend since Hahn Air Force Base. In addition, he is survived by seven grandchildren.

Ken, a quiet, honest man devoted to his family and country, will be missed always by those who were close to him.

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Benjamin Keller Chase

NO. 15910 CLASS OF 1946

Died 23 September 1971 on the island of St. Maartens, Netherlands Antilles, aged 47 years.

Interment: Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Keller Chase

BENJAMIN KELLER CHASE, known to his family and friends as Ben, was born 10 April 1924 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ben grew up in Lebanon, Pennsylvania and attended high school at Riverside Military Academy, from which he graduated in 1941. His formative years found Ben greatly interested in outdoor activities; he was an avid fisherman and hunter. He also enjoyed skiing, golf and tennis. One of his early heroes was an uncle, Colonel Herbert K. Bear, US Army Corps of Engineers. It was his admiration of this uncle that prompted Ben to make attending West Point one of the major goals in his life. Following graduation from Riverside Military Academy, Ben entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute and remained there until he was drafted in March 1943. Ben served in a chemical warfare training regiment until appointed to West Point, entering on 1 July 1943 with the Class of 1946.

With his military academy and Army background, Ben found cadet life tolerable. Not a hive, he managed to stay out of trouble with academics. Not terribly athletic, he was always willing to try his best. He was a member of the Ski Club during each of his cadet years. One of his classmates, Joe Lusk, recalled that Ben was a very compassionate person. He was always willing to take upon himself the solution to a friend's problems. Always cheerful, one of his favorite expressions as a cadet was "don't worry about your Uncle Ben." He was always optimistic and wanted to share this happy outlook on life with his friends. Ben graduated as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

After completion of the Artillery Officers Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Fort Bliss, Texas, Ben was assigned to the Field Artillery Battalion at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. It was while at Fort Benning that Ben married Wilda (Willie) Elizabeth Stengel on 23 July 1949 at Lititz, Pennsylvania. In 1950, Ben and Willie went to Panama, where Ben served with the 504th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone. Following his tour with the 504th, Ben returned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma to attend the Field Artillery Officer's Advanced Course. In 1954 Ben looked at the promotion outlook and didn't like what he saw, so he decided to resign his commission and go into civilian life.

Ben stayed in the Army Reserves after he left the Army. His duty assignments included S-3, 6-1 Rocket Howitzer Battalion, 79th Division and S-3, 378th Quartermaster Battalion, General Supply. Ben retired as a major in the Army Reserves in 1967.

Ben's first venture as a civilian was working for a consulting engineering firm. In 1956 he joined the Lebanon Steel Foundry as an assistant production manager. He became production manager in 1960 and remained in that position until 1969. It was while working as production manager at Lebanon Foundry and discovering that work was continually backed up in the X-ray Testing Department that Ben began to think about solving this production bottleneck. He began to talk to his friends in the Radiographic Department about starting his own company to solve this problem. One of these friends, Robert H. Wagner, recalled that Ben's conversations on the subject became more and more serious until Ben finally asked him if he would leave Lebanon and go with him. Robert Wagner told Ben he would think about it. From that day forward, when Ben talked of the business to Wagner, it was "us" (not "me"). Robert Wagner went into the fledgling business one month after Ben. Another friend and co-worker, L. Saylor Zimmerman, joined them in Ben's fledgling company, named Pennsylvania Radiographic Laboratories. After much hard work, the three of them got the company on its way in early 1971. The company specialized in the X-raying of steel castings, forgings and weldments and the final repair, through welding, of any defects uncovered. The surge in the quality require-

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ments for steel used in nuclear power applications made Ben's company—one of the few specializing in this type of work—very successful.

Robert Wagner and L. Saylor Zimmerman recalled several incidents in getting the company underway. The first office Christmas party was held in Ben's office, with the entire work force of three attending. Another time they were working on the original x-ray machine, and Ben was standing by, smoking his old pipe. Ben decided he was going to help, so he put his pipe in his coat pocket. Five minutes later his coat was smoking, and Ben was frantically trying to save it. Ben was president of the company until his death in 1971. That company, from its modest beginnings, is now known as PRL Industries, Inc. and has grown to include a parent company, PRL Inc. and three sister companies; Brenner Machine Company, Lebanon Tool Company and Regal Cast, Inc. These companies employed 200 people in 1990.

Ben was very active in community activities in Lebanon County. One of his main activities was the American Cancer Society, having served as chairman of both regional and local fund-raising drives and as president of his local unit. He was also active in the Republican party, serving on his local executive committee for over ten years. In addition to enjoying hunting and fishing, Ben was an inventor and a painter. Some of his artistic talent was transmitted to his children, with two of them making their livings in New York City as artists.

In September 1971, he and Willie were on vacation in the Netherlands Antilles when Ben died of a heart attack. He was survived by his wife Willie; son Benjamin K. Jr.; two daughters, Lisa and Abigail; and brother Samuel.

Ben Chase was a generous and caring man. Among all those who provided input to this article, there was a common thought: "Ben was a gentleman, a truly kind person and a true friend." That really is a fine way to be remembered. Ben loved his fellow man and they responded in kind. He never lost the optimism that he displayed as a cadet. He shed no tears for himself; his tears were shed only for others. Ben had a boundless zest for life and a great sense of humor, which balanced his serious side. He had great vision, and there is no telling what he might have accomplished had he not been taken from his family and country so soon. Ben loved and cherished his family. His beloved Willie expressed the feeling of all who knew and loved Benjamin K. Chase when she said, "He left this world a happy man and a better place for his brief stay. I feel privileged to have been with him on part of his journey and was fortunate to have shared his joys, sorrows, accomplishments and love. We all miss him terribly—20 years does not seem like a long time." His classmates can only add, "Well Done, Ben; Be Thou At Peace!"

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Willie

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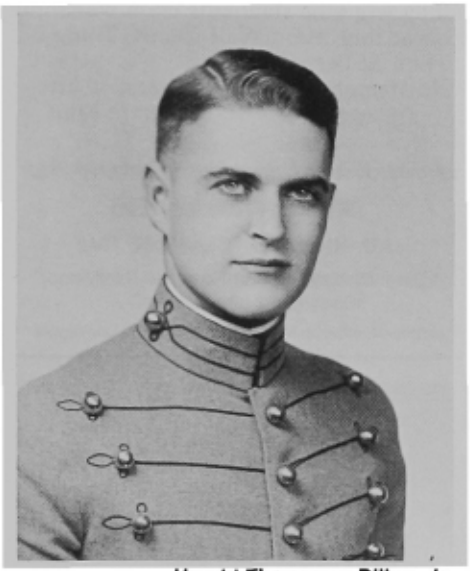
Harold Thompson Dillon, Jr.

NO. 15814 CLASS OF 1946

Died 5 November 1970 in Atlanta, Georgia, aged 45 years.

Interment: Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia.



Harold Thompson Dillon, Jr.

HAROLD THOMPSON DILLON, JR., known to his family and friends as Tom, was in the insurance business. When he was about seven years old, he began selling magazines door-to-door. He continued this endeavor until he left home to attend Georgia Military Academy at College Park, Georgia. His sister Ruth recalled that Tom loved to get away into the woods or walk on the beach, if he could get to one. For some time, she thought Tom enjoyed fishing. He confessed to her, however, that he really didn't want to catch anything but just wanted to think about things, and it looked better if he had a pole in his hands. To illustrate Tom's sensitivity and gentleness towards animals, as well as people, Ruth recalls that Tom found a baby squirrel. Tom adopted it and would put the squirrel inside his shirt. Ruth remembers that Tom had always expressed an interest in becoming a doctor, but, when World War II came along, he decided that a military life was appropriate and applied for an appointment to West Point. This decision was applauded by his father, who himself had wanted to go to West Point as a youth. Tom received his appointment and entered the Academy on 1 July 1943 with the Class of 1946.

Cadet life was, for Tom, just another hurdle to get over so he could get on with his life. Quiet and reserved, always the "Southern gentleman," Tom had an intellectual bent that helped him weather all the cadet "storms" stoically and with a great sense of humor. He gained a reputation in his cadet company as a deep thinker and philosopher. He was a good student with no academic problems. Dick Fuller, friend and B-1 classmate, recalled that towards the end of first class year, Tom appeared to be wrestling with the problem of what to do with his life. Tom appeared to have decided not to pursue a lifetime career in the Army, but, at the same time, he had serious reservations about joining his father in the insurance business.

Another B-1 friend and classmate, Jim Day, recalled countless philosophical discussions with Tom on free Saturday evenings. "He was very much a man, a talented athlete with the best left hook that I experienced from a man who was not a member of Corps Squad boxing." Another B-1 friend and classmate, Dick Gruenther, recalled, "We shared a love of the outdoors and explored many beautiful mountaintops on the West Point reservation together. Along with Harlan Koch, Roy Mossy, Dave Hutchison and others, we shared many equestrian weekends. Tom was fine company—a true Southern Gentleman. Never ruffled by the system, Tom took it all in stride." When graduation arrived, Tom became a second lieutenant of Infantry.

It was during graduation leave that Tom married Frances Spain in Atlanta on 2 July 1946. Some of his classmates remember Tom selling insurance while attending the Basic Infantry Officer's Course (he planned to join his father in the insurance business when his obligated tour was up). Following the Infantry School, Tom was assigned to Osaka, Japan, where Fran joined him after about a year. Tom's job during this period was to locate the graves of US airmen who had been shot down over Japan. In the spring of 1950, Tom resigned from the Army and returned to Atlanta to join his father in the insurance business. His two years in this endeavor meant a lot to his father, but Tom soon realized that this was not what he wanted out of life. Following up on one of his childhood ambitions, Tom, Fran and their new baby daughter Claire journeyed to Dallas, Texas, where Tom entered the Southwestern Medical School in Dallas in the fall of 1953.

One of Tom's medical school classmates, Dr. Robert B. Allison, recalled, "From the fall of 1953 until his death in 1970, Tom Dillon was my best friend. . . . I met Tom Dillon over a dead body in the anatomy lab. Six of us shared one body. . . . It was a macabre scene, 18 bodies in an old, non-air-conditioned

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Army barracks. I had never met anyone who had gone to West Point before. Tom introduced me to Duty, Honor, Country, to the Honor System at West Point. . . . He discussed survival—first you had to pass. We had a lot of fun. Tom was slightly older than most of the class. He was, however, respected by all of his classmates and faculty. He was senior class secretary/treasurer and elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Society. He was good with patients but chose pathology as a sub-specialty. "Tom and I interned in Boston in 1957–58. Tom had a straight pathology internship at Massachusetts General Hospital, and I was a straight medical intern at Boston City Hospital. Tom continued in pathology at Massachusetts General from 1958–60 and became interested in forensic medicine. Tom and his family lived in Marble Head, Massachusetts during their stay in Boston. . . . Tom became the first medical examiner for Fulton Country (Atlanta), Georgia. He loved his work and was good at it. . . . " John T. Cameron, now the chief of police, Fairburn, Georgia, was an investigator with the Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office working for Tom. Chief Cameron recalled that Tom was the first medical examiner for the Atlanta area. Previously they had a coroner system, but the requirements had outgrown the system. Plus, the coroner could not perform autopsies. During his first year in the job, Tom carried dual titles, both coroner and medical examiner. Chief Cameron remembers Tom as brilliant, one of the finest medical examiners in the southeastern United States. He was a good organizer and brought in a top-notch investigative staff. The office was very effective. As a result of Tom's efforts, better evidence was presented in court, enhancing the entire homicide investigative system in the county. Chief Cameron remembers Tom's dedication and his outstanding professional qualifications.

On 5 November 1970, Tom Dillon died at his home in Atlanta of a massive cerebral hemorrhage. He was survived by his wife Fran; daughters Claire and Frances; son Harold T. Dillon, III; sister Ruth; and his parents.

When Tom Dillon was taken from his family and friends at the peak of his career, a void was left in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. Dr. Bob Allison shared these thoughts: "Tom was a great guy. His death was a real blow to me; no other incident other than my father's death had a greater impact on me. Tom and I frequently discussed values such as character, self-reliance, responsibility, etc. He loved words and facts. 'Never argue about a fact.' We looked up a lot of things and bet constantly. A dime was the standard wager, plus a lot of honor and pride.

Tom loved his family. He was devoted to Fran and the children. He often said that the children were his major accomplishment in his life and he doted on them. Fran and his classmates all remember Tom for the characteristics that remained constant throughout his life. He was honest to a fault, maintained a steadfastness of purpose, was completely dedicated to his work and family, loyal to his friends and never wavered in his faith in God and His purpose for Tom's life. Tom lived the virtues instilled at West Point. DUTY, HONOR and COUNTRY were not just words to Tom; they were the standards upon which he based his life. "Well Done, Tom; Be Thou At Peace!"

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Fran

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William Charles Hall

NO. 15418 CLASS OF 1946

Died 28 May 1982 in Rockville, Maryland, aged 58 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

William Charles Hall

WILLIAM CHARLES HALL, known to his family and friends as Chuck, was born on 29 November 1923 in Cherokee, Iowa. Cherokee is a small, rural farming town, and Chuck lived there until his parents divorced during his early childhood. This event resulted in Chuck spending his grade school years alternating a year in Cherokee with his father and a year in Pasadena, California with his mother. During these years the family sojourns to his grandmother's cottage on Lake Okoboji in northwestern Iowa were the highlight of Chuck's life. A family sanctuary, three and four generations of family would gather there each summer. It was there that Chuck developed a lifelong love of the water. The cottage became the root of his family life, and he continued to spend his vacations there even as an adult. Chuck spent his high school years in Cherokee, attending Wilson High School. Even in those years he demonstrated a wonderful sense of dedication and loyalty. His cousin, Marian Greenfield, recalled an incident during his senior year in high school. Chuck was a mainstay in the marching band, playing the clarinet. The band was to play in the national competition, which happened to occur at the same time as Chuck was to be interviewed for West Point. Going to West Point meant everything to Chuck, but he couldn't let the band down. When the West Point interviewers arrived and learned why Chuck wasn't there, they said, "He's just the kind we want—someone who wouldn't let others down to pursue his own ambitions." Chuck had already applied to the California Institute of Technology and received a scholarship there, so he attended Cal Tech while waiting to receive his appointment to West Point. His wait ended after one year; he entered West Point on 1 July 1943 as a member of the Class of 1946.

Cadet life presented no major problems for Chuck. His innate characteristics of self-reliance, dependability and dedication to excellence enabled him to master each obstacle that came his way. Chuck was a member of the Cadet Orchestra as well as the Camera Club and the Fishing Club. He was on the Wrestling Squad his last two years. His classmates respected Chuck as a truly fine person, one who could be counted upon when the going got tough. Quiet and unobtrusive, he nevertheless was articulate in expressing his ideas and was always eager and ready to help a classmate. At graduation Chuck became a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps.

Chuck attended the Branch Immaterial Course at Fort Benning, Georgia and then moved to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland for the Ordnance Basic Officers Course. While at Aberdeen, Chuck married May (Meg) Elinor Gass at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center Chapel in Washington, DC on 4 October 1947. From Aberdeen, Chuck and Meg traveled to Sandia Base, New Mexico where Chuck served as company commander of Headquarters Company, then as a student in the Special Weapons Course and finally as a mechanical engineering officer with the 122nd Special Weapons Unit. The summer of 1950 saw Chuck move to Japan, where he became an ammunition supply officer with the 63rd Ordnance Battalion. After a year, he became chief, Supply and Transportation Branch, Ammunition Division of the Joint Logistics Command. Meg was able to join Chuck in Japan and they enjoyed their sojourn in the Far East.

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Chuck later became assistant chief of Depot Operations for the Ammunition Division in the Joint Logistics Command. Following his tour in Japan, Chuck earned his master's in mechanical engineering at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. With degree in hand, Chuck and Meg moved to Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, New Jersey, where Chuck was deeply involved in the ammunition research and development process. It was during this tour at Picatinny that their first child, Carolyn, was born in 1955. The next two years saw the Halls holding student status. At the Ordnance Officers Advanced Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, Chuck again demonstrated his dedication to excellence by becoming the honor graduate in that course. A son, Jeffrey, was born to the Halls at this time. Then on to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where Chuck attended the Command and General Staff College.

Germany was the next stop for the Halls. Chuck was commanding officer, Army Ordnance Plant in Boeblingen, from 1960–63. The Halls' second son, Andrew, was born in Germany in 1961. Returning to CONUS in 1963, Chuck was assigned to the US Atomic Energy Commission in Germantown, Maryland. The majority of this three-year tour was spent as chief, Special Nuclear Projects Branch in the Tests Directorate. After Germantown Chuck served an unaccompanied tour in Korea, where he commanded the 83rd Ordnance Battalion. Returning to CONUS in 1967, Chuck was made product manager for Mortar Ammunition at the Munitions Command in Dover, New Jersey and received the Legion of Merit. The Halls moved from New Jersey to Washington, DC in 1969 when Chuck became chief, Weapons/Munitions Systems Division, Directorate for Research and Engineering, US Army Material Command. In 1972, Chuck became assistant to the director of Special Projects in USAMC. In 1973 it was discovered that Chuck had cancer, and he retired from the Army on 31 May 1973.

Retirement for Chuck, especially under medical circumstances, was extremely difficult. He never complained, however, and continued to demonstrate his ever-ready sense of humor. He died at his home in Rockville, Maryland on 28 May 1982. He is survived by his wife Meg; daughter Carolyn; and two sons, Jeffrey and Andrew.

William Charles Hall was one of those people about whom everyone always had something nice to say. Quiet and unassuming, he never intruded but was always there if a friend was needed. A classmate, Ken Van Auken, recalled that Chuck was a particularly outstanding person and greatly admired by his fellow Ordnance officers. He was always pleasant to be around, as he was so "upbeat," even under the most trying times. Ken also remembered Chuck's love and devotion for his wife Meg. Chuck never articulated his pride in being a West Pointer, but it was evident in all his actions. He loved his family. He was a loving husband and devoted father. He had so much to give to his country and to his family that the onset of the disease that took both away from him was a cruel blow. His family, his friends and his classmates feel a terrible emptiness in their lives now that Chuck Hall has finished his "course on earth." It is fitting that all who knew and loved him say, "Well Done, Chuck; Be Thou At Peace!"

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Meg

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Steven Edward Hill

NO. 15851 CLASS OF 1946

Died 14 March 1989 in Sacramento, California, aged 67 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Steven Edward Hill

STEVEN EDWARD HILL, née Hilovsky, was born on 12 June 1921 in Prague, Czechoslovakia (Steve changed his name to Hill about 1955). Steve's parents immigrated to the United States in 1922, and Steve's brother Henry recalled his mother later telling him that Steve had learned to walk on the ship during their trans-Atlantic voyage. The Hilovskys started a successful business in Arnold, Pennsylvania. Henry recalled asking his mother why she and his father worked such long, hard hours. She replied, "We must get our family started in the right direction." Going to West Point had always been one of Steven's dreams. After graduating from high school, Steve studied pharmacy/pre-med at the University of Pittsburgh. In his fourth year at Pitt, he received his long-awaited appointment to West Point.

Cadet life found Steve continuing his ethic of hard work and diligence. He spent three years in the Camera Club, the Catholic Choir and the Glee Club. He worked on the Hundredth Night Shows, a new interest which he was to enlarge upon in his later life. When graduation rolled around, Steve pinned on the wings and gold bars of a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

Following B-25 school at Enid Air Force Base, Oklahoma, Steve was assigned to the 436th Bomb Squadron, 7th Bomb Wing at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas. On 6 June 1949, Steve married Imogene (Teddy) Guerrie in Arnold, Pennsylvania. In 1950 the newlyweds moved to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where Steve completed the requirements for a master's in aeronautical engineering. Next they traveled to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, where Steve was in one of the missile programs. From Patrick, Steve was assigned to the Hughes Aircraft Company in Los Angeles, California. He then became command liaison officer from the Air Proving Ground Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. In 1955 Steve became a test project officer at the Air Proving Ground and flew B-47's. In 1958 Steve returned to Patrick Air Force Base in the Ballistics Missile Division. Teddy taught school at many of the bases where Steve was assigned, and classmate, Fred Hafer, recalled that Teddy was the favorite teacher of their oldest son. In 1963, Steve earned a master's in business administration from George Washington University in Washington, DC. Following a tour with the 6594th Test Wing in 1967, the Hills traveled to Anderson Air Force Base, Guam where Steve commanded a missile station. On Guam Steve and Teddy worked on large-scale musical productions, producing "Bye, Bye Birdie" with 300 teen, community and military participants. The Hills received the Community Award from the base commander for their efforts. In 1970, Steve retired from the Air Force in the grade of lieutenant colonel.

Throughout his life Steve had an insatiable desire to learn as much as he could about as many things as possible. Retirement found Steve and Teddy in Sacramento, California, where Steve earned secondary teaching credentials in math and science at California State University, Sacramento. Steve and Teddy remained active in the arts, co-producing the musical "Oliver" with a cast of over 100 in Sacramento in the late 70's. Steve was accepted into the doctoral program at the University of San Francisco. While working on his degree, both Steve and Teddy became Fulbright Scholars. Teddy recalled that their pro-

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longed stay in India in 1976 under that program was one of the highlights of their lives. After returning from India, Steve developed a multi-media presentation on "The Culture of India" and became an avidly-sought-after speaker. Continuing his quest for knowledge, Steve studied taxes, computers and photography, becoming proficient in all. He won awards for his photography and sponsored a photography club in Sacramento high schools. Steve also became a computer mentor to a select group of interested students.

In February 1989, Steve had a massive heart attack and, on 14 March 1989, died at Mercy Hospital in Sacramento, California. He is survived by his wife Teddy; daughter Karen; two sons, Steven, Jr. and Richard; and two brothers, Henry and Michael.

From his birth as Steven Hilovsky in Prague, Czechoslovakia; to his graduation from West Point as a pilot in the Air Corps; to his advanced degrees; to his successful Air Force career; to his religion; to his life after retirement; to his loving wife and wonderful children: Steven Edward Hill had a most satisfying life. Those who remain behind will always remember Steve for the characteristics that made him stand out above the crowd. He was a patriot in the finest sense of the term. Steve loved his family, was devoted to his beloved Teddy and proud of his children. He was truly proud to be a West Pointer. He was proud of his service to his country. When the motto, "DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY," is spoken, it brings to mind Steve Hill. For him, those words were the guideposts of his entire life.

Steve's children wrote a eulogy, "Memories of Our Father":

"We were lucky, grateful and PROUD to have such a wonderful and honest man as our father. He was a model we can all be proud to look up to and lean on and depend on.

"God, country and family were the important parts of his whole being. He exemplified patriotism to the utmost, as he gave up the pursuance of a medical career at the University of Pittsburgh when the coveted offer to attend West Point arose. This gave him the opportunity to fulfill his great desire and determination to be a career officer and proudly serve his country. . . .

"Our father was a spiritual man, with the highest of moral and ethical values. He was an exemplary role model for our family.

"Our father put his family above all else. All his actions were meant to make things easier for us, or to make us happy, or to make us intelligent. He would spend his last penny if we said it was for education. . . .

"Dad wanted us to grow up right, which sometimes meant expecting a lot of us. On walks he would guide us into finding our own way when we said we were lost, or if we were tired he might push our endurance to make the last part of the way. His intentions were to help us be independent and strong like he was. . . .

"Our mother brought him so much love and joy and friendship. Together they made holidays special for us. Together they carried on family traditions. We ate our evening meal at the table with no TV or phone interruptions. Grace was said and was often quite lengthy if our dad was in a sentimental mood. . . .

"Without our dad, life seems fearful and uncertain. However, as long as we remember his directness, honesty, firmness, strength and love of family, we will remain a strong family and he will remain a strong part of our family—his family."

In honor of his lifelong dedication to the ideals of West Point, the Class of 1946 is proud to say, "Well Done, Steve; Be Thou At Peace!"

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Teddy (Imogene)

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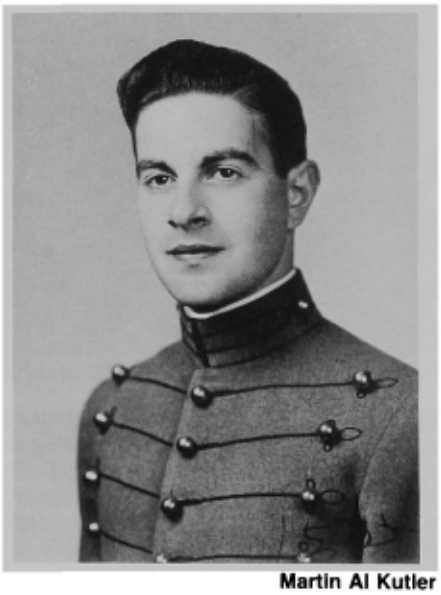
Martin Al Kutler

NO. 15705 CLASS OF 1946

Died 9 June 1960 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, aged 35 years.

Interment: Brith Sholom Cemetery, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.



Martin Al Kutler

MARTIN AL KUTLER, always known as "Marty" to his family and friends, was born on 17 October 1924 in Trenton, New Jersey. When Marty was quite young, his parents moved to Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, which became Marty's "hometown." While attending J.W. Cooper High School in Shenandoah, Marty was a very popular student and participated in many activities: he starred in the school play his senior year; played clarinet in the marching band and saxophone in the orchestra.; played tennis; and also ran distance races on the track team. He had a lifelong ambition to attend West Point, even though there was no military tradition in his family. Upon graduation from high school Marty attended Pennsylvania State University while awaiting an appointment to the Academy. While at Penn State he made the Dean's List, was on the debating team and was a member of the Pershing Rifles in the ROTC program. Finally, his appointment to West Point came through, and Marty joined the Class of 1946 on 1 July 1943.

Marty found his early cadet days a bit tougher than some. It seems he received more than his share of attention from some of the more demanding upperclassmen. With his typical good-natured style, he weathered that period with little difficulty. Some of his classmates remember Marty's aversion to riding class. It seems that Marty often offered the Cavalry troopers, who ran the class, money to give him one of the more docile horses. At the same time, Marty's classmates would offer the same troopers money to make sure Marty got one of the more spirited horses. The net result was that Marty never seemed to like riding any better. As a cadet, Marty is remembered as ever cheerful, even-tempered, always ready to help others and capable of getting a maximum amount of work done with a minimum of effort. His relaxed approach to academics and his median class standing did not, in any way, reflect his intellectual capabilities. When graduation rolled around, Marty becmae a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps.

After a year on active duty, Marty was retired from the Army with physical disabilities. Having to shift his career goals, Marty decided to enroll in the Law School at the University of Pennsylvania. It was about this time that Marty married Rose Sherman on 3 August 1947 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Following graduation from law school, where he was a member of the Law Review, Marty became associated with the law offices of Irving W. Coleman and maintained offices in Northhampton and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Irving Coleman recalled: "He (Marty) was an excellent trial lawyer and was able to use his charm and good looks, particularly in front of women jurors. Martin had a very successful career. I have practiced law for 55 years, and Marty was one of my most outstanding associates and partners. Although he was a native of Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, he made many, many friends throughout the Lehigh Valley, both professionally and socially."

Marty was at the height of his career as

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a trial lawyer when he died suddenly on 9 June 1960. He was survived by his wife Rose; daughters Kathryn, Leslie and Carole; sister Joan; and brother Sam.

Martin Al Kutler was a good and positive influence on everyone who knew him. His sister Joan recalled that, as a child, Marty gave her the confidence to pursue the goals she sought. She looked up to her oldest brother for guidance when she needed it. These same characteristics remained a basic part of Marty throughout his foreshortened life. Always intelligent, with tremendous capabilities, Marty was interesting to be around and had a charming personality. He was generous with his time and talents to those who were in need. His wife Rose recalled that one of his best friends said to her shortly after Marty's death, "To know him is to love him."

Even though he had to forgo his career in the Army and was a most successful trial lawyer, Marty always considered his crowning achievement to be his graduation from West Point. It is difficult to fathom the rationale for the death at such a young age of a truly good person like Marty Kutler. Since these questions will never be answered, all that those left behind can do is remember what a positive effect Marty had on this world while he was here. He was a devoted husband and loving father; he cared for people; he loved his country and cherished his West Point heritage. The Class of 1946 is proud to say of Martin Al Kutler, "Well Done; Be Thou At Peace!"

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Rose

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Charles Gustavus Memminger

NO. 16076 CLASS OF 1946

Died 8 October 1990 in Aiea, Hawaii, aged 66 years.

Interment: National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific Punchbowl, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Charles Gustavus Memminger

THE EARLY LIFE of Charles Gustavus (Chuck) Memminger was decidedly different from that of the majority of his classmates. His father was a career Foreign Service officer, and Chuck was born in Bordeaux, France on 11 October 1923. He received his early education in Belfast, Ireland but, at the age of 13, returned to the United States to attend the Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. Graduating in 1942, Chuck enlisted in the Army and obtained an appointment to West Point from a North Carolina congressman, entering on 1 July 1943 with the Class of 1946. His cousin, Elinor Gorham, recalled deep family roots in North Carolina. Chuck's paternal great-grandfather, Christopher Gustavus Memminger, was the Confederate Secretary of the Treasury. He built a home in Flat Rock, North Carolina in 1839, and it later was the home of Carl Sandburg. Today, "Connemara" is a national historic site.

During plebe maneuvers at Pine Camp, New York, Chuck suffered a severe loss. His brother Lucien was killed in an Army training accident, making an already difficult year more so. His two roommates, Jim Johnson and Al Wood, remembered:

"He was totally devoted to his own sense of basic values. He held that West Point was meant to be endured rather than enjoyed, and yet his personal beliefs were entirely compatible with those espoused by the Military Academy. Unpretentious himself, he had no use for pretentiousness in others. He also displayed a refreshing, sardonic, self-deprecating sense of humor.

Quite early during his cadet days, Chuck decided that his goal was to become a pilot in the Army Air Corps. He began to concentrate his considerable talents towards that goal. His primary interest, other than becoming a pilot, was soccer. When graduation came, Chuck became a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

Chuck took multi-engine training at Enid Army Air Field, Oklahoma and then was assigned to Smoky Hill Air Force Base, Salina, Kansas. William D. McSween, Jr. recalled living in substandard bachelor quarters heated by coal stoves. When the Strategic Air Command (SAC) commander inspected the quarters, all bachelors were allowed to live off post. Chuck and Bill McSween doubled up in one of the few apartments available. When the 301st Bomb Group/Wing moved to Louisiana, the two friends ended up with similiar living arrangements. These terminated when Chuck met Melba Lee Smith of Winfield, Louisiana and they married in 1950.

In 1952, Chuck was assigned to MacDill Air Force Base, Florida as a B-47 pilot with the 306th Bomb Wing. John J. Logan recalled:

"Our unit would often go TDY to North Africa for 60 days or more, and we would live two B-47 crews to a tent. Chuck would always make it a point to tent with a new crew so as to develop and guide the younger personnel. . . . Chuck Memminger was the most inspiring officer I met in over 30 years of service."

Chuck then moved overseas to become the deputy commander for Operations, 3926th Combat Support Group at Ben Guerir Air Base in Morocco. Colonel Robert E. Sheridan, (Ret), recalled meeting Chuck at SAC Headquarters, Omaha, Nebraska, in 1965. Chuck was in the Directorate of Operations, following an assignment at Turner Air Force Base, Georgia. Chuck was to take responsibility for SAC Manual 55–7 and the preparation of SAC Combat Mission Folders (CMF's). The CMF was of special interest during visits by the inspector general, and problems in this area invariably required an explanation to the CINC. Chuck convinced the SAC staff and CINCSAC to revise the manual to incorporate costly but cost-effective techniques. Bob Sheridan reminisced:

"Chuck was a solid, reliable friend with a great sense of humor. He referred to himself as the 'Original Old Trapper'. I came to know a lot about Chuck in those days, but I never knew about one of his skills until the Memmingers hosted a going away party for me. The party was the hit of the social season but was most memorable for Chuck's version of Fish House punch."

In 1967, Chuck volunteered to go to Vietnam with the 4th Air Commando Squadron, flying AC-47 "Dragonships". Chuck flew 300 night missions in support of US ground forces, receiving the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star, and 14 Air Medals. One of his DFC's was for his actions on 5 December 1967 when he went to help a US Marine Reconnaissance Team trapped on a hilltop by North Vietnamese regulars. On 4 March 1968, Chuck was awarded the Silver Star for his help in defending Da Nang Air Base from a VC rocket attack.

After a tour with the Office of the Commander-In-Chief, Pacific Command, Chuck became Professor of Aerospace Studies/AFROTC at Oregon State University. The year 1975 was always to remain in Chuck's memory: his beloved Melba died of cancer that year, and he retired from the Air Force in the grade of colonel. Chuck and Melba had three sons, Lucien, Charles and Stephen. Chuck opted to return to Hawaii in retirement. He became a realtor and

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worked for a number of realty companies. On 4 September 1976, Chuck married Mary Anne McIntyre, a widow whose husband had been on Chuck's B-52 crew. Mary Anne brought three children to the marriage, a son Robert and two daughters, Catherine and Anne.

After four years of illness, Charles Gustavus Memminger died on 8 October 1990. He is survived by his wife, Mary Anne, three sons, three stepchildren, four grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren and a sister Elizabeth. At the funeral, his son Charles gave the "Words from the Family" excerpted here:

"My father was not fearless, but he was courageous. For without fear there cannot be courage. It was not until I began writing his obituary—and read of the incidents that lead to his receiving his medals—that I realized just how courageous he was.

"He volunteered to serve in Vietnam when he was 44 years old—an age when most people are slowing down, thinking about playing it safe. But as a professional soldier he felt it was his duty to help his country. . . .

"He never made a big deal of military service. Although my brothers and I were there when he was awarded the Silver Star at Camp Smith, we never really understood the extent of the danger he had faced.

"Dad would not want us to feel sad for him today. He did everything he wanted in life. He flew airplanes, which was his dream. He often joked about cheating death, but he knew that you don't cheat death, you just push the bugger back as far as you can.

"He enjoyed his retirement in Hawaii in the same way he enjoyed his years of flying. He and Mary Anne lived a wonderful life for 12 years—the type of life that many can only dream about.

"As hard as it is to say good-bye, my father was one of the few lucky people in the world who got to live entirely the way he wanted. And we should be happy for that.

"As many of you know, my father was a religious man. He tried to live according to the teachings of the church. But I don't think he lived that way just so he could go to heaven when he died. I think he knew that when you strip all the philosophy and theory away, no one really knows why we are here on earth. And so that only leaves us with one choice: to live with dignity, class and courage. And, finally, he taught us how to die with dignity. . . .

"I don't know exactly what heaven is, and I don't know who gets there and how. But I do know that it would be a poorer place without my father. . . . "

There is a little that can be added to Charles' remarks. Perhaps one of his roommates best summed it up when he said, "Chuck Memminger was one of the finest men I ever met." To which the Class of 1946 can truthfully add, "Well Done, Chuck; Be Thou At Peace!"

'46 Memorial Article Project and his family

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Arthur William Pence, Jr.

NO. 15848 CLASS OF 1946

Died 13 May 1974 in Washington, DC, aged 49 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Arthur William Pence, Jr.

ART PENCE was born and died at Walter Reed. Jack Grady opines that Art was destined to attend USMA. Born to a family of West Pointers—his father, Major General A.W. Pence, was USMA 1918—Art had many uncles and cousins at USMA and USNA. In John Simpson's words, "Art had a handsome family pride, enormous personal discipline and he accepted and adapted to cadet life."

Jack Grady begins, "Art was the first 'new cadet' that I met upon entering West Point. He knew what was to take place and had a minimum of problems with the plebe system. His father, a brigadier general in North Africa, was his role model."

Charlie McCarty adds, "We were lined up in the order of height on the stoops of New North Area so that the upper classmen could mark us for either E or F Company. Art and I, at a height of 5'10", were a long way from the head of the line. Bill Glynn moved us to a higher place than our height justified. As a result we were the two shortest men assigned to F-2—but Art received the dubious honor of being known as F-2's 'runt.'

Grady continues: "Having spent a year at Sully's, Art flirted with stars for the first month of academics and then settled down in the middle of the road. He had no trouble with the Tactical Department and never walked an hour on the area. His personal popularity and high military efficiency made him a yearling corporal and a firstie lieutenant.

"Art won a coveted 'A' as a member of Billy Cavanaugh's boxing squad. He relished those 'bloody Tuesdays' by which Billy selected those to represent Army in Saturday's intercollegiate match."

Grover Asmus and Art were close friends as cadets: "Art and I were frequently together in the Corps Squad Room getting our aches and pains tended to. The one thing that always impressed me about Art was that he seemed so much more mature than the rest of us. In a way he was a father figure. A natural leader, he was quiet and studied a situation quickly but completely before taking any action."

McCarty recalls, "In our first class year, Art went to Connecticut to box against the Coast Guard Academy. He returned from that trip in high spirits, not because of what happened in the ring, but because he had met Jane Cope. Copie was the perfect counterpart for him. Art's enthusiasm (higher than most to begin with) soared to a new high." Copie and Art were married in April 1947 near the Copes' family home in New Jersey.

Simpson adds, "He shunned finesse for outright grit and determination. This attitude was his approach to life—push forward, get knocked down once in a while, brush yourself off and keep going."

The Pences served with the 11th Airborne in Japan, followed by a tour at Campbell and then an unaccompanied tour to Korea. Excerpts from the book, *Second to None*, portray Art's actions as company commander of A Company which resulted in his receiving the Silver Star. During the attack, A Company made the main effort and was the key to the attack's success."

"Hill 266, or Old Baldy, in the left part of the zone, was an outpost recently captured by the 45th and seemed to be the enemy's principal target. . . . A platoon from F Company of the 23rd made a successful relief there on the night of 16 July, despite a goodly number of incoming rounds. . . . On 17 July the shelling on Old Baldy steadily increased. By 2200 it reached a rate higher than anything the communists had used in many months. . . . E Company [attacked] shortly after midnight. . . [and] pushed back the Chinese in the early morning hours. [A second enemy counterattack] was able to wrest control from the hard-hit E and F Companies. . . . A non-illuminated night attack without preparatory fire was decided upon to achieve the greatest possible surprise. A and C Companies [made] a two-pronged attack on 2200 hours on 31 July. Contact

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was made almost immediately, but the companies advanced up the slopes. . . . As dawn came on the first day of August, the companies had reached the crest and joined forces. . . . A counterattack hit the hill shortly thereafter but was driven off, and the outpost was once again declared secure."

Art returned from Korea to rotation between schools and troop duty. These included a master's in international affairs at the University of Pittsburgh and two Vietnam tours sandwiching the Army War College.

In 1960 the Pences were in Naples, Italy. Art and Copie had four children by then: Christine, Constance, Catherine and Arthur W. III. Copie described Art as stubborn, determined, organized, fearless, tenacious. Therein we can read all the accuracy and love of a wife and mother.

In 1971 when Art and McCarty saw each other again in the Pentagon, "Art was as optimistic and enthusiastic as ever—even though he was suffering from the cancer which would cut short his military career."

Grady recognized that, "early in our association, Art had a unique ability to accept adversity and treat it in a humorous manner. When he washed out of the Air Corps at Brady Field in May 1945, he accepted it and realigned his ambition toward the Infantry. In 1971 he reversed the decision of the Army Air Corps and won his wings as a rotary pilot. In March 1973 he sent me a lengthy letter joking about his medical treatment at Walter Reed."

[In Art's own words] "Don't know what Copie told you about the demise of the Pence military career, but suffice to say that I started having trouble with my plumbing in Vietnam in October of 1972. I attributed this state of affairs to the wholesome Vietnamese diet and lousy whiskey of the General's Mess in IV Corps . . . The surgeons sliced me open on 26 April. They felt that they had removed most of the cancer, but also advised me that it was already in the liver. I am now on about four different medicines, chemotherapy, one or more of which hopefully will assault the cancer.

"At any rate, who wants an old, dilapidated, cancerous, and cantankerous colonel in an Army overstuffed with old colonels, so they retired me with 100% disability. I'm still flying, although I'm in a hassle with the FAA over my medical status, assuring those bumbleheads that I will die slowly and not all of a sudden. As you see, I am not ready to kick the bucket yet, and I find that planning for the future is the best way to procrastinate. Well, kiddies, guess that I had better get back to work and clean up some of this paper that keeps piling up on my desk."

Four months later Grady saw him for the last time. "It was clear that he was declining, but he was still optimistic. Eight months later he had lost his final battle."

McCarty suggests this epitaph, "A lesser man would occasionally be depressed by the suffering and disappointment that accompanied fatal disease—but not Art. He was a fighter and an optimist to the very end of his shortened but full career and life. Art Pence died in 1974. His memory is an inspiration to those who knew, loved and respected him."

Copie has gone now, too, struck by malignancy in July 1989. We trust the two of them have been brought together, and that their children will always remember them.

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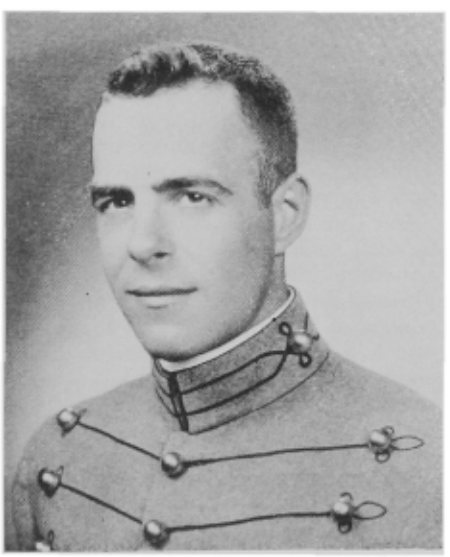
George Richard Beiser

NO. 18497 CLASS OF 1952

Died 26 September 1988 in Port St. Lucie, Florida, aged 61 years.

Cremated; ashes scattered off the coast of the Bahamas.



George Richard Beiser

GEORGE RICHARD BEISER was the middle child of three born to Oscar Beiser, an engineer and perfumer from St. Louis, Missouri, and Laura Baker Kimball Beiser, an executive secretary from Cohasset, Massachusetts. George was dearly loved and admired by his older sister Mary Ann and his younger brother Charles Edward as they grew up in Riverside and Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

George exhibited outstanding intelligence and an enthusiasm for learning from an early age. He skipped kindergarten, achieved the top mark in a national eighth-grade IQ testing program and was a member of the National Honor Society in Greenwich High School. One year, George scored the highest grade in the West Point Competitive Exams.

George was always active in sports. His skills were most evident in football, golf, skiing, ice hockey and sailing. With his brother Charlie, he became a Sea Scout, spending one full summer working on the former Coast Guard whaleboat, *The Petral*. The boys maintained and sailed their own 16′ Comet sloop for many years out of Cos Cob Harbor on Long Island Sound.

While in their teens, George and Charles were members of the Greenwich, Connecticut Christ Church Boys' Choir, performing Christmas Carols on occasion in Grand Central Station in New York City. George was also an active member of DeMolay.

For two successive years, George was named first alternate to the United States Military Academy—the first occasion while a senior at Greenwich High School. Each time the principal was accepted.

Wishing to serve his country, he became a candidate in the Navy V-12 pilot program during World War II. Before his graduation, naval flight requirements were curtailed and the program terminated. George than transferred to the Army as an officer candidate, completed paratroop training at Fort Benning, Georgia and graduated from Officer Candidate School as an Infantry second lieutenant in 1946.

George was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Infantry Division just as its European assignment was cancelled. He was briefly assigned to a chemical warfare unit in California, then rejoined the 82nd as part of the Occupation forces in Japan.

Once again, George applied to the Academy, and, as a serving officer, was returned to the West Point Preparatory School at Stewart Field to sharpen his academic skills in anticipation of entrance to West Point in July 1948.

According to his roommate, George was quickly recognized for his leadership qualities. From plebe Christmas through graduation he led his Company D classmates, becoming a corporal, then a captain in his senior year. His leadership was as positive as it was contagious. Everyone wanted to perform at his best with and for George. Whether on the hop floor, athletic field or drill field, George was always there with his laugh, his friendship and his example. He played center on the Army hockey team and registered the first hole-in-one at the (then) new West Point Golf Course.

Academics presented no problems for George, and he was always generous in giving time to help a less fortunate classmate. Quoting the *Howitzer*, "He was always available for help in academics or for a party." It was no surprise that he earned his stars for academic excellence and graduated sixth in the class.

It was near the end of his cadet days

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that George met Barbara Hill and began their strong and lasting partnership. Following graduation, a military wedding at Christ Church in Greenwich, Connecticut united George and Barbara.

Since George had demonstrated his fondness for sun, sailing and golf, it seemed natural that George and Barbara opted for a four-and-one-half-year tour in Panama. Here, two sons were born; first Geoffrey, then Mark. Near the end of this tour, George accepted a Mathematics teaching assignment back at the Academy.

Three years later, George resigned from the service to join United States Steel Corporation. He was assigned engineering duties in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Provo, Utah; and San Francisco, California, where a third son, Charles, was born.

At the conception of U.S. Steel's new cement plant in Freeport on Grand Bahama Island, the Bahamas, he was assigned as one of the engineers for plant design and construction. George remained with his family in Freeport for the start-up and operation of the Bahama Cement Company. In the late 1960's he advanced to chief engineer and subsequently became vice-president of engineering and administration, remaining in this capacity until his demise.

George was fortunate to be able to participate in sports throughout his life. Even though work in the Bahamas demanded a six-day work week, in his free time he enjoyed golf and tennis at the Country Club and many activities at the beautiful beaches. George's true pride was his flying bridge, a Chris Craft commander named *The Seadancer*. It afforded him and his family many happy hours of sailing and deep-sea fishing competition.

George Beiser was a very special person. He was gentle, kind, always a hard worker—yet carried an unpretentious dignity and wisdom through all he did. Like his dad and brother Charles, he was well-liked and always willing to help his fellow man.

George will be sorely missed but long remembered by his wife Barbara; sons Geoffrey, Mark and Charles; six loving grandchildren; his sister and brother; and all of those whose lives he touched along the way.

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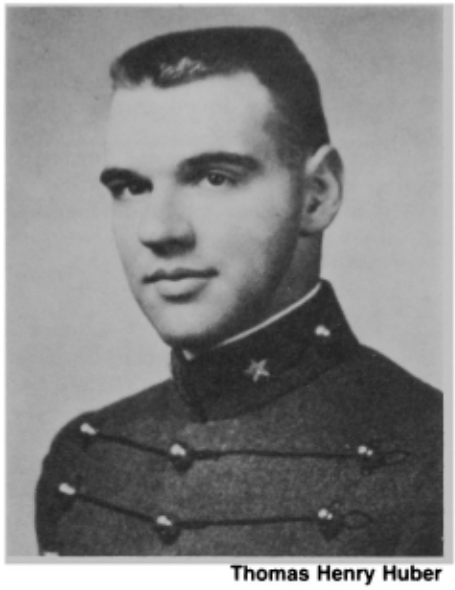
Thomas Henry Huber

NO. 22737 CLASS OF 1960

Died 3 March 1990 in Farmington Hills, Michigan, aged 52 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



Thomas Henry Huber

WE ARE ALWAYS LEFT with an emptiness when someone leaves us prematurely—with a suddenness that defies explanation. There is a sense of frustration, a deepened sense of loss.

But Tom Huber would not be the man to wish such emotions or ask that we remember him with any emotion, save a pleasant, inward smile. Underneath the veneer of his intensity and toughness was a light mischievous mirth and a caring warmth. He loved a good-natured prank. When he laughed, it came from deep within, and his dark brown eyes fairly sparkled with merriment.

So how do we measure a man whose life was so abruptly foreshortened? Perhaps it is best summed up in his devotion to his country and West Point, his love of the Army and, most of all, love of family—his Patricia and their four children.

In the difficult years of the Cold War he served his country for 24 years. Three times he was at the perimeter of western democracy; the first time was in Germany, where he was called with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment when the Berlin crisis erupted in 1961. South Korea and Vietnam were later assignments. Thus, during his years of service he was with the millions who alternately warred against and peaceably contained the expansion of communist states. He lived to see the collapse of the empire he stood against. And in the remaining years of his life he helped in building the great mobile US Army which drove to victory in the liberation of Kuwait—a victory he would have savored.

Tom's ethic of accomplishment was born of a modest family upbringing which required self-discipline and hard work. He demanded much of himself. He lived the example of what he longed to be. He kept faith and integrity as his personal beacons.

His belief in West Point and its ideals was expressed in his desire to teach at the Academy. He achieved that goal. His service in armor and ordnance provided him the knack for turning electro-mechanical theory into practical applications. And he made the applications easily understood by the cadets he taught. Later, after he retired from the Army, he successfully applied those same abilities in industry.

There was, at the end of his Army career, yet another and perhaps deeper expression of his profound admiration of West Point. Following his retirement at the Tank Automotive Command (TACOM) in Rochester, Michigan, he made a solitary visit to the Academy. It was his way of acknowledging what West Point had given him.

And to his family Tom left a wonderful legacy. His grandchildren will not see him, but his presence will be felt—Kathleen, Elizabeth, Michael and Jennifer will see to that. J. Kyler McManus described the father's love they knew:

"A father's love gives strength to his sons, guidance to his daughters and protection to the home. He is the most important teacher, because in him, his children see the qualities they will look for in other men."

Farewell, Tom. Your time was too short, but you left all in good hands. Be thou at peace.

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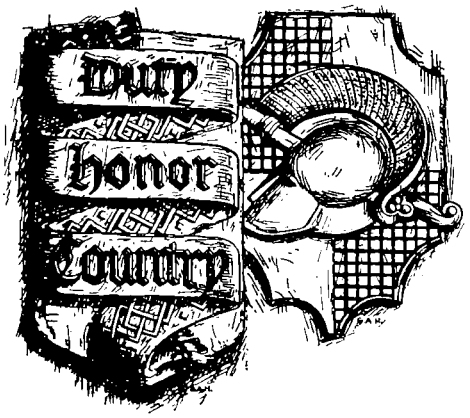

Last Roll Call

Reports of death of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the January 1992 ASSEMBLY.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
Theodore L. Futch	Aug-1917	18 January	1992 .... Hendersonville, South Carolina
Horace Harding	Aug-1917	29 December	1991 .... Northampton, Massachusetts
Charles W. Smith	1920	27 November	1991 .... Cape Coral, Florida
Ralph C. Bing	1923	27 December	1991 .... Warner, New Hampshire
Charles E. Hart	1924	9 December	1991 .... Fort Belvoir, Virginia
George P. Lynch	1925	30 November	1991 .... Fort Lewis, Washington
Henry B. Margeson	1925	16 November	1991 .... Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Fay R. Upthegrove	1927	8 January	1992 .... Bradford, Pennsylvania
Webster Anderson	1928	22 January	1992 .... New Orleans, Louisiana
Charles F. Howard	1928	23 December	1991 .... Sun City, Arizona
William C. Sams	1928	22 August	1991 .... Harlingen, Texas
Donald A. Poorman	1929	7 January	1992 .... Marble Falls, Texas
John N. Stone	1929	23 December	1991 .... Annapolis, Maryland
Jaromir J. Pospisil	1930	17 December	1991 .... Lincoln, Nebraska
Paul Burns	1931	18 December	1991 .... Sun City, Arizona
Charles N. Howze	1931	22 December	1991 .... Seattle, Washington
John H. McGee	1931	25 November	1991 .... Fort Sam Houston, Texas
David V. Adamson	1933	29 December	1991 .... Tipton, Tennessee
Robert H. Douglas	1933	12 January	1992 .... Bradenton, Florida
Edward D. Marshall	1933	1 January	1992 .... Las Vegas, Nevada
William B. Kern	1934	19 December	1991 .... Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Melville B. Coburn	1935	11 January	1992 .... Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Robert E. Frith	1935	20 November	1991 .... Hampton, Virginia
Kermit R. Schweidel	1935	31 December	1991 .... El Paso, Texas
Herbert M. Cady	1936	26 September	1991 .... Sarasota, Florida
Chester V. Clifton, Jr.	1936	23 December	1991 .... Washington, DC
John D. Hines	X-1937	8 October	1991 .... Wilmington, North Carolina
Curtis R. Low	1937	5 December	1991 .... Colorado Springs, Colorado
John J. Tolson, III	1937	2 December	1991 .... Raleigh, North Carolina
Richard G. Stilwell	1938	25 December	1991 .... Fairfax, Virginia
Constant A. Troiano	1939	7 January	1992 .... Frederick, Maryland
Robert R. Dodderidge	1940	28 January	1992 .... New York, New York
Alan E. Gee	1940	1 December	1991 .... Sunnyvale, California
Edward T. Podufaly	1940	20 January	1992 .... Sherwood, Maryland
Clayton A. Rust	1940	7 December	1991 .... Dallas, Texas
Wendell B. Sell	1940	17 January	1992 .... Tarzana, California
Daniel E. Halpin	1942	23 November	1991 .... Fort Walton Beach, Florida
Henry P. Halsell	1942	9 December	1991 .... Amarillo, Texas
Wendell G. VanAuken, Jr.	Jun-1943	7 December	1991 .... Gainesville, Florida
James H. Walker	Jun-1943	22 January	1992 .... Melbourne, Florida
Albert Q. Brooks	1944	3 September	1990 .... Elk Grove, Illinois
Philip J. Dolan	1945	5 January	1992 .... Palo Alto, California
Lawson D. Bramblett, Jr.	1946	26 December	1991 .... Tucson, Arizona
John W. Gillespie, Jr.	1946	2 October	1987 .... Aberdeen, Maryland
John A. Riedel, Jr.	1946	14 July	1991 .... Akron, Ohio
Allen H. Wood, III	1946	6 January	1992 .... Springfield, Virginia
Harold S. Gillogly	1948	1 December	1991 .... Ocean City, Maryland
Angelo Bortolutti	1956	2 January	1992 .... San Diego, California
Vincent J. Esposito, Jr.	1956	23 January	1992 .... Vero Beach, Florida
James A. Linden	1956	12 July	1991 .... New York, New York
Thomas H. White	1959	17 October	1988 .... Houston, Texas
George W. Kramer	1960	27 December	1991 .... Arlington, Virginia
Edward J. Walczak	1960	6 October	1991 .... Washington, DC
Edward M. Sanders, Jr.	1974	4 January	1992 .... Palo Alto, California

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