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Dear Graduates and Friends of USMA,

Although this letter arrives in the dead of winter, things continue to be very much alive at West Point. Many developments are worthy of your interest. Let me recount the most important for you.

As I mentioned in my last letter, the Class of 1993 has truly impressed many of us with their leadership of the Corps. They and the Second Class have taken charge in ways we expect from future leaders in the Army. Among their successes, they have achieved a "focused spirit" in which they are enthusiastically supporting our athletic teams — intercollegiate and intramural — while preserving decorum and respect for property. The spirit has noticeably enhanced cohesion between the varsity teams and the Corp of Cadets as a whole — to a degree that it has elicited positive comments from reunion classes as well as from staff and faculty. To their credit, the Corps is supporting our teams whether they win or not and, fortunately, the records for most of our fall teams are winning ones. In varsity athletics our teams have recorded a 70% win rate, most notably men's soccer, cross country and 150-pound football, and women's soccer, tennis and volleyball.

Academically, the recently graduated Class of 1992 continued the tradition of surpassing the majority of American college graduates who chose to take the Graduate Record Examination. All USMA graduates take the GRE, while nationally the exam is usually taken by only those who intend to pursue graduate work. The average scores for the entire graduating class were well above the national average in both quantitative and verbal ability.

In military training, we have received excellent reports from the field Army on the performance of cadets who served with active Army units during the summer. Several commanders commented that the cadet with whom they worked surpassed the lieutenants in their unit and would be accepted immediately as an officer in that unit if it were possible.

The Field Army is benefiting not only from the service of cadets but also from efforts of our faculty. Two faculty officers recently completed research on assessing bridge safety on Army installations, supporting work of the Waterways Experiment Station at Vicksburg. Our Law Department just published a text on Military Law and Justice which will be used by both USMA and ROTC. Officers from our History Department conducted staff rides for several major Army headquarters, including USAREUR. One faculty member and the cadets in his course supported the Corps of Engineers by designing a laser-based system for aligning armatures for dams. The quality of our instructors is further demonstrated by a recent 97% selection rate to major and by the fact that, of the sixteen White House Fellows selected this year, three were from our faculty.

I also look upon the recently-passed Defense Authorization Bill as good news for West Point, particularly in light of its initial provisions for the academies. I reported in my previous letter on the outcome of our discussions with the Armed Services Committees and the provisions of the recent law for change at the service academies. We are now deeply engaged in developing plans for implementing those provisions, involving as many members of the Academy and West Point community as possible. We are proceeding with a plan to reduce the size of the USMA band by about 30% and to enhance cadet participation in supplying military music needs. We are preparing to reduce our staff, particularly full colonels, and replace some military members with civilians. The DOD Inspector General has a team at West Point reviewing our staff positions. We believe their review will be a constructive aid in our efforts to reduce the staff. In the recent legislation, we received the authority to establish separate rules for hiring civilian faculty outside of normal civil service restrictions, a change that will facilitate our choosing the right members for our civilian faculty during the coming decade. We also are implementing cost reductions and efficiency measures which will respond to the austere environment in which we will be operating during coming years, but which we believe will not alter the essence of the Academy. During coming months, the USMA Preparatory School and other service academy prep schools also will be reviewed by an agent of DOD.

The recent legislation also provided us authority to grant master's degrees only to those who are enrolled in or have completed our Eisenhower Program in Leader Development for tactical officers. We are now pursuing other means for graduate schooling for TAC's.

We also are developing plans for implementing the New Regular Army commissioning provisions. Under a change to the law passed last year, all officers entering active military service after September 1996 will receive other than Regular commissions and will be considered for a Regular commission no sooner than one year after commissioning. While the plans for implementing this legislation are not complete, given the high quality of our output, we believe the revised legislation can be implemented successfully. We trust that you have enjoyed a happy and meaningful holiday season. Thank you for your care and support of our alma mater.

With best wishes and God's blessings from Gracie and me,

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

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Letters to the Editor

CIVILIANIZED FACULTY

I read with great dismay in the *Army Times* that our Congress, in passing the 1993 Defense Authorization Act on 3 October, voted to eliminate the Regular Army commission for Academy graduates. Further, however, I was distressed to read that Congress considered imposing a requirement to create a 50/50 mix of military and civilian faculty at USMA and the Air Force Academy.

It is my sincere hope that, should the Academy be forced to comply with this provision, the Superintendent, the Dean and other officials, in cooperation with the Association of Graduates, will minimize the damage by recruiting heavily from West Point graduates now in civilian life.

Before my own military career was terminated prematurely by the drawdown, I intently pursued an appointment as an instructor and had initiated a file with the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering to compete for such a position.

My desire to serve in such a capacity remains strong, and I am interested in learning whether appointments to the faculty will be made open to graduates now in civilian life. Naturally, the standards must remain high, and I seek only the opportunity to compete.

I trust that the leadership of the AOG shares my concern and will make every possible effort to ensure that the continuity and quality of a West Point education remains second to none.

Peter J. Rayna '88

"ANCHORS AWEIGH" REVISITED

I thoroughly enjoyed Colonel McGehee's account of the Cadets' journey to Baltimore for the 1944 Army-Navy Game but am constrained to offer a correction and a few additional comments as follows:

Colonel McGehee's article in the November 1992 issue of *ASSEMBLY*, "Anchors Aweigh, Army," is a most enjoyable account of the visit of the Corps of Cadets to Baltimore for the 1944 Army-Navy Game, but I regret to say that it is in error on one point. The *Uruguay* was an Army Transport, not a Navy one, and the only Navy personnel aboard were there by invitation from the Chief of Transportation, U.S. Army. I happen to know, as I was the officer aboard the U.S.A.T. *Uruguay* responsible for the overall planning for the trip, enjoying the luxury of a deluxe suite on the boat deck as its sole occupant while most of the cadets were in below-deck compartments where the bunks were in tiers several bunks deep.

This trip came about in an interesting way. In the fall of 1944, President Roosevelt advised Secretary of War Stimson that he was under considerable pressure to arrange an Army-Navy football game for charity and inquired whether there was any way that the Secretary could get the Corps of Cadets to Baltimore for the 1944 game. When this inquiry filtered down to the Chief of Transportation, Major General Charles P. Gross, Class of 1914, he ruled out rail movement but checked with Major General Homer M. Groninger, Class of 1908, Commanding General of the New York Port of Embarkation, to see if, by any chance, a transport might be available. In due course, General Groninger came back with the reply that the U.S.A.T. *Uruguay*, a 22,000 ton vessel that had been in the Moore McCormick Line's South American trade prior to WWII, could be made available for the trip without delaying her next scheduled departure for Europe.

I was General Gross's executive officer at the time and suggested that we make it a training exercise for the cadets in overseas troop movements. He thought this a good idea and told me to set it up. I had the chief of our training division line up speakers from the Transportation Corps to discuss the role of the staging areas in preparing troops for overseas movement and the responsibilities of the ports of embarkation in executing that movement. I called on the deputy chief of Nafal Operations and invited him to send speakers who could instruct the cadets on Navy functions in overseas troop movements, and he was glad to do so.

The *Uruguay* was the biggest ship ever to sail under the Bear Mountain Bridge and had to lower her radio mast to do so. The cadets who made the trip will never forget it. The *Uruguay* sailed from West Point around 2 p.m. on Thursday, 30 November 1944, and, on the following day, as

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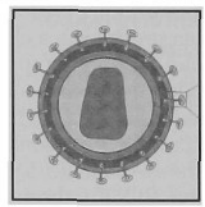

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Dear Fellow Graduates:

Did you ever think you'd see the day your son entered Vassar and your daughter West Point? Well neither did I, and I never thought I'd see IBM downsize 100,000 jobs, or the Yankees a permanent Cellar Dweller, but hold on to your hat because the pace of change is quickening.

A new administration will be sworn in in January facing a myriad of social, economic and international issues. Our new President promises to be a man of quick action, but he will have to make choices among scarce resources. It will be a popular choice to divert money from Defense to fund social programs....to seek that oh-so-elusive "Peace Dividend."

This past summer the Academy weathered severe challenges—challenges to the very essence of what West Point is about. Despite the external efforts to micro-manage its structure and programs, West Point remains securely anchored to its purpose, serving as the premier leader-producing institution of the nation.

We all can profit from a close study of the events of this past summer. Were it not for the leadership of our Superintendent, the rock-solid support of our Army Chief of Staff and the highly effective actions of key grads who were positioned to influence and persuade, the USMA-related provisions of the Senate mark up of the 1993 Defense Authorization Act would have been enacted—and, I believe, to the serious detriment of the very essence of the Military Academy.

I do not praise our leadership lightly. I had the opportunity, as your Association President, to observe closely the coordinated Army-Academy-graduate actions to persuade Senator Nunn and his staffers to modify those onerous provisions of the Authorization Bill. For those who have not had the opportunity, I urge you to read the Supe's letter in the November *ASSEMBLY*. It is an excellent rundown of the behind-the-scenes negotiations of that crisis period seen through his eyes. It is a chronicle of skill and leadership which produced positive results—a chronicle from which important insights can be gleaned—insights that may serve the Academy well in addressing new challenges. From my perspective, these lessons emerge:

- Open lines of communication with the House and Senate Armed Services Committees must be nurtured and maintained, to make likely early identification of impending USMA-related legislative proposals and to promote mutual understanding and confidence.
- If inappropriate proposals are identified, the diverse capabilities of the major players—the Supe, the Army Secretariat, the Army Chief of Staff, the Army staff, the AOG and influential grads—must be integrated and coordinated under the guidance and direction of the Department of the Army.
- Early in the negotiation process, every effort must be made to discern the underlying concerns driving the proposals.
- Alternatives must be developed which address these underlying concerns and which also preserve the essence of the Academy. Proponents of USMA-related measures and other key Congressional players must be persuaded that these alternatives address their concerns more effectively than the proposed measures.
- Communications between USMA (and the AOG) and graduates must be improved. Those capabilities of the graduate constituency that best complement the negotiation effort must be brought to bear.

For some, these lessons may seem obvious. Yet last summer, they were novel in their execution. It was an approach that involved the personal intervention of General Graves, General Sullivan and others. It was an approach which sought to preserve the essential, amid the realities of the downsizing of all aspects of our military establishment. It was an approach that was successful.

Turning to matters of the Association, I want to report that the Alumni Center project is on track. The one hundred percent design phase has been completed. Construction bids went out in early December. The selection of our prime contractor is imminent. We will break ground in 1993, with completion and move-in targeted for fall of 1994. Our fund raising effort continues, and the response of the classes and individual graduates has been extraordinary. We still have a way to go, but the support of our grads is making the Alumnni Center a reality.

I also want to report that the response to my call for support for our fellow grads in career transition is heartening. Many of you have answered, offering to help with networking and by letting us know of new job openings. Our new Career Advisory Handbook has been well received. We have established a close working relationship with JOB BANK USA, a premier recruitment database company. Our job-seeking grads now have access to a new and powerful automated employment resource where job applicant qualifications are matched electronically with employer job opening requirements. Our AOG program continues to evolve and is gaining momentum. I urge your continued support.

Our Academy and our Army are in good hands, and with your continued support, West Point will flourish, providing our nation with its most precious resource: leaders of character.

Sincerely,

Denis F. Mullane
President
Association of Graduates
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West Pointers and the Cold War

By Lieutenant General Dave Palmer '56 (Retired)

The Cold War is over. And liberty won. It was a victory of and for humankind. A triumph of democracy over totalitarianism, of capitalism over communism, of independence over bondage.

In May 1992, flying in a Forbes corporate jet called "Capitalist Tool," Mikhail Gorbachev made a dramatic pilgrimage to Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. The last President of the Soviet Union went there to pronounce the end of the Cold War. It was a symbolic closure. At that very spot, some four and a half decades before, Winston Churchill had first warned the world of the onset of conflict, saying that "an iron curtain has descended" to split Europe.

When history ultimately places the Cold War in perspective, it may well prove to have been the most significant event of the 20th Century. A global fight between the forces of freedom and those of communist-led despotism, it was a struggle for the very heart and soul of mankind. At stake was the way of life of free peoples the world over—not to mention the survival of the planet itself. The threat of nuclear holocaust shrouded both sides during those years of peril. The conflict was a total confrontation, having economic, ideological, moral, political and military components. Often it erupted into battle; always it posed the potential for imminent hostilities. Though there were many partners, and not a few proxies, the principal combatants were the world's two superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union.

With mind-numbing suddenness at the end of the 1980's, communism crumbled, sweeping away the armed alliances it had spawned. The Berlin Wall fell; the Warsaw Pact disappeared; communist dictatorships embraced democracy; Germany reunited; the Soviet Union splintered.

All of that did not just happen. It was not a foreordained outcome. It was caused.

No person or group or state can claim sole credit for the success. Rather, it is shared among many—to include a large number of those living behind the Iron Curtain. People everywhere can savor the triumph and participate in the celebration. Above all else, however, victory came because the United States stayed the course. American strength—economic, moral, political, military—prevailed in the end. A nuclear exchange was prevented. Armed conflict between the superpowers was avoided. Expansion was contained. In sum, time was won to permit external pressures and internal inconsistencies to weaken the Soviet Union. That empire finally imploded. The will of America and her leaders was the key ingredient in bringing that about.

Especially significant was the fact that, for the first time in its history, the United States maintained a large standing army in "peacetime." Just in the nick of time, as it turned out, America finally took heed of George Washington's long-ago admonition: preparing for war is the surest way of preserving the peace.

Standing at the crest of such a memorable watershed in human events, we really ought to pause briefly to reflect on how we got here. And on who put us here. Before memories dim in the light of an emerging new era, we should take a moment to recognize those who wrestled the old one to such a positive conclusion. No group merits praise more than those who served in uniform, the proud and successful veterans of the Cold War. Our country certainly owes them a great vote of gratitude, for their personal sacrifices and global achievements made everything else possible. Millions of men and women bore arms during those unusual times. They kept the peace—walking patrol along distant frontiers, sitting lonely vigil on strip alerts, standing watch at sea. They fought when the Cold War turned hot—tens of thousands made the ultimate sacrifice and many more returned carrying the scars of combat. Soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines—their footprints and graves mark the forward edge of battle, their faithful service to country brought us to this long-sought juncture in world affairs.

And what of the West Pointers among them? What kind of role did they play? The purpose of our Alma Mater is "to provide the nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense." The greatness of West Point lies in the performance of its graduates, in the incontrovertible fact that, when the country has called, they always have stepped forward to be counted. The Long Gray Line has never failed to answer the summons to duty. Building America, opening the West, winning wars, keeping the peace, exploring space—whatever the nation's need, West Pointers were there. And, as you know full well, they were there in force through the harrowing decades of the Cold War. The Academy's purpose was once more fulfilled.

Some 40,000 graduates served in the armed forces during the Cold War, always as leaders and always bearing heavy responsibilities. They went about their tasks uncomplainingly and, for the most part, anonymously. Few gained fame for their contributions. Not power or fortune either, for that matter. They selflessly and quietly responded when their country called—as leaders of character trying to do their duty to the best of their ability.

And maybe that is accolade enough for Academy graduates. Their extraordinary involvement was, after all, no more than our nation has a right to expect of them. But for those who fell along the way, and who were thus denied a chance to see the new shape of the world, perhaps a statement of the caliber of that involvement would be in order. But how can that be done? How can we, in words less than book length, account for the contributions of all? What sampling or summary can possibly do justice to the diversity and significance and quality of their service?

One approach would be to look at a recapitulation of very senior-level positions held by West Pointers during the conflict. Although it is a method woefully inadequate to depict the whole story, it does offer insights. It is a way to gain a sense of the total impact of the Long Gray Line on the waging and winning of the Cold War.

In compiling such a list, the National Security Act of 1947 provides a logical starting point, while Gorbachev's 1992 announcement at Westminster College seems to place a clear period to the era. The roster of Academy graduates who served with distinction between those two points in time is legion—and already legendary. The names listed below are a mere fraction of those who could be cited.

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The Presidency

Where else to begin but with Dwight David Eisenhower '15? He had the vision—and the moral courage—to become the first American President to maintain a large standing military establishment after the conclusion of a war. As a result, we have entered each period of combat since the Korean War with ready and competent forces. That is a first in our national experience. It was Ike who set the nation on its successful course for the long haul, saying: "There is but one sure way to avoid total war—and that is to win the cold war."

Others served in the White House as close advisors or counselors to Presidents. Among them: Andrew Goodpaster '39 for Ike; Maxwell Taylor '22 for Kennedy; Alexander Haig '47 for both Nixon and Ford; and Brent Scowcroft '47 for Bush.

First to Fight

The very model for opposing the spread of communism was set by James Van Fleet '15. Appointed to head the military advisory mission to Greece and Turkey in 1948, he directed the training, organization and tactical employment of Greek government forces in their victorious civil war against communist rebels. That same year, the Soviet Union closed the land routes to Berlin. Lucius Clay June '18, as commander of U.S. forces in Europe, flew into Berlin on the first flight after the blockade and directed the year-long Berlin Air Lift to reopen the city.

Shooting Wars

During the Korean War, 1950-1953, the three United Nations commanders were Douglas MacArthur '03, Matthew Ridgway April '17 and Mark Clark April '17. Three of the four commanders in Vietnam during the time American troops were involved in the fighting, 1961-1973, were USMA graduates: Paul Harkins '29, William Westmoreland '36, and Creighton Abrams '36. The Gulf War, 1990-1991, could be called the last campaign of the Cold War or the first clash of the post-Cold War era, or both. Either way, its commander was Norman Schwarzkopf '56.

[The final member of the Long Gray Line to fall in battle in the Cold War was Donaldson Tillar '88.]

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Not counting admirals, there were nine occupants of the position of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Six of those were Military Academy graduates. Four came from the Army: Omar Bradley '15, Lyman Lemnitzer '20, Maxwell Taylor '22 and Earle Wheeler '32. Two came from the Air Force: Nathan Twining '19 and George Brown '41.

Supreme Allied Commander, Europe

Every SACEUR, from Dwight Eisenhower '15 to John Galvin '54 wore a West Point ring. Lauris Norstad '30 was an Air Force officer. The others were from the Army: Matthew Ridgway April '17, Alfred Gruenther '19, Lyman Lemnitzer '20, Andrew Goodpaster '39, Alexander Haig '47 and Bernard Rogers June '43.

Chief of Staff, U.S. Army

The years of the Cold War saw eighteen individuals occupy the position of Chief of Staff of the United States Army. Fifteen of them were from the Military Academy: Dwight Eisenhower '15, Omar Bradley '15, Joseph Lawton Collins April '17, Matthew Ridgway April '17, Maxwell Taylor '22, Lyman Lemnitzer '20, Earle Wheeler '32, Harold Johnson '33, William Westmoreland '36, Bruce Palmer '36, Creighton Abrams '36, Bernard Rogers June '43, Edward Meyer '51, John Wickham '50 and Carl Vuono '57.

Wearers of Four and Five Stars

Rank alone does not describe one's contributions, but it is nevertheless an indicator in a macro sense. Therefore, a look at who wore four or five stars during the Cold War era will provide a feel for the relative influence wielded. Five men held the rank of General of the Army. Four were West Pointers: Douglas MacArthur '03, Henry Arnold '07, Dwight Eisenhower '15 and Omar Bradley '15. Arnold actually had no direct role after 1946, but in 1949 he became the only person to be appointed to the rank of General of the Air Force.

Altogether, 123 Army officers wore four stars during the Cold War—with 89 of them being graduates of the Military Academy. Norwich, VMI, the University of Oregon and the University of Omaha had two each. Three did not have a college degree. The remaining 23 came from 23 separate colleges.

The United States Air Force

Graduates of USMA provided much of the senior leadership to the Air Force throughout the years of the Cold War. Until the Air Force Academy began to produce officers in 1959, a good percentage of West Point's classes entered the flying service. They had impact far beyond their numbers. Illustrative of the reach of West Pointers is the number attaining general officer rank. During the Cold War, 119 officers wore four stars in the Air Force; of those, 56 were from West Point. (For comparison, 5 were USAFA graduates and 3 were from USNA). In that same period, the Air Force had fourteen Chiefs of Staff, of whom ten once wore cadet gray: Carl Spaatz '14, Hoyt Vandenberg '23, Nathan Twining '19, Thomas White '20, John Ryan '38, John McConnell '32, George Brown '41, Lew Allen '46, Charles Gabriel '50 and Michael Dugan '58. (Now that USAFA graduates are picking up where USMA alumni left off, its worth noting that 10 of the first 11 Superintendents of the Air Force Academy were from West Point. Though now indirect, the influence remains.)

Civilian Positions

West Pointers, of course, contributed in positions of great significance in the civilian sector as well as in uniform. They thereby strengthened the very fabric of our country. During the Cold War, they could have been found holding down such appointive positions as Secretary of State, Secretary of the Army and Secretary of Agriculture. Some were members of Congress. Still others had leading roles in the space program. Many bolstered the nation's economic might by heading major corporations. A considerable number served around the world as U.S. ambassadors. Presidents called on graduates repeatedly to sit on commissions or to provide advice in other ways. Several became leaders in education, medicine and religion. Some led non-profit organizations, such as the Red Cross and the USO. The list goes on and on...but that is another article.

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One could reasonably conclude that no other institution in America—or in the world, for that matter—had more of a hand in helping to win the Cold War than did the United States Military Academy at West Point. Those far-sighted leaders who fought to establish the Academy more than two centuries ago would be proud of the latest results of their remarkable vision. Today's citizens should also be proud—and quite pleased with the magnificent return their tax dollars have earned. Graduates, too, can look back with satisfaction—but only for a moment. New conflicts lie ahead in a turbulent world where threats change but never cease. The sons and daughters of our Alma Mater must be ready for the nation's next call to arms, which, as history is our witness, is certain to come.

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"You are at risk"—

West Pointers, the Armed Services & the Battle against HIV

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When Mary D. Fisher addressed the 1992 Republican national convention and referred to the AIDS epidemic with the words "You are at risk" because AIDS is no longer limited to certain high-risk elements of the population, she echoed the belief of the Armed Forces that HIV treatment is extremely important for three reasons:

1. HIV affects all human beings, including those who make up our Armed Forces.
2. HIV is a worldwide disease that our forces may encounter anywhere in the world.
3. HIV can contaminate blood supplies upon which our Armed Forces are dependent.

The Department of Defense (DoD) has developed a multi-phase approach that includes a screening and testing program that is more accurate, faster and less expensive than any comparable program in the civilian sector. By regulation, Army personnel must be tested for HIV at least once every two years. Early detection has prolonged the lives of hundreds of patients and prevented the unintentional transmission of the disease to others. According to COL (Dr.) Donald S. Burke, director of the Retrovirology Division of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), "Every health beneficiary has access to HIV screening, staging, patient care and research, which includes education, vaccines and drugs to prevent the disease from spreading into full-blown AIDS. Now, we're looking for better ways to control the disease. We hope to find a way to cure people in the near future."

A promising aspect of the military's research is the use of a vaccine (gp 160) to treat personnel already infected with HIV. But this treatment, conducted by award-winning AIDS researcher LTC (Dr.) Robert R. Redfield, does not prevent HIV infection, so research must continue. Even though the gp 160 trials using a genetically engineered vaccine appear promising, the widespread, commercial use of this or any similar product is years away. Phase II trials to determine if gp 160 actually controls disease progression are almost complete.

Because of the diverse mutations and variations that characterize HIV, the search for effective vaccines must be international in scope. Based upon thirty years of cooperative medical experience with the Royal Thai Army, a major outpost for the international study of HIV is now located in Thailand.

Another major facet of the problem is that the need for counseling and care for HIV positive personnel and their families, with skilled counselors and support groups, is great. A related and essential need is for the education of all personnel regarding the facts and the dispelling of prevalent myths about HIV. This nation's military is in a unique position—due to its mandatory screening program and worldwide medical facilities—to provide definitive answers to questions about HIV about which civilian agencies can only speculate. Although West Pointers have been active in significant numbers in the Medical Corps for only a short time, they and other graduates have made definitive contributions to the struggle against HIV. It is the hope of the *ASSEMBLY* staff that this compilation of information about HIV, DoD programs, the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and the contributions of military personnel, including West Point graduates, will help us all to better understand the threat, the promise of an eventual solution and the ways that we all can contribute.

The scientific world has yet to determine how HIV causes the collapse of the human immune system, why some infected persons survive far longer (without treatment) than others and how to address the endless mutations produced by HIV. Likewise, there is little evidence that current media publicity and education about AIDS and HIV has had a significant effect upon sexual experimentation among teens or the activities of IV drug abusers. It is likely that the HIV epidemic will linger well into the 21st Century. If, however, progress can be made in understanding HIV, the research may have additional applications in the treatment of other viral disorders.

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Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection—1992

Adapted from Briefing Papers provided by
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Historical Perspective

At the beginning of the 20th Century, scientists first identified a group of transmissible agents capable of causing leukemias and solid tumors in animals. Over the next 70 years, these organisms, now known to be viruses, were identified in many animal species, and reverse transcriptase, the crucial enzyme involved in the replication of these viruses, was discovered. It was widely believed that such viruses did not infect man. In 1980, however, Dr. Robert Gallo identified human T-lymphotropic virus, type 1 (HLTV-1) as the cause of adult T-cell leukemia, a rare malignancy found in southern Japan and parts of the Caribbean basin. HTLV-1 was **the first retrovirus known to infect humans** and was found to be spread by blood, sexual intercourse and during childbirth.

In June 1981, a report from Los Angeles described five cases of what had heretofore been an extremely rare infection, *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia, occurring in young homosexual men. At about the same time, reports of an unusual form of malignancy, Kaposi's sarcoma, began to appear in the homosexual populations of New York and California. It was soon apparent that these patients had acquired **a previously unknown form of severe immunosuppression**. In 1982, cases began to appear in persons who had received blood products or who had shared needles during IV drug use. **By 1983 heterosexual transmission had been documented**. It was now clear that the disease was the result of an infectious agent transmitted sexually or via blood. In 1983 the pathogen was first isolated and identified as a retrovirus. Initially called HTLV-3 or lymphadenopathy-associated virus (LAV), it is now termed **Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)**.

The origins of this virus are uncertain, but whatever its origin, HIV-1 has been present in humans for longer than is generally appreciated. It has been estimated that humans have been infected for some 20 to 100 years, based on the known rate of viral mutation and the observed degree of divergence among various strains.

The Virus

HIV is one of several human retroviruses, a group so named because they reverse the normal flow of genetic information. In human cells, the genetic information is in the form of DNA, which is transcribed into messenger RNA. This RNA then serves as a template for the synthesis of proteins. In retroviruses, the genetic information is in the form of RNA. By means of the enzyme **reverse transcriptase**, the virus converts this genetic information from RNA to DNA within the host cell, and this DNA is then transported to the cell nucleus where it is incorporated into the genome (genetic complement) of the host. The host cell is now poised for the production of HIV. The virus is inextricable from the host cell, but hidden from the victim's immune system. It may remain in this dormant state for a prolonged time, later to be activated and subsequently destroy the host cell in a burst of replication.

Which cells become infected is determined in part by interactions between the virus and the host cells. On the surface of the HIV virus is **a glycoprotein** called **gp120**; on the surface of certain cells of the immune system is a complementary molecule, CD4. CD4 and gp120 interact and allow binding of HIV to CD4-bearing cells. Thus, all CD4-positive cells are susceptible to HIV infection, and this interaction explains the tropism of HIV for certain cells in the body. The CD4 molecule is primarily found on **T-helper lymphocytes**, but is also present on cells of the monocyte-macrophage line. The impact of HIV infection of these cells helps to explain some of the clinical manifestations of HIV infection.

T-helper cells play a crucial role in regulating the interactions between the many components of the normal immune response to infection. When this regulatory function breaks down, the body not only is unable to ward off infections but also becomes susceptible to the development of certain malignancies.

The location of the HIV genetic information within the host cell genome creates obvious problems for intervention strategies. Added to this is the ability of the virus to undergo **frequent mutations**. When HIV is isolated from any one patient over a period of years, it generally displays considerable genetic variation from the original isolate. Different isolates from different patients are generally genetically distinct.

Epidemiology

As of the end of September 1992, 242,146 adults and children had been reported to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as meeting the case definition of AIDS. Of these, 160,372 have died (66%). Of those diagnosed with AIDS, 60% were homosexual or bisexual men, 26% IV drug abusers, and 6% were believed to have acquired the infection heterosexually. Women make up an increasing proportion of U.S. AIDS cases, currently some 10% of the total. Based on current trends, **AIDS will be among the five leading causes of death in women aged 15-44 in 1992.**

The data on the number of HIV-infected persons are much less exact since large-scale testing has not been done. The CDC recently conducted a pilot study to assess HIV seroprevalence in a randomly selected sample of 2528 households in Dallas County, Texas. This study indicated a 0.4% seroprevalence rate (4 per 1000), with an estimated 4000 HIV seropositive persons among the 950,000 population. Because of bias introduced by refusal to participate among those most likely to be seropositive, these results are felt to be a considerable underestimate. Overall, the **CDC estimates that there are approximately one million HIV-infected persons in the U.S.**

Among the most complete data is that from the screening of active duty military personnel, which has shown a seroprevalence of about 1.5 per thousand. Other groups in the U.S. have been found to have similar or higher seroprevalence, including childbearing women in Massachusetts (2.1 per 1000), patients in the Johns Hopkins emergency room (3% or 30 per 1,000), prison inmates (4% nationwide; range 0 to 15%), and prostitutes (from 4% in Denver to 70% in Los Angeles).

A blinded HIV-seroprevalence survey at 19 college campuses was completed in early 1989. The overall seroprevalence was 2 per 1000, but there was marked variation among the schools. Minorities were underrepresented and 64.5% of the samples were from females. Rates were much higher among male students.

Data from screening of persons admitted to 26 hospitals in 21 cities for reasons not associated with HIV revealed an overall prevalence of 1.3% (13 per 1000), with a range of 0.1 to 7.8%.

The evolution of the HIV epidemic among sexually transmitted disease (STD)

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clinic patients is well described from serologic studies conducted on 17,207 Baltimore STD clinic patients seen from 1979 through 1989. During this period, HIV seroprevalence rose from 0.23% to 5.35%, and the male-to-female ratio of HIV infection declined from 16:1 to 1:1.

As noted above, women are also an increasingly at-risk group. In contrast to the reported AIDS cases in which the male-to-female ratio is about 10 to 1, the male-to-female ratio for HIV infection in military service applicants is about 2.7 to 1. There is considerable geographic variation in HIV infection rates as well, with **higher rates in urban areas, particularly on the coasts**.

As incomplete as the information from the United States is, it is much better than the data available from most of the rest of the world. The **World Health Organization conservatively estimates that from 9 to 11 million persons are infected with HIV worldwide**. HIV-infected women have given birth to some 1 million HIV-infected children (of whom one-half have already died or now have AIDS) and two million uninfected children who will inevitably be orphaned. By the turn of the century some 10-15 million children will lose their mothers to AIDS. Marked increases in HIV infection have occurred in Asia, particularly in India, and to an even greater degree in Thailand. Central and South America and the Carribean also have reported marked increases in the number of infected persons. In sub-Saharan Africa, estimated cases of HIV-infection have increased to well over five million in the past three years; about one in 40 adult men and women are infected. In urban areas of East and Central Africa, one-third of all sexually active adults are HIV-infected.

Clinical Issues

Acute HIV Infection. **After an incubation period** that generally ranges **from two to four weeks**,many patients develop an acute mononucleosis-like illness characterized by fever, fatigue, rash, lymphadenopathy, retro-orbital headache, vague neurological symptoms (cognitive impairment, depression, irritability), pharyngitis, anorexia and weight loss. **Detectable antibodies to HIV usually appear** in the serum **within two weeks** of the onset of the illness.

Anti-retroviral therapy. Various steps along the replicative cycle of HIV suggest appropriate targets for intervention, and work continues on products which may prove useful. The first group of such compounds are nucleoside analogues called dideoxynucleosides (including **AZT** or zidovudine, dideoxinosine or **ddI**, and dideoxycytosine or **ddC**). These compounds work by inhibiting reverse transcriptase and by terminating viral DNA chain elongation. AZT is the first such product commercially available and has been shown clinically to reduce the incidence of opportunistic infections and to reduce mortality among AIDS patients. The other dideoxynucleosides may prove to be of benefit because their toxicity profiles differ from that of AZT and may end up being used in combination with one another. The only other product available at this time is ddI, which is used primarily in patients intolerant of AZT. An ongoing concern with these products is the development of resistance which has been demonstrated with some regularity *in vitro*.

Other antiretroviral therapies include such products as recombinant soluble CD-4, HIV protease inhibitors, and interferon. Immunotherapy using vaccine strategies has also been tested in HIV-infected patients. Strategies involving various recombinent antigens are being studied in several centers. At Walter Reed, trials using viral envelope glycoproteins, both gp120 and gp160, are underway. Preliminary analysis of the phase I data on gp160 is encouraging, and has led to a phase II trial which began in early 1991.

Management of opportunistic infections. Increased experience in treating opportunistic infections in AIDS patients as well as new treatment options for some infections have improved the outlook for patients suffering an opportunistic infection. It is now well appreciated that the risk for acquisition of an opportunistic infection is confined almost exclusively to patients whose CD-4 counts are less than 200 or less than 20-25% of the total lymphocyte count. It is this group for whom preventative therapy is targeted.

Sexual Transmission

The greatest number of infections occur through sexual transmission, and **HIV infection is fundamentally a sexually transmitted disease (STD)**. While most AIDS cases in the U.S. have occurred in homosexual men, **heterosexual transmission is the leading cause of disease in the world, and an increasingly important cause in the U.S.** In fact, the proportion of AIDS cases attributable to heterosexual transmission in the U.S. is the **fastest growing category reported.**

HIV appears to be more difficult to transmit than many other STDs. In published studies of HIV transmission, the rates of seropositivity in heterosexual partners of infected persons have ranged from 9% (hemophiliacs) to 50% (IV drug abusers). Transmission from men to women appears to be more efficient than transmission from women to men, but both obviously occur.

The use of latex condoms with a spermicide (nonoxynol-9) probably reduces the risk of transmission, but **condoms are far from infallible** in preventing infections (or pregnancy). Natural skin condoms have been shown to allow passage of HIV through the intact membrane and are not recommended. Condoms thus add a measure of protection, but **"safe sex"** as it applies to condom use **is clearly a misnomer**. Reduction of sexual transmission of HIV infection is an extraordinary challenge that will require fundamental behavioral changes which will be very difficult to achieve.

Transmission by Blood and Blood Products

To date, HIV infection has been associated with the transfusion of whole blood, its cellular elements, plasma, and clotting factors. No other blood-derived product including immunoglobulin, albumin, and hepatitis B vaccine, has been found to transmit the virus. Since the initiation of volunteer donor self-deferral in 1983 and the institution of HIV antibody screening in 1985, **the incidence of blood product related HIV infection has dropped dramatically**. It has been estimated that the risk of acquiring HIV infection if one receives a contaminated blood product is about 90%, based on a recent "look-back" study. As a result some 70 to 80% of hemophiliacs already have been infected, and there are an estimated 12,000 HIV-infected persons in the U.S. now who were infected by transfusions.

Perinatal Transmission

The likelihood that an HIV-infected woman will transmit the infection to her newborn is not entirely worked out, but the most reliable data suggests that about 13% of such children will be infected. There is insufficient data to define whether vaginal or Cesarean delivery is preferable. Breast feeding has been associated with post-natal transmission, and HIV-infected women should be advised not to breast feed their infants.

Transmission Associated with IV Drug Abuse

More than a quarter of the reported AIDS cases in the U.S. have occurred in intravenous drug abusers (IVDA), the vast majority of these having occurred in the **New York metropolitan area**. This population is thought to be a principal bridge of infection to other adult populations via heterosexual and perinatal trans-

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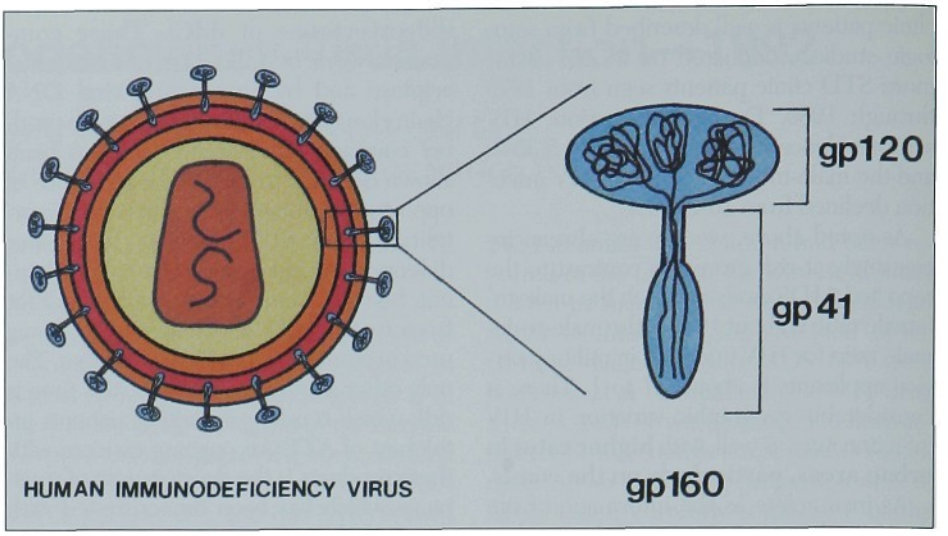
mission. Ninety percent of IVDAs are heterosexual, and 30 percent are women, most of them in their childbearing years. Moreover, up to 50 percent of IVDAs have engaged in prostitution.

Efforts to treat IVDAs are extremely difficult, and **this population is probably the hardest to reach with education efforts**. Intervention must attempt to interrupt a deeply ingrained system in which needles and syringes are used repeatedly by large numbers of persons. It would be difficult to design a more effective system for the spread of a blood-borne infection.

IVDA will probably remain a recalcitrant focus of infection for many years to come.



Transmission via Alternative Means

The possibility of other, as yet unrecognized, modes of transmission has raised fears and concerns among health care workers and the general population as well. There is some experimental and epidemiologic information which can address these concerns.

Saliva — Although HIV has been isolated from saliva, recent studies indicate that such isolation is a relatively rare event. Certain components of saliva appear to inactivate the virus. Since HIV has on rare occasions been found in saliva, however, it is prudent to advise minimizing intimate contact with saliva, although the risk of such contact is probably extremely low.

Tears — There is no evidence that transmission of HIV has ever occurred via tears, nor are there any health care workers who have been infected by ophthalmologic procedures or contact lens fitting. Because of the theoretical risk of such transmission, however, guidelines for minimizing exposure to the tears of infected persons have been published.

Urine — Health care workers and family members exposed to urine have shown no evidence of seroconversion. As with saliva and tears, the theoretical risk of transmission exists, and avoiding contact is prudent.

Household or Casual Contact — Numerous studies have evaluated the risk of HIV transmission in hundreds of household or boarding school contacts of both adults and children with HIV infection. Despite prolonged and close contact with these patients, there are no cases of seropositivity in contacts other than sexual partners, children born to infected mothers, or persons with other independent risk factors. There is also **no evidence to suggest the possibility of transmission** in other less intense exposures such as **at school and in the workplace**. There are also no instances in which HIV transmission has been associated with the preparation of food or beverages, and there is evidence that blood-borne and STD infections are not transmitted in this way.

Insects — Biologic transmission via insects involves the infection and multiplication of the virus within the insect vector. Experiments to try to document such an occurrence have been unsuccessful, and **it appears that such transmission does not occur**. Mechanical transmission, in which the insect is interrupted during a blood meal and subsequently carries blood from this feeding to a second person, could conceivably transmit HIV infection. The low levels of virus found in the blood of infected individuals make such an event extremely unlikely. Extensive epidemiologic data both in the U.S. and Africa provide strong evidence that such transmission does not occur.

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The Tri-Service GP160 Vaccine Protocol

RV-21B: Immunization with GP160 Vaccine (Phase II Trial)

Background

The gp160 vaccine has been given to more than 300 HIV-negative individuals and 200 HIV-positive volunteers. To date, the vaccine appears to be safe and capable of causing the immune system to elicit new responses to HIV.

The development of an effective therapy to alter the natural history of HIV infection is very important. Infection by HIV causes a strong, natural response by the immune system. In spite of this strong response, HIV can result in a chronic and progressive disease which threatens the health of the military and civilian populations.

In general, antibodies which attack the "outside" or envelope of a virus are important to the immune system. The protein gp160 is part of the outer coat of HIV. The gp160 vaccine is produced by genetic engineering. It is 90% pure and completely non-infectious.

We have learned from a Phase I trial that the vaccine is capable of causing the immune system to create new antibodies against gp160 or to increase the amount of existing antibodies. Additionally, the vaccine appears to help the patient's immune system recognize the HIV virus. Studies are continuing to evaluate how long those responses last and what factors may affect them.

This trial is designed to assess the clinical efficiency of the gp160 vaccine—whether the vaccine slows disease progression. Half of the patients will receive gp160 vaccine and half will receive a placebo (an inert substance which does not affect the immune system). Neither the patients nor the physicians will know who receives vaccine (double-blind trial). All volunteers will be carefully followed and have laboratory studies performed once a month.

Inclusion Criteria

- You must be eligible to receive care in a military hospital.
- You must be age 18 to 60 and otherwise healthy.
- You must be Walter Reed Stage 1 or 2 (T-4 cells greater than 400).

Exclusion Criteria

- Use of other HIV medications (such as AZT).
- Alcohol or substance abuse.
- Anemia, liver disease, or kidney disease.
- Unable to donate the required blood specimens.
- Pregnant or plans to become pregnant.

Study Requirements

- The study lasts for five years.
- Monthly clinical evaluations are required for the first year and then every four months.
- Blood specimens are collected at every visit.
- The vaccine is given by injection (shot).
- AZT and similar medications are not allowed.

Protocol Sites

- National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) Bethesda, MD; 800-342-2313 or 301-897-3290—Bldg 5, 2nd Floor (B)
- Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), Washington, DC; 800-423-0231 or 202-576-0598—Bldg 1, Sect B, Rm 202, Ward 11
- Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center (WHMC), San Antonio, TX; 800-468-6961 or 512-675-5022—Room 7D41
- Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), San Antonio, TX; Autovon 8-471-1255 or 512-221-1255/1554—Room 334

Other Protocols (excerpts)

RV-43: AZT Resistance Study (Closed)

Background

AZT, also called Zidovudine, is currently the only anti-viral drug that has been approved for general use in HIV disease. Although it does not kill HIV, AZT does stop or slow the virus from making an important enzyme that it requires for reproduction. If the virus cannot reproduce, it cannot infect new cells.

Some recent studies suggest that *many patients taking AZT may eventually develop*

The Walter Reed Classification System for HIV Infection

Stage 1: Patients look healthy, have no symptoms and have healthy immune systems. *Some* develop a disorder resembling mononucleosis — fatigue, fever, swollen glands and, sometimes, a rash.

Stage 2: Patients feel well but have chronically swollen lymph nodes. This stage may last 3-5 years or longer.

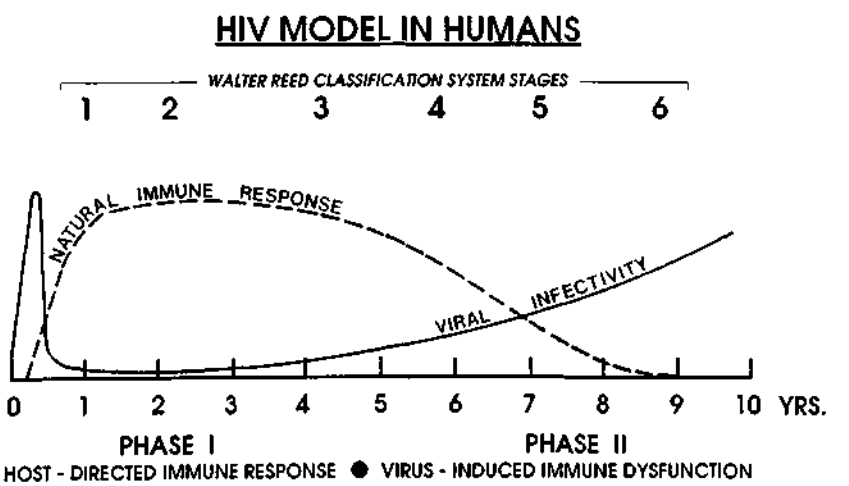
Stage 3: Patients show early signs of immune system malfunction: T-helper cell count drops below 400 per cubic millimeter of blood (normal count is 700-900). This stage may last two years or longer.

Stage 4: T-helper cell count below 400 *and* weak reaction to skin tests.

Stage 5: T-helper count below 400 (generally below 200) and *no* reaction to skin tests. Persistent skin and mucous membrane infections. This stage may last 1-2 years or longer.

Stage 6: What is known as "AIDS" or "full-blown" AIDS; immune system is severely damaged. Opportunistic infections beyond the skin and mucous membranes.

Note: Length of stages varies greatly among patients.



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HIV that is resistant to AZT. Resistance can develop at any time and at any dosage of AZT. However, resistance does appear to increase in those patients who have been taking AZT for a longer period of time.

The purpose of this study is to determine the significance of AZT resistance and its relationship to HIV disease progression in patients taking AZT. By making this commitment to research, you will help us to better understand how resistance to AZT affects a patient's health, and whether it may be necessary to change treatment from AZT to other drugs that are coming available for HIV. If the study shows that you develop AZT resistant virus, you and your doctor will be informed so that any necessary changes will be made in your treatment. Also, you may have the opportunity to enroll in other drug intervention studies for patients with AZT resistant HIV.

Inclusion Criteria (Partial)

- Your T4 cells must be less than 400
- You must currently be taking AZT for at least six months before starting on this study.

Study Requirements (Partial):

- You will receive a complete evaluation every three months for a period of two years.
- This evaluation will include a physical exam, skin testing and bloodwork.

RV-2: Core Diagnostics (Blood Tests)

Background

The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) was discovered to be the cause of AIDS in 1984. Current laboratory screening tests, the ELISA and Western blot, diagnose HIV by detecting antibodies which the body produces to combat the infection. New diagnostic tests are being developed that will assist in detecting infection and identifying chances or risk of disease progression. Because progress has been so rapid, there are no accepted standards to determine which laboratory tests are necessary to provide good medical care.

The purpose of this study is to perform routine laboratory tests as well as to use patient's blood specimens for the development and evaluation of new testing methods. In addition, the patient's health records will be reviewed to compare test results with his or her medical condition.

Inclusion Criteria (Partial)

- You must be either HIV positive, or have been exposed to HIV.
- All Walter Reed stages are eligible.

RV-24: Married Couples Study

Background

At least one of the partners must be HIV positive. This study will examine biological characteristics of the virus as well as behavioral factors in both the husband and wife. This will help us to understand and ultimately control the *heterosexual transmission of HIV*. All medical results and the outcome of the study will be shared with you.

Inclusion Criteria (Partial)

- Married couples in which at least one partner is HIV positive and has a documented negative HIV test preceding the positive test.
- All Walter Reed stages are eligible.

RV-15: Delayed Type Hypersensitivity Skin Testing

Background

Delayed type hypersensitivity skin (DHS) testing is used to study how well your immune system is functioning, particularly how well your T cells are working. One of the functions of T cells in the immune system is to remember foreign substances and recognize them when they are in the body again. The T cells will alert the rest of the immune system to form a defensive reaction. A skin test introduces different substances to which people are exposed every day. The body may react to these substances and form a tender red spot on the skin. The absence of such a reaction indicates poorly functioning T cells. The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) harms these T cells and skin testing has been incorporated into routine evaluation of HIV infected individuals.

Study Requirements (Partial)

As a participant in this study, you will be asked to have a multi-pronged skin test (Multitest CMI) applied to your right forearm, and the standard anergy panel (the under-the-skin injection of antigens) applied to your left forearm. The anergy panel standard in HIV evaluation consists of tetanus (1:10,1:100), candida (1:10,1:100), trichophyton (1:30), mumps (30 CFU) and PPD (5 TU). Both HIV infected individuals and normal controls will have the same set of tests applied.

RV-1: Natural History Study

Background

The military offers a unique opportunity to study HIV disease. It is one of the few large groups of people who are routinely screened for HIV. As a result of mandatory testing, military personnel are usually diagnosed as HIV-positive at an early stage in their disease. Doctors are then able to follow these patients closely and monitor their health over a long period of time.

The purpose of this study is to document the natural history or progression of HIV disease and how HIV affects the whole body. By studying HIV progression in this large group (also known as a "cohort"), valuable information is obtained to better understand the effects of HIV disease on the immune system.

Inclusion Criteria (Partial)

- You must be HIV positive (or have been exposed to HIV).
- All Walter Reed stages are eligible (except at Wilford Hall).

Non-DOD AIDS Hotlines

National AIDS Hotline: 1-800-342-2437 (English)
1-800-344-SIDA (Spanish)
1-800-AIDS-TTY (Hearing Impaired)

NIAID AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service: 1-800-TRIALS-A

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AIDS/HIV Vaccine Development and Testing in Thailand

Research Plan Outline (Excerpts) Provided by COL (Dr.) John W. Boslego '70, Former Director, Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences, Thailand

I. Background

The Royal Thai Army-United States Army Medical Departments HIV Research Collaboration (RT-USA HRC) is committed to two principal objectives: 1) Primary prevention of HIV infection, and 2) Prevention of disease progression among individuals already HIV-infected. To best accomplish these objectives, the Collaboration's research plan focuses on development and testing of effective prophylactic and therapeutic HIV vaccines.

II. Relevance & Uniqueness of the RTA-USA HRC AIDS/HIV Vaccine Program

Vaccines that effectively protect against HIV are of paramount importance in halting the spread of HIV infection and AIDS in Thailand and throughout the world. In developing protective HIV vaccines for our populations, a potentially serious and complex problem must be carefully evaluated: HIV is often substantially different in its genetic character from one geographic region to the next. Researchers from the US Army, in collaboration with international co-investigators, have characterized hundreds of HIV isolates from locations around the world. . . Genetic differences may have profound importance in determining how many HIV vaccines will be required to adequately protect our populations. Assessing the relevance of HIV genetic variation in developing what may need to be multi-strain, geographic-specific HIV vaccines is a unique Collaboration strategy. No other research organization or consortium currently has plans to replicate this strategy, either in Thailand or elsewhere.

III. Strategy to Evaluate HIV Prophylactic Vaccines in Thailand

For over 30 years, the US Army Medical Department has enjoyed a special relationship with the Royal Thai Army, the Royal Thai government and non-governmental organizations in Thailand, through the Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Science (AFRIMS) located in Bangkok. **AFRIMS is a special overseas activity of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR)**, and is comprised of components of the US Army and the Royal Thai Army (RTA). WRAIR-AFRIMS has an outstanding record of successful Thai-US research collaboration in the fields of immunology, infectious diseases, and in the evaluation of prophylactic drugs and vaccines among Thai people.

The predominant HIV strain in Thailand, initially isolated and sequenced by the RTA-USA HRC in 1990, is genetically highly divergent from prevalent US strains. Vaccine research and development in a population with a highly divergent HIV strain is ideal for addressing the issue of vaccine cross-protection and the requirement for multiple, geographic-specific HIV vaccines.

Since November 1989, the Royal Thai Army has routinely tested incoming military recruits for the presence of the HIV antibody. The recruit population is a nearly random sample of 21-year-old men from throughout Thailand. Infection prevalence rates have increased exponentially; over 3% overall and over 10% for young men entering from upper Northern provinces in May 1991....

In December 1990, the Royal Thai Army Medical Department and the US Army Medical Department informally agreed to collaborate on HIV research in Thailand. In January, 1991, the USA-RTA HIV Research Collaboration was informally initiated.

IV. USA-RTA HIV Research Collaboration: Approach to Planning & Execution

The USA-RTA HIV Research Collaboration will be conducted under the aegis of a Memorandum of Agreement between offices of the RTA Surgeon General and the USA Surgeon General....

The primary objective of this collaboration is to conduct a field efficacy trial of vaccine(s) that will prevent infection with HIV-1. The proposed study population for phase III efficacy trials are *tahan gan* (recruits). Before an efficacy trial is considered, critical preliminary studies and activities must be successfully completed. Preparatory activities are designed to proceed concurrently along four separate, but interrelated, tracts: 1) *Population definition* — involves detailed epidemiological assessment of the tahan gan population including prevalence and incidence of HIV infection, demographic characteristics associated with HIV infection, behavioral correlates of HIV infection, migration patterns (and determinants of these patterns), and other critical information required for designing a field efficacy study. 2) *Vaccine development and selection* — focuses on critical assessment of genetic diversity and whether geographic-specific HIV vaccines will be required. Development and testing of vaccine candidates will primarily focus on *HIV envelope constructs*. Initially, small *strictly voluntary* vaccine studies will be conducted using a North American strain-based vaccine (gp160,VaxSynTM MicroGeneSys, West Haven, CT, USA) in HIV-positive and HIV-negative Thai career soldiers and civilian volunteers (not tahan gan). 3) *Research infrastructure strengthening* — although the existing research infrastructure of AFRIMs and the RTA Medical Department is strong, capacity building in three areas is required to accomplish the research mission: identification and training of personnel, equipment enhancement, and facilities improvement. 4) *Legal, political and ethical review*—principal legal and ethical concerns are: a) protection of the individual's rights such as informed voluntary consent, liability and personal injury, and false belief that participation in a vaccine trial equates with immunity from HIV infection; and b) protection of each country's interests such as transfer of technology, intellectual property rights, and distributive justice. Potential political issues are numerous. The World Health Organization may serve a valuable role as arbiter between host and guest countries in addressing these issues, and in lending ethical oversight to the clinical trial process.

V. Assessment and Decision Points: Vaccine Study Timeline

The *minimum time* necessary to conduct the initial phase of preparatory studies and infrastructure development is two years; however, it is more likely that three years will be required to adequately complete the preliminary phase of research. A decision to conduct the field efficacy trial cannot be made before completion of preliminary activities, *approximately late 1994*.

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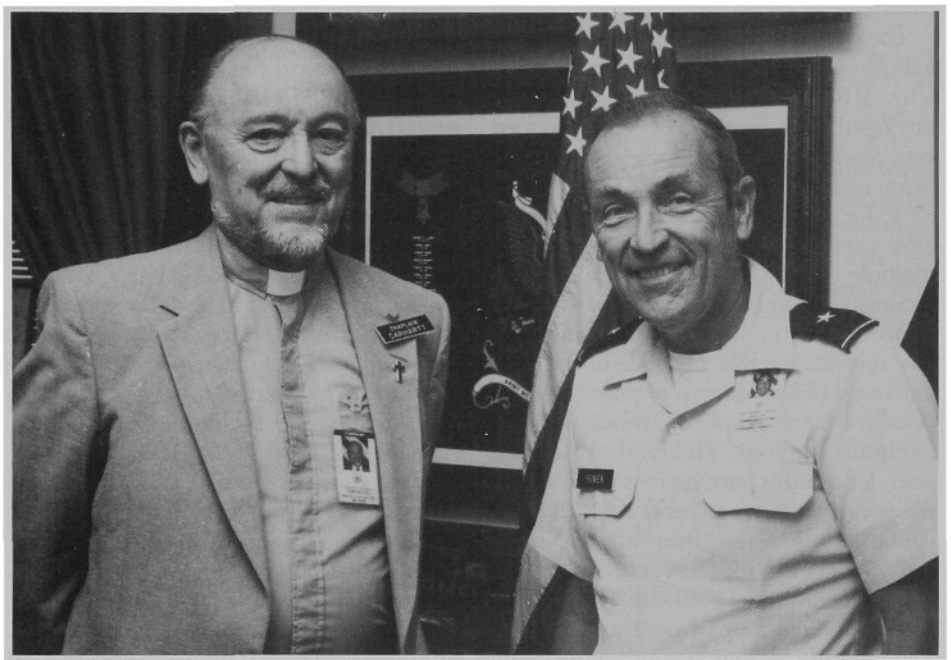
Volunteers in the Battle Against HIV

By Forrest Andrew Carhart '45

Invited to become a part-time volunteer chaplain at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center during Holy Week 1992, my assignment was to join the 15-member Infectious Disease Services (IDS) staff. Nearly 600 HIV patients and dependents from this fifteen-state region come to FAMC-IDS annually for care.



The Reverend F. Andy Carhartt '45, Volunteer Chaplain, Infectious Disease Services, with BG Thomas E. Bowen, Commanding General of Fitzsimons Army Medical Center.

Returning to Fitz was a déjà vu experience. I had taken my West Point entrance examinations at this hospital in February 1942. Fifty years later, following medical retirement from the Army and several career changes, I was asked by the IDS staff if I was willing to help combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

The IDS team includes two Army medical doctors with infectious disease specialties, augmented by civilian employees, who represent a battery of medical, counseling and administrative skills, plus "Miki" the Welsh Corgi, who trots around the clinic begging food and giving cheerful attention to patients and staff alike. Along with the rest of us, she wears her FAMC ID tag with pride.

Who are our patients? Some of these active and retired military persons and dependents are hemophiliacs who received transfusions before the 1985 blood screening for HIV was initiated. Others represent persons who needed surgery and blood transfusions before the 1985 testing program. An increasing number of heterosexuals, mostly young adults, plus a decreasing percentage of gays, in addition to intravenous drug users, come to the clinic for treatment and evaluation. Children are also vulnerable to the disease and need our services.

During the 1-5 June 1992 Biennial AMEDD HIV/AIDS symposium held at Fitz, I discovered that the U.S. Army has assumed world leadership in research, prevention and care of persons suffering or who may suffer from this virus. A U.S. Army physician who had just returned from Thailand reported to the symposium that one out of six recruits in the Thai Army tests HIV positive. I learned later that the U.S. Army has maintained a field station in Thailand for the past seven years, trying to help stem this epidemic.

I also learned that a number of West Point graduates are deeply committed to educate, heal and comfort persons and families afflicted with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. In their capacities as medical doctors, medical technicians, volunteers, researchers, administrators and chaplains, they join with many *ASSEMBLY* readers to bring hope and acceptance to those who suffer the stigma which accompanies HIV/AIDS.

Perhaps the Association of Graduates' commitment to help graduates subject to the RIF might find ways to network, use placement skills and encourage career "packaging" related to the healing professions involved with AIDS.

To indicate the seriousness of this pandemic, over 66% of the 242,146 persons diagnosed with AIDS in the USA through September 1992 have died (160,372). During the first 8 years of the epidemic, 100,000 persons in the U.S.A. were diagnosed with AIDS. During the next two years (1990-91), another 100,000 persons were added. It is expected that during 1992 ANOTHER 100,000 names will be added to this roll.

This is not only a national but an international health problem. Perhaps you may wish to volunteer your time, energy, intelligence and love to help stem the tide of HIV/AIDS through education, understanding and compassionate involvement. You will have the satisfaction of being on the frontier of one of the world's most challenging research, healing and caring missions of the 21st Century.

A retired LTC (Special Forces) who works as a physician's assistant at the FAMC-IDS clinic decided to tell his two teenage sons of his decision to work with gays, hemophiliacs and others suffering from HIV/AIDS. He had been awarded five Purple Heart medals during combat around the world and now his heart was strangely pounding. How would his sons respond? They looked their father in the eye and said, "Dad, we are glad you finally grew up!" This man has become one of the most competent, tenderhearted, tough-love, and gifted healers I have known. If I work with this man long enough, *my* life may change for good. And your involvement in this crusade of non-judgmental healing and caring could also change *your* life for good! Grip hands!

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Profiles: The Association of Graduates Publications Staff

Your copy of *ASSEMBLY* magazine appears in your mailbox every other month, chock-full of class notes and memorial articles; features about your alma mater; updates from the USMA Superintendent, Academic Dean, Commandant, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Admissions and the AOG President; book reviews; News from the Societies; and more. In November each year, the *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets* provides an updated directory of graduates, their duty assignments and current addresses, as well as various tables and indices and a feature on the centennial graduating class. These are the people who make it possible.

AOG Publications Staff: (standing) Raphael Seligmann, Leslie Rose, Linda Berman, LTC J.M. Olejniczak; (seated) Lois Pucino and Monica Sullivan.

Lieutenant Colonel Julian M. Olejniczak '61 came on board in May 1991 under Colonel Paul W. Child, Jr. '52; he assumed full responsibility as Vice-President for Publications on 1 September 1991. He is editor-in-chief of both of the AOG's periodicals, the bi-monthly *ASSEMBLY* and the annual *Register of Graduates*. As such he is responsible for budget, contracts, acceptance of articles, book reviews and advertisements, overall editorial style and cover design, as well as content and editorial policies. He also acts as secretary of the Publications Committee and Non-Serial Publications coordinator and serves on the Bicentennial Publications Committee.

Linda G. Berman joined the Publications staff in January 1990 after two years in public relations for a regional museum in Albany. As editor of *ASSEMBLY*, she is responsible for all stages of production of the magazine, which increased the frequency of its publication from quarterly to bi-monthly when she began.

Her duties include working with more than 75 class scribes (ranging from columnists in the West Point Class of 1915 through 1992), contributing authors and various departments within the AOG and at USMA; editing and proofreading all material; arranging for keystroking of class notes and features; and coordinating composition, printing and mailing with Joseph Perez (who designs the front matter for the magazine) and with William Byrd Press. In addition, Linda supervises the four-person Publications staff and occasionally writes features for *ASSEMBLY*.

In the coming year, Linda will convert the class notes section of *ASSEMBLY* (approximately 70 pages per issue) from XyWrite (IBM software) to Aldus Pagemaker. Using desktop publishing in-house will reap significant savings in composition costs.

Leslie Rose has been editor of the *Register of Graduates* since February 1990. As production editor, she is responsible for all the changes to your biographical entries, which number over 20,000 every year. These changes come from a variety of sources: subscription cards, vital statistics sheets, letters and telephone calls. She also creates and edits all the lists found in the front and back sections of the *Register*, such as class officers and deaths, retirements, resignations and separations. She coordinates with both a local printer and with a publisher to create, edit and proofread the more than 900 pages in the *Register*.

The *Register* currently uses a specialized word processing program. However, Leslie will be working with computer consultants this winter to convert the *Register* into a database system.

Leslie also edits the index for *ASSEMBLY* magazine. Created in 1989 by Leslie's predecessor, Karen Fischer, the index is organized by subject, title, author and issue, and makes all features since the magazine's inception in 1942 readily ac-

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Publications Committee members and guests.

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Herman J. Koehler:
The Father of West Point Physical Education

By Captain Michael J. Reagor '82

The present course in gymnasium began to take shape in 1885 with the appointment of Colonel Herman J. Koehler as Master of the Sword. In fact, Colonel Koehler did so much work in this connection that a history of his service is one of the course itself.
1940 *Howitzer*

Physical training for cadets has been a part of the United States Military Academy since its establishment in 1802. From the very beginning, the aim of West Point has been to develop all-around excellence in its students. As an institution chartered to produce military leaders, it is reasonable to assume that West Point placed a strong emphasis upon the physical development of its cadets. Nevertheless, indicators are that the Academy was deficient in the field of physical education until 1885 and failed to stress physical development among cadets for the first 83 years of its existence.

In the early 1800's, the Academy lagged behind other American and European institutions of higher education in physical education. Yale, Harvard and Amherst were the leaders in the developing field of physical education. Professional educators, such as Dr. Dudley Sargent of Harvard and Dr. Edward Hitchcock of Amherst College, stressed the need for physical education throughout the United States.

The year 1885 was the Academy's turning point. That year, West Point hired its first professional physical education instructor, Herman J. Koehler. Within six years, West Point devoted more institutional attention and resources towards physical training than any other leading university in America.

Herman Koehler deserves to be known as the "Father of West Point Physical Education." Through his tireless efforts, West Point's physical education program developed into a program worthy of national recognition and emulation. His 38-year tenure as the Academy's tenth Master of the Sword marks the formative period for physical education at West Point.

Some of Koehler's programs instituted in the 1890's are still in use today, more than 100 years later, and current physical aptitude testing and height/weight measurements are modifications of programs that Koehler introduced at the Academy in the late 1800's. A common misconception is that General Douglas MacArthur had the greatest impact upon physical education at West Point, but when MacArthur was a cadet, his instructor and physical training mentor was Herman J. Koehler. Many of the physical training programs credited to the MacArthur superintendency, such as mandatory intramurals, were arguably the fruit of seeds planted during MacArthur's cadet experience.

COL Herman J. Koehler

The pre-Koehler period

Between the period 1802-1884, West Point's physical education program was marked by inconsistency. In the early years of West Point, faculty members used gun drills and crude calisthenics to keep cadets physically fit when simple chores such as collecting water provided insufficient physical activity. Drill and manual labor were early forms of cadet physical training. Superintendents during the early 19th Century, such as Sylvanus Thayer, were more interested in academic development than physical training and physical education. The Academy's lack of interest in physical education reflected a societal lack of interest in physical conditioning. The idea of teaching physical education in the schools faltered because of three distinct groups: the overly ardent advocates of manual labor as a sufficient means of exercise, those still strongly influenced by the Puritan idea that play in any form was sin, and the many scholars who believed that play was a waste of time.

Because of the physical nature of the military profession, military drills and sword exercises were routine throughout the nineteenth century. Jonathan Williams, the Academy's first Superintendent, recommended the addition of a riding master and swordmaster to the academic staff, but Congress turned down his proposal. Captain Alden Partridge was one of the first administrators and teachers in America to recognize and promote the development of "a sound mind in a sound body." During his superintendency, Partridge introduced the first physical education program at the Academy, including fencing, swimming, skating, hiking, marching and rowing. Despite the sound reasoning behind his philosophy, Partridge's influence upon physical education lasted only as long as his tenure. Captain Partridge's departure in 1817 marked the beginning of a regressive period for physical training. Sylvanus Thayer's academic renovation caused a sharp decline in interest in physical education at the Academy.

While Thayer vastly reorganized the academic portion of the early 19th-Century "West Point experience," he failed to continue the physical training programs started by Partridge, and physical education soon degenerated into purely military drills. During this period of neglect, cadets turned to voluntary athletic pursuits for exercise. The Board of Visitors indicated continuing concern over the decline in the time devoted to military drills and physical training due to the expansion of the academic courses. Thayer and his successors concentrated on intellectual advances and abandoned the original balanced approach of Partridge. During much of the 1800's, Academy leaders believed that military drills and exercises constituted physical education. Charles King, Class of 1866, wrote,

> We had no sports, no games, no exercise but drills and fencing; baseball and football had never then been seen at West Point. We had no gym-

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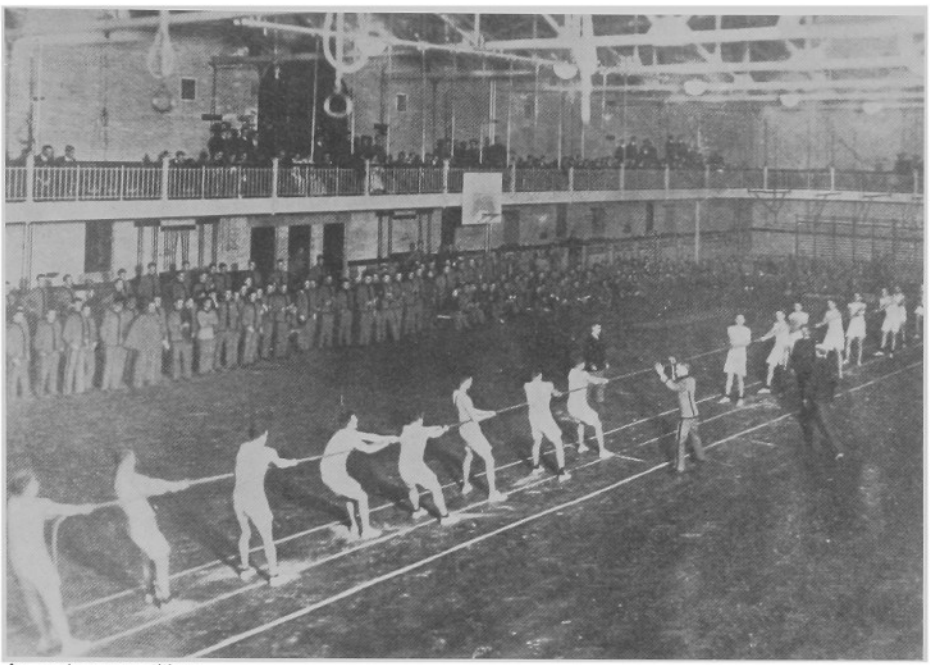
nasium proper, though a dark space under the "Academic" had been floored with tan-bark and supplied with rings, swings and parallel bars, but no one ever seemed to dust them off.

Instead of leading the nation in physical development, West Point consistently found itself falling behind other prominent schools such as Harvard and Yale.

The conclusion of the Civil War brought with it a realization that the Academy needed emphasis upon physical training. Reports of the poor physical condition of Civil War recruits resulted in a renewed drive for military and physical training in schools, and physical education developed in earnest in many colleges in the 1870's. West Point joined the movement a decade later with the hiring of Koehler.

A number of schools dedicated to producing professional physical instructors emerged. One was the Normal School of the Turnerbund of Milwaukee, started by George Brosius, a German-American gymnast who had fought in the Civil War as an officer with the 9th Wisconsin Regiment. He insisted that his students realize the importance of physical fitness among soldiers. One of the first pupils to graduate from his school was his nephew, Herman J. Koehler. Physical development and education programs quickly gathered momentum as civilian colleges such as Bowdoin, Amherst, Harvard and Yale took an active interest in the science of physical education. As a reaction to these societal changes, West Point leaders chose to develop and implement their own physical education program. The man chosen to lead the Academy into its new era of physical fitness and education was Koehler.



An early competition.

The Koehler Period

Physical education in the United States from 1865-1900 was influenced and shaped by a variety of systems and practices of European origin. Herman J. Koehler attended the Milwaukee Normal School of Physical Training in 1879 and studied the German turnverein style of gymnastics. This form of gymnastics sought to promote health, strength and agility as well as discretion, resoluteness, courage and endurance. Upon graduating from the gymnastics school in 1882, Koehler served as the director of school gymnastics of Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The Academy was quick to accept Koehler's turnverein gymnastics. His style of massed calisthenics and exercise seemed quite appropriate to the highly disciplined military atmosphere of West Point. The discipline of West Point, combined with the pride and competitiveness of cadets, provided fertile ground for Koehler's large-scale teaching techniques. Koehler readily admitted that, "surrounded upon all sides by splendid specimens of young manhood, it is only natural that the newcomer should find himself impelled to emulate them, and gladly accepts any instruction that will tend toward improving his physique."

In addition to instructing the compulsory physical education program for the fourth class, Koehler also established height/weight measurements and strength tests for all cadets. As a professional physical educator, Koehler's impact upon the Academy was immediately apparent. The Board of Visitors in 1889 reported, "We confess that it was exceedingly difficult to believe that the gymnastic exercises performed by the fourth class could be the result of only one year of practice under the instruction of Professor Koehler."

Physical training by calisthenic exercise became an integral part of the academic curriculum just one year after Koehler's arrival. Koehler developed his version of "military gymnastics" during his first year at West Point. These gymnastics were defined as:

> Simple exercises and combinations of exercises, arranged progressively, to develop muscular strength, activity, grace, and agility. Each exercise was executed upon command.

At the beginning of each year, Herman Koehler assessed the physical aptitude of every cadet using prescribed methods established by the American Association for the Advancement of Physical Culture. Since the Army did not have manuals covering physical fitness, Koehler relied heavily upon professional organizations for technical guidance. The tests and measurements identified individual weak areas and aided Koehler in prescribing specific remedial exercises. The original tests and measurements used were height, weight, wrist, bicep and forearm measurements coupled with horizontal bar, parallel bars and broad jump tests. Detailed statistics demonstrated that Koehler's programs were consistently successful in improving the physical performance of cadets.

Working without assistant instructors or a staff, Koehler continually developed new exercises, measurements and tests. Koehler gave all USMA physical education training and instruction until 1900. Besides gymnastics, Koehler also taught fencing and swimming. For their part, the cadets relished the physical challenges that Koehler's programs provided. The 1924 *Howitzer* indicates, "The habit is hard to break, and every afternoon finds the gymnasium floor well occupied with cadets, who realize what an opportunity they have."

Within four years of his arrival, Koehler's programs drew the attention of the War Department. In its 1889 report the Board of Visitors stated, "The necessity for this careful physical training of the soldier is now recognized and undoubtedly will soon command the attention it demands in our Army." In 1892, the War Department published its *Manual of Physical Training*, which was based heavily upon Koehler's methods of "calisthenics

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exercises."

Koehler's positive impact on the cadets was reported to Congress and assisted the Academy in gaining congressional funding for a huge gymnasium. When this gymnasium was completed in August of 1892, it was superior to any in the world. Armed with a modern facility and a nationally recognized program, West Point could boast that its students were receiving the finest physical training and education available.

Koehler noted that, "at no other time are cadets in better physical condition than at the close of their first year" and was determined to change the policy exempting the upper three classes from mandatory physical training. He made several attempts between 1890 - 1895 to inaugurate a four-year mandatory physical education program but was turned down. By the turn of the century, Koehler's arguments won the cooperation of the Commandant, Charles G. Treat, and victory finally came in 1905, when Superintendent Albert L. Mills expanded compulsory physical training to the entire Corps of Cadets.

Another area of lasting impact was Koehler's effort to establish intercollegiate athletics and compulsory intramurals. During the late nineteenth century, there was great increase in the popularity of sports competition in the U.S., and colleges were showing great interest in intercollegiate contests. The Military Academy, however, was reluctant to condone competitive athletics.

The philosophy of competition was a vital component of turnverein military gymnastics, and Koehler's focus encouraged fierce competition among his students. Due to the extreme conservatism of the Academic Board, however, Koehler's early attempts to expand competition to the intercollegiate level failed. The event which forced a reversal of this policy was a challenge from and subsequent defeat in football by the Naval Academy in 1890. Koehler wrote an article in 1924 stating, "It is doubtful if this concession would have been made even then if our friends from the Naval Academy had not jolted the extreme conservatism obtaining here."

Slowly, competitive athletics began to flourish at the Academy. Army played baseball, avenged the loss to Navy in football in 1893 and fielded teams in football, tennis and baseball during the 1893-1894 season. The Superintendent's Report of 1899 stated:

> The interest the cadets show in games of baseball, football, polo, golf, and tennis is gratifying in the extreme and cannot but be beneficial in fitting them for their profession as well as a needful relaxation from the mental strain the acquirement of the academic course entails.

Originally, individual officers donated their time and energy to coach and organize cadet intercollegiate teams. By 1908, however, intercollegiate competition became so important that volunteer officers no longer could satisfy the demands placed upon them; therefore, with Herman Koehler as a charter member, the Army Athletic Association was created to shoulder the responsibilities of cadet athletics.

For years, Koehler had been unsuccessful in his efforts to make intramural sports mandatory for all cadets. As early as 1896, in a letter to the Boston Physical Education Society, Koehler wrote, "If we have athletes, we shall never be without soldiers." Koehler reiterated that philosophy again in 1904, writing that, "Competitive athletics have many excellent practices and should be indulged." It was not until Douglas MacArthur's superintendency, however, that cadet intramural athletics became policy.

As early as 1909, cadets engaged in athletic events during release from quarters in the early evening and after the recitations for the day were over. Even though the program was voluntary at the time, its popularity grew, but cadets with low academic standing were prohibited from participating. As a consequence, Koehler's athletic programs acted as an academic incentive. Under the supervision and guidance of physical education instructors, the voluntary intramural program was quite successful throughout the early 1900's. When Douglas MacArthur became Superintendent in 1919, he simply made the voluntary intramural/intercollegiate programs mandatory. The ideal of "every man an athlete," which is commonly attributed to MacArthur, had actually been in practice since the turn of the century.

Herman J. Koehler, a professional educator, brought with him a style of physical training which seemed tailor-made for the Military Academy. Turnverein gymnastics, with its holistic approach towards physical fitness and its demand for strong discipline, suited West Point's conservative Academic Board. Koehler implemented many programs still in use today with only

Herman Koehler's Fourth Class Program: 1885

4th Class Only

Setting up exercises	45 min. daily	1st three weeks
Gymnastics	45 min. period (3 per week)	1 Oct - 1 June
Fencing	45 min. period (3 per week)	1 Oct - 1 June
Swimming	Attendance regardless of class until able to pass a ten-minute swim test with breast stroke.	

Upperclass Programs

Riding	The Master of the Sword had no influence over this program of instruction.

Koehler's Schedule for Physical Training: 1905

4th Class Course

I. *Preliminary Period.* "Setting-Up Drills" consisting of breathing exercises, simple movements, combined movements, walking and running.
II. *Preparatory Period.* "Gymnasium" consisting of prescription and/or special development work, weights, dumb bells, wands, medicine balls, jumping, climbing and apparatus work.
III. Swimming
IV. Fencing
V. Saber
VI. Bayonet
VII. Boxing
VIII. Wrestling

3rd and 2nd Class Course

In the second and third years, work in gymnastics, fencing, sparring and wrestling was progressively advanced in order to develop as high a standard of proficiency as time and conditions would allow.

1st Class Course

The last year was spent training cadets to take charge of unit physical training in companies, troops or batteries.

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minor modifications:

1. Physical Testing
2. Physical Measuring
3. Fourth Class Curriculum (Gymnastics, Swimming, Boxing & Wrestling)
4. Four-year Physical Education
5. Intercollegiate Sports
6. Intramural Sports
7. Physical Training Formations with Massed Commands
8. The Army Athletic Association

Herman J. Koehler personally instructed and mentored some of the most famous graduates of this institution. Men such as Douglas MacArthur, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Omar Bradley were just a few of the military leaders who carried forward Koehler's philosophy of the importance of physical fitness.

"On December 14, 1923, Lt. Col. Herman J. Koehler, Master of the Sword, retired from active service after forty years of duty at West Point. His work during this period and his value to the Academy, to the Army, and to the country, are so well known and appreciated as to render superfluous any remarks on that subject here." *Annual Report, 1924.*

Apparatus in the early gymnasium.

Koehler dedicated 40 years of his life to the Academy, and his impact is felt every day by more than 4,000 cadets as they participate in physical education. Herman J. Koehler was the last non-West Point graduate to hold the title of Master of the Sword. He began his tenure at West Point as a civilian and retired as a lieutenant colonel. His name and contributions are unknown to most, but, based upon his lifetime contributions to this Academy, Herman J. Koehler deserves a plaque in Arvin Gymnasium declaring him to be "The Father of West Point Physical Education."

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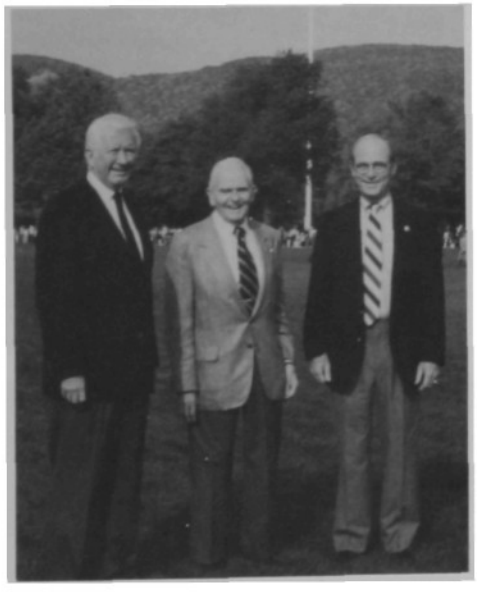
Homecoming 1992 Alumni Exercises

The Black Knights emerged triumphant on the Saturday of Homecoming Weekend (8-11 October 1992) when, by a dramatic field goal kicked in the final five seconds of the game, Army beat Lafayette by a score of 38-36 at Michie Stadium. Cheering the Army Football Team on to victory were over 1300 USMA grads from the Classes of 1972, 1977, 1982 and 1987, returning to their rockbound highland home for reunions. The unseasonably warm weather and glorious fall foliage provided the backdrop for alumni exercises. Major General Charles Saltzman '25, oldest graduate present, led the march across the Plain to Thayer Monument and participated in the wreath-laying ceremony, assisted by First Captain Shawn Daniel '93. Also returning for reunions during weekends in the fall were the Classes of 1947, 1957, 1962 and 1967.



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The Class of '47 celebrated its 45th Reunion at the Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, and at West Point. In a departure from tradition, the '47ers added an extra day to their reunion this year to enjoy the beauty and pleasure of the Hudson River Valley, and to visit some of the sights they didn't have time for during Cadet days.

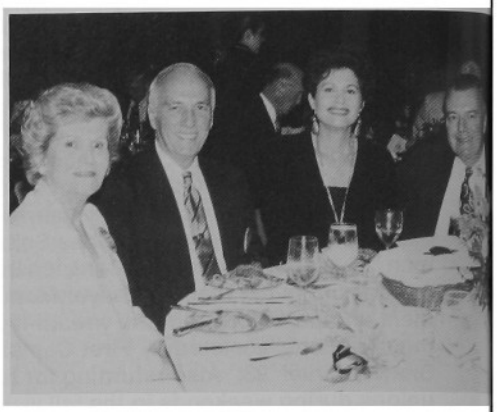
In addition to the Alumni Review, lunch with Cadets and the Holy Cross game, the group enjoyed revisiting West Point on the afternoon tour. They rededicated themselves to the Class Gift, the Train Station, and at a luncheon there heard the latest poop from the Supe and made plans for upgrading the facility for their 50th.

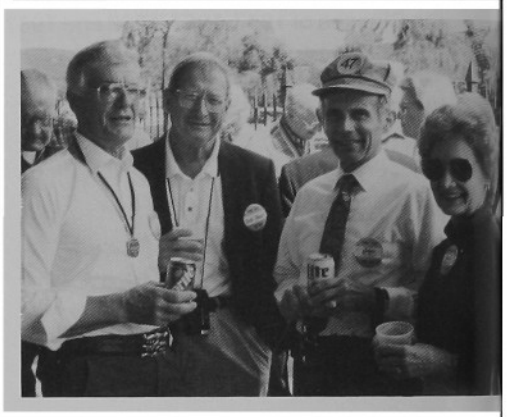
The Hudson River Tour included a great picnic at a riverside pavilion. The afternoon included a visit to Hyde Park, a first for many, but nostalgic for the 2d Battation, 2d Regiment, which was last there as part of the Honor Guard at FDR's funeral. The day finished with a wine tasting at the Rivendell Winery.

For the non-tourists there was golf and tennis and just plain relaxing at Mohonk.

The Friday night Banquet at Mohonk was enlivened by the entertainment arranged by Meg and Howie Sargent and dancing to the music of a combo from the West Point Band.

—Bob Rosen





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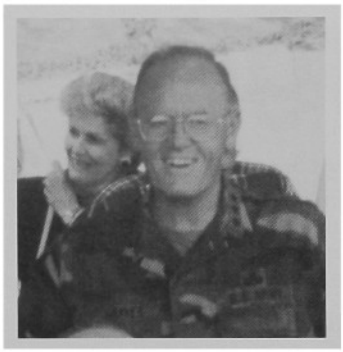

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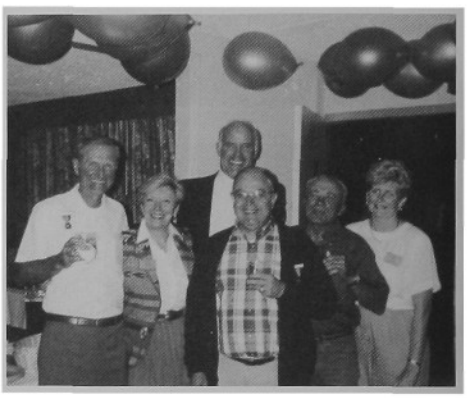
1957

'57: 35 Years Later and Still Running

From the opening of the Hospitality Room on Thursday 'til the departures on Sunday morning, it seemed like everyone was constantly in motion. Spirits were high, greetings were enthusiastic and emotional, conversations never stopped and we took lots of pictures. The planning committee, led by Jim Cortez, did a fantastic job, and both the Academy and weather cooperated. The Citadel was the only spoilsport, but it was a close game. The 135 classmates and family members who attended (most of them *are in the Class picture) revelled in each* other's company and renewed old friendships. We sailed on the Hudson, toured the new post facilities, visited Cadet Barracks, danced the night away at Buckner Friday night and in the Holidome the following evening, ate in Washington Hall and Eisenhower Hall, listened to the Supe, planted a Class Tree (a Black Tupelo), and initiated plans for the 40th and 45th. The 57 classmates who have died were remembered and honored at a moving ceremony in the Cadet Chapel, and that gave us all something extra to think about. For those who didn't attend, we missed you (and talked about you). Hopefully, you'll make the next one, and we'll all still be running.



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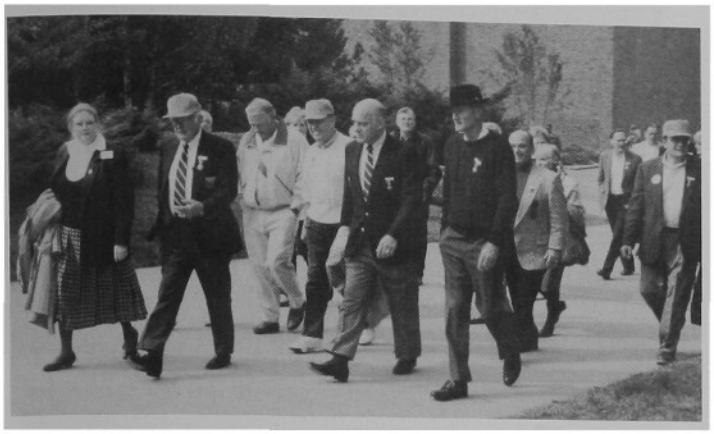

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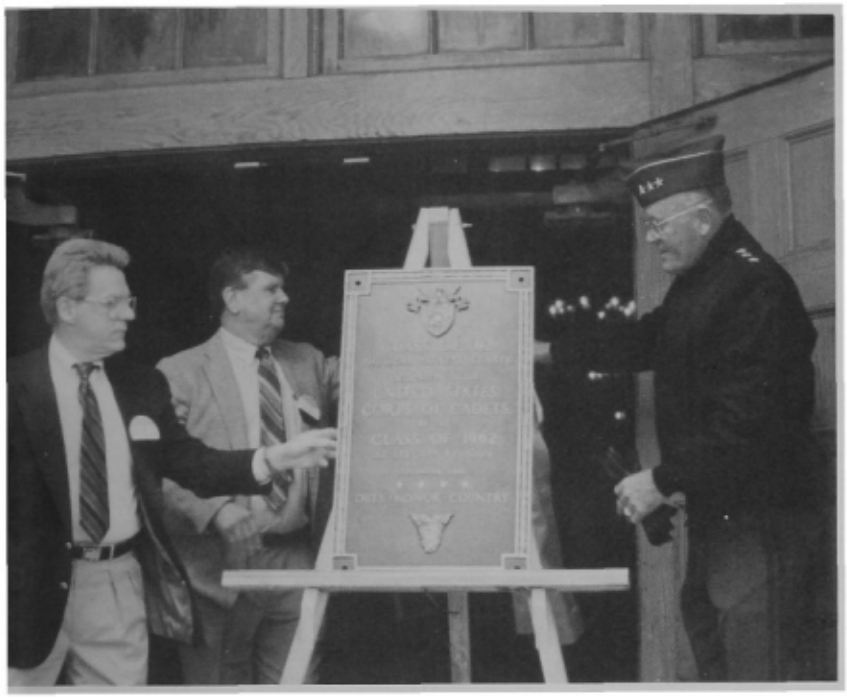

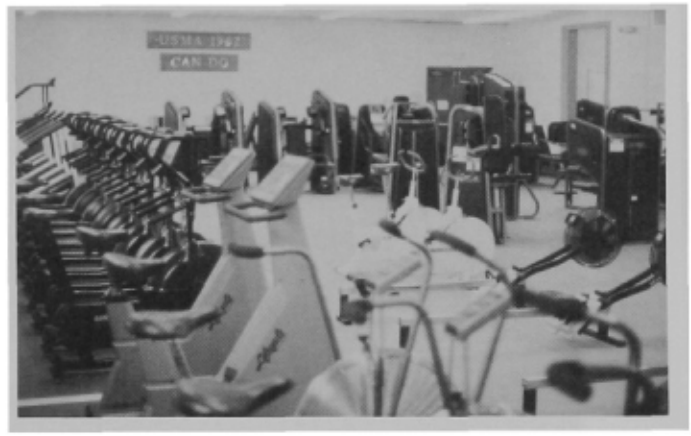

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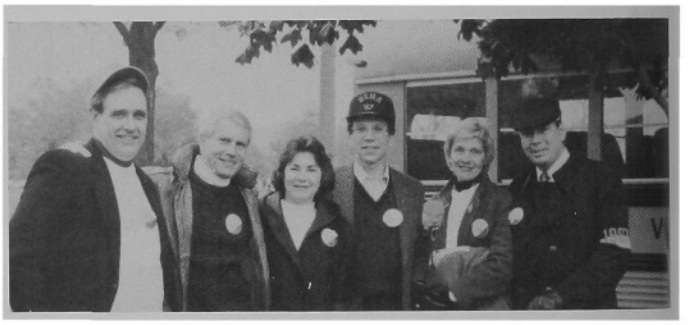

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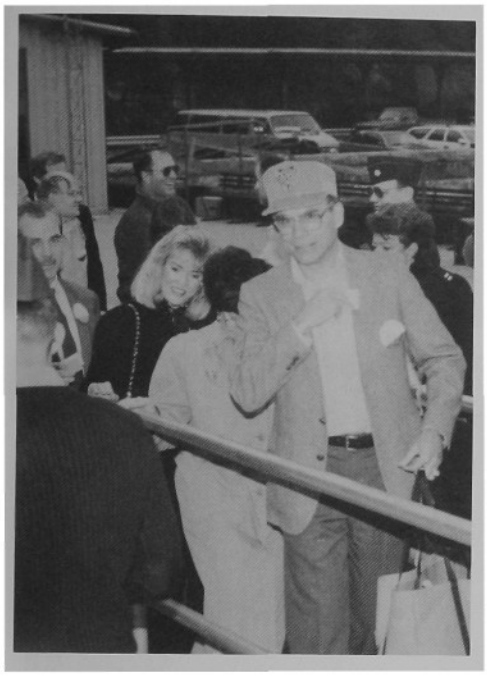

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1972 Homecoming

1st Regiment

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3rd Regiment

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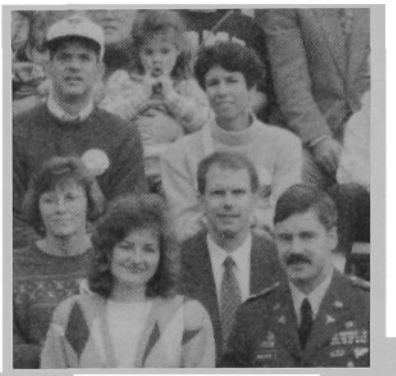
1977 Homecoming



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1982 Homecoming

The Class of '82's Ten-Year Reunion, held 9-11 Oct 92, was a tremendous success. Over half the class returned to the banks of the Hudson, many for the first time since Graduation. Most still wear a uniform, but over one-third have entered civilian life. More than a few recently took exit bonuses and were on terminal leave. Activities began Thursday night as the ski lodge was packed from end to end with members of the Select Few. On Friday, '82'ers continued to arrive and went through a very well-organized registration process at Cullum Hall. Kudos to the efforts of the people who ran the show. That afternoon LTG Graves, the current Superintendent, gave a "State of the Academy" brief to the class in Ike Hall. Bill Rogers and Dave Steer presented the Class Gift, over $100,000 in contributions from the Select Few. That's more than 25% over the original target dollar figure! Following the presentation, our deceased classmates were remembered in a memorial service in the Post Chapel. The class met again Friday night for a buffet banquet at the Marriott Park Ridge in New Jersey. Saturday morning the Reunion classes marched on the Plain for a ceremony at Thayer Monument and the Alumni Review. The Class tailgate preceded the football game, an Army win over Lafayette. After the game, many folks returned to the tailgate to polish off the rest of the chow. Saturday night's Washington Hall dinner dance was a great success. On Sunday many '82'ers returned to USMA for services at the post chapels.

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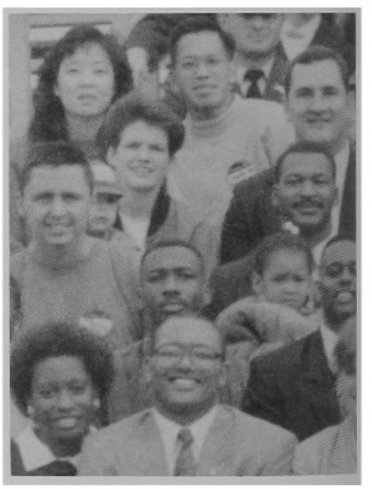
1987 Homecoming



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MORE TO THE POINT

By Colonel George S. Pappas (Retired) ,USMA 1944

June in January

Early Graduation!" is a cry that has resounded in the halls of cadet barracks many times in the past. Two classes graduated in May and June 1861. The Class of 1899 graduated in February; and the Class of 1901 in February two years later. The World War I classes moved out almost in tandem in April and August 1917 and in June and November 1918. The turmoil and near-chaos of that period were avoided in the World War II era, primarily through the efforts of the Superintendent, Major General Francis B. Wilby, who persuaded the Army staff to reduce the course of instruction to three years instead of following the World War I practice.

The Class of 1942 was not affected and graduated in June. Summer training and furlough began in the normal manner. The Class of 1943 went off on its tour of major Army installations, and its members who had chosen Air Corps left for flight training in the south and southwest. The Yearling Class, then the Class of 1945, moved into summer camp at Fort Clinton in June but made an unusual trip to Camp Drum for training with an armored division preparing for overseas service. It returned, not to old summer camp, but to the new training area of Popolopen.

In late summer, the Corps was surprised by the announcement that the course of instruction would be three years until the end of hostilities. The Class of 1943, redesignated the Class of *January* 1943, would graduate six months early, fifty years ago this month. The Class of 1944, now the Class of June 1943, would graduate in June, the first of the three-year classes. The Yearling Class, now the Class of 1944, would graduate in June of that year. The four-year course was reinstated when the class entering in 1944 was divided to form the Classes of 1947 and 1948.

The change to a three-year curriculum caused many problems. Air cadets of the January 1943 class were given special instruction at their flying schools by USMA faculty members. At West Point, academic departments prepared special courses for the classes of June 1943 and 1944, cramming four-year curriculum subjects into three years. Even extracurricular activities were affected. The *Howitzer* staff for January 1943 was almost decimated because most of the staff had selected flight training. The Yearlings of '44 were drafted to assist in turning out the *Howitzer* in six months—it was delivered before graduation in January. The June '43 staff worked on their own book and, despite the increased load of academics and added tactical instruction, delivered their book on time.

In mid-December 1942, the air cadets of January '43 returned to West Point. The Class was reunited but only for a brief period; one month later, it was graduated on 19 January 1943. Most of the traditional June Week activities were omitted. General Wilby informed graduates that there would be no Class Reunions, Awards Parade, Athletic Parade, Alumni Day or Alumni Review of the Corps. This decision was made because of war-time travel re-

Class of January 1943. Cadets cheering as last man gets his diploma, 19 January 1943.

Class of January 1943. Cadets examining their diplomas, 19 January 1943

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Last Parade & Review for graduating cadets, Class of January 1943, 18 January 1943

strictions and possible bad weather, and to enable underclasses to continue their rigorous schedule with as little interruption as possible. The First Class would end its studies only five days before graduation; the underclasses would be excused from classes only on Graduation Day.

Graduation activities scheduled included the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, 17 January; the Superintendent's reception for the graduating class and its families in Cullum Hall Sunday afternoon; Graduation Parade the afternoon of Monday, 18 January; Graduation Hop that evening; and Graduation in the Field House on Tuesday, 19 January.

Despite the time of year, many unscheduled traditional activities continued. First Classmen packed and passed on white trousers and other uniform items to yearlings and plebes. Copies of the *Howitzer* for the First Class arrived and were distributed the week before graduation; the publisher had arranged for a New York National Guard aircraft to bring the books to West Point from Buffalo. Copies for the remainder of the Corps were not delivered until later in January. Hops the Saturday before graduation were attended by more than the usual number of hopoids and their drags. Throughout the week, a popular hit tune of the time, "June in January", was heard time and time again.

Despite bad weather, graduation activities were conducted as scheduled. Athletic and academic awards were presented in Cullum Hall the morning of 19 January. That afternoon, the traditional Graduation Parade was formed in Central Area as a "band box review." Uniform was overcoats under arms, and more than one cadet cast four-letter words as he re-adjusted his belts to fit over the overcoat. The Corps formed in the restricted limits of Central Area, watched the Band troop the line to the strains of "June in January," and presented arms as the Colors were lowered on Trophy Point. The First Class moved forward to form a reviewing line stretching the entire length of Central Area, and the Corps passed in review to honor the graduating class. Companies returned to their own divisions of barracks, and the graduating class joined them to recognize their plebes. Graduation Hop that evening was held in the Gymnasium, with two bands playing—yes, "June in January," quite often.

Graduation in the Field House differed little in format from the normal exercises. The Secretary of War, Robert P. Patterson, presented diplomas to each man. Many names familiar today were read by the Adjutant: William Allen Knowlton, George Anthony Rebh, Frank Ambler Camm, Louis Theodore Seith, Thomas Everett Greiss, Robert F. McDermott, Arvid Paul Croonquist, Jr., Joseph Bartholomew Conmy, Jr., Edward Michael Flanagan, Jr., Elvy Benton Roberts, and anchor man Benjamin Willis Mills, Jr. The Class of January '43 left West Point for duty assignments throughout the world. Many of its members fell in combat within months after graduation. Wherever they have served, the members of January '43 and the other members of the Corps of that era will never forget "June in January."

The "John Ford's Long Gray Line" in the November issue of ASSEMBLY brought some welcome information from Jack DeSola'57. Jack provided the name of the plebe in the Mess Hall scene: James W. Mooring. He also indicated that his roommate Charles K. Kyne was the plebe extemporaneously kissed by Maureen O'Hara in the scene commemorating the Armistice in 1918, saying that "It sure took him a while to wash the lipstick off his face!" Many thanks, Jack. I hope other grads will send in their memories as you have.

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Academic Limits

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

Civilian Faculty at West Point?

By now, you are no doubt aware of the recent action by the Congress tasking the Military and Air Force Academies to report to the Congress on how they will increase the number of civilians assigned to their faculties. As part of the development of this legislation —which originally required the elimination of all permanent military faculty and a move to a 50% civilian faculty—the Army agreed to increase, over the next decade, the proportion of civilian faculty at West Point from the current seven percent to twenty to twenty-five percent. While we will reduce the number of permanent military faculty substantially, the strength and nature of the rotating faculty, the hard-charging captains and majors, will remain essentially unaltered. We will retain a sufficient number of spaces for tenured senior military officers and second-tour faculty members to serve as soldier-scholar role models and to provide for junior officer professional development and military governance. But even though our faculty will remain predominantly military, many graduates worry about increasing the number of civilians and ask, "How do we bring on civilians without changing the essence of West Point?"

First, I should point out that West Point has had civilians on the faculty for quite some time. Almost since its birth, the Academy has had civilian foreign language instructors who have contributed much to that program. Who could forget Monsieur Violett or Herr Tillar? Dr. Sam Saldivar, a key member of today's team, has been at West Point since 1966 and is highly respected by cadets and faculty members alike. The Department of Physical Education's civilian faculty members have always been looked on as contributors to the development of cadets. For example, Mr. Herb Kroeten, who has taught every class since 1949, has put a lot of spine into the Long Gray Line.

Since the mid-seventies, the visiting professor program has brought over one hundred outstanding civilian academicians to West Point, and by every measure it has been a major success. The cadets like it, the junior and senior faculty like it, and the visitors like it. These distinguished academicians, who serve with us from one to three years, become part of the Academy during their stay. They guide cadets, give AI, work with clubs and teams, and serve as Academic OCs and Company Academic Counselors. Almost all of them embrace the goals and missions of the Academy and serve as our defenders to those who question the Academy's purpose. Civilian faculty members like Professor Bob Carter (MG, USAR), Dr. Ed Roche (LTC, USAFR) and Dr. Charles Roland (an infantry battalion S-3 in the Ardennes) bring their extensive military experience into the classroom.

Classes that attended West Point during the WWII years were taught by newly-commissioned faculty members, brought in directly from the academic world to replace the regulars sent to the field. The performance of these classes gives evidence that they were not negatively affected by the experience. The performance of these faculty members led MG Maxwell Taylor, the Superintendent in 1946, to request a post-war continuation of the program.

Still, the number of civilian faculty we will have in the future is larger than we have had in the past. What will so many civilians do and how will we maintain quality? First of all, the absolute numbers within any department will be relatively small. At a Corps size of 4000, large departments will have nine or ten civilian professors, smaller departments five or six. Civilian faculty, like the military faculty, will serve at all academic levels to include instructor and assistant, associate and full professor. Some will be teaching in the core courses while others will teach electives. In addition, we will continue to have some form of a visiting professor program and also will continue to seek sponsored fellows. (This year we have Olin, NSA and CIA fellows.) There will be short-term appointees and, eventually, tenure appointees.

To maintain the high quality of the faculty, we will screen, as in the past, all faculty applicants, whether they be military or civilian. Before we bring people on the faculty we look carefully at their records of performance. We talk to those who know them and meet with each in person. For selection of permanent military faculty, we bring together an interdisciplinary selection committee to evaluate applicants. We will follow essentially this same procedure in selecting civilian faculty members. Once selected, faculty members will be subject to frequent formal reviews to evaluate their qualifications for continuation. The Dean and department heads currently receive five-year reviews in a "tenure" program that mirrors what many civilian academic institutions are now trying to implement. There is no unrestricted tenure for the military, nor will there be any for civilian faculty members.

Civilians normally will be brought onto the faculty at the instructor or assistant professor level. Following a probationary period, they may move into a tenure track position and be considered for tenure at their fifth, sixth or seventh year. Upon selection for tenure, they will be promoted to associate professor. Selection for tenure or later promotion to full professor will be based on performance in and out of the classroom, with excellence as a teacher being a principal determinant. Selection for tenure and promotion to full professor also will be restricted by the availability of positions. We do not want to develop a top-heavy structure. In some cases, we will select former visiting professors or other distinguished senior professors to join us for specified periods. This ability to bring in both new PhDs and those with considerable experience will permit us to structure our faculty for the long haul and to complement the disciplinary backgrounds of our military faculty with those of the civilians.

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The COM Reports

By BG ROBERT F. FOLEY, *Commandant of Cadets*

Last time I discussed the status of *A Winning Spirit*, one of our five Mission Essential Tasks, and I am happy to report that the spirit of the Corps is holding steady on all fronts—especially in the areas of intramurals, competitive clubs and intercollegiate athletics. I attribute this to the outstanding leadership being provided to the Corps by the Classes of 1993 and 1994.

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The challenge is to sustain that winning spirit in the months ahead. Clausewitz said, "The fighter spirit tends to become extinguished through the years, it takes an act of strong assertiveness by the individual to maintain it." As I have told cadet commanders, team captains, platoon leaders, squad leaders—they are the spirit and they must be proactive in planning in order to ensure all tasks are executed with precision and synchronization.

Currently, we are going through our mid-term assessment of the Corps METL. The method we are using is a battalion back-brief given by the battalion commander and CSM with battalion staff and all First Class cadets in the battalion present. It is an excellent forum, very similar in format to the quarterly training briefings mandated by FM 25-101. The briefings are absolutely superb—well thought-out, excellent analyses with sound recommendations on how to improve weaknesses and sustain strengths. The conduct of these briefings and the positive, upbeat, disciplined conduct of the Corps over the past few months has reinforced in me how well METL tasks 2 and 3—*Leadership through Presence* and *Pride in Achievement* —are being accomplished.

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The key to success has been the leadership of the Class of 1993. They have been visible, accessible and in the right place at the right time to make a difference. They have been very active in the organization, discipline, coaching and officiating of a very successful and spirited fall intramural season. They are active in quality-of-life enhancements for the Corps, including extensive self-help programs for barracks maintenance. Because this is an election year, emphasis has been placed by the First Class on registering to vote, absentee ballots and observing the Presidential debates. Even "Spirit Missions" to move a TAC's office out on the Plain or paint BEAT NAVY signs are being monitored closely by the First Class.

This enthusiasm has gone hand-in-hand with METL Task #3—*Pride in Achievement*. At the company level, pride is shown in the preparation of creative and insightful newsletters that not only provide information but allow novice writers to express their opinions and intellectual abilities; extensive company Standard Operating Procedures books to provide policy and guidance on everything from Intramurals to Fourth Class duties; and comprehensive Academic Battle Books, designed to monitor cadets at risk, schedule additional instruction, provide tutoring and raise the GPA level of each cadet.

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The Class of 1993 also put together the *Regimental March-on* concept in support of the Army football program. This concept involves one regiment marching onto the football field at Michie Stadium prior to kickoff, one regiment conducting a Spirit Run around West Point on Friday afternoon and two regiments conducting a Double Regimental Review on Saturday morning. The march-ons were scheduled for the Holy Cross, Citadel, Air Force and Boston College football games so that all regiments could have the same experience. It has proven to be immensely popular with the Corps, staff and faculty, graduates and fans alike.

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These achievements and many more are being accomplished by the Corps of Cadets every day. They come from the heart and are all in the spirit of making a contribution and taking pride in achieving excellence. My assessment of the Corps METL at mid-semester is that it is right on the mark and still gaining momentum toward greater heights. To that end we are well on our way toward planning our Winter Campaign.

BEAT NAVY!

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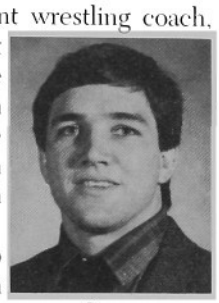
The DIA Reports

By AL VANDERBUSH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*

Coaches of Winter Sports

JACK EFFNER - Wrestling

When Jack Effner arrived at West Point in 1988 as an assistant wrestling coach, little did he realize that one year later he would be Army's sixth Head Coach since wrestling became an intercollegiate sport in 1921.



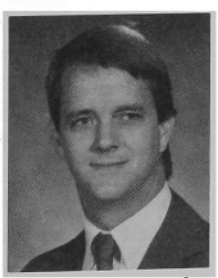
Effner wasted no time in building on Army's winning tradition. His first team in the 1989-1990 season posted a 15-3-1 record in dual meets, gained national recognition with its No. 19 ranking in the country and won the New York State collegiate championship.

Coach Effner, in his fourth season as Head Coach, looks to better last season's record of 11-5 in duals and No. 20 ranking in dual meets.

Effner graduated from Indiana State in 1986 where he twice won all-America honors at the NCAA tournament, placing sixth at 142 pounds as a junior and fifth as a senior and he was named Indiana State's most valuable wrestler for three years. Before coming to West Point, Jack served as an assistant coach at Clemson in 1987. Coach Effner and his wife Lori have two sons and a daughter.

ROB RILEY - Hockey

When Coach Rob Riley came to West Point, he inherited a team from his father that had a winning tradition but was embarking anew in the powerful Eastern College Athletic Conference. Even though his teams struggled, they earned a reputation for playing solid, fundamental and hard-hitting hockey.



Prior to last season, Army made the move to Division I independent status and posted an 11-19-1 record. But, the change to a Division I independent may already be yielding results in recruiting, and Army appears poised for its first winning season since 1985-86.

Riley is used to turning programs around. A four-year hockey letterman at Boston College, the Eagles went 11-15-2 his freshman season. As captain of the team in his senior year, they improved to 24-10, only to lose the NCAA Division I title to Boston University.

Following graduation in 1978, Riley remained at Chestnut Hill as an assistant coach. His jayvee squad went 27-9-3 in two seasons and 12 players advanced to the varsity.

Next, in three years as an assistant at St. Lawrence, the Saints went from last place in the powerful ECAC league to NCAA quarterfinalist in 1982-83.

In his first head coaching position in 1983-84 at Babson College, he became the youngest coach ever take the NCAA Division III National Championship.

The following season, Riley led Babson to a 22-9 record and was NCAA College Division "Coach of the Year." In 1985-86, Riley came to West Point as an assistant for his father, Jack, and succeeded him a year later. Rob and Debbie Riley have two children, Sarah and Brett.

TOM MILLER - Men's Basketball

The U.S. Military Academy hired one of its own when it signed on Tom Miller '70 as Army's 25th head basketball coach in April of 1990.

The 44-year-old Miller was head basketball coach at Colorado for four years, registering a 35-79 record and guiding the Buffaloes to their best-ever showing in the Big Eight Tournament during his final season. The upstart Buffs defeated nationally-ranked Missouri and Oklahoma State before bowing to top-ranked Oklahoma in the championship finals.

Miller was head coach at Cornell from 1980-86, rebuilding the program and leading the Big Red to winning records in his final three years.

The Big Red twice tied for second place in the Ivy League standings (1984 and 1986) and were third another (1985). His six-year Cornell composite was 71-85.

A two-year letterman, Miller was a member of three Army teams during the coaching reign of Bob Knight, compiling an impressive 60-21 record from 1968-70, and leading the nation in scoring defense.The Cadets finished third in the National Invitation Tournament his senior year, setting a school record for the most victories in a single season with 22.

Following graduation, Miller served in the Army for five years in Korea, Okinawa and Germany.

Upon leaving the military in 1975, Miller served as graduate assistant under Knight at Indiana. After receiving a master's degree in business administration from Indiana in 1977, he became a full-time assistant and shared the Hoosiers' 1976 NCAA title, a 1979 NIT championship and three Big Ten crowns.

Now entering his third season at Army, Tom Miller faces the challenge of rebuilding the program into a contender in the Patriot League. Tom, his wife Cindy and son Colter live at West Point.

LYNN ARTURI-CHIAVARO - Women's Basketball

Lynn Arturi-Chiavaro has earned admiration and respect since taking over the helm of the Army women's basketball program in 1987. Chiavaro has compiled a record of 86 wins against just 60 losses in five years as Head Coach.

Defense is the cornerstone of Lynn's program, and Army has ranked nationally in that category over the last five years.

Success came early for Chiavaro, whose Lady Knights rallied to capture the Empire State Conference tournament her rookie season (1987-88). With that crown came an automatic bid to the NCAA Divi-

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sion II tournament.

Chiavaro began her West Point career in 1982, serving five years as Coach Harold Johnson's assistant. The Lady Knights won 60 percent of their games, totaling 87 wins during that period. At the end of the 1986-87 season, Chiavaro was named head coach, the second woman to coach at Army.

The 1977 Northeastern grad starred for the Huskies in basketball, lacrosse, volleyball and softball. A Dean's List student, Chiavaro twice was selected as the school's "Most Valuable Player." In 1984 she was inducted into the Huskies' Hall of Fame, only the third woman to receive that honor.

Chiavaro participated in the Olympic Regional basketball trials (1976), the lacrosse national championships (1977) and the AAU National basketball championships (1978). In 1979 she played in the Women's Professional Basketball League.

Lynn is married to Joe Chiavaro, Head Coach of Men's Soccer. They are proud parents of a son, John, born in August 1992.

KEN HAMILL - Rifle

Ken Hamill, a 29-year Army and three-year Navy veteran, has always been an expert rifleman.

As a young infantryman in the 506th Airborne Infantry Battle Group, he welcomed the news that company marksmanship competition would be initiated. After representing his company, he went on to represent the 506th, and later the 101st Airborne Division.

He further sharpened his skills with the 25th Division in Hawaii from 1959-62, shooting for the USARPAC (Pacific Region) team that won the 1962 All-Army honors.

Later, Coach Hamill served with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, GA from 1963-67.

When Army's rifle coach, Sergeant Major Al O'Neal, was sent to Vietnam in 1967, Hamill got the call to replace him.

His first year as rifle coach included his first of 10 wins over Navy.

Upon the return of O'Neal, Hamill left West Point to serve two tours of duty in Vietnam and then as an ROTC instructor at Auburn University.

He returned to West Point in 1974 to once again become head rifle coach. In 1983, Hamill retired as a master sergeant but continued as rifle coach.

In his 19 years at the helm, Hamill has compiled a 250-42 record. Ken and his wife Yasuko live at West Point and are strong supporters of all the Army teams.

RAY BOSSE - Swimming

Since taking on the responsibility of the men's and women's swimming programs five years ago, Ray Bosse has enjoyed continued success.

His best year was in 1990-91, when he led the men to a fifth place finish at the Easterns, the tenth straight year that Army placed among the top ten at that competition. The Cadets also recorded their 10th straight winning season and third consecutive win over Navy.

The Women's Team won the inaugural Patriot League title in 1990-91, and Bosse was voted the Patriot League Women's "Coach of the Year." He earned similar honors with the men last winter after leading them to the title.

Bosse was a member of the Cincinnati Pepsi Marlins and the St. Xavier High School team that won the national championship his senior year. A 1977 USMA graduate, Bosse was a four-year letterman and co-captain of the swim team his senior year. He twice qualified for the NCAA Championships and was an Eastern Seaboard finalist in the 200 and 400 individual medley.

After graduation, Bosse served in Germany and Alabama. In 1982, Ray returned to West Point as an assistant coach with the men's and women's swim teams. When head coach Jack Ryan retired in 1988, Bosse was named as his successor and only the seventh head coach in the 70-year history of the swimming program.

Ray is married to the former Sherri Hayward, who also is an assistant on the Army Swimming staff.

JACK MCJUNKIN - Pistol

Jack McJunkin is Army's all-time winningest coach in pistol, boasting a winning mark of 91 percent. He has led his sharpshooters to 110 wins in nine years, bowing only 11 times.

A highlight of his tenure has been three national titles within a six-year span. His Cadets set a national aggregate mark in capturing the 1989 NRA title after winning it for the first time in 1986. Settling for runnerup in 1990, the Cadets bounced back in 1991 to reclaim their second title in three years.

He began his shooting and Army career in 1968 at Fort Lewis, Washington and continued after moving to Fort Benning, Georgia in 1973 as part of the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU). He qualified as a member of the President's 100, an elite group of marksmen selected in a competition every summer at Camp Perry, Ohio.

After two years in Germany, he joined the Sixth Marksmanship (Pistol) Training Unit at Fort Ord, California.

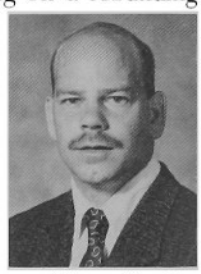
In 1983, he was assigned to West Point as Head Pistol Coach. He retired in 1987 as Sergeant First Class but continued coaching.

His skills have stayed sharp—he's won 17 medals in the annual New York Empire State Games in the last several years.

Jack and his wife Jackie are active members of the West Point community.

DOUG VAN EVEREN - Gymnastics

Doug Van Everen, in his third year as Head Coach, is coming off a rebuilding season after a record-setting first season.



Van Everen led the Cadets to their highest Eastern League finish in five years by placing third in 1990-91. Individual improvement was made in 1991-1992, with two Cadets qualifying for the NCAA Regionals, while two individual marks were broken and another tied.

Previously, he served at San Jose State from 1987-90. In his final year, he directed the Spartans to an invitation to the NCAA Western Regionals. That year his team had nine scholar athletes on a 14-man roster and was ranked in the Nation's Top 20 in team-scoring average.

The native of Boston, Massachusetts attended Cal State-Fullerton and lettered all four years on the Titans' powerful gymnastics team. Competing in the all-around event, Van Everen was a member of the Titan squad that participated at the 1985 National Championships.

His 12 years of experience with youth gymnastics clinics, clubs and camps was the beginning of his coaching career and helped him secure the head coaching position at San Jose State following graduation. While coaching at San Jose, he earned his master's degree in athletic administration from St. Mary's of California.

Doug, his wife Terri and son Kirk reside at West Point.

In the next issue: the Head Coaches of spring sports.

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Army Athletics' 1992-93 Winter Schedule

HOCKEY

Dec 29-30	at Denver Tournament	7:05 pm
Jan 2	BOSTON UNIVERSITY	7:00 pm
Jan 9	at Salem State	7:30 pm
Jan 15	PLATTSBURGH	7:00 pm
Jan 16	FAIRFIELD	7:00 pm
Jan 19	CONNECTICUT	7:00 pm
Jan 22	SCRANTON	7:00 pm
Jan 23	IONA	7:00 pm
Jan 29	at Air Force	7:00 pm
Jan 30	at Air Force	7:00 pm
Feb 6	RMC	7:00 pm
Feb 12	at Alabama-Huntsville	7:00 pm
Feb 13	at Alabama-Huntsville	7:00 pm
Feb 19	NEW ENGLAND	7:00 pm
Feb 20	AIC	7:00 pm
Feb 26	ST. BONAVENTURE	7:00 pm
Feb 27	ST. BONAVENTURE	7:00 pm

Home Games at Tate Rink

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dec 29-30	at Mt. St. Mary's Holiday Tournament	8:00 pm
Jan 2	at Brown	2:00 pm
Jan 5	RICHMOND	7:30 pm
Jan 9	at Navy	3:00 pm
Jan 12	HOLY CROSS	7:30 pm
Jan 14	HOFSTRA	7:30 pm
Jan 16	at Fordham	3:15 pm
Jan 20	at Bucknell	7:30 pm
Jan 23	LEHIGH	1:00 pm
Jan 27	at Colgate	7:30 pm
Jan 30	LAFAYETTE	1:00 pm
Feb 2	NAVY	7:30 pm
Feb 6	at Holy Cross	2:00 pm
Feb 10	FORDHAM	7:30 pm
Feb 13	BUCKNELL	1:00 pm
Feb 17	at Lehigh	7:30 pm
Feb 20	COLGATE	1:00 pm
Feb 23	MARIST	7:30 pm
Feb 27	at Lafayette	3:00 pm
Mar 3, 6, 10	PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HIGHEST-SEED SITES	

Home Games at Christl Arena

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan 2-3	at Rice Tournament	TBA
Jan 6	COLUMBIA	7:30 pm
Jan 9	at Navy	12:30 pm
Jan 13	HOLY CROSS	7:30 pm
Jan 16	at Fordham	1:00 pm
Jan 20	at Bucknell	5:15 pm
Jan 23	LEHIGH	3:15 pm
Jan 25	at Yale	7:00 pm
Jan 27	at Colgate	5:15 pm
Jan 30	LAFAYETTE	3:15 pm
Feb 3	NAVY	7:30 pm
Feb 6	at Holy Cross	4:00 pm
Feb 9	FORDHAM	7:30 pm
Feb 11	HOFSTRA	7:30 pm
Feb 13	BUCKNELL	3:15 pm
Feb 15	at Rutgers	7:30 pm
Feb 17	at Lehigh	5:15 pm
Feb 20	COLGATE	3:15 pm
Feb 23	at Harvard	7:00 pm
Feb 27	at Lafayette	12:45 pm
Mar 2, 5, 8	PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HIGHEST-SEED SITES	

Home Games at Christl Arena

MEN'S SWIMMING

Dec 23	Toledo at St. Croix, VI	TBA
Jan 9	at Princeton	2:00 pm
Jan 16	at Yale	1:00 pm
Jan 20	at Rutgers	4:00 pm
Jan 23	at Lehigh	1:00 pm
Jan 30	COLUMBIA	3:30 pm
Feb 6	at Dartmouth	3:30 pm
Feb 13	PENN	1:00 pm
Feb 15	at Brown	4:30 pm
Feb 18-20	Patriot League Championships at Colgate	11:00 am/7:00 pm
Mar 4-6	EISL at Harvard	11:00 am/7:00 pm
Mar 25-27	NCAA'S at Indianapolis, IN	12:00 pm/7:30 pm

Home Meets at Crandall Pool

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Dec 23	Toledo & Minnesota at St. Croix, VI	TBA
Jan 16	at Bloomsburg	1:00 pm
Jan 19	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	4:00 pm
Jan 20	at Rutgers	4:00 pm
Jan 23	at Lehigh	1:00 pm
Jan 30	COLUMBIA	12:00 pm
Feb 6	at Dartmouth	12:00 pm
Feb 18-20	Patriot League Championships at Colgate	11:00 am/7:00 pm
Feb 25-27	Eastern's at Buffalo	11:00 am/7:00 pm
Mar 18-20	NCAA'S at Minneapolis, MN	12:00 pm/7:30 pm

Home Meets at Crandall Pool

GYMNASTICS

Jan 8-9*	WEST POINT OPEN	7:00 pm/1:30 pm
Jan 23	SPRINGFIELD	1:00 pm
Jan 30	at Syracuse	1:00 pm
Feb 6	at Southern Connecticut	2:00 pm
Feb 14	TEMPLE & CORTLAND	1:00 pm
Feb 20	at Massachusetts	1:00 pm
Feb 27	NAVY	1:00 pm
Mar 8	ILLINOIS (CHICAGO)	5:30 pm
Mar 13	at UCLA	7:00 pm
Mar 19-20	EIGL's at S. Connecticut	7:00 pm
Apr 3	at NCAA Regionals	TBA

Home Matches at Arvin Gym
*at Holleder Center

Ticket Information
(914) 446-4996

Army Sports Line
(914) 446-3085

PISTOL

Jan 23	OHIO STATE	8:30 am
Feb 6	RMC	9:00 am
Feb 19-20	NRA SECTIONALS AT WEST POINT	4:00 pm/8:30 am
Feb 27	at Navy	8:30 am
Mar 23-28	NRA Championships at Colorado Springs, CO	8:00 am

Home Matches at Bldg. 665

RIFLE

Jan 9	ALASKA-FAIRBANKS	9:00 am
Jan 23	at Penn State	9:00 am
Jan 29-30	WEST POINT INVITATIONAL	3:00 pm/8:00 am
Feb 6	RMC	9:00 am
Feb 13	NRA SECTIONAL	8:00 am
Feb 27	NAVY	9:00 am
Mar 6	at MAC Championships	TBA
Mar 11-13	NCAA's at VMI	8:00 am

Home Matches at Bldg. 665

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK

Jan 9	MANHATTAN, ALBANY STATE	1:00 pm
Jan 16	ST. JOHN'S, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON - TEANECK	1:00 pm
Jan 23	at Cornell Invite	TBA
Jan 30	WEST POINT INVITE	11:00 am
Feb 6	NAVY	1:00 pm
Feb 20	at Rutgers	11:00 am
Feb 27-28	HEPS at Navy	TBA
Mar 6-7	IC4A's at Harvard	TBA

Home Meets at Gillis Field House

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

Jan 9	MANHATTAN, PENN	1:00 pm
Jan 16	ST. JOHN'S, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON - TEANECK	1:00 pm
Jan 23	at Cornell Invite	TBA
Jan 30	WEST POINT INVITE	11:00 am
Feb 5	NAVY	4:00 pm
Feb 20	at Rutgers	11:00 am
Feb 27-28	HEPS at Navy	TBA
Mar 5-7	ECAC's at Boston University	TBA

Home Meets at Gillis Field House

WRESTLING

Dec 29-30	at Sunshine Open, Tampa, FL	9:00 am
Jan 9	at Princeton with Franklin & Marshall	11:00 am
Jan 16	BROWN	1:00 pm
Jan 22-23	at New York State Intercollegiates, New York University	11:00 am
Jan 30	at Rutgers with Wilkes & Wagner	12:00 pm
Feb 5	at Clarion	7:30 pm
Feb 7	at West Virginia	1:00 pm
Feb 13	SYRACUSE	7:30 pm
Feb 19	at Lehigh	7:30 pm
Feb 27	NAVY	1:00 pm
Mar 5-6	EIWA at Lehigh	11:00 am
Mar 18-20	NCAA's at Iowa State	10:00 am

Home Matches at Holleder Center

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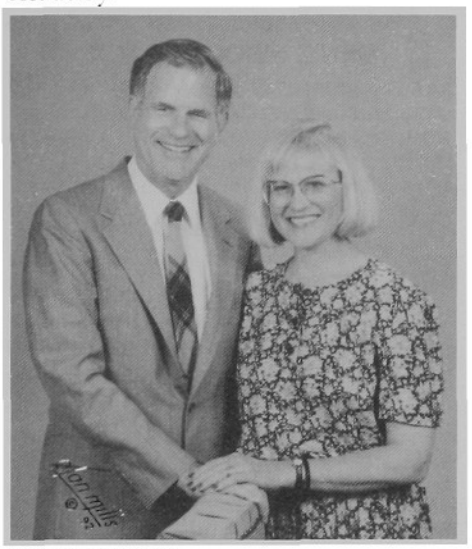
Admissions Update

By COL Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., *Director of Admissions*

Flint Receives USMA Admissions Distinguished Service Award

Walker Flint is a quiet, dedicated professional whose efforts to recognize, interest, influence and assist students in their pursuit of the West Point "experience" are truly exceptional and a tribute to the U.S. Military Academy.



Roy & Helen Flint

Flint received a token of our appreciation and our heartfelt thanks for a job well down when he was selected as the recipient of the USMA Admissions Participant Distinguished Service award for 1992. We "surprised" him with the announcement and a presentation during the Fall Admissions Participant Conference.

It marked the second year the Admissions Office has recognized an Admissions Participant for long term, dedicated service. Colonel James "Buster" Hayden "Hayden of Army" - of El Paso, Texas was the first service award winner in 1991.

Flint has served in the Admissions program since 1976 (sixteen years of volunteer service), when he started as a Zip Area Coordinator in Illinois "J". Three years later he became region coordinator for Central Illinois, and he has served in that position for thirteen years.

When Flint, a 1960 West Point graduate, began his admissions work, he enrolled one student. In just three years he was enrolling five students per year, and that success has continued during the past sixteen years. During that span Walker Flint has enrolled 229 West Point cadets, and has assisted thousands of students, parents and educators, helping them to understand the opportunities available to young men and women at West Point.

There are 257 high schools in the central Illinois area in which Flint and his field force officers so effectively represent the Military Academy. He consistently exceeds the estimate of potential future cadets USMA Admissions projects for central Illinois. The yield for his area—the number of enrolled cadets gained from the total number of offers made in an area—has been a remarkable eighty-five percent over the past five years.

Five-Year Record for Walker Flint's Admissions Region

Annual Fair Share Range of Candidates	11 to 12
Average Annual Range of Enrolled Cadets	15 to 16

Classes	96	95	94	93	92
Files Opened	107	69	98	94	118
Interviews	48	35	26	32	48
Nominated	48	33	33	38	46
Qualified	27	20	19	25	26
Offers	23	18	11	19	21
Enrolled	18	17	9	17	18

Flint not only recruits outstanding high school students, but he is equally successful gaining the help and assistance of other admissions volunteers in his region. Flint's region enlists the aid of twenty-nine admissions participants. Additionally, Flint organizes their training, hosting a Field Force Workshop in his home every year so that his admissions participants demonstrate their professionalism in counseling and guiding young men and women who are making critical decisions about their future.

It was indeed a pleasure for me to recognize Walker Flint for his dedication, excellence and professionalism as a member

Peoria USMA '86 as plebes: D. Harmon, B. Davis, J. Shurtz, H. Blevins, C. Elliot and P. Worsfold.

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of our field force. Through his efforts we have been able to stabilize our admissions efforts in central Illinois. We continually exceed our fair share of cadet enrollments and maintain a strong interest in the Academy. We thrive in central Illinois because of his efforts and the efforts of his Admissions participants.

Flint's region encompasses the cities of Peoria, Springfield and Champaign, covering the entire midsection of the state from its east to west boundaries. His success in attracting top prospects to USMA is demonstrated by the success of the cadets he has enrolled at West Point. Over eighty percent have graduated after entering the Academy, far exceeding the graduation rate of each class.

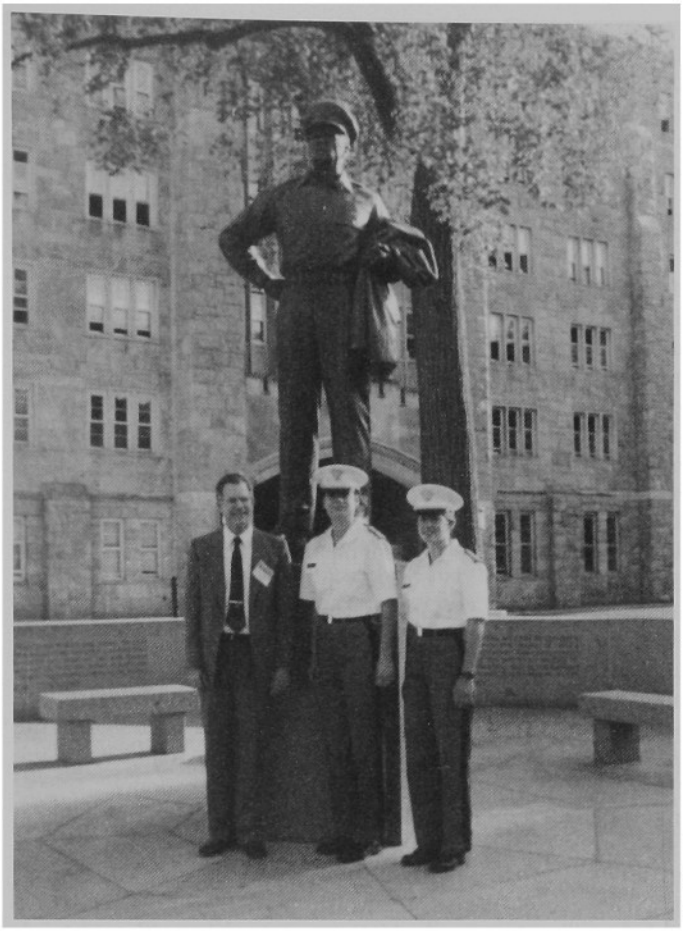
Flint, who served in Germany and Vietnam before being medically retired from the U.S. Army in 1965, is a senior test engineer for the Caterpillar Company.

"I was first contacted by the Admissions Office," said Flint, when asked how he became involved in admissions work. "It sounded interesting and certainly worthwhile, so I decided to do it. I began as a volunteer covering the Peoria area, but I kept reaching for whatever needed to be done."

Flint not only enjoys the assistance of Military Academy Liaison Officers in his region, but gains the confidence of and help from parents of cadets. Many of them remain in the admissions program long after their sons and daughters graduate.

"Cadet parents see West Point from a unique vantage point," said Flint. "They recognize the tremendous opportunity West Point represents. They have inspired patriotism, renewed by numerous visits to their sons or daughters at the Academy. They welcome the chance to help West Point, and by so doing, help potential cadets fully understand the opportunities available to them."

Flint was somewhat at a loss for words after receiving the Admissions Participant Distinguished Service Award. He has never sought the spotlight, spending much of his time praising the work of his volunteer admissions staff.



Cadets L. Bresko '94 and B. Yuskis '95 with W.Flint'60 at MacArthur Statue.

"I am both honored and humbled as I know of so many Admissions Representatives who also devote so much time, energy, and talent to the program," said Flint in a recent letter. "To be considered in the same league as 'Buster Hayden of Texas,' is a special honor. He has a special flair and public presence that I wish were part of my makeup, but my nature is a patient servant of candidates."

Flint said he was grateful and fortunate for being involved with the West Point Admissions program.

"One salient facet is the opportunity to work with bright young officers in the role of Area Admissions Officer," said Flint explaining why he enjoys his admissions work. "I have always worked with outstanding, dedicated officers who function way beyond their 'duty' to bring in the best candidates. Additionally, each year our area Outreach Office renews my faith with outstanding selections for that program."

Flint also praised the work of the Admissions Office support staff who serve as his link for supplies, publications and assistance throughout the admissions cycle.

"Whenever I call Admissions for information or materials, I reach an amazing staff who help or get me in contact with the right area," Flint remarked. "I am aware of the budget reasons for the small staff and am continually amazed at the volume of mailings and high degree of accuracy which they continually achieve. Whenever I am having a rough day in my commercial work endeavor, nothing lifts my spirits more than covering some aspect (of admissions), a candidate's file or preparation for a candidate visit with the warm, helpful admissions staff."

Walker Flint's long and distinguished service to the Admissions program best exemplifies the Military Academy's motto of "Duty, Honor, Country."

J. Kuchan '95, K. Gaffigan '95, R. Keppy '95 and L. Edwards '94, Sept. 1991.

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Profiles: The Association of Graduates Publications Staff

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cessible for research purposes. Beginning this year (see elsewhere in this issue), an annual summary index by subject will be printed in *ASSEMBLY* to provide "a year in review" to readers.

Leslie is also the assistant secretary of the Publications Committee and is responsible for distributing materials and recording minutes for each meeting.

Monica Sullivan began working at the Association of Graduates in May 1986. As a clerk/typist, she assisted in class mailings and research, compiled 90th Yearbooks and worked with West Point Societies and with the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program. In March 1989, she joined the staff of the Publications Directorate.

As memorial articles editor, Monica handles all duties related to deaths of USMA graduates: receiving reports of death from official sources, class officers and families; requesting submission of memorial articles; scheduling articles for publication; typing (or supervising the typing of) almost forty obituaries per issue; proofreading the nearly thirty-page section in each *ASSEMBLY* issue; and mailing two complimentary copies to each next of kin after publication.

As this issue goes to press, Monica has just begun a year-long maternity leave. Acting in her stead until she returns is Raphael Seligmann, Publications' newest member. Raphael began training in October 1992 and recently took over full responsibility in this area. In addition to the aforementioned duties, Raphael now incorporates desktop publishing in producing the memorial articles section, using recently-acquired Aldus Pagemaker software.

Raphael's background in English makes him an ideal interim replacement. He graduated from Cornell University with a bachelor of arts in English in 1982; earned a master's in fiction writing at The Johns Hopkins University; and is now working on his doctorate in English in absentia from Brandeis University while his wife, Captain Dana Isaacoff, completes a three-year tour as an assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences at the United States Military Academy.

Lois Pucino has worked as the Publications circulation representative since March 1991. She keeps 12,000 *Register* subscriptions and 22,000 *ASSEMBLY* subscriptions up-to-date, with assistance from the Finance & Services Directorate. All telephone inquiries and correspondence concerning subscriptions are answered by Lois, as well as walk-in sales.

The scope of her responsibilities increased once *ASSEMBLY* began accepting advertisements in November 1991. Working with Ruth Windsor, advertising sales representative, Lois also assists in coordinating all ads appearing in the *ASSEMBLY* and the *Register of Graduates*.

Lois also acts as administrative assistant for Publications, handling a myriad of tasks, including sizing of photos (approximately 400 per issue) for class notes.

The Publications staff of the Association of Graduates operates under the guidance of the Publications Committee, chaired by Colonel Peter L. Stromberg, Professor and Head of the Department of English at West Point. This committee meets three times each year (or as requested) to discuss all publication policies as they pertain to *ASSEMBLY* and to the *Register of Graduates*.

Working together, the Publications Committee and the Association of Graduates Publications staff seek to provide high-quality, informative publications to graduates and friends of the United States Military Academy.

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Academic Limits

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Will we be able to attract top-quality civilians? If the number of letters and inquiries I already have received are any indication, we certainly will. The legislation that dictated the increase in civilian faculty also provided authorization for the Secretary of the Army to establish a pay system for the civilian faculty that is separate from the normal GS system. Pay is based on comparable salaries in the academic community by discipline and academic rank, so compensation packages will be competitive. More than that, many civilian academicians appreciate the West Point environment—the quality of the students and their classroom demeanor, as well as the opportunity to focus on teaching. There also may be some reservists now teaching at civilian institutions who will see service at West Point as a unique opportunity to grow in both their military and their academic fields.

Yes, bringing civilians on board will be a change, but it should not be a change that threatens the essence of the Academy. I can assure you that there are outstanding individuals in the civilian academic world who value the ideals of Duty, Honor and Country and who want to be part of the Military Academy. It is my job to make sure that we find them and bring them to West Point.

Each ASSEMBLY *article I write represents my ideas. I normally draft the article and then circulate it to key members of the faculty for their comments. I owe a debt of gratitude to the department heads and the members of my office for their many helpful suggestions and comments.*

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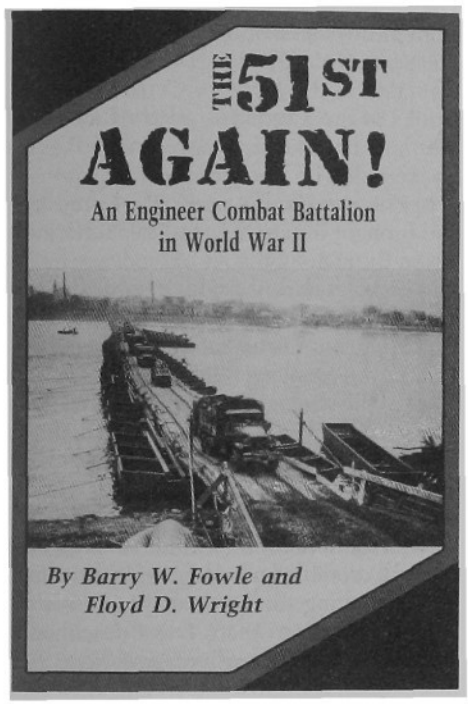
Book Reviews

The 51st Again! An Engineer Combat Battalion in World War II

By Barry W. Fowle and Floyd D. Wright. White Mane Publishing Company, Inc., Shippensburg, PA, 1992. 230 pages.



Historian Charles B. MacDonald, a participant as a rifle company commander in the Battle of the Bulge, wrote in *A Time for Trumpets* that "Hitler saw the American soldier as the weak component of the Western alliance." The American soldier, in MacDonald's words, however, "put the lie to Hitler's theory. His was a story told to the sound of trumpets." Dr. Barry W. Fowle and Colonel (Retired) Floyd D. Wright in their book about the 51st Engineer Combat Battalion (ECB) haave illustrated that a few determined soldiers—combat engineers in this case—with skill and personal bravery can upset the plans of even the most powerful enemy force. During the Ardennes Offensive, the men of the 51st, "spread thinly along the Ourthe River, had played a primary role in keeping the German onslaught from splitting the Allied lines and racing to the Meuse River." These engineers earned a Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation by defending a forty-mile front against one of the spearheads of General Josef "Sepp" Dietrich's Sixth Panzer Army, the First SS Panzer Division. As the book shows, they did much, much more.

The 51st Again! is a unit history of one of the most famous of the non-divisional engineer battalions in the European Theater of Operations. During its early combat operations, the 51st ECB supported the First (U.S.) Army, usually as a subordinate element of the 1111th Engineer Combat Group, and was so ubiquitous that its battalion commander as of 14 December 1944, Lieutenant Colonel Harvey R. ("Scrappy") Fraser '39, directed that his men post signs saying "51st Again" to mark completed construction projects. After its heroic efforts at the Rhine River, it supported the 9th Infantry Division in the reduction of the Ruhr Pocket and finally bridged the Danube as a part of Patton's Third Army. After helping to rebuild Wurzburg, Germany, as a part of the army of occupation, the battalion returned to Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia, where it was inactivated with only four of the original officers and a handful of the original enlisted men remaining to muster out.

In the book's first four chapters, Colonel Wright—the commander of Company A after the Ruhr—chronicles the life of the battalion from its activation on 5 May 1942 at Camp Bowie, Texas, as the 51st Engineer (Combat) Regiment through its operations in Belgium prior to the Ardennes Offensive. In the cold of Plattsburgh and Macomb Reservation, New York, the former first battalion of the regiment, now redesignated the 51st ECB, started to build its reputation as it excelled during individual, basic and advanced training. After maneuvers in West Virginia, a stint at Fort Belvoir as demonstration troops for the Engineer School, stops at Fort Dix, New Jersey and Camp Patrick Henry, the battalion deployed to Wales and then England by way of North Africa after the War Department diverted it from India. (Company A bivouacked on the Plain at West Point on 7 July 1943 while en route from Plattsburgh to Aberdeen Proving Ground to build fixed vehicular bridges.)

After going ashore at Utah Beach on 27 June 1944, the 51st moved across France and arrived at Martelange, Belgium on 17 September 1944. As its companies built bridges, culverts, and roads and produced 2.6 million board feet of lumber in its sawmills throughout the Ardennes, its officers and soldiers gained knowledge of the roads, bridges, defiles and towns of the area that they would soon defend. Ironically, Company C would complete a "beautiful bridge job" on 17 October 1944 between Trois Pont and Werbomont on Route N23, only to blow up the same bridge on 19 December (and the bridge over the Ambleve) to prevent Kampfgruppe Peiper from crossing the Salm River.

In the heart of the book, Dr. Fowle—a retired lieutenant colonel and an historian for the Army Corps of Engineers—assesses the 51st ECB's actions in the Battle of the Bulge. Even with the maps provided, the efforts of the companies are at times difficult to follow, reminding the reader how complicated small-unit operations are to reconstruct. After Company C stopped Lieutenant Colonel Peiper's forces at Trois Pont, the battalion's executive officer, Major Robert B. Yates, greeted the relieving paratroopers of the 505th Parachute Infantry of the 82nd Airborne Division with, "I'll bet you guys are glad we're here." (He was lucky to have been there himself; having broken his ankle in a motorcycle accident, he rejoined the battalion on 15 December after "escaping" from two hospitals, one in England.) The same could have been said to elements of the 84th Division after Company B held off the 116th Panzer Division at the bridge at Hotton and Company A helped to stop the 2nd Panzer Division at Rochefort. Brigadier General Fraser told students at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir in December 1984 that, when the 51st withdrew from its barrier line, "This was probably the first and only time in military history that an engineer battalion had been relieved by five divisions." The 51st had clearly earned its Presidential Unit Citation and its French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star.

Filled with pictures and fifteen informative appendices, *The 51st Again* is more than a unit history; it is a story of leadership, heroism and sacrifice. Scrappy Fraser, later Professor of Mechanics at USMA, received the Legion of Merit and a Bronze Star for his role in managing the operations of his battalion. The War Department awarded "Bull" Yates, Captain Sam C. Scheuber (Company C), and Captain Preston C. Hodges (Company B) Silver Stars for their respective ac-

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tions. Two other soldiers received the Silver Star and twenty-three the Bronze Star.

A passage from St. Luke notes that "The rough shall be made smooth." The men of the 51st and countless other engineer squads applied their skills as sappers and as infantrymen and made the anticipated smooth sailing of the Sixth Panzer Army rough, indeed, as they laid out the barriers of mines and blown bridges that Dr. Fowle and Colonel Wright describe in their account and protected them tenaciously by fire. They then made the way smooth as they supported the First and Third Armies in their exploitation across Germany. *The 51st Again!*, above all else, is a fitting memorial to the sixteen officers and men of the battalion who gave their lives and to whom the book is dedicated.

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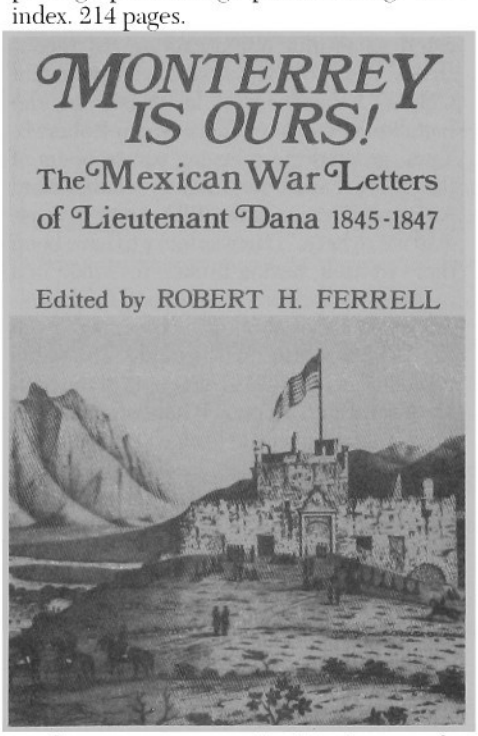
Monterrey Is Ours!
The Mexican War Letters of Lieutenant Dana 1845-1847

Edited by Robert H. Ferrell. Lexington, Kentucky: University of Kentucky Press, 1990. With maps, notes, daguerreotypes, photographs, lithographs, drawings and index. 214 pages.



The Mexican War, 1845-1847, certainly could be considered a rehearsal for the American Civil War occurring some sixteen years later. Most of the famous West Point graduates, who served as senior officers in the Civil War for both the North and South, gained their initial combat experience in the Mexican War. General Winfield Scott immortalized the performance of these young West Pointers in his famous "Fixed Opinion." Though within American Military History the study of the Civil War continues to overshadow the Mexican War, much remains to be learned from the Mexican War. A particularly effective approach for such learning is to study the war through the eyes of the lieutenants — most of whom were recent graduates of the United States Military Academy.

Remarkably, two collections of correspondence from two lieutenants of the USMA Class of 1842 were published in 1990. The first was *The Mexican War Journal and Letters of Ralph W. Kirkham* (see review in July 1992 *ASSEMBLY*), and the second was Ferrell's *Monterrey is Ours!* Reading these books provides a thorough view of both General Zachary Taylor's and Winfield Scott's land campaigns in Mexico. These well-edited books are significant additions to the limited primary-source material available on the Mexican War.

Lieutenant Dana's given name was Napoleon Jackson Tecumseh Dana. Apparently his parents had great expectations for him. Dana's father, Nathaniel G. Dana, was the ninety-third graduate from USMA and a member of the USMA Class of 1814. In 1838, at age 16, Napoleon Dana entered West Point and four years later graduated twenty-eighth in his class of fifty-six. His class included such notables as William Rosecrans, John Pope, Abner Doubleday, D.H. Hill, George Sykes, Earl Van Dorn, Lafayette McLaws and James Longstreet. Upon graduation Dana was commissioned into the Infantry and assigned to the Seventh Infantry Regiment. He was a second lieutenant when the Mexican War commenced, and he received one brevet promotion during this conflict. Like many of his classmates, Dana later achieved the rank of general officer in the Civil War.

Dana's letters from the Mexican War began on 29 August 1845 with his arrival at Corpus Christi, where his unit, the Seventh Infantry Regiment, joined the force that General Taylor was assembling. Dana's letters from Corpus Christi show a keen understanding of the importance of artillary, which certainly proved to be the dominant arm of this conflict. During the war, Dana's letters indicate that the artillery, particularly the "flying artillery," was very effective in offensive operations, to include the pursuit.

Dana served with Taylor's force in northern Mexico during the opening phases of the war. During this period he provided a vivid account of the defense of Fort Brown [now Brownsville, Texas, located along the Rio Grande] as well as detailed accounts of Taylor's major victories—Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma and Monterrey.

The "regulars" fought and won the first battles—Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma—of the war. Dana was elated about this and wrote, "But you don't know, my darling Sue [Dana's wife], how much we rejoiced that all this [victories at Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma] has happened before the volunteers arrived. The country will see that it is the regulars which can do their business. . . ." On several other occasions he expressed intense disdain for the volunteers and their lack of ability to conduct war relative to the professional soldier. Dana's attitude certainly reflects the existing tension of the era between the regulars and the militia—a tension that has continued throughout the years.

In late 1846, President Polk recognized that Taylor could not secure the quick peace settlement which the President so adamantly desired. As a consequence, the war expanded when the President directed Scott to commence a campaign from Vera Cruz on the Gulf coast to Mexico City, the capital. Dana's unit, as well as many others, marched from Taylor's area of operation to join General Scott. Unfortunately, Dana was seriously wounded in the battle of Cerro Gordo (18 April 1847) early during Scott's Campaign. He must have been a rugged soldier, as he lay wounded on the battlefield for thirty-six hours before a burial party discovered him and brought him to the medical authorities. Given the state of the art of medicine in the mid-nineteenth century, his recovery was remarkable as well.

Lieutenant Dana's letters convey his cogent professionalism. His discerning assessment of the strategy for fighting this war was remarkable. His casual use of Jominian terms in his letters makes one wonder if he learned these from Dennis Hart Mahan (Professor at USMA 1832-1871) or if he studied them elsewhere. Additionally, Dana portrays credible knowledge of logistics and tactics. During the battle of Monterrey on 20-24 September 1846, Dana described a classic employment of "reverse slope tactics," which the Duke of Wellington effectively used during the Napoleonic Wars.

Dana's awareness of the enduring importance of leadership by example merits note. He recorded "All . . . horses were landed . . . and each officer has one of them, but I am a foot soldier. My men have to march on foot with heavy loads, and I prefer to take the rough of the campaign in the midst of them to sauntering easily along on horseback. It is far more creditable and makes the men far better satisfied." Additionally, Dana exhibits sensitivity to the idiosyncrasies of the senior leaders Taylor—"Old Rough and Ready" — and Scott—"Old Fuss and Feathers." When Dana's unit transferred to Scott, Dana wrote, "As we are going to join General Scott we will expect to have to pay more attention to the regulations of dress, hair, whiskers and so forth. And as I prefer to do things of my own accord, instead of waiting to be ordered to do it, I shaved off my beard. . . ."

Readers will find a wealth of topics of interest in this publication. These include the horrors of war, intense racism, the rigors

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of training, war atrocities, civil affairs, military intelligence and desertion. Additionally, Professor Ferrell enhances the understanding of many of these topics through the detailed notes that he provides. Frequently, these notes include bibliographic information to guide further research into a particular subject. Furthermore, Ferrell furnishes notes on all the officers, including over seventy USMA graduates, mentioned in Dana's letters.

Monterrey Is Ours! should capture the interest of a broad audience. Professor Ferrell is to be commended for providing this superbly-edited correspondence of Lieutenant Dana. Professional soldiers can learn much by examining this nineteenth-century junior officer's combat experience.

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The Adult Development of Career Army Officers

By Jeffrey A. McNally '71. Praeger, New York, 1991.

Remember how, as a lieutenant, it appeared that your company and battalion commanders really had their lives together? And then, when you became a company commander, or a battalion commander, you realized that you had more pressing questions about your life than you ever did as a lieutenant? These observations, it turns out, are characteristic of universal trends among adult males. Although there are individual differences, of course, it is interesting to learn that clear patterns of development help us understand these relatively common phases of adult life. As anyone acquainted with an officer or an officer's family knows, a career of military service represents a dramatically different lifestyle than most other professions. Jeffrey McNally's examination of the impact that a military career has on the adult life of an army officer is unique and compelling reading. *The Adult Development of Career Army Officers* provides fascinating insights about men, in general, and career army officers, in particular. As I read this book, I could not help applying it to my own life as a developing career army officer. This book facilitates a better understanding of one's feelings about the balance between career and family and the many associated stresses. I am convinced the book will have a similar impact on anyone who reads it.

This book is uniquely telling and thought-provoking. It explores, in great detail and with clarity, the psychological development of four army officers from the time of their graduation from West Point to a period beyond their twentieth year of commissioned service. The fact that they are all West Point graduates is, by itself, an interesting facet of McNally's work and one that provides special insights about life after the Military Academy. However, it is not an aspect of the book that limits its applicability to career army officers from other commissioning sources.

Research by McNally and others found that during the first several years of a man's career, he typically enjoys relative comfort in his priorities in life regarding career, marriage and family. In this stability, a man's goals and direction in life are reasonably clear and well-established. After five to seven years, however, men begin to question the balance that exists between their careers and other aspects of their lives. For some men, this appraisal represents a relatively minor transition; for others, it is a source of considerable stress extending over several years. These periods of stability, followed by instability, repeat themselves throughout a man's life. While some studies have explored these trends among men in general, *The Adult Development of Career Army Officers* provides important insights about the lives of professional army officers.

Each of the officers in McNally's study experienced a successful military career, was married with children, and served as a company commander and in various staff assignments as a junior officer. Three of the officers served in Vietnam, and three officers went on to command battalions.

The most powerful aspect of McNally's research is the depth of intimate sharing that he inspired in each of these four officers. We come to know their lives through their own words. The candor and vividness in their testimonials is stunning! Throughout the book, McNally skillfully integrates the testimonials so that the life of each man is contrasted with that of the others, and each developmental period contrasted with the previous one. Emerging from these strikingly candid thoughts is a pattern of expressed fears, challenges and comforts about career, marriage, family, religion and other facets of adult life.

The cadet experience was significant in the lives of these men. Recollections of Beast Barracks are most vivid. One officer remembered it this way: "It was just kind of like the walls came crashing in on me. I think Beast Barracks was probably the hardest thing I have ever done in my life. They strip you down and then they build you back up, and that's what the experience did for me." Another officer recalled, "It was like kicking you in the stomach and knocking all the wind out of you, and then it just went downhill from there."

In the mid-sixties, graduation from West Point was soon followed by the call of Vietnam. One of the men recalled the pressures of command in Vietnam in a clear and unrestrained manner: "Your soldiers look up to you. You are the 'old man' to them. The old man as a two-year captain! For a split second I'd go, 'I'm the old man? Right!' But then you realize, damn it, they're right. I am the old man! I need to make the decision. I was never sure that it was exactly right, but damn it, it was my gut feeling. Being that leader, making that gut decision...that's what it was all about."

As these men turned thirty, they began to question their priorities in life as they searched for a better balance between their careers and other important aspects of their lives. One man explained, "around the time I turned thirty was the first time I could really stop long enough to reflect on what my life was all about, and to make a decision in my life and in our marriage about where we're going, what it is we're all about, and what do we really want to accomplish." As McNally notes, these were not idle questions, but important ones that each of the four officers chose to carefully consider for the first time in their adult lives.

Each officer addressed his questions about balance in his life in ways that met his individual needs. Strengthened by vigorous self-assessments, all of the officers engaged their careers with a renewed vigor. One officer recollected, "My job was going along fine, but I was starting to feel restless. I was like a cat on a hot tin roof. I was anxious to move on. I needed to be out killing bigger dragons." The significance of battalion command in their lives was clear. "I remember distinctly asking myself, what happens if battalion command doesn't come my way? Is this all there is? Then I had the realization, Yeah, that's all there is. Battalion command really meant something to me."

Clearly, studying the lives of four male army officers, all career West Pointers, does not in any way tell us all we need to know about the adult development of army officers in general. However, *The Adult Development of Career Army Officers* is a book I strongly recommend. There is a depth of exposure and insight to the intimate thoughts, lives and experiences of career officers that is totally uncommon. McNally's work is certain to provoke considerable thought and introspection beyond the insights about adult development. This book was neither easy for me to put down once I began reading it, nor easy to stop thinking about once I was finished. It is exactly the kind of book military professionals should read and re-read a few years later because of the introspection it inspires. This book will help you know yourself better and provide the insight to develop others, as well. To this end, especially, McNally makes an important contribution to the profession of arms.

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Hitler's Panzers East: World War II Reinterpreted.

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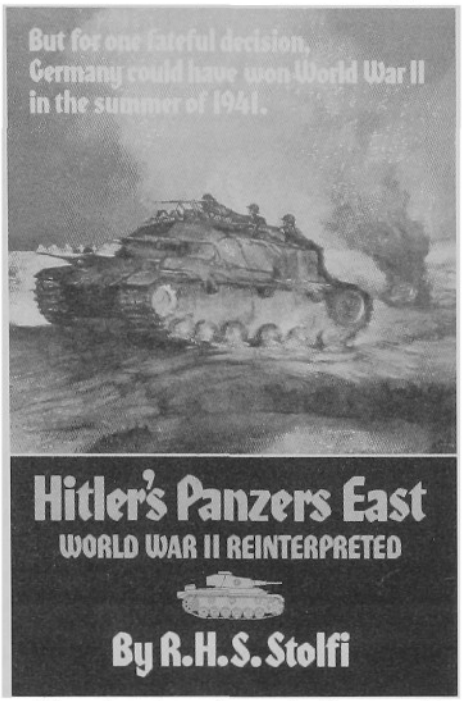

Many Americans know what happened in western Europe and the Pacific during World War II, especially considering that the fiftieth anniversary of that struggle is currently being profiled in a variety of newspapers, magazines, television programs and other presentations by the media and veterans organizations. Yet, the vast majority of Americans have little, if any, understanding of the simultaneous, colossal fight waged between Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Soviet Union. Scholars of the Nazi-Soviet conflict know that, to the German wartime population, the war generally conjured up images of Soviet—not American or British—enemies. Furthermore, as one German historian has argued, "the fundamental reality is that the Eastern Front was the decisive theatre (sic)." While that interpretation may be controversial to some commentators, the vast majority of students of the Second World War commonly agree that Hitler's surprise attack against the Soviet Union on 21 June 1941 was an act of incalcuable stupidity and strategic suicide. Many observers believe that Operation Barbarossa was doomed from its inception—that, for a variety of reasons—including political, strategic, logistical and geographic—the Wehrmacht was incapable of amassing the combat power required to subdue the formidable Red Army.

Russell H. S. Stolfi, who teaches European history at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, thoroughly refutes this widespread belief in *Hitler's Panzers East*. In a bold and dramatic re-evaluation of the available data, Stolfi argues that the German invasion plan was essentially sound and quite feasible. In this remarkable study, he maintains that the German armed forces were more than capable of achieving victory in the Soviet Union by the autumn of 1941. What is more important, from a historical standpoint, is that Hitler's launching of Operation Barbarossa constituted the most significant event of the war for Germany. By failing to move on determinedly to seize Moscow in August 1941, the Germans forfeited whatever chance they may have possessed to win decisively in the East. Thus, Stolfi does not regard Stalingrad as the proverbial turning point where victory was lost and defeat rendered a certainty. Rather, he holds that it was Army Group Center's inability to close the ring around Moscow during the opening stages of the Barbarossa campaign that made defeat inevitable. By not securing the vital "Moscow-Gorki space" early on, the Germans could not realistically expect to dictate the course of events in their favor. The author states that not even the operational superiority of the German Army could resurrect the situation once the offensive bogged down, especially when the United States officially entered the conflict and Hitler was forced to redirect forces away from his main effort against the Soviets.

Stolfi presents some thought-provoking counterarguments to those who would immediately defend the conventional wisdom that a German move to the East was folly. He methodically outlines the logistical situation of the opponents, demonstrating that, for a lightning campaign, the Germans were vastly better prepared than the poorly-equipped Soviet forces. The German high command, contrary to the popularly-held view, conducted an in-depth analysis of the Soviet Army and the countryside and was well aware of the capabilities of its enemies and the effects of the harsh eastern winters. In a revealing passage, Stolfi reminds us that the Germans did come quite close to winning and that "the Soviets took almost four years to recover from the first four weeks of Barbarossa." In the Wehrmacht's successes in what he calls the "opening battles of three great blitz campaigns (France, the Balkans and Barbarossa)," he focuses upon Hitler's relationship with the Army and what he terms the "Hitler-army synthesis" from 1939-41. Here, the author claims, the fuehrer's decisive and calculated political decision-making combined with the German armed forces' superior organization and war-fighting prowess to achieve stunning victories. According to Stolfi, the Germans could have gained another monumental triumph against the Soviets if the same "synthesis" had remained intact. Unfortunately for the Germans, it did not. Hitler's diversionary forays into the Crimea, the Ukraine and towards Leningrad deprived the Army of the combat power it required to seize the ultimate prize, Moscow.

Hitler's Panzers East will generate considerable debate among World War II scholars; it is an extremely brave reinterpretation of events that surely will rekindle discussion of this cataclysmic affair. Stolfi documents his narrative well and provides a relatively thorough bibliography, including lengthy material from the Bundes-archiv Milita Z8 in the Federal Republic of Germany and the Hoover Institution, as well as U.S. archival material and sources from the U.S. Army's European Command historical section. Maps and prints provide additional helpful detail, which enhances the discussion.

The major flaw of this work is that we are never told exactly what would have happened if the Germans did seize Moscow. In this regard, we are expected to make a leap of faith: though Napoleon held Moscow for a month in 1812, his capture of that city had no tangible strategic impact on the war with Czar Alexander. While acknowledging that the circumstances were vastly changed in 1941, the Red Army still would have retained considerable forces in the interior, and German units that had made the assault would have been as depleted and as exposed to the harsh Russian winter as ever. Moreover, the German lines of communication would have been no different. Stolfi does provide clues as to what was to come after a successful Moscow campaign by suggesting that perhaps Hitler possessed a "siege mentality," whereby the German Army was to advance to the Volga, establish a defensive cordon and then "withstand a siege by British naval power in the Atlantic and Mediterranean, and (still intact) Soviet ground and air forces along the Volga." This hypothesis actually raises more questions than it answers and certainly will be attacked by critics.

While extensively researched and well-constructed, this book is not for the recent student of the war in the East or for the uninitiated reader. The author is clearly targeting his effort towards those who have accepted the notion all along that Hitler was mad and that Barbarossa represented the worst of Nazi blundering. Moreover, Stolfi's style is occasionally laborious and obtuse. This is not the type of book with which one chooses to curl up in an easy chair for leisurely reading. Perhaps the most irritating aspect of this book is that the author reveals his central thesis fairly early and then repeats it with abandon throughout the remainder of the text. Though clearly desiring to make his point, Stolfi overdoes it.

Despite these annoyances, *Hitler's Panzers East* represents an important and refreshing contribution to the literature of the Second World War. Without access to still-unavailable Soviet documents of the era, it offers a thoroughly new approach to the study of one of the most militarily momentous occurrences of the twentieth century. If nothing else, Stolfi's work may force us to reconsider the way in which we have ana-

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lyzed the Eastern theater and our thinking about Germany's performance in that bitter arena.

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Lucius D. Clay: An American Life

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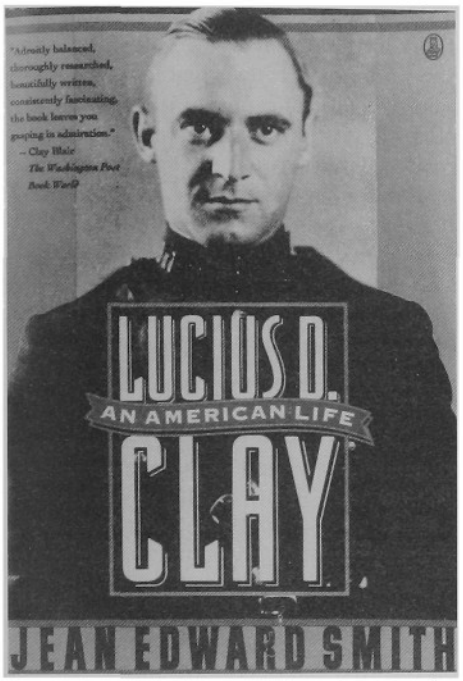
It was General Lucius DuBignon Clay's lifelong regret that he never had the opportunity to serve his country in combat. Yet, the contributions that he made to the United States and to the world have had as great, if not greater, an impact than those of the better known combat generals of the mid-twentieth century. Jean Smith's biography of General Clay is a rich, detailed study that traces Clay's life and career throughout the first six decades of this century, concentrating especially on his service during the Second World War and the rebuilding of Germany.



Lucius Clay was the youngest son of U.S. Senator Alexander Stephens Clay of Georgia, who died when young Clay was eleven. His father's political reputation, coupled with a West Point education, proved invaluable during Clay's early military career. Branched to the Field Artillery upon graduation in 1918, he was transferred to the Engineers, much against his wishes. Although initially unhappy with his branch transfer, his duties during the inter-war years provided him with an education in civil-military relations and enabled him to develop a positive reputation among civilian and military leaders in Washington D.C. that aided him in later assignments as Deputy Director of Material and as the Military Governor of Germany.

Unlike many of his contemporaries in the combat arms branches who languished in the doldrums of the inter-war Army, Clay's assignments involved him in public works projects that brought him in contact with local and national political leaders. He was assigned to Washington, D.C. in 1933, during the time when President Roosevelt turned to the Army for assistance in organizing and managing many of the New Deal public works projects. In his four years in Washington, Clay worked with many prominent New Dealers,including Harry Hopkins and Harold Ickes. Through that experience and later New Deal projects, such as the Red River flood control project on the Texas-Oklahoma border, which he managed, Clay learned to function comfortably and skillfully on Capitol Hill.

Clay rose steadily in rank and was promoted to brigadier general on the eve of the Second World War. That promotion was largely due to his management of the rapid construction of 500 desperately needed airfields as America prepared for war. Unhappily for Clay, his noted skill as an administrator and manager earned him the post of Deputy Director of War Mobilization for the Army for the duration of the war. Instead of fighting the enemy on the battlefield, Clay stayed in Washington and ensured that those generals who did the fighting had the resources they needed. General Clay had the vast responsibility of overseeing the contracting, procurement, production, prioritization and shipping of the munitions, equipment and supplies needed by the U.S. Army and its allies. Characteristically, General Clay accomplished the task with efficiency, skill and no hint of scandal. John Kenneth Galbraith called Clay "one of the most skillful politicians to wear the uniform of the United States Army." It was largely as a result of his demonstrated ability to work successfully with political, business and military leaders that General Clay was selected to head the military government of Germany in 1945.

While his more famous counterpart, Douglas MacArthur, was rebuilding and shaping the development of Japan, Lucius Clay was building an economically viable and democratic Germany. Clay had the tougher job. Unlike MacArthur in Japan, who operated with little interference from Congress or the U.S. Government, Clay had to contend with the conflicting priorities and aims of not only the U.S. government and military, who focused on Europe at a time of increasingly tense relations with the Soviets, but also those of France, Britain and the Soviet Union. Professor Smith argues that while fighting for the quadripartite government in Germany, as envisioned and planned for during the Yalta and Potsdam conferences, Clay had to watch as French intransigence and the increasingly hostile diplomatic relationship between the US and the Soviet Union destroyed the hope of a united Germany. Smith and Clay lay the blame for the deteriorating relationship with the Soviet Union on anti-Soviet factions within the U.S. State Department, including George Kennan, George Marshall and Ambassador to Moscow Bedell Smith. As the situation dissolved, Clay increased his efforts, in cooperation with the British, to rebuild Germany industry, reform the currency and develop stable democratic institutions in Western Germany. The economic growth and political stability of post-war West Germany is a testament to General Clay's success.

The most critical moments of General Clay's assignment as Commander-in-Chief Europe came in 1948 as he prepared for his return to the United States to retire. Clay insisted that the United States stand firmly against the Soviet attempts to induce the evacuation of Berlin. As the architect of the Berlin Airlift, Clay ensured the survival of the citizens of Berlin and set the limits of Soviet expansion in Europe. Professor Smith argues that, if it had not been for Clay's insistence, the United States Army would have withdrawn from Berlin because of the untenable military position of the city and, in doing so, would have threatened the development of a democratic West Germany and undermined U.S. influence in Europe.

With this book Jean Smith makes a valuable contribution to our knowledge of not only a great man, but also of the times in which he lived. Although not all readers will agree with Smith's and Clay's characterization of some of the key leaders of World War II and the Cold War, most notably George Marshall, George Kennan and the anti-Soviet "hawks" in the State Department, this book provides a provocative view of the development of Cold War relations that is well worth reading. It is also a well-documented source of information for anyone interested in U.S. preparations for World War II, the interwar Army and civil-military relations from the 1920s through the 1940s.

Dr. Smith, Professor of Political Science at the the University of Toronto, did extensive research over a twenty-year period, including over thirty interviews with General Clay from 1969 through 1974, interviews with key political and military leaders such as Dean Acheson, General Curtis LeMay and Willy Brandt and extensive use of official government records and publications. Intertwined in the beautifully written narrative are excerpts of interviews Dr. Smith conducted with General Clay. The interviews are especially effective in allowing General Clay's personality to emerge and provide the reader with a vivid impression of a genuinely talented and honorable man. I recommend this book without reservation to scholars and to anyone interested in the life of a truly exceptional American soldier.

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Preparing a Résumé

Notes from a Presentation by David W. White '61 to a Career Transition Network Meeting of the West Point Society of Atlanta

What is a résumé?

A résumé is a written summary of your individual experiences and accomplishments that serves as your personal marketing document and is the linchpin of the recruiting and hiring process in corporate America.

A résumé is not easy to prepare—nor should it be!

First, preparing a good résumé requires precise thought. Second, it requires that you be concise, which forces hard choices about what to put in and leave out. Moreover, it requires the difficult task of introspection—looking inward and focusing clearly on yourself. To make matters worse, it is genuinely difficult to translate military experiences in ways that are comprehensible to civilian employers. Finally, the self-centered nature of résumé writing goes against the grain of the military ethic of not bragging about yourself.

Nevertheless, writing a résumé is vitally important. Not only does it result in a key document for potential employers, but most important, it benefits you, the writer. It builds confidence and self-esteem, since it forces you to review your many accomplishments and gauge their significance. It helps you recognize your knowledge, skills and attitudes and identify common threads in your experience. This life history ultimately reveals important marketing information about yourself.

How does corporate America use the résumé?

To understand how corporate America uses a résumé, you must appreciate the process whereby companies try to fill vacancies or expand their work force. Although it doesn't happen exactly as follows, here's the general pattern:

- First, a company identifies the specifications for the job—what exactly it needs in the selectee. Put another way, it determines the essential requirements—the "musts"—a job candidate must possess. (These can include education, level of experience, years of service, specific experience background and other factors.) Admittedly, corporate America doesn't always do this well. Many times, management doesn't know exactly what it wants.
- Second, a company identifies what it would like to see in a job candidate—what it prefers but doesn't absolutely require. Call these the "Preferreds". (Advanced degree, special language skills, specialized work experience, etc.)
- Third, it identifies those personality traits that are desired, i.e., people skills, self-starter, analytical thinker, etc.
- Fourth, it determines the responsibilities of the position—what the selectee will do on the job. (Candidate must be able to assume the responsibilities upon hire).
- Fifth, it outlines the standards for performance—what the selectee should reasonably accomplish in six months, one year, two years, etc.
- Sixth, it determines the appropriate compensation—the range of salary and benefits it's willing to lay out.

Once a company knows what it wants, prefers, expects to see and will pay, it can then recruit job applicants. This takes the form of internal recruitment or external advertising, networking, search firms and referrals. And for each candidate, what will the company need to see? You guessed it—a résumé.

What does that require of the job seeker?

The lesson for the job seeker is this: You must try, as best you can, to match your résumé to the specifications and preferences of the company. The more your résumé matches the specifications and preferences, the more likely you are to be considered.

How do you find out what the specifications and preferences are? You apply your researching and investigative skills to the maximum. For example, if a position is advertised in a newspaper or trade journal, read the advertisement carefully—word by word—and identify the musts, some of the preferreds, and also any responsibilities, compensation, etc.

If the company name is mentioned, look it up in the library and investigate its background, performance, needs, etc. Ask people in your network if they know someone in the company who, in turn, may be able to give you insight into the position advertised.

Now look at your résumé. Where you meet the specification, try to move this information to the first page and as high and as far to the left as possible. This is very important: To the extent your specification information is high and visible on the first page, you are more likely to be considered for the position for which you are applying.

In today's very unfriendly job market, employers will receive hundreds of résumés for a single job offering. They will screen these résumés by briefly determining which ones have hiring specification information in the two most recent employment experiences. Because of the volume of résumés screened, they rarely read the second page. Consequently, you must stimulate interest on the first page.

Next, focus your work experience around a stated objective that supports the company specification. For example, if the specification is for a program manager, your objective should target the field of program or project management and then arrange your work experience and accomplishments to support this objective with lots of specifics on the first page.

If you have difficulty moving specification data to the first page, use the summary. The summary should be short and to the point, be located directly under the objective and should highlight specific skills or experiences you have had early in your career.

You must also include some chronology

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of your work experience. It's an important review factor. If it's not there, the reviewer will, in most cases, interpret this negatively and will not make the effort to check out your history. Your résumé likely will be rejected.

What should be the format for the résumé?

Your résumé should be—

- Word-processed. You want to be able to tailor it quickly and easily for each different firm you apply to or for each person who requests one.
- No more than two pages. The first page is far and away the most important. More than two pages won't get read.
- Simple in layout. No fancy presentations (bifolds), borders, exotic typeface changes.
- On plain white or buff 8½" x 11" paper.

Avoid anything that takes you out of the mainstream unless applying for a position that calls for creative or artistic talent.

What are the preferred styles for résumés?

Chronological. The chronological résumé is an historical accounting of work experience and the experience/accomplishments associated with specific positions. This is the strongest type of résumé. Although it is more difficult for military types to prepare, the chronological résumé should be the goal.

Functional. This résumé format focuses on skills and accomplishments, omitting the specific context in which the work was performed. It can raise serious questions in the mind of the company and is generally perceived negatively.

Combination Chronological/Functional. When an individual's career track prevents a favorable chronological review due to numerous short-term, diverse assignments in the last two years, this type of résumé may be the best compromise. It encompasses some skill/accomplishment data on page one, but also includes a separate chronology—usually on page two. However, the individual should strive to achieve a chronological résumé, if at all possible.

Cover Letter. Cover letters will generally be the last item to be read by a reviewer. If your résumé has been prepared properly, it will stand alone and will not need to be explained. Keep it short, polite and to the point. Include acknowledgement of the position applied for and how you can be reached.

Now, look carefully at all of your experience and work history. Most people should prepare more than one résumé; for example, you might prepare one for a human resource position, one for a marketing analyst, one for public relations or for corporate planning. Even so, each résumé should be adjusted further to focus on the specific position for which you are applying.

The résumé is a flexible document that should be designed to market your assets in the most positive way for each position in which you are interested. Obviously, knowing who you are, what you have accomplished and what you have to offer are essential to preparing your best résumé. The preparation of a résumé never ends. However, by searching for the answers to these questions, and by analyzing and organizing the information as outlined above, you are well on your way to presenting your most marketable assets in a comprehensive document that will stimulate positive thought and action on the part of prospective employers.

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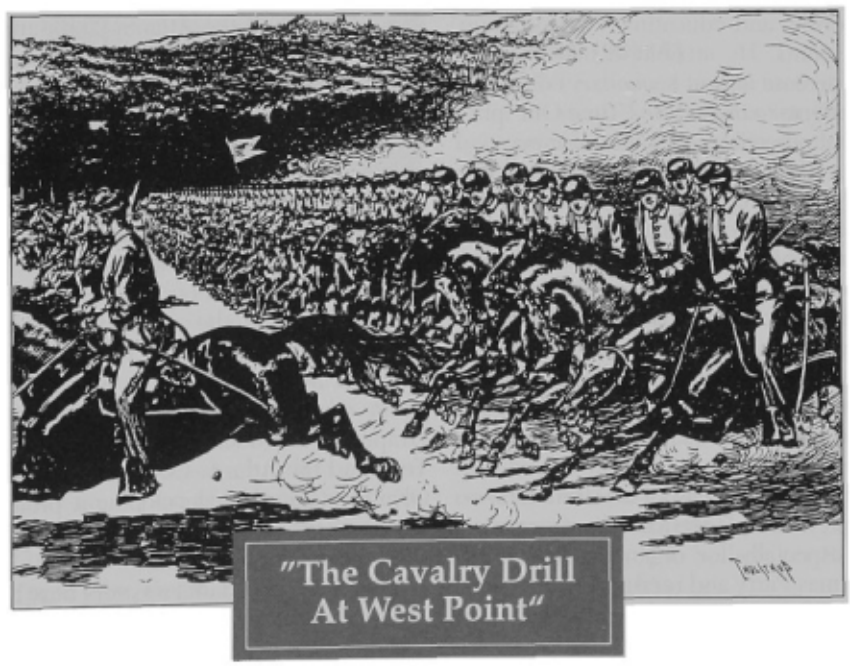

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News from the Societies

ATLANTA

Under the leadership of its new president, Bob Faulkender '57, the WPS of Atlanta had a very active fall schedule, and our annual membership drive netted many new paid members. To join, send $35 to WPSA, P.O. Box 492511, Atlanta, GA 30349-2511 or call (404) 363-5815.

The WPSA "Time Out" program, run by Bob Glover '76, continued to provide important services to the Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) program of Atlanta. VUB is a non-profit organization that helps economically and educationally disadvantaged veterans. It also operates Harris House, a transitional housing facility that also serves as the offices for the VUB staff directed by a retired Army officer, Mr. Arthur Barham.

In recent testimony in Washington, D.C. before Congressional subcommittees on Veterans Affairs, Mr. Barham cited WPSA for its contributions in motivating, mentoring, and educating VUB program participants. He attributed the 300 percent increase in post-secondary education placements to the WPSA "Time Out" program of personal enrichment seminars.

At a VUB graduation and awards ceremony on 20 Aug, several members of the WPSA were recognized for their outstanding contributions. Steve Wolszczak '78 and his wife Chrissy were given a special plaque. They hosted Thanksgiving Dinner in their home for the participants and have arranged for cookouts for them at local outdoor jazz concerts. Steve also has presented several seminars in job search techniques.

Jan and Dave Heath were similarly recognized with a plaque for their strong support, especially for organizing the VUB Christmas Party and recruiting other supporters from the WPSA and the Fort Gillem Chapel community.

Also recognized with Certificates of Appreciation were Bob Faulkender '57, John Petty '61, Rich St. Denis '70, Bob Glover '76, Les Szabolcsi '78, and Debbie Guerra '85. They routinely conduct seminars on Thursday nights for VUB participants.

During the ceremony, WPSA president Bob Faulkender pledged continued support for the program. He noted that West Pointers who volunteer their services to VUB "experience far more than they have given."

"Time Out" coordinator Bob Glover announced a full program of events for the fall and winter, with sessions ranging from "Communicating For Success" and "Job Focus" to "Financial Management", "Community Service", "Responsibilty" and many other topics.

Atlanta is busy preparing for the 1996 Olympics, and local West Pointers are doing their part. Bill Poole '66, an international attorney, is the WPSA liaison to the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. He also will be working with the Atlanta Rowing Club in staging and officiating the Olympic rowing competition.

Other West Pointers are active in preparations for the Olympics. Love Sears-Collins '76, an operations manager at BellSouth Corporation in Atlanta, is on four-year loan to the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) to serve as Director of Operations for ticketing, accommodations, medical operations and accreditation. He was the subject of a Sep article in the Atlanta Journal/Constitution.

Bill Ray '57, a retired MG now at Georgia Tech as Assoc VP for Facilities, is responsible for the $169 million worth of construction projects, to include the Olympic Village, the swimming venue, and the preliminary boxing site.

David Stoutamire '77, a project/program management consultant with Draper and Associates, is assisting GA Tech and the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games in developing a project management approach to their complex preparations for the Games.

The WPPC of Atlanta was very busy last summer, according to pres George Stewart. In Jun, the club hosted a picnic at Ft. Gillem for 10 new cadets and their families. In Jul, the families met again to discuss the stresses their new cadets were facing in Beast Barracks. Next spring the group will meet to orient families of firsties about Graduation Week.

Omni Travel, owned by Chuck Russell '56, of Atlanta, is providing an important service to West Point and the Corps of Cadets. As AOG's official travel agency, it donates to the West Point Fund at least 10 percent of gross profits on sales related to USMA. Last years Chuck's company gave more than 30 free airplane tickets to the AOG and cadets, including fully-paid vacations in Jamaica for six first class cadets.

Last fall the WPSA's Career Transition Network provided its services to more than 25 local USMA and USNA alumni and responded to many other inquiries from out of town. In 1992, several members of the Network who secured employment in Atlanta attributed their success in part to the work of the Network. On 22 Sep, David White '61 gave the Network group a two-hour presentation on preparing a resume. On 13 Oct, Jim Jenkins conducted another of his four-hour Career Transition Seminars. If relocating to Atlanta and in need of job assistance, contact Rich St. Denis, (404) 391-9681. The Network has an assistance packet and roster of local graduates available for networking.

Upcoming events: USMA Glee Club Visit to Atlanta (Feb 12-15); Founder's Day Dinner Dance (Mar 20); WPSA Annual Luncheon/Business Meeting (Jun 10).

— Rich St. Denis '70

PUGET SOUND

The Society's Sep 16 luncheon meeting was attended by 24 members and guests. The scheduled speaker had to cancel but GEN Trobaugh was able to arrange to have his place taken by LTC John Kendall '71, who gave an excellent presentation of his first-hand experiences in operation "Desert Storm". He discussed the "behind the scenes" activities and challenges of C^3 at a multi-national level and noted the problems that resulted from constraints established by the Saudi Government. He led the group from build-up, through in-country training to engagement with the enemy. It was an expertly given presentation with slides and was much appreciated by those in attendance. Kendall had been Executive Officer to the Commanding General, U.S. Third Army and is now stationed at Ft. Lewis.

— Ernie Whitaker '41

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KANSAS CITY

The WPS of Kansas City met for its regular bi-monthly luncheon on Wed, 15 Jul at the Hilton Plaza Inn.

Soc Pres Ed Winthrop '45 brought up for discussion several matters of current concern: the status of congressional action to commission all graduates into the Reserves; the drawdown of the Army and the potential exodus of many graduates into civilian careers; and a plea to local society members to make themselves available to "network" with graduates coming to the Kansas City area to seek employment. John Sutton '49 has set up an informal network of graduates in various civilian firms in Kansas City to assist those who plan to locate in this area. He reported an increasing number of inquiries and resumes, principally from younger graduates who are leaving the Army.

The Soc meets for lunch every other month at the Hilton Plaza Inn. The next meeting will be in Feb. Contact Pres Ed Winthrop (913) 649-9829 or Vice President Jim Mitchell '73 at (816) 228-5807 for details and reservations.

— John E. Sutton '49

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA/ NEVADA

Our Soc just completed holding two summer social events. On 8 Aug a picnic was held on the shore of Lake Tahoe at Incline Village, NV. The weather was fantastic, and the setting was pristine and beautiful. Attending the picnic, along with various family members and friends, were Clarence "Lew" Elder '41; Eaton "Zoo" Gorelangton '43; Ed Chynoweth '46; Minor Kelso '46; Bill Dougherty '48; Bob Leisy '49; John Digrazia '50; Elliott Gritton '54; Richard Hobbs '54; Larry Smith '62; Frank Turek '72; and Jim Perry '79. Total turnout was 35 persons. This was a repeat of last years NV social and a larger crowd was on hand.

On 15 Aug we met in Sacramento at Ancil Hoffman Park on the edge of the American River. It was a warm day, but we were in a wonderful shaded location and were able to enjoy the company of each other. Attending this picnic along with family members and friends were Bill Jones '36; John Burrill , an Annapolis grad from '38 who was our visiting "Middy" for the day, Bill Porte '40; Charles Edwards '52; George Grayeb '52; Larry Smith '62; Larry Sadoff '69; Jim Coffey '75; Kevin Becker '81; Norm Grady '81; and Bob Nozuka '81.

The purpose of these picnics is to have a social function in the summer so that members of the soc can visit with each other and stay in touch. This is the second year that these summer picnics have been held.

If you have questions about membership in our Soc, please call Larry Smith '62, our pres, at (916) 929-2675.

— Larry Smith '62

MID SOUTH

The WPS of the Mid South held it's annual family picnic on 22 Aug, '92 at the country home of John '52 and Elizabeth Tipton on Centennial Island, TN. Approximately seventy grads, wives, children and grandchildren enjoyed the festivities. Of

the nineteen grads who were present, the society welcomed three new members: Raymond Gonzales '85, Steve Baca '84, and Angie Baca '86.

Activities included trap shooting, horseshoes, croquet, fishing and boating. Also, there was plenty of barbecue with all of the trimmings. There was great fellowship, and a great time was had by all.

The society meets for lunch at Perkins Restaurant, Poplar and Highland, Memphis on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm. Interested grads may contact Soc pres John Tipton '52 (901) 567-4556 or John Graf (901) 767-8092.

— Rand Ballard '77

WEST VIRGINIA

After several years of dormancy, the WPS WV is once again alive and kicking with renewed vigor and purpose. Interest in renewing the organization began last Mar with the success of the 1992 FD celebration in Charleston. The featured speaker, LTG (Ret) Dave Palmer, emphasized the role of WPS and WPPC in advancing the ideals of the Military Academy. Specifically, General Palmer stressed that states and regions with strong WP organizations had greater numbers of qualified candidates seeking admission to USMA. WV has traditionally been one of those states with so few qualified applicants that its appointments are given to candidates from other states. With the mission of changing that trend, the WPS of WV was reformed this past summer. Ed Kime '56, of Vienna, was elected President and has since led a spirited effort in matching our members with local high schools in order to promote the Academy's unique opportunities to qualified West Virginians.

A new member drive is on! Following our Army-Navy Game bash in Huntington, we are planning for FD '93, featuring COL Al Rushton, USMA Dir of Admissions, as the guest speaker. We're back ...and we need the support of all graduates and friends of the Academy in WV to get on the bandwagon. Ed Kime at 304-295-8735 or Randy Richardson, '82, at 304-523-3455.

— Randy Richardson '82

PRAIRIES (IOWA)

The WPS of the Prairies met in good order at Maquoketa (Indian for "bear"), Iowa on Saturday 12 Sep. The temporary officers now serving were continued in office until the first general meeting, FD 1993, at which time there will be proposed a slate of officers to serve a full term.

It was determined that the WPS of the Prairies would continue as a social and fraternal organization and would not invoke the formalities common among the larger societies. This decision was predicated on the fact that the members of this society are widely scattered throughout eastern Iowa and western Illinois.

It was also decided that our next regular general meeting is to be held on 13 Mar 93, in Iowa City, IA.

— C.J. Matthiessen '50

SOUTH TEXAS

On 18 Sep the Society hosted COL (Ret) Tom Russell '59. Tom, the AOG Director of Major/Planned Giving, addressed the group about changes taking place at the Academy. Upon conclusion of his remarks he responded to questions about many of the proposed changes relat-

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WPSST Sep luncheon

L to R: MAJ Robert Anderson '74; COL (Ret) Tom Russell '59 (AOG); and LTC (Ret) Ken McCollister '61, WPST Pres

ing to cutbacks not only on funding for the Academy and reduction in the number of cadets, but also the "civilianizing" of the professors and the rank reductions of the Superintendent and the Commandant. He discussed the fact that the other Academies were not interested in trying to hold back the changes and many of the changes were already being implemented at those institutions.

There were 95 attendees, and it was pleasing to note the diversity of young and old grads, wives and widows who came and enjoyed the fellowship.

On 3 Oct a Tri-Academy Golf Tournament was held with 64 participants. This year Navy sponsored the event. An excellent time was had not only by the golfers but also those who joined them at the 19th hole.

On 18 Oct we hosted our annual picnic with more than 90 participants.

— Joe Peisinger '54

GREATER HOUSTON

GREETINGS FROM HOUSTON TO OUR FELLOW LONG GRAY LINERS. First off we wish to print a correction on our last article in ASSEMBLY. In the Nov issue of '92 we featured Rudy Prince '51 as journeying to Africa for a safari. He and wife Mary Jo were, in fact, several hundred miles north of there on a cruise down the French Midi Canal for eight days. Rudy and a Houston friend piloted the boat the entire trip. They ended up in the beautiful Mediterranean town of Adge, France. Sorry about the error. At our Sep meeting we had Mr. Martin Kelly of Boots & Coots as our speaker. He explained how his organization was utilized in putting out the many oil field fires which were set in Kuwait during the Persian Gulf War. Oct was the month in which we challenged the Naval Academy Grads to do battle on the tennis courts and the golf course. The tennis team won easily, and was composed of the following stars under the guidance of Team Captain Mark Sullivan '83: James Boston '87, Ron Hudson '58, Terry Speegle '92, Bob Lee '45 (1945 not 1845), Jeff Alt '62, J.D. Smith '70, Dwight Beach III '84, and John Gorske '83. The Golfing Aces were represented by Captain of the team, Gregg Chubon '80. The WP team won first and second places with Navy winning a third place. Gregg's cohorts in the massacre were Dwight Beach, Jr. '59, Dick Graf '71, Don Nelsen '71, Dick Sundt '59, Jeff Manley '78, Gregg Wine '79, John Patak '82, Rick Clifford '74, John Davis '63, Dee Bryant '85, Julian Weisler '59, Paul Martin '78, Bill Benedict '71 and Mike French '91. Some of our newest Long Gray Line Houstonians are Merick Neponuceno '82, who recently completed law school at Ohio State and moved to his wife's home town of Houston to practice law. Merick and Marylou have a future WP four-year-old son named Andrew. Another new Houstonian is Kevin W. Morse '82, who moved here to attend law school at the U of Houston and now is in private practice. Kevin and wife Catherine have a new son named Mitchell. James Boston '87, who grew up in Houston, has returned here after his military service and is currently a personal financial planner with IDS Financial Services. Keith Dickinson '52 and wife Betty have been doing a great deal of traveling since Keith retired a few months ago as Executive VP of Texas Eastern. A few of their sojourns included a safari in Kenya, Africa and a trip to Hawaii. Daughter Debra teaches at Rice University, and their two sons, Bob and Barry, have formed a successful computer software company in San Ant. Our Oct meeting will be a first for us. We are having a joint meeting with the Naval Academy and the Air Force Academy. Our featured speaker will be Mr. Ken Lay, Chairman and CEO of Enron Corp. Mr. Lay has had an interesting career and has been, among other things, Deputy Under Secretary of Energy, an Assistant Professor at George Washington University, and President and CEO of Transco Energy Company serving with Chairman Jack Bowen '45.

On 23-24 Oct, the Army Women's Soccer team was in Houston to play Texas A&M and Arkansas. The Soc hosted the team to a barbeque dinner at Strack Farm Restaurant following the game on the 24th.

Our Society meets monthly at noon every 2nd Thursday at Brennan's in downtown Houston, with President Jeff Alt '62 in command. All Grads are always welcome. Y'all Come. BEAT NAVY!!

— Robert E. Lee '45

PHILADELPHIA

A secondary purpose of the West Point Society of Philadelphia is to have a good time while promoting the Academy. But, the scribe has been ill, missing most of the fun as well as deadlines. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, here are the pictures of some of the fun.

Founder's Day March 1992. Officers of the Society and New Board Members including Julian Tonetto '67, Vice President; John DiNome '81, Secretary; Rod Vitty '55, President (in the kilt); and new board members Scott Kessel '87, William Doyle '85, Martin Beckman '78, and Eric Lowy '85.

On 23 May 1992 the newly constituted board members met at Eagle Lodge, Pictured with the board is Black Knight Football Coach Bob Sutton.

Coming up is the WestPoint Parent's Club dinner dance in January 1992, a Fliers game outing in February and Founders Day on Friday, 12 March 93.

—Joe Barkley '65

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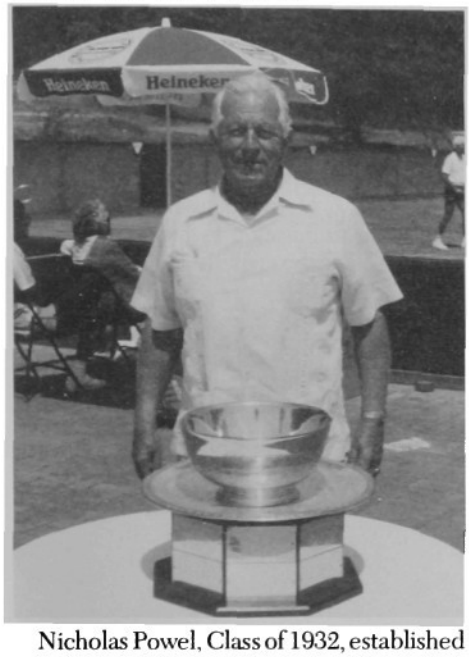
POWEL '32 TRUST TO PROVIDE LARGEST GIFT EVER



Nicholas Powel, Class of 1932, established a trust that eventually will benefit West Point by more than $4.2 million. The testamentary trust went into effect upon the death of Colonel Powel late in 1989. His wife Sara is the beneficiary of the trust and upon her death the money comes to West Point. This will be the largest gift of any kind that West Point has ever received.

Colonel Powel served twenty-nine years in the Air Force. Throughout his career he was active in tennis, and he continued his participation into retirement. He became the head of the USTA Rules Committee and wrote "The Code," a compendium of the unwritten rules of tennis. He also was a frequent champion at seniors tennis events.

A suitable endowment honoring Colonel Powel's mother, Lelie St. Clair Dent Powel, will be established upon receipt of the bequest by the West Point Fund.

COL DON F. HULL '39, USA (RET), INDUCTED INTO U.S. OLYMPIC HALL OF FAME

Longtime amateur boxing proponent Col. Don F. Hull, USA (Ret.), of Cresskill, N.J., was inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame on Saturday, 10 Oct. during a ceremony sponsored by Coca-Cola USA and the United States Olympic Congress of the USA.

Hull, who served as president of both the USA Amateur Boxing Federation (1978-86) and International Amateur Boxing Association (1984-86), was inducted in the Hall's Special Contributor category.

Involved with amateur sports since 1928, Hull served in numerous high-level posts directing physical education programming for the US Army, the Amateur Athletic Union and the Pan-American boxing organization. Hull spearheaded the concept of holding World Amateur Boxing Championships.

ARMY BEATS NAVY 25-24 IN DRAMATIC VICTORY

It was one of the greatest comebacks in the 93-game, 102-year history of Army-Navy football rivalry—and one of the most dramatic, bizarre endings.

Firstie Patmon Malcom '93 kicked the game-winning field goal for Army with 12 seconds remaining—twice. Malcom made a 44-yard field goal that was wiped out by a delay of game penalty. No problem; Malcom lined up again and nailed a 49-yarder—his career longest—to give Army an exhilarating 25-24 victory against Navy at Veterans Stadium on 5 December 1992.

Army trailed 17-0 in the second quarter and 24-7 in the third quarter. Yearling quarterback Rick Roper '95 won the game MVP, rushing for 101 yards and completing six of his last seven passes for 143 yards. Other heroes included receiver Gaylord Greene '93, who caught a 68-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, and holder Chris Shaw '93, who took the snap for the extra point and ran it in on a fake to cut the deficit to 24-22. It left Army only a Malcom field goal away from victory.

Army's 1992 triumph over Navy knots the series record at 43-43-7.

See March '93 *ASSEMBLY* for complete coverage.

FIRST THAYER AWARD HOLDS PLACE OF HONOR AT BERKELEY

On 21 March 1958, the first Sylvanus Thayer Award Medal was presented to Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, Professor of Physics and Director of the Radiation Laboratory of the University of California, Berkeley by LTG

Willis D. Crittenberger '13 (Retired), then-President of the Association of Graduates, and LTG Garrison H. Davidson '27, Superintendent, USMA. President Eisenhower '15 had planned to attend but was prevented by a snowstorm, as was General Hodges 1881, then-oldest living graduate. General Maxwell D. Taylor '22, Chief of Staff, represented the President.

Dr. Lawrence was cited for his invention of the cyclotron, his Nobel Prize and his leadership in the development of high-energy accelerators. Today this medal is proudly displayed in the Memorial Room of the Lawrence Hall of Science at the University of California, Berkeley. Last year, LTG Davidson visited the Lawrence Hall with James Q. Brett '30, at the invitation of Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman of the Hall, to view the display.

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CPT MARGARET H. BELKNAP '81 IS WHITE HOUSE FELLOW

Margaret (Maggie) Belknap of Shorewood, Wisconsin, has been awarded a 1992-93 White House Fellowship. Belknap, a Permanent Professor in the Department of Systems Engineering, USMA was selected as one of the 15 White House Fellows in recognition of her leadership, professional and intellectual achievement, and dedication to her community.

As a White House Fellow, Belknap will serve a one-year assignment as a Special Assistant to the FBI. Captain Belknap, a Signal Corps officer, earned an M.S.E. in operations research from the University of Michigan in 1989 and will continue to pursue her Ph.D. in 1994. Last summer she served in the emergency post-war recovery operations in Kuwait as a project engineer, overseeing a $7.8 million contract for the Army Corps of Engineers.

DOROTHEA L. LUCE HONORED IN COLUMBIA, SC

Dorothea L. Luce, a 20-year volunteer with Army Community Service, was inducted into the Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Volunteer Hall of Fame. Dorothea is the wife of Chuck Luce '54.

Mrs. Luce moved to Fort Jackson in 1971 and began her volunteer efforts by joining the English as a Second Language Program. In 1974 Luce was instrumental in the expansion of the program to prepare family members for United States citizenship and served as director for three years.

As the mother of two children with special needs, Luce saw the need for a support group to assist parents and family members in a similar situation. Her efforts led to the permanent establishment of this group under the Army Community Service office.

Luce also served on the ACS Volunteer Board of Directors, as Assistant Supervisor and Supervisor of Volunteers, and editor of the *Jackson Journal*, the post's volunteer newsletter.

Luce also is active in the greater Columbia community, serving on the South Carolina Down Syndrome Family Conference Steering Committee since 1979 and as a workshop presenter.

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BRUCE D. ANDRISE '66 NOW SE DISTRICT MANAGER FOR THE AUSTIN COMPANY

Bruce D. Andrise recently was promoted to manager of the Southeast District of The Austin Company, an international firm of consultants, designers, engineers and constructors.

The SE District encompasses Georgia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Virginia and eastern Tennessee.

Andrise joined Austin in 1975 as a sales trainee in the Chicago District.

CLASS OF '46 CLASS HISTORY PUBLICATION ORDERS ACCEPTED UNTIL LATE JANUARY 1993

Entitled *United States Military Academy, Class of 1946; A Chronicle of Duty, Honor, Country*, this publication contains 270 pages and has a hard cover. Publication is scheduled for 1 February 1993.

MG Jack McWhorter states, " Parts One and Two cover cadet and active duty years in narrative form and are a chronology. Included are anecdotes, data, analyses of data and a mention of each class death, active duty and civilian, for the first thirty years after graduation. Part Three covers civilian life except that, in Chapter VIII, advanced degrees from both active duty years and civilian life are included. Chapter IX lists 540 members of the class plus three 'ex-46'ers. Appendix A lists the entire class by branch plus those not commissioned.

The cost of $16 includes shipping. Publication is scheduled for 1 February 1993. Pre-publication orders accepted only. Send checks payable to "USMA Class of 1946 History" to MG John C. McWhorter, Jr. (Ret.), P.O. Box 984, Kerrville, TX 78029; (210) 896-4070.

THIRD ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR 24-26 JUNE 1993

The Third Annual Alumni Golf Tournament is scheduled to be held at the West Point Golf Course on 24-26 June 1993. Detailed tournament information will be publicized at a later date. If you are interested and would like to receive more information, call the Alumni Affairs Office at (914) 938-3700/3024 or write Alumni Affairs Office, Cullum Hall, West Point, New York 10996.

RAMPARTS

General Gordon R. Sullivan, Chief of Staff of the Army, received a copy of *RAMPARTS*, Marguerita Z. Herman's history of the development of fortification technology from the Middle Ages through the mid-Nineteenth

Century, from MG Theodore G. Stroup '62. All of the works cited in the book are available in the USMA Library collection and the book was published by the Friends of the Library in conjunction with the Cissy Paterson Trust.

ANDRESON '53 RECEIVES AWARD FROM NMMI

MG Ronald K. Andreson '53, U.S. Army (Ret) was inducted on 23 October 1992 into the Flag Rank division of the Hall of Fame of New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI).

The NMMI citation read in part:

"The General was the Black Hawk Project Manager and Deputy Commanding General for Research and Development at the United States Army Aviation Systems Command in St. Louis. General Andreson served as Program Manager for the Light Helicopter Program from 1984 until his retirement in 1991."

Andreson graduated from the NMMI

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THE PHILIPPINES

On 28 September 1992, the West Society of the Philippines members paid a courtesy call, together with their ladies, on Philippine President Fidel V. Ramos '50 and First Lady Amelita "Ming" Ramos.

Seated in the first row (left to right) are Dado '55, Magsino '51, Sanchez, Sr. '54, President Ramos, Castillo '40, Lim, Jr. '44 and Vigilar '53.

high school division in 1954. He has a master of science degree in aerospace Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology and is a graduate of the Executive Management Courses of both Harvard and Yale. His combat assignments included command of the 407th Transportation Detachment and the 162d Assault Helicopter Company, both in the Republic of Vietnam.

Since retirement, Andreson has served as Vice President of Army Programs, of Burdeshaw Associates, Ltd. (BAL) in Bethesda, Maryland.

HERBERT HALL UPDATE

On schedule and its construction assured, the Herbert Alumni Center will be rising shortly from the Old Smith Rink site. The design of the building has been completed and the contract is to be awarded by the end of 1992. Construction should begin in the early spring of 1993. The more than 30,000 square feet will provide a convenient meeting place for graduates and friends and a modern office setting for the Association of Graduates.

The campaign to raise funds has thus far focused on leadership, class and major gifts. Classes (1925, 1945, 1946, 1950, 1955, 1959, 1964, 1970) have pledged over $2.6 million. Leadership and major gifts total another $2.4 million. The next phase of the campaign, a mailing to be launched in January, will be aimed at all individual graduates and friends. Naming opportunities in the building for gifts of $10,000 to $100,000 still exist. For as low as $500 individuals will be able to have their name and class on a paving brick in the patio. Information on all of these naming opportunities will be provided in January.

USMA GOLF, GRENELEFE, FLORIDA

Tyler Willson '60 has been hosting a three day golf outing for his class for many years. It evolved into a competition between his class and his brother's class, '63. Two years ago, a representative from the Class of '56 played; last year, he returned with a '56 team. Also in attendance last year was a team from '68 and reps from the classes of '49 and '62.

At a date in 1993 to be determined (usually around Easter), Tyler will again host this tournament and wants to open it up to the first ten classes that want to enter a team. The emphasis is on having fun, renewing old acquaintances, and making new friends. As a result, low handicaps are not required, but only honest ones are used!

If your class is interested in entering a 4 to 8 man team, please contact Tyler Willson at (813) 421-1759 or Dan Willson at (914) 446-3028.

KILMARTIN '62 NAMED NEW DEPUTY CHIEF OF ARMY RESERVE

Brigadier General Thomas J. Kilmartin, assumed his new position as Deputy Chief, Army Reserve (DCAR) on 1 October 1992.

As DCAR, Kilmartin is responsible for the internal management of the agency, including administration of the U.S. Army Reserve budget and policy guidance for ARPERCEN, a field operating agency.

Kilmartin served on active duty in a variety of command and staff assignments from 1963 until 1969 with the 82nd Airborne Division in German, Zaire (Congo) and at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He joined the Army Reserve in 1969. He was recalled to active duty at ARPERCEN from the position of Chief of Staff of the 79th Army Reserve Command, Willow Grove Naval Air Station, PA.

Kilmartin received the Federal Executive Board's Outstanding Executive Manager Award in 1990.

GREG CRAWFORD '67 NAMED VP OF SCRI

The Steel Can Recycling Institute (SCRI) recently promoted Greg Crawford to the new created position of Vice President of Recycling Operations. Through the SCRI's seven regional offices, Crawford is responsible for providing technical assistance and recycling expertise to private sector and government managers.

Crawford supervises regional offices in Boxboro, MA; Pittsburgh, PA; Midlothian, VA; Pensacola, FL; Houston, TX; Arlington Heights, IL, and Long Beach, CA.

Crawford holds an MBA from the University of Utah.

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

Sunday, 23 May 1993

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

Monday, 24 May 1993

1200 - Class luncheons or picnics
1900 - Social Hour, Washington Hall
2000 - Alumni Dinner Dance, Washington Hall

Tuesday, 25 May 1993

1020 - Assembly, Alumni Exercises, Jefferson Road
1035 - Alumni March to Thayer Monument
1050 - Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument
1115 - Alumni Review, The Plain
1230 - Alumni Luncheon, Washington Hall (Guests Invited)
1430 - Superintendent's Alumni Address, Eisenhower Hall
1700 - Class Dinners

Wednesday, 26 May 1993

1200 - Alumni Portion of Graduation Weeks ends

Typically, members of reunion class will have received information concerning a class reunion from the Class Reunion Committee prior to the time this issue of *ASSEMBLY* is published. Those who have not been contacted should insure that a current mailing address is on file with the Association of Graduates for use in forwarding the Graduation Week Reunion Bulletin.

A Reunion Bulletin will be mailed to all members of reunion classes in March. This bulletin will include information about obtaining tickets for both the Alumni Dinner Dance and the Alumni Luncheon. Alumni planning to attend who are not reunion class members may obtain a copy of the bulletin by writing to the Office of Alumni Affairs, USMA, West Point, New York 10996.

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GOAT POOP

Reflections From the Last Section

In my capacity as a class scribe I've gotten used to receiving letters from the editor of this august publication, invariably taking me to task for being late with my material and for being too long-winded. In fact, this has become fairly routine, so I wasn't surprised to find yet another letter from the AOG in my mailbox a few months back, after I had once again pushed the deadline to new limits. There was the usual diatribe about being on time, eliminating unnecessary verbiage, etc., etc., but then the editor took a new twist which, I must admit, finally got my attention.

It seems that there has been a demand for some humor in *ASSEMBLY*, and the editor of this rag thinks that I should be the one to put it there. The reasons for this are not entirely clear to me; after all, I have never thought of myself as being humorous, and I know for a fact that others share that view, not the least of whom is my wife. She has accused me of being boring far more often than she has said I was funny, or even fun for that matter. Any humor that has crept into my class notes certainly isn't my doing—I simply report on the comings and goings of my classmates. If their foibles and follies give others the giggles, that's certainly not my doing. Be that as it may, a challenge has been issued, and since I like challenges, I decided to see what I could make of this one. Actually, I suspect our fair editor has an ulterior motive: somehow, by my doing this, he thinks I will be forced to write shorter class notes, which is all he really wants, anyway.

Having taken up the gauntlet, I was immediately faced with my first problem: what do we name this column? The editor said something about *Pyrene II,* but I've got to be honest with you: He may be the editor, but he doesn't pay me enough to write an article with that moniker. You all remember *Pyrene*, don't you? A regular feature in *POINTER* magazine. I've always had some nagging problems with *Pyrene.* For openers, the guy never wrote in complete sentences. I shed too much blood at the hands of the English Department to fall into that trap. And then there was the logo—a cat who looked like he had just spent 12 hours tying to understand what the hell a nested variable was, even though Colonel Nichols had promised that it was intuitively obvious to any casual observer. We have three cats in our house, and I know that I don't want to be associated with that species in any way whatsoever. Have you ever seen what they use their tongues for? And then, of course, there's the name itself. Just what the devil is a *Pyrene*? Sounds like a Marine with pyorrhea. My curiosity getting the better of me, I blew the dust off my son's dictionary and looked to see if there really is such a word. Would you believe it; "Pyrene: the stone of certain fruits." That did it. I'm supposed to write a regular column about peach pits? Not this guy. Besides, I really have a problem with things named something II, as in *Rambo II* or *Child's Play II*. Let's face it: *Pyrene II* sounds a lot like a sequel, and sequels seldom play as well as the original. So, I say to myself, ok, just what *do* we call this thing?

At this point, my wife decides to jump into the act with both feet. "I think you should call it Freed's Follies," she says. That makes perfect sense coming from my wife, who, after all, thinks most of what I do is sheer folly, but I'm hesitant to publicly sign on to that theory. Besides, if her theory is correct, "Freed's Follies" would be redundant, and anyway, it's not a column about me. No, we'll have to do better than that. After all, we are talking about the alumni magazine of the United States Military Academy, and there are certain standards of dignity and decorum that must be maintained in such a lofty publication. There are Old Grads who read this thing, and they have a tendency to write letters to the editor. I do not want that on my conscience!

Finally, I decided it would be a good idea if I talked to the editor to get some idea of just what he might be expecting. After all, that could have considerable influence on a name. Besides, I was planning a camping trip to West Point with my sons, and it certainly wouldn't hurt to drop in for a little visit, offer my *mea culpas* for my transgressions as a class scribe, and get the straight poop right from the source. I gotta be honest: it wasn't exactly what I expected. Unfortunately, the editor was in exceptionally foul humor that day. What I got was "I don't care what you write, dumbjohn, as long as it's humorous, in good taste and, most importantly, gets here by the deadline." But he did give me one hint that has proven very valuable in the search for a name: he told me that he intends to make this column the last section in the magazine, before the class notes. Now we're getting somewhere—if there's anything I can deal with, it's being in the last section.

How incredibly appropriate. If I was going to write a column for *ASSEMBLY*, then where else should it logically appear but in the last section. I felt like I had come home. All those years, in all those courses, in the last section. Always finding my grades posted in the last frame of the Sallyport. Plebe Math. Yearling Math. Nuke. Thermo. Physics. Chemistry. Solids, Fluids, and the mother of them all, Juice. The memories come flooding back, of my hircine companions, with their glazed eyes and trembling hands, tying to write something, anything, that the P wouldn't slug them for. Some of them, alas, didn't make it, and they ended up sent to pasture, where all the great goats dwell. Suddenly, it all seemed so obvious. What kind of information would you expect to find in the last section? Goat poop, of course. So there it is. We'll call this thing *GOAT POOP: Reflections From the Last Section*, and I dedicate it to all those folks with whom I shared life in the intellectual basement of Bartlett and Thayer Halls.

There's only one small problem: the editor really likes the name *Pyrene II*. I'm wondering what's going to appear at the top of this page if it ever gets into print.

Until next time, when we investigate how the Right Hand Rule changed my life forever, keep in step, and WE BEAT NAVY!

—Freed Lowrey '67

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Report from the Classes

'15

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GEN **James A Van Fleet** died in his sleep on 23 Sep 91 at his home in Polk City, FL. Svcs were held in the old chapel at Ft Myer, VA on 30 Sep 92, followed by interment in Arlington Natl Cem.

Kitty Bradley sends greetings to '15. She keeps very busy with her many activities. **Mary Tate** is in a ret home at Imperial Plaza, 1717 Bellevue Ave, Apt A-225, Richmond, VA 23227; tel 804-261-9242.

Renee Avent sends greetings to '15. COL Robert Daspit Dwan, Jun '43, phoned me recently and sends greetings to '15. He's a son of our **Edward James Dwan**. COL Samuel John Hubbard '52, son of our **Eustis Lloyd Hubbard**, phoned me recently and sends greetings to '15. His son, LTC Samuel John Hubbard Jr '75, is on duty at Ft Bragg, NC with the 401st Abn.

Mary Welby Cochran is still in Shenandoah Valley Health Care Ctr, Buena Vista, VA. She gets around very well in her wheelchair. She celebrated her 98th birthday on 2 May 92.

When at WP, one should visit the Columbarium Chapel in the undercroft of the Old Cadet Chapel.

'16

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First, take note that my area code has changed to 210.

With regret and sadness it must be rep that we lost another classmate. **Mike Odor** died last 7 Jan 92. Efforts to secure more info have so far been negative. This reduces the number of living mbrs to 10.

Believe it or not, from the 9 living Cl mbrs other than your scribe, 4 ltrs were received. Ea of our two oldest mbrs, **Art Pulsifer** and **Chief Brimmer**, wrote me two ltrs! In spite of numerous aches and pains which assail us all, they are carrying on in remarkable shape. Both type well enough so their product is readable, and Art still writes quite legibly. And both expressed concern about my health since there were no Cl notes in the Sep issue of *ASSEMBLY*. Let me assure all of you that the drs have cobbled me up enough so that I can function for a few more mos anyway—maybe even yrs!

Heard from only one Cl widow outside San Ant and that was **Ruth Hastings**. Her son Jim, a med BG, has been assigned as cmdr of the Tripler AMC. We have only 5 Cl widows here now: **Gracie Baker, Lella Dunkelberg, Peggy Hicks, Janie Knudsen** and **Marietta Piland**. I try to keep in touch with them by phone. When last I heard, all were doing quite well.

Since these notes will not appear until the Jan issue of *ASSEMBLY*, I will take the opportunity to wish all of you a HAPPY NEW YR!

'19

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First off, a correction and an apology to E Bartlett Kerr '45, son of **Rosalina Kerr**. An item in the Sep 92 notes referred to him as the author of two books, one of which was mistitled. When you order his book be sure to ask for *Flames Over Tokyo*, not Planes Over Tokyo. The long title, as listed in the Aug 92 *Retired Officers Magazine* is: *Flames Over Tokyo: The US Army Air Forces' Incendiary Campaign Against Japan 1944–45*. Another author of interest to the Cl of '19 is **Stone Sorley**'s nephew, Lewis Sorley '56, who announced the fall 92 publication of his book, *Thunderbolt: General Creighton Abrams and the Army of His Times*.

Starting with news from CA, **George & Connie Dillaway** traveled from their home in Paso Robles to Concord, where they were joined by 8 mbrs of George's family to celebrate his 95th birthday on 12 Sep 92 at dinner in the new home of grandaughter Katherine Ball. **Fred & Lynne Marlow** had no news except that the lawsuit in which he has been involved for so long is finally sched for court in mid-Oct. We send best wishes for a speedy solution to this problem.

Ruth Ruth rep a lovely summer with some travel, incl a well-conducted AOG Natl Park Tour. Most participants were congenial younger people who were astounded to learn that she was a widow of '19. Some attractions visited were the Yellowstone, Grand Tetons and Zion National Parks, plus 3 interesting days in Salt Lake City. Please note the new area code in Ruth's phone no: (*510*) 653-8790.

Now I can answer a question I have been asked for yrs—when are you going to ret? Well, **Mary Bassett** finally did it in Jul 92 after 14 yrs as a teacher and 20 as an exec secy, with time out to be a housewife and mother to Bob '69. So far, I love the freedom and have allowed myself to make commitments only to exercise classes and to the hairdresser!

Laudably, in San Ant, **Vivian Hamilton** and **Mildred Stearley** are past this stage and deeply involved in community svc through several orgns. The Nov 92 notes recounted Vivian's part in the rebuilding of AF Vill I's dining rooms. I've learned since that Mildred has been a mbr of the Dining Room Advisory Cmte for several yrs and is now a mbr of the Interior Decorating Cmte. They also jointly will host a fall 92 luncheon mtg of the local chapter of the Philanthropic Education Orgn in the AF Vill I Sky Room. Vivian recently purchased a personal alarm which is worn on the body and can be voice-activated by pushing a button. One night she rolled over in her sleep and accidently pushed the button. She was startled awake by a voice—"Are you all right?" She lost a little sleep but gained security, having verified that the system is reliable!

Phil Lauben's hip has mended well and amazingly fast. He now walks a mi/day, though not yet up to matching **Irma**'s two. **Syril & Billie Faine** have their ups and downs, healthwise. We just hope they can both stay out of hosps. **John Hardin**'s cat Georgee is his welcomed, constant companion and outthinks him—so he says! He is enjoying a pretty fall season in MD. His 50 rosebushes of many varieties did, with loving care, recover from their "heatstroke" of last summer and were blooming in Oct.

It seems that first frost may also come to CT a little late in 92. **Bill Regan** rep daily encounters, at a distance, with wildlife (chipmunks, squirrels and deer) and marvels at the still-green foliage in mid-Oct. In southern ME, **Deborah Nichols** also is enjoying a beautiful autumn. She is active in church and DAR affairs and tries to keep track of **Nick**'s family—13 grandchildren and 4 greats.

At Knollwood, **Dorothy Ferenbaugh** was pleased to have daughter Dorothy Ann with her for about two wks in early fall. **Hope**

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Rogers also enjoyed family visitors about that time. **Gertrude Taylor** is her same lovely self and is apparently doing well. **Anabel Jones** and **Rosalina Kerr** reside in the health care ctr. Ever-active **Conchita Sorley** has been named Knollwood liaison for the Army OWC of the greater Wash area. As such, she attends a monthly board mtg as well as a monthly luncheon at Ft Myer. Other recent duties included coordination of reservations and transportation to a Joint Armed Forces Offs' Wives luncheon scheduled for 20 Nov 92 at the McLean, VA Hilton. GEN Colin Powell, chm of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was to be the guest speaker.

Ann Heiberg, whose new address was noted in the Nov 92 notes, is pleased with her choice and is "trying to be content and pick up a life alone." She was expecting houseguests, longtime friends from Salt Lake City, in mid-Oct. **Katherine Kean** wrote that, upon reading of an outbreak of chicken pox among children rendered homeless by Hurricane Andrew, she vividly recalled her own siege with this disease at age 5. Her suffering was alleviated by receiving her first bouquet, a bunch of lovely pink miniature roses. To this day, pink miniature roses remind her of chicken pox and vice versa!

Two deaths have occurred since submission of the last notes. Mrs **Gordon L (Virginia) Chapline** died on 21 Sep 92 at the age of 92. Her eyes were donated to the eye bank and her ashes were placed in Gordon's coffin in the Mount Moriah Cem Mausoleum in Kansas City, MO. Their long life in the civ sector did not diminish Gordon & Virginia's interest in USMA, the Cl and classmates. Gordon attended the 50th Reunion and made a comprehensive film of events celebrating that memorable occasion. After his death in 74, Virginia became the benevolent matriarch of the family. Keeping up-to-date on current events and cultural trends enabled her to maintain intimate relationships with her 3 grandchildren, to whom she was devoted. The Cl of '19 extends deepest sympathy to her son Ed, daughter-in-law Sally, 3 grandchildren and 3 greats.

COL **Alexander S Bennet** joined his regt in the Long Gray Line on 27 Aug 92 after a valiant two-yr battle with the enemy. A cheerful, open and most generous person who obviously loved life and people, Alex never complained and always found humor in his situation. He was laid to rest in Ft Sam Houston Natl Cem to the accompaniment of a Scottish piper, a rifle squad and a bugler. The Cl of '19 extends deepest sympathy to **Velma**, his children, their families and to his loyal friend Charlie Haddican.

I'll conlcude with a note that may be of interest to some of you. Did you know that there is now a columbarium at WP? It is located in the undercroft of the Old Cadet Chapel. A brochure I received from LTC Richard W Maffry '42 gives further details.

'20

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Dot Lanahan died 8 Sep 92 from a stroke at her home in Leesburg, VA. She & **Duke**, who died in 75, had suffered the tragic deaths from cancer of their two sons—Francis H III (who entered with the Cl of '55) died in 53 at age 20, and Michael Carey died at age 21 in 64. Dot was buried in Hillsdale, NJ beside Michael. Surviving are daughter Anne, wife of ret COL William F Lackman Jr '51, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. This came from Anne & her husband, whose son Paul '90 was, just before his Grad day, the cadet escort for us at our 70th reunion at WP; he is now with the 1st Arm Div in Ger.

The proposal that all living classmates be mbrs of the '20 Cl Gov Cmte, as shown in the Nov 92 *ASSEMBLY*, was received without objection and is now effective. The Gov Cmte now consists of **Coe, Langevin, Robinson, Engelhart, Mabus, Routheau, Hasbrouck, Rehm, Samouce, Kreuter, Reuter** and **Singer**.

Cl offs: **Rehm**, pres and treas; **Samouce**, VP and scribe; and **Routheau**, secy (whose one-yr term expired 30 Sep 92 but who agreed to serve the next one-yr term until 30 Sep 93).

George Rehm continues improving from his 30 Aug 91 stroke. **Duke Samouce** had a one-day hosp visit 23 Aug. **Elton Samouce** is recovering from a foot opn on 17 Jul and is awaiting a nose opn after sinus infection is reduced. **Anne Holle** has returned from Walter Reed after a bout with pneumonia.

Bob & Pattie Kreuter had a narrow escape from a car accident. In swerving from an oncoming car, their Cad was totalled against a tree. Air bags saved them. Pattie is recovering from 3 broken ribs and Bob from bad whiplash. This came from Jack Malloy '31 on 30 Aug to Walter Krueger '31 scribe, then to me; from **Herb Reuter** to me 19 Sep; and from **Bob Kreuter** to me on 20 Sep. Bob was in good spirits.

Herb Reuter said his tree farm in WA is doing well. He plans to plant 20,000 new trees annually for several yrs. He also said that **Carl Engelhart**'s health has improved and he's bowling again.

Rhu Taylor's daughter Nancy Evans writes that her oldest son Lyon is an English Prof at Viterbo College, LaCrosse, WI and younger son Philip is a probation ofcr in NY's Chautauqua County.

Nancy enclosed pg H25 of the 6 Sep 92 *NY Times* headed "Hard Times at Harvard's Tuscan Outpost." This concerns the fabulous Villa I Tatti near Florence, Italy, which was bequeathed with its valuable museums to Harvard in 59 by Harvard graduate Bernard Berenson, distinguished art collector and connoisseur. He left an endowment of $916,614 which has grown to $28.5 mil. However, the annual $1.3 mil interest return of this endowment is now insufficient to cover the inflated cost of maintenance, staff salaries and one-yr scholarships to 15 select Renaissance research scholars. Dr Louise George Clubb, daughter of **Alex & Louise George** and distinguished Renaissance and Contemporary English Prof at U CA/Berkeley, was chosen by Harvard, together with her distinguished husband of U CA/San Fran, to head up the 15 scholars at I Tatti for several yrs in the 70's. Louise is saddened by I Tatti's plight and hopes Harvard's increased fund-raising efforts, which have been continuous since 59, can save it. She says her mother is not well in DC's Knollwood Nursing Care Unit.

'21-'22

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Some time ago I was told that **George Olmsted** was confined to his bed and wheelchair, but in a recent tel conv with **Carol**, she told me that George now walks rather than rides. That's good news.

In the Sep issue of this mag I wrote about our Oriole Cl emblem and my hat being placed on the wall in back of George Olmsted's statue in the museum. Then I received a ltr from the museum dir asking that my hat be replaced with one that was originally issued. Over 74 yrs have passed since we turned in our khaki uniforms, and I am sure that their AIN'T NONE in existence today. I still think our Cl emblem and hat should be placed in the museum on the wall in back of George's statue.

'23

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Jack White's health has worsened since he broke his hip. He has had to move from White Road, Brockport, NY to a nursing home near daughter Kathryn's home. **Alice** has an apt in the same facility. The new address is Myers Manor, Apt 115, 209 Roberts Rd, Pittston, PA 18640. Jack requires assistance to leave his bed and to dress. He walks only with the aid of a walker. The move was made by Kathryn and her two sons.

Kenner Hertford continues to be an active, if reluctant, patron of the med arts. In Sep, he had a hernia opn, his 3rd serious opn since his 90th birthday two yrs ago. Following the opn, he strenuously resisted the dr's instructions by failing to leave his bed. **Betty** solved the problem by transferring him to the nursing facility, where he had to walk to the dining room. Betty's daughter lost all her possessions during the FL hurricane. **Ed Howard** was more fortunate—"not a scratch." No word of damage from **Horton** or **Pamplin**. **Doug**, "as of now," will attend the 70th with his daughter, her husband and their daughter. He added a reminder that he was always in the last English section but wished us "the best of what's left."

Moe Cavender, on 2 Oct, celebrated his 95th birthday with a number of friends at the AFV Convocation Ctr. He wrote that the Skilled Nursing Ctr seems to take care of all his physical problems. **Bill Craigie** unfortunately was unable to attend Moe's bash. Concurrently he was at the 50th anniv of America's first jet flight, which occurred at Murac Dry Lake (now Edwards AFB). After the test pilot had flown the XP-59A jet, Bill took over to become the 1st AF officer to fly a jet plane. At this anniv, Bill delivered an address and renewed contacts with many whom he had not seen in 50 yrs. It is hoped more details will be available for later publication.

George Stewart's son Pat, SJ, transferred from his parish in MT for one in the heart of London, England. **Marge Rich** wrote that there is really not much to tell from San Ant: "Things slow down in TX during the summer as the heat drives even the rattlesnakes underground." **Punkey Jamison** is housebound. She needs 24-hr help due to unexpected fainting spells, but she retains her great sense of humor and zest for life. Marge is one of the vanishing gp of '23 travelers. She, with **Isabella Norstad**, left 16 Oct for a two-wk visit to Bali, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Bob Smith feels that he & **Mary** are in bad shape and have little hope for any improvement. He forwarded, at my urging, a photo

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taken of him & Mary several yrs ago. His current address is 5480 Marengo Ave #265, La Mesa, CA 91942.

1923: Bob & Mary Smith

The **Guevara** address as given by the recent roster should be changed to 2510 Virginia Ave, NW, Apt 707N. According to her surgeon, **Ruth Johnson** has made a remarkable recovery from her hip opn. She now has no restrictions on her physical ability, but she is playing it safe by holding onto her cane.

Dick Maffry '42 forwarded a pamphlet pertaining to the Columbarium Chapel in the Undercroft of the Old Cadet Chapel. For further info, contact Mrs Grace E Foster at 914-938-2504.

Jean Nokola, **Ken Sweany**'s daughter, is writing Ken's obit with his brother's help. She would appreciate any info from those who served with him. Her address is 8 Larch Rd, S Burlington, VT 05403.

Joe Smith, the 70th Chm, desires us to remind everyone that a grad reunion bulletin will be mailed from WP to ea mbr of the reunion classes in Mar 93 giving all essential details. We have priority at the Thayer, but reservations must be made prior to 1 Jan.

As of this date, 8 (40%) have announced their intentions to attend the "last hurrah" next May. For those unable to be there, **Witt Wittkop** explained it best: "All my bodily functions are excellent, but the busted back, plus weak legs, deteriorated balance and poor hearing, put travel off my list."

These notes will reach you just prior to the holiday season, so it is timely and my privilege to wish ea a merry, joyous Christmas and a healthy, happy 93.

'24

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Did you know that there is a new Columbarium in the undercroft of the Old Cadet Chapel where the cremated remains of eligible persons can be inurned for only $48? If interested, call Armento Liturgical Arts at 716-875-2423, or write 1011 Military Rd, Box 39, Buffalo NY 14217–0039.

Carl W Meyer sent me the following clip from one of the San Ant newspapers: "MG **John H McCormick** was cmding ofcr of Lackland AFB from 54–56 and was a civic ldr. He served 31 yrs in the mil before ret from the AF in 56, becoming dir and VP of Kelly Field Natl Bank. McCormick was on the bd of USAA for 18 yrs and was bd chm for 15 yrs. McCormick died in a hosp Fri, 24 Jul 92 of heart failure at age 88.

"Born in Gallipolis, OH, he grad in USMA '25 and entered the Signal Corps. In 29 he was transferred to the Army Air Corps at Kelly AFB. **McCormick**, a cmd pilot, spent much of his AF career in Wash at the Pentagon. He served on temporary duty in N Africa and was later on the AF's hqs staff in France and Ger in the personnel field.

"Ramrod straight, **McCormick** was 6'3" and had a resonant voice. He was an accomplished speaker and represented the AF in speaking engagements several times. He was a firm believer in discipline and observance of mil courtesies and customs. McCormick said his top mil achievement was helping to plan and to oversee the growth of the Army Air Corps from 17,000 to a total strength of more than 2 mil ofcrs and enlisted men.

"Twice widowed, he married **Mary Southard** in Cleveland around 30. She died in 65. In 67 he married **Marjorie Adams** in San Ant. She died in May.

"Said his stepdaughter, Marjorie Hooper of Austin: 'He was raised on a farm and got up at 4 am to do chores before taking a long walk to sch. After sch, he had no time for baseball, as he walked back home for more chores. One of 5 children born to his parents, he was the only one to survive past infancy.'

"In his early yrs in NY he played a lot of polo. After ret in San Ant, he & his wife enjoyed their second home in Brackettville at Ft Clark. He was a poet and published a book, *My Feet Are Strangers*, in 77. The poems were written between 23–76,' she said.

"**McCormick** was a mbr of the TX Poetry Soc and McNay Art Inst. He served on the bd of the San Ant Symphony for more than 20 yrs and enjoyed opera. He was pres of the United Cerebral Palsy Assn of Bexar County and was pres of the San Ant Council of Alcoholism. For 3 yrs he was natl cmdr of the Order of the Daedalians and was trustee of the Daedalian Foundation.

"**McCormick** fostered rapport between Lackland and the city. He was able to get the symphony to play free concerts for the enlisted personnel at Lackland.

"His decorations included the Distinguished Svc Medal, Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. He received the French Croix de Guerre and Legion of Honor and the Czechoslovakian War Cross.

"Additional survivors are 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Graveside svcs with full mil honors were at 9:45 am Tue, 28 Jul in Ft Sam Houston Natl Cem, the Rev J Paul Worley officiating."

I have not received any news from classmates or Cl widows.

Toots & I are enjoying life on Oahu, and **Lani Holmes** is doing the same on Maui. She is making plans for a boat trip to China in 93—which reminds me of my trip to China in 32, when the Japanese came up the Wangpoo River in their gunboats and fired small cannon into Chapei (across from Shanghai), killing about 10,000 Chinese residents. It was a stinking mess. The Cathay Hotel in Shanghai was our Benny Havens, where we consumed many hot rum-and-butter toddies.

The foregoing is certainly dull reading, but it is better than an empty space. Hope I receive some good news for the next *ASSEMBLY*. Get with it!

'26

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With enthusiasm and passion, **Hal Forde** recounts a study tour, "Bombay to Cairo," organized by Stanford alums, which ". . . was the greatest experience in travel I have ever had." In Apr he and 115 others set off from Bombay on a Cunard luxury touring ship whose chef pledged, "We may run out of toast, but we'll never run out of caviar"—a promise he fulfilled. So from Bombay they ran W over the Indian Ocean, which Hal says ". . . was an amazingly flat, unruffled, mirror-like sheet of water. Private swimming pools always have ripples on them, but there wasn't even a suggestion of a ripple the two days we spent. . . on that ocean." So the first landfall was Muscat, SE corner of the Arabian Peninsula thence to Salalah to visit the ctr of the frankincense trade, still going strong. That gum comes from a low, scrubby tree growing like a weed nearby. Next, on to Yemen and a bus ride to its capital, Sana'a. The tour then headed for Jedda, the traditional start for a pilgrimage to Mecca. There, the night before arrival, the crew collected all alcoholic drinks and sealed them in a locker. Before disembarking, all the ladies had to don a shapeless sort of muu-muu, hiding legs to the ankles and arms to the wrist. "They were an amusing sight as they moved about the capital." Soon up the Red Sea and into the Gulf of Aqaba to marvel at the fabulous Petra, the focal point of an immense caravan route existing in pre-Biblical times (Bible refers to it as Sela).

". . . An amazing number of people were there just to visit the city. And there we had lunch at one of the hotels and, as a special visitor, Queen Noor of Jordan was our guest." Next day the group stopped at the S point of the Sinai Peninsula to visit a monastery built on the reputed spot where Moses was called by God in the burning bush (see Ex 3,2). "This monastery is actually one of the bldgs built in a fort . . . with a Moslem mosque in the same area." Next, the tour moved N and through the Suez Canal to Cairo, staying at a hotel "built right up, almost onto the huge pyramid of Giza. It was overpowering and seemed somewhat threatening because of its huge bulk and our nearness to it." So next morn the gp flew to Frankfurt, spent the night there and the next day via a great-circle route over Scotland, Greenland and Labrador, winding up the trip in L.A. I hope that this second-hand acct can convey some of Hal's enthusiasm showing in every line of his ltr. It has been most difficult to get any acct of his many jaunts, and the Cl is most grateful that Hal took the time and effort to relate some of the details of this marvelous trip. A grand salaam to you, Hal.

This photo of a mini-'26 reunion taken at **Rod Smith**'s 90th birthday party late Jun, showing **Smith, Heiberg, Forde** and **Munson**, is apropos: it limns two travelers, one just returned from a far-reaching and exciting trip and the other about to set off on his longest and last. Death came for **Freddy Munson** on 3 Sep most unexpectedly, for the 3 classmates who had seen him barely two mos before considered him well and whole then. Freddy was 3rd-generation Army and had an im-

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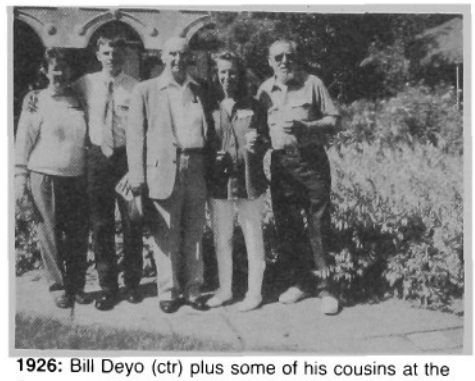
1926: Smith, Heiberg, Forde and Munson



1926: Bill Deyo (ctr) plus some of his cousins at the Supe's pre-game luncheon

mense number of close friends. His passing is a sad loss to his Army generation and to all grads. Freddy was buried with full mil honors in Arlington. The Cl offers condolences and sympathy to his brother, sister, daughter and grandchildren.

From the E coast of Australia, **Gwen Reeves** writes that she is in a tizzy preparing for a long trip to Europe; she'll be joining a group of 34 primarily interested in horses and racing. They'll go first to Ireland inspecting horse farms, the Natl Stud and taking in a few race mtgs, then do the same in England, finishing with the prestigious Arc-de-Triomphe race in France. From there the gp will enjoy an exciting mix of visits: Amsterdam, a boat trip up the Rhine, Munich, Lucerne and then back to Paris by way of Bordeaux and some WWI battlefields. Gwen speculates that the 7 yrs she & **Parker** spent at Ft Knox with the many visits to the Blue-Grass farms around Lexington gave her a taste she never lost for horses and for racing. Gwen closes with an observation probably common throughout the Western world: "We're having elections here. . . and all the pols. . . are hopeless self-centered opportunists while the whole world is going down the gurgler." Appears the Aussy and the US cits have much in common, doesn't it? So we'll be eager to hear how your trip turned out, Gwen.

Carleen Sims has enjoyed a great summer, enlivened by some traveling. She had a wk outside Portland, OR with her sister & brother-in-law, then a wk at the beach with a daughter whom she had taken to France in May. Carleen joined a large gp incl **Leon Johnson, Frances Hutton** and **Kathy Smith** (**Rod** being home sick) at the graveside svcs for **Freddy Munson** at Arlington. As many of us are, she was moved by the full mil honors given the burial: the band, the detachment of soldiers, the riderless horse carrying reversed boots and the haunting sound of taps.

Although Hurricane Andrew chewed up Miami, it left his home in Bradenton unscathed, rep **Bill Deyo**, and he is happily back in his routine: breakfast, paper, exercise in the elaborate PT room with generous periods of swimming. He had a glorious jaunt with Judy and five other cousins, tooling around upstate NY visiting family.

Bill took the bunch to visit WP and see the Holy Cross game. The Supe graciously extended to Bill and his array of cousins ultra-VIP treatment, incl special seats at the usual Sat review, lunch (it was a tip-top spread and most impressive to the cousins) on the Supe's lawn and special seats at the game. Bill agrees that the cadet lines in the review were ragged, some out-of-step, etc—"they don't do it as we used to." But that's what we old-fud vets have been saying since the age of Agamemnon (see Homer). So heartfelt thanks to the Supe for his VIP treatment of Bill and his gang of cousins.

The tail end of Hurricane Andrew spared **Mimi Broadhurst**—her home town, Crowley, LA, appeared to be the cutoff of Andrew's destruction and suffered little more than damaged trees and heavy, heavy rain. Bob Jr and two good friends stayed with her during much of the storm. "I really felt guilty about the plentiful food and comforts we enjoyed when just 50 mi away people were suffering the brunt of the storm." Mimi's health is excellent: daily walks plus playing with 3 young great-grands, incl romping with them on the floor, are keeping her in top shape.

Despite irksome hip trouble, **Betty Grizzard** is active and gets around locally and nationally. She plans to visit her daughter & Navy husband in Wash, DC, which will give her a chance to renew ties with the old Army friends she has not seen for yrs.

Hurricane Andrew did minimal damage to the area surrounding her home in Winter Park, FL, according to **Babe De Shazo**. She mentions many refugees arriving evacuated from Homestead AFB and an amazing outpouring of help and sympathy for these people who suffered personal and/or property losses.

Frances Irvine rep that her mother, **Fran Ennis**, has moved into a nursing home, to remain there for the foreseeable future. However, her address remains the Newport, RI one she has used for yrs. Daughter Frances had the pleasure and privilege of spending the summer in the Martha's Vineyard house which was **Bill**'s family home. Details on Fran Ennis' condition later; she certainly would appreciate ltrs.

Dick Maffry '42 sent on a set of plans for and an announcement that a columbarium (repository for ashes of cremated) has opened at the Old Cadet Chapel of USMA and is available to grads and their families. For more info, call Mortuary Opns Ofcr at 914-938-2504.

Hurricane Andrew brought plenty of rain and some wind to Cocoa Beach but little damage, rep **Peggy Chipp**—another telling reason to her that CB is such a fine ret spot.

A short note from Camden, MA carries the bad news that **Ellie Plummer** suffered a stroke in May and now is in a nursing home. **Liz** anticipates that soon she will recover sufficiently to return to the Camden home. *Gute Besserung*, Ellie, and an early return home!

It's a sad task to rep that **Hazel Bayer** died 26 Sep in the nursing home she & **Bill** had occupied since 89. The funeral was at Ft Monmouth, NJ and burial in the WP Cem, with Bill attending. In this connection a boon of unique graciousness deserves ventilating. Longtime friends of the Bayers, COL & Mrs TS Block, have voluntarily acted as wards to the former (Hazel & Bill having no close relatives) lest the state step in and appoint a costly guardian who would soon bankrupt them. COL Ted was named trustee by the Sec Army to handle Bill's pay. So you can imagine the tedious, never-ending paper-shuffling the Blocks have voluntarily assumed. Your scribe has written them appreciation for their gracious and unselfish help; similar thanks from other sources are deserved: COL & Mrs Theodore Block, 7 Megan Dr, Little Silver, NJ 07739.

Though **Hal Doud** hasn't recovered fully from his accident (if you can call it that), he claims he gets around. He admits he is overpilled and fears some of his troubles come from over-medication. But his dr insists that the numerous pills are needed to ward off stroke, so Hal reluctantly follows the dr's treatment. A full, rapid recovery to you, Hal!

A short note from her oldest daughter, Joni Phillips, rep that she and her mother, **Lucy Ryan**, escaped all the worst of Hurricane Andrew in St Petersburg.

'27

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The fine after-action rep on the 65th Reunion by **Mac Miller** not only refreshed the memories of those who were able to attend but gave a clear and complete pic of a fine gathering for those who could not. As Mac pointed out, this probably will be our last formal celebration. We all agree that his fine tribute to the two young ofcrs who served as our aides was not exaggerated in the least. They did a magnificent job. The enclosure giving the history and present status of the Memory Corner amazed me. I had no idea that our 50th Reunion Gift had generated such a response, obviously far beyond the limits of our own small cl. It should be a source of great pride to all.

The response to my request for Reunion pix has been generous; I have selected 6 more for this col, as well as two submitted by **Ethel Kuter** from her visit to Scott AFB following the 65th. There has been established at Scott an Air Lift Hall of Fame, and **Larry** has been memorialized there with a bronze bust.

1927: Ethel, her brother and GEN Johnson standing by a section of the Berlin Wall at Memorial Garden, Scott AFB

I assume there is an appropriate citation, although the pix do not give a clear idea of either the bust or any plaque. One shows a section of the Berlin Wall in the Memorial Garden. As rep in the Nov issue, Ethel is well and on the go, this time to Monterrey, Mexico

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1927: Cl of '27 (Conner absent)

1927: Memorial ceremony

and Saltillo and, in Oct, to NY for a "theatre binge."

In his answer to his Birthday ltr, **Fox Conner** noted that he and **Nellie Fooks** were the only two survivors from "A" Co and that this seemed to be a low percentage. I had never before associated longevity with USMA co asgmt, but I have researched this matter and submit the results herewith: Surviving mbrs of "A" Co—2, "B" Co—6, "C" Co—0, "D" Co—2, "E" Co—6, "F" Co—7, "G" Co—5, "H" Co—5, "I" Co—4, "K" Co—1, "L" Co—4, "M" Co—0. I attach as much significance to these numbers as I do to my daily horoscope or an occasional fortune cookie. Summarizing by bn, we get 1st Bn-10, 2d Bn—23, 3d Bn—9. I still have no idea what this all proves. The other statistic awaiting an answer is, how many on the list of survivors have ex-roommates on the list? Please reply to this query so that further statistics may be generated.

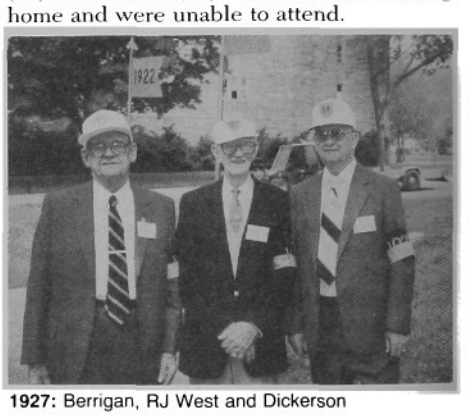
I had a long talk with **Trapnell** recently. He is "rising" ninety but sounds like he is about 42 and preparing to go out and make a couple of parachute jumps. He helps keep up the "B" Co survivor rate (see para above). Anticipating your birthday in Nov, may you grace the nineties roster for many yrs and in continuing good health.

Since long-distance phoning is now getting down in the price range of a postage stamp, I hasten to give my tel no in case anyone has a red-hot item to transmit or maybe even one not-so-red-hot. Your scribe may be reached at

1927: Ethel Kuter near a section of the Berlin Wall at the Memorial Garden, Scott AFB, with her brother Dr Don Lyddon and GEN Johnson

1-415-921-0507 and, in consideration of the sad state of his hearing, please wait for a couple of rings, at which time the answering machine will come on. I do not have an 800 toll-free no nor a fax machine, but if the traffic merits, I may have to go big-league.

Adding an item of his own, **Art Roth** attended a family reunion in Dayton, OH shortly after our own 65th, with about 40 mbrs of the Roth clan. Your scribe was the sr mbr present, substituting for his elder brother, a WWI vet (97) & his wife (99). Both are in a nursing home and were unable to attend.



1927: Berrigan, RJ West and Dickerson

A note from the friendly ed of *ASSEMBLY* informs the various scribes that a forthcoming change will alter the pg size the mag slightly to 8 1/4" x 10 7/8" from the present size of 8 1/2" x 11", a reduction hardly discernible to the human eye. The Jan issue will reflect this economical change. It will have no effect on Cl notes or pix.

Woody Hocker rep from their apt at the Peninsula Regency in San Mateo that their situation remains pretty much the same. **Betty** requires the use of a walker, but Woody still does daily laps in the pool. In reply to the ongoing drive to find those who have ex-roommates on the survivors list, he rep none. Others who have replied, grand total zero, are requested to comply to provide more items for *ASSEMBLY*. Your cooperation is urgently requested.

At the recently completed 65th Reunion, so ably described in the "After Action Rep" of our hard-working secy **Mac Miller**, your scribe had a conv with **Jack West** that disclosed an interesting coincidence. Jack is living in a ret community in Cincinnati across the Ohio River from my home in Newport, KY. Before and during the Civil War, Newport was the site of a small army post located at a beautiful site at the confluence of the Licking River and the Ohio. It was known as Newport Bks. Long since abandoned, I remember the

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1927: Some of the guests of '27

1927: Waiting for the march

site as a public park. Jack was interested because his grandfather had been stationed there as a young ofcr. I told Jack I knew little beyond the fact that my own grandmother had fond recollections of the place (as a young immigrant girl in the late 1840's, fresh off the boat from Ger, she had worked there for the family of a young ofcr as a house servant and received kind and helpful treatment, almost as a mbr of the family). I hope you find more historical info about Newport Bks.

A ltr from **Tom McManus** rep a ceremony that has been taking place at USMA each spring since 66: "Ea yr at the end of Apr, USMA hosts a centennial celebration of the graduation 100 yrs earlier. The Academy invites the descendants of the mbrs of the graduating cl to this special occasion." The ltr goes on to explain the history of this event and the program presented. Tom's father is a mbr of the Cl of 1893 and, of course, has been invited, along with other descendants he will help locate. Of the 3 Army brats on the birthday list, only **Miller** and **Conner** have this event to which to look forward. Miller's father was Cl of 1876. Maybe he attended and can tell us about it. Going back even further, Miller's great-grandfather was 1834 and grandfather 1865 and **George Derby**'s grandfather was 1846. All the geneological data comes from the 90 *Register* and, if my numbers are in error, please drop me a note or an item. Tom added that he & **Marge** were about to leave on a trip to AK. Tom's father had been

1927: Major Perwich and Gar Davidson

on a mission to AK, and a mtn there is named after him.

A ltr from **Bob Wohlforth** expressed his regrets that he could not attend the 65th. A severe case of bronchial asthma brought on by the onset of early summer pollen put **Mildred** in the hosp, followed by home care. Their greatest concern at the moment is the hive of yellow jackets that keep them from picking in their wonderful pea-patch.

A long ltr, addressed to Cl presidents and presidents of WP Socs (with an info copy to Cl scribes), spells out the procedure for nomination of candidates for the Sylvanus Thayer Award and for the Distinguished Graduate Award. Info concerning these awards and method of submitting names of candidates is a little beyond the admin facilities available to scribes. However, recommendations are sought and further info may be obtained from COL John C Snodgrass (Ret), dir of WP Soc Program, AOG, USMA. Recommendations are solicited. . . .

Just received a videotape of the 65th Reunion taken by **Gar Davidson**'s son Tom. This was a thoughtful and kind thing for young Davidson to do, and I can hardly wait to tackle the intracacies of my vintage VCR to enjoy again this fine meeting. Thank you very much, Tom.

A long ltr from **Mac Miller**, together with several enclosures: The basic ltr told of his transfer of the balance of the Cl Fund, $2,778.85, to the WP Fund, and closing the local acct. I quote in full the additional paragraph which is of interest to all survivors: "Enclosed also is a list of all mbrs of the Cl of '27 still living, none of whom I feel sure would object to having an appropriate pg in the Memory Book made out for them when the time comes. It is the wish of the Cl that you go ahead and set up a system in place that would accomplish this." LTC Mahan of the AOG has said, "We will insure that there is a system in place to accommodate your Cl's wishes."

A ltr from **Parmer Edwards** gives the following address change: 6303 Indian School Rd NE, Apt #608, Albuquerque, NM 87110. This seems to be the same address carried on our current list. What gives, Parmer? An item explaining your non-move is in order.

A long ltr from **Paul Jennings**, who has long regretted not graduating with the Cl, explaining his resignation as a Plebe to help out at home during a difficult family situation. He later followed a mil career in the Natl Guard and after WWII in the RA. He ends his ltr by saying that "I ret on 2 May 60 after 35 yrs of mil svc. I do have a 100% svc-connected disability but am getting along very well for an old 87+-yr-old crip."

Natalie Aloe, on her new word processor,

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thanks **Mac** for his fine rep and tells of a planned trip to DC with her daughter this fall; she will explore the metro to get around to see friends. She also would like to hear about **Belle Hunter**. Happy to hear that you have a word processor, Natalie, and I await a full rep on the forthcoming trip and the activities of the widows in San Ant. My address list shows there are 6 of you there.

To add a little "class" to these Cl notes, this poetic tribute to our recently completed 65th Reunion submitted by **Verone Davidson** is printed for the benefit of those who were unable to attend. These beautiful rhyming couplets, in classic iambic pentameter (or something), point out the highlights of this important event:

'Twas the last wk in May and all over the West
'27'ers were packing for the place they love best.
Others flew or drove there from East, West and South
When word of Reunion spread by word of mouth.
Jean & Mac Miller did their usual great job
Of planning and working for '27's eager mob.
We thank them so much for all they have done.
They made very sure we all had fun.
Eating, drinking and playing were high on the list,
There were very few pleasures that anyone missed.
The two young men assigned to us were simply super
All the while they got us to the right places at the right time,
And did it all with a smile.
Tom Lynch was one, Alex & Maddelene Perwich were two,
They acted like they were having fun, too.
Our numbers grow fewer with the passing yrs,
We should try more often to exchange hugs and laughs,
And, of course, some tears.
Even though the reunions are quite far apart,
The stories get bigger and better and come from the heart.
The legends grow from year to year, hard to tell which is truth or lie,
Some of the tales are just too much, and get taller as years go by.
So now goodbye and God Bless you. I've taken too much of your time,
Besides, I've run out of rhyme.

—**Verone Tennyson Davidson**

Thank you, **Verone**, for your sentiment and for the plug you insert in your poem where you say, "With the passing yrs we should try more often to exchange hugs and laughs—and some tears."

Send your scribe a few items telling everyone how you are, where you are and how you are doing. . . .

'28

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Dave Traub's ltr enclosed a copy of a ltr from **Dick Ludlow** saying that, after 5 yrs as a widower, he (Dick) has married a lady named **Ann**. They plan to attend the 65th Reunion in May. Dick is still working for the county and living in St Simons, GA.

Ruth Butchers sent some news from San Ant. She knows that **George Mundy** and **Ned & Kitty Sirmyer** are all OK. She took a trip to a spa in Ixtlan, Mexico, for a change of scenery and diet. **Sunny Blair** and **Nan Bain** were among 15 others who went along. Ruth says they all had a great time.

Tom Wells will visit here for several days. He'll fly down from the DC area after visiting friends and classmates at Belvoir Woods. Then he'll see his son Judd in SC, stop in Myrtle Beach for the IV Corps reunion, and on to Largo, FL to see **Buck & Kitty Wiley**. So glad to hear from Bill Inge Smith Jr & Connie '63, informing me that his father (and former Cl scribe) **W Dixon Smith** had moved to IN from MD. He said, "Dad is well but we felt he needed a little extra TLC. The Marquette Manor is a beautiful ret home where COL Hubert Strange '38 is chm of the bd." Bill was our Cl aide at our 45th reunion; he & Connie did a good job keeping things running on time. Best wishes to them, and we hope "Dix" will enjoy his new home. His address is 8140 Township Line Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46260; tel 317-876-9884. COL **DS Somerville**'s new address: 9002 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060.

Dick Maffry '42 sent some info on the new Columbarium Chapel located in the undercroft of the Old Cadet Chapel. Anyone interested should write to Mortuary Opns Ofcr, Mrs Grace Foster, at WP, or phone 914-938-2504.

By now you have received **Dave Traub**'s ltr re our 65th Reunion, with a sched of events from Sun, 23 May-Wed, 26 May 93. Have you made your reservations and plans before the 1 Jan deadline? Be sure to keep Dave's ltr handy for reference. Look forward to seeing y'all there! In the meantime, since these notes will be in the Jan issue, hope you had a Happy Christmas!

'29

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Read on for the answer to the "Trivia" question in the last notes. Meantime here's another one. To whom was our '29 *Howitzer* dedicated?

This is being written with difficulty for Dorothy; Jean and I are enjoying Sanibel. Dorothy's not doing much except her "Talking Books." Jean is bearing the brunt of the load; I'm doing as little as possible. We have reached the unanimous conclusion that "never frozen" shrimp are far superior to the "fresh" shrimp we usually encounter. **Mary Jo Conner** wasn't too impressed with Sanibel, for there isn't much of the usual variety of entertainment or excitement, but that suits us.

John J O'Hara is about to change his nickname from "Pat" to "quick recovery," for that's the way he came through both gall bladder and knee replacement surgery—with flying colors. Soon he & **Betty** will head for a wk in Nashville and then, for Thanksgiving, they will be in CA to be sure their new grandson gets a drumstick.

Both **Midge Ward** and **Dot** are pretty much house-bound, but each one gets out a bit, though neither of them is very sprightly.

Paul & Josette Thompson are sticking fairly close to the "Roaring Brook," though they have made a couple of trips to the '29 Corridor. The little-used cloak room has been converted into a very desirable "Conference Room." It is expected to be popular for "high level" confs and should be a fine place for the '29 to hold its short business mtg during our 65th Reunion. While waiting for an ID, Paul tuned in on a local telecast and heard the Supe talking to a gp of "football boosters" at a post-luncheon affair. His subject was the "Nunn Legislation." In a change from some of the initial suggestions by the AOG and Paul's ltrs to the Cl, the Supe cautioned not to make "unfavorable comments" and to spt the DOD and DA position as he outlined it. He also said we could expect drastic reductions in funds, "civilianizing" of the faculty, etc.

Probably most of you have read that **Danny Sundt**'s nephew, Thoralf '52, died. Fortunately he was spared long enough so that he received his Distinguished Grad Award at WP and talked to the cadets and grads at the AOG Alumni Luncheon. His message (printed in the Sep *ASSEMBLY*), is one of the best I've read. I have sent a ltr of condolence from the Cl to both Danny and Mrs Sundt. Danny was fortunate enough that, between stops in VA hosps because of a stroke, he was able to be at WP for the ceremony. He was justifiably proud of Thoralf and his talk.

We also heard of **Alen Viney**'s passing on 25 Jul. I've been advised by the AOG that, via returned mail, they learned that **Frank Lee Blue Jr** died, but not any other data. While here at Sanibel, not too far from Port Charlotte, I got the data about Frank. He died in his sleep on 9 Jul of cardiac arrest. A mem svc was held at the Port Charlotte Presbyterian Church, and he was buried beside **Fay** in Restlawn Cem, also in Port Charlotte. I'd known that Frank had taught civil engring at Penn State and that he had a master's from the U of IA, but not that he had received a PhD from UC/Berkeley. Frank is survived by his son Frank III in Raleigh, NC and a daughter in Pensacola. The Cl has made a contribution to the WP Fund in his memory.

Bruce Easely had no info on Blue, but said he was making out but not very quickly.

Ltrs of appreciation have been received from **Nelly Lynde**, who spoke about the help he'd received from **Fenn Sykes**; **Gladyce Rau**; Cornelius Z Bird Jr for his mother Mrs **Ralston**; and Jack Viney for his mother.

An interesting ltr was received from COL K Hamburger, an Assoc P at WP who's on sabbatical and writing on **Paul Freeman** as an outstanding ldr of his regt in Korea. If anyone has any info, Kent Hamburger would be glad to hear of it by ltr: K Hamburger, 42C Wilson Rd, WP 10996–1912, or phone 914-446-5398, leave a message on his answering machine, and he'll get back to you.

A ltr from **Bill Frances** said **Dutch Kraus** had a heart attack. It was not too serious, but he ended up with a pacemaker. With both Hank and Dutch below par, it makes housekeeping a project (from experience, I know and sympathize).

Sometime back, Paul Thompson was a mbr of the Douglas MacArthur Mem Assn of Norfolk, which had a lot to do with assembling historical data, etc for the memorial to MacArthur in Norfolk. Today (23 Sep), a delegation from this gp is presenting micro-films (and some tapes) of the documents they have to the WP Library. Paul was invited to the presentation in the Library, followed by

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luncheon at the Supe's qtrs. Unfortunately, he couldn't make it because his right hip was bothering him so much he couldn't walk. Final decision is that he will have hip replacement surgery 20 Oct after he's donated two pints of blood. Drop him a card to say "hi!" and "get well." He should be home from the hosp for special surgery before you get to read this. . . . On the same clip from the *NY Times* was a rep of the death of Prof Sidney Forman, an authority on the hist of the US and one whom many of us remember as the librarian at the expanded WP Library.

According to the *Register*, C/S MacArthur, Craig and Summerall ea wore 4 stars before WWII.

Larry Bork is still keeping mighty busy with his directorships, cruises, grandchildren, yard and grounds. He & **Betty** are looking forward to the 65th Reunion. Hope the remodeling and expansion of the Thayer moves from the back burner to the front.

Some time back I mentioned the new Columbarium Chapel, a project of Dick & Dorothy Maffry dedicated to his '42 classmates, spouses and children. Few details were available then; more follow now. Knowing how hard it is to get definitive info, I've included some to give you a better basis for choice. To get complete info, call Mrs Grace Foster at 914-938-2504. The chapel is in the undercroft of the Old Chapel Chapel. **Dave Angluin**'s ashes were one of the early ones; they are in Column 1, Row A, lower rt. Ea column and row location has 4 niches, two upper and two lower, two right and two left, for a total of 423. Ea individual aluminum canister is 6" in diam and 8 5/8" deep with a cover to seal it. The cover will be engraved with the name, rank of the ofcr and Cl date. If a classmate or a mbr of his family is buried in a lot in the cem, no other family mbr may be inurned in the Columbarium. However, when a family mbr is buried in the cem, other mbrs may be cremated (or embalmed) and buried in that lot. The container can be used either in the cem lot or in the Columbarium. This canister can be purchased now for future use in transporting the cremated remains of the ofcr or spouse for final inurnment and funeral rites at the Columbarium Chapel. The cost is $48 ea, incl mailing charges to the family. A second one may be ordered at the same time for the other mbr of the family from Armento Liturgical Arts, 1011 Military Rd, Box 39, Buffalo NY 14217–0039; phone 716-875-2423; fax 716-875-8011.

LTG Bill Quinn has written a book, *Buffalo Bill Remembers* (at one time Bill cmded an outfit known as the "Buffalos"). To refresh his memory, he got in touch with **Slim Vittrup** to get details as to why Slim was designated a "persona non grata" in Greece. Fortunately, Slim was in the process of dictating for his kids a "Vittrup history" and had reached that point, his time in Greece, so he played the whole tape for Bill Quinn; he has incorporated it in his book, *BB Remembers*, which is now available.

Speaking of books, several have remarked on how good **Mary Lee Hammond**'s book *Zamboango* is, and some have asked her to write more.

Nice note from **Johnie Theimer**. I can't tell from the postmark if his daughter typed it for him. Hope to get my typewriter unloaded from a stack of papers and get a note off to him. It's difficult for most to read my "hen tracks," so I'll try to "hunt and peck" it and give him a chance to read it. He said **Ducky Hail** is on a kind of "home care," in addition to care from Marin General Hosp. **Martha** is very busy with her real estate co.

In looking through the "Bugle Call" of Knollwood and *ASSEMBLY*, we find **Della Caraway** one of the substantial donors (over $10,000) for both the Army Distaff and WP; **John Kirkpatrick** for WP; and both **Bo & Ina Hubard** were in the two-star group.

Leni Perkins has moved almost next door to the "Marriott Jefferson" Ret Condo. Don't make the same mistake I did in thinking she'd have **Slim Vittrup** and **Dee Dee Armstrong** as neighbors, for they are in the "Fairfax Jefferson" at Belvoir Woods Rd, Ft Belvoir, some 20 mi away instead of 4 blocks.

In last mo's *Retired Officer*, **Marion McDonald** and **Harvey Sheppard** were featured in a full-pg color ad citing the advantages of the Mayflower Ret home in Winter Park.

The *ASSEMBLY* ed rep on the Nunn Bill—"good vibes on the Hill" following presentations by the Supe and Army C/S; see Supe's ltr.

Hope you will all take a good look at '27-'32 Cl notes and see how many classmates, wives, widows and children came to their 65th and 60th reunions from both far and near.

'30

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Thad Broom wrote me on 11 Aug to say how amazed he is that **Hank Royal** is so active. He was 88 yrs young on 10 Aug, but he still goes to a health spa several times/wk. This yr as is usual, Hank drove to WP for June Wk, and then drove back home again to NC safely. Thad recovered well from his hip opn and can drive again, but only in his own neighborhood. He had just gotten an A-OK from his dr for his general good health. He sent me an excellent snapshot of some classmates' wives and widows that he found in things his **Vivian** had saved (see below). Many thanks, Thad, for your welcome and interesting ltr.

In response to my plea for news from widows, particularly those on the W Coast, **Betty Allen Roeser** sent in a lovely card dated 15 Sep. As most of you know, Betty lost her second husband, Dr Roeser. Her new address is 41–505 Carlotta Dr, Apt 224, Palm Desert, CA 92260. Betty is blessed with 5 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren who give her great joy. In Palm Desert she is near her family mbrs in La Jolla, CA. Betty has a sister, Mrs Orlando C Troxel Jr '31, and a brother, Royal Reynolds Jr '33, both of whom she sees in the DC area from time to time. Betty was matron of honor when **Helen** & I were married in the PI in 34. I am most grateful for your warm and prompt response, Betty.

The AOG has put out a beautiful color brochure about their new home-to-be at WP, the **James K Herbert** Alumni Ctr, available from your local WPS. It indicates that construction is to be contracted in Oct 92, with completion scheduled for late 94. We can hope, "Lord willing," to see this new bldg ready for occupancy at our next Reunion in 95!!

Dick Maffry very kindly sent me another flyer about the new Columbarium Chapel in the undercroft of the Old Cadet Chapel at WP. This is the first time I have heard of this facility, which appears to be absolutely splendid. Its use is limited to ofcrs and eligible mbrs of their families. For info or scheduling, write or call Mrs Grace E Foster, Mortuary Opns Ofcr, USMA, WP NY 10996; tel 914-938-2504.

John Guthrie sent in a nice note dated 8 Aug. He points out that, with his annual contribution to the AOG, he stipulated that the funds be applied to help match **Jim Herbert**'s gift of $3 million. Herb's bequest requires matching funds. John feels that some other classmates would like to follow his example. To this end the AOG plans a fund-raising drive early next yr, apparently with an appeal to all classes. We are glad to say John rep that, except for a recent minor illness, he still is hanging in here. Way to go, John!!

1930: Some wives and widows at 50th Reunion, 1980

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Many thanks, and write again soon.

Mrs **Clarita S Wright** wrote on 1 Sep about some things **Andy** had saved, dating back, in part, to his cadet days. He had a pic of the Queen of Rumania inspecting the Corps in the rain. It made a big hit with the Manuscript Librarian at WP when Clarita offered it to her. She also welcomed the other items Andy had saved, for use in Special Collections.

Similarly, 3 yrs ago when **Clarita** was preparing to visit Ecuador, she wrote to friends there about photos, maps, newspapers, etc that **Andy** had collected in that country while detailed there during the 40–47 War with Peru. The new dir of the Natl Museum was delighted to have the material and kept all of it. After the war, Andy was on the commission for demarkation of the border of Ecuador and Peru. We are glad this material, all over 50 yrs old, has found permanent homes in a library and museum. Our most cordial thanks to you, Clarita. I also hope we can all meet again for Reunion 95.

Mrs **Elsa Riley** sent in a lovely card on 5 Sep. She thanked me for returning the pic she sent in for publication in *ASSEMBLY*. Unfortunately, she has decided to leave her NC home and move to a ret community near her daughter in OH. Her son-in-law is in the AF, stationed at Wright-Patterson. Her new address is 1268 Chicadee Ct, Centerville OH 45458. We all wish you good health and happiness in your new home, Elsa, and thank you for your card.

It is with very deep regret that I must tell you that our **Sterling Wright** rep on 26 Aug that he had lost his beloved **Tillie**. In his own words: "I had gone in to the hosp myself for a complete hip replacement opn on 4 Aug. Tillie had gone into the nursing care end of our local ret home 10 days before as a place to stay while I was in the hosp. When I was discharged from the hosp I also went in to the nursing care unit of the ret home for a short convalescence. While we were both there, Tillie had a heart attack, with enough oxygen privation to put her into a deep coma from which she never recovered; finally today she died. She had put up a long and gallant fight against increasing incapacity for almost 10 yrs, always cheerful and the light of our lives, and now she is gone. I thought her many friends and the Cl would like to know. My 3 sons are here, as well as 3 of our 5 grandchildren. Funeral svcs will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, Kilmarnock, VA, with interment in the Church cem."

When I talked to **Sterling** on 30 Aug, he told me that **Bob Porter**, as well as **Andy & Ellen O'Meara**, were there, and many of their friends from the DC area. **Ham & Mary Howze** called from CO. There was an obit in the *Wash Post* on 28 Aug. Tillie was indeed a blithe spirit who radiated joy to all who knew her. She will be sorely missed. Our total sympathy to you, Sterling.

This time of the yr I usually have something to say about football. The yr is still young (9 Oct 92), but so far I can't think of anything I want to say about Army or, even more so, the Redskins. Perhaps we better wait until next yr.

I just learned by tel that our good friend and neighbor **Ned Moore** died yesterday in a local hosp. He had a fall several wks ago and had not felt well since. **Vivian** told **Charlotte Brisach** severals days ago that Ned was very ill. Nonetheless, we are all very shocked by this sudden loss. Svcs were at the Old Chapel at Ft Myer at 11:00 am on 16 Oct, followed by interment in Arlington. Classmates acted as pallbearers. Our heartfelt sympathy to Vivian and all her family.

As you read this, Christmas should be just around the corner. Our pres **Pete King** & his charming **Betty** send ea and all of you their sincere wishes for a very, very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Yr 1993. Every day is a blessing. Make them count for you. To this, **Mary** & I say AMEN!!

'31

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The 3rd Inf Div reunion in San Fran last Sep presented our roving Puget Sound ambassador of good will, **C² Smith**, with the opportunity to visit friends far and wide about the Bay area. He made happy contacts, as attested by the snapshots, with **Ken & Jean McCrimmon, Neddy Cotter, Bill & Charlotte Train** (about to leave for a Sun Valley golf tournament), **Art & Mary Hogan** and **Nancy Easterbrook** (who may soon conduct the last of her tours to China). C² was unable to reach **Jack Malloy** by phone while visiting '27's Gar & Verone Davidson, but left a message on his answering machine.

1931: Johnny Davis, George Shultz & wife and the Supe

Jack, I learned, had surgery last summer for cancer of the throat. By 23 Aug he wrote that he was "out of the hosp and doing okay. . . . Things are settling down for me, and I'm back in the swimming pool. That's progress." The **Hogans**, distressed with the shutting down of Letterman Hosp in San Fran, are considering a move to San Ant. Back home, after his round robin in the Bay area, **C²** heard from **Betty Milner**. So they had a grand time at a delightful Seattle Italian restaurant one eve. Betty was in the NW at the time visiting **Walker**'s relatives. He hailed from WA. **Tommy Howze**, we are glad to hear, is doing fine.

1931: Ken & Jean McCrimmon

1931: Cotter and Smith

Bill & Charlotte Train had a great time on a late-Jul 10-day golfing tour in picturesque Alberta, Canada. Picking up a car in Calgary, they drove over excellent litter-free roads through magnificent country to Kananaskis. This is the place that was built for the 88 Olympic winter games. The golf courses there, nestled below the Rockies, were something to see as well as play. Next stop: Banff Springs, where they stayed in one of those famous Canadian Pacific RR hotels, played the superbly maintained course with its challenging water holes, wandered around Lake Louise, and even canoed on the lake. To fill in any possible dull moments, Bill, back home, has been participating with a gp called the "Civil War Round Table." After his first speech about his confederate ancestry, supplemented by some of his own much later experiences, the gp asked him for a return engagement at the podium.

1931: Bill & Charlotte Train

1931: Smith and Mary & Art Hogan

Johnny & Wilma Davis were at WP on 9 Sep to represent the Cl on the occasion of the 92 Sylvanus Thayer Award to George P Shultz, distinguished educator, business ldr and public servant; on the faculties of 3 univs and publishing many scholarly works; serving as pres of our largest intl construction and engring corp; serving as a WWII Marine Corp CPT and in an extensive array of high posts,

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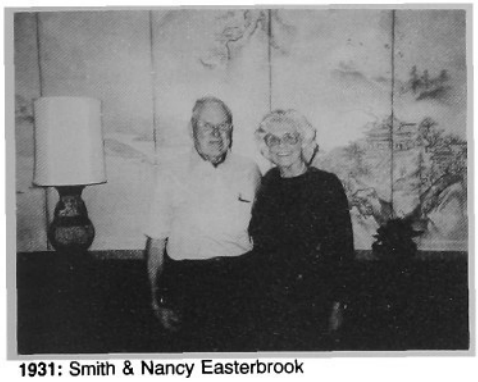
in the admin of 5 of our presidents, as dir of OMB and secy of Labor, Treasury and State.

On pg two of the Sep issue of *ASSEMBLY*, there appears a ltr from **Maggie Weber** to the ed, with which I'm sure we all concur. It was written on Maggie's ltrhead mgt consulting firm's stationery. The signature block contained his title, "Pres," i.e., the head of his firm. Maggie wants you to know that he was not usurping **Bob Eaton**'s job of Cl of '31 Pres, which the mag accidentally implies.

Hope you all read the book review (pg 66 of the Sep *ASSEMBLY*) of *West Pointers and Early Washington*. In my col in the Nov issue, credit was deservedly given to **C² Smith** and **Charlie Howze** for the part they played as contributing authors to this historical work on the early days of the NW.



1931: Smith & Nancy Easterbrook

Dutch Spangler attended the CAC return at CO Springs, 9–15 Sep. Qualification to attend: svc in the Philippines, HI, or Panama prior to 46 when the Coast Arty was reborn as the AAA. **Pat Cart** and **Charlie Duff**, both living in the Springs, qualified for attendance but were unable to join their comrades. Charlie had suffered a stroke in Aug and was undergoing therapy in CO Springs' Penrose Hosp, and Pat was recovering from colon surgery. **Bill Taylor**, in ill health, has his El Paso house up for sale and plans to move to the vicinity of Williamsburg, VA near his daughter, Jinx.

Turnout for the Sep Wash gp at the ANCC totaled 10 (**Adams, Boyd, Davis, Dick, Eaton, Little, McBride, Passarella, Ockie** and me), down from 30 who convened just 30 yrs ago. Incidentally, Bob Eaton is, by a few mos only, the second oldest living past cmdr of the American Legion. Latest welcome contribs received for perpetuation of our Thayer Award Room came from **Lane, Ott** and Hurly Hurlbut '33.

After several yrs following a non-malignant opn and loss of a leg, **Jim Corbett** died peacefully on 23 Aug while sitting in his chair. He dedicated his body to science, and his cremated remains were entombed in Arlington's columbarium. The funeral svcs, conducted on 4 Sep, were attended by, in addition to **Kelly** and family, **Klemm Boyd, Virginia Hightower, Margot Hoover, Imogene Young** and daughter, **Lucy Troxel** and me. After a stint with the United Fruit Co in Panama, Jim enlisted in the Army and entered the Acad from its WP prep course. In ret, Jim and Kelley lived 14 of those yrs in Málaga, Spain.

After two yrs with cancer of the larynx, **Bob Alan** passed away on 23 Sep in Southbury, CT. His cremated remains were entombed at WP on 29 Sep. Ret from the AF in 61 and after receiving an MA in govt from GWU, he taught at Westchester Community Coll, NY and was subsequently honored there as prof emeritus.

Bedridden for over a yr, **Agnes Weber** died last May. A Kansas City girl, she was buried in Leavenworth, KS.

Marjorie Stroker, suffering from cancer, passed away on 21 Sep and was buried in the Sam Houston Natl Cem, San Ant, TX. **Al & Kay Green** and **Leo & Clara Belle Cather** represented the Cl at the funeral svcs. **Jimmy Stroker** has been in a nursing home for some time and was unable to attend.

Address changes: **Rink Feagin**, 311 W Nottingham, Apt G27, San Ant, TX 78209; **Ruth Lawson**, 5700 Williamsburg Landing Dr, Apt 302, Williamsburg, VA 23125 (no change in tel: 804-229-5172); **Irene Burns**, Knollwood, 6200 Oregon Ave, Apt 353 Wash, DC 20015, tel (202) 541-0353. (In addition to Irene, two others of our widows live at Knollwood, the former Distaff Hall: **Margaret Parker** and **Cornelia Read**.)

'32

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Stop Before You Start! Please note new tel area code number above, effective immediately.

FILLING IN THE GAPS. Our 60th was such a success, with 57 wives, widows, children and grandchildren joining 30 of our remaining classmates at the Thayer for our reunion, that I intended to mention each individual in the Sep issue of *ASSEMBLY*. To make assurance double sure, as Shakespeare would put it, I checked off ea name, incl relatives and friends, on the registration list which we got at the Reunion, as I wrote something about him/her/them for the Sep issue.

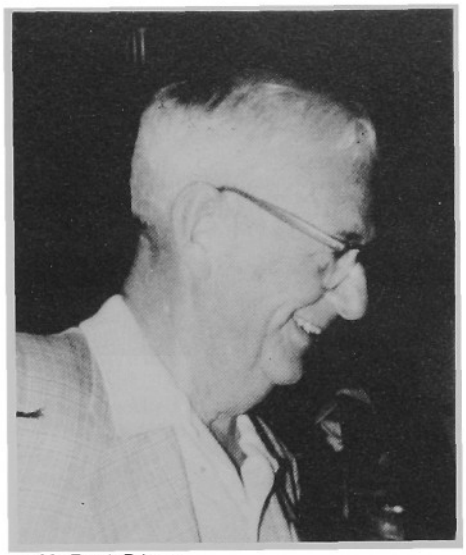
When one classmate casually mentioned that he & his wife were not mentioned, I double-checked my list against the copy as it was submitted and printed. Sure enough, the following were not in the write-up. **Betty Wheeler Besson**, our 8-star widow, **Bobbie & Dan Sundt**, who drove the bus from Wash for one reunion, **Betty Whalen**, with daughter Barbara Parisi, and **Lou Truman**. All attended our 60th Reunion but were not mentioned anywhere in the write-up.

They were all on my double-checked, failproof, reunion roster, but not where it counted. No excuse, sir/madame.

HURRICANE ANDREW. After Hurricane Andrew carved its way through southern FL, ravaging a 300-square mi sector of Dade County and causing a property loss of $15–20 bil, the biggest in US hist, I asked **Bill Powers** to take a reading on our 29 classmates & widows who live in the state.

The hurricane passed through the southern tip of the state, and **Bill** rep that the only '32'ers affected were **Fred & May Young** in Coral Gables. Fred said that several trees near them were knocked down, but none of theirs. After the gale passed they had no electricity, but they made good use of the facilities at their club, which had an emergency back-up power source.

FINAL FAREWELLS. Shortly after I sent in the copy for the last issue of *ASSEMBLY*, Bill Chandler '31 rep the sad news that **Frank Britton** had finally succumbed to the cancer that had been with him for yrs, and joined the Long Gray Line. A few days later, I received a ltr from Bill McCulla '29, who lives near the



1932: Frank Britton

Brittons in Largo, with the newsclip from the Largo newspaper that detailed Frank's standout career.

Frank fought with the Fifth Army in Italy in 43 and then was the GHQ in the Pacific Theatre in 44–45. He was on the US/USSR commission for Korea in 46 and, when SHAPE was established in 52, Frank was a charter mbr of the Central Cmd at Fontainebleu.

By the time you read this, he will have been laid to rest in Arlington Natl Cem. The deepest sympathy of '32 goes to **Mary Lou**, their two daughters, 5 grandchildren and their great-grandson.

THE FAMILY SEQUOIA. Recently I wrote that Kate **Coiner**, the Order of the Alamo Queen this yr, is the granddaughter of our **Dick & Helen**. That is only half the story. Kate is also the granddaughter of **Chuck Clark**'s wife **Reenie**. Reenie had a daughter, Scharlie, by her first husband, Sam Jones '31, who was killed in the Philippines early in WWII. Scharlie grew up and married Dick Coiner III, son of our late Dick & Helen, and between them they produced pretty little Kate.

Pat & I heard an interesting radio program over one of our local stations here in San Ant. It originated in Seattle and featured the pres of Exec Directions Intl Inc, Dr Millie Culp, daughter of **Winnie** & our late **Bill Culp**. Millie showed a broad and deep knowledge of the work situation and, in her case histories, gave sound advice on how to cope with various types of bad bosses. In giving practicable solutions to various problems, Millie used a pleasant voice and kept the listener's attention very well. If I ever have to go back to making an honest living, I'm going to consult Millie first.

AT RANDOM IN QUONDAM. **Harvey Fischer** spent a few days in San Ant, primarily to see **Viv Kunzig**'s sister, Evelyn Loyd. Harv & his late **Dort** had been close to Evelyn & her late husband yrs back when WWII was yet to come.

Harv rep having had a second hip replacement, which was as successful as the first, and he sounded fine. He is well situated, with #1 daughter living 45 mins away and the other two in Fairfax, VA and Wilmington, DE, respectively, not too far from his apt in Charlotte, NC.

A VISIT TO BOB SCOTT'S MUSEUM OF AVN. A long ltr with mags, folders and leaflets

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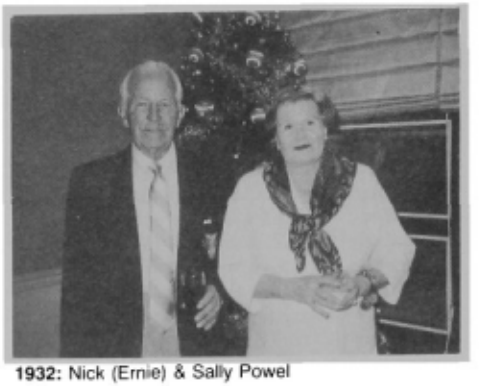
1932: Vivian Kunzig



1932: Nick (Ernie) & Sally Powel

1932: Bob Scott in action

1932: Chris Dreyer

from Barb Winkler, **Cliff Bielfeld**'s daughter, told about her visit to the Museum of Avn at Warner Robbins, GA, in response to **Bob Scott**'s invitation during our 60th. She and her son Kyle were greeted upon arrival by Bob, modestly attired in red, white and blue striped shorts, epaulets and a tricolor baseball cap. Museum Director Peggy Young, wife of Bob Young, who accompanied Bob Scott at our 60th, was also present to welcome her.

The Museum probably will keep growing and updating indefinitely, but it is in full blast right now, with 79 historical aircraft, 100,000 sq ft of exhibits and the Historical Research Ctr and Archives going all out to keep a record of the state of the art. The visitor register for one mo shows visitors from NY, FL, OH, WI, CA, Canada, Columbia, Ger, England, Holland, Norway and points in between.

Among other honors recognizing **Bob Scott**'s role in bringing the museum to where it is, the Knight Foundation donated $40,000 for the Robert L Scott Vistascope Theatre, and the Republic of China (in Taiwan) made a donation in honor of Bob. And well they might honor Bob. He has been in charge virtually since the beginning. Thanks again, Barb, for the on-site rep.

THE LARGEST GIFT OF ANY KIND THAT WP HAS EVER RECEIVED. Refer to the *ASSEMBLY* BB in this issue, "Powel '32 Trust," and you will see the above statement about **Nick (Ernie) Powel**'s bequest of $4,200,000 to USMA. **Sally** will have use of it as long as she is with us, and then it all goes to WP.

When **Sally** told me about it shortly after **Ernie** died, she asked that I not publicize the amount, so I did not. I am glad that she has since agreed to the publicity about it, because I think it will invite and encourage others to donate substantial portions of their estates to WP. Thanks again, **Sally**, for all the help and comfort you were to **Ernie** along the way, and espec at the end.

Chris Dreyer, who at age 86 is still playing competitive tennis in the men's sr circuits, is helping collect the info for **Ernie**'s roommate, **Pop Duncan**, who is writing Ernie's obit for *ASSEMBLY*.

All for now. Send the news whenever you get it, mit pix when possible.

'33

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What interest this col may hold for its readers, we know full well, depends entirely on the input of those who take the time to write or phone their contribs. Ea time your scribe wonders, "Will there be enough?"—and each time, thanks to supportive classmates, wives and widows, the grist for our mill flows in.

Miracles Dept. Yearling Cadet David Bell '95 is wearing stars. The miracle? He is grandson of an exceptional '33'er. Hint: See **Shinberger**, below!

Fortuitous Encounters Dept. On 23 Sep, as American Airlines Flight #53 out of Glasgow for Chicago leveled off, your scribe felt a touch on his shoulder. "Pardon, but is that a WP ring you're wearing?" "Yes, it is." "What Cl?" "'33." . . . A pause, then a big grin: "Well, **Bert Sparrow**, I'm **Sam Donnelly**!" Someone should compute the odds on that one. . . .

Sep brought two deaths to '33:

—On 12 Sep 92 we lost **Bob Cyr**, who died in San Ant of heart failure while recovering from stomach surgery. Following mass at Ft Sam Houston Chapel, he was buried with full mil honors at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cem, with 5 '33'ers as honorary pallbearers. (Readers will recall that his wife **Marian** died last May.) Bob is survived by their sons, LTC (Ret) Bob Jr '59, Joe (MSG, Special Forces) and Steve (SGT, MC); daughter Judy Bowker; 13 grandchildren include Michael '84 and Patricia Reno '85; 9 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Judith Clarke.

—On 22 Sep 92 **Vic King**'s wife **Elise** died of Alzheimer's in Old Lyme, CT. (She had been ill for several yrs.) Following private mem svcs, her ashes will be placed in the new columbarium in the WP Cem. Besides Vic, she is survived by their sons David and Stephen; 5 grandchildren; and her sister, Peggy Bryant (interestingly, Mrs William Cullen Bryant).

To the **Cyr** family, and to **Vic King** and his family, the Cl of '33 extends its deep condolences and the hope that you will stay in touch with us.

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From **Charlie Carver** we have word of **Bill & Helen Ely**'s latest visit to San Ant, and two excellent pix taken at dinner in Carvers apt.

1933: San Ant gathering: Thorlin, Ely, Blanchard, Dahlen and Carver

A welcome note from **Don Cubbison** lists what we believe were the 3 youngest '33'ers: **Pick Vidal** (22 Jul 12), **Ralph Talbot** (15 Jul 12), **Chuck Dunn** (7 Mar 12). "The sr Talbots and Cubbisons were good friends, and I tented with Pick in Summer Camp, so I knew those two youngsters."

Because he trained and led the first US Army Ranger bn(s), **Bill Darby**'s name is kept alive. He was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame (at Benning) last Jun; the Sep issue of *Soldiers Mag* carried an article, "Birth of an Elite," about him and his Rangers; and the Darby Foundation is installing an exhibit in the Heritage Ctr at Carrickfergus, in Northern Ireland.

"It was a delightful surprise to see **June** & you on the plane," writes **Sam Donnelly**. "We took our daughter Judy and (sister-in-law) Sandy Samouce '54 to Ireland and Scotland—a great trip. **Dottie** & I had been there often. My maternal grandmother's parents came from Limerick, and my paternal grandparents from a small town outside of Donegal, so we stayed at a hotel nearby. We drove to Lord Louis Mountbatten's castle, on a cliff overlooking the Atlantic. The gatekeeper said the castle was occupied by a rich Irishman and could not be visited.

"Next day we went to Lissadell House, frequented by the poet Yeats. There we met

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1933: An impressive gp, wot? '33's DC area bd of dirs, Aug 92

the aunt of the owner, who worked for Mountbatten when he was in Ireland (I had worked for him in Ceylon).

"We crossed the border into N Ireland to visit the Bellek China Factory. There was no problem at the border—no gates, border posts, etc—just some poles marking the line.

"In Scotland we stayed at Turnberry—a beautiful hotel on the Irish Sea—golf and tennis, a wonderful spa, indoor pool, etc. While there we visited Culzean Castle, in which the Scottish govt had given GEN Eisenhower lifetime use of some apts."

"One of the nicest episodes of our trip was to see **June**, you, your daughter & son-in-law as we flew home." Warm thanks, **Sam**—reciprocated!

From **"Cowboy" & Libby Elliott**'s daughter Barbara we have warm expressions of appreciation and affection for courtesies extended by '33 at the time of his death. "It meant so much to us all to have dad's WP classmates there, and to meet and talk with you after the ceremony. How wonderful, too, that dad's grave is not far from that of **Milt & Val Summerfelt**—our families were always close. I've spoken with mom a number of times to describe that beautiful day."

"After 50-odd trips around the globe and living in Japan, India and Australia for short periods, 62–67," says **Gray Essman**, "I'm glad to stay home. **Dot** & I did got to Sault Ste Marie for 2 1/2 mos this summer and stayed at Lake Superior State U (on site of old Ft Bragg, my first post). Our apt overlooked the Soo Locks and Lake Superior as it flows into the St Mary's River. . . .

". . . talked to **Bob Rayburn** in Ireland. He's fine—still steeplechases and loves it. His daughter Roasalie and family move soon to Saudi Arabia to join her husband, a petroleum engr. Bob Jr, also a petroleum engr, is in CO. Bob said he's coming to the 60th.

"Of my 6 grandchildren, my youngest granddaughter is now a soph at Dartmouth; my youngest grandson is a soph in HS. My great-grandchildren number 2 1/2. **Fritz Hartel** and I check on ea other daily by tel, which is very comforting. My eyes are still 20/400 and holding—my only complaint is that I can't drive or read rapidly. We send our best."

Fritz Hartel rep he recently talked with **Paul Gillon** (Santee, SC) and that the Gillons are considering moving to a ret community in the Williamsburg area.

Ned & Gladys Gee came up to VA (from FL) 28 Aug for two wks to visit relatives. "Gladys' condition is stable," says Ned, "She can walk about in the apt but uses an electric wheelchair outside. We get fine med spt from Homestead AFB. . . . Grandson Donald Smith resigned from the Army and is now working on his MBA at U of MN; his brother Douglas is attending culinary arts sch. **Red & Sue White** are fine—coming over for dinner today."

1933: Son Peter, Clarabelle and Tom Glass

"Although I'm over 59 yrs late in writing you," says **Tom Glass**, "I'm taking Abe's advice in his cover ltr to our latest Cl Roster. First I want to say that our Cl notes are. . . always the first thing I read in *ASSEMBLY*." In Sep, **Clarabelle,** our son Peter and I (see pic) attended two WWII reunions. "The 925 Engr Avn Regt, which I had the honor of cmding in England, France, Luxembourg, Germany and Austria (Aug 43-Oct 45), met in KS City. That regt worked on 120 airfields, ranging from heavy bomber bases to evacuation and supply strips; our greatest challenge was to spt Gen Patton's air arm, the XIX TAC, from the St Lo breakout until Third Army was halted in the drive to Berlin.

"A wk later, the 816 Engr Avn Bn had its 47th Reunion in Pittsburgh. I activated that unit at Langley Field in Feb 42 and took it to England in Aug. In the same convoy **George Beeler** and **Pinkie Webster** were also bringing bns over; all of us built heavy bomber bases in East Anglia. . . .

"We have our confirmation for the Thayer for '33's 60th Reunion. Remembering how slowly the 4 yrs at USMA seemed to pass, I can't understand how quickly the last 59 have gone by. We look forward to seeing you at the 60th."

"I've worked hard (since **Pat**'s death)," writes **Rita Guiney**, "and it's been good to keep my mind occupied. I've settled the estate and paid my taxes. On 23 Oct Margie and I will go to WP to see about the mem, visit a few friends and go to the OWC Bazaar. When my insurance papers are done, I'll start on Pat's obit for *ASSEMBLY*." Kudos to you, Rita, for getting to that task so promptly.

Harry King rep with pride that son Bill's daughter, Catharine (25), a grad of Goucher, is studying for an MA in sociology at Columbia.

Our Nov notes rep on **Abe & Mary Lincoln**'s grandson, 2LT Jim Lincoln '90, saving a woman from drowning in a swollen creek. Now we learn that DA has awarded him the Soldier's Medal for his heroism. It will be presented to him by CG Ft Sill in Nov, when his parents, COL (Ret) & Mrs James B Lincoln '60 can attend. Congrats!

1933: Card cover: Mac McClelland while a student at MIT (1939)

Abe has received notes of appreciation from **Dodie McClelland** and from their daughter Vancie (Bohls) for '33's spt and flowers at **Mac**'s funeral. "(He) was an inspiration to all of us," wrote Dodie. "He went to his ofc until two wks before he died. . . . We appreciate your thoughtfulness, but most of all your caring."

From **Lorene Risden** we have a most welcome note of appreciation for the Survivor Assistance material in Pres **Abe**'s Aug Cl Bulletin. "I espec appreciate this excellent work, as I do not recall seeing the 84 version. It contains so much good and valuable info. The 'Myths about Funerals' was all news to me.

"Perhaps '**Pop**' has mentioned to you that

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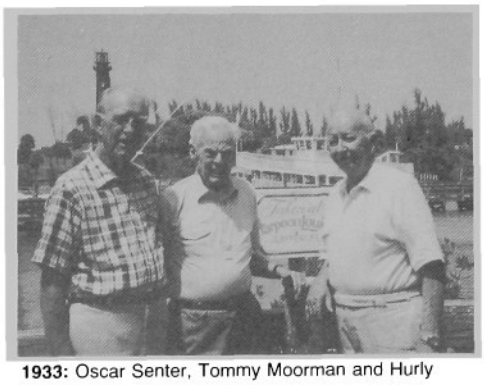
he is now legally blind and has hearing difficulties, too. He is optimistic, however, and counts his blessings. He sends greetings and best wishes to '33'ers, wives and widows. Here's a reasonably recent pic." Warm thanks, Lorene.

1933: Lorene & "Pop" Risden

Note: All available bio material should be sent to the AOG, which can later make it available for obit or other purposes (in due course, of course!).

USMA cadets attaining top academic ratings still wear stars on their collars. This distinctive award has been achieved by **John Baird (Shinny) Shinberger**'s grandson, Cadet David Bell '95! Word of this momentous event, so much at variance with our Shinny's hard-earned and precarious precedent as Cl Goat and Anchor Man of '33, was brought to Wash by **Hurly Hurlbut**, who commented, "Shinny must surely be turning over in his grave!" More seriously: We're proud to have this happy reminder of a classmate we all remember with esteem and affection.



1933: Oscar Senter, Tommy Moorman and Hurly Hurlbut, soon after lunch!

Bert & June Sparrow had the pleasure of touring Scotland with daughter Virginia & son-in-law Mike Smith (son of Ike & Betsy Smith '36). They covered some 850 mis on the wrong side of the road, incl Stirling, the Island of Skye, Inverness (with a visit to Foulis Castle, ancestral home of June's Clan Monroe/Munro forbears) and Edinburgh. En route home they were delighted to find the **Donnellys** and Samouces across the aisle. Once back, Bert found 17 messages on his answer call—and Cl notes due.

Hurricane Andrew brought a call from **Art Tyson** to our neighbor, **Faith Edson**. The Tysons had no hurricane problems, but we're sorry to rep that Faith Edson's husband, Hal '34, died in Sep of cardiac arrest. For the many of us who knew Hal and held him in high regard, we extend deep sympathy to Faith and to her family.

"Greetings!" writes **George Van Way**, "from the Great NW, where **Goldie** & I are on a sentimental journey to revisit scenes of my early life. Was pleased to note that 2/3 of 'Ofcrs Row' and the rest of Vancouver Bks is being maintained as historically important. The renovated GEN's Qtrs houses an excellent restaurant (and museum), and Grant House (where Grant lived as a jr ofcr and which was our O Club in the 30s) is also provided with period furnishings.

"We reminisced with Eulalie & Bill Proctor '35 (whom we visited in Vancouver) about our early svc at Van Bks, along with **Bill Due, Ray Sellers, Cy Letzelter** and **Joe Crawford**. Since I lived at or near Van Bks for more than 20 yrs of my youth, it is like home to me, and the visit was nostalgic. Of interest is the historic Columbia R Bicentennial Celebration (24–31 Oct). In Oct 1792 sailors under Brit CPT Geo Vancouver launched the first expedition inland from the R entrance, using a chart given them by American CPT Robert Gray (who had entered the R that May and named it the Columbia after his ship, *Columbia Rediviva*). Vancouver ordered LT Wm Broughton to explore the river, and the latter rowed with two boats 110 mi up, being the first Europeans to see Mt St Helen and Mount Hood, which they named for the Brit naval hero.

"Further N near Port Townsend we found the old CAC post, Ft Worden, well-maintained and used as a State park. Many of us can rejoice that not all the venues of our past are being destroyed. We stopped by Gig Harbor to see the **Fletters**. They were away, but we found the fresh Dungeness crabs still succulent, the local clams, oysters, shrimp and other seafood a hedonist's delight. . . . " Great ltr, **George**!

Under the headline "Volunteer Dedicates more than Two Decades of Svc," we have a Ft Belvoir *Eagle* article and a great pic of **Betty Walters** seated before a large portfolio of Army Community Svc history; but because we hope to get a better pic, that story must await the next notes. Proud of ya, Betty!

To err is human. **Al Welling** has detected an error in our latest Cl Roster: on pg 6, under his name, please delete the second line.

Another Cl Roster entry. Lost track of **Pete Wood**'s widow, **Dorothy**. Good sleuth Hurly found her through COL John Olson '57 (who served with **Roy Reynolds** in the Philippine Scouts). She is now Mrs Dorothy Hersey, 3517 Grant, Abilene, TX 79605. Pete, first '33 KIA in WWII, won the DSC for heroism on Bataan.

CLASS MATTERS

Abe's Aug Bulletin to all classmates, wives and widows says it all; '33 has clearly reached a stage when obits, if not already drafted, should be. Let's get with it and,

MERRY CHRISTMAS! SEE YOU AT THE 60TH!

'34

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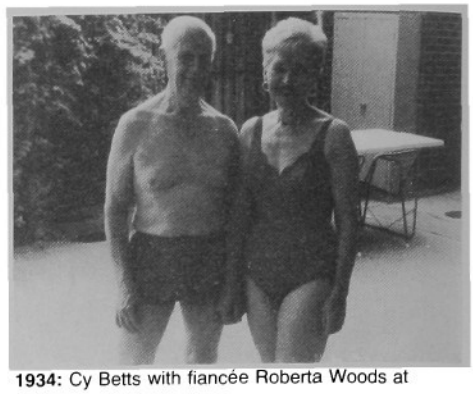
Thank you, **Alex Stuart**, for bringing up the subject, and we quote: "**Cy Betts** & Roberta Woods, his fiancée, an AF widow, were in El Paso this fall wkend. Their wedding will be in Winter Park, FL in mid-Nov, with a Caribbean cruise to follow. Our reunion program in 94 will include one toast after another. Get them ready, ladies & gentlemen."

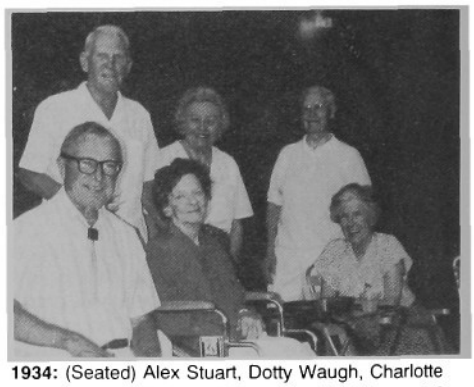
This summer **Polly Elliott** and I joined



1934: Cy Betts with fiancée Roberta Woods at Stuart's in El Paso

other mbrs of her family in a visit to England, France, Ger and Italy, primarily to visit LT & Mrs "Chip" Elliott '90, whose new baby is Casey Lehman Elliott, Polly's first great-grandchild, in Erlangen, Ger. While in Venice, since the gondolier didn't sing, Polly and I serenaded him! She used her voice well, too, in the train station at Frankfurt, when a thief grabbed my Camcorder while she was guarding the baggage. Polly yelled so enthusiastically, he put down the Camcorder and took off! The outdoor opera in Rome is beautiful!"

Let **Alex** continue: "William Alexander Heida arrived in VA Beach on 1 Jul, my 4th grandchild, courtesy of the US Navy. Then on 28 Aug, my 5th great-grandson, Nicholas Dominic Stuart, appeared in Phila."



1934: (Seated) Alex Stuart, Dotty Waugh, Charlotte Hubbard; (standing) Axel Waugh, Polly Elliott and Cy Betts

Alex, as pres of the Natl Character Laboratory, enclosed a copy of its newsltr. "There is not much to rep concerning character research because there is so little work being done in this area. . . except at USMA and a few other ed institutions and charities which recognize that character is a complex of mental and ethical traits marking a person of moral excellence and firmness, and whose objectives include character devel in their curricula and criteria for spt. The core problem facing our cities and schools is a moral one. . . . All attempts at school reform are not likely to succeed unless character ed is put at the top of the agenda. . . . The Los Angeles riots focus public attention on human behavior. They were caused primarily by having too many offenders in one place at one time. They presented NCL and likewise the world an opportunity to make better use of the results of our character research. Expecting natl and local govt spt, we initiated Opn SHRINK, the purpose of which is to convert L.A. from a world-class disgrace into a model city. . . . What we accomplish through SHRINK in L.A. may influence the whole world, espec if

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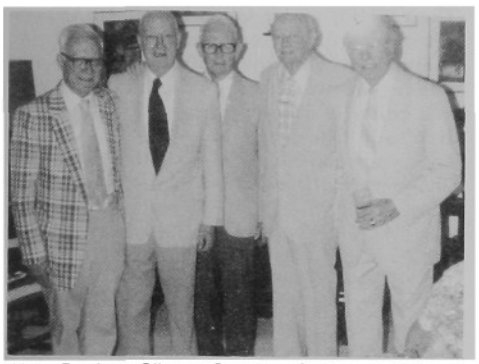
we are successful." If you would spt SHRINK and follow Alex's progress in the White House, join NCL for a fiver and receive Alex's regular reps. We (I joined) are approaching Cabinet status.

Let **Alex** finish: "I have credited **Paul Hanley** also for a yr's dues. **Axel** is doing a great job caring for **Dotty**. He's terrific. I concur with the nice things said about **Polly** (née Shannon) and her beautiful mother (whose husband was the Qtrmaster of the Flying Training Cmd. She sustained many of our classmates through flight trning at Randolph Field, TX). Right now, Polly is helping with registration at the Horse Cav Assn, here in El Paso. **Pop Womack** and I got together for dinner and swapped stories. **Louise & Jim Snee** are due in today, and we plan dinner with them tonight." El Paso is running a close second to DC as host capital for '34!



1934: Renfroe, Gilman, Corrigan, Stevens and Bruce at the Fairfax

This weather rep is from **Suzanne & Charlie Hill**, Magnolia Gardens, LA. "Hurricane Andrew gave us this opportunity to rep. . . . We suffered some winds, lost electricity for a day and watched pine branches fly in all directions. Nelle & Charles Jr joined us from New Orleans, fearing big flooding in their community. So Andrew gave us a nice family get-together to make up for the inconvenience it caused us all. (Their ltr finished on a personal note.) "We hope to see you at Christmastime (at Suzanne's sister's waterfront home in Hampton). Your attitude and reporting the changes at WP are commendable."

Alice & Don McClennan from Asheville, NC sent a check to last fall's reunion committee. FYI, Colonial Williamsburg did not bill us for guests' dinners, etc. Don in re Cl notes: "They foster a lot of Cl unity and remind us of our common bond and love for alma mater. I wish the silent majority in our Cl (of which I confess to mbrship), though having no less love for our Cl and our rockbound highland home, would send to you their meanderings and ruminations." OK, you guys & dolls, Don enjoins, "Remain mute no longer!"

Parents of cadets now in the Corps visit the Plain as frequently as twice/mo. To be a WP'er has never meant more than it does today. These parents are helping to keep it that way. Katie & Lee Jones, co-pres of our Parents Club, rep a recent Sat am coffee with Bruce Bell, Public Affairs. It was a pre-parade tête-à-tête, where they learned that the Supe, after meeting with Senator Nunn, felt there was conciliation in re defense cut-backs as they affect USMA. A spirit of negotiation exists, and changes will be gradually introduced over a period of possibly 10 yrs." [See Supe's ltr for update. Ed.]

Dick Maffry '42, sent an illustrated brochure on the Columbarium Chapel located in the undercroft of the Old Cadet Chapel. Columbaria provide a convenient method of interment, facility of location by families and a protected area for the bereaved to meditate. USMA Mortuary Opns are under the supervision of Grace Foster, well-known friend to our classmates and survivors. Write Mrs Foster for info about the availability and selection of columbarium niches.

1934: Faith Edson, Francie Stevens, Ginger Bruce, Fran Gilman, Betty Anne Cheston, Jan Tibbets, Ruth Renfroe, Anne Kern and Hope Corrigan at the Fairfax

Louise & Tom Lipscomb confess, "We are both in fairly good health and spirits and enjoying living in the Phila area where, at a minimum, we attend the A/N Game every yr. We enjoyed the Williamsburg reunion tremendously and enclose a (hefty) check as a contrib on our part. . . . If we sent one earlier, this will replace one that someone may have forgotten or for someone who doesn't read *ASSEMBLY* or who may have joined so many of our illustrious classmates in the Arlington and WP Cems."

Beautiful **Anne Kern** laments: "I have written to very few people in the last mos but am trying to do so. I thank the many classmates and friends for their kind thoughts and strengthening ltrs, remembered times at WP. I am all right here. I am fortunate to have two of our children close by, another in Ger and the 4th in NC. I also need to let the Cl know of the death of **Jean Still** on 11 Jul. I received a note from Katie Still Knorr, eldest of the 5 Still children. She wrote that her mother died from 'complications following the second surgiaplasty in as many mos.' **Danny** is living with one of his sons in Sykesville, MD. The address is 641 Ole Liberty Rd, 21784. We were with the Still family at Ft Meade just before ret."

Acknowledging messages from beautiful widows, we rep that, by the time you read this, **Dottie Franklin** will have married Ward Krebs. They are residing, until further work, at her home in CA.

Muff & I had the pleasure and honor of welcoming **Lydia & Paul Hanley** for a few days as they wound down a sort of second honeymoon, "visiting relatives and friends in NJ and VA, including **Lil & Bob Tyson**, who sold Lucy's Find and have moved into Westminister-Canterbury near Whitestone, **Jane & Herb Andrae** at Medford Lake and **DeeDe Cunningham** in Mathews VA, before retreating to Beaufort, SC via Santee and Holly Hill Plantation on Lady Isl. At Beaufort they entertained Katherine, widow of Curtis Dall, one of **Tom McCrary**'s political colleagues, from whence Tom was nominated for VP of

1934: Lydia & Paul Hanley with Muff at the Blairs'

the US. Lydia & Paul resumed their itinerary and confided that, "after several days at home, we have answered some of the mail, paid some of the bills, washed some of the laundry and shared some of the wonderful experiences of our trip." While they were in Tidewater, the newlyweds entertained **Evelyn & Pete Ward**, Paul's sister "Bam" & Jim Newell USNA '34, and the **Blairs** at The Max, a resplendent waterfront restaurant in Portsmouth.

1934: The Hanleys, Wards, Muff and "Bam" & Jim Newell at The Max

The time has come to rep the sad news with the good.

Beautiful **Jeannette Moore** sent word that her beau and our classmate, **Walt Moore**, died of a heart attack in Little Rock in mid-Jul. His remains were cremated and were to be buried in Arlington.

Can't you feel the tenderness coming with this ltr from our new Cl sweetheart, **Anne Kern**? "I attended the mem svc for **Hallet Edson** yesterday with **Hope & Gene Corrigan**. He suggested that I copy the enclosed newspaper obits for Cl notes. Also attending were **Francie & Johnny Stevens, Ginger & Burt Bruce, Cille & 'PS' Brown, Betty Anne Cheston, Beth Lyon** and **Jan Tibbets**. I think I have listed them all." According to the obits, Hal died of cardiac arrest on 23 Sep at Arleigh Burke Pavilion of Vincent Hall in McLean. One of his later asgmts (for which he could never be appropriately rewarded) was dir of Avn for the DA. On ret, Hal helped organize and served as exec VP of the Natl Assn for the Uniformed Svcs. Our high-spirited companion was a mbr of both the Mayflower Soc and the sons of the American Revolution. Hal is

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survived by his beautiful, devoted, beloved wife **Faith Varney Edson**, their 3 children, and Standish Edson, his brother. Interment was at WP.

Francie & Johnny Stevens' postmark was from the Fairfax at Ft Belvoir: "Enclosed please find snapshots, which I hope you can use, and also a clipping from the Newburgh paper sent to me by **Jeanne Finkenauer** in tears. It looks like a bad sign for our alma mater." Ed: I extrapolate briefly: Elimination of WP, Navy and AF bands proposed in Congress appropriation bill. The USMA Band plays numerous free performances ea yr for Hudson Valley and natl audiences. Mbrs of the Band engage in basic trning, serve initial 3-yr enlistments and must have coll degrees, most of which are at the grad level. An alternative band made up of cadets would not be able to provide the same level of music, nor would it provide the same consistency of performance. Stevens resumes: "**Dan Cheston** is in our Health Care Ctr, and **Betty Anne** is in the Madison Bldg here and doing well. **Ruth & Jack Renfroe** had a nice party in the apt of the Bob Palmers '37. They had been mutual godparents at WP. **Loretta Lewis** is just back from an AOG trip to the Natl Parks. Hope & Gene Corrigan are back from a visit to check on their new apt at Bethany Beach. The Cl at the Fairfax entertained Lydia & Paul Hanley. ATB."

1934: Johnny & Francie Stevens celebrated their 57th at Peter Haines '24's in the Fairfax

Alex Waugh, from El Paso, wants you to know: "The note I gave **Cy Betts** to put in his annual ltr asks for ideas that we may consider in planning the 60th. My cmte consists of **Ralph Bucknam, Jeanne Finkenauer, Moon Northam, Bill Neal, Bert Spivey** and myself. Our being assigned rooms at the Thayer depends on the status of remodeling and additions in May 94. Jeanne is keeping in touch with the situation, but AOG will not give any firm commitment prior to one yr from the reunion."

A call to **Janet Diefendorf** reassured me that **John** is doing well but has a hard time maneuvering. Beautiful Janet sounded ebullient. What lucky men we are to have married women who have cared for us 3 times as long as our mothers did!

These notes confirm the insurance actuary forecast at our reunion that the Cl of '34 would be 50% fewer in 5 yrs. But these notes are not sufficient expression of Cl emotions about classmates' passing. The death of roommates and co-mates demands a ltr of condolence immediately. The death of a spouse also demands attention. You are even more responsible to have prepared a full obit ready for publication. Send these to the Cl secy. Have your survivors read it before mailing. Be sure your principal survivor has a copy, and also a roommate.

A postcard pic of a grand bldg complex at Asbury Methodist Vill advises of the new address for the **P Stanley Browns**: 415 Russell Ave, Apt #506, Gaithersburg, MD 20877; tel 301-216-5755.

The WPS of Hampton Rd's Bd of Dirs, of which **Pete** and I are mbrs, at our Navy game planning mtg, presented to **Eddie Farnsworth** a plaque noting his svc as founder and lifetime mbr. Eddie is picking up stakes and moving to the Fairfax—where the '34 contingent will recruit you, too, if you are searching for elegance, convenience and the co of other advocates of the Army Team.

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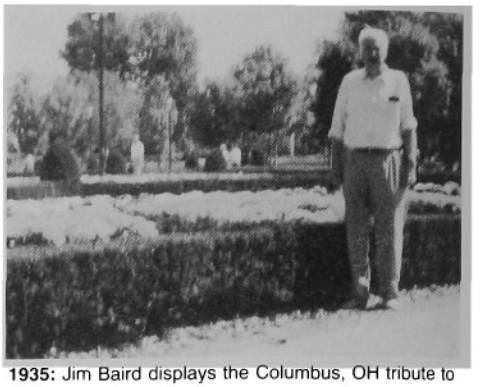
News in short supply—but—a single item ranks top billing: **Norm Skinrood**'s recovery from colon cancer. Details: A late-Aug call from Bill Vaughan '41, a neighbor of the Skinroods in Pensacola, rep that Norm would enter the hosp. When no update came, apprehension ran high. A call to **Edie** produced this info: "In tracking down an anemic problem, the drs discovered colon cancer at junction of small and large intestine. Prompt surgery took place 31 Aug, with the removal of 8" of colon and 6" of small intestine; chemotherapy and radiation were not applied; prognosis is excellent." The Cl shares Edie's jubilation. She added they were sorry to miss the Cancun Mini but are ready for the next outing.

Re the Mini, a lively gp of 20 upheld the Cl reputation as "pioneer mini-reunioneers;" full rep next issue. **Joe & Jean Wiechmann**, our Cl ambassadors to the AAA through season-after-season season tickets, recounted that, at the opening game, the half-time ceremonies were dedicated to the recognition of WP Olympic athletes, foremost of whom was our own **Charlie Leonard** [see article in Nov *ASSEMBLY*]. It is well-known that Charlie's asgmt upon grad was to the Modern Pentathalon Olympic Tm, then under training at WP. After the 36 Berlin Olympics' attendant publicity, *Time* mag featured Charlie, Jesse Owens, *et al* as recipients of medals from an "upstart megalomaniac head-of-state" (retained in Charlie's 'A' Book?).

Rep from the DC contingent: A turn-out of 28 locals assembled at the Fairfax for Sep co-ed luncheon. **Frank & Jane Fiore** are enjoying a leisurely round-the-world trek which will include Beijing, China, where Frank's son-in-law occupies the post of US Ambassador. **Arlene Cole** (ever a contributor) submitted a full news rep on the future of the Presidio of San Fran. (It goes to Natl Park Svc; the "Old Army" loses another crown jewel.) **Hart & Betty Caughey** returned from their rustic cabin summer habitat in ME and are looking forward to the Cancun Mini.

Jim Baird, one of our most loyal/liked ex'es of '35, sent us pix of the ameraflora near his home in Columbus, OH—a tribute to our country's discoverer. In true civic spirit, Jim stated that this display far exceeds that of Holland.

George & Meg Eckhardt continued the observance of their 50th wedding anniv with a family trip (George's side) on the *Mississippi Queen*. **Tom & Billie Gillis** rep all ok with them, but daughter Lee (known to many of us) saw 22 yrs of dedicated computer endeavor go



1935: Jim Baird displays the Columbus, OH tribute to Christopher Ditto

up in flames with the destruction of the main ofc of her 9 bookstores in the East—in Chapel Hill, NC. All's back and trauma overcome. Their grandson, LT Chris Logan, USAF, participated with his Andrews AFB unit in relief of Hurricane Andrew victims. His outspoken conclusions were strong rebuttal that the mil was guilty of "foot-dragging;" he stated, "I didn't see Dan Rather there!"

As you read these lines, **Bill & Charlotte Chapman** will be our latest residents at the Fairfax, truly the Cl ctr of residential gravity. File new address: **Isabel Bidgood**, Mt Vernon Nursing Ctr, 8111 Tiswell Dr, Alexandria, VA 22306; tel (703) 360-4000.

'36

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[Guest columnist: **Sara Beard**.] **Phil Gage** is off to CA as these notes are being written. Once again I'm filling in for him and am very glad to do so. As he rep in the last issue, I was gone all summer. It's nice to be home again and to catch up on Cl news from the notes he's sent me.

I have in hand also the info from **Clark Hosmer** (which I hope all of you have seen) concerning the Cl mini-reunion at the AFA, 8–11 Jan 93. In my humble opinion it is a marvelous opportunity for the Cl to get together in a beautiful setting, a place where many of us have close ties, and where we can enjoy the benefits of mil housing and meals at an O Club. I received several ltrs last yr when possible tourist trips at tourist prices were proposed. They pointed out that, in our much-traveled lives, we didn't need another tourist excursion, only a place where we can get together and share our lives and our thoughts with our friends. Thanks to Clark and his distinguished son, LTG Brad Hosmer, who with his beautiful wife will host our gathering, we'll have just that. And we'll even have the added pleasure of a location any tourist would envy! The Cl, I'm sure you'll agree, owes a large debt of gratitude to Clark and his son Brad, the AFA Supe, for making this possible for us.

Speaking of sons, I was struck by how many of **Phil**'s notes were concerned with them this time. There was a proof copy, sent to Phil by **Gil Dorland** Sr, of the *ASSEMBLY* review of the book *Duty, Honor, Company*, written by sons Gil Dorland '59 and John Dorland '63. There was a moving ltr from **Howell Estes** reminding Phil of their trip in 65 to the AFA to participate in the grad of two '36 sons, Howell Estes III and Steve Grohs. He then described for Phil, "all these yrs later," the

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ceremony at the Pentagon recently when Howell III made LTG. "The CSAF pinned the 3rd star on one shoulder, and Howell's wife Jordana and I collaborated in pinning the extra star on the other shoulder," writes Howell. He adds that his son left for Korea a couple of days after the ceremony to assume cmd of the 7th AF. Then he mentioned how much he was looking forward to the reunion at the AFA. Incidentally, there have been notes from both Phil and **Clark** on the subject of the invitation to the other '36 sons who attended the AFA and their families. These include, besides Brad, Howell III and Steve Grohs, Larry Gunn '64, Brice Jones '61 (who tried hard with his father to host us at Napa Valley last yr), Bill Miller and Tom "Tat" True. Finally, Phil had a ltr from the **Swains**, which included the pic shown here of Tom, their 3rd son, getting his first star.

1936: GEN Powell, Vera Swain, Jeanne Swain, BG Thomas E Swain and COL Oren Swain

The ceremony took place in GEN Powell's ofc. BG Tom Swain now commands HQ V Corps Arty in Europe.

Vera Swain is still actively pursuing her career as an artist. Incl with their note was a program for a showing of the "Belfair Artists'" work at "The Gallery at River Farm" in Alexandria. The list of the artists included not only Vera but our **Helen Spencer** as well. **Oren**, sadly, is back on chemotherapy again, but he says he expects to continue as usual!

Is there any wonder that the Cl of '36 has produced such strong and special sons? **Phil** suggests that we bring any of our children who can make the trip with us to the AFA. Perhaps we could plan some sort of recognition or introduction of them if enough turn up to make a special occasion for them worthwhile. Most important of all, however, let's get as many of us there as possible!

I had a talk with **Westy** on Fri, 2 Oct. The first thing he told me was that **Bill Ryder** had died that morn of cancer in the Ft Bragg hosp. **Bill Yarborough** was there with him at the end. Phil tells me that Bill Ryder was the very first parachute jumper in the US mil! I know that by the time you read this, his death will be "old" news, but I still welcome the chance to express in print the sadness of the Cl at his death and its sympathy for **Muriel** and the Ryder family.

Westy also told me that he attended the regular Cl luncheon at the Pentagon last mo (Sep) and that **Ken Dawalt** and his gp, our "chapter" in charge of handling '36 business for the rest of us, had approved our sponsoring of Bob Dole for the Thayer Award. He also mentioned that **Kitsy** was at the airport right then, on her way to visit their daughter & her Italian husband in Italy.

Phil talked to **Charlie Stewart**, and **Clark Hosmer** visited with him on one of his long trips, this one to WA. Both rep that Charlie is "in remission" and doing well right now. He will, however, have surgery for a "bum" knee, he told Phil, and hopes he will get results "as good as those claimed by **Al Hess**!" Confirming his present health, he also told Phil that he had brunch with **Patty Williams**, back from her Jun trip to several European countries. We widows get around, don't we?

Speaking of travels, there were several mentions of 50th anniv reunions of outfits from WWII, the most recent being in a ltr from the **Quinns**. **Bob**, who was in cmd of the 15th Cav Gp in WWII, & **Juana** had been to Columbus, OH for such a reunion. I attended a reunion of **Skip**'s outfit, the 41st Engrs, in Tuscaloosa, AL, and this last summer, as you know, **Betty Chaffin** and I went to Australia. The Australian government had invited the 808th Air Engrs, the first American troops to come to their aid at the outbreak of WWII, to return to Australia and celebrate the anniv of their arrival there. **Dave Chaffin** had been in cmd of that outfit. He & **Betty** had planned to make that trip. I was just a poor substitute for Dave! Surely there have been others of us who have experienced such nostalgic annivs.

The **Quinns'** ltr also told **Phil** that they sold their home and have joined **Ike & Betsy Smith** at Fleet Landing in FL. New address: 1104 Fleet Landing Blvd, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233; tel 904-241-3518.

Good news came from **Sis Miles.** At the time of her accident, rep earlier, **Eddie** had an infected toe and was also in the hosp. He almost lost his foot! Both, however, have recovered fully and are doing fine now. Good news of the type coming from **Oren** comes from **Larry Laurion**. His list of ailments is a long one, yet he writes he "is doing well—hasn't used oxygen for about two wks—a record." Most of his ltr concerns the upcoming reunion. "There's a chance that I'll attend, but it's rather slight. Rest assured I'll be there if at all possible!" Among other things, Larry has prostate cancer, as has **Jimmy Hughes**. I was interested to hear that **Flo Jakle** corresponds with Jimmy. I'd like to add that we widows, or anyone else, could really help in keeping up with those who are ill or alone. For instance, there's one of our own, **Lucille Warfield**, who has cancer. Then there's **Bill Hay**, who had a stroke, and a host of others who could be cheered by hearing from someone in the Cl. **Phil Gage**, bless him, keeps up with them all, and the possibility of help from the rest of us is a project very dear to his heart. I won't list all the names here—just contact Phil if any of you can see your way to dropping a note or two to one of our own.

Finally, there's a ltr from the **Hiesters** to whom we also all owe a great, big debt of gratitude. Their help, through the yrs, for those of us who get to WP on business, for funerals or for any other reason, is endless and caring. They also keep us up-to-date on what takes place there. Their latest ltr contains the clipping about Sen Nunn's proposal for sweeping changes at USMA. Among these changes I'll just mention one, the disbanding of the USMA Band. Dave asks, "Does Nunn expect the Corps to march to canned music?" I expect we'll all be hearing more about these proposals in the near future! [See Supe's ltr. Ed.]

Meanwhile, **Phil** attended a '36 luncheon at Monterey, CA on 20 Oct and sent the nearby pic of it for this col. He rep from the luncheon that "one great disappointment was that the **Chappelears** had driven up from L.A., but **Louie** had a problem that was so discomforting that they went home only an hour before our lunch. Louie has been the Cl's longest-suffering disabled mbr and its greatest stoic."

I'm poorly supplied with pix this time. I even thought of volunteering a cute one of **Betty Chaffin** holding a live koala bear. However, I'm planning to visit her in Wash next mo, so I decided against it!

Finally, because you will not read this col until after Christmas, my wish now for Happy Holidays would not make much sense. What will make sense to you, I hope, is my heartfelt

1936: C1 luncheon in Oct at the Del Monte Hotel (Navy), CA. Present were the Buynoskis, Dellingers, Fergussons, Gages, Hayes, Janof, Joneses, McCorkles, Meanys, Millers, Terrells and Fetley

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wish for a bright and happy New Yr, even a lucky one, for everyone who is a part of this very special Cl of '36!

'37

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On Sun AM on 13 Sep, **Eph Graham** called to tell me the sad news that **Render Denson** died at 1740 the day before. Later, **Louise Gray** filled in the details. Render had been undergoing chemotherapy for terminal cancer at the hosp and decided to go home to be with his family and in the care of the Hospice of San Ant. His son Render Jr, daughter Rosemary (a judge from St Louis), daughter Jennifer Straus from Seattle (Render was visiting her when he checked in with us at the mini) and his brother had been with him for several wks when he passed away peacefully. His children returned home to find gifts from their father awaiting them—floral bouquets for the daughters and a planting for his son. On 25 Sep a memorial Mass was said for Render at St Pius X RC Church, and burial was in the Natl Cem, Ft Sam with his beloved **Rosemary** (Clarkin), who predeceased him in 85. His friend Peggy Baetz, assisted by Mary Elizabeth York (Ski's widow), received mourners at her home. We mourn his loss and admire the style with which he faced his last challenge. Louise Gray and **Frances Blaha** thoughtfully sent me mem cards which showed the youthful couple bedecked in leis when they were joined together in HI in 39.

1937: Trapper Drum with Beaver Stevenson at 55th Reunion

Right after **Eph** called, he & **Dottie** took off for Jekyll Isl, GA to attend a reunion of his WWII tank destroyer bn, the 644th.

There were only 15 of us at the 21 Aug luncheon at Ft McNair, with many on vacation. **Trapper Drum** announced that **Bob White** removed himself from Wash's Most Eligible Bachelors' list by marrying **Linda** Grimsley of Mobile, AL in early Aug. In a note to **Bob Gildart**, **Spic Nadal** promised that they would make all the minis as soon as they are settled in FL or TX, and, with the 60th to look forward to, "that should keep the body fluids gurgling!"

I hope you noticed the reunion pix in the fore part of the Sep *ASSEMBLY*. There was an excellent one of **Stan Connelly** and his daughter Mary Jane at the reunion dinner. Also of **Cecil Himes** in front of the Cl tree in 37 and then 55 yrs later.

Bob Seedlock rep that he had planned to join **Gene Stann** from Stewart and **Jim Reeves** from Cocoa Beach at the WP Soc luncheon on Tues, 25 Aug. However, when he returned

1937: Dorothy O'Malley between Dannelly and his daughter Cathy at the 55th

1937: Stan Smith and Betty Spengler at the 55th

home from Mass at Patrick AFB on Sat eve, 22 Aug, Tense said, "Let's go to Atl." They arrived there in their motor home late Sun, heard about Hurricane Andrew and returned to FL to offer their RV, which sleeps 6, to rescue workers and then to the sheriffs and police. Bob had a ringside seat at the disaster area and saw one person injured by flying debris from a helicopter, whose pilot later apologized to the injured party. Bob described the devastation to Homestead and said that the DOD response was awesome: 11,510 troops, huge numbers of portable toilets, radios, field kitchens, etc. It was the largest natl disaster in US history.

The **Halls** returned in early Sep to their "new" home at the Fairfax, which they like very much. They had a very active summer and had planned to visit the **Registers** and **Hallocks** while in their neck of the woods, but family commitments, drs' appts and their art endeavors cancelled those plans. In between improvements to their cottage, they managed to win two of the 7 awards in the big annual Kennebunk R Club art show in mid-Aug. Ann won the Patron's Prize (second-highest award) and Scott the blue ribbon for his wood sculpture of 3 dolphins. Daughter Robin and family from Bath visited them, as did Laurie and her daughter Adrienne from MD, to make plans for Adrienne's wedding in Kennebunk next Apr.

Byroade, Diercks, Drum, Maliszewski and **Oden** represented '37 at the Sep WPS of DC qtrly luncheon at Ft Myer and heard a very fine talk by the Army C/S.

On 18 Sep, 18 of us had a really good luncheon at Ft McNair. Most of the travelers were back with the exception of **Fred Clarke**, who will be at the co-ed one at the Fairfax on 16 Oct. We had a nice ltr of appreciation from the Dir of Focus; hope for the Cl contrib in memory of **Stan Connolly**. It is a charitable orgn devoted to assisting the needy and promoting racial harmony. Stan devoted his ret yrs to it and marathon running. He ran in 23

1937: Tom's grandsons, Clarke, Coach Emmer, Peggy, Claudine Evans and LTG Graves at presentation ceremony

major marathons. The last one was the Midnight Sun Marathon in AK, 500 mi N of the Arctic Circle in 91. He had to cancel a repeat in 92 because of illness. During the luncheon we discussed the Honolulu Mini for Sep 93 and, if local interest is any indication, there will be an excellent turnout. Over half at the luncheon answered affirmatively when polled. I also was able to get **Louise Gray** on course. She will team up with **Edna Cheal**, while **Sally Mercado** will do likewise with **Lorrie Spaulding**. I was advised at the luncheon that Sally had been inducted into the Molly Pitcher Soc, a Field Arty sponsored honorary soc. Molly became the first female cannoneer when she stepped forward and took her husband's place after he became a casualty in the Revolution during the battle of Monmouth on 28 Jun 1778. She was born in Carlisle, PA in 1754 as Mary Ludwig. Since she carried water to the gun position in a pitcher, she became Molly Pitcher to the soldiers.

Bob Gildart continues to get thank-you notes from those to whom he mailed 55th reunion favors. **Dorris Conway** wanted to join us, but she had to go to her grandson's coll grad. He is the one who won his fight against brain cancer two yrs ago. Another graduated from HS and is headed for Cal Tech to study astrophysics. She is off for two wks to visit AF friends in Vienna and a Ger couple in Hamburg who are theatrical producers. She helps them with translations of English to German. One of their questions: Is a "fast" girl one who runs well in marathons? **Alice Westover** also wrote Bob that she hasn't been back to USMA since she & **Westy** went to the 40th. She enjoys her spot in the sun and and travels a bit. Her family continues to grow and now includes two grandkids.

Bill Strandberg called recently to find out more about his Swim teammate **Stan Connolly**. He had seen his name on the Last Roll Call in *ASSEMBLY*. He also told me what a great time he had at the 55th and, while he cannot make Honolulu, he plans to go to Mystic in 94.

Here are some interesting items from a 12 May 91 ltr from **Dan Richards** found in my files (?). I am very sorry and embarrassed. He had been to Chicago to see a grandson get his doctorate, then met Tom & Jean Hayes '36 in London for a visit to York, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Paris for a week visiting places he & Janey had known and loved. After that trip he went to Yale to see a granddaughter before she left for Paraguay for a summer with Amigos de las Americas. The grandson went to the U of Sydney for grad studies, courtesy of Rotary Intl, and the grandaughter will spend her jr yr at the U of Seville before

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returning to Yale for her sr yr. What a wonderful legacy from you & Janey!

Dick Maffry '42 sent a copy of the brochure on the Columbarium Chapel in the Undercroft of the Old Cadet Chapel. Write or phone Mrs Grace Foster at the Mortuary Ofc, (914) 938-2504, for info relative to asgmt of niches and scheduling of svcs.

A short note from our peripatetic duo, **Bill & Dotty Amos**. In Jul they spent two wks at an Elderhostel in Oaxaca, Mexico and then wandered up to New Mexico in Aug. On 1 Sep they went to London (not to see the Queen) for a 17-day tour of England, Scotland and Wales. In Nov-Dec they plan to spend 3 wks in Central America. They'll skip New Zealand this spring and drive to AK instead. Next Aug they'll assemble their family somewhere. They missed the **Fellows** when they came to TX for a fly-boy reunion and said that they attended a mini called by **Render** on 25 Sep, God rest him.

On 22 Sep I received the following: "I am writing for my mother **Phoebe Cromelin**. She has been keeping track of the Cl and recalls with affection the reunion in Charleston she attended. She asked me to send you her news. Since that time she moved to a TH, still in the Fayetteville area, which she refurbished and spruced up and has enjoyed in the intervening yrs. Visits to her son in Oakland and me in Blue Water, FL alternated with gardening and volunteering in the local art museum. Late in 90 she began having difficulty swallowing and enunciating. Drs ruled out cancer and obstructions, but in Apr 91 a Chapel Hill neurologist diagnosed ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). As speech became unintelligible, she shifted to writing on a 'magic slate' and was fondly known as 'the lady with a slate.' With her sense of humor intact, she would write, 'My voice has gone AWOL.' She regrets not writing and responding to those who have sent notes; she uses her flagging energy to communicate her daily needs. As I write, I find it hard to describe her situation objectively. . . . She has not wanted sympathy or pity; rather she has treasured closer relationships. Instead of tears, she has relished laughs. She has made and continues to make her own decisions along the way. She is now in good hands with the skilled nursing staff at Highland House Care Ctr, PO Box 35887, Fayetteville, NC 28303 and would enjoy a funny card from anyone who has a minute to write. Thanks, **Don**, for continuing to communicate with her. With appreciation," signed Robin Cromelin Stiles. The ball is in your court, gang.

I'll close with a note on the **Gildarts'** son's most recent adventure—which I find immensely interesting and hope you will also. Bert & Janie had been teaching sch for a yr and a half in a remote Indian vill in AK above the Arctic Circle. He is a photo journalist and mbr of the Outdoor Writers of America Assn, from whom he has won awards for his photography and writing. He also developed an intense interest in preserving the environment and in the adverse effects of drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Preserve. In order to become better acquainted with the problem, he & his wife, by themselves, took a 150-mile trek through the wilderness in NE AK from the interior over the Brooks Range to the northern side, where they picked up the Hula R (named by a shipwrecked Hawaiian). They had arranged for a bush pilot from MT to fly a raft to a gravel spit. From there they rafted down the Hula into the Arctic Ocean, where an Eskimo took them to a habitable isl. They paid him off with a king salmon. This amazing couple, traveling by compass through wilderness where no white man had been, lived off the land by catching fish, shooting game and eating berries and edible wild roots. They are now back home in MT, sorting out the riches they mined on their extraordinary journey.

1937: Holcomb, Fellows, Stark and Ulricson at Fly Sch '38C Reunion

Just as I was about to mail these notes to WP, a ltr came from my SW correspondent **Dick Fellows**. He & **Bet** attended the Fly Sch '38C's reunion in San Ant with **Holcomb, Ulricson** and **Stark** (up from Mexico).

1937: At the top of the ARC: Bet Fellows, the Ohmans and Eph Graham

"**Charlie** was his usual uninhibited self. The rest of us had aged." The Fellowses visited the **Grahams** and **Ohmans** at the ARC. **Swede** has had some heart problems but has them in hand. "**Eleanor**, however, told him there would be no wild partying with those '38C roughnecks. **Geo** Holcomb, winner of last yr's tournament, awarded the trophy to this yr's winner—none other than **Junior Ulricson**." He said that **Bill Horrigan** is hanging in there with max spt from his beautiful Eleanor.

And now we are off to visit son Don & Rachel in Izmir, Turkey on 12–26 Oct.

'38

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On 22 Aug **Omar Knox** died at home of coronary complications. Mem svcs on 28 Aug were held in San Ant at Pope Pius Catholic Church and graveside svcs, with mil honors, at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cem. He is survived by **Maria**, 6 children and 7 grandchildren. **Howard Kenzie** was best man at their wedding. As his roommate briefly in "I" Co, I have fine memories of him. Maria told me that Omar "always cherished belonging to the WP Cl of '38." She thanked the Cl of '38 "for the beautiful flowers at Omar's Memorial Mass."

On 30 Sep, AOG informed our Cl Pres of the death of **Samuel Campanella**, who died at home of cancer in Newport, RI after a long illness. He was buried in the new Trinity Cem there. His widow **Ingrid** informed me that she & **Sam** have 5 living children and 4 grandchildren.

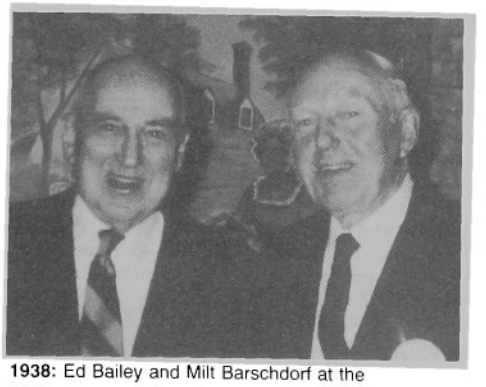
On 4 Sep, **Bob Offer** died at home of cancer and coronary complications at Lawton, OK. Funeral svcs, with mil honors, were held on 8 Sep at Ft Sill Chapel and Natl Cem. We recall that, at our mini-reunion in Williamsburg, Bob was frail and courageously coping with cancer. His goal at that time was to attend our 55th Reunion in May 93. Unfortunately, he is unable to do so, but his widow **Fran** expects to represent him there. Survivors include Fran, son COL (Ret) Robert; two daughters, Jan Anthony and Betsy Lauer; and 5 grandchildren.

On 2 Sep **John (Jack) Thompson** died at home in St Augustine while asleep. On 11 Sep he was buried in Arlington Natl Cem. His survivors include **Cynthia**; son John W III, a grad of Wash & Lee Univ employed by the state of FL; and daughter Cynthia, a 3rd-yr law student at the U of VA. Cynthia thanks everyone for condolences, calls, cards, flowers, etc received by the family.

Cl Pres **Junie Lotz** has contacted ea of these bereaved families, expressing our condolences and sympathy. Where feasible, our Cl ofcrs respond promptly to such death notices to contact the bereaved families. We remind our readers to notify AOG and either Lotz or **Lewis** in the future of deaths of any classmate, wife or widow.

Bob Brown had a cerebral hemorrhage on 2 Sep and is in the hosp at WRAMC. He is currently participating in physical and speech therapies. We miss his many contribs to our '38'er activities and pray for his recovery. Our Cl Pres has appointed **Bill Smith** VP and **Gene Kelsey** chm of the Gift Cmte, relieving Bob of those duties. **Junie** commented that Bill Smith is one of our remaining Cl ofcrs who were elected at the 50th Reunion.

On 13 Aug **Thackeray** returned home after two wks in Spain judging equestrian events at the Olympics. He said that "my Spanish was not too good and I didn't eat well while there." He was leaving for CA soon and hoped to see **CH Anderson**, who has left Ventura and is now residing in Ger.



1938: Ed Bailey and Milt Barschdorf at the Williamsburg mini-reunion

After USMA grad, John **Strange** '92, grandson of **Hubie & Bettie**, went to Inf Basic Ofcr Trning at Ft Benning en route to eventual

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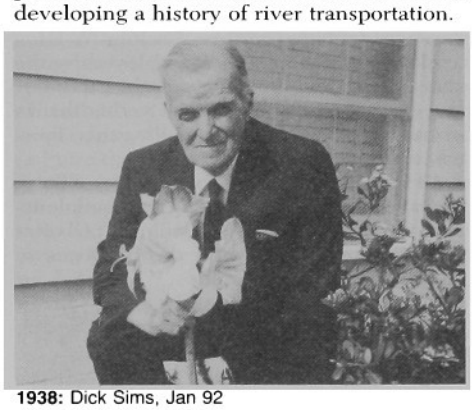
asgmt at Ft Campbell. Hubie was aware that my good friend, W Dixon Smith '28, had moved recently from MD to Marquette Manor in his neighborhood to be near his son and family in Indianapolis. The 20 Aug *Wall Street Journal*, p A8, contains an article by **Trevor Dupuy**, entitled "How to Win the War in Yugoslavia." If you haven't read it, you would find it worthwhile. **John Damon** appears fully recovered from his surgery and stroke in Jun. He told me recently that his recovery "was a miracle."

After his ret from the Army COE in 59, **Milt Barschdorf** served as Port Dir, Port of Greenville, MS, until 82. He & **Emily** then became residents of the Fairfax in NVA. During 74 he conceived the idea of the Inland River Ports and Terminals, Inc (IRPT). He was the ldr in its formation. As its pres and later chm of the bd, and now as a consultant, he has been for yrs in the forefront of IRPT activities. During 77, he accompanied the govr of MI and a state delegation to discuss the Panama Canal Treaty with Pres Carter. Milt & Emily travel frequently, and he consults about river transportation and other IRPT interests. He is also developing a history of river transportation.



1938: Dick Sims, Jan 92

On 29 Aug from **Riordan**: "Daughter Janet is on a two-wk bicycle tour of Ireland and will be back 4 Sep with pix, tales and flat tires. **Bea** & I are going to spend a wk in a condo at Black Mtn near Boone and Banner, NC. From 2–9 Sep my daughter Rosemary thought it would be just dandy if she brought out two grandsons (ages 2 and 6) to keep us company. The mtns are a good place to run, etc. I still am planning to run in the Marine Marathon."

On 8 Sep, from **Mark Brennan**: "On 27 Aug **Ibby** & I had a nice visit with **Frank & Dot Sturdivant**, while they were visiting Frank's sister & brother-in-law (Mickie & Gregg McKee '41) here in Carmel. Frank & Dot had just returned from a cruise to AK. The McKees hosted a dinner party which also incl **Jim & Adele Henderson**. Jim & I still get in our wkly golf game at Ft Ord."

On 10 Sep **Bill Sussman** informed me that he & **Mona** moved on 27 Jul to Knollwood, #370, 6200 Oregon Ave NW, Wash, DC 20015; tel 202-541-0370. A truck blocked the unloading ramp and the elevator was not working. Now that this move is completed, the Sussmanns are adjusting to the routine of a ret community.

On 12 Sep **Kay Broberg** moved from the Chicago area to 1 Fleet Landing Blvd, Apt 1113, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233; tel 904-246-9900 x 9732.

On 28 Sep from **Bill Strand**, San Ant, TX: "The WPS of S TX luncheon on 18 Sep was held at USAA Towers and was well-attended by '38'ers: **Ken & Helen Skaer**, Bill & **Dotsy Strand** and **Mary Kelley**.

Mert & Jean Singer enjoyed a wk in Costa Rica in mid-Sep. They attended an environmental conf in San José. Mert was favorably impressed by the city, country, beautiful orchids and seeing first-hand the rain forests and the need to preserve them. Mary Kelley spent the mo of Aug at Cape Cod with her son, daughter and grandchildren.

On 24 Sep, attendees at our monthly luncheon included, with wives, **Conell, Lewis, Lotz, Art Smith** and **Sussman**; also **April Adams, Isabel Bonnett, Nim Collins, Davis, Trudy Hannum, Bill Smith, Alice Stilwell, Rosalie Folda Valentine** and **Walson**. In relief of **Bob Brown**, **Bill** Walson made the arrangements, and we were guests in the home of Alice Stilwell for refreshments and a delightful lunch. Alice was assisted by her son Dick; **Mary Missal** had planned to help with the lunch but was unable to attend due to illness. Everyone relaxed and discussed events of the summer and plans for our 55th Reunion. **Junie & Shirley** Lotz had returned 23 Sep from an Alaskan cruise plus trips by rail and bus in the Canadian Rockies and in Wash state. Despite his recent bypass surgery, Junie enjoyed his travels, returning with eagerness to tackle the tasks at hand. He briefed attendees on the planning for the 55th Reunion. He intends to mail another ltr about the 55th in Jan. He & Shirley will probably go to WP in early 93. **Art Smith** discussed draft copies of a feature article for *ASSEMBLY* in 93 about the Unbroken Line. Various ideas about a Cl gift were discussed in preparation for our 55th Reunion. Junie reviewed **Ed Machen**'s draft of another bronze plaque, proposed for installation on the Overlook at our 60th Reunion, if approved at our 55th. A new Columbarium is being installed in the undercroft of the Old Chapel at WP. **Paul Davis** will be in Spain during Oct and **Rosalie Valentine** will be in Ger for two wks, visiting Munich, Garmisch and Berlin. **Nick Chavasse** was in WY and had returned recently from a sqdn reunion in San Diego.

In mid-Sep the **Mrazeks** visited in NC with the **Beverleys** at Bermuda Run and with Thelma's brother in Spruce Pine. Then they attended Thelma's Cl reunion at Duke U. The **Millers** entertained the Mrazeks and the Shoemakers '40, who had just moved to the Fairfax. Jim and Roy were on CGSC staff together in the 50's. **Roy, Judy** and **Peggy** Miller went to Western HS in DC. Needless to say, it was an eve of nostalgic reminiscing. The Millers went to Champaign, IL in Oct to attend the wedding of their granddaughter Jenny (Frank Jr's daughter) to Don Hague, who will enter USAF from coll soon.

On 30 Sep, some extracts from notes by **Hugh Wallace**: "**Lou & Ellen Coira** are beaming proudly since their grandson made Phi Beta Kappa at U/Chicago and is heading to Oxford on a scholarship. The **Irvins** went to Vail, CO for the 50th anniv of 10th Mtn Div. **Bob Works** also was present for the festivities. **Mona Preuss** is just back from a trip through Switzerland, Austria and parts of Northern Italy. **Jo (Ryan) Houston** & Carl visited **Jack**'s sister and other family mbrs, who were happy to meet Carl. They then traveled to AL for a reunion with Carl's family. Four brothers were there, and all had a very merry time. John Jr's widow for some 20 yrs, Martha recently got her med dr's degree and is marrying another dr. The **Skaers** attended the "TX" pageant in Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo. It is a great outdoors musical extravaganza, complete with cowboy breakfast and ranch cookout. The **Wallaces** had a great tour on their Scotland, Wales and England trip. They visited Edinboro, Culloden battlefield at Inverness, Loch Ness, cruised Loch Lomond and Lake Windermere, saw the walled city and cathedral of Chester, Coventry, Stratford-on-Avon, Bath, Stonehenge, and finally toured London, attending the musical "Miss Saigon." **Jan** enjoyed helping the financial statement for this qtr of Edinburgh Woolen Mills."

On 6 Oct **Bill Frederick** died in Eau Gallie, FL, due to complications following a massive stroke about 30 days before. He was buried on 9 Oct in a family plot there, with graveside svcs attended by **Carter Duncan**. **Junie Lotz** contacted Bill's widow **Paddy**, expressing condolences on behalf of the Cl of '38.

JB Coleman rep, on 5 Oct, that he was inspired by the pic with medals of his younger brother, "Sleepy (Robert M Coleman '39)," just below our Cl notes in the Sep 92 *ASSEMBLY*. He considered sending a similar pic to *ASSEMBLY* with his own 12 gold medals, "but decided not to." The following is about his recent athletic prowess: "Anyway, since I have been at Fleet Landing, I've won 6 gold medals for bike races and swim races in a 4 Jul competition at Fleet Landing. Then, for Sr games at the City of Jacksonville, I've won 6 gold medals for swimming and race walking. Periodic competitions keep me going in the things I do—race walk, bike race, free-style swim. Three times/wk I do 'NordicTrack' skiing, at 80% of my max pulse. I'm no **Cliff Riordan** though!" Are there other classmates with comparable activities?

Attendees at our 55th Reunion next May should have made firm motel reservations by 31 Dec 92. Another ltr providing more info and requiring final commitments should be received by everyone in early 93. We will hope to see you there!

'39

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Speedy Hull, on 10 Oct, was the first WP grad ever inducted into the US Olympic Hall of Fame! And what credentials—mbr of nearly every Olympic delegation, 41–84; ex-pres of Intl Boxing Federation; competed in 32 Olympic boxing trials; boxing ref, 48; team mgr for Modern Pentathlon tm; mgr and coach of the 60 biathlon tm—and all these are only brief sketches of his close involvement. Our Cl can be enormously proud of Speedy's many contribs.

In the half-time ceremony of the first football game this yr, more than 60 ex-Olympians, incl at least 10 WP grads, were honored by an Olympic salute [see article in Nov *ASSEMBLY*].

Locals attending the Homecoming Football Game on 10 Oct were **Riel & Bea Crandall, Mike & Alys Krisman** and **Bud & Jackie Newcomers**, but not **Speedy & Dottie Hull** (Olympic Hall of Faming), plus **Mac & Mary McFerren, Pappy & Betty Myers, Bur & Lucile Showalter** and **Jack & Ann Habecker** all the way from CA, who, with the Krismans, had just returned from a foliage jaunt to NH. Following the exciting football game with its last few seconds' victory, most continued their tailgating near Lusk Reservoir. On de-

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1939: Speedy Hull leads Olympians in acknowledging "WP Salute" during halftime at the Army-Holy Cross Football Game at Michie Stadium

parture about 5 pm, Mac McFerren's car refused to start. Deciding to remain with the car until the tow truck arrived, he insisted that Mary and the Myers go on to Wash Hall for a long wait until the 8:30 pm dinner dance. But things went awry—the AAA could not arrange for any tow truck and the one from Highland Falls repeatedly could not find Mac in the dark! Meanwhile, the gp at dinner were also "in the dark" as to Mac's whereabouts. Finally, about 10 pm and after all kinds of speculation, Mary (with scraps of the proverbial standard alumni dinner wrapped for Mac's survival) and the Myers piled into the Showalter car to search for Mac in Highland Falls or wherever. As they started to drive out of the Central Bks area, who should knock frantically on the rear window except Mac himself (who had walked, ran, scrambled down from Lusk)—a fantastic coincidence! After delivery to their Newburgh motel and since Mac's car would not even be touched until Monday, the Myers rented a car to return to Hampton Sunday, and the McFerrens taxied to the Thayer Sunday to remain there until the car was fixed. Now, hang on for the finale: In Mary's words, "You aren't going to believe this—when the mechanic got into the 'dead' Olds, it started immediately! They test-drove it—tried to stall it—could not find anything wrong. The drive home—no problem at all." (Ah, the perversity of inanimate objects; subtitle: How *not* to enjoy Homecoming.)

Hurricane Andrew—**Bob Haffa** called with word that **Louise** & he had survived in an interior room of their home at Homestead, FL; house was severely damaged but provided a haven for friends whose home was flooded. Bob plans to rebuild; he was profoundly grateful for assistance offered. (This was received too late for Nov *ASSEMBLY* Cl notes but was published in that issue's BB section.)

Attention, all bird and whale watchers! Here's a new venture: In Oct, **Roger & Betty Lilly** flew from CO to Winnipeg, took a two-night Canadian RR trip to Churchill on Hudson Bay for two days "observing polar bear migration. . . . Brrr—have to get my parka cleaned," Roger rep. (Photo in next issue depends on the bears!)

The US Horse Cav Assn's annual banquet in El Paso in early Oct highlighted **Mike Davison** as the new chm and principal speaker, with many tales of his svc as a young LT and even a song about maneuvers on the border in the early 40s. **Abbie Boylan** and **Levin & Annie Lee** were on hand "to make sure Mike's old cav stories didn't stray too far from the truth." Also, the CG, Ft Bliss dedicated a plaque at the qtrs occupied by the Davisons in 41; eligibility: later fame, eg 4 stars.

Levin Lee also wrote that **Billy Barnett** planned the 100th birthday celebration for ret COL Luscombe, who as a civ had delivered trucks to Pershing's Punitive Expedition in 16! Incl were many VIPs, the Army Band, cav platoons, color guard, Humvee, mil and civ speakers, promotion to Adm of El Paso Navy, greetings from Pres & Mrs Bush—all arranged in style. Other news from Ft Bliss: the Barnetts on an Oct cruise of St Lawrence R, and **Abbie Boylan** on a 35-day freighter cruise in Nov.

On 9 Oct, **Tom Davis** married **Eleanor Marie** Phelps in San Ant. Attending were mbrs of both families, several of Tom's fellow POW's in the Philippines, and some classmates, incl **Walt & Ann Brinker, Matt & Elinor Bristol, Ed & Pat Kurth, John & Nita Ray Olson** and **Woody & Kate Wilson**. (Our very best wishes to you both).

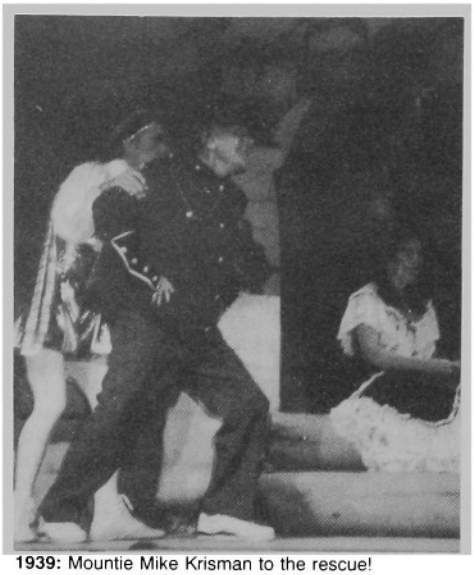
1939: Groom Tom Davis, bride Eleanor Marie Phelps and daughter at 9 Oct wedding, San Ant

Thanks to Arch Hamblen, Jun '43, we received the magnificent eulogy delivered by **Dutch Kerwin** for GEN Clyde Eddleman at the latter's funeral 24 Aug. We in '39 came to know and highly regard this great soldier as a Tac, as bd mbr for 20 yrs and later chm of Army Mutual Aid Assn and as pres of AOG—one of the "grand old men" of the Army who stand out and are remembered by other generations.

Jim & Katie Roosa, while visiting her relatives in Columbus, OH area in 91, checked on condos with a view to relocating there. In Jun 92 they did so and are now renting at 4350 Drycott St, Groveport OH 43125, pending completion of almost identical condo. It was a smooth transition, although they were slowed up (or down) when Jim's right shoulder muscles decided to break loose, requiring an opn. By early fall, however, they were beginning to enjoy some of the attractions that the area has to offer.

Charlie & Nina Kepple from Tucson wrote, ". . . spent first 3 wks of Sep cruising the Iberian Peninsula from Le Havre to Nice, stopping at several ports; 3 days in Paris and home. Last summer, were at Lake Chautauqua, NY (near my boyhood home) where we have established a camp for future summers. P.S. Should have sent this card from French Riviera, but couldn't afford the stamp!"

Mike Krisman to the rescue! During **Jack & Ann Habecker**'s visit with Mike & **Alys Krisman** and their trip to NH, they attended a country town's melodrama highlighted by audience participation. Guess who was the rescuing mounted policeman! Right on—our Mike, who, we're told, saved the heroine from



1939: Mountie Mike Krisman to the rescue!

"dire consequences!" (Of course, what else!)

Tommy Thomason, in a telecon, rep that **Nernie**, after most of 4 mos in hosps and nursing homes, has made a remarkable recovery and has now returned to their cottage in the Fairfax. Although on full-time oxygen, she is coping quite well. (Our hunch is that catered Easter dinner was a real morale builder, too!)

Hulen Wendorf, in a ltr to **Clyde Sutton**, wrote that **Helen** & he are in good health and that he teaches a ret law course at the Baylor Law Sch, writes a col for the *United Ret Bulletin*, a monthly newsltr for Babson in Boston, and is still active in the church and local Food Bank. Clyde also wrote that **Virginia** & he escorted his ex-roommate **Milt & Jean Adams** on a 5-hr whirlwind tour of Atl's new Underground Entertainment Complex, the Coca-Cola Museum, Heritage Row and the new GA RR—all in the ctr of the city. He also volunteered longer or shorter tours for other '39'ers passing through. (Be careful, Clyde—Olympics are not too far away!)

Peggy Teeters, **Bernie**'s first wife, sent word that her 5th book (but first one on WP), *WP Weekend*, will be published in 93. She also is renewing contacts with WP friends. Address: 437 James Ct, Falls Church, VA 22146.

An update on **Carl Buechner** is that he is progressing quite well and has graduated to the next-generation prosthesis. This info came from **Tim Simpson**, who keeps a close check and who also rep after his AK annual venture that the "fishing was outstanding" this yr.

Directory change: The **Barnetts**, 6115 Escondido #25C (same city, state and zip).

Taps—**William A (Bill) Hinternhoff** died 27 Sep in the VA peninsula area of Newport News, where he had lived the past two yrs. We extend sympathy to Bill's wife **Caroline** (**Lynn**); two daughters; one son; 7 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

'40

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Another '40 mini is on the way. Late in Sep, **Ned Flanders** assembled his cmte for the Tahoe Spree in 93, now set for S Lake Tahoe, CA on 4–8 Oct 93. The cmte, incl **Bill Porte,**

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Wing Jung and **Marcus Klunk**, reviewed our responses to their Jul bulletin, which asked ea of us to indicate interest in attending. They concluded a quorum would probably be there, and made their final decision to hold the mini as sched. Marcus said the cmte wanted to re-canvass, in late Oct, some of those who had not responded to the first mailing. Then Mark will mail a second bulletin to summarize mini details and tell us how we can sign up. Meanwhile, mark the dates on your calendar and get ready for a good time.

On 31 Aug, our pres, **John Burfening**, sent the AOG pres the final Cl rep on our 50th anniv gift, *The Illustrated History of WP*. The book, published by Abrams in Oct 91, is a superb volume that we expect to stand for many yrs as the definitive history of WP. The AOG had approved a total grant of $145,000 from the '40 Gift Acct; from this grant we spent about $139,000 to prepare and publish the book. This included the cost of 2,500 copies of a special Cl edition, from which some 500 copies were given to mbrs of the Cl, their next-of-kin (NOK) with known addresses and individuals who had made valuable contribs to the book. The remaining 2,000 copies are being sold by the AOG Gift Shop; so far, some $30,000 has been returned to the Cl Gift Acct from these sales. There is additional income to AOG from royalties on Abrams' sales of their trade edition of the book; to date, about $2,400 in royalties has been rec'd by the AOG. Further, when all the special-edition stock is sold, the AOG can get copies of Abrams' trade edition at a substantial discount for resale through the Gift Shop. In short, we of '40 can take great pride in a successful, meaningful gift to our Alma Mater and an enduring tribute to mbrs of the Long Gray Line who have fallen in combat, our classmates among them.

Some people have asked where to buy extra copies of the gift book; it is available through the AOG Gift Shop. If you're on their mailing list, you'll receive a catalog. If you're not on the list, you can get on by subscribing to *ASSEMBLY* or the *Register*. If you don't want to wait for the catalog, call the Gift Shop at 914-446-5869.

As I write these notes, I'm almost through rebuilding my computer's data files on classmates and, for those who have died, their widows or NOK. The painful job had a bonus effect, though; we located 8 NOK and found leads on 10 more whose addresses were unknown when the complimentary copies of the gift book were shipped. When you get your new Cl Roster, scan through the deceased classmates section; notice that many NOK are listed as unknown. Then keep your eyes peeled for these NOK; they turn up in all sorts of ways. For example, when **Phil & Chic Elliott** moved in at Fleet Landing (see note below), they found another resident to be John Coleman '38, older brother of **Freddie Coleman**, hero of the air war in the Pacific and long listed in our records as having no known NOK.

Other interesting tidbits came to light during the search for new addresses. For instance, there's a definite trend in PCS'ing to the higher altitudes of the Tucson area: first, **Fred & June Yeager** moved up from Santa Fé this past spring; then **Ross & Betty Milton** from CO Spr last summer; and, sometime this spring, **John & Alleen Burfening** will strike tents and tote their goods and chattels from Alexandria. **Dick Belt** turns up on the Exec Cmte and is dir of mkting of Patriot's Colony, the fledgling Mil Svcs Ret Residence Foundation ret community just getting started in the Williamsburg area. **John & Julie McLean** left Alexandria in mid-Oct for a 10-day flying tour through Chile, Argentina and Brazil but don't intend to change their home address a bit.

PS & Ann Reinecke stopped migrating to Hilton Head as an escape from Columbia, SC—too much hassle. **Phil & Chic Elliott** went a step further, giving up both their Sugarloaf Shores place on the lower FL keys and their mtn place in western NC to settle at Fleet Landing, a Navy ret community on the beach near Jacksonville, FL. Phil sent along a worn copy, "fetched" at auction by his brother, of the 1885 *Official Register of Ofcrs and Cadets at USMA*. This shows, even as did the *Register* in our days, the standing of ea cadet in ea subject at the end of the yr. I find it interesting that, of the 82 plebes in the Cl of '88, 17 stood #1 in discipline on Jun 85 (ea had 0 demerits for plebe yr).

Probably the best news came from **Paul Phillips**, who remains at his same mtn aerie at Tabernash, CO, address unchanged, but was remarried this past May! Paul knew **Dottie (Dorothea)** in HS and dated her as a cadet when he could return to CO on leave from WP. For now, Dottie is continuing her job as a social worker at Fitzsimmons.

I'm sure you, as I, have noted the flood of public statements about every aspect of USMA, from its mission to its cost-effectiveness. A few of these statements suggest that mil training and motivation at USMA may be inadequate. However, at least as far as '40 offspring are concerned, motivation, inspiration and mil excellence have *not* disappeared at WP. A recent mag from the WP Catholic Chapel says **O'B & Frances O'Brien**'s grandson, Robert A IV '92, chose to go Abn Inf. It goes on to say that, during his last Christmas leave, he went with the USMA Parachute Team to the Natl Collegiate Championships in Tucson, AZ, from which he emerged first in the Master's Category; first overall; and, thus, Natl Collegiate Parachute Champion [see May 92 *ASSEMBLY*, pgs 14–15]. I called O'B, who proudly confirms that, with Air Assault Sch, Abn Sch and over 550 jumps under his belt before grad, young Bob knew then and knows now just what he wants to do and is doing it. Now at Ft Benning to finish the Inf Off Basic Course and Ranger Sch, he'll rep to the 101st Abn Div at Ft Campbell. O'B says Bob's motivation is in very good shape, thank you.

I owe both **Janet Bavaro** and **Sue DeWitt** apologies for mixing them up in my photo caption in the Sep notes. The shot of **Mary Jacobs, Mike Bavaro** and Sue DeWitt showed the 3 grads of Highland Falls HS, friends since childhood, together again at Nashville. I goofed!

Jim Maedler dug into the archives and came up with a pg from a Mar 39 *Pointer*, showing **Len Orman**'s "The Corps in Column." Among other tales about classmates was this vignette: "Maybe it's spring, but some of the boys can't keep their minds on what they should be doing, at least not in academics. **Hank Brewerton** wins the celuloid frying pan for this wk's stunt. He bustled into the section room the other morn, grabbed a writ and a book of formulas and went to work. Only 10 mins later did he realize the writ was on thermo and the book of formulas was for hydraulics."

I'm very sorry to pass on the sad news from **Eleanor Abbey** that **Kay Horton**, widow of our late **Bud (Franklin W)**, died this past Aug. We offer our sympathy to their two sons, Edward and Patrick, who can be reached through the family home at 512 Mooney Rd, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548.

Marge & I send ea of you our very best wishes for a happy holiday season and most successful New Year. We look forward to seeing all of you at Tahoe in Oct.

'41

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GUEST AUTHOR: COLONEL BEN A SPILLER.

Hello again. . . . I'm glad **Burt** lets me be a guest columnist every now and then. First item, we always have to rep on the Sep CO Spr Tournament, even though it may be snowing when you read this. The name was changed this yr from the **Dave Gauvreau** Memorial to the Rocky Mtn Memorial because of the loss of our two dear friends who always played with us, **Tom Corbin** and **John Henschke**. And once again, if you want to join an event which is long on camaraderie albeit short on real golf, mark the first Wed in Sep on your calendars and plan to have a good time in colorful CO. (An exclusive here is that your regular scribe played—yes, Burt played golf!) This yr's winner, using the Callaway system (a good bet as golfers are—well, you know what they are) was from a long line of fine GA players, **Bob Kramer**. He took along our Standard Trophy plus some Titlelists with the AFA Falcon thereon as prizes.

Speaking of **Bob**, be on the lookout for his book on his escape from Bataan 50 yrs ago and subsequent living with guerrillas in the hills. Scheduled for publication before Christmas, it will tell a fascinating tale we have been waiting to hear all these yrs. To quote from the book jacket: "**Bob** Kramer '41 was a mbr of the 14th Engr Bn (Philippine Scouts) in Bataan on 9 Apr 42, the day of the planned surrender of US Forces to the Japanese. As they had been bypassed by enemy forces and it appeared they would have to fight their way out in order to surrender, the Task Force cmdr gave the cmdr of the 14th Bn permission to proceed by assault boat to the southern Philippine Isls. Eleven ofcrs started out, but only one, LT Robert S Kramer, survived. This is his story."

A couple of other Bataan items involved **Sandy Nininger**. First, **Mike Greene** attended a 50th Anniv Mem Svc honoring Sandy in his home town of Ft Lauderdale, FL in Jan (see pic) and, second, **Burt** received a fascinating ltr from John Patterson, Sandy's nephew and ex-mbr of '59, who described how he is still trying to get Sandy's remains back to WP. Although they are believed to be somewhere in the Abucay province of Bataan, Patterson writes, "I will make my 4th trip to Bataan in Sep with archeologists from the Philippine Natl Museum to take borings in the Abucay Church cem, where Sandy was buried on 12 Jan 41. Looking for my uncle's grave is a labor of love, as you can imagine. It has included hours of research, contacts with comrades-in-arms, the devel of maps, use of old photos, discussions with the parish priest in Abucay, etc. Despite all the work, the chances of

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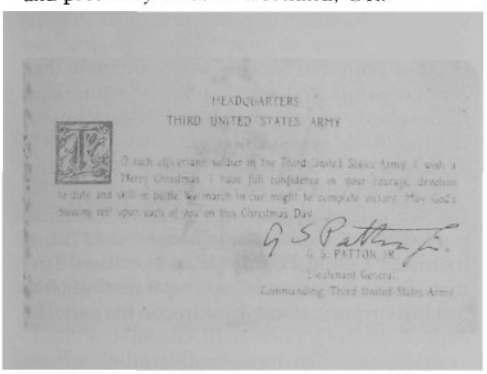
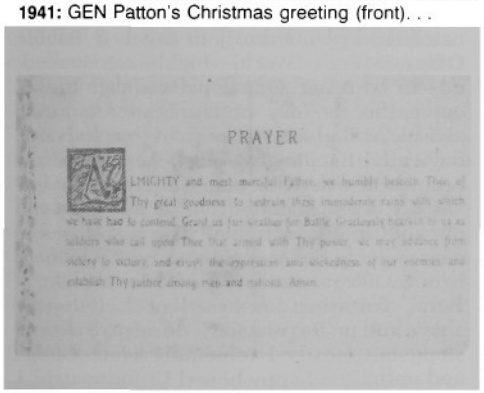
success still are not good, but I must try. One way or the other, I'll let you know what happens." John Patterson also furnished little-known info that there were two other Congressional Medals of Honor awarded to fellow mbrs of Sandy's regiment, 57th Inf Philippine Scouts in Jan and Feb 42, LT Willibald Bianchi and SGT Jose Calugas. LT Bianchi was killed in action similar to Sandy, leading his plt into enemy machine-gun nests and fortified positions until a 3rd wound finally felled him. SGT Calugas was a Mess Sergeant who found one of our arty positions bombed out but with a gun still usable. He organized a volunteer crew to man it and to continue firing against the Japanese while holding his position. SGT Calugas survived and presently lives in Portland, OR.


HEADQUARTERS
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY

TO each officer and soldier in the Third United States Army, I wish a Merry Christmas. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We march in our might to complete victory. May God's blessing rest upon each of you on this Christmas Day.

G. S. Patton Jr.
G. S. PATTON JR.
Lieutenant General,
Commanding Third United States Army

1941: GEN Patton's Christmas greeting (front). . .

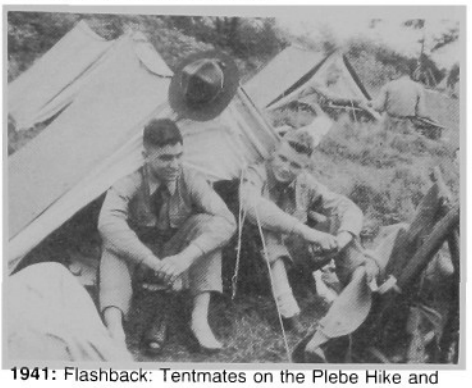

PRAYER

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness to restrain those immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for Battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies, and establish Thy justice among men and nations. Amen.

1941: . . . and prayer (back)

A lighter WWII item about the Battle of the Bulge in Europe comes from our ex-'41 "M" Co mate, **Stan Hays**. The prayer reproduced here appeared in the movie *Patton*, and legend has it that GEN Patton told the chaplain his efficiency rep would depend on how good his communication was with the man upstairs—i.e., whether his prayer brought good weather for the counterattack. The reason for the condition of these items, according to Stan, is that "I've carried these dog-eared cards (calling-card size) in my wallet since 24 Dec 44 while being in 5 major car wrecks, a plane crash, a train wreck, combat wound and many close calls, plus surviving 40 yrs in DC. I consider them rabbits' feet." History shows that there was good weather for the attack.

From CA, our old rhythm man, **Bud**, who never stops grinding out those great cassettes of the big bands of our cadet days, has yet another talent: squash. In an article in the Feb 92 *Squash News*, he is called a true squash devotee, among other nice things, and the author ends the piece, "To San Franciscan squash players, 'Nothing beats a Bud!' " The reason for this high praise is that apparently Bud is given credit for bringing the Natl Squash Championships to the City by the Bay in 93. There were two squash bodies bickering and they were told that, if they couldn't agree, there would be no nationals in San Fran. Bud negotiated, cajoled and pushed, with the result, says Pat Reilly, pres of one of the bodies, "If it weren't for Bud, we'd still be drifting along, thinking about uniting and holding the Nationals here. He made it happen." So hats off to you, Bud old man. And speaking of that, the music man rep that **Bill Vaughan** still wants Bud to record the Vienna Boys Choir, doing "Hats Off, Hats Off, Hats Off, to the Good Old USA!"



1941: Flashback: Tentmates on the Plebe Hike and roommates, Mort Birdseye and Potter Campbell

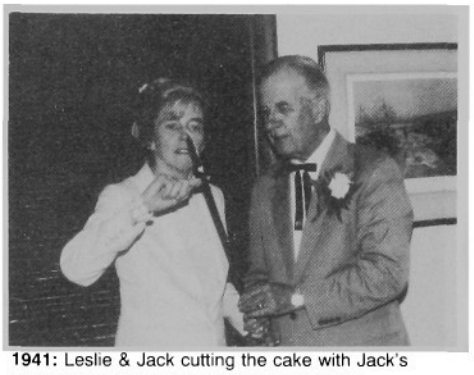
Spec Powell wrote that he drove **Jock Mateer** to the DC Cl lunch. "He continues to make outstanding progress. He navigated from his front door into my car using only his cane. At ANCC, he made it up 6 or 7 steps using a bannister, then used their handicapped lift to go to the basement. He looks great and hopes to dispense with even the cane in a few wks. **Reilly** usually comes down from Baltimore and joins us for the ride, but he was under the weather with a prostate infection and was on antibiotics.

1941: Gentlemen at the Cl luncheon. . .

1941: . . . and ladies at the Cl luncheon. Has Molly Yard approved of this format?

Thirteen classmates were in attendance: **Joe Reed, Bob Elsberry, Brad Smith, Mills Hatfield, Rod O'Connor, John Deane, Joe Canella, Pete Tanous, Joe Gurfein, Henry Bodzin, Herb Stern,** Jock and me. The most important news was that **Bill Vaughan** (per telecon with Pete Tanous) is planning to provide a cartoon for the Christmas ltr (his ability to draw it is made possible by some successful medication).

Brad Smith rep that on 1 Oct a huge crush of people assembled at the Georgetown Inn to promote **Ed Rowny**'s new book, *It Takes One To Tango*. Secy Weinberger and Larry King were to run the program, but the Secy had to cancel. The Cl was well-represented by **Joe Canella, John & Ginger Deane, Mike & Eileen Greene, Joe & Marion Gurfein, Ed**'s date, Betty Ladd, **Rod O'Connor**'s daughter Lita & José Silva, **Brad & Ruth Smith, Herb Stern** and **Pete & Maxine Tanous**.



1941: Leslie & Jack cutting the cake with Jack's cadet saber at their wedding on 19 Sep 92

Tom Cleary rep that, some 55 yrs ago, a sweet, young thing tried to get **Marshall Carney**'s attention by tossing pebbles at his N Bks window. Inadvertently, she gained **Jack Norton**'s eye when a stray tapped Jack's window. Jack and the young Vassar grad, Leslie Cameron Smith, were engaged following Jack's proposal in 41, but WWII intervened. **Jack & Leslie Smith**, now a prominent psychologist, were married with only their families and the **Clearys** attending on 19 Sep. With the fervor normally exhibited by a LT (rather than a LTG) Jack & Leslie will live happily in both Brice Canyon and Kensington, MD.

POTPOURRI: **Skip Brown** will be here for the Navy Game and the annual Falcon Foundation Bd mtg. Area codes for **Heaton, Mateer, Powell, Reilly** and **Sara Weymouth (Rossell)** have been changed to 410. **Betty McIntyre** will redeploy with **George** back to CO Springs in Nov. **Mike Greene** sent a memo from the AOG with an update on Sam Nunn's hatchet job on the academies. The AOG advises against acrimonious mail; write your solons to spt the Army's proposal for a 10-yr plan to reduce costs in an orderly fashion.

Finally, in accordance with **Burt**'s new policy of finding some humor or pathos, or both, from cadet days or whatever, this piece, source unknown, is offered:

PLEBE SUMMER CAMP: "M" Co tents were at the NW corner of the tent area, more accessible to visitors of various stripes who ventured across the sentry path bordering the parapet. Such a visitor was a female cat, who gave birth under the floor of a tent assigned to 4 Yearling corporals. As the kittens grew, burly catlover Bill Willcox hit upon a bright (?) idea to supplement their rations. At breakfast formation next morn, his squad was in-

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structed to bring milk back from the mess hall. His answer to the obvious question was, "In your mouth, dumbsquat!" The march back to camp was a bit less hectic because chins were not rammed back as far, but God help the Plebe who inadvertently swallowed his precious cargo!

1941: Chm of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, GEN George S Brown, USAF

1941: Ambassador and LTG, USA, (Ret) Edward L Rowny. Great CPTs are still emerging in our profession

LATE FLASH: A new book, *Mil Leaders Since WWII*, will be out soon. Although only 11 men were selected to be featured by the well-known mil journalist Bill Borklund, the fabulous news is that two of those 11 are '41'ers: **George Brown** and **Ed Rowny**. More on this later.

'42

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While the media goes on about recession, I'm talking serious depression—my state of mind—because you and I and the Postal Svc seem to be out of sync! Perhaps my readers of the female persuasion can convince my male non-correspondents to drop a note—and if they hate to write, perhaps a call to the number above!

Lu Clay has found a buyer for the Alexandria home and moved to Apt 118, 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir 22060–2713; phone (703) 380-3097. Know he'll enjoy having the companionship of all the resident friends.

Fran Roberts had himself a ball as secy of the US Sr Golf Assn's team when they played the Canadians in the Devonshire Cup. After tending to all the housekeeping details, he was called on to sub for an ill team mbr and won his match against the Canadian CPT! He & **Polly** had been to Cleveland for the 95th Div Reunion, where he was the prime speaker—and emerged unscathed! Maybe due to respect for their elders?!

1942: Fran's found someone he can handle—sez he can't putt a lick!

John & Dimi Ely visited daughter Barbara in the San Diego area, lending moral spt as she hoped to ride out the McDonnell-Douglas personnel cutbacks while enjoying that marvelous clime. At this writing, they were living it up on the AOG South American tour. Also scheduled are **Jim & Pat McAdam**, assuring a foursome for bridge, square dancing and, perhaps, some serious sipping!

While the Elys were in the vicinity, **Matt & Rita Redlinger** hosted a soirée for them and the locals. Attending were **Grant Jones** (**Bert** was unable to attend for health reasons), the **Seiferts, Seips, Rosells** and Phoenix outlanders, the **Vivians**.

1942: Jim, Fred, John, Matt, Grant, George and Bill—momentarily placid

1942: (Standing) Elizabeth, Mary and Rita; (seated) Anne, Dimi and Helen. All face the clean-up

Good to see Grant's visage for the first time since his Leavenworth days and to see George for the first time since heaven knows when! Congrats and thanks, Matt, for the evidence!

A note from **Larry Vogel**, crediting my Reunion wrap-up with surpassing his final rep as chm. 'Tain't so—his is a model summary—but thanks!

An impeccable source reveals that **John & Marie Sitterson** visited Montreal and Quebec City, where they enjoyed the facilities of two fine clubs that are reciprocals of the Army and Navy Club.

A note from **Claire Horridge** advising that, apple harvest or no apple harvest, she & **Dick** will attend the upcoming golf gaggle in Austin! Hurrah for cold storage! It'll also provide a chance to visit a brother and sister of Dick. Still no buyer for the orchard. Boo! Dick has had a cataract removed and an implant, with wonderful results. Perhaps now that he can see, he'll look up like the rest of us duffers! The bad news is that Claire has lost her brother Tom. He was my savior on more than one occasion first Cl yr when I came back from wknds so late that I had to park my car behind the Mess Hall to beat curfew. A call to Tom, and he'd come to rescue it and me!

There's word of a prospective merger in the DC environs that may not make the financial pg, but does gladden our hearts! **Bob Bringham** and **Gloria Hamilton** are an item! Isn't that great! Apparently no nuptials until Bob has hip surgery; good thinking on his part if he expects to keep pace with Gloria!

And since you have neglected to tell me about you, I'll tell you about us! We fortunately had planned to join **Butch & Bobbie Offley** at Vegas World—highly recommended—in late Aug. Our departure date turned out to be the day of Hurricane Andrew's arrival. At Barbara's urging, we bugged out a day early. Exchanging our tickets at the airport, she learned that our next day's flight had already been cancelled! Vegas was great and our contribution minimal! The highlight was a memorable Steve & Edie show. From there in the Offleys' comfortmobile for a night in Reno, featuring an excellent Lettermen's show, and on to Yuba City. Surely we ate and slept, but mostly I remember much bridge and unlimited happy hours! Unfortunately, I had my first experience with the effects of severe spinal arthritis, requiring the Offleys to be nursemaids as well as hosts. They done more than good on all counts!

After having no luck in learning what the hurricane had done to our digs, we got home to find no damage except for a porch shutter. Praise be!

The Austin gathering is in our immediate future, but no golf because of my infirmities and **Barbara**'s upcoming rotator cuff surgery on her right shoulder. By the time you see this, we hope to be hale and hearty!

Noted that the Cl ofcrs were charged with nominating candidates for the Thayer Award, AOG Trustees and the Distinguished Graduate Award by early Nov. Wish I'd known in time to let you make your thoughts known to them (Something to bring to Seth's attention?). However, I'm sure that we're all confident that the DC contingent will have properly met this responsibility.

And so this last inadequate effort for 92 from '42 goes to press. Do send me a card or note about your activities and contacts with the gang. Again, if you hate to write, the phone number is listed above. Just speak slowly and distinctly to these old Inf ears! And many thanks to you in the white hats who keep in touch and make these efforts possible!

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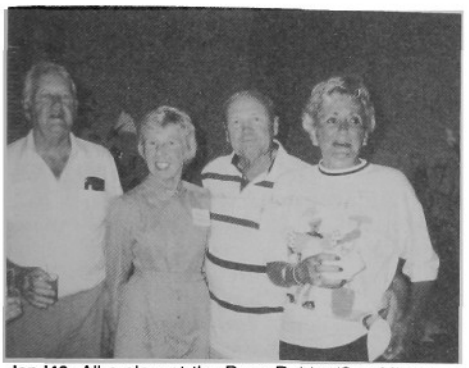
Well, by all reps and from the marvelous pix received from classmates & wives who attended the mini-reunion planned and "hostessed" by **Jean Porter** (**Fred Porter**'s widow) in the Paso Robles/San Miguel area of CA, it was really a "blue-ribbon affair!"



Jan '43: All a-glow at the Paso Robles/San Miguel, CA mini-reunion, with Jean Porter (gracious hostess) flanked by Dave & Barbara Barger and Quent Goss

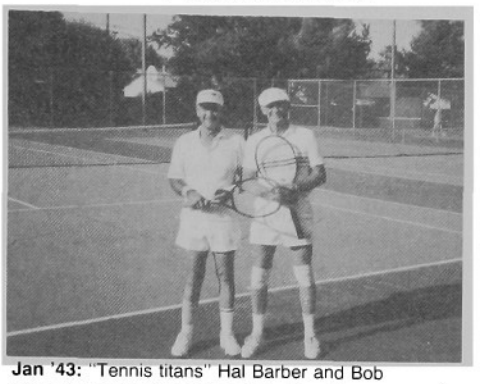
Commencing with a welcome party in the Matador Room of the famous old Paso Robles Inn on the eve of 20 Aug 92, the next day included a visit to the Hearst Castle (with an excellent guide), a stop in the picturesque town of Cambria-by-the-Sea, a bit of wine-tasting at a local winery and an authentic "trail-cooking Dutch-oven dinner" hosted by the **Porters'** son Dean & Linda at their Star Farms. During the course of this delicious "cowboy-style dinner," classmates & wives were entertained by Craig Hayes Jr, author of *Cowboy Feelin', A Collection of Western Poetry*, who not only recited some cowboy poetry but also dedicated his stirring, just-composed poem on "The Long Gray Line" to USMA and our Cl.

Jan '43: Harry & Jan Pritchell, CQ & Phoebe Croonquist and Sheilah & Art Marston in Fred Porter's Pentagon-shaped penthouse ofc

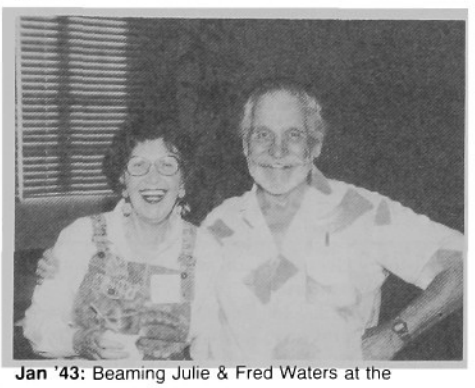
The next day, 22 Aug 92, the gp had a guided tour of Parkfield, the section of the San Andreas fault with the most recorded earthquakes in the world. Also included in the day's itinerary were stops at Mission San Miguel (the best preserved of the 21 missions founded by Father Junipero de Serra), another bit of local wine-tasting and a fabulous catered dinner with a great mariachi band at **Jean Porter**'s beautiful, hilltop hacienda.

Present and accounted for at this fabulous mini-reunion were **Hal & Charity Barber, Dave & Barbara Barger** (Jean Porter's invaluable assts), **Bob & Marilyn Beightler, CQ & Phoebe Croonquist, Bob & Shirley Fishel, Quent & Gerry Goss, Tom & Betty Griess, George & Edna Maertens, Art & Sheilah Marston, Bill & Peg Myers, Bill & Doris Pitts, Harry & Jan Pritchett, Sandy & Ruth Sanders, Russ & Dottie Smith, Don & Betty Vlcek, Fred & Julie Waters, Bob & Bobette Watson** and **George & Elayta Weart**.

Jan '43: Betty Griess, Bill & Doris Pitts and George & Edna Maertens enjoying the mini-reunion



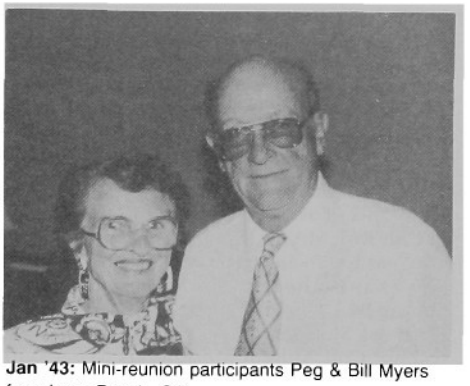
Jan '43: "Tennis titans" Hal Barber and Bob Beightler settled for a tie match when they resumed their 53-yr-old competition on the Paso Robles public courts



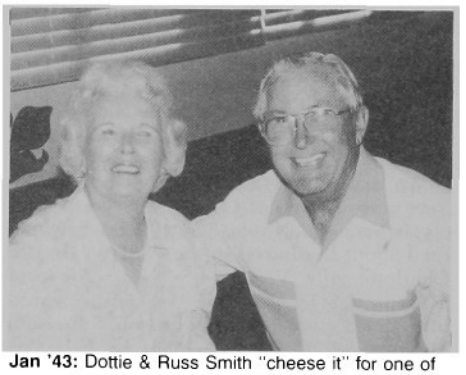
Jan '43: Beaming Julie & Fred Waters at the mini-reunion

Jean Porter certainly deserves a standing ovation for this most memorable mini-reunion, and I certainly appreciated the rep and pix from **Barbara Barger, Quent Goss, Tom Griess, Art Marston, Russ Smith, Don Vlcek** and **Fred Waters**.

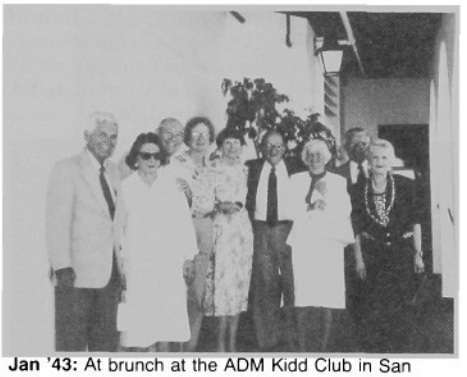
Meanwhile, **"Jacques" Wood** rep that their "San Diego bunch" had a delightful brunch at the ADM Kidd Club and that the "resurrection" of their beach house on Balboa Isl should be completed by Christmas. **Bill Stewart** and **Bill Thompson** (M Co roommates) had their own mini-reunion at the **Thompsons'** home in Carmichael, CA when **Bill & Marilyn Stewart** attended the Daedalian Natl Convention in Sacramento.



Jan '43: Mini-reunion participants Peg & Bill Myers from Long Beach, CA



Jan '43: Dottie & Russ Smith "cheese it" for one of our mini-reunion snapshooters



Jan '43: At brunch at the ADM Kidd Club in San Diego: Bob Lacy, Lucy Gorman, Jim Aleveras, Cecily Wood, Marge Aleveras, Jack Wood, a friend of the Gormans', Jack Gorman and Glenys Lacy

Jan '43: Bill Stewart, Glenda & Bill Thompson and Marilyn Stewart at the Thompsons' home in Carmichael, CA

According to **Bill Stewart**, **Bill Thompson** "cut a two-hour VCR tape of the two of them reminiscing about old M Co days—might be interesting at some future Cl reunion." Following the convention, **Bill & Marilyn** visited Alcatraz (where Bill spent 5 yrs), and he was interviewed on a Natl Park Svc special film about the "Secrets of Alcatraz." Back home in

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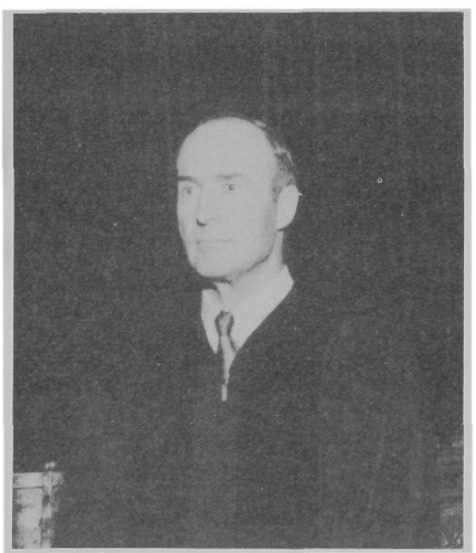
San Ant, the **Stewarts** are facing "many challenges and opportunities" in developing their small ranch in the hill country near Blanco. They hope to build a new home there in the next 2–3 yrs.

Here on the E Coast, congrats are in order for:

• **Ralph Cadwallader** was one of the top recipients of awards from the Emerson Hosp in Concord, MA for his outstanding volunteer svcs—as rep in an article (with photo) provided by **Kay Burlin** from the *Concord Journal* of 20 Aug 92.

• **Buck Stahle** received the prestigious Gettysburg Coll Alumni Meritorious Svc Award for 92, albeit he attended only 3 yrs before departing for USMA and is not a grad. However, Buck is pres of his Gettysburg Coll Cl of '40 and is coordinator of the Heritage Soc, restricted to alumni who have been out of sch for 50 yrs or more. Sadly, Buck also advised me that **Jake Weber**'s wife **June** passed away after a long and painful illness in Seattle, WA on 8 Aug 92.

We also were saddened to learn of the unexpected death of **Lucy Yount** (**Bart**'s widow) in Santa Fe, NM on 8 Sep 92. **Jim Michael** read about her burial in the U of VA cem in Charlottesville, VA on 14 Sep 92 in his local Columbia, SC newspaper. Her obit appeared in the 11 Sep 92 edition of the Santa Fe *New Mexican*. Lucy lived in Spain for 18 yrs before returning to CA, where she was a mbr of the CA Republican Cmte, the Footlighters of L.A. and the bd of dirs of the John Tracy Clinic of LA. She is survived by her husband (Francis Haag), whom she married in Santa Fe on 27 Dec 91, and her sons Victor of Warrenton, VA and Barton III of Hilton Head, SC.



Jan '43: Our late Reverend John McGowan, 29 Jun 18–9 Sep 92

Then **"Hopo" May** in Joplin, MD called with the tragic news that our Reverend **John McGowan** died of a heart attack at home in Scottsdale, AZ on 9 Sep 92 and was buried in Columbia, MD on 14 Sep 92. John served with the 82nd Abn Div during WWII but subsequently became increasingly involved in church activities and decided to devote his life to the Church. While serving as cmdr of Army Reserves in the Lexington, KY area, he enrolled as a part-time student in the College of the Bible. In 64 he ret and returned to Lexington to complete his studies and became minister of the New Christian Church in Des Moines, IA. In 87, John ret to Scottsdale where, with his wife **Anise**'s spt, he ministered to those who sought his spiritual assistance. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the Good Samaritan Fund, Colonial Place Christian Church, 1200 Parham Rd, Richmond, VA 22229.

Pat Wardell, our indefatigable genealogist and Cl secy, tells me that he has located the next-of-kin of the following 4 classmates: **Ed Carberry, Norvin Davis, "Fi" Fiander** and **Jack Luther**. Anyone who wishes to contact those next-of-kin, just call Pat or "drop him a line." Pat also advised me of the following new addresses for:

• **Roy Bowlin**, Route 2, Box 2665, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459;

• Mrs **John Catlin** (now Mrs **Audrey** Fuller), 1730 Silverwood Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32301; and

• Mrs **Charles Finley** (now Mrs **Julie** Lucas), 1106 164th St SE, Apt B-101, Mill Creek, WA 98012.

Also changing addresses were **Ted & Marge Seith**, who sold their apt in The Regency of McLean, VA and moved to their "home away from home" at Box 354, West Southport, ME 04576. They are in the process of adding two more rooms and acquiring a larger (33 ft) yacht.

Present and accounted for at the 11 Sep 92 luncheon mtg of the WPS of DC were **Bob Baden, Joe Benson, Joe Conmy, Bob Fiss, Adrian St John, John Norris** and **Fred Spann**. In closing, we wish the best to **Jack Daye**, who underwent double-heart bypass surgery on 13 Aug 92 but, according to **"Bev" Bevan**, is doing well, and to **Joe Conmy** ("Iron Raven"), who continues his valiant struggle with Parkinson's disease.

Jun '43

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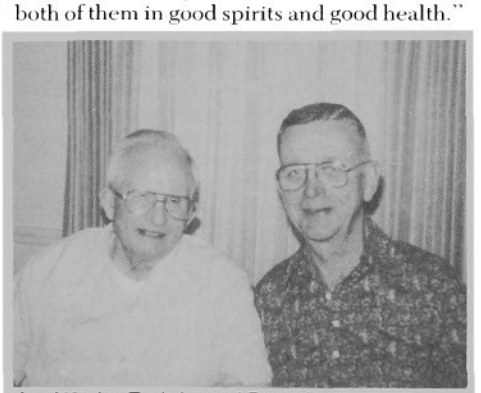
Holiday Greetings, on with 93, and fore for the 50th Reunion!

Many thanks to **Roger Ray** for the pic below. Roger wrote, "In Aug, **Dorothy** & I had the pleasure of an eve in Atl with **Jep & Frances Tanksley**. It was wonderful to find both of them in good spirits and good health."



Jun '43: Jep Tanksley and Roger Ray

Norm Pehrson writes that he & **Ruth** visited **Valerie Sonstelie** at her home in Seattle last Jul, and that—contrary to my rep in the Sep *ASSEMBLY*—Valerie did not move out of that area but had gone earlier in the yr to Vero Beach, FL for a long visit with old friends. Thus, her address continues to be 22134 SE 40th Lane, Issaquah, WA 98027. "We visited **Bob**'s grave on the way in from the airport and subsequently had the grand tour of the Seattle area. It was a wonderful visit. We had dinner one eve at the home of Valerie's son Dick '66 & his charming wife. Dick, in addition to being CEO of Puget Sound Power and Light, is Civ Aide from the state of WA to the Secy of the Army. . . . " To this, let me add that a welcome note from Valerie herself states that she has "no plans to relocate." The friends she saw during her sojourn at Vero Beach included Cl widows **Sue Van Auken, Helen McGee** and **Bev "McCanna" Lovsnes**. As she said, "One of the joys of the Cl is that the friendships made are so lasting." May it ever be thus! Thanks, Valerie.

Down in Encino, CA, **Chuck Dickinson** says, "There are still a few of us in the immediate LA area—but we have to draw on classmates from as far away as San Bernardino and San Diego to get 10 of us together for our bi-monthly luncheon. Had a change of pace during the Labor Day wkend, when **Ann & Pres Easley** had a cocktail buffet for the visiting **Berne Sherrill** (widow of **Steve Sherrill**) and her new husband, Andre Hamlet. They now reside in Boca Raton, FL. Guests in addition to the Hamlets were Barbara & Dave Barger, Jan '43; **Marion & Chuck Dickinson; Dave Galas** (his first time out since **Kaye** died); **Pat** (**Buyers**) and Kris Kristoferson; **Ruth & Norm Pehrson**; and **Juanita & Dave Schwartz**. It was good to see Dave Galas looking well after his loss. We all deeply missed Kaye at this gathering." (More on Kaye & Dave Galas below).

Jun '43 in S TX—that is the title of the impressive area register produced last summer in 33 copies by **Jim Phillips** and a desktop publishing firm in San Ant. Spine-bound and with a cover featuring the USMA crest in color, this booklet contains a locating roster of the classmates and wives in the area defined by Jim P as "S TX" (approx Austin, San Ant and points south therefrom). One pg is devoted to ea couple or individual concerned, with a mounted current color print and photocopy extracts of the classmate's *Howitzer* pic and data and current data in the AOG *Register*. A total of 27 classmates, 26 wives and two widows are included. All the "S Texans" must be grateful to Honcho Jim P for compiling this distinctive and handy reference.

Jim Phillips rep that the bi-monthly Cl luncheon, started some two yrs ago in San Ant, has become a well-established institution. The pix interspersed on next pg are from mid-92 occasions.

In Aug, the event was managed by **Dick Parker** and **Joe Eastmead**. Those present, most or all of whom can be identified in the following pix, were **Jim Bower, Kit & Penny Carson, Rip & Jean Collins, Tom & Marceline Garrett, Teague & Ginny Harris, Ernie & Elaine Hinds, KP & Georgene Kilpatrick, Dick Parker, Jim & Helen Phillips, Eddie & Anne Renth, Craig & Elizabeth Teller** and **Fletcher & Dorothy Veach**.

Last time I rep the engagement of **Bud O'Connor** & **June** Jones, both of the Indian River Colony Club (IRCC) at Melbourne, FL, and their marriage on 5 Aug 92 at Clifton, VA. According to an article entitled "Love's Old Sweet Song" in the IRCC newssheet sent to me by **Lee Hogan**, "For the first time, to our knowledge, IRCC has had a marriage take place between a widow and widower who were both "Colonists" when they met. . . . June & her first husband moved to IRCC from Las Cruces, NM in 88, to a house on Pilgrim

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Jun '43: Jun '43 in San Ant

Jun '43: Nancy Malone, June O'Connor, Annabelle Silvester and Cecile Cover

man, **Hill, Alan Jones, McAdam, Morgan, Naylor, Roos** and **Schroeder**.

The **Orphans** were here! On a short visit to this area in mid-Sep, **Dick & Jean** Orphan stayed with the **Burrs** and were hosted at dinner by **Earle & Dorothy Johnson**. Present, in addition to the Orphans and Johnsons, were **Ned & Nikki Burr, Alan Jones** (illness kept **Lynn** at home), **Bob & Florence Plett, Sandy & Chris Sembach, Harriet Tenney** and **Dutch & Ginny Umlauf**.

Jun '43: Ladies Marceline Garrett, Juanita Eastmead and Elaine Hinds and gents Ernie Hinds, Tom Garrett and Joe Eastmead

Jun '43: Eddie Renth, Dorothy & Fletcher Veach and Anne Renth

Jun '43: Johnny Johnson and Dick Orphan; (middle step) Sandy Sembach and Dutch Umlauf; (top step) and Ned Burr and Bob Plett

Jun '43: Jun '43 in San Ant

Jun '43: Rip Collins, Jim Bower and Kit Carson

Ave; Bud came here in 90, to a house on Independence Ave. They met where they had lived, only one block apart. **June** has 6 children and 4 grandchildren; Bud has 4 children and 8 grandchildren." Bud & June will divide their time between northern VA in the summer at 3508 Redwood Ct, Fairfax VA 22030, and IRCC in fall and winter, where their address will be 1169 Ironsides Ave, Melbourne, FL 32940.

The 92 fall luncheon of the WPS of DC took place at Ft Myer on 11 Sep, with GEN Gordon R Sullivan, US Army C/S, as the featured speaker. GEN Sullivan addressed the current controversial legislation adversely affecting WP. His remarks were concise and straightforward and impressed the large attendence with his knowledge and his determination to spt the interests of WP in its role in serving our nation. Present from Jun '43 were **Atkinson, Buzalski, Cover, Hamblen, Heintzel-**

Among the deaths that it was my sad duty to rep last time was that of **Kaye Galas**. Since then, a ltr has come from **Dave** with comments that he has asked be shared with you. "Like many others, Kaye stopped smoking too late, and just over two yrs ago the non-operable situation was discovered. Several mos of painful treatments gave us two more yrs together. . . . She really enjoyed those two yrs. We did some traveling, she shopped, appeared in local theater, did hosp volunteering and continued her tennis until she was too weak to play. Then she wanted to be at home. The hospice spt was wonderful. She decided she would like to go back to where we started. She died in my arms on the last day of Jul 92. The crowded mem svcs here in CA included **Chuck & Marion Dickenson, Pres & Ann Easley, Norm & Ruth Pearson, Dave & Juanita Schwartz, Dan & Paula Shea, Bill & Rosewitha Snavely, JD & Elaine Wethe** and **Dick & Alice Wheeler**. These folks and **Edie Shiely** contributed the floral arrangement from Southern CA classmates. On 7 Aug we

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celebrated the committal svc at The Most Holy Trinity Chapel at WP, where Kaye & I were married. With the families from the W and E Coast were Pres Easley from CA and Edie Shiely from NH. Now she rests near many of our classmates & their wives, near our son-in-law, COL Tom Johnson '65, and friends. I miss her more than I can say. . . . " Let me add that Kaye's unique contribution in suggesting the new Thayer Gate as our Cl gift was recognized by a floral tribute at WP from the Gift Cmte on behalf of the Cl.

Seth Frear, as a WWII Inf co cmdr in Europe, received a battlefield promotion to CPT and was badly wounded. In 46, in the grade of MAJ, he was ret for disability. He became a lawyer in 53 and thereafter worked in that profession and in public-svc pursuits. For the past few yrs, he had been confined to a wheelchair. Then, on 28 May 92, he suffered a severe heart attack that left him progressively weakened. As a result, Seth died on 4 Aug 92 and was buried with full mil honors at Arlington Natl Cem on 10 Aug. **Marguerite** remains at their home at 1320 Alegriano Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33146. Let your scribe inject a plea: In cases where classmates or Cl wives are to be interred at Arlington, someone in the Cl there should be directly notified. If in doubt, call Bill Malone (703-534-1948) or myself (703-273-8584). We will spread the word locally to provide Cl representation at Arlington.

. . . Next, from Bob Detwiler '41 came a card saying that his brother and our classmate, **Don Detwiler**, had died at Ridge, Long Isl, NY on 29 Aug 92 of a massive heart attack after a long battle against diabetes. He had been blind for two yrs and was on dialysis at home. Don was buried on 1 Sep at Pinelawn Mem Park, Pinelawn, Long Isl. **Joan** resides at 153 Glen Dr, Ridge, NY 11196. Bob Detwiler is at 3205 McHenry Dr, San Ant, TX 78239 and is preparing Don's mem article for *ASSEMBLY*. He asks that any persons contact him who can contribute pertinent info from Don's cadet or USAF days.

Then, on 29 Aug 92, came the call rep that **Elsie Pinnell** had died of a brain tumor that morn at home in San Ant, from which she had suffered for many mos. The fact that this event had been long foreseen did not lessen the severity of the impact, as **Sam** and his family and Elsie's many friends were plunged into grief. A mem svc was held on 31 Aug at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church in San Ant. Cl representation was on hand from the many classmates & wives in the area. Specifically assisting, as pallbearers, were **Kit Carson, Joe Eastmead, Tom Garrett, KP Kilpatrick, Jim Phillips** and **Flecher Veach**. The family then departed for WP. There, another mem svc was conducted in the Old Cadet Chapel, followed immediately by interment in the WP Cem. The family had specified that no flowers be sent. However, to perpetuate Elsie's memory and the intense love she shared with Sam for USMA, the Elsie S Pinnell Foundation has been established under care of the AOG, WP, NY 10996. Contribs may be sent to this foundation or to the Cancer Research and Therapy Ctr, 4450 Medical Dr, San Ant, TX 78229. A bio appeared in the *Wash Post*, from which the following extracts are drawn. Elsie is characterized as a "devoted mother and grandmother, avid golfer, lover of animals and skilled artist. . . . She was naturally and graciously accepted as a friend wherever she went. It always pleased Sam, who was inclined to be tough and austere, that his beloved wife more than compensated for his social shortcomings. . . . Elsie & Sam were married in the Cadet Chapel at WP in 44. Sam has always marveled that this strikingly beautiful and private person gave him her heart and hand in marriage. They worked together and achieved together. He said that no man ever enjoyed or benefited more from working with a partner than he with Elsie. They agreed that their 4 children were their proudest accomplishment." Sam remains at home at 13074 N Hunters Circle, San Ant, TX 78230.

Then the bell tolled again. We learned on the eve of 21 Sep 92 that **Bruce Arnold** had died that morn at Sibley Hosp in Wash, DC of complications from a rapid progression of leukemia. **Malone** and I, with **Bud Rundell, Bud O'Connor** and **Wick Wickert**, spread the word locally regarding the funeral at Ft Myer on 25 Sep. At these svcs, on a grey and rainy day, the chapel was full to overflowing with family, relatives and friends from the Cl, from the USAF and from the business world. Nineteen distinguished officials and sr USAF were honorary pallbearers. Svcs were conducted by Chaplain (MG) Richard Carr, USAF Ret and Chaplain (LTC) James Snyder, USAF. Tributes were spoken by son Robert Bruce Arnold and by LTG O Glasser, USAF Ret. Altogether, at the chapel, at the graveside and at the following reception in the new Mem Chapel, I identified 35 classmates & wives—and there may well have been more! Before joining us at WP, Bruce served a yr as an Army trooper in a horse cav unit cmded by George S Patton Jr at Ft Myer. So, you may be sure that the black caparisoned horse accompanied the escort, the band and the caisson to the cem site. Full mil honors were rendered. On all sides was evident the great respect in which Bruce and his father, GEN of the AF "Hap" Arnold, who gave us our diplomas and wings, will always be held. **Barbara Arnold** continues at their home at 3404 "R" St, NW, Wash, DC 20007.

It is a sorrowful task to bring you all this bad news, but I must do it as best I can according to the info known and within editorial limits. According to my count, our living classmates now number 298 (of originally 514). The number 298 assumes that **Richmond, Roe** and **Winn** (whom we are unable to contact) are, in fact, still living. Anyone having reliable info on any of these, please advise.

"So long" and my wishes to all for a happy and healthy New Yr.

'44

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Pleased to learn that the most attractive tour guide and tennis player in Inter-mtn CO, **Betty Wear**, was available to take **Bob Dart** (and his then-roommate, **George Wear**, now hers) and **Jeanne Dart** filming on a Jul tour of Aspen, CO. **Chuck Davis**, Dart's other "wife," was absent; too many irons in the fire!

Audrey & I were hosted royally by **Bob & Eleanor Sellers** on a short visit in their lovely home in the Seattle suburbs. 'Twas my first visit to Seattle; with Bob chauffering and Eleanor showing the way, we were treated to incomparable viewing and dining. My happy duties as their "best man" 47 yrs ago were well-rewarded again. Bob had a brilliant career with Boeing as ch project engr for several of the principal strategic weapon systems of the AF. I hope we get a rep of those yrs, which are of significance to, and far beyond the history of the Cl of 44.

1944: George & Betty Wear and Bob Dart in Aspen, CO

1944: Eleanor, Bob and Megan Sellers and Audrey Smith in Redmond, WA

A note from **Ace Edmunds** praises the beauties of the Pacific Northwest which he and **Yvonne** continue to enjoy from Spokane, WA.

The **Molloys** had open house in El Paso to the **Halsteads**, en route west. Thereafter followed their tour of the SW, with **Connell** in tow to lean him up against other relics in Huachuca, Tombstone and Mesa Verde. These two broad-gauge guys and chaperone then tried out the serpentine narrow-guage Chama RR that entwines the NM-CO border.

Then, leaning forward in the saddle to greet the future, Mollie & Jean welcomed his cadet "wife," **Bill Todd**, to the Hoss Cav Assn bivouac in El Paso. **Jean Todd** prudently came along as outrider to assure that, while foraging with that remuda of long-toothed, hard-mouthed old plugs, her non-Italian stallion wouldn't run too hard (outa the pasture) or get put up wet. After two boss-wrecks and open-heart surgery, Bill still lives at a gallop—or at least a fast trot.

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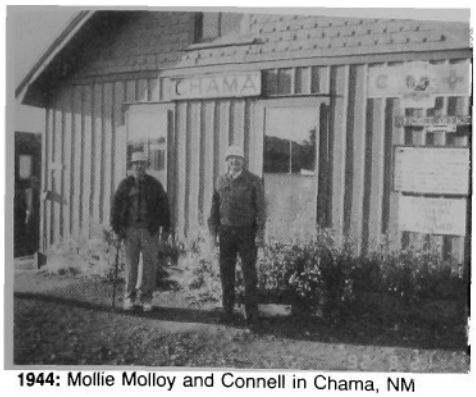

1944: Mollie Molloy and Connell in Chama, NM

While in CA for the summer, the **Hendricksons** were visited in San Fran by the **Claytons**, over from Sacramento to see if his new clubs had really improved **Les**' handicap. Les "let" Larry drive the foursome out to the **Pappases**', since last time Les drove through **George**'s (closed) garage doors. Les & **Martha** also saw **Doo & Jean Greaves** and **Andy & Rosemary Cupper**. Back in Orlando, they joined **Pat & Harry Grace** to help **Mary Emley** celebrate her birthday; called **Bob & Mary Day**, just back from Scotland and Norway; spoke a couple of times with **Sally Armstrong**, who has lots of family nearby for spt in this tough time; and rep the **McKeevers** back from the mtns.

Don & Eleanor Carter recently returned from a trip through Scotland with some 30 others. They were joined by **Alex & Betty Maish**, who moved across the Channel after a spell with **Tom & Natalie** on the **Mahoneys'** canal barge in France. In bonnie Scotland, the para-pluies, not para-sols, were unfurled, Don hinted. Meanwhile, I will certify that the weather was superb in Northern Italy, where, "by nine o'clock, the fog must disappear."

Following a stormy night, on a gorgeous, clear, windless day, 53 Wash-area classmates and visitors enjoyed a fall picnic in Ft Hunt Park south of Alexandria. The late afternoon sun teased us with the first coloring foliage of autumn as we tested the dips and tasties brought by the ladies and eyed the desserts. A few show-offs tossed frisbies and, expecting to show some adventurous wives the fundamentals of horseshoes, were shown-up by the ladies.

The Carolina pulled-pig and beef-brisket BBQ went down well with baked beans, 'tater salad and various beers, wines and softer stuff. I'll spare you a description of the dessert massacre. **Dave Ott** maestroed.

As we perched on the rim of the world, the Great See-saw put the sun down behind the orange glow of Pinaturbo's ashes, which still tint our eve skies, and raised the full moon on the E end of the board, ahead of the climbing earth-shadow. We welcomed **Tom & Natalie Mahoney**, en route to HI and winter from their summer canal barge in France; **Hi & Judy Ely** from NJ; **Ted & Mary Muller** from Tidewater, VA; and **Doug & Wade Kinnard** from Richmond. Locals incl the **Carters, Codlings, Connell, Cowherds, Cushmans, Daniel, Gruenthers, Doug Harrises, Maishes, McAuliffes, McGuires, Morrisons, Moulises, Otts, Parsons** and guests, **Rivers, Ruthie Scott** and guest, the **Smiths, Sullivan, Tkaciks, Louise Vitullo** and the **Whites**.

CL HISTORY: In the WW Newsltr, I commented on the high quality of anecdotes, diaries and branch gp stories so far sent in. The quality is all one could ask for, but there are great gaps of info in many areas. Broadly, we seek more input of tales from:

- Army classmates in (and during) the Korean War;
- Beginnings of NATO Europe; HQs and units of Allied Cmd Europe;
- Cold War unit svc in Ger, Italy, France, Africa and Latin America;
- Cold War-era svc in the Far East;
- Pentagon, joint and allied staff svc, attaché and MAAG svc;
- R&D devel/production of mil and non-mil products/svcs, Corps of Engrs civil works;
- Civ pursuits: oil, manufacturing, design, mgt, trade, *et al.*

Please submit any input on any subject at any time. However, we're going to decide in Jan 93 if this goes forward. *Your input is your vote!*

In the Jun issue, I wrote of the death and outstanding svc of **Ted Silva**, ex-'44. I am gratified to learn from Bill Lilley '45, and we can be proud, that Silva was awarded the AF Cross (the DSC with wings).

It is with a special twinge that I learn that **Duncan Palmer** crossed the bar on 17 Jun 92 in Wichita, KS. I always enjoyed and admired his free spirit as a cadet, his blatant disregard of the TD and flying regulations. No doubt Dunc required strong ldrship, but I regret I never got to serve with him after grad. Our sincere condolences go out to **Ann** and his family. Duncan's remains rest in a niche in Old Mission Chapel Mausoleum in Wichita, KS. He is remembered with affection by many.

On 6 Sep 92, we lost COL **Robert H Armstrong**, USAF (Ret) to the ages, certainly one of the most cheerful, upbeat and competent cmd pilots of the Central Blue. Bob was one of the AF's outstanding civ engrs, headed the AF Inst of Tech's Civ Engring Sch and was later Assoc Prof of CE at OK State U. Bob died of cancer at home in Shalimar, FL and is buried in the Natl Cem, Marietta, GA. Our condolences go out to **Sally**, their children and family.

This comes with good wishes and our hope that all is well with you and yours and that you have a healthy and happy holiday season as we prepare to tear off pgs of the 53rd calendar we share. GSOYPA!

'45

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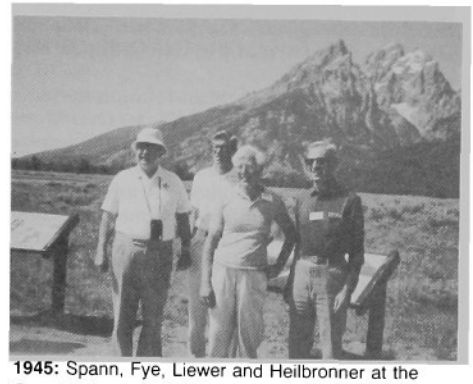
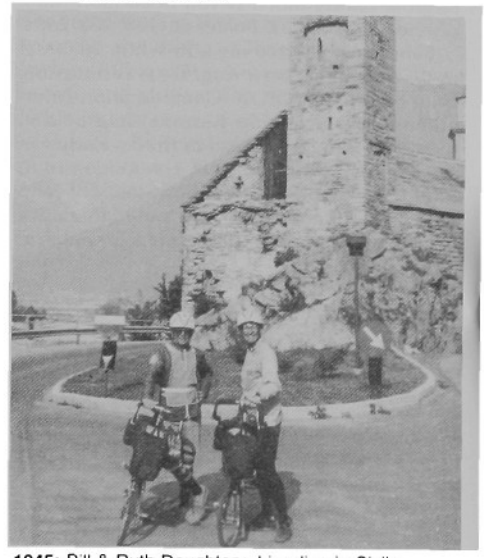
"Wait until I ret," many of us said, when talking about an activity that we wanted to pursue. Be it travel, vol work, sports or a hobby, there were things we wanted to do. Now that most of us are ret, here are some examples:

The **Spanns** and the **Heilbronners** decided to travel together on an AOG-sponsored Natl Parks tour. They were pleasantly surprised to find the **Fyes** and **Liewers** were on it, too. (Surprisingly, all 4 classmates had started out in the Field Arty). The tour included Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, Jackson Hole, Salt Lake City, Moab, Monument Valley, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion and Las Vegas. The scenery was magnificent and the tour outstanding.

Excitement-lovers **Ruth & Bill Daugherty** pedaled around Sicily last spring for 5 wks while Mt Etna was erupting and car-bomb assassinations were going on.

1945: Rusty & Nan Heilbronner, Lei & Bob Fye, Merle & Charlie Spann and Ellen & Karl Liewer in Bozeman, MT at the start of AOG's Natl Parks Tour, 16 Jul 92


1945: Spann, Fye, Liewer and Heilbronner at the Grand Tetons, 18 Jul 92


1945: Bill & Ruth Daughtery, bicycling in Sicily, spring 92

Bill wrote that, in previous yrs, they were in Czechoslovakia when the Czechs and Slovaks were only carping at ea other; Yugoslavia where they were befriended by Serbs, Bosnians, Montenegrans, Slovanians and Croats before they resumed killing ea other; and Hungary when the Iron Curtain was still intact and they practically paid you just to be there. For them, Eastern Europe was a scenic and cultural feast at bargain prices.

Mose & Gloria Wright are in Ger serving an 18-mo mission for the Mormon Church. They live in Fuerth and have been assigned to work with the congregation there. They also do 4 hours of community svc ea wk. Since vol svc is rare in socialized Ger, this was difficult to arrange until they met a Lutheran minister who worked with a hosp. He arranged for

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them to visit patients twice a wk as "guest pastors." Mose says there isn't much interest in religion among most German people. Older mbrs of the Lutheran Church believe that when their generation is gone, there will be no one in the church anymore.

Bill Moran wrote me that **Rut Rutledge** (C-1) died on 9 Aug. Rut was an engr for Intl Salt Co for 30 yrs before ret in 90. **Lois** continues to live at their home in Summit, NJ.

Fred Parker (F-1) died on 10 Sep. **Dot** remains at their home in El Paso. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families and friends of these two classmates. We'll miss them.

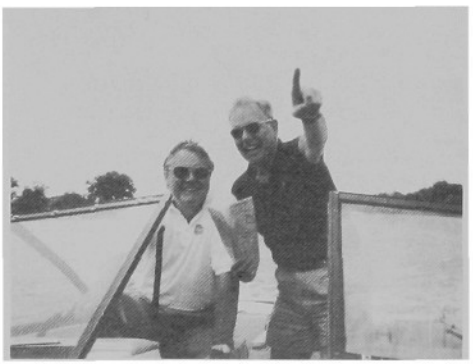
The monthly men's luncheons for '45'ers who live in or are visiting the DC area are even more popular. These affairs are held in the SecArmy dining room in the Pentagon, and 25 attended the Sep gathering. Contact **Hap Argo** if you're going to visit and see if one is scheduled then.

Tom Drake says the Mini-reunion for 93 is scheduled in San Diego for 5–10 Oct. More details later.

Don Henderson's mem article status rep: When he started his project, 136 articles were needed. Now 52 articles are done and many others in preparation, but 17 sponsors are still needed. Publication sched for 93 shows 13 in this issue, 7 in Mar *ASSEMBLY* and 6 in May *ASSEMBLY*.

The new Columbarium Chapel in the undercroft of the Old Cadet Chapel provides niches for the cremated remains of ofcrs and eligible family mbrs. If you need more info, phone Mrs Grace E Foster at (914) 938-2504.

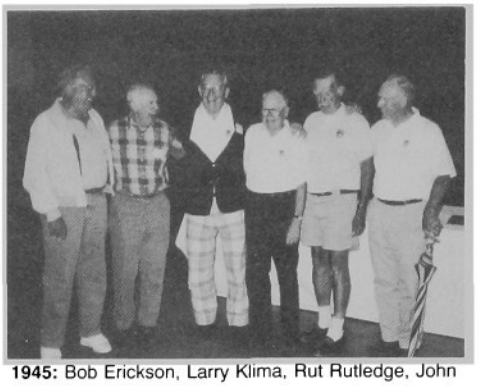
Sam Lessey wrote me a ltr while 39,000 ft over the Atlantic on 9 Aug. He was returning from the annual CIOR (Confederation Interalliee des Officiers de Reserve) mtg held at the Netherlands Mil Acad in Breda. Earlier in the summer, after the ROA convention in St Paul, MN, he enjoyed the hospitality of **John & Caroline MacWherter** and joined them in a boat ride across Lake Minnetonka for lunch at a marina.



1945: Navigator Lessey pointing out oncoming UFO's to skipper MacWherter on Lake Minnetonka, Jun 92

Later he enjoyed lunch and a pleasant visit with **John Ludlow** at his log-cabin retreat on the eastern shore of beautiful Lake Manistique. Last winter Sam worked on the Bush/Quayle primary campaign in NH before enjoying two wks of fresh-powder skiing in CO.

Nancy & Jim Munson attended the New England Soc gathering on 1 Aug at George Patton's farm [see "News from the Socs" section in Nov *ASSEMBLY*]. They were pleased to find that they weren't the only '45'ers there when they found fellow attendees **Jean & John Coulahan**. The Coulahans are presently watching their new condo home being constructed in Tucson. They spend summers in RI and winters in Tucson. John's activities include working on a steering gp project to write the mil history of his town of Westerly, RI.



1945: Bob Erickson, Larry Klima, Rut Rutledge, John Murphy, Joe Van Cleve and Bob Ives at the Second Annual Alumni Golf Tournament, 92

All the New England Soc revelers picknicked, canoed and played tennis or softball at the Patton farm's 200+ acres of woodland and pasture.

1945: John & Jean Coulahan (front) and Jim & Nancy Munson (rear) at the New England Soc Picnic at George Patton's Farm, 1 Aug 92

It's a working farm and George is a working farmer, with blueberry orchards, sizable vegetable fields, saw mill and maple syrup vats. Products are sold at the town farmer's market and at George's sizable roadside store. His son George has a separate house on the farm, a couple of horses, numerous Special Olympic awards, and leads a very active life.

Cliff & Nelle (Preston) Stevens overnighted with the **Munsons** in Jul en route to their summer home in Gray, Maine. Nelle is nearly but not completely recovered from the severe cut on her foot she received from a rock on the beach during their honeymoon in Jan 92 in Acapulco. (Some beach party!) The cut was complicated further by infection and skin grafting.

Fred Einsidler sent me a copy of the Wings Club bulletin that described the 50th anniv celebration of the club on 15 May. It was a dinner-dance gala, emceed by Maureen O'Hara aboard the *USS Intrepid*. Fred is a past pres of the club. The gala had nostalgia

1945: Jo & Dick Jett four days before her brain surgery, Jan 92

everywhere—hors d'oeuvres tables offered tastes of both Europe and S Pacific theaters of opn. The band swung with nary a guitar in sight. When it was time to say "Good Night, Irene," nobody wanted to leave.

Warren Stumpe wrote that he had a hip replacement on 8 Jul. Before that, on their trip to FL, the hip was so painful that **Lois** had to push him around Disney World in a wheelchair. (Good news was that wheelchairs went to the head of all lines.) The only time that he didn't notice his hip was when **Ray Clark** kept feeding him screwdrivers with fresh orange juice. Warren planned to attend his 50th HS reunion in Lynbrook, NY this past fall.

Rupe Jernigan called me on his way through Nashville to see his daughter in Omaha. **Henrietta** & he attended **Van & Bunny Foster**'s 25th anniv party. **T-Lou & Bert Bailey** were also there, having come down from Raleigh to Fayetteville.

'46

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Elsewhere in this issue you will find a note about **Jack McWhorter**'s Cl history. You should have received Jack's ltr this past Oct filling you in on the details and asking for your order. Do it now, if you haven't already. In the meantime, Jack, the AOG and **John Mathias** do not have current or correct addresses for many of us. So, ea issue from now until whenever, I will list a few of those missing classmates, in hopes that someone out there can help: **Clifton W Gray**, no address; **Stephen E Gray**, *Register* address no good; **Robert FM Duncan Jr**, ltrs come back from Costa Rica address in *Register*; **Roy C Calogeros**, APO address no good; **John A Martin**, *Register* address no good. Please advise me, Jack, John or the AOG if you can help.

During half-time of the Holy Cross game we spectators were introduced to a very large gp of grads who had participated in past Olympics [see article in Nov 92 *ASSEMBLY*]. Our Cl had the largest single number (4): **Dick Gruenther**—48 Pentathlon; **Ed Crowley**—48 Hockey; **Guy Troy** (who mailed data)—52 Pentathlon; and **Hale Baugh**—48 Pentathlon. As many of you know, Guy is pres of the US Modern Pentathlon Assn.

Guy and I briefly said "hi" at the game, and he mentioned that **Jim McBride** is suffering from Parkinson's disease and has moved to a ret home in Raleigh, NC (Northridge Ret Vill, 600 Newton Rd 27615; 919-848-7744). Joy continues to live and work in Greensboro. Guy sent a photo of classmates at his farm prior to the UNC game. They were joined at

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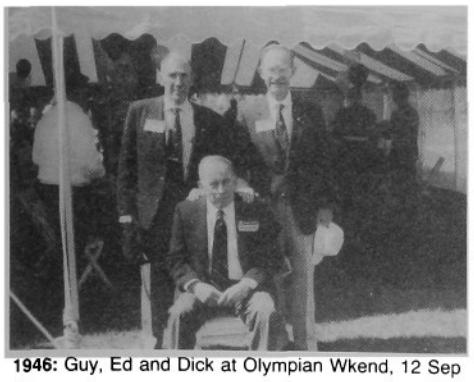


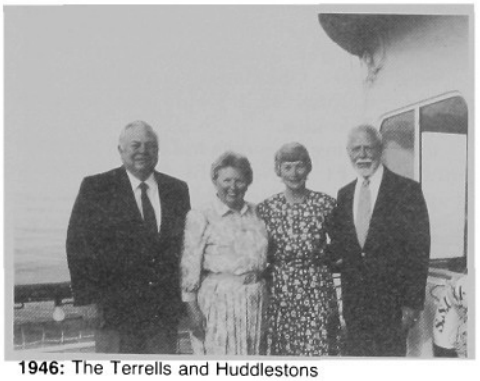
1946: Guy, Ed and Dick at Olympian Wkend, 12 Sep 92

the picnic by the Supe, Com, Dean and C/S. In photo are (front) **Warner Lewis, Dick Beckner, Randy Adams,** Guy and **Dick Newell**; (rear) **Steve Edwards** (the croquet champ), **Sam Walker, John Bartholf, Ed Saunders, Bill Cound, Ed Van Deusen, Lou Creveling** and **Harry Smythe**. Guy said they all got thoroughly drenched at the game, which was suspended for 31 min due to lightning and, in fact, the stadium was evacuated.

Troy noted that son Kent '81 is still in Worms, Ger and that he & **Wynne** plan to visit son Thad (with the State Dept) in Bujumbura, Bermuda at Christmas.

In my last col I noted the marriage of **Lora & Don Watson** but spelled her name "Laura;" I apologize. In addition to those listed before, the following were also wedding guests: **Jack Hoefling, Bill Gavin, John Callaghan, Tom Huddleston, Ed Houseworth, Tom Provenzano, Pete Burnell** (married **Kay** last May), **Mint Wilson, Rob Rufsvold, Jim Loome** and **Dick Tuck**. Cl widows attending were **Rachel Jones, Gloria Pagano** and **Joy Starner**. **PJ O'Connor** mailed poop.

In Jul, **Hal & Carolyn Terrell** joined **Tom & Odile Huddleston** on a 14-day Alaskan cruise. Tom (mailed poop) said it was great and mailed photo of the two couples on one of the two nights when coat and tie were recommended, but not required. On their way to Vancouver to board ship, they stopped overnight in Seattle for dinner with **Connie Beasley** (**Rex**'s widow).



1946: The Terrells and Huddlestons

Gerry Epstein ret from his NM Capital Mgt firm last Jun. A "tombstone" in the 5 Aug 92 *Wall Street Journal* indicated that Paine Webber acted as his advisor and his firm was acquired by The Berkeley Financial Group, part of John Hancock. He will stay on about a yr as a consultant. He & **Linda** plan to travel now that time is available. Gerry was at WP on 9 Sep to see George Shultz receive the Thayer Award; while there, they also visited son Ethan, a yearling. He also spent some time with **Milt Hamilton**, who accompanied the Bd of Visitors on that same day. In the Jul issue I mentioned that I expected to ret from my firm at the end of Aug but, like Gerry, will act as a consultant 1–2 days/wk. **Ethel** & I visited our son in IL thereafter. By the way, the Sep issue leads you to believe my son is '75, but he is '74. The Jul issue has the facts straight about Jeff Anderson's cl and where **Al Nemetz** is. Jul data was added by AOG; Sep was a phone call to me.

Hap & Ann Hazzard visited **Tom & Clarine Constant** at their farm in Vermont in Sep. They missed seeing **Ralph & Jane LaRock** since Ralph had to go to the judging and presentation ceremonies at the Chittenden County Fair, where he won first prize for the largest turnip (8.51 lbs) and third prize for his cabbage. Way to go, Ralph! Hap, who mailed data, swears the part about Ralph is true. The photo was taken in the backyard of Tom's farm, where they spend their summers.

1946: The Constants and Hazzards

Did you read the article on pg 41 of the Sep issue about our Cl fund-raising project? **Dick Gruenther** advises that, as of Sep 92, our Great Hall Fund totals $834K pledged, with $275K collected. We are looking for 100% participation, so if there are still people sitting on the fence to see how it goes, join up and let's go over the top. **Cal Benedict** says, "All contribs, regardless of size, are appreciated. The name of ea classmate living and deceased will be recorded on a plaque within our Great Hall."

Dick mailed the photo taken at **Bill & Bette Evans**' home, which overlooks Boothbay Harbor, ME. The occasion: A stop on the Sep cruise with **George Patton** on his *Arcturus III*. Pictured are Bette, George, Dick, **Don Hughes**, Bill and **Sue Gruenther**. Flag below the Stars and Stripes: The Air Force flag, what else. A 5-man crew, counting skipper, is required, so the crew (The Gruenthers, Hughes, Patton) were joined by George Smith '61 to make up the total for the cruise.

1946: At Boothbay Harbor, ME

Here are notes received via **Jim Loome** this past summer. **Dave Bryant** will ret on 31 Dec 92 from Natl Right to Work and is available for law work should anyone wish to hire him. **Jim Carbine** ret from his full-time job in Jan 92 at Modern Technologies Corp as a project mgr on the FEMA SETA contract; now he works part-time with them in program devel. **Katherine Elder** rep visits from **Hal & Carolyn Terrell** (GA), **Ed & Betty Morgan** (TX) and **Phil & Dodo Rogers** (CO). Her family, children and grandchildren (Courtenay, Blake B, Keith, Viki, Blake C and Dane) were in TX in Oct for a reunion. Blake B (San Fran area) has visited with **Steve & Squeak Conner** in Sunnyvale while **Jack & Val Dayton** were there, and with **Jim & Winkie Wirrick** in Carmel. **Harry Floyd** was in Paris and Swit-

1946: Cl group at Troy's Farm

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zerland for the mo of Sep. **Bob Kren** rep that **Betty Jane** was due for back surgery on 1 Sep; haven't heard how it went. **Queene Lester** rep daughter Lindsey Brutscher was promoted to Lt Cmdr, USN and will rep to CGSC in Jul. Son Frank, MAJ, USA is now in Ger. **Marie Parmly** is back in FL (5650 AIA South A-104, St Augustine 32084; 904-471-0307) and happy about it. Recently she had 20 mbrs of her family there for a reunion. Marie has just joined the staff of Marywood Ctr for Spirituality and Ministry in Jacksonville. She is their receptionist and enjoys the daily contacts. Many of you knew she was a lay Missioner with Maryknoll. **Del Rovis** rep all family mbrs married and healthy. He is a volunteer curator at the Smithsonian on American popular music (Miller, James, Dorsey, etc). **Patti** rep that **Bill Schneider** has ret again. He left BDM after 15 yrs as asst VP on 22 Aug, but will become pres of Technical Research Corp, a small firm aimed at sharing former USSR technology with the USA. That's ret? Bill had a ltr published in the 25 Aug 92 *Wash Post* advocating keeping the Redskins in DC. **Herb Schulke** visited his 96-yr-old mother in MN last summer and made a trip to ND in Oct. **Harl Tucker** still working full-time. Note from **Sam Walker** (Apr 92) rep that he has been renominated to AOG for 3 more yrs; son Buck, LTC '71, is at the Pentagon; son Sam III '75, on LTC list, is back from Desert Storm and on a joint asgmt at Ft Hurlbush, FL; and daughter Sally teaches German to HS'ers in Pinehurst. Sam's note states: "WP needs all her grads' spt in bucking the changes Congress proposes for USMA's future." **George Webb** rep two additions to the family: Oldest son George III had a son in Jul and middle son Matthew married Karen Cacho from Annapolis. **Marv & Midge Weber** enjoyed their second around-the-world trip last spr and will be going to Ecuador this fall, followed by a babysitting stint in Japan and a trip to the Indonesian Isls. **Moe Weinstein** rep a new granddaughter, their 5th grandchild. His son Stuart bought a home in Alexandria and will permanently relocate from PR in few yrs. **Jim Welch** is now living in an apt (7307 Calibre Pk Dr #103, Durham NC 27707) while waiting to move into his new house under construction. **Hope & Minter Wilson** were in England in Sep-Oct 92. Their #1 daughter Mary Caldwell had her 5th child last summer and #3 daughter Karen Wiese expects a second child this Dec. **Patricia Zeh** rep (Apr 92) her AF daughter expects TDY at Bolling AFB soon.

At the Lafayette game (10 Oct 92), **Dan Mahony** said he had to leave at half-time to attend the 7 PM wedding of **Ralph Ellis** to **Sheila** Druckman. We wish the newlyweds our best. Dan is a VP of investments with Stuart, Coleman and Co in NYC.

Necrology: Noted in the Sep *ASSEMBLY* was the death of **Ken Steen** last Jul. **Tom Huddleston** had spoken to Ken only 17 days before his death. **Bill Clapp** died on 12 Mar 92 in Knoxville; he had broken his hip and then for 5 mos was on a respirator, which he never left. On 29 Jul 92 **Dottie Wedemeyer**, age 61, died of a heart attack in her sleep. A mem svc on 4 Aug was held at Christ Episcopal Church in Rockville, MD, with many classmates in attendance. **Ben Landis**' note to **Loome** mentioned that Dottie had been at their home the Sat before she died, and she appeared to be in the best of health, with vitality and good spirit. Jim Loome's annual ltr mentioned the loss of two classmates, **Pat Crizer** and **Jack Sadler**; I have no data about when or where, except that Pat passed away in Nov. To ea of the deceased's families, I wish to pass on our very heart-felt sympathies. Appropriately, at this point, I would mention the article about the Columbarium Chapel, located in the undercroft of the Old Cadet Chapel, received from Dick Maffry '42. It would appear to be a very sensible idea.

Forthcoming Cl events in DC: 16 Jan 93—dinner at Ft McNair; 13 Mar 93—WPS Founders Day; a Mar lunch at the Pentagon; and 21 May 93—dinner at Bolling AFB.

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I start this col early with general info while I await input re our 45th Reunion. Pix and a short summary of '47 events are in the initial pgs of *ASSEMBLY* (credit **Bob Rosen**).

We were pleased to have **Margot & Bob Koch** pay us a short visit in late Aug on their way to their vacation home in N CO. Bob can still wear his same size dress blues (75 ret), and Margot remains one of the prettiest of southern belles. . . . **Jack Schuder** called on 30 Aug to pass on his status. We both cried "in our beer." Jack had a multiple by-pass heart opn due to aneurysms but is recovering quickly and is almost back to playing some golf. Betty's mother died at 98. Our wives' mothers are greatly outstripping the statistical average for longevity. . . . I hereby relinquish my (your) "trumped up" claim to becoming USMA oldest living grad to **Jean Burner**.

Mary & John Delistraty are enjoying their new home in Gig Harbor, WA. Son Damon & wife Jema had a new son Cody in May 92 in Spokane. . . . **Jean & Don Robb** wrote a long ltr—all is well. We hope that daughter Judy, who took the architecture exams for certification in Jun, has now heard successful news. Judy is showing old dad how expert she is, redesigning the Robb household. . . . **Ruth & Tom Benson** are happy to have all their children/grandchildren living within a 4-hr distance, so they get to see them often.

1947: Benson clan, minus key players

The ocean is 5 mi away. The yacht club is 6 mi away and 100 porpoises at a time swim up and down the coast opposite their location. . . . **Tom & Ike Ickler** and **Tom Rogers** lead the Cl into the 7th decade!

Lannie & Jack Dunham traveled to the reunion via Custer, SD (**Bonnie & Bob McNeil**). . . . **Gerry & Bill Coghill** rep that all summer—warm and sunny—no classmates visited AK, although **Tom Flattery**'s son Tom apparently drove up to Anchorage!

Grandson Billy is becoming a below-par

1947: Gerry & Bill Coghill with 92 AK State Jr Amateur Golf Champion, grandson Billy, 28 Jul 92

golfer, winning the AK State Jr tourney. Bill may have to forego catching a prize Silver Salmon this yr—the salmon are not cooperating. Bill is still exec dir of the AK Assn for Historic Preservation. I am learning a lot of WWII Aleutian history from newsltrs sent to me. I am sure that you have heard of the huge clouds of volcanic ash falling in the Anchorage area this summer. There is another interesting note: Nome, bordering the Bering Strait and in the Arctic Circle, was host to AK's first tennis tourney in Jun 13. The tourney was played by 18 men on a grass surface in white shirts and long dark trousers.

Mockie & Mike Maloney indicate that **Barbara & Tom Flattery** will see "Guys and Dolls" with them before Reunion, and that **Barbara & John Gerrity** will stop by after.

I regret to inform you that **Henry Halpern**, x-'47, died on 12 Jul 92. Cl sympathies are extended to **Gloria Halpern**, who resides at 24 Clover Lane, Princeton, NJ 08540, very close to **Yvonne Bleiman**. I remember Henry well during plebe summer in ranks, taking the brunt of the verbal discipline, and during our 25th Reunion.

I have heard over the "ham" air and have noted in *QST*, official ham-radio publication, that Bill Halligan, **Bob Halligan**'s father, noted radio engr and equipment developer (Hallicrafter), died this summer (14 Jul 92) in Miami Beach, FL. Bob had a wonderful father. Bill, W9AC, was 93 yrs old and outlived his co by 17 yrs. Bill Halligan joined the US Navy in 17 and worked as an operator at Station NAE on Cape Cod during WWI. After that, he enrolled at Tufts U, but, unable to afford the tuition, after a yr he won an appointment to WP. He left WP after two yrs to get married and then went to work as a writer for the *Boston Telegraph*.

Brent Scowcroft, on TV for 1/2-hr stretches recently, repeatedly held his own, upholding higher standards during discussions of politics and natl security matters.

Bobbi & I were unable to attend the 45th; hence all reps will be 2nd- and 3rd-hand. Most of the info was provided by **Bob Rosen**. Eighty-three classmates, 76 wives, 8 assorted children/grandchildren, "Uncle George," **Muriel Webb**'s brother and **George Maloney**'s nephew attended. FUN was the theme: Reunion was held at the fabulous Mohonk Mtn House under very pleasant skies. "A mtntop of unsurpassed beauty. The stunning splendor of rocky cliffs rising above a crystal blue lake and surrounded by lush forest. . . a place where people and nature flourish." I think our Reunion flourished. . . . I have rep the new election of Cl ofcrs to AOG: Pres—**James A Johnson**; VP—**NR (Bob) Rosen**; VP (giving)—**Bernard W Abrams**;

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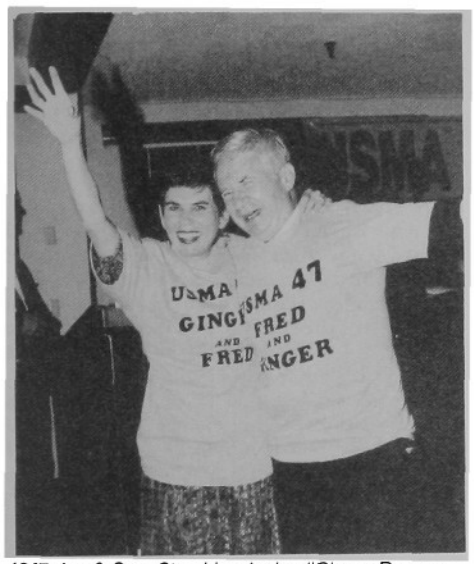
treas—**Wayne O Hauck**; and secy, scribe, historian—**Albert J Geraci**. The Cl established a Cl of '47 Foundation that gives tax-exempt status and provides a repository for Cl funds. A goal of $200,000 has been determined as the amt to be raised between now and 97. More news, financial info and new classmate addresses should be forthcoming soon. "OUR" train station looked good. Presumably, maintenance is once again being accomplished on the station. . . . A '47² mini, a mini-reunion for the Cl after 47 yrs, will be hosted in San Ant in 95 by **Sissy & Perry Gainey**.

Pat Tully was unable to attend the 45th, so **Jack** joined the Cl only for the Sat football game, as did **Gordon Dicker** from VT. **Ann & Bill Cooper** made a courageous effort in attending the 45th from Littleton, CO, stressfully joining in on most activities in a wheelchair (Bill), but valiantly uplifting his strength to walk partially in the Alumni March on the Plain. . . . **Ina & Sam Starobin** were declared



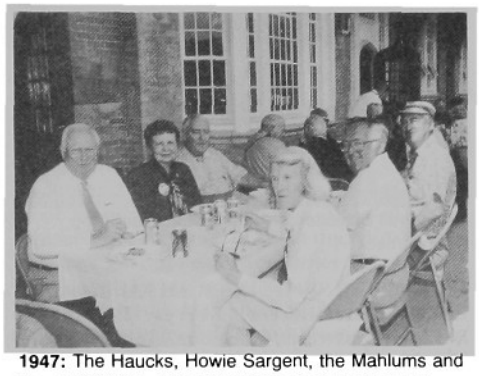
1947: Ina & Sam Starobin winning "Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire" Award

winners of the "Best Dancers" award at the Wash Hall dinner dance. It seems that I remember Sam's hop card was always full at the Cullum Hall cadet dances. . . . There apparently was lots of time allowed for playing golf and tennis, biking, hiking and trips. . . . **John Miller** did a superb job in presenting a memorial "remembrance" svc for our deceased '47'ers. . . . **Nikki & John Lauterbach** handled favors; **Dolores & John Novomesky**, assisted by **George Harrington**, held down the hospitality suite, and **Ann Baer** and **Kay Johnson** (and I'm sure that their husbands were forced to assist) made up table decorations for the banquet and chrysanthemum corsages for the football game. **Meg & Howie Sargent** put on Hollywood video display entertainment with a high level of performance.

John Naill called today for **John Miller**'s address. Apparently, JN took pic of JM during the mem svc and will circulate pic to JM and hopefully others. JN still plays tennis at Little Rock CC with Chris Evert's uncle, a pro at the Club. . . . Send me a copy of svc presentation, JM, if you kept a copy. . . . Bill Reckmeyer also called today. He made a videotape at Reunion. It is believed **Bob Peckham** and **Howie Sargent** did also. Bill is offering to duplicate his or any combo of tapes to send to whomever desires a copy and respectfully requests one

1947: The Webbs, Meade Wildrick, the Coghills, Bob Rosens and Meg Sargent at the 45th Reunion

from him. **Betty Lou & Bill** remain in excellent health; in fact, their entire clan is in good health and spirits. They are completing construction of a new house. Two of their daughters have married WP'ers, '72 and'75. **Sam Wellborn** sent his "living" obit. **Polly & Sam** made Reunion, where Sam joined **Pete Boerger, Jack Faith** and **Jim Bushnell** in tennis doubles.



1947: The Haucks, Howie Sargent, the Mahlums and Meade Wildrick at the WP Train Station luncheon during the 45th Reunion

Hopefully, **Bob Rosen**, Reunion dir, along with all those mentioned above and those not mentioned above, were commended and thanked for great planning and conduct of another highly successful reunion. I am enclosing excerpts from a dissertation written by **Bill Webb** re our "Changing of the Guard:" "At our Sep 92 reunion at and near WP, classmates ratified the Cl decision to name **Jim Johnson** and **Bob Rosen** as our pres and VP, respectively. Two score and 5 (and a butt) yrs before, we departed our alma mater, with **Frank Boerger** and **Tom Benson** in these positions. Both led us with skill through the yrs—Tom until he chose to stand down and Frank until his course on earth was run two yrs ago. . . . For those decades, Frank led us with a light touch: he named Cl mbrs to organize reunions, to serve as trustees and to represent us before many gps; he provided sound input to several Supes and to the AOG on Acad issues; and he kept involved with classmates and families—their accomplishments, joys and challenges. We, too, have strong memories of his reunion ldrship—all of these things with no fanfare or bouquets; he wanted none. . . .

Sure enough, as our Cl enjoyed the words from the new team at dinner, a violent storm hit—thunder, rain, wind and lightning. We soon found, however, that this sound and fury was merely an attention-getter. The next morn brilliant sunshine greeted us at a moving mem svc at the Old Cadet Chapel and a luncheon at our train station. Then on Sat, classmates marched out on the Plain as the only Cl to take the cadet review. Our hearts stood at attention as we saluted the Corps. We felt the grip of the far-off hold of those who had gone before us. . . . We now look forward to the same length of svc from **Jim** and **Bob** that we had from **Frank** and **Tom**. Our salutes on the Plain and our cheers as Army won at Michie Stadium said clearly that all was right in the world."

1947: Wayne Hauck, Jim Johnson, Perry Gainey, Howie Sargent, Bob Fahs, Pete Karter and Mel Rosen on the Plain after Alumni Exercises during the 45th Reunion

Reunion pix were taken and submitted by **Meg & Howie Sargent** and received at the last hr before press time. They do more than their share.

More on our 45th next time. Take care.

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Our Floridians do take full advantage of all that water. They're pictured on **Les Carter**'s boat docked for lunch and drinks after a sail across Tampa Bay to meet the **Perrys** at a resort where they were staying.

1948: Ginny Carter, Bill Burrows, the Bayers, Perrys, Pat Burrows and skipper Les Carter

Recognition continues to fall on the contribs of Cl sons and daughters in Desert Shield/Storm. The **Schoenbergs'** son Eric earned an Air medal. He now has left the AF and is a Resident in anesthesiology at the U of Cincinnati Med Sch.

He & Cheryl live in a house they built in the suburbs. That marriage was rep some time ago, but we now have an official photograph of '48 and '47 participants [see next page].

In addition to medals, promotions fall on Cl sons. **Nancy Schless'** son William F Jr, in attendance at ICAF, was promoted to COL, with the assistance of Nancy and wife Jan.

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1948: CPT Eric Schoenberg receives Air Medal for svc in Desert Shield/Storm

1948: The Schoenbergs, Josephs, Rosens '47 and Goulds '47

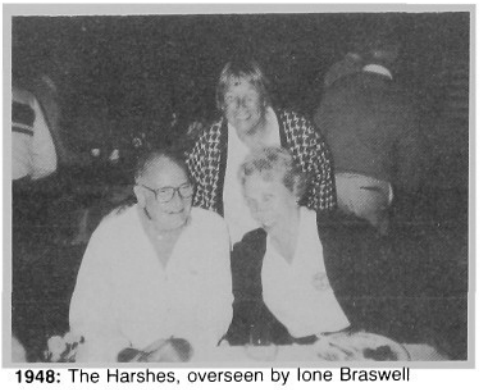
Isn't Bill the first Cl son to make full bull? Any others out there? Nancy rep 3 of her sons are now on the E Coast, so she has plenty of family visitation in her new condo.

1948: Wife Jan Schless, COL William F Schless Jr and Nancy Schless

Our Winchester, VA area residents, the **Barnetts, Dorseys, Harshes** and **Schlotterbecks**, threw a terrific "learn about Winchester" micro-reunion on 12 Sep. Applying the principles we learned on such trips as Wright-Pat, the hosting group divided the 61 out-of-the-valley guests into two gps for afternoon tours: a walking tour led by a professional guide and a bus tour narrated by **Stan** Harsh, who took us from James Wood, who founded Winchester in 1744, to the present, with emphasis on the War between the States.

Following the tours, classmates assembled at the Dorseys' for refreshments before moving to beautiful Belle Grove Plantation for **Jim** Barnett's superb briefing on the Battle of Cedar Creek; Barney should have been a history prof.

Walt Schlotterbeck briefed the history of Belle Grove, followed by a tour of the 1794 mansion guided by Walt & **Peg**, both of whom are docents for the mansion. Of note is that



1948: The Harshes, overseen by Ione Braswell

Sally Adams Brady can trace her family back to Major Issac Hite Jr, who built Belle Grove. A post-tour dinner under the oaks in the backyard of the mansion concluded a great day.

1948: Walt Schlotterbeck, the Dorseys and Peg Schlotterbeck

Attending were the **Carl Andersons, Beirnes, Bellingers, Berrys, Bertrams, Bradys, Braswells, Brattons, John Egbert** (**Sandy** was ailing), **Anne Griffith, Hallahans, Dotty Hoyt** with daughter Alden, the **Josephs, Bob Kirwan,** the **Macklins, Miltons, Mummas, Patches, Nancy Pater, Dolly Petersen,** the **Plummers, Pomeroys, WW Scotts, Seligs, Swearingens, Thomases, Waggeners, Wards, Wares, Charlotte Webber,** the **Witkos**, and the Monahans '47. Our photographers really produced wonderful pix of this, in perfect weather.

1948: The Barnetts

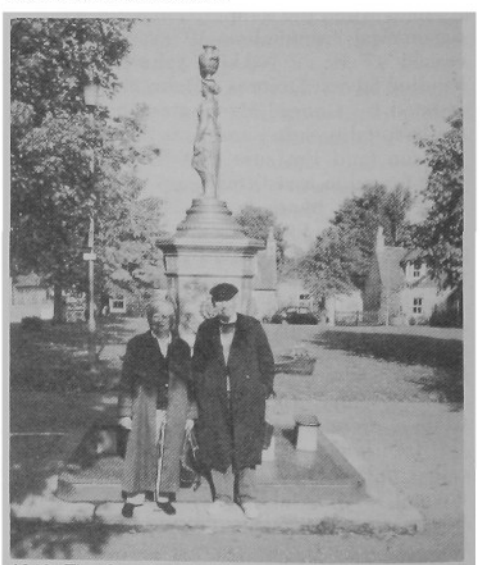
Ken & Carol Olson continue caring for newly-born and very young babies while awaiting their placement in foster homes. This past summer they took in an Indian boy, the 45th baby in their chain of helping newborns of all races who really need help. This devotion to others too young to care for themselves started in 82, when Carol wanted to continue in nursing, and they selected this route, as Carol's favorite nursing duty was in the hosp nursery. Between youngsters, they do manage to get away occasionally. In their summer 92 trip, they visited 7 isls of the Galapagos, where they swam with penguins and sea lions and saw the indigenous marine iguana (Ken: "Ugliest creature I've ever seen"), frigate bird and blue-footed boobies.

Other travels of interest were **Pat & John Withers'** summer 92 E Coast trip with 3 grandchildren, on which John broke a bone in his foot, requiring a cast. That did not deter a visit to **Russ Ball** in Phila, whose son Rusty has earned his MBA while son Andy continues in sch. Rusty now works with dad in Russ' numerous businesses all over the world. John also gave us a sighting of our newlyweds, advising that **Phil & Kathy Day** summered in San Fran—a bit more comfortable than Columbus, GA in the summer.

The **Swearengens** and **Whiteheads** cruised the British Isles, then back to N America in Sep. Boarding at London's port of Tilbury, ports of call were Edinburgh, Invergordon, Waterford, Dublin, St John's Newfoundland, Quebec and disembarking in Montreal. Sadly, despite intense eyeballing, they did not see the Loch Ness Monster. Their ship comfortably accommodated 750 cruisers, incl a delightful Italian couple, the Contestabiles (he was a '38 grad of the Italian Naval Acad), centered in the pic of our travelers.

1948: The Whiteheads, Contestabiles and Swearengens aboard the *Royal Viking Sun*

While the Swearengens and Whiteheads were afloat around the British Isles, **Elly & Lowell Genebach** saw Ireland, Wales and Scotland. They also rep no sighting of the Loch Ness Monster but gave an excellent rep of their trip. Those wanting a tour guide for the Isles, call Lowell.



1948: The Genebachs in Tomintoul, Scotland

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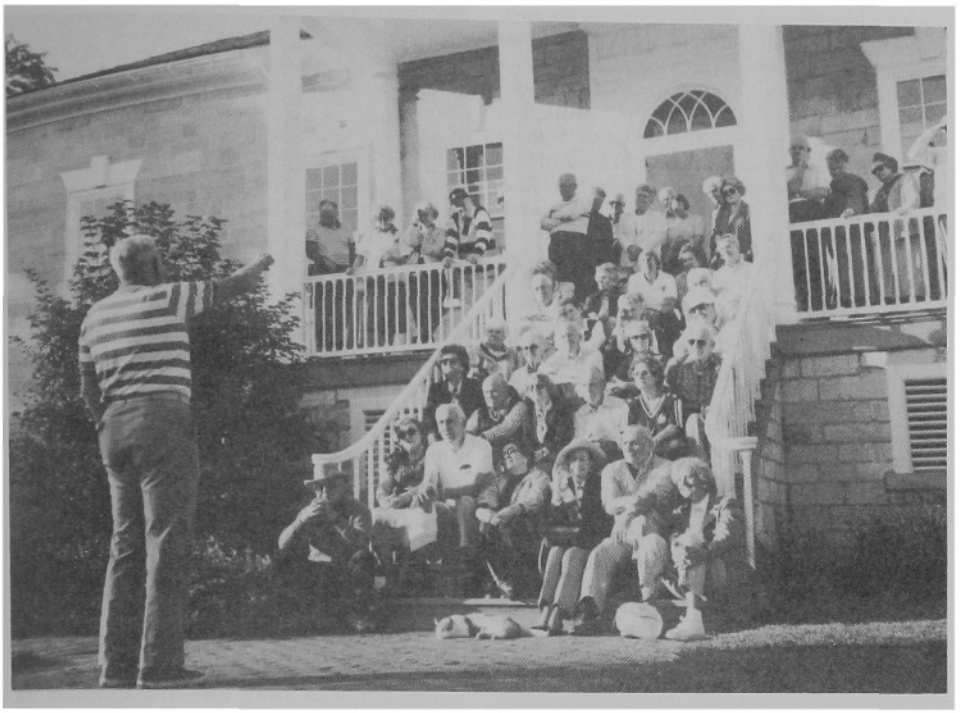

1948: Barnett lectures the Cl at the Winchester micro

As this goes to press, **Odell & Jackie Williamson** are in Africa on a Kenyan safari, a life-long travel goal. Hopefully, we'll have a pic of them with lions and tigers in a future issue. Also sched is a **Pomeroy**-planned Jan trip to Belize and Guatamala with **Jerry Jones, Marge Jones** and the **Macklins**.

And then there were 6. Not that I didn't pay attention in HS, but in response to DC's Western HS Alumni search, I find I omitted **Warren Graves** from the list of '48'ers who graduated from Western in 43. Sorry, Warren.

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Neal Judd wrote from Atl, enclosing a clipping from the 18 Jun 92 *Daily Tribune News* in Cartersville, GA. Datelined Ft Benning, the article rep that the 50th anniv of the Rangers was celebrated by about 1,000 people, many Ranger vets. Among them was **Ralph Puckett**. As a 2LT in Japan, Ralph was picked to head the 8th Ranger Co. In Korea and Vietnam, Ralph was awarded a total of two DSC, two SS, 10 AM, 5 PH and more. When ret in 71, Ralph gave away all his uniforms as a symbolic break with the Army. The article says Ralph considers his exploits in both wars as his duty. It quotes him as saying, "I have no complaints—none. I was born free. It's my responsibility to die free."

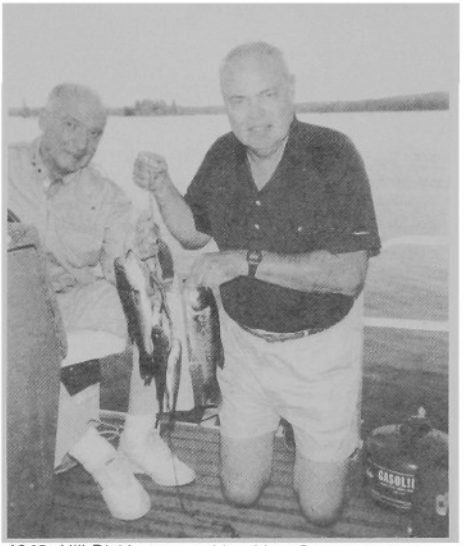
Frank Hinchion wrote from his home in Ocean Pines (Berlin, MD). Recently re-elected to another 3-yr term on the Ocean Pines Bd, Frank notes that "politics here on the shore are becoming a way of life." He had breakfast with **Jack Kiely** in Boston in Jul. Frank says Jack is looking well and working part-time in his son-in-law's hardware store outside Acton, MA. **Jeannie** continues her dialysis sessions and has lost considerable weight after some yrs of this treatment. Then in Aug, Frank & **Bette** traveled to Denver to attend the marriage of a granddaughter. Frank wonders if that might be a Cl "first." Any others earlier?

The Hinchions went also to CO Springs to visit **Jimmy & Mickey Hartinger**. Mickey had her colon removed in May and is making a great recovery. Jimmy had a 12-yr-old hip replacement replaced in Jul at the AFA Hosp. The hip guarantee ran out after 10 yrs. . . . Frank also rep attending a party at **Tom & Jo Marsh**'s summer place near his home. Among other guests were **Bill & Ann Bumpus**. Tom's grandson was there acting as bartender. Frank rep that the grandson, who is either a sr or just grad from Elon Coll in NC, strongly resembles Tom.

1949: Carver Wood, Bob Noce and Joe Yeats in Michigan

Bob Noce sent the first photo, the '49'er contingent at the qtrly WPS of MI luncheon in Aug. Shown are **Carver Wood**, Bob and **Joe Yeats**. **Ogden Jones**, in Kalamazoo, couldn't attend. Bob attended a ret party for Joe at Gen Dynamics Land Systems Div in late Jul. Joe was credited with being the primary individual responsible for designing the XM1/M1 tank from concept through entry into production. Bob says he was a principal speaker at the affair where Joe "was honored in fine style." Bob ret from Williams Intl but stayed on as a part-time consultant.

The dates given in the last issue of *ASSEMBLY* for the '49'er 93 mini-reunion at Lake Tahoe may be slightly off. My recent notes (from a tel conv with **Bob Leisy**) give the dates as 13–17 Sep. Since I haven't been able to get Bob on the phone, my advice is to "stay loose 'til we get the official word." Bob & **Betty Jo** have pulled together a fine package deal—great hotel, VA City tour, cruise on the lake, a welcome party the first night, and a dinner dance the last. Y'all plan to come!



1949: Hill Dickinson teaching Mort Cameron how to fish

The pic of two guys with fish was supplied and titled by **Hill Dickinson**: "Teaching **Mort Cameron** how to fish." Now that may not be the way Mort sees the situation. So Mort, if you wish to suggest an alternative title, it probably deserves equal footage in a future issue. The scene is at Hill's summer place in Ontario, about halfway between Ottawa and Toronto.

At the last Cl bd mtg, the value of the Cl roster, maintained by **Tom & Pat Bamford**, was emphasized. The Bamfords, in cooperation with the AOG, attempt to maintain an up-to-date computerized address roster on all classmates, spouses and Cl widows. This roster has been used by several classmates in the past yr and is a resource available to all of us. Pres **Wayne Norby** asked that ea of us keep the Bamfords (2947 Miller Heights Rd, Oakton, VA 22124; tel 703-938-1262) informed of address changes. Or, if you're communicating with the scribe, give him the info to pass on for you.

At the 15 Sep Pentagon '49'er luncheon were **Ed Yellman, Jim Wilson** (from San Fran), **John VanderVoort, Ted Swett, Lee Surut, Orton Spencer, George Pollin, Bob Pfeiffer, Larry Ogden, Bill Nordin, Wayne Norby, Joe Muckerman, Paul Monahan, Gene Marder, Hal Lombard** (from PA), **Charlie Lehner, Kirby Lamar, Wes Knapp, Art Kingdom, Web Ivy, Bill Huber, Ed Howard, George Hoffmaster, Bill Hoffmann, Harry Griffith, Al Fagg, Bob Ennis, Hill Dickinson, Jack Carr, Bill Bumpus, Dick Bowman, Dave Bolte, Malcolm Agnew, Charlie Adams** and your scribe. Joe Muckerman is the only one on the list still working within that bldg. The next sched luncheons are 19 Jan and 18 Mar. Out-of-towners call Art Kingdom at 703-569-9360 for a reservation and to confirm that the dates have not changed. Art also can tell those who do not have a mil (ret) ID card how to get in.

Duane & Jean Smith joined **Dick & Cherry**

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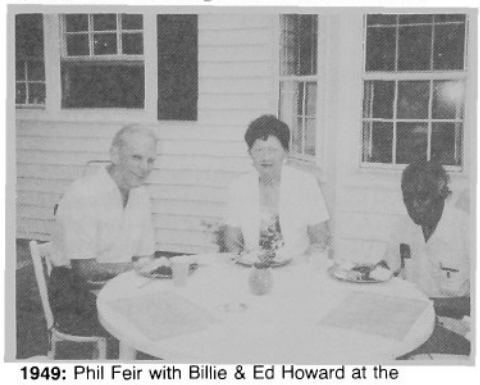
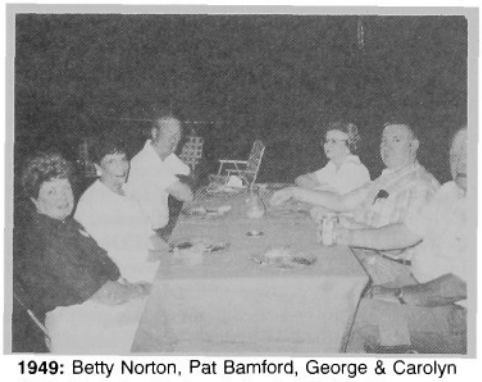
1949: Jean & Duane Smith (seated) with Cherry & Dick Henry in Venice, Italy

Henry for a Mediterranean and Black Sea cruise in Sep. Duane rep it was a splendid voyage, with perfect weather and many interesting stops. The 3rd pic shows the happy gp, enjoying the pleasures of a restaurant in Venice, Italy. Duane, as treas, also rep that there was a strong and broad-based response to **George Sylvester**'s ltr re the '49'er Lodge Endowment Fund. The Fund, at the end of Sep, stood at $127,439 toward a goal of about $155,000.



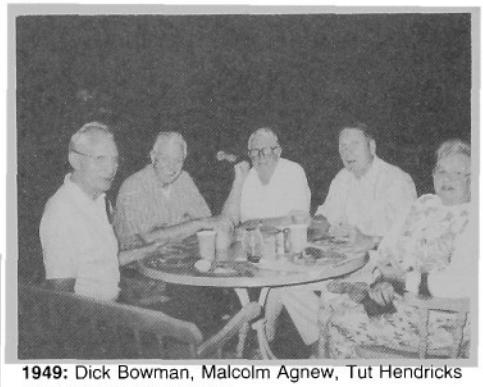
1949: Phil Feir with Billie & Ed Howard at the Bowmans' Bash

An additional item from **Bruce Carswell**'s ltr (Nov 92 *ASSEMBLY*) is his annual trip to Poland as a tour ldr. He was asst attaché in Poland from 58–60, fell in love with the country and enjoys showing it off. Bruce leads a tourist gp, limited to 12 people, ea yr. The 92 trip was in Sep. He welcomes any classmates & spouses who might care to go along. His address is 621 Marina Circle, Davis, CA 95616. Bruce, can you avoid conflict with the Sep mini-reunion in case some folks would like to do both?



1949: Betty Norton, Pat Bamford, George & Carolyn Pollin, Tom Bamford and (part of) Bill Norton

Web Ivy is exec govr of the Wash, DC Chapter of Who's Who Intl. Some readers may like to know about this high-level, professional atmosphere, singles-world orgn. Started 23 yrs ago, it has about 5,000 mbrs in 55 chapters, primarily in major cities in the US, Canada and Europe. Its goals are social, charitable and travel-minded. Mbrs range in age from 30–80 and avg in the mid 50's. In addition to local mtgs at the Ft Myer O Club, almost every mo there is an intl mtg at one of the chapters. Web, with an assist from Margaret Heckler, former US Ambassador to Ireland, held an intl mtg in May 92 at the Embassy of the Republic of China. Nearly $5,000 was raised for Child Help. Web stresses that this is a gp of truly quality people, and quite a few marriages result. Web's address is 6621 Midhill Pl, Falls Church, VA 22043; tel 703-241-0913. Ask him about how it is to stay in the presidential suite of a DC hotel!



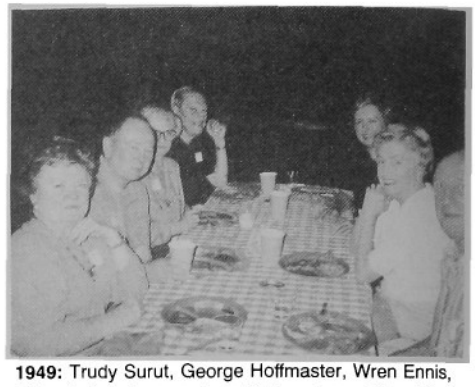
1949: Dick Bowman, Malcolm Agnew, Tut Hendricks and Ed & Eunice Yellman

Dick Maffry '42 sent a brochure on the new Columbarium located beneath the Old Cadet Chapel. This was dedicated during '42's 50th Reunion this yr. In the Sep *ASSEMBLY*, their scribe said, "In a word, it is stunning! Never could I visualize something of that nature being so wonderfully well done." The facility is available to grads, spouses and eligible family mbrs.

1949: Flo & Bill Huber, Sue Pfeiffer and Orton & Gwen Spencer

By the time you read this the natl election will be long past. But no one can accuse our Cl of being of one mind. **Gene Mechling** was seen on a DC-area TV news program one eve, expressing spt for one of the candidates. And I'm told that **Al English** is MD treas for another campaign.

More for you history buffs: The 72 mbrs of the Cl of 1899 grad early—on 15 Feb. Many were sent immediately to the Philippines and to Cuba, the trouble spots of the time. PC Foster (Inf) was the first to die (of typhoid in Manila) on 11 May 1899, aged 21 yrs. The last to go was the #2 man in the cl, Bill Kelly (CE), at age 103. He died in Buffalo, NY in Nov 1980. At the time he had been the oldest living WP grad for about two yrs.



1949: Trudy Surut, George Hoffmaster, Wren Ennis, Kirby & Anne Lamar, Jean Hoffmaster and Lee Surut

The last 5 pix throughout this col were supplied by **Bob Pfeiffer** from the '49'er gathering in Jun at **Dick & Lois Bowman**'s in Alexandria, VA. See the Nov 92 issue for other photos of the event.

'50

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Just got back from San Ant and another great mini-reunion. The Fiesta Fifty Gang did themselves proud. Some 229 showed up, incl 117 classmates and 9 widows. The weather was delightful, the camaraderie tremendous and the sched flawless, topped by a very moving mem svc held right in the Alamo. Our thanks to all the Gang—and their wives—for a job well done! Already, as most of you know from the flyer, plans for the next mini are well underway. It will be in the Melbourne, FL area on 13–15 Oct 93. The Fabulous FL Fling Cmte sent a photo from one of their mtgs; pictured are **Sam Stapleton, Ed West, Dick Slay, Ben Lewis, Lou Dixon, Tom Loper** and **Pete Todsen**.

1950: *The cmte*

While the mini brought many of us together, a number were traveling here and there, visiting with classmates & wives. A number sent notes and pix, and all are encouraged to do the same.

Dunc & Patti Joy were on hand in San Diego to celebrate with **Lou & Tootie Hansotte** the 30th anniv of the San Diego WPS. Lou was the founder back in 1962.

The picnic was held at the Top Gun Club in Miramar. Also out in CA were **Ken & Marilyn Moll**, visiting his twin brother Kendall (USNA '50) and **Joe Gappa**. While Joe continues as prof of business mgt at SF State U, **Judy** has recently been appointed a VP at Purdue, the first woman so honored. She takes over as VP for Human Relations at a sch many of us remember from grad sch days in W

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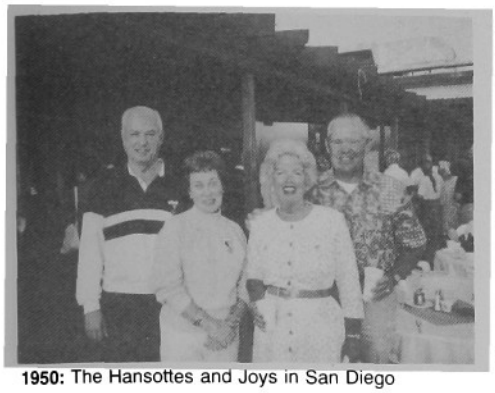
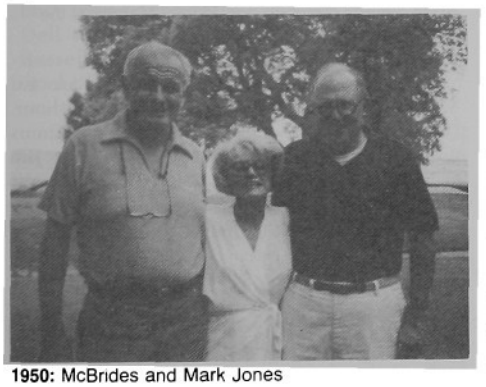


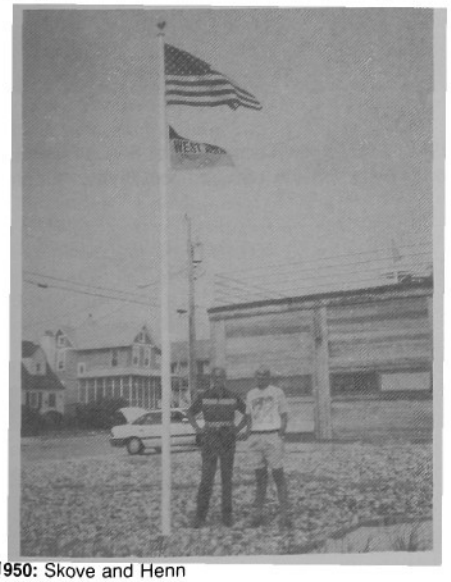
1950: The Hansottes and Joys in San Diego

Lafayette. Joe says that the airlines stay busy between CA and IN on holidays and vacations. Another set of profs, **Rene & Charlotte Wolf**, ret in May from Memphis St and are moving to Lake Chapala, Mexico, where they have bought an ex-convent built around 1600. They still will spend the warm summer mos in their log cabin in the CO Rockies. Speaking of profs, **Paul Gorman** has been named a Visiting Prof of Computer Sci at U VA recently. Up in MI, where **Mark & Gloria Jones** have a summer cottage on a lake, **Bob & Gloria McBride** came by for a rest after Bob's successful labor negotiations with the steel workers union. The background for the pic was Lake Huron. **Will Henn** sent in a shot of



1950: McBrides and Mark Jones

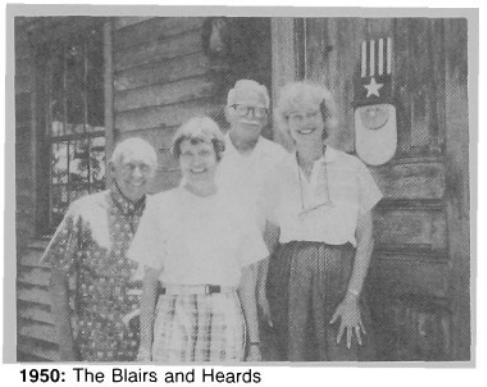
himself with his WP roommate **Jay Skove** flying the colors over Avalon, NJ last Jul.



1950: Skove and Henn

Jay & Flo came to visit **Will & Bets** on a home-and-home mini of their own, with the second one at the **Skoves'** in Earlysville, VA in Aug. Jay is busy with a venture that recycles newspaper as an alternative to straw in barns, while Flo runs a thriving sr crafts ctr in Charlottesville, VA. Will is doing some consulting and Bets is freelancing in radio.

Had notes from **Mel Johnsrud** covering the country. One was postmarked Cancun and talked of the side trips to Tulum and Xel-tla and told of just missing the hurricane in New Orleans. Another was from Portland, MA, where fall was beginning already. Then, of course, Mel made the mini in San Ant before heading to Costa Rica. Out in Round Top, TX, **Art & Barbara Blair** and **Falkner & Jean Heard** had a visit with **Paul & Betsy Ache** at their cabin.



1950: The Blairs and Heards

Had a fine ltr from **Eddie Ramos**. Despite all the demands on his time, he took time to "thank the Cl for the expression of moral spt that you have given us in our new asgmt. Please rest assured that I will live up to the expectations, not only of our Alma Mater but, more importantly, of my constituency, the Filipino people."

Lou Genuario is kind enough to let me use his FAX (703-360-3686) at the ofc, so recently **Chuck & Betty Newcomb** sent a very interesting acct of their experience with Hurricane Andrew. They and two of their parents stayed with one of their daughters nearby, returning after the storm. While the house was in good shape structurally, it was thoroughly soaked from holes in the roof. Another daughter, Debby Leahey, & Larry drove a pickup load of supplies down from Springfield, VA, which kept them all going. Chuck rep that **John & Dee Pennekamp** had their house badly damaged, requiring it to be gutted. To add to that, Dee broke an ankle just before the storm, so she is hobbling around. I also got news that **John & Marilyn Ufner**'s home was so badly damaged, they have decided to move elsewhere. In the "news from all over" dept, **John McCleary** rep that he is working as a volunteer full-time for the World Cup Organizing Cmte that **Phil Bardos** heads. John says that it is quite a challenge but very exciting. He & Phil went to Sweden in Jun as official observers at the European Soccer Tournament. From there John went on to St Petersburg, rep that the Russians are very friendly but desperately poor. He's glad he went, but once is enough.

Received a card from **Mal Johnson** saying that he & **Marjorie** had ret in 91 and are now busier than ever with their horses and with restoring a 1791 house in SW France. For those who wish to drop him a line, don't forget the extra postage and use this address: Malcolm D Johnson, "Bernies," 32700 Pergain Taillac, France.

Robin has been in touch with **Phyllis Johnson**, **Dick**'s wife. For those who haven't heard, Dick and a friend have been missing in the wilds of AK since mid-Aug. They were flying up in a Bonanza and failed to report in. Despite an extensive search effort by several agencies, nothing has been found. We should all keep Dick & Phyllis in our prayers.

From **Ardath Wilson**, **Gail**'s widow, comes word of her fifth granddaughter, Hallie Ann, born 20 Feb 92 to daughter Kelly & John. Then in Mar, Ardath and daughter Borden drove out to Houston to visit oldest daughter Scottie. From there Ardath went to Plano, TX to see a 4th daughter, Tracy, and her family. Son Clay is in Coral Gables. He had to evacuate during the storm but returned shortly and was a volunteer to help put new roofs on homes.

Over at the Natl Archives, both **Marshall Talbott** and **Win Skelton** were recognized for their vol efforts as docents. Marshall racked up the most vol hrs and also developed packets of info on ea state for the guides to use during tours. Win organized the document files so that they are more efficiently used.

Dick & Franci Wyrough moved out of their lovely home in Upper Marboro and into a new "old place" in Frederick. New address is 101 Record St, Frederick, MD 21701–5417.

From **Ed Allbaugh** comes a pic of FD in Dallas last Apr. Standing are Ed, **Don & Elsie Payne, John Shelly** with Mary Brown, **Mary Pohli** and **Howard & Joan Kissinger**. Seated are **Leni Allbaugh** and **Emil Pohli**. Ed rep that his daughter Robin married Phil Yeager at the Stanley Hotel in Ester Park, CO, but he didn't supply a date. He & Leni somehow managed to sandwich in a 15-day trip to the NW and AK.

Another wedding to rep: On 5 Sep several of us drove up to McDonogh, MD, where **Ed & Lee Pierce**'s Katherine '87 married Paul Schlimm. Both are CPTs in the Army. They met while serving in the 1st Arm Div in Europe. The pic shows all of us: **Graham & Nancy Sibbles, Jack & Eloise Allen,** Ed, the groom & bride, Lee, **Dave Pettit, Joy Viskochil, Robin** & me.

Very happy to hear that **Morris & Faith Herbert** have a grandson, Gregory George Kleinburd, born 7 Oct here in N VA to daughter Faith & Alan. Gregory was 8 lbs, 9 oz, so he is off to a good start.

Also glad to rep that **Grady & Bess Banister** have a new granddaughter, Kelsey Elizabeth, born to John & Mary Hosmer on 3 Apr in Sierra Vista, AZ.

Dick & Biddy Hoffman's son Rick grad from NWC in Jun (the first offspring?) and moved to Jacksonville to await a cmd. Daughter Kathie Thomason & husband '71 are still in Korea awaiting reasgmt or ret (ret already ?). Daughter Cindy & Rod Hill presented the Hoffmans with their first grandson, Colin, after several granddaughters.

On to news from our area rep **GG Thomas**, who passed on the following items:

- **Art & Barbara Blair** have moved to a small farm in Mt Pleasant, SC. Address: 1203 Ventura Pl, 29464.
- Saw **Jack & Bev Mackmull** at the Abn reunion in May. Both are fine. Jack has been selected for the Avn Hall of Fame.
- **Gus Hergert** is still in Huntsville, AL, with 5 classmates. Gus has two grandchildren and is expecting another.
- **David Ray** moved to 4314 Argentina Circle, Pasadena, TX 77503.
- **Dick Stewart** is currently in Senegal,

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1950: FD 92 in TX

1950: The Pierce-Schlimm wedding

working with Wycliffe, but plans to be back for the FL reunion. **Carol** stayed home in Clarkston, GA.

Am sorry to pass on the news from **Reed Davis** in Leavenworth, KS that **Mark Hanna**'s wife **Barbara** died early this yr. We all join in sending our sympathy to Mark and his family.

'51

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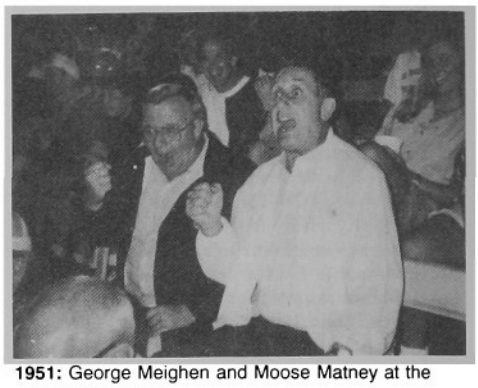
Cl Activities: On 11 Oct classmates & wives in the DC area enjoyed dinner on the Potomac River aboard the *Dandy*.

Those attending were the **Akers, Atkesons, Barbers, Boatners, Byers, Coughlins, Doerflingers, Ewings, Gardes, Hyatts, Lackmans, Lemnitzers, Martins, Bob McDonalds, Mulders, Dick Ryans, Stannards, Waldmans** and **Abshire**. Many thanks to **Reb** Barber, Cl VP and Social Chm, who made the arrangements. **Ab Webber** planned to host classmates & wives after the A-N game again this yr at the former Hilton, adjacent to Vet Stadium, now the Phila Court Hotel. For info on the Ski Mini at Steamboat Springs, CO, first wk of Feb, contact **George Stannard** at (703) 659-2280. As a result of the enthusiastic response to the 92 Outer Banks Spring Fling, the 93 Spring Fling will be 7–9 May at the Sanderling Inn. For info contact **Joe Rogers** at (703) 459-5439.

1951: Pendleton, Boatner, Mulder, Leffler, Meighen, Steele & Coughlin enjoy lunch in Alexandria, VA (Meighen paid)



1951: George Meighen and Moose Matney at the Army-UNC Game

Spotlight on the SE Area: Reps are **Ed Matney, George Meighen** and **Russ Walthour**. Dep reps are **John Samotis, Barnett DeRamus** and **Fred Irving**. Ed Matney rep that **Jim Guyer** drove from Milwaukee to Oshkosh, WI to meet **Joe Clemons**, who flew in for the world-famous Oshkosh Fly-in last Aug.

1951: Nancy & Joe Clemons, Cecil & Walt Russell, Walt's sister Emily & Tom Campbell in Atlanta

1951: Joe Clemons and Jim Guyer at the Oshkosh, WI Fly-in

Also in Aug, **Fran & Ed Partain** drove to Columbia, SC for a wkend with **Audrey & Bill**

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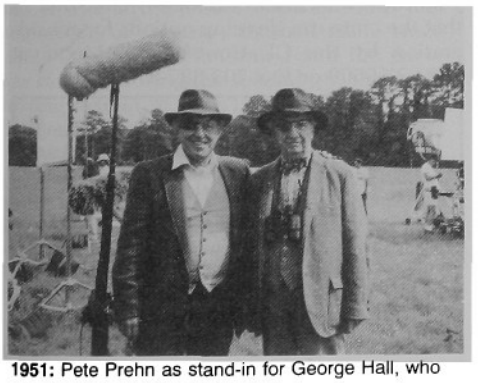
Malouche. Ed rep that Bill & Audrey have a lovely home and pool.

1951: Fran & Ed Partain, Pat & Pete Clay and Alice Irving

In Sep **Pat & Pete Clay**, with **Alice Irving**, stopped by Fran & Ed's for lunch en route from Henderson, NC after visiting the **Barnetts** and before visiting **Mary Tatum** in Camden, SC. In Oct Fran & Ed were sched to take Mary Tatum to join the Clays, Irvings and Loves '50 for 3 days of fun at St Simons Isl.

Bill Bradley rep he & **Dell** attended the 50th anniv of Bill's WWII unit activation in Atl. Bill rep that, at 67, he was one of the youngest to attend. While there they visited **George Meighen** and rep that George keeps busy with house chores and traveling. Bill & Dell also enjoyed visiting **Waldo & Nancy Russell** and rep that these two dyed-in-the-wool Braves/Falcon Fans were in good shape.



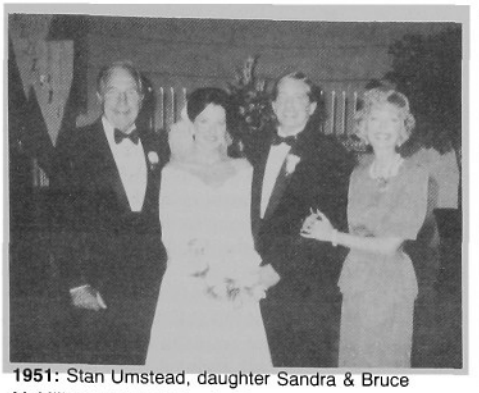
1951: Pete Prehn as stand-in for George Hall, who plays "Old Indy" in the "Young Indiana Jones Chronicles"

Pete Prehn rep attending the Army-UNC game in a driving rain, but he did not see any classmates. Pete continues to appear on TV; his latest was in "The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles." Ed Matneys's son Marc is also in TV. He is with Channel 6 in Wilmington as exec producer for "Blueprint for Success," which will feature success stories of extraordinary individuals. No doubt many episodes will be devoted to mbrs of '51.

George Meighen rep **Stan Umstead** joined the ranks of the fully ret last Jan, and now he enjoys golf and traveling with **Jean**. Last May daughter #4 was married in Houston; Stan is feeling much relieved (financially).

Jim Cox practices law in Memphis and rep his two oldest sons have The Backyard Burger franchise in Birmingham. The youngest son is a sr at Ole Miss and plans to go to med sch. Son Allen, a lawyer, also cmds Co K 3-23 USMCR in Memphis.

Garland Owens is working hard to stay completely ret. He enjoyed the 91 World Series in Atl and planned to attend the 92



1951: Stan Umstead, daughter Sandra & Bruce McMillan and Jean Umstead

series if the Braves repeated. **Bill Quinn** rep seeing **Stan Umstead** occasionally on the golf course at Maxwell AFB. Bill Quinn Jr, an AF LTC, has just left the faculty at Maxwell for the Pentagon. MAJ Marion Quinn is at the Computer Design Ctr at Gunter AFB, AL. Daughter Barbara is living the good life at Lake Tahoe.

Tove Rawlings, now married to Jim Graves, is very busy running the very successful 200-acre Rawlings Farm Resort near Nashville, TN. She is assisted by her children, John and Eva-Jane. Jon is completing his work on a mech engring degree. Eva-Jane plans to attend pre-law at the U of CO at Boulder. She is CPT of her sch's rifle team and has won TN championships.

1951: Wayne & Charlotte Miller at the home of friends in Poissy, France. The Seine River is in the background

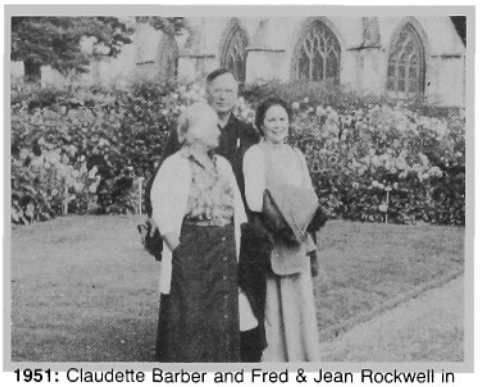
Wayne Miller rep travel to visit friends and the sights of Paris, Rome, Florence, Interlaken and London last Apr, and US travel to visit children (5) and grandchildren (9) in Louisville, KY, Jacksonville, FL, Chattanooga, TN, Dothan, AL and Searck, AR. Wayne enjoys woodcarving and is pres of the N AL Woodcarving Assn.

Bill Owens rep from Dahlonega, GA that he & **Betty** are well. **Bud Bacon** rep he keeps busy with golf, tennis, travel, the AF Assn, church (First Presbyterian) and visiting 7 grandchildren—eighth is due in Apr. At press time Bud had just returned from a trip to L.A., Lake Tahoe and Reno (for the Air Races).

Howard Peckham rep he & **Mollie** were looking forward to the Outer Banks Spring Fling and the CO Ski Mini at Steamboat Springs. He also rep a Sep trip to Korea (to see Kimpo AB, where he flew RF-80's and F-86's during the war), China and Hong Kong.

From here and there: **Barney & Muriel Landry** are looking forward to a return to the Sanderling Inn for the Spring Fling in May.

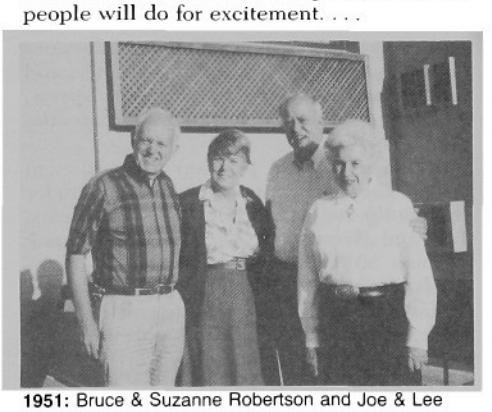
Great news! **Earl Keesling** is recovering after mos in Walter Reed, much in intensive



1951: Claudette Barber and Fred & Jean Rockwell in France

care. In Sep **Reb & Claudette Barber** spent several days with **Fred & Jean Rockwell** in Paris, Normandy, Brittany and Nice. Fred & Jean were traveling with friends and Reb & Claudette were visiting British and French colleagues from their Moscow asgmt in the 60's.

Pat Lynch (Palm Springs, CA) attended the DC area Oct luncheon. Pat rep daughter Shannon, a 1LT physical therapist at Walter Reed, supervised therapy for **Earl Keesling** and **Roscoe Robinson**. Daughter Erin is comm dir for the Fed Mgt Assn in DC. Son Patrick receives his BS in chem engring from U CA at Santa Barbara in Dec. Lois, the last remaining coll student, is working on a master's in educ counseling at CA State U at San Bernadino. Pat rep hunting and camping with **Bob Janssen** in Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. **Bill Crouch** (Dothan, AL) also attended the DC area Oct luncheon. He was in DC for the annual AUSA mtg. Bill rep **BJ** terminated her temporary (3-yr) vol position as ARC station mgr in the Dothan area. Bill is still flying sail planes and is looking forward to building a ret home at Bay Point, Panama City, FL. **Fred Rockwell** was in Cairo during the earthquake and watched the bldg across the street from his hotel collapse. What some people will do for excitement. . . .



1951: Bruce & Suzanne Robertson and Joe & Lee Sites, who met by accident in Bellingham, WA

Farewell: **Jack Graham** died on 4 Oct of cancer. Interment was at Arlington, with a large contingent of DC area classmates attending. Jack's twin sister Jo Anne & Jack Miley '46 hosted a reception at the Ft Myer O'Club after interment. We will miss you, Jack.

That's it for this issue. Thanks for your spt. Keep those cards and ltrs coming. Best wishes for a happy holiday season.

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'52

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Many of you have learned that **Thor Sundt** died on 9 Sep, ultimately losing the battle he had fought so long and so courageously. He was buried at WP 15 Sep 92. Our deepest sympathies to **Lois** and their fine family. His death marks the close of a brilliant career that has inspired our Cl and a great many others from all walks of life. We can never forget his moving farewell at our reunion and the fundamental truths he emphasized in that remarkable address.

The mem svc at the Old Chapel featured remembrances by **Jay Luther, Dick Larkin** and **Denny Mullane**: Jay recalling **Thor**'s cadet days, Dick speaking for the Cl, and Denny on behalf of all grads; all expressing to **Lois** and the children our appreciation for Thor's contribs to the Acad and his example to us as classmates. Graveside svcs were conducted personally by the Supe, and Thor was buried with full mil honors. Classmates present were the **Baileys, Browns, Dutchyshyns, Luddy Harrisons, Jay Luthers, Mullanes, Obachs, Wallworks, Jim Woodwards, Brisman, Hahn, Kenney, Kingsley, Larkin, McKnight, Bill Moore, Raiford, Scott, Stanier, Swygert** and **Youree**. Also present was Rome Hartman, producer of CBS's "60 Minutes."

Harry Dutchyshyn gave me a rep on a mem svc for **Thor**, 26 Sep, arranged by the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He & **Val** attended, along with **Bill Reilly** and **Paul & Judy Child**. The svc was held in St Mary's Hosp Chapel, with some 700 in attendance. The svc had been planned by Thor & Lois to be presented as a measure of their gratitude to all the friends and colleagues who gave assistance through the yrs to Thor's mission in neurosurgery, and in the yrs of his illness gave so much spt and love to sustain their strength and courage. Musical selections, readings and the Cadet Prayer were presented by drs close to the Sundts. Friends and fellow professionals came from all parts of this country, and other countries as well, to pay their respects. Thor's first resident flew in from Japan for the ceremony.

John Carlson sent me a rep of a third mem svc for **Thor** held in the mtns near Tucson for the family and community on 2 Oct. **Sears, Lee** and **Nixon** were on hand, and Frank Borman '50 read the Cadet Prayer.

Also from **Dutchyshyn**, a rep that **Jim Lee** brought his son Jonathan to start coll at nearby Swarthmore. Jim stayed two nights with **Harry** and they walked the 5-mile loop at Valley Forge park, reminiscent of their "walk and talk" routines when they served in Korea and at Ft Belvoir. **Evelyn** flew in to join Jim on the return trip to Salt Lake City. En route, they visited their older son in Madison, WI and then went on to have dinner with **Thor & Lois Sundt** in Rochester, MN during the first wk of Sep. (I might add that Thor was able to give dictation on 8 Sep and again the morn of the 9th, passing away at 1900 that eve.)

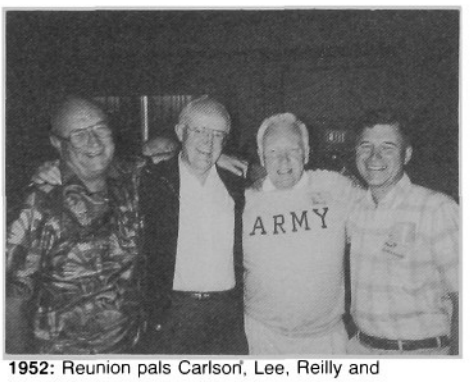
The Wash contingent held its annual end-of-summer get-together at Ft Myer on 13 Sep. Over 40 classmates & wives were on hand. Present were the **Bakers, Benedict, Browns, Burke, Claybrooks, Clines, Colemans, Deverills, Keeley, Kenney, Larkins, Lowders, Malone, McKnights, Moores, Morans, Paluhs, Parkses, Raifords, Rehms, Gerry Stubblebine, Sullivans, Swygerts, Wiles** and **Yourees**.

I received an announcement of the marriage of **Judith Kay** French to **George Tronsrue** on 13 Jun in Chicago. She is the daughter of Dr Robert W French. George & **Judith** will make their home in Seattle, WA. Both are certified financial planners and will jointly engage in that business in Seattle and San Diego. On behalf of the Cl, I extend a warm welcome to Judith.

Jim Bremer has a new APO address: NSA, PSC 79, Box 1573, APO AE 09724. Said he was sorry to miss the reunion and is looking forward to hearing all about it, possibly on a visit this fall.

I continue to receive notes, along with photos, expressing great satisfaction with the reunion and thanks to those who pulled it together.

June Cannon wrote, "We had such a good time seeing old friends—some we hadn't seen in a number of yrs. **Thor & Lois** helped all of us put everything in its proper order. Their courage and spirit make all of us look pale!"



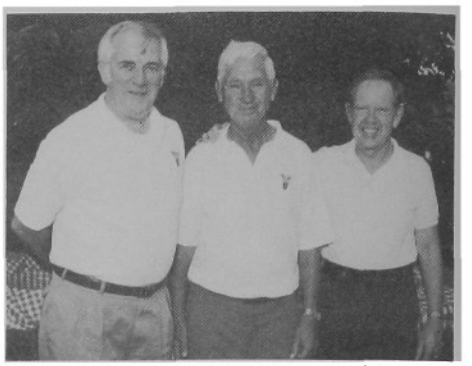
1952: Reunion pals Carlson, Lee, Reilly and Dutchyshyn

Bob Dunn is organizing a '52 outing next 14–16 May at the Beach Club on Fripp Isl, GA. At least 15 couples have signed up for the wkend. Golf, tennis and swimming are on the agenda. Call Bob at (803) 838-4006 if you would like to be included.

The annual ski reunion will attract another 15 or more couples at Steamboat Springs, CO next Mar. **Warren Spaulding** is organizing this event and has been in touch with those who indicated an interest in attending previously. If you wish to join the ski crowd, call Warren at (303) 279-5981 or (800) 446-9488 x3204.

John Tipton is now the pres of the WPS—Mid South (Memphis area). He & **Elizabeth** hosted the soc's annual picnic at their home on Centennial Isl, TN on 22 Aug, with about 70 grads, wives, children and grandchildren present. **Kermit Bell** and **Jim Turner** were there for horse shoes, trap shooting, croquet, fishing and boating—and plenty of barbeque. **Carter Lehman** is recovering from recent heart surgery and could not be present.

The **Carlsons** have had another busy yr of travel, work and family growth. **John** is traveling as much or more than previously in pursuit of business for the Sundt Construction Co—mostly to Asia. He mentioned that **Thor Sundt**'s son John and John Carlson Jr had collaborated on a business matter, making the point that, "if our offspring carry on after us, we have accomplished a good part of our mission in life." And John is now a grandparent, courtesy of John Jr & Christi. Further, **Kate**'s eldest son was married in Calgary, Alberta, occasioning a trip there. Other travels took him through the old homestead in NV and on to Salt Lake City to spend a night with Jim & Evelyn Lee. And presently he is watching his tangerine crop approach maturity in time for the holiday season.



1952: Bell, Tipton and Jim Turner at Mid South WPS Annual Picnic in Aug

Lost classmates update: We now have current addresses for **Earnest, McClelland** and **McCullough**. The following remain "lost:" **Ashkenaze, Barton, Broadbent, Butler, Carroll, Custis, Grafton, Grossman, Hall, Hegberg, Hobbs, Lash, Lynch, Rogers, Scalzo, Smyth** and **Spence**. In addition, we are searching for the widows of **Mattox** and **McLemore**.

The Cl Gift Selection Cmte for our 50th Reunion has been formed, with **Bill Moore** as chm. Mbrs are **Tom Dowler, Luddy Harrison, Ralph Leonard, Lou Tomasetti, Walt Ulmer** and **Harry Van Trees**. You are urged to give your ideas on a gift to Bill or any cmte mbr so that the cmte can develop options for consideration by the Cl. Contact Bill Moore at 703-827-9509 or Fax 703-827-8739.

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Here we go again; I'm sitting at my computer on a sunny afternoon in Oct with the window open, trying to write something for you to read in Jan. We used to think of the Jan-Feb time as "Gloom Period." If you are having any problem like that this yr, the cure is to make plans for the reunion! Sorry that the cruise idea fell through. I was looking forward to it, but the fallback position—going to The Seasons—may well turn out to be a serendipitous eventuality. Considering the thin hospitality available at our Alma Mater, it seems a good idea to go to a comfortable place where we can enjoy ourselves. The long commute to USMA will be done only twice, according to the latest planning. The rest of the time will be at The Seasons and will include such events as dinner theater, a mem svc, business mtg, dinner dance, golf and tennis tournaments, guided tours and a farewell brunch. We go to USMA for the Alumni Dinner Dance on Mon and the Alumni Exercises on Tue. I understand that the deposits for the cruise have been returned with a ltr and a tentative schedule. I am confident that a general announcement to the Cl will be made as soon as the time is right.

Have just learned a new word—undercroft. Dick Maffry '42 sent me a flyer on the new Columbarium Chapel in the undercroft of the Old Cadet Chapel so that I could pass it on to you. The undercroft is below the chapel. There are niches in the wall for depositing

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cremated remains and a small chapel for prayer and funeral rites. This is under the jurisdiction of USMA Mortuary Opns. For info, write or phone the Mortuary Opns Ofcr, Mrs Grace E Foster, at 914-938-2504.

Got a ltr from **Si Nerone**. It looks like he & **Anne** may be settled in Madrid. I say it that way because the ltr was from a hotel and he is dickering with the landlord of the house he wants to live in. He does, however, have an address for us: COL (Ret) FA Nerone, PSC 60, Box R 761, APO AE 09641. He announces that they will have a guest room for all classmates passing that way. They left Rome on the 4th of Jul, visited family here in the States and arrived in Madrid on 21 Aug. He wants to know if we will have a prize for the classmate who travels the farthest to the reunion. He might be in the running unless **Harry Bauer** attends from New Zealand. But we still have some far flung troops: **Greg Ramos** in Quezon City; **Bob Rogers** in Guam; **Tommy Tompkins** in HI; **Ramon Gonzalez-Artigas** in Ecuador; **Mike Bethencourt** in Caracas; **Jim Appleton** in Jeddah; and **Al Horwedel** at some APO, probably Ger. I'm sure I missed someone or got an error in there due to several corollaries of Murphy's. Be sure to write and correct me.

Val Heiberg wrote from Charlotte, where he & **Kitty** now reside. (It still startles me; maybe you're used to it.) He sent me the cover of a program for the Army-Carolina football game with an unusual pattern indented in it, as proof that he attended. Also there were the **Grums, Landrys, Neilsons, Sam Rogers** and **Bob Carter** with his daughter Karen. It seems that it was an historical occasion—the first suspension of an Army football game since 1909. They had a cloudburst and the game was stopped during the second qtr; the stadium emptied for 31 mins because of lightning. Everyone was soggy, as was the program—even though someone sat on it to protect it. Vald says they "were surprised that other Cl luminaries, like **Norm Delbridge, Bob Schroeder** and the Cl scribe, couldn't make it." **Jane & Al** Grum drove 7 1/2 hrs to get there. Gosh, Vald, I have to work on this thing. There's only two mos between issues.

Sam Thomas called from GA a few wks ago to check on some reunion info. He says everything down there is fine. There are a lot of folks whom I didn't hear from, though, and I miss them. We don't have any photos this issue, either. So assume that I just wrote my standard keep-in-touch spiel, and act accordingly. . . TWO!

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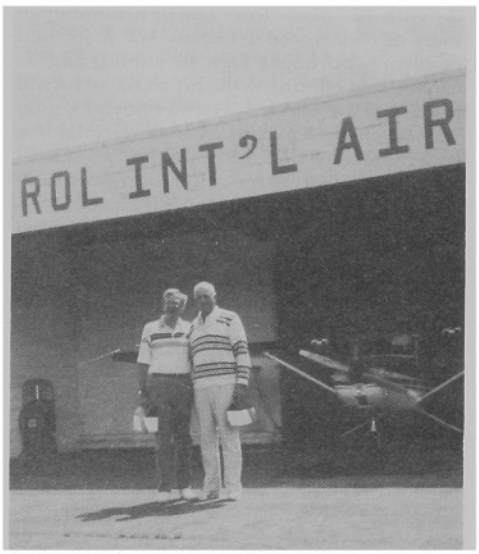
The 40th Reunion Cmte met on 18 Sep and 13 Oct in **Larry Skibbie**'s ADPA ofc in Arlington, VA. They are coordinating with AOG to change the date of the Reunion from Nov to late-Sep 94. The sched of activities is approximately the same. The reason is to accommodate more of the Cl by moving the date up into more clement fall weather. Work on a 40th Reunion Book is proceeding through co reps to get each classmate's personal data.

On 25–26 Sep, **Bill Hilsman** conducted a project to introduce to cadet co ldrs and corps ldrs the concept of a high-tech classroom. This incl a demo of the classroom at IBM's facility in Thornwood, NY and the Army-Citadel game at Michie. More than a dozen classmates also attended. This effort relates to our committed Cl gift to USMA.

This quote is from the editorial pg signed by the Staff of AFJI in the Aug issue. "Early last mo, **Benjamin Franklin Schemmer**, ed of *Armed Forces Journal Intl* for 24 yrs, capped his pen and headed for FL. Health problems prompted Ben's departure from the ctr of the invigorating, infuriating natl security arena where, for two decades, he was nothing less than an institution." **Cliff Berry** was quoted in an encomium to Ben, with whom he once worked. Ben & **Monika** live in Naples, where Ben is losing weight preparing for a marathon. Cliff is ed of *Natl Defense*, Larry Skibbie's ADPA pub.

Len & Joan Reed in Bethlehem, NH were visited by **Buzz & Sandi Grant** from the southern flatlands of Windham, NH. They all stayed at Balsam's Hotel, a grand resort in Dixville Notch, famous as the first place in the nation every natl election yr to vote and rep results. They flew out of the Intl Airport at Errol, a city that was chartered in 1774. The airplane doesn't look that old.



1954: Len Reed and Buzz Grant warming up their charter flight and lunch at Errol, NH, Jul 92

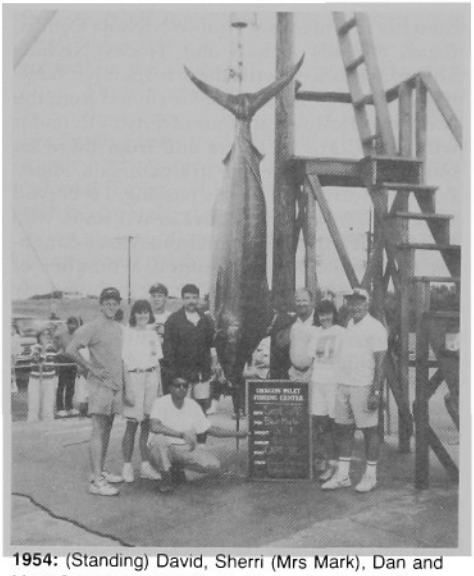
Len is pres of Len Reed & Co, a PR, ad and mkting firm in Bethlehem. **Buzz** is pres of WF Grant Co in Windham.

Bob Reed mailed out a packet endorsing the candidacy of **John Pappageorge** for MI's 12th District seat in the US House of Reps. By the time you read this, the unhappy results will be widely known. Bob is pres of Reed Realty-Brokers in Littleton, CO, where he & **Carole** live.

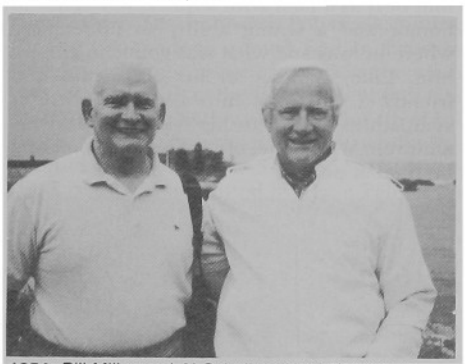
Al & Madeline Schalk are enjoying their second ret in Nags Head, NC. In Sep, Al's family landed a 625-lb, 13-ft blue marlin, which eliminates their concern about Fri dinners into the 21st century. In Aug on vacation in Kennebunkport, ME, they were visited by **Bill & Ardeth Miller**. Bill, our former classmate and Al's roommate for 2 1/2 yrs, is a dir of aerospace engring in Wiscasset.

Bob Weeks is enjoying life in Las Vegas and is planning to attend the 40th. **Bob Bullock** ret as dir of NYS Dept of Tax and Finance and lives in Saratoga Springs. Interested in the Revolutionary War, he is a guide for the Battle of Saratoga.

A reminder that during the quinquennial business mtg at the 40th Reunion, the congregation will be asked to make nominations



1954: (Standing) David, Sherri (Mrs Mark), Dan and Mark Schalk, skipper Buddy Cannady, Janet (Mrs Dan) and Al Schalk and (kneeling) crew first mate, at Oregon Inlet, NC, Sep 92



1954: Bill Miller and Al Schalk in Kennebunkport, ME, Aug 92

and vote for a new Cl pres, VP, treas and scribe. Remember your beloved roommates and get even. Our Cl Constitution prescribes that the pres must live in the DC area, so if you nominate a luminary in, say, KS, find out beforehand whether he/she minds moving.

In Aug, **Roy & Fay Muth** and their family vacationed at their condo in Hilton Head, SC. **Walt & Renate Evans** did the same at Ocean City, MD, and **Chet & Monica Piolunek** hosted their progeny at a beach house they rent in South Bethany, DE. Being at the shore with your family is better than having no vacation at all.

Watch this space. Something's happening out there.

'55

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As I prepare this in the velvet days of early Oct, with the brilliance of all nature everywhere around, in the marvelous soft light of autumn that puts a warm sadness on the long shadows it casts, I am again reminded of that same sadness by having to rep to you the passing of yet another of our classmates. On 10 Sep in Guatemala City, Guatemala, **Sterling R Nichols** died of the complications of cancer of the colon. Nick is survived by his wife **Ana Patricia** and their daughter Ana Carolina, who were with him when he passed away. Nick also is survived by 3 daughters

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from his first marriage, Robin Nichols Lemus, Randi Nichols Abbasi and Tracey Nichols Sheard, who live with their respective families in the US. Sterling had resigned from the Army in 69 following a tour of duty in Ecuador with the Corps of Engrs and from there he moved to make his home in Guatemala. Shortly after I learned of Nick's passing, I received a nice call from **Dave Pettet** in WA state, who had also heard of the event from Nick's daughter Carolina. Dave recounted a number of experiences he shared with Nick in their early ofcr days in the Engrs, both in grad sch and in AK, where they had served together.

I am indebted to COL Les Ayers '45, who wrote a very nice ltr to inform us of this sad loss from his home in Guatemala. Les recounted that he and **Nick** had become friends over the last 8 yrs, espec at AOG affairs, and sent along the snap below, taken at the 92 FD mtg. **Dick Wargowsky** also reminded me that he had seen Nick some 4–5 yrs ago during a visit to Guatemala. My closest memories of Nick are from Buckner, where I got to know him during those field-training experiences that forged a lot of friendships. I remember him best as a man with a quiet, wry sense of humor and a strong ability to understand where he was and what was going on around him. Like so many of his classmates and friends, I will miss him a great deal. Our sympathies go out to his widow and to his children. Well done, old friend and comrade; be thou at peace.

1955: Sterling Nichols and Les Ayers '45 at FD in Guatemala

The mailbox has not been teeming with incoming ltrs from '55'ers around the world, nor has the TOLL-FREE phone line been melting off the desk with overuse, but I have received some nice notes from two or three folks that keep the process moving. **Kelly Lichtenberg** took pen in hand to send a short note and the pic nearby to advise that his renowned tailgates are alive and well at the Holleder Ctr during Army home games. Pictured are Lichtenberg, **Napier, Drummond, Lewis** and **Dienst**. The long-eared dude in the ctr may or may not be a '55'er! All these gents were enjoying the Army-Holy Cross game. Thanks for breaking a long-standing period of not penning notes to scribes, Kelly; I look forward to many more.

Apropos of the great times that **Kelly** provides with his personally supervised tailgate parties at Army football games, I received a very long and detailed ltr from **John & Ruth Sloan**, who had just spent a wkend at WP for a game and a visit to their son **Jared**, who is a plebe who entered after attending the USMA Prep and working hard to prepare for entry. Jared was helo navigator/co-pilot in Desert Storm with the 3rd Cav and was encouraged

1955: Kelly Lichtenberg and tailgate buddies

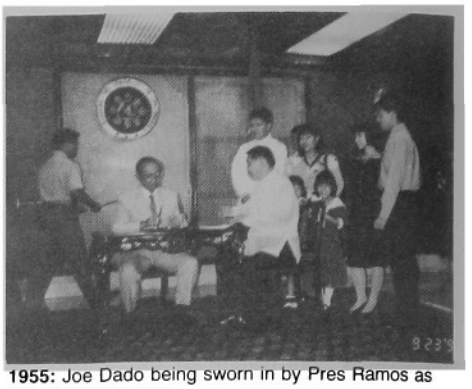
after that experience to pursue the Prep Sch and USMA by his sqdn ofcrs. What a great story of outstanding commitment and hard work. John advises that he was pleased to run into **Bill Wix** at the Soc Sci Open House that wkend, and also met with **Ed & Jane Zaborowski, Dick Wargowsky, Dan Dienst** and **Bob Strati**.

The really exciting part of John's ltr had to do with his plans to organize a number of tours of Russia, espec for any WP grads and families who might care to attend, and to expand that offering to the broad soc of ret mil personnel for whom the former Soviet Union was so much a part of everyone's total svc experience—to take the opportunity to travel there and visit a spectrum of historically significant and militarily critical locations. In addition, John sees great value in establishing a bond of friendship and understanding with both the active and ret mil and their families in Russia; he will focus his activities and energies on these projects in the mos and yrs ahead. Quoting his final paragraph: "The tours are only an excuse or an opportunity to meet Russians while having an enjoyable vacation at the same time. My main activity with the Russians is to try to help organize a major retraining (transition) program for conversion of mil personnel to civ careers, something that the professional ofcrs in Russia have never done before. Once the program is organized, I will be looking for ret American ofcrs who have become successful in civ fields so desperately needed in Russia, and who will be interested in helping out by taking a Russian in for 'on the job' trning in the US. More info on this later."

This sounds to be a very important and compassionate project, with strong motivation for cementing a hard-won Cold War peace. Our best wishes to **John**, whose historian's zeal is evident in every effort he makes.

A ltr of great good news came in from **Jose Dado** in the PI, where he was recently named by newly-elected Pres Fidel Ramos '50 to be the gen mgr of the Philippine Natl Railroad. Joe is pleased to rep that he, like so many of the Cl, is still active in the public sector. The pic nearby was taken at Joe's swearing in with Pres Ramos on 23 Sep, a ceremony also attended by two of Joe's sons, their wives and two granddaughters. We send along our warmest '55 congrats to Joe and his family and wish him long and fulfilling success in this very important, new endeavor for a strong, long-time ally.

Finally, the Cl Exec Cmte met on 3 Oct under Cl Pres **Don Hilbert**'s gavel to discuss the ongoing efforts for the Aug 93 Mini-reunion in CO, which you should have heard about by now from **Rich Cardillo** and the spting cadre of planners he heads. I want to



1955: Joe Dado being sworn in by Pres Ramos as GM of Phil Natl RR

remind you to respond to the Embassy Suites in CO Springs individually for your reservations, and please, please send along at least one-half of your registration fee to Rich by 1 Jun 93. He will need some "working capital" about that time. At the same mtg in Oct, we learned that the responses from the mailers regarding your interests in planning for a cruise ship activity in conjunction with our 40th Reunion in 95 have been very positive, and **Rod Vitty**, along with others, is pressing forward with further arrangements to see how that event could go as indicated. More on that in the future, but for now, the cruise is looking good. What would really make those plans come together nicely would be to include another reunion cl on the ship as well; for example, the Cl of '60. That, of course, would lower costs, etc and make the total package much more achieveable. Meanwhile, our Cl Historian **Dan Ludwig** will start the process of preparing a 40th Reunion *Howitzer* to be available at, or shortly after, the reunion. A lot of work, but this is something that has been very popular with other classes. More on that project in the future from both Dan and me.

Remember to send me your Christmas ltrs with all the news you send out to friends and family. That allows me to share it with the '55 gp—that's family too, right? Take care.

'56

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Bob Flory rep that he was selected as Scoutmaster for the first scouting exchange with Russia. Bob, his asst and 8 scouts spent 16 days in Russia, 9 of which were spent boating down the Chusovaya River (in the Urals) with 74 Siberian scouts and their ldrs. He also enjoyed the hospitality of a family in Perm, Russia and toured Moscow before returning home to **Sue** and their 5 grandchildren in Springfield, VA.

As an active librarian of note, **Ginny Sorley** has volunteered to gather info about published works authored by mbrs of '56 and, to the extent possible, ensure that copies are placed in the Cl of '56 room. Classmates/authors are requested to send their personal bibliography, along with a copy of their books (the check is in the mail!) directly to Ginny, who will prepare and keep current a consolidated bibliography. Her address is 9429 Garden Court, Potomac, MD 20854; tel (301) 299-3168. I wonder if **Bob** will bill Ginny for a copy of his new book, *Thunderbolt*, which was reviewed by **Dave Palmer** in the Sep 92 *ASSEMBLY*? While on the subject of authors, **Norm Schwarzkopf**'s book, *It Doesn't Take a*

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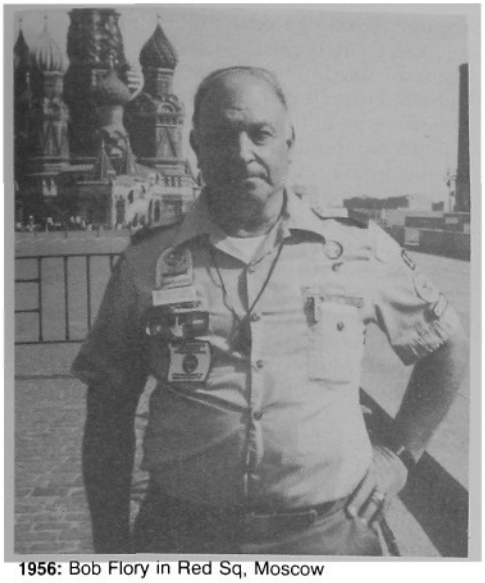


1956: Bob Flory in Red Sq, Moscow

Hero!, hit the bookstores in Sep. Both are considered "must reads."

Jim McMahon's ltr states that he stays in close touch with **Johnny Higgins**, whose love for skiing finds him on the slopes wkly in Killington, VT. Jim also ran into **Chester Chesnauskas** at Brooks AFB; to no one's surprise, Chester looks great and is in top shape.

1956: Wedding bells! Jim McMahon & Judy Watts, Jul 92

Our congrats to **Jim McMahon & Judy Watts** (Melbourne, Australia), who were married on 25 Jul 92 in Aurora, NY. Jim's approaching 60th birthday requires him to give up his CPT's seat on the Continental Airbus and to downgrade to second ofcr. He will fly out of Melbourne, where they will set up their future home.

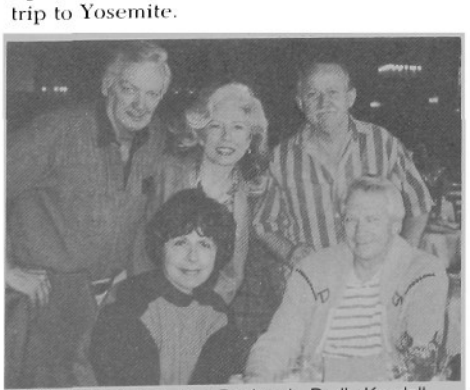
Don Sheehan rep that **Dorrie** is nearly 100% recovered from her accident a yr (+) ago. Don accepted a special early ret from Digital and writes that "ret has given me the opportunity to fully appreciate (and even rediscover) my bride of nearly 35 yrs and all the reasons why I love her so!" (Scribe's note: What a grand tribute!) Don also has accepted **Greg Wold**'s challenge to be the "D-2 Wrangler" to have everyone at our 40th (D-2 had 10 of 14 living mbrs at the 35th).

Ted & Jane Jasper have moved from Orlando to Nokomis, FL (near Ft Myers), where Ted will continue his consulting business. He recently saw **Bob Sullivan**, who was on business in the Orlando area for his firm, Jaycor. **Carl Croft** also lives in the Orlando area, where he is an orthopaedic surgeon specializing in sports med for the Orlando Magic NBA team.

1956: Farewell party for Doc & Peggy Bahnsen at WP

Doc & Peggy Bahnsen PCS'd from WP to Peggy's new duty station at Ft Monroe. Present at their farewell party were **Ted Ogren, Sal Salamone, Farrell Patrick**, Harry Marston (**Alice Celeste**'s husband), **Jack Conklin, Gerry Richardson** and **Ed Rhodes**. Farrell invites anyone visiting WP on a football wkend to join the '56 tailgate party by the old icehouse and Smith Rink.

As with every col lately, we do have some unhappy events to rep. **Don Fisch** passed away on 18 Aug 92 in Kalamazoo, MI of kidney failure. Interment was at the WP Cem in Oct. Our condolences go to **Kathy**, son David (LT, USAF), and daughter Barbara Fisch Glanz. My thanks to **Pat & Mitzi Uebel**, who provided the initial info on Don's death. Pat & Mitzi live in Fenton, MI, where Pat ret from Sun Oil Corp. **Bob Barrett** sadly rep that **Dee** passed away on 31 Aug 92 from cancer. Dee had fought the good fight for 8 yrs, but few knew of her illness—a real trooper. Bob's ltr to me reads in part: "One of my most cherished memories is of the day we met, 8 Oct 55, in Ann Arbor at the Army-MI game." Our sympathy goes to Bob, son Todd and daughter Wendy Nan Dwyer. Included in a ltr from **Ted & Joan Dayharsh** was a pic taken in Apr when they met Bob & Dee for a hiking trip to Yosemite.



1956: (Top) Ted & Joan Dayharsh, Dudly Kendall (Yosemite artist) and (bottom) Dee & Bob Barrett

Amlongs' Log: The last rep found **Jerry & Nancy** going through customs at Isla Margarita, Venezuela and being inspected by a beautiful 25-yr-old med inspector and trying to explain to her the "salmon testicles" in the freezer. (Call Jerry collect for more details!) On 27 May, after a 3000-mi trip, they finally set foot on the shore of S America at Puerta la Cruz. Their first native contact was a former Polar Beer exec (a Fernando Lamas look-alike) with a master's in EE, who helped them repair and resupply the boat. They visited colonial Tovar (which resembles Bavaria in architecture, dress and cooking) near Caracas, drove approx 50 mi on one of the most dangerous coast roads and almost got washed out to sea!

LeHardys' Log: In early Sep, **Ward & Judy** departed from Tonga en route to the Fiji Isls. In Nov they cruised the same course Ward's dad sailed on the *USS San Francisco* (50 yrs ago) just before he was killed in Ironbottom Sound off Guadalcanal. As mentioned last issue, they will winter in Mooloolaba, Australia (Jan-Apr 93) and then sail the Great Barrier Reef (May-Jun 93) on daily cruises—a good time for landlubbers to meet them for a wk or so. The GPS is still Ward's #1 Pride and Joy, with two-second updates to within 50-ft accuracy. Their adventures read like a classic travel novel: A visit to painter Gauguin's grave in the French Marquesas Isls, celebrating Father's Day in French Polynesia, joining in the two-mo-long annual fete in Papeete (where outrigger canoe races were the main attraction), a visit to the famous isl of Bali Hai and singing the Natl Anthem on the 4th of Jul with another American couple while anchored off Moorea. The Sep *ASSEMBLY* carried an article submitted by **Dave Palmer** on Ward & Judy's trip and offered everyone an opportunity to join in without ever having to set foot on a ship. . . by pledging a donation for each mile logged by the *Cormorant* as it circles the globe. No money is needed now—just a commitment to contribute to a project at WP designated by the Supe. A pledge of one penny per mile would ammount to $270.00 for the entire voyage. Give Dave Palmer a call at (817) 698-4548, or write to him at 2201 Antelope Trail, Harker Heights, TX 76543 with the amount of your pledge.

1956: Co M-2's 35th Reunion: Maury Cralle, Chuck Young, Bill Crites, Gerry Richardson, Fred Dent, Ren Hart and Dick Curl

The May 92 *ASSEMBLY* carried a gp pic of Co M-1; **Fred Dent** requested equal billing for Co M-2. That's it for this issue. My next deadline is 1 Feb 93.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YR TO THE EXTENDED FAMILY OF '56!

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'57

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It is my sad lot to inform you of the death of 3 mbrs of the Cl. **Hal Jordan** died on 2 Sep at the Natl Cancer Inst in MD of respiratory arrest resulting from cancer in his lung lining. His brother-in-law, Red Seaward, said it was probably a recurrence of the malignant melanoma Hal was successfully treated for many yrs ago. The cancer was very aggressive and the period of illness very short. He was buried in the Natl Cem at Marietta, GA on 8 Sep. On behalf of the Cl, I would like to extend condolences to his two sisters and to his fiancée, Susan Suffridge. This was to be his first marriage.

Jack Apperson's wife **Alexandra (Sandy)** died of lung cancer on 27 Aug after a 4-yr battle. Svcs were held at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Elkins Park, PA on the 29th, and she was buried at Arlington on 31 Aug. The family requested that expressions of sympathy take the form of contribs to the preservation of Historic St Paul's Church, Old York and Ashburn Roads, Elkins Park, PA 19117. Jack, please accept our condolences to you, your children and grandchildren.

On 9 Oct, **Larry McNeil**'s wife **Carolyn** died of cancer after a long illness. She was buried at Arlington on 14 Oct. It was suggested that contribs in her memory be made to the American Cancer Soc. Larry, please accept our condolences to you, your children and grandchildren.

I was notified about **Darrold Erickson**'s death just after the last col was submitted and was able to have the notice added. His death resulted from an odd set of circumstances that started with a broken ankle, sustained while playing golf in Sioux Falls, SD. He wasn't aware that it was broken until he had it examined after returning to Port Richie, FL. Darrold, who was a borderline diabetic, then had his ankle operated on at the MacDill Base hosp and was sent home. He suffered a seizure several days later and was taken to the local hosp, where he died. The cause of death is believed to be a blood clot.

This was not the best way to start a col, espec after coming off a very enjoyable 35th Reunion, but it does convey a message. Life is just too uncertain to keep putting off the things that you want to do. Start planning to come to the next reunion, and every one thereafter.

With that thought in mind, here are some Cl plans for the future, as discussed at the reunion business mtg. There are pix and a brief blurb about the festivities elsewhere in this issue; more details and pix in future cols. The business mtg chaired by **Jim Cortez** on Sat morn was well-attended. One of the first things decided was that the DC contingent of the Cl, as the critical mass, should be responsible for the routine mgt functions for the Cl as a whole and provide the ldrship for future activities. Cmtes will be established to address specific concerns/issues/activities, with mbrship drawn from the entire Cl on a vol basis—at which point several classmates volunteered others for jobs. What was avoided was any consideration of changing Cl ofcrs (at least for now) who were essentially elected for life while we were cadets.

Since many of us don't remember what we did last yr, much less 35 yrs ago, **Dick Stephenson** volunteered to chair a Cl Futures Cmte that would investigate any existing rules and develop a new Cl Charter (rumors abound that there was one written in 66). This should be done in about 6 mos. The possibility of a reunion book for this and all future reunions was discussed, but there were no immediate volunteers. We did collect info on most of the people there and took lots of pix, so much of the raw material is available. We also have a list of most of the Cl mbrs and their current addresses, put together by **Ed Bodenhamer**. It was taken primarily from the AOG records; if you have corrections to the info in the *Register*, please send it to me for inclusion in our list. If we can get someone to put it all together, we'll distribute it as part of the Reunion book. The cost won't be known until we get all the input and price the publication. If you'd like to be in the book, even if you weren't at the reunion, send info. **John Holland** volunteered to handle obits for the *ASSEMBLY*. According to Jack Murphy's count, only 17 of 57 obits have been published. John would like to hear from family, roommates, co-mates or good friends who are willing to act as editors for the missing obits. He will provide you with guidance/format for writing them and get whatever info is available from the AOG. You can write to him directly at Greenough Lane #402, Boston, MA 02113, or to me. An important request made to us by the AOG is to notify them when a classmate dies. There have been cases where they weren't informed for several yrs, and, in fact, 99% of the Cl was uninformed. The best way to inform everyone is to call me or the AOG. Unfortunately, this is becoming a more common event, and the *ASSEMBLY* may be the only method for getting the info out.

1957: Our '57 tree

On a more pleasant note, we discussed our 40th and 45th Reunions. The consensus was that we should endeavor to have both, but that the major emphasis should be on the 45th since that also coincides with the 200th birthday of USMA. We'll probably shoot for Jun of that yr and try to sched it in conjunction with other major functions. We'd also like to give the Acad something grand and glorious to remember us by; the assembled gp agreed that ea classmate should be asked to contribute $57 per yr for the next ten yrs. Of course, the money collected would be substantially greater if you can contribute a minimum of $570 as soon as possible and we could then draw the maximum interest. **Carl Vuono** volunteered to collect the money and, with **Steve Quatannens**, to draw up whatever legal documents are required to establish the fund. In the meantime, you can send a check, made out to the Cl of '57 WP Gift Fund, to Carl, **Jim Cortez** or me. A number of classmates donated before we left, and if they have bad memories maybe they'll donate a few more times. The $570 is a minimum request. There is no maximum. We're also open to suggestions on how to make the fund grow exponentially. **Jack Murphy** volunteered to chair the 45th Reunion Cmte, even though that may be difficult from CO. **Champ Buck** volunteered to chair the 45th Gift Cmte. **Bill Cudmore** is the Cl rep to the AOG Bicentennial Gift Cmte. We need volunteers for the 40th. The truth is, a number of us may not make it to the 45th. If you have suggestions, donations and/or want to volunteer, please write.

Before telling you about the rest of the reunion, I'd like to thank the gp that put it all together, both in DC and at WP. They worked hard, did a great job and deserve the appreciation of everyone. **Ray Bell, Jim & Marie Cortez, Bob & Jeanne Comeau, Gerry & Dianne Galloway, Carolyn Gaspard, Max & Bernice Kovel** (my personal heroine), **Tim Murchison, Jack Murphy** (who supplied ideas and the signs), **Barbara Newman, Dick Seward, Bernie & Joan Tullington** and **Bruce & Jerri Turnbull**. We also had 3 Cl aides, without whom we couldn't have made it: MAJ Chuck Clark '80, CPT Kevin Bolan '81 and CPT Curt Doescher '83. Thank you, gentlemen. To add to the memories, we took a lot of pix with disposable cameras, and I'll publish the best ones as the yrs pass. I may even run out of them by the 40th. If you see any you want, send me a card, and I'll have them made. The Cl pic was taken by Academy Photo and is in the reunion section of this issue.

We had a cocktail hr and a buffet supper at the hotel on Thur night and spent a lot of time talking. Lots of classmates gathered in the vic of the hospitality room to greet the people signing in and to see who they could recognize. It's amazing how many of us are still relatively well-preserved. On Fri morn we had a very moving mem svc at the Cadet Chapel, with **Fletch Elder** reading a mem prayer, **Carl Vuono** presenting a brief tribute, **Bruce Turnbull** reading the names of the departed, the playing of Taps, and the singing of the Alma Mater and The Corps. Chaplain Richard Camp, USMA Chaplain, gave a stirring Invocation and Benediction, and Mr Lee Dettra, USMA Organist, played the accompaniment. There were very few dry eyes as we left the Chapel. The Cl split into two gps, one toured the Acad while the other went on the Supe's ferry. We met at Ike Hall for lunch and were welcomed by the Supe, who gave us an update on WP now and what the future seems to hold. From there we went to **Carolyn Gaspard**'s house, where **Gerry Galloway** conducted the ceremony for the planting of a Cl tree. Appropriately enough, the tree is a Black Tupelo, and right now it stands between two '57 residences, since Gerry lives almost directly across the street from Carolyn. As Gerry described it, the Black Tupelo is different from all other Tupelos—it is strong and sturdy, will stand erect and grows to great heights. From there we went to the stands on the Plain and took the gp pic. For the rest of the

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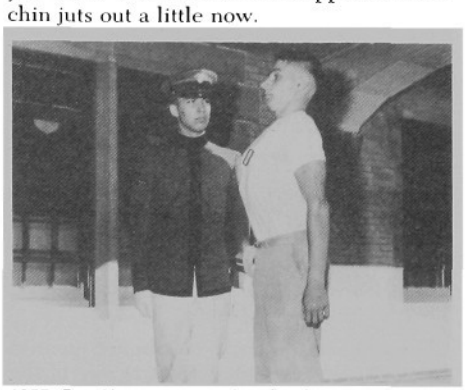
1957: 4th of Jul, Atlanta, GA

afternoon the two gps took off again to tour and sail. We joined up at 6 PM at Ike Hall and went to Buckner for an informal dinner dance. Once again, there was time for conversation and pic-taking, as well as dancing. At Buckner everyone received bottles of wine labeled with the Cl crest by Walker Valley Vineyards. It even tasted good. Some bought cases of it to take home—I settled for extra labels. Except for our bus getting lost trying to leave Buckner, everything went smoothly. On Sat we had our business mtg, visited the Cdt bks and ate in the Mess Hall. A light drizzle caused them to call off the parade (times have changed, the Corps has—obviously). We then went to the game and were delighted to watch a bde march onto the field—one of the Supe's innovations and a good one. Of course, it wasn't raining at that point. The game was fairly good up until the last five min, and then we fell apart, losing by a field goal. Sat night we had our big dress-up dinner dance at the hotel, complete with speeches (**Hank Hatch** and **Gerry Galloway** MC'd), gifts and dancing through the night—or was it carousing through the night? We also had a little special entertainment when **John Loberg** told some of his Swedish "jokes," and **Bill Seely** and **Marie Cortez** treated us to a few familiar melodies. I think they all get better with age, although you wouldn't think they've aged a day. About 2 AM someone at the hotel (not us) set off a fire alarm, and we spent about an hr wondering what was going on before the fire dept finally shut it off. I didn't realize how hot the Cl really is. It was really a great reunion, as you will see from the pix.

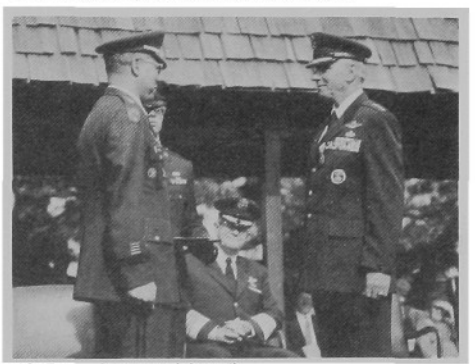
1957: 4th of Jul, Atlanta, GA

Now for a few ltrs. **Lou Circeo** wrote and sent some pix taken at the 4 Jul 92 party at his house in Atl. There are 21 classmates in the pic, and I'm going to let you figure out who they are. If you can't tell from the faces, maybe you can tell from the back of the heads. Without the women they didn't know which way to face.

Don Kutyna sent a ltr and some pix from his ret, as well as one taken on R-Day. Don says, with malice aforethought, that he was the first mbr of the Cl to rep in (**Ray Karsian** was with him), and, as it turns out, he was the last (almost—depending on whether you count **GG**) to ret from the regular force. As you can see, the basic profile hasn't changed in 39 yrs—even if the chest has dropped and the chin juts out a little now.



1957: Don Kutyna at attention; first in. . .



1957: . . . Last out (almost)

Jack Murphy sent me the official program from the ret, and I was very impressed to see the Cl Crest emblazoned inside the front cover. **Mal Duffek** sent me a ltr and several newspaper articles about the ret, and it was obviously a star-studded event. The AFA Band played the WP March at the ceremony, and the '57 attendees at the farewell dinner sat front and center. **Don**, you done good.

Since it is not ski season, **Don** is now known as the "Polish Putter," and **Mal** was counting on him to help WP win the annual Svc Acads Tournament. Thanks for the ltr, Mal, and what was the outcome of the tournament? I also got a note and pic from **Joe O'Neil**, taken at an 11 Jul E-1 party at his house. They were celebrating having survived 39 yrs, and, as you can see, they all look good. Imagine 10 guys from one co all living in the same area.

Got a ltr from **Rick Tonda** back in May asking for info on the reunion. Since he was not at the reunion, it may be because I never responded. Say it isn't so, Rick. Rick ret on 1 Apr after 30 yrs with Shell Oil and Shell

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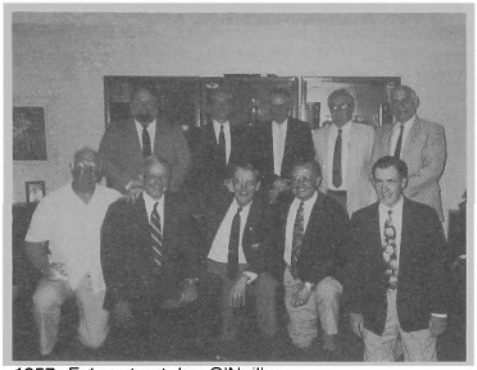
1957: Jim & Barbara Jameson, Bob & Cynthia Crater, Jim Murphy, Don Kutyna, Tom Hicklin and Mal Duffek



1957: E-1 party at Joe O'Neil's

Chemical Co, the last 6 mos being spent in Houston. He saw **Bill Wright** at one of the WPS luncheons in Houston, where he picked up a copy of the Tenneco announcement about **Dana Mead**, complete with a brief resume, which was provided to all Tenneco employees. It's very interesting, but I believe all the info was covered in previous columns. Thanks for the note, Rick, and I hope you did get the info. Guilt is a terrible feeling. At least write and tell me what you're doing now and why you live in Walnut Creek, CA.

More next time, with pix from the reunion.

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73d col, begun now that the 72d is in the mail and knowing full well that **Chuck Densford** will be sending a complete rep on the Thailand 92 gathering. Trying to get ahead of the power curve for a change. PCs are great.

Very sad news rep on 2 Oct. Scribe just learned that **Anne Bowen**, wife of **Frank**, died the day before of colon cancer in Kingswood, TX. The info comes via **Jim Sigler** to **Mimi Nun**. The Cl emergency planning went into effect, to wit: Cl Exec Cmte and D2 CCQ **Bill Gillette** were notified, flowers were arranged on behalf of the Cl by Jim Sigler. Little one can say here to express our condolences to Frank.

More sad news. A ltr received 27 Apr from **Tom Kelly**. He wrote after reading 68 1/2 to express thanks for the mailings from **George Lawton**/Exec Cmte. Unfortunately, my last rep from Tom (Sep 91 *ASSEMBLY*) was that his son Kevin '80 & Faye were expecting. Their second daughter was born on 6 Dec 91. The tragic news is that Christina Suzanne Kelly died on 26 Jan 92 from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. The words of the psalmist apply: "Her soul fleeth before the morning watch."

1958: The Ramsdens, Gibbses, McGrews, Webbs, Schwars, Elva Card, Millspaughs and Andy Andreson, Sep 92

On the brighter side, Kevin was promoted to MAJ on 31 Mar and is either at Ft McPherson or Ft Bliss (scribe got confused at this point in Tom's ltr). Back in Kennewick, WA, Tom & **Janet** were growing tomatoes and flowers. Nice sideline for a guy whose job is cleaning up the Hanford AEC site to pre-40s condition. His other regret was missing Thailand 92, a feeling shared by many of us.

1958: The 4 Jul 92 picnic at the Shellenbergers'

Jim Ramsden sent pix of the 4 Jul gathering in St Augustine: **Harry Hubbard, John Galen**, Ramsden and **Bob Shellenberger**. Unfortunately, a more recent rep in Sep indicates that Jim appeared to be entering a relapse/possible ending of his remission phase. Jim & **Rae** were in DC area for tests at WRAMC in Sep.

An I2 organized dinner included the **Gibbses, McGrews, Millspaughs, Schwars, Webbs, Elva Card** (**Bernie**'s **widow**) and **Andy Andreson** (not I2), according to a rep from CCQ **Palmer** McGrew. Your scribe appreciates getting ltrs from CCQs! Back to Ramsden's ltr: He's expecting his second grandchild in Jan 93. He also sent an interesting article from the *St Augustine Record* about the "still coping" gp which he & Rae helped organize for cancer patients and their familes. The Ramsdens are an inspiration to '58 and to many others as well.

Sam Myers called 26 Aug with a glowing rep on Thailand 92, many pix of which appear

1958: Donovan, Andreson, Pointer, McGrew, Kullavanijaya, Myers and Pryor

throughout. First, the attendees courtesy of **Phil Pryor**: **Andy & J Andreson, Stan & Jill Bacon, Pete & Kitty Bahnsen, Dick & Barbara Bauchspies** (plus guests John & Mary Burney '46), **Tony & Dolores Bauer, Glenn & Kit Brown, Dick & Amy Buckalew, Jack & Rachel Bujalski** and **Bob & Marion Bunker** to round out the alphabetical hives.

1958: Pete & Vimol at boat party

Nick Carlson, Bob & Sylvia Clark (plus daughter Camille), **Rich & Catherine Clements, Ray & Gerry Coffey, Tom & Gail Conti** (plus Terri Christiano), **Corky & Debra Corcoran, Chuck & Patsy Densford** (plus Patsy Derr), **Dave Depew, Ed & Judy Dodd, Pat &**

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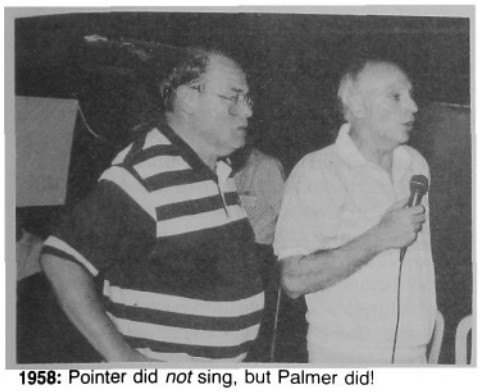
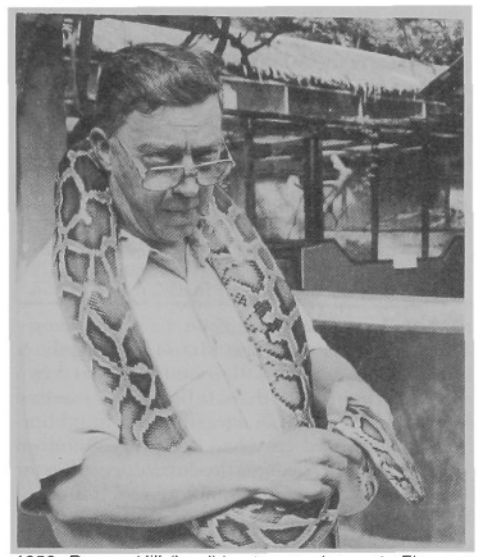
Betty Donovan, Jack & Margie Downing, Stan & Carol Dus, Fred Easley, Brad & Janet Eliot, Tony Forster (plus Rita Propersi and Tony's daughter). **Bill & Nancy Gillete, Jack & Henriette Gordon, Dick & Bev Graves** and **Dick & Margaret Groves.**



1958: Pointer did *not* sing, but Palmer did!

Jack & Arlene Halsey, Bruce & Cookie Hamilton, Chuck & Celia Hansult, Frank & Carole Harlem, Bill & Betty Harrison, Corky & Ann Henninger, Orlie & Harriet Hill, Jerry & Rosalie Hoblit, John & Jill Holecek, Dale & Dodie Hruby, Larry & Becky Hunt, Heyward & Evelyn Hutson (Heyward is another of our elected officials: State sen in SC), **Ed & Andrea Jasaitis, Dan & Dorthy Johnson, Herb & Carma Johnson, Paul & Paula Johnson, Bill & Carol Kelley, Gary & Mary Kosmider, John & Mary Kubiak, Pete & Vimol Kullavanijaya, Ken & Valerie Lager, George & Mary Jane Lawton, Jay Levasseur** (and DeEtte Kobayshi), **Lenny & Carol McCormack, Palmer & Ceda McGrew, Pat & Linda Mellin, Art & Sue Meyer, Lee Miller** (and Betty Meshel), **Jerry & Maria Mitchell, Bud & Holly Moentmann, Tom & Grace Morgan** and **Sam & Leslie Myers.**

Tony & Billie Nadal (plus daughter Victoria), **John & Mimi Nun, Walt & Susan Patterson, Ben & Maria Pelligrini, Pete & Lynn Penczer, Alex & Lois Pensiero, Ken & Jeanne Phillips** (plus John & Mary Lee Weare and Wally & Irene Zacharchuk), **Bob Pointer, Lou & Nancy Prime, Phil & Lynn Pryor, Herb & Betty Puscheck, Phil & Steffie Raign, John Rave, Gene Scales, John & Laura Schaffer, Dick & Sylvia Schonberger, Joe & Pat Schwar, Bob & Margaret Shellenberger, Bill & Anna Marie Shely, Bill & Nona Shepard, Jim & Marilyn Sigler, Tom & Catherine Smith** (plus daughter Wendy and son Brian), **Tony & Carole Smith, Sammy Sookmak** (Sammy's wife **Jintana** was in the States), **Jae & Annie Stanton** and **Dave Swanson** (and Pat Sharpe).



1958: Ranger Hill (he did not wear glasses in FL Camp in Feb 59)

And now for the real alphabetical goats: **Otto & Shirley Thamasett, Ray & Kay Lou Tomlinson, Pete & Mary Trainor, Dick & Audrey Webb, Wayne Weiss, Don & Barbara Welch, Gene & Jo Anne Wentworth, Jim Weis** (and Susan McLay) and **Branch & Nancy Worsham**. For sins of omission or commission, please forgive and correct the record with a ltr.

1958: Cadets and drags—93, not 58

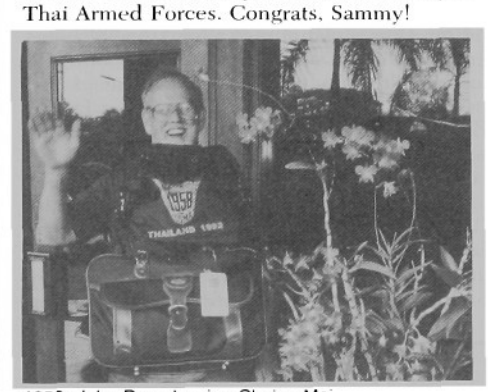
Some data: 95 classmates attended, 195 total travelers. Believe that **Dave Depew** attended his first-ever reunion, bringing the total in that category to 14 for the 4 minis from Palm Springs to Bar Harbor to South Padre Isl to Thailand. Hope to see all 14 at the 35th at WP on 30 Sep-2 Oct 93!

Company A2 won the attendance prize again! Nine! Followed closely by C2 and G2 with 8 ea, then M1 with 7, and F1 and F2 coming in at 6 apiece.

1958: Mitchell and Clark teaching classical Thai dancing

Special thanks from the entire Cl to **Pete Kullavanijaya**, who extended the original invitation when he explained that he could not make Bar Harbor due to active-duty commitments. Pete has now ret and intends to make the 35th at WP. Pete and **Sammy Sookmak** were gracious hosts, arrangers, etc, without whom 95 classmates would not have had the time of their lives! Since the mini, Sammy has become the Ch of the Joint Staff of the Royal Thai Armed Forces. Congrats, Sammy!

1958: Bangkok, day two: the Klang Canal Tour



1958: John Rave leaving Chaing Mai

Kudos to **Bob Pointer** as the Stateside Chm of the Thailand 92 opn and to his cmte of **Phil Pryor**, dep and all-around doer of whatever was needed; **Andy Andreson,** vol treas; and **Pat Donovan**, Cl gifts. In-country assistance was provided by **Dave Depew**, who gave the

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Cl an outstanding orientation on Thailand, its people and culture.

Special mention to **Palmer McGrew**, "CINC Frivolity," for composing and singing a song and for leading the mem svc when **Dave Depew** very literally "missed the boat," to **Pete & Vimol** for their singing, and **Dick Graves** for his impromptu remarks thanking the "givers" who do the work for the Cl from the "takers," who enjoy the work of others—and his plea for givers to become takers.

And thanks to the side-trip organizers who iced the cake: **Andrea & Ed Jasaitis** (Bali before Thailand), **John & Laura Schaffer** (Hong Kong and China after Bangkok) and **Bob & Marion Bunker** (Singapore before and after Thailand).

Bob Pointer rep that "he is out of work." Bob & **Mary Ann** are moving back to Lancaster, PA in Dec. Bob is proposing another "exotic" mini after the 35th—with "normal minis"' in 94, 95, 96 and then something like an Aegean cruise in 97 before returning to WP for our 40th in 98. For now, write down 30 Sep-2 Oct for the 35th, with **Garry Roosma** as the OIC. And note that our 94 mini will be in the summer in the mtns of CO, thanks to **Jack Crandall**.

Gene Scales raved about Thailand but regreted that only 30 classmates visited the Thai Mil Acad (Sammy was Supe there some yrs ago). Gene called the trip "a great cultural experience—we'll talk about it forever."

Scales also rep that the "tradition" of grads marrying Vassar grads is alive and well: **Bill Gillete**'s daughter Deborah '80 has a husband who grad from Vassar. Gene's current project is to publish a directory of *Supplies and Equipment* similar to the British Defence Catalogue.

We had an Oct luncheon during AUSA with the Cl of '57. It was well-attended, with 25 from each cl. In 93 this luncheon will be on Thur, 21 Oct 93 immediately after AUSA. We also had a drag "Happy Hour" at Ft Myer in Sep, notable in that **Jack & Lynne Bradshaw** were here from Chicago. **Butch & Ginny Saint** attended, Butch in mufti after joining the ret roles on 1 Sep. Scribe was traveling and missed Butch's ret ceremony but heard rep of a grand turnout for our next-to-last on active duty. Rumor has it that someone took a pic of '58 at Butch & Ginny's ret luncheon. If so, you may see it someday.

Don Johnson wrote in Sep that he is now asst dean of the Sch of Business at Lynchburg Coll. Don is planning to attend the 35th—his first reunion. Don has **Butch Saint** coming for a two-day "War and Peace" seminar in Nov (similar to the affair at which **Mike Dugan** spoke last yr)—a new form of "classmating."

Another CCQ ltr, this one from D2 **Ed Weckel** (his ltrs to D2 are called "missives" by **Doug Detlie**). **Ernie Hasselbrink** was the victim of "down-sizing" by his co in CA; he is now employed in USAREUR, Heidelberg, Ger. Ernie's oldest son, Ernie Jr, recently grad summa cum laude from U of Houston with a BS in mech engring and will go to grad sch at Stanford. Ernie has his youngest son with him in Ger (in HS there).

Bob Bunker was mentioned as hosting a number of D2 files (and others!) in Singapore to and from Thailand. **Ed & Cathy**'s daughter presented them with grandson #1 (grandchild #2) in time for Ed to join **Doug Detlie** and **Tom Stevens** at the Army-UNC football game in Chapel Hill. Seems Detlie only screwed up 3 ways: (1) Army lost the game but *did* beat the point spread; (2) it RAINED; and (3) their seats were on the minus 20-yd line. Thanks for including your scribe on the distribution, Ed.

Called **Chuck Densford** on 7 Oct to check on the progress of his Thailand 92 rep. According to **Patsy**, they were "going to IA tomorrow" for granddaughter Eron's 6th birthday. Chuck called from IA; he sent an incredible rep that will probably become an "extra" col à la 68 1/2 to be mailed to everyone—far too long for the Cl notes. Scribe also received a rep entitled "WHAT A WAT!. . . or, the Thais that bind" from **Sam Myers**; it can be incl in the mailing.

That's it for number 73; look for the complete, unexpurgated Thailand story in your mailboxes about the same time you receive this *ASSEMBLY*. Happy New Yr 93—the yr of our 35th Reunion! Be There!

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Hurricane Andrew gave us some worry about classmates in the Miami area. **Rody & Rhonda Conway** had their house blown down around them, but thankfully they emerged unscathed. The damage in their neighborhood amounted to what Rody imagined an A-bomb would do, and the insurance adjuster declared their home a total loss and issued an emergency check on the spot. At this writing, Rody was planning to rebuild and hoping for a spring 93 completion date. He said the demand for construction was tremendous, and that even a millionaire would have to stand in line. He & Rhonda will be housesitting in a couple of places while they wait for their house to be finished. His HS course in American history convened on the steps of the sch after a two-wk hiatus and is now going strong as ever.

RB Johnson, who was at home in Mobile and preparing for the hurricane when he wrote at the end of Aug, prophesied that his area would be Andrew's secondary target. His beach house 75 mi E was in ever greater danger, so he was off to give it some attention. He enclosed the rather nice gp photo of the '59'ers at the Ft McPherson edition of FD 92, rep here earlier by **Bill Mullen**. Can you identify your favorite southerner? **Bill Clarke**, RB's old roomie from G-2, is the only one in row one. He, **Susan**, Trey and Ashley have recently moved into the old Clarke residence, Bill's mother's house where he was born, at 312 McDonald Ave, Mobile, AL 36604. OK, now how about identifying **Bunky Joh**?

RB has the task of writing the *ASSEMBLY* obit for **Jim Chappel**. He has very little to go on, since Jim resigned early and his wife has since died also. So he appeals to anyone who knew Jim, espec G-2 types and those who went Signal, for any info, whether pertaining to cadet days, Signal Corps days, civ life, personal or professional. Let's give Jim, who left a great deal to WP, and whose widow (the former **Carolyn** Hugensmith of Birmingham, AL) endowed the AOG with $25,000 in her will, the obit he deserves. Carolyn's bequest, incidentally, was more than enough for a complete prep sch scholarship in Jim's name.

The 35th Reunion mailing arrived at my house on 1 Sep and gives clear directions for getting an early start on what has traditionally been a last-min crisis for those stationed at WP. As we have matured, the unlucky WP contingent has gotten smaller, and the burden has fallen on the same shoulders time after time. I sense that this time there will be a real effort to spread the work over a larger gp, and the two-yr jump is a good start. An admirable goal of the Standing Cmte is to have *ASSEMBLY* obits completed for all deceased classmates by reunion time. Please volunteer to help if you can. **Jim Walsh**, who is compiling a Cl history, has had 6 responses since the mailing; at least one of the anecdotes has contained new info of interest to us all. A serialization in this col may be in order.

Both **Ed Burba** and **Fred Franks** appeared this summer on AUSA's TV series, "Why an Army." Ed was on the 4th segment, and Fred

1959: Founders Day 92, Ft McPherson

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was (I think) on the 3rd. They answered questions posed by a panel made up of Peter Hackes and Harry Summers, among others, and tapes of these segments may be obtained by calling the AUSA. Ask for Sandra Daugherty at 1-800-336-4570 x317.

Ed & Pat Robinson had an enjoyable 3-wk trip to Egypt and the Holy Land this summer, cruising the Nile and sweltering in the temples and tombs. Although he missed **Jerry Hilmes**'s ret on 31 Jul, Ed rep that Jerry & **Gerry** are remaining in the DC area and have bought a home off Franconia Rd, not far from the Robinsons. Jerry has taken a civ job as VP of the Federal Systems Gp at Computer Sciences Corp in Falls Church.

Jack & Arlene Bohman headed in Sep for a 27-mo tour as Peace Corps volunteers in Nepal. Arlene just finished a 3-yr tour as a CPT in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve. Jack had the pleasure of recommissioning her (sounds like a battleship, he says). Her unit, a general hosp, was activated during Desert Storm, and she spent 4 mos in Nurnberg, Ger. Jack recently ret from WI Power and Light after 13 yrs. He held a variety of positions in energy conservation and mkting, incl svc territory mgr. Their new permanent address is 626 E Kilbourn Ave, Apt 1408, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

The **Bohmans** have two daughters. Ivy (27) is in Milwaukee with a women's clothing co called JH Collectibles. Karen (25) is in the Army Nurse Corps at Tripler AMC in Honolulu and is on the 0–3 list. She broke ranks recently and is engaged to a Navy LT.

Ed Robinson, our Standing Cmte chm, visited LTG **Tom McInerney** in his ofc in early Oct. Tom is the new Vice C/S of the AF and he lives in "Bon Chance," the "big" house on 34 acres at Andrews AFB. Ed invited Tom to take **Gerry Stadler**'s place on the Standing Cmte, and Tom accepted.

1959: Nurit Cohen congratulates Bill on his promotion

Bill Cohen was promoted to BG in the AF Res last Aug in a ceremony at the Space and Missile Systems Ctr. LTG Ed Barry '61 pinned on one star, and **Nurit**, Bill's wife of 25 yrs, pinned on the other. Bill resigned his commission in the USAF at age 28 when he was a MAJ, flew 3 yrs in the Israeli AF, and was recommissioned a CPT in the USAFR at age 41. In civ life he is a univ prof and a business writer. Probably his best-known book is *The Art of the Ldr*, which has been published in German, Chinese, Japanese and English.

Gil Dorland writes from Miami Beach that his power and water were finally restored in early Sep, their absence having been occasioned by Hurricane Andrew. He was on his way to a vacation on the Aegean isle of Skiathos, where he sojourns annually to confer with Socrates and Plato, obviously a bit too late this yr. He has a new book, co-authored with his brother John, titled *Duty, Honor, Company: West Point Fundamentals for Business Success* (Henry Holt; 25 Sep 92; $22.50). [See book review on pp 83–84, Nov 92 *ASSEMBLY*]. Inspired by the competency of the cmdrs in Opn Desert Storm, they decided to examine mil ldrship tactics and how to transfer them to the business world.

Dave Carroll has worked for Motorola's Govt Electronics Gp in Chandler, AZ since his ret from the AF in 82. He is still a champion runner and says he has found it easier to win now that he is in the 55–60 age gp. He has won every race (5K, 8K and 10K) he has entered since he turned 55. Dave has 3 children. Dave Jr, an '82 grad of USAFA, flew F-4's and then went to work for Delta Air. He has given his dad two grandsons and a few free trips on Delta. Doug, an '84 grad of CO State in EE, worked for TI until his itch to fly got the best of him. The AF was too easy, so he joined the Navy and is now an A-6 IP after a stint in 53s on the *USS Kennedy*, incl the entire Desert Storm experience. Doug has contributed 3 grandchildren. Megan, an '84 grad of CO State in business, married an ME classmate who now works for Motorola, and they live near Dave. They have 3 children, including a set of twins, who are Dave's primary playmates these days.

Alert reader **Hugh Socks** notes that the 7 Oct issue of *The Hilton Head News*, in its "Bluffton Breeze" col, rep that Blufftonian **Emmett McCracken**, Republican candidate for the Beaufort County Council, is running unopposed and is believed to be a shoo-in. A good portion of the col rep Em's views on garbage issues. **Hugh & Joyce** visited Em's antique store in Bluffton last Oct and found that Em had ducked out temporarily for NC. They spent some time with Em's lovely and gracious mother, though.

1959: Paul Weber (at right)

Look at the humongous marlin hanging next to **Paul Weber**! It's over 300 lbs! According to **Nancie**, it took Paul over 90 mins to land the monster (with the help of friends and his dorky hat), and it registered as the largest caught around Acapulco in some yrs. I think they were there in Aug—hot like Hades, says Nancie, but the price was right, what with private villa, own pool and maid for a wk, all thrown in thanks to a winning ticket at a fund-raising lottery. Back in El Segundo for an extended Labor Day wkend, the Webers hosted **Dave Whitmore** (who is going for an MS in exercise physiology, something promising courtesy of IBM, at UNLV) and **Dennis & Yvette Walter**, who are chatting up retiring into a dude ranch deal near CO Springs. Nancie, who is on Prodigy as HJDR04B, thinks she senses some sponge potential there. Whitmore is also on Prodigy as FTVH94A. The Webers also saw **John Porter** in Sep at the NAVSTAR/GPS 20th anniv reunion. John was up from Houston.

Howard & Eileen Stiles have just about completed their 10 yrs of renovation at Sebago Lake in ME, and they continue to enjoy the venue. Howard bought a RE/MAX real estate franchise about two yrs ago, and he has sold property to mbrs of the Cl of '58 and '66. Toward summer's end, he & Eileen were invited to a Primerica Sales Rally in Portland, ME, and afterwards to share dinner and reminiscences with **Pete & Judy Dawkins**. They had a fabulous time and enjoyed the inspirational talks given by Pete & Judy, who look great and truly love what they are doing, says Howard. The Dawkins were off by cross-country corp jet to Portland, OR the next morn for another rally.

1959: Pete & Judy Dawkins with Eileen & Howard Stiles

Ben & Paula Carr are in Tempe, AZ, where Ben has an enjoyable job as an engring consultant to the Western Area Power Admin. He is deeply involved in two large projects that will form a 500k-volt Intertie System of several sources of electric power to "wheel" power between Bureau of Reclamation sources and major metropolitan utilities in the L.A. and Phoenix area. Ben & Paula were in the ministry as full-time pastors for about 3 yrs and may return to it sometime in the future. They have 3 children. Brad (18), the youngest, graduated tops in his cl from Brophy Coll Prep this spring and has since joined the USMA Cl of '96. Brian (28), the oldest, is married, has two boys and has successfully started his own business. Daughter Vicki (27) is married, has one boy and has just graduated tops in her cl at nursing sch. She is continuing studies at the U of NM with the goal of becoming a dr of pathology.

'60

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Your scribe has been in the hosp with a pulmonary embolism and is mending nicely. His secy, Maria, has taken over the task of this issue's col.

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Frank Partlow wrote a nice ltr advising that he & **Kay** spent part of their summer looking up old friends and following Horace Greeley's advice to "go west." Among those they saw were **Hank & Sharon Drewfs**, who settled in Bend, OR (an increasingly ill-kept secret) upon ret in 90. Hank is working part-time and taking classes at the local community coll in things like writing detective novels. Sharon is into crafts and cabinet making. The Drewfs are grandparents several times over.

1960: The Partlows and Drewfses

Also grandparents and newly settled in the west are **Bill & Toni Carpenter** in their lovely custom-built log home on 5 acres in Whitefish, MT (also growing fast). Bill ret in Sep from his 3-star post in Korea. He says he will sit in his rocking chair for a yr before starting to rock it. Frank noticed an awful big pile of wood out front, however.

Frank & Kay settled in Reno in 90 for lots of reasons, many of them family-oriented. They have since built as close to their dream house as they could afford (actually, just over what they could afford). They formed a little gp of local large businesses called Northern Nevada Network, for whom they do research and writing on local governmental issues. They also write a bi-monthly col in a local newspaper, teach intl relations at the U of NV and do some freelance public speaking. They both keep busy with 3 grandchildren (in L.A. and Dallas) and with trying to keep track of Kay's mom & dad, whom they moved to Reno and are chauffeuring around (shades of jr high in reverse).

Vence (Austin Vencil) is a long-time resident and sch teacher in the Reno area; he has a son at the Acad. **Frank** and Austin work together on WP Admissions matters.

Chuck Mandelbaum wrote informing us of his move within the Dept of Energy to become the ch planner for the Ofc of Energy Research. You are probably familiar with the Super Conducting Super Collider and other big accelerators, the multi-program Natl Laboratories (Brookhaven, etc) and the R&D on fusion energy. His tasks include basic physical, environmental and biological research programs—adding up to some $3.3 bil. Chuck said he is not so presumptuous as to think that he, one man, can steer all of this stuff. The research programs are so diverse that his job is more akin to controlling a high-spirited team of horses when all of the harnessing is broken.

Chuck's children are making their old man proud. Noah, the oldest, married his sweetheart Emily on 2 Aug 92 and took her to Ralph Gerenz's neighborhood on the Boston Beltway. He is a PhD candidate at Brandeis U. Carol, the younger, went south to VA Tech to study biology and get into the research business as an undergrad. His guess is that she will be seeking federal funding some day.

Ernie Remus's son continues to play great golf for the varsity golf team at Eastern KY.

Paul Mandry's son enters his first cl yr, with high hopes for a very successful Army Lacrosse season.

Dean & Marg Herman are just back from Eastern Europe and had a lovely stay in Romania and Bulgaria. Marg, as many of you know, was born in Bulgaria and must find revisiting Eastern Europe a fascinating contrast.

By the time you all read this, your scribe should be fully recovered.

'61

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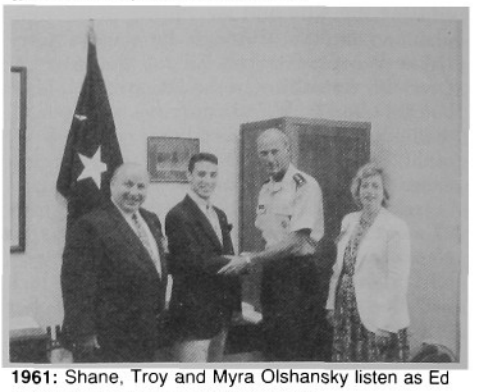
The AUSA Convention is one of those great events and opportunities for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the gathering of the clans. And that means a lot of our classmates get to visit once again. The 92 version was even better than before. According to the head counts from the many scouts who were out, there were **Buckner, Budge, Clarke, Couvillion, DeWitt, Evans, DeVries, Frix (& Mo), Mackie, Reno, Rauch, Hyde, Leland, Lionetti (& Bobbi), Chelberg, Kopscak (& Michelle), Offringa (& Jenny), Rosenkranz, Witherspoon (& Georgia), Joulwan, Kremer, Tobin** and others yet to be ID'd. The **Chelbergs** are overwatching the force reductions in Europe; the challenges remain demanding and the outcomes are yet to be determined. By the time you read these words there may be more and clearer indicators of where this old world is headin'. However, **Bob** did make it sound like **Tricia** & he are finding fun amid all of the toil; she is riding horses competitively and he is looking fit as a fiddle and wearing that enormously engulfing smile.

The **Witherspoons** are off to another Engr Cmd—congrats! **Ed Leland** announced his ret for spring 93, and **Pete Offringa** is in the same mode. **Howie DeWitt** made the transition to the Loral Corp after its buy-out of LTV and had cause to be smilin' also, celebrating continuing success in the business world despite the recession. **Gary & Button Hyde** have moved on to another phase of the business world, forming their own consulting firm that is sure to make FL even greener; as always, Gary's spirit kept the crowd in stitches as he set up a Cl photo op. (See pic in next *ASSEMBLY*).

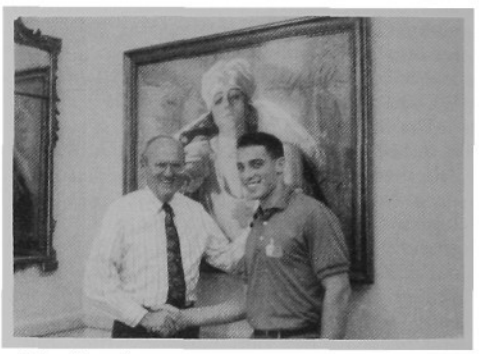
Barbara & Bob Rosenkranz too had cause to celebrate—Bob's assumption of cmd ceremony was filled with all of the tradition that made it pleasantly memorable. He's now the boss at the Operational Test Cmd in Alexandria, just down the road from the Pentagon. Not only is he out of the 5-sided structure, but there are rumors that he has a convenient parking slot and an ofc with a view that seems to go on forever. That's the good news... the bad news is that the Army's force structure business won't be the same without him. Bob developed a well-earned reputation for being the real expert during this period of "right-sizing."

In another cmd change, **Don Lionetti** pinned on his 3rd star and moved to DC from placid Ft Monroe to head up the Army's component of the Space Cmd. He, too, is facing some tough issues as the natl mil strategy takes some turns and twists that will have an impact on what the SDI will look like down the road.

Shane Olshansky was seen in the area as well; he, **Myra** and son Tory stopped by to see **Reno** and **Leland** and reminisce over "the good ole days in South Area."



1961: Shane, Troy and Myra Olshansky listen as Ed Leland tells 'em all about Beast Bks



1961: "Tory, let me tell you about your dad Shane, way back when. . . ."

Mike Urette, bringing regards from **Bob Dunning** in Sarasota, was also in our nation's capital to represent a builder's assn at a natl conf to examine construction processes. In some ways, Mike's professional pursuits connect with the topic discussed at Sep's Cl luncheon and business mtg at Ft Myer O Club. There was a good turnout to hear **Bruce Shroyer** lead a valuable discussion on the concept of "Network '61." In the coming mos we can all look forward to reading more as Bruce, along with a number of other 'mates around the country, begin to flesh out the details. The whole idea is for us as a Cl body to communicate more effectively in ways that will contribute to our collective as well as individual well-being. Examples incl promoting our Cl gift, arranging for our next major reunion, connecting with ea other around the country and, from time to time, even providing a way for continuation of our professional careers. Among those at the club for the gourmet delights were **Mackie, Dahle, Randall, Peters, McConnell, Neiger, Legge, Kenney, Lionetti, Kopscak, Kremer, DeVries, Hodell, Magness, Blesse, Clema, Hardiman, Tobin, Cuthbert, Rosenkranz, Glass** and **Buckner**.

Jan & Pat Hillier also brought together some of our classmates for an eve of scrumptious culinary treats and superb conversation and merriment. The eve was a welcome change of pace for Pat, who, like so many others, has been pressing hard in the business world. He did have time though to help out in the kitchen . . . he poured wine and smiled

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while Jan created a marvelous dinner.

Following these get-togethers, it was brought to your scribe's attention that what seems to distinguish most of us from those many yrs our jr are merely that our hair is a little grayer, our Rolexes a bit more scratched and our rings slightly smoother; otherwise everyone looked as if they had just stepped out of full dress gray.

Speaking of full dress events, **Joanie & Jack Zimmerman**'s daughter Julie married Kurt Hohl on 10 Oct in N VA. **John Skillman** was there, coming up from Tampa, combining business and pleasure. **Joan & Frank Rauch** added pleasure to their drive W. They enrolled daughter Nina at the U of UT's Coll of Fine Arts, where she will pursue studies in ballet.

Ken Hruby presented another exhibition of his work at the Boston Sculptors at Chapel Gallery in W Newton, MA. That show finished up on 1 Nov, and he has a big solo show for Dec 93 in the making. There's time to plan ahead for a visit. Go for it!

Have a spectacular and happy holiday season and a wonderful 93!

'62

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I am convinced that y'all are saving your news for the reunion. . . . I feel like "Halftrack" waiting for word from the Pentagon.

John Lawton sent a note requesting a piece about **TD Culp**. TD's son, Thomas Culp, is looking for info about TD. He would appreciate anything anyone cares to share with him about his dad, and he is in search of details surrounding the action in which TD was killed on 13 Sep 67. Please contact Thomas directly at 1920 Limbach Rd, Clinton, OH 44216. I am certain that Thomas will appreciate your effort in sending any bits of info you have.

Rusty Wilkerson wrote that he ret 30 Sep from the civil svc and is moving to Kingsport, TN, where he will be the city dir of Public Works. He invites classmates on their way through TN to VA on 181 to make a pit stop. Rusty & **Gini** will take up residence at 1209 White St. You can stop by City Hall for directions. Rusty also rep that **Sonny Sloan** passed through the area looking for a ret home, but they did not get to spend much time together.

Chuck Ivy was kind enough to send along the following. **Phil Browning** ret as BG, C/S, USARC, Ft McPherson, on 23 Sep 92. In addition to **Kathy** & Chuck, **Dan Denison, Linda & Jim Tumpane** and **Denny Flint** attended the ceremony, where Phil received the DSM and a Certificate of Appreciation, signed by the Pres. Chuck did not mention any future plans for **Mary Ann** & Phil after ret.

We had two weddings on 12 Sep that I know of. **Bob & Gail Ord** traveled to Bakersfield, CA for the marriage of their oldest daughter Traci to Allen. I had the privilege of seeing photos of the day, and it was difficult to select only one. Also, I wanted to include a great pic of Bob & Gail at the ceremony in which they renewed their marriage vows on their 30th anniv. Bob was too shy to turn over the pic, but congrats!

The second wedding took place at Trinity Coll in Wash, DC. My youngest daughter,

1962: Bob Ord with daughter Traci at her 12 Sep 92 wedding

Rebecca, celebrated her marriage to Onofrio Margioni. Now I understand the feelings of a father when one of his daughters marries, and I am particularly thankful and proud of her choice in a husband. We could not be more pleased in our new and only son.

1962: Phil Pons with daughter Rebecca at her 12 Sep 92 wedding

The AUSA annual mtg brought the usual number of classmates to DC. We had a brief but great time at a gathering hosted by the AL Chapter (sponsored by **Bill Mogan**, Tally Industries). Hope to have pix for the next issue. It was difficult getting all to be serious enough for a pic until **Simcox** shouted for all the short GENs to fill in the front row—nearly filled the front row with **Joe Rigby, Steve Arnold, Denny Benchoff** and **Wayne Downing. Bob Ord** missed the pic, but he would have thrown off the balance since he is too tall for the front row. Others with whom I talked were **Tom Simcox, Matt Kambrod, Wins Ward, Harry Fraser, George Telenko, Rick Kelly, Charlie Shaw, Paul Kirkegaard, Bob Krause, Tom Murray, Larry Needs** and **Joe Petrolino**. My apologies if I omitted anyone. It was a great opportunity and a lot like the first night of a reunion when you see folks you have not seen for yrs.

It was suggested that I include the following for those interested. WP now has a Columbarium Chapel, located in the undercroft of the Old Cadet Chapel and under the jurisdiction of Academy Mortuary Opns (914-938-2504).

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Nov. Please remember your ole scribe and send news. Thanks.

'63

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Please note the new name, address and numbers in the box above. Good luck in Cleveland, **Dewey**.

Cl activitiy is picking up in the greater DC area, thanks to folks like **Mike Summers** and **Mike Vopatek**. Another great luncheon at Ft Myer on 29 Sep incl attendees **Steele, Bosma, Dunn, Harrison, James,** Summers, **Goldberg** (ex '63), **Solenberger, Wheeler, Hays, Ehrenberg, McClatchey, Betaque, Wall, Heiden, Bruce, Medlin, Hogg, Hall, Farris, Anderson, Drewry, Riceman, Miller, Beach, Mayer, Clark** and Vopatek. **Allen Clark,** who is the dir of Natl Cemeteries, gave a great talk on a variety of related subjects. **Jerry Harrison**, ch of Army Legislative Liaison, is sched to be our luncheon speaker the first part of Dec.

Charlie Nahlik writes from St Louis that he & **Carole** visited **Ed & Dede Greybeck** in CA. Charlie recently ret from the USAR after 29 yrs of svc and is currently ch of Mobilization Plans and Opns at the Army Reserve Personnel Ctr in St Louis.

1963: Charlie & Carole Nahlik and Dede & Ed Greybeck

Edith & Noel Brown are now established in San Fran. **Bill** is with AT&T. The pic shows them at their alternate cmd post at Lake Tahoe with **Faye & Bill Clark**, who made the trip from Birmingham to visit. The Clarks were attending an American Bar Assn convention.

1963: Noel & Edith Brown and Bill & Faye Clark

Great ltr from **Dick Guthrie**, copper baron in Peru. **Cynthia** just returned from Monterey, CA, where she earned a master's degree to teach English to speakers of other languages. Gus works for the Southern Peru Copper Corp. If you are planning to come to southern Peru, be advised that they are moving from Toquepala to Cuajone—which makes the trip

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1963: Dick Guthrie (ctr) at a food and beer festival in Toquepala, Peru

two hrs longer over unimproved dirt roads—but he is getting a job hike out of it. He sent a pic of himself and his personal staff. Gus is the one with the hat. All right, he is the tall one in the middle with the hat.

John Dorland and his brother Gil have authored a book called *Duty, Honor, Company: WP Fundamentals for Business Success*. [See book review in Nov 92 *ASSEMBLY*.] As the title indicates, the Dorlands present a logical transition of WP concepts, philosophies and doctrine to the business world. John has formed his own business strategy firm, Dorland & Associates, Coral Springs, FL.

This was the wk of the AUSA convention in Wash, DC. Ran into **Gary Sausser**, now a BG and the ADC for spt in the 6th ID, Ft Richardson, AK. Gary previously was in the Philippines, and he says the weather transition is not easy. Also saw **Larry Anderson**, who works for Hughes Aircraft in CA. Larry is staying with **Bill & Kathy Merritt**, who moved back to the DC area last yr from CO Springs. **Herb & Julia Ellis** were also in town. They live in Pittsburgh, and Herb works for Contraves. **Al Christensen** was at the convention. He lives in the DC area and works for McDonnell-Douglas. **Bill Stryker** was in town from Pontiac, MI, where he works for Gen Motors Corp. **Jerry Orlicki** showed up at the convention. He is leaving his job as dir of combat engring at the Belvoir R&D Ctr and moving to a new job as technical dir of White Sands Missile Range.

Dewey LaFond has ret and moved to the Cleveland area, working for Austin Powder Co. We should be able to buy our gunpowder directly from Dewey now. **Joannie** will be in the DC area for a short time; then she'll join Dewey. **Mike Summers** was listed in the last col as temporary Cl scribe. I'll be assuming scribal duties on a full-time basis and hope to keep up the standard of excellence that Dewey established. Write or call me with your news.

The 30th Reunion is scheduled for 28–31 Oct 93. The general plan is for a Thur arrival and Sunday departure. **Dan & Donna Willson** are planning our hotel accommodations. Dan is now working for the AOG. **Bob & Jeanne Farris** are planning the agenda, which includes a football game and possibly a dinner/dancing river cruise. **Mike Summers** has a reunion newsltr out to the Cl.

'64

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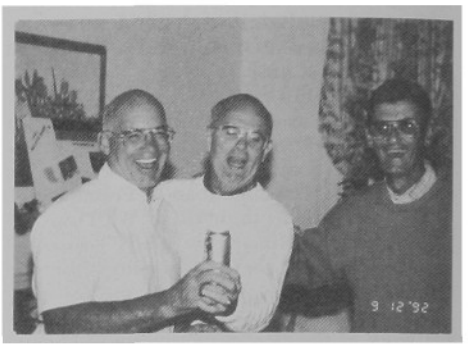
Although at this writing football season has just gotten underway and afternoon highs here in HI are dipping into the high 80's, I will anticipate the time of your receipt of this col and wish you all the very best for the Holiday Season and the coming yr.

John Ward continues as our directory assistance ofcr par excellence; he rep that **Don Ullmann** has recently relocated to Surf Side Beach, SC, (PO 14446, zip 29587). John also has extra copies of all additions of the Ward Directory and will entertain requests from those desiring same. The AOG and USMA Library have requested copies, and John is inclined to provide them absent any objection from those of us whose lives are detailed therein. Anyone who does object please contact John. I, for one, need all the exposure I can get.

John also passes on info from **Jane Fishback**; she is living in Manhattan, KS and working on her PhD at KSU. Daughter Allison is on her way to CO Coll, while sisters Christina and Joanna balance sch with a variety of athletic endeavors. They would love to hear from old friends.

John Howard is back from Pakistan and plans to ret this month. Reportedly, **Karl Robinson** and **Bob Cary** ret at Carlisle in Aug, with **Dick Chilcoat** doing the honors.

Also recently ret was **Jeff Louis**, from his position in the USMA Admissions ofc. An appropriate gathering of the WP gp hosted by the **Giordanos** and **Lamkins** noted this milestone: In addition to **Frank**, Jeff and **Tom Cunningham**, pictured nearby, attendees incl the **Hudginses, Kelleys, Hartles, Bill Jackman** and the **Norm Andersons** (hey Norm, my HS classmate Kenny Russom says hello). Jeff & **Patt** will remain close to the flag pole, with Jeff taking over as asst mgr of the WP Fedl Credit Union in Highland Falls.



1964: Frank, Jeff and Tom at WP gathering

I'm sure all of you saw the pic in the *NY Times* of **Barry McCaffrey** briefing mbrs of Congress on force implications of intervention in the Bosnia-Serbia conflict.

Jeff Kleb celebrated **Bill Major**'s 50th with him in FL. **Terry** & Bill have a condo on the W coast of FL, where Bill was taking a break from his labors in Saudi.

Pat Graves wrote to note a recent article in *Army* mag wherein **Bramlett, Otjen** and **Davison** were favorably mentioned. Pat also pointed out that **Gene Sullivan**'s official photo appears to be circa 72. He asks that Gene either share his secrets of youth or abandon his judicial vanity and update his photo. Well said, Pat.

Joe Zengerle, continuing active participation in extracurricular activities, was recently elected natl cmdr of the Disabled American Veterans. Joe has a long history of svc to veterans' interests and is certainly deserving of this honor. Joe's acceptance speech is published in the Sep issue of the *DAV* mag.

Ben & Meg Sternberg were in town recently to celebrate his mom's birthday, and they hosted **Ken Sprague** and myself for lunch while they were here. Ken is the dep for the Oahu water dept. Ben, in his third career, is a prospering CPA, while Meg is running an ever-growing med insurance business.

Bill Murdy and co are laying plans for the final push on the Cl gift. Things still look good for completion—with your generous spt—by the 30th Reunion. There are still a number of us who have missed "first call" and "second call" for donations. Let's help out these guys who have been working on this for us over the last 8 yrs. More info on the gift next time. Have a Merry. . . .

'65

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Greetings from Chicago. Please note my new mailing address indicated above. Received a number of ltrs from John Lucero in Hayes, KS, who is writing a book about our deceased classmate, **Marv Jeffcoat**. You may get a call from Lucero concerning his book. The pic of Marv [next pg] was one of the last taken before the crash at Gander.

My oldest son Brian was networking in the CO Springs area for his upcoming move there and spent a good deal of time with **Tim Simmons**, who is a lawyer and a municipal

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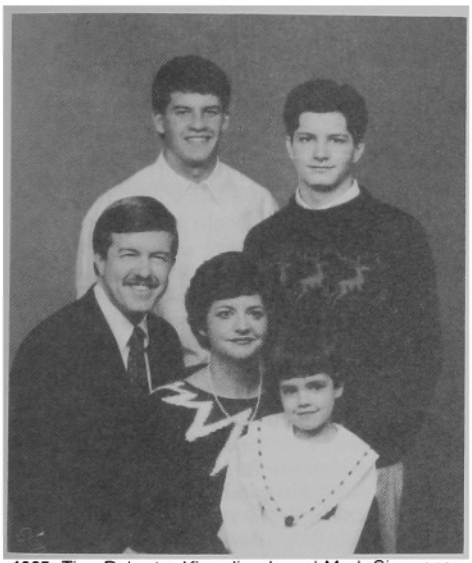
1965: Marv Jeffcoat

1965: COL Frank Meier and BG Leonard Miller

judge who deals with city ordinances, as well as acting as a neutral arbitrator while he's practicing law. He got out of the Army at Ft Carson in 76 but has stayed in the Army Reserves (JAG). His oldest child grad from San Diego State, and another son grad from Marquette in 90 in biomed engring and has a 9-yr-old daughter.



1965: Tim, Roberta, Kim, Jim Jr and Mark Simmons

The pic shows **Tim** & **Roberta** with sons Tim Jr and Mark and young daughter Kimberly. For anyone looking for a lifestyle/location change, CO Springs seems to be the place.

Was reading the 18 Aug *Wall Street Journal* about a probe of a large NY real estate developer when my eye was attracted to the name of the federal prosecutor in the case, none other than our own **Roger Frydrychowski**, who's still in Richmond. I haven't seen Roger since the Vietnam parade here in Chicago a number of yrs ago. Also on the E Coast, a confirmed sighting of our old friend **Nick Principe**, who works in NYC for the Talon Gp on Park Ave. They're involved in Hotel 6 and Sofitel in the Caribbean.

Frank Meier ret in Aug at Kirkland AFB and is currently deciding what to do with himself. They have been in Albuquerque for quite some time, where he was the ch of above-ground nuclear test opns for the DNA. Frank received his degree in physics from Purdue and has been in the nuclear business for the last 25 yrs. His son is at AZ State and the other is at William and Mary.

In case you're thinking of cremation down the road, there is a new Columbarium Chapel in the Old Cadet Chapel for your remains. Just thought you'd like to know!

Nancy Singelyn wrote for a copy of the Cl

1965: Frank, Kathy, Stephen and Scott Meier

roster since **Paul** didn't get his Q in on time. Their oldest boy Jim was at Ft Leonard Wood and is going to Aberdeen for some further schooling. They still have their wood-moulding business in Chicago and are doing well. Incidentally, if you send me a pic of one of your children, please make sure that our WP classmate (or spouse) is in the pic or *ASSEMBLY* will be unable to publish it.

John Howell rep that 36 people have contributed about $5,000 of the $7,500 needed for the Cl four-man crew shell. Additional contribs can be sent to John. Speaking of contribs, thanks to those of you who remember to send in your $85 (or more) every Jun. I get notification from the AOG and it's amazing how some people just mark this on their calendar and keep the money coming in.

I finally tracked down our Cl pres **Mark Walsh** at Leavenworth and left a few messages for him, all to no avail. If anybody's there and sees him coming, please ask him to give me a call.

Dick Williams called in Sep and updated me on his family. His daughter, a sch teacher who attended IL State, was married here in Chicago in Aug. Dick is still the project mgr for Smart Munitions, many of which were used in Iraq.

According to **Joe Sanchez**, **Wes Taylor** is still in DC but is now in the Ofc of the SecDef for Special Opns/Low Intensity Conflicts working on policy issues. He & **Linda** bought a new house last yr. Wes apparently talked to **Mike Dean** and rep that he & **Chris** may move back to the E Coast; nothing definite.

And finally, we are missing some classmates whom we have been unable to track down. If you know the whereabouts of any of these folks, drop me a line or give me a call: **Gordon Larson, Ray Ludwig, Lou Manness, Jim Mims, Tom Mushovic, Jim Peters, Doug Richardson, Steve Poerry, Greg Steele, Francis Tantalo, Michael H Thompson, Thomas D Thompson** and **Jim Tillman**. You guys are officially AWOL and need to contact your friendly scribe ASAP.

Received a last-min note from **John Knowles**, who packed it up from the Quad Cities (IA/IL) and headed for "God's waiting room" in Venice, FL. He turned over his duties at Rock Isl Arsenal to Ed Sharkness, who took an early out from civ svc, although he stayed in the reserves for a while. While there, John traveled to Cresco, IA for LeRoy Alitz's induction into the IA Wrestling Hall of Fame and rep our Cl at the ceremony. John rep that Carol is still setting up the new house, while son Mike started HS and other son John is a jr at Drake in Des Moines. John heads up a new planning div for the county utilities dept. On his way S, he stopped in at Ft Benning and had a nice visit with **Pat Kenny**, who's dir of engring/housing there. Jeff, thanks for the update.

1965: Sam and Bob Baldinger at the Berlin Marathon, Sep 90

And finally, the best "opening line to your scribe" award goes to **Bob Baldinger**: "I suppose everyone ought to contribute a ltr once in 27 yrs. . . . " Bob & **Sam** live in NE England near Newcastle, where Bob is building a nuclear power plant. They have lived in Europe since 79. They raised two nephews (one is a FA 02 at Ft Hood, and the other a MSC 01) and one niece (who is in ROTC at U of HI but is currently on a one-yr work/study program in Bonn). Bob rep that Ken Moorefield, who is the counselor for Economic Affairs at the US Embassy in London, spoke at last yr's FD. Bob, great ltr—but don't wait another 27 yrs for the next one.

Well folks, that's about it from this end. Keep those ltrs and pix coming, and remember: Your scribe gets lonely if he doesn't hear from a bunch of you.

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Well, I've gotten big enough to be Santa this yr, but I still can't get my hair to turn grey. Those of you who, for some reason, choose to have unlisted phone numbers make it very difficult for your classmates to get in touch with you (unless that was your intent). Frequently, I have people call or fax me asking for a number. If I don't have it, I try info, only to find, in some cases (**Joe Musiol**), the number is unlisted. If you have an unlisted number and you want me

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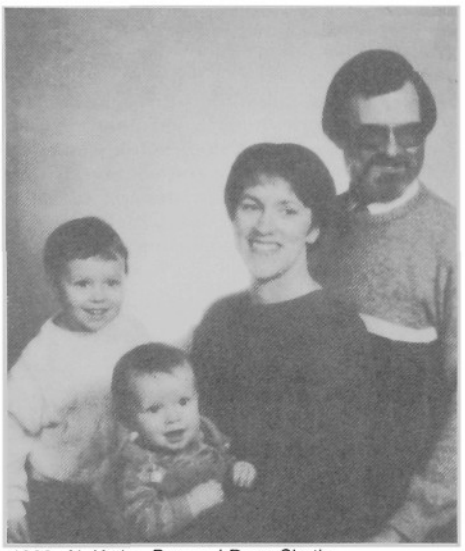
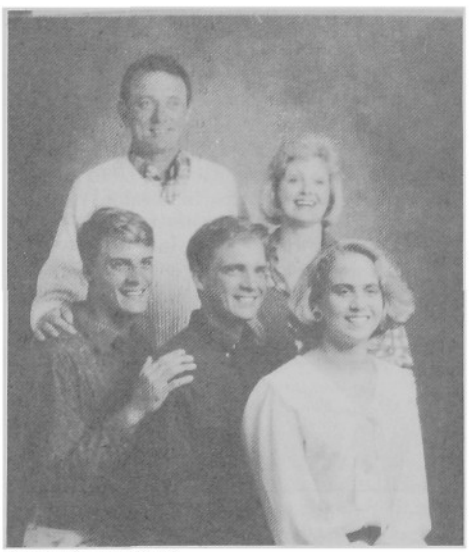
to give it to classmates, please let me know. If you have an unlisted number and do *not* want it given out, let me know also.

Al & Kathy Sirutis soon will be moving south. Al has accepted a job with a FL firm that does investment research and mgt. At present he is working with the firm part-time as a computer consultant. Kathy is working as a nurse anesthetist, so her skills are transferrable also. The big question for Al is what to do with his two horses. The house is no problem—it's on the mkt. Kids Ben (3 1/2) and Doug (15 mos) made the cut, and Al says he's taking them along. Anyone for two horses?



1966: Al, Kathy, Ben and Doug Sirutis

Nothing beats a call from a classmate whom you haven't seen for a long time. **Frank & Sherry Hartline** called and invited me to do the rounds with them one eve at the AUSA Convention in DC. Frank is a project mgr at Picatinny Arsenal in NJ. He & Sherry reside in Dover, NJ. Their son Richard is studying engring, Andrew is a banker and Carey is a freshman at UNC.



1966: The Hartlines

If you have never been to the AUSA Convention, you are missing a great party. We linked up with **Wes & Gert Clark** for the eve and hit every suite with an open door. Wes is CG 1st CAV Div, Ft Hood, TX. **Dick Manlove** called to tell me that he would not make our

1966: Tim Daly, Jerry Moll, George Alexander, Steve Eisenburg, Bill Whelihan, Frank Hartline, Norm Cooney, John Zierdt, Ralph Cruikshank, Emmitt Gibson, Roger Thompson, Gene Driscoll, Dan Smith, Fred Rees, Mike Fry, Bob Catlin, Buz Buczacki, John Carber, Jim Dickens, Kelly Horst, Phil Nelson, Bob Kesmodel and Don Brown

qtrly luncheon. He recently ret from the svc and had just taken a short-term job as an OAS observer to the Peruvian elections. He was leaving for Lima the next day, hoping to find someone in Peru who could speak Portuguese. Dick is interested in an intl position if anyone has an opening or contacts to help him. He & **Carolyn** live in McLean, VA (703-893-9079).

The qtrly DC luncheon was held at 1100 Pennsylvania Ave, a new but more convenient location for most attendees. We had 25 classmates and Sherry Hartline attending. Lots of stars at the table: **Fred Rees, John Zierdt, Roger Thompson** and **Dave Kelley.** Kelley made the MG list, and I understand **Freddy McFarren** has made the BG list. Our congrats. **John & Gina Zierdt** are at Ft McPherson, GA right in the ctr of Atl. The Zierdts have a 6-mo-old son named Michael. Congrats to them. John has gotten used to saying "No, this is not my grandson."

John Carber and I rode over together from Baltimore. John's business, Carber-Rambo, is a manufacturer's rep and distributor of UPS batteries and other indus equipment. He spends the wkdays in the Baltimore area and commutes home to PA to see **Angie** and his two boys. One of his sons is a gunsmith who had one of the guns he crafted featured on the cover of a nationally-circulated gun mag. Angie is teaching sch. **Jim Dickens** will be moving from VA to Huntsville, AL in the near future. Jim is with a consulting firm and travels a great deal. He figures that he can enjoy his farm in GA and continue as a consultant just as easily from AL as he can from VA.

Morgan & Judy Roseborough are still unpacking at their new home near WP. Morgan saw **Rusty Correia, Mike McKay** and **Mike Husted** at the Holy Cross game and **Frank Cosentino, Sam Champi, Vince Casillo**, the Hartlines and **Jim Doyle** at the Lafayette game. **Art Mulligan** is filling in as acting dep dir of Admissions, USMA, while **Mac Hayes** is planning his ret for next summer, probably. **Norm Fretwell** and **Mike Mewhinney** rep that the Cl fund is over $430,000. We are still far short of our goal, but not as far as you might think. What we need are not immediate dollars, but pledges that can be spread over a long time (up to 10 or 15 yrs). If you pledged even $66 per yr for 15 yrs, that would add $990 plus interest to the fund. And $666 per yr for 15 yrs would add over $10,000 to the fund. Please think of your contribution as a term commitment. We don't need all the money now, only your commitment.

On this same subject, construction of the new James K Herbert Alumni Ctr is to begin this spring on the site of the old Smith Rink. Hopefully you have received a ltr from **Roseborough** dealing with funding a recognition opportunity for the Cl; if not, call him at 914-446-5773 for details. **Ralph & Kristine Cruikshank** sent me a press release on their co, The Presidio Corp. The company ranked #54 on *INC Mag*'s 11th annual list of 500 fastest-growing privately-held cos in America and #1 in MD. The co is located in Lanham, MD and is a leading systems integration firm specializing in highly technical local- and wide-area networking svcs and products to govt and commercial clients worldwide. The co is jointly owned by Kristine and a partner. **Dan Smith** attended the DC luncheon. He recently ret from the svc and returned to his home in the DC area. Dan was the mil attaché in London before ret.

I am sad to rep that **Hank & Sally Langendorf**'s oldest son, Henry Jr, age 24, was killed in an auto accident in TX on 17 Oct 92. Our deepest sympathy goes to Hank & Sally. They are at 29 Glennon Ave, Dalton, MA 01226.

Rex Nichols sent a ltr that I would like to repeat, but space limitations prevent me from doing so. The bottom line is that Rex, after a great deal of "nagging" by his wife, got a complete physical (yes, including that!)

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which also included a PSA blood test. This test, which is relatively new, signaled some problems which led to more tests and the discovery of prostate cancer. Rex's dr was amazed that someone so young could have prostate cancer, but unfortunately he did. The physical exam, espec the PSA blood test, saved Rex's life. He wanted to share this with all classmates who, as most of us do, believe that we are invincible and will live forever. Rex's cancer, unchecked for only 6 more mos, would probably have been fatal. He is back at work and doing fine now. His very clear message to all of us is: "The key to surviving cancer is early detection." Thanks for sharing this info with us, Rex.

The next DC luncheons will be at Hunan's restaurant, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave, for anyone who can attend. The dates are 13 Jan 93 and 14 Apr 93. Call Norm Cooney (202-637-4072) or Tim Daly (202-646-6856) or let me know by fax or phone. We are always interested in address changes, so please let me know when you move so we can keep our files up-to-date. Merry Christmas to all—**Kes**.

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16 Aug 92: Just returned from a wk of camping at WP with my 3 sons. Wanted to expose them to the place that has had such an impact on my life—let them get a first-hand sense of the tradition, the beauty, the standards of excellence, etc, etc—you know what I mean; give them a spiritually uplifting experience. Help them understand where their old man is coming from, that sort of thing. Horse hockey; what I was really doing was trying to fill their little minds and souls with a burning desire to go to sch there, so I won't have to work my butt off until my 70th birthday to pay for their coll education. I must say, they were impressed with much of what they saw. The McDonald's Restaurant in Highland Falls was a big hit, espec as it was filled with new plebes on Sat night, right after the end of Beast Bks. "Gee, this really is a neat place to go to college isn't it, dad?" You folks think I'm lying to you, don't you? *Au contraire, mes amis*. Things have changed a teeny weeny bit in the past qtr-century. But it's still a neat place, and the kids enjoyed the trip. So did I. The boys caught lots of fish, spent lots of money at the gift shop in the Visitors Ctr (designed by our own **Jimmy Warner**) and frolicked around Wash Hall while I visited **Bob Lenz** in his 5th-floor ofc. Bob's the Dep Dog in DMI. Also saw **Jim Siket**—he's the Bde Tac Ofcr, which sort of makes him the Com's hatchet man. Tried to see **Ace Clark**—to make sure he planned on a sufficient amount of Irish whiskey for his open house during the reunion—but he was never in—a situation I'm told is normal for Ace. Kind of like Major Major in *Catch 22*. According to Lenz, the reunion is shaping up nicely, although **Dewey** still insists on coming. Another nice bit of info I got from Bob was a current list of Cl kids in gray. As of this writing, we've got 16 kids helping their folks avoid paying coll tuition, in addition to the 9 already graduated (these figures just include WP; I'm not sure what the totals are for Canoe U and Zoom U). Cl sons and daughters currently at The Rock are ('93) **Kevin Bigelman, Jeffrey Blaney, Bob Lenz Jr, Patricia Lynn, Patrick O'Hara, William Olson, Lisa Pais, Andrew Phalan, Sam Saine, Tom White Jr**; ('94) **Kent Gonser**; ('95) **Brian Cox, James Doheny, Paul Lima**; ('96) **Jeffrey Kreger** and **Emmett White**.

20 Aug 92: Ret ceremony at Ft Monroe today for **John James**. I had hoped to be there; indeed, I was there, camera in hand, at the time and place I was told it would be, by no less a luminary than **Tony Nida**, the TRADOC Engr. The fact that his info was wrong—wrong place, wrong time—somehow didn't surprise me. Tony hasn't changed much since he was a cadet, although now he has no hair, or least not enough to bear mentioning. Unfortunately, due to Tony's gaffe, I didn't get a chance to talk with John to find out what his future plans are. He did send me a change of address, though; the Jameses are now at 3176 Summit Square Dr, #A4, Oakton, VA 22124.

21 Aug 92: In hopes of making up for yesterday, **Suzi** & I were invited to dinner at the **Nidas'** palatial qtrs at Ft Monroe this eve. I'm convinced the Army treats many of its COLs far too well. Their house has more fireplaces than mine has rooms. Angie served homemade pizza, obviously from a recipe in her second cookbook, *The Fire Extinguisher as a Cooking Tool*. There are still a few copies of her first book, *The Smoke Alarm as a Cooking Tool*, available in better bookstores somewhere. All in all it was a delightful eve. For those dying to know, Angie's hair color of the mo was kind of a mauve number, with silver highlights. Intriguing. Tony's was all flesh tones, with glare highlights.

17 Sep 92: Late last night I received a phone call from **Hank Uberecken.** Henry lives in the greater Houston metroplex, which is in a different time zone than VA. Like some others amongst you, the concept of time zones is lost of Hank, and he woke me up. This shouldn't have surprised me, actually, as he kept me awake through all of Ranger Sch with his whimpering. In fact, it seems the reason for his late-night call was because he couldn't sleep, as he was having flashbacks of a particularly bad day when he was made the compass man on a night patrol. Having survived that patrol myself, the rest of my night was ruined as my mind was suddenly and unexpectedly swamped with frightful images from that dreadful experience. Someday, Henry, I will collect from you. Anyway, Henry says he's coming to the reunion. I hope he's flying; if he has to follow a road map, he might make it in time for the 30th.

24 Sep 92: Some-people-never-give-up dept: I received my annual postcard from **Marc Ducharme**, mailed from the wilds of MT, where Marc is fishing these days—the usual glib reference to having caught and released more fish than actually exist, graphic descriptions of landing fish bigger than Ross Perot's ego, etc. I no longer let these things bother me. I have come to realize that some people simply need to live in a fantasy world, and that's ok. At least this time Marc didn't send any pix of him holding some dead fish.

14 Oct 92: Well, tomorrow is my deadline, and as you can see, there's precious little compost for the heap this time, which means the ed's anger at my being late yet again will be somewhat tempered by glee at the fact that this is so short. You didn't even send me any pretty pix this time. I guess you are all saving your best trash for the reunion, which is only two wks away. I'm going to have one hell of a time losing enough weight before then to fit into my go-out-in-public clothes. Probably should have started worrying about that sooner, but then I really didn't expect **Suzi** to react quite so strongly when I told her what I had been planning to wear for the occasion. Notice I said *had been* planning. She changed that in a heartbeat, which is why I'm now faced with the dilemma of not knowing what to wear. I suppose I could simply show up in my old B-robe, but it's a bit gamy and people might object to my smelling like the sinks in the 23d Div. I simply shall have to reduce my Irish whiskey intake for a few days. And speaking of Suzi, there's only 3 days until her birthday. If you want to send her a late birthday present, that would be fine, espec in light of the fact that I have no idea what to get her. I think I maxed out for the anniv present and am going to be hard pressed to satisfy her for a long time. Perhaps a new battery for the TV remote control will do the trick. Stay tuned. Hooo-aahhh. BEAT NAVY.

'68

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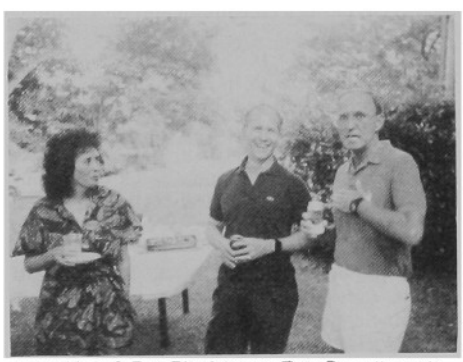
After 19 min of another TV debate—an event that proves that mind-expanding drugs are not used in politics—I've decided that these notes need lots of attention. If you want to witness a polite but intense debate, check out the ltrs in the *Army Times* of **Ken Kremenak** and **Mike Potter** regarding lifestyles to be allowed in the armed forces. Both make their points—but not at the personal expense of the other.



1968: Mary & Ray Rhodes spur Tom Burnette on to memorize his name tag at the Ohles' 4th of Jul party

The BG list containing the largest number of classmates (3) so far was released in early autumn. The list was furnished in a timely fashion at a Cl luncheon by **Jon Dodson**, who swears that he didn't swipe it from the wailing wall—as a DCSPER wheeler/dealer, he has other sources. We may be witnessing a sign of the times, since there were almost as many selectors on the bd as there were selectees. As expected, infantrymen lead the way, with **Tom Burnette**, the current XO to the Sec Army, and **Dave Ohle**, the current XO to the CSA. To add balance—and prove the Army still has a sense of humor—QM **Chuck Mahan**, the current DCDR of the III Corps Spt Cmd, was thrown in for very good measure. Congrats, guys—your selection doubles the number of AD GOs in the Cl.

The list also ensures that we'll see more classmate names in the AUSA *Green Book*—the "who's who and where in the Army" ref. This yr, it lists **Joe Fowler** as the head of Army Claims Svc; **Jim Orahood** as the Com of

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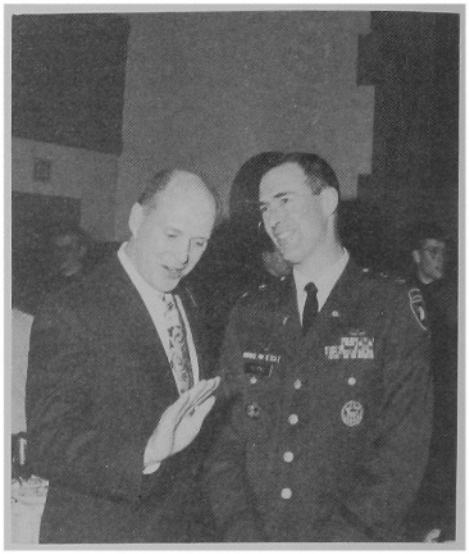
1968: Sue & Mike Toole with the Echolses, as Dave Ohle looks on at his 4th of Jul party

1968: Rangers Gary and Scott Halstead with Steve Harper and Greg Camp



1968: Marv Wooten and Mike Peters at WP

USMAPS; **Russ Fuhrman** as the cmdr of the North Cent Div of the CE; and **Hal Timboe** as the cmdr of the 18th Med Cmd in ROK.

To keep everything in perspective, **Jerry Florance** just rep that he may hold the record for taking the longest to make MAJ. He just made it after joining the VA NG as the 29th ID (Lt) Div Surg almost a yr ago. In real life, **Jerry** lives in Manassas and is dir of the Pr Wm Health Dist.

A neighbor of Jerry's, **Mike McClary**, surprised us by attending our DC area luncheon this fall. Mike lives in Warrenton and works in DC at DOE as an intl rel spec with the Ofc of Arms Control and Non-proliferation. Mike and Lamb Assoc Sr Engr **Bob Swedock** discovered that they had lots in common. Another surprising but welcome new face at the luncheon was **Tony Ambrose**, who made the transition from being head of OB/GYN at WRAH to being a consultant and prof at the U of MD Med Sch.

The "Who came the farthest" award goes to **Chuck Vehlow**, who lives in Phoenix and is the MD Longbow Apache PM when he's not wearing eagles and doing his res stint at SARDA. Chuck & **Katy** stayed with **Jim & Norma Locher** so Jim and Chuck could carpool to work—Chuck finds that Jim's reserved parking spot at the Pentagon is far easier to deal with than metro or the "north 40" parking lot. Chuck confirmed that **Gary & Patti Halstead** happily moved from CA to 705 Illinois St, Golden, CO 80401, where Gary is teaching HS math and special ed and is head track coach in neighboring Blackhawk. To keep busy, Patti is working for an intl distributor and manufacturer of eyewear. Gary forwarded the following grunt photo taken at son Scott's grad from Ranger Sch. Gary maintains that he looks "healthy" not because he's been out of BDU's for a couple of yrs but because it was a cold morn and he had lots of "snivel gear" on. . . . Also at Scott's grad were Ranger-JAG **Steve Harper**, who traveled from Ft Gordon, and 29th Regt Cmdr **Greg Camp**, who has spacious and convenient qtrs at Ft Benning, if you're interested in dropping in.

A new luncheon location in VA was established for a little variety, at the intense pleading of **Sandy Cohn**, and so **Glen Hewett** could walk to the event from his ofc. As it turned out, **John Keane** organized another winner because everyone enjoyed the new digs and the Sam Adams on tap. Sandy was so elated that he volunteered his home again for another Cl party; however, Glen had moved to a new ofc in DC a wk before the luncheon and still had to drive. **Mike Fellows** also fought his way in from DC. Besides those already mentioned, **Dave Ohle** made it by to accept kudos and order a tough infantry rock for lunch from a very befuddled waitress; **Jack Munson** didn't let us down by bringing self and news that **Jeff Rogers** has moved from ROK to Heidelberg without passing CONUS; **Terry Laughlin** didn't have any extra new business cards; and **Ed Millson** made sure to show up on time after we harassed him for missing one luncheon last yr.

At the luncheon, **Sandy Cohn** kept those of us within earshot enthralled with his new projects and political insights. After informing us of who he's voting for and why, he also admonished us to read *The American Sentinel*, the newspaper **Chuck Hawkins** is sponsoring and Sandy is editing and publishing. Apparently Chuck had written an article that described why he was voting for one person. Since Sandy gets to edit and publish (i.e., he has the paper last), after he edited Chuck's piece, he wrote an article on why he was voting for another person. The "classmate" occurred when it befell Sandy to inform Chuck that Chuck was being charged for producing a larger (by one article) paper. . . . Currently, Sandy (known to wife and other non-classmates as **Douglas**) also shares the air with Jack Anderson once a wk on Anderson's syndicated talk show. He's also teaming with Anderson to write a book, tentatively titled *The History Makers*, which will cover people Anderson has known and interviewed, from Churchill and FDR to present-day headliners. If that's not enough, Sandy is also working to make our Sundays even more sleep-invoking by producing a wkly "*Parade*-type" mag that will review what and who has made history. And I was going to fill out my Interplak warranty card on Sun after the comics and before football.

While on the subject of eating, this may be a place to slip in a shot of **Marv Wooten** and **Mike Peters** taken at the WP Fellowship Banquet, sponsored by Marv's OCF. Marv doesn't recall what they were discussing, but they seemed to be having a good time.

Another classmate turning in his pinstripes for the classroom is **Monte Anderson** (8515 Cedar Key Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46356). After two yrs of self-employment in the financial planning game, Monte rep that he misses what we all seem to have done a lot of—when we weren't learning ourselves: Training devel. Now the only questions are what and where. Please call Monte, with any advice, hints or offers.

Bill Williams' first wife, **Angie**, called to relay the news that their son Colin grad from Cornell and is now at Yale Divinity Sch in hopes of becoming an Episcopal priest. Bill is living in Killeen, TX and commutes to Austin, where he works with the TX Atty Gen.

Jay & Patty Johnson called to invite the Cl up to Picatinny, where Jay is the cmdr/dir of the Fire Spt Arm Ctr. They use only half the bedrooms in their qtrs and the basement has 7 rooms alone. . . . Jay currently has about 1,000 folks working for him addressing large-caliber, fire-control and surety systems, and he's supposed to ID and direct resources for systems for the next decade—a really tough job, espec with an ofc just off the 15th hole of the golf course. Jay says that he sees **Renata Price**, the well-respected asst dir for Tech, wkly when he sits beside her at staff mtgs. The new Johnson lifestyle has even trickled down to their cat, that has taken up hunting geese, wild turkey and deer.

Speaking of golf courses, **Chris Iaconis** has been living by one in El Paso, TX for yrs—it's just the jobs that change. At last check, he was self-employed as a prof coin collector and appraiser (yeah, I know there's a bigger word for it), working 4 days/wk.

Don Colglazier's mother wrote to thank us—espec **John Hedley** in MA and **Jim Black** in NC—for contacting her this summer. We're still looking for the person whose hand and ring appears in the pic of the rubbing of Don's name at The Wall.

Donna, **Dwight Lee**'s bride, wrote to rep that their daughters are making their parents proud and to express the concern that Donna will be married to a civ in Mar. Debbie, the oldest, has moved out—all the way from MD to VA. Delinda is beginning her second yr at NC Wesleyan as a Dean's List student and fellowship recipient. Dana, the youngest, began High Point U and feathered her own nest by landing a GS job for the summer—how novel. Dwight has seen **Charlie Beckwith** at TRADOC and **Jim Baird** wandering the halls of Pentagonia.

Jocko Merriam just checked in to announce a position change within Intl Tech Corp. He's moved from what he said was an entry-level job—PM of a project to clean up the pollution at WPAFB in Dayton—to become the dir of EPA Programs for at least the Eastern half of the US. Fortunately for Cincinnati, he has yet to locate **Chris Ohlinger**.

To date, **Maureen & Joe Guignon** (1204 St Tropez Dr, Carrollton, TX 75006) and **Carol & Bob Shimp** (8322 Atascocita Lake Way, Humble, TX 77346) have joined the **Risers, Ohles, Carletons, Keanes** and **Gerards** for the 25th anniv cruise next Jun. Maureen was hesitant to write, since every time she does Joe gets

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transferred. They've been in Dallas for two whole yrs and hope to stay to get the youngest at least through Jr HS. Joe is still with Mobil, travels a lot overseas and is too busy for masters swimming and water polo. The **Guignons** have seen **John Harmeling** on his way through Dallas, and Joe talks to **Chuck Steele** and **Mike Thuss** in AK. The Shimps see **Billy McAdams** and **BG Weeks**—both lost to the Cl—in the Houston area. All rep that they're ready to rally in NY next Sep for the 25th.

Lifestyle activity interaction among classmates normally peaks at approx the 15th reunion and declines significantly by the 25th. By the 30th, the AOG starts being nice to us again—figuring that we're ready to donate our vast fortunes to someone's pet cadet activity. WRONG! There is still a fire in '68—not just a spark—and the activity level is just as high as ever. We're all still going through a great deal of transition prior to REALLY settling down. Note the reduction of phone numbers for your scribe, and stay tuned for an address change. But don't use that as an excuse not to write or call. It's still time to send cards, pix and newsltrs to spread comfort and cheer to the rest of the Cl, because YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT—**DAVE**.

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This col is being written on 15 Oct 92, covering news received since 11 Aug. Next deadline is 15 Feb.

We start on a sad note. **Bob Roseta** died of a heart attack on 5 Sep 92. **Jack Schuyler**, who had been with Bob at WP in Jun at the annual AOG golf tournament, sent me this tragic news. Jack, who will write the *ASSEMBLY* obit for Bob, can be reached at 804 Vicksburg Place, Dunwoody, GA 30350. Bob is survived by **Judy** and son Jay, who live at 48 Northwood Drive, Nashua, NH 03063. Our heartfelt prayers and condolences go to them and all other mbrs of Bob's family.

The Cl summer gathering in DC was another great success. **Ken Wanless,** assisted by **George Albrecht**, **Jim Foss** and **Jim O'Toole**, did a great job and even kicked in $237 to the Cl Fund. Over 100 classmates and family mbrs attended, incl **Adams,** Albrecht, **Alexander, Bresnick, Brown, Burke** (from CA), **Carpenter, Champagne, Clark, Cornelison, Coyle, Craft,** Foss, **Bill Foster, Johnnie Grant, Phil Grant, Ron Gray** (from WV), **Haines, Harre, Hill, Hofstetter** (from Atlanta), **Ken Johnson, Johnston, Kersey, Legere** (from PA), **Love, Mastaglio, McGovern, Molter, Narel, Nelson,** O'Toole, **Quinn, Richmond, Ricker, Robella, Slenker, Bill Smith, Spann, Sparks, Steele, Bill Taylor** (F-3), **Bill Taylor** (E-4) and Wanless.

The Cl Gift Fund now stands at just under $200,000, and the Charter and Giving Cmte, chaired by **Ralph Artigliere** and **John Lucas**, recently met to refine gift proposals for later consideration by the Cl. Of course, the larger the Fund, the less we will have to tap into principal to fund ongoing projects. Please consider a yr-end donation, sent to: Cl of '69 Gift Cmte, c/o Olympic Lincoln-Mercury, PO Box 33764, Seattle, WA 93133–9945.

All mail was from the civ side for the first time ever. I know our mil contingent is smaller, but we still need to hear from you guys.

1969: DC summer party: Bill Foster and Love

1969: Morelock, Johnnie Grant, Coyle and Albrecht at Ft Myer, VA

1969: DC summer party: Cornelison, Corinne Hofstetter, Hill and Spann

1969: Frykman, Friese, Coyle, Albrecht and Morelock

1969: DC summer party: Narel, Craft, Albrecht and Coyle

1969: Hayes, Carrigan and Albrecht in "Bahsten"

1969: DC summer party: McGovern and Kersey

Bob DeClercq wrote from MA to follow up on a middle-of-the-night tel call he and **Bob McCloy** had made earlier from the McCloys' home in Dallas. Apparently I was not the only beneficiary of a night of longneck beers and tequila shooters, since DeClercq's ltr was a copy of a circular note sent to various classmates, incl **Mike Krzyzewski**.

George Albrecht sent two good ltrs with photos. He had attended the ret ceremony and party for **Phil Coyle** and **Johnnie Grant**. George had also seen **Dave Hayes** and **Leo Carrigan** in Boston, where Dave works for Data Instrument. (I had, in an earlier article, placed **George Barstis** in MA with Data Instrument; in fact, he is in MD with Govt Tech Svcs, Inc.)

Pat Spann was in touch from our old neighborhood in Arlington, VA. He had been on Reserve duty in Panama and saw **Mike Snell**, who is XO to CINCSOUTH. Pat and **KC Brown** planned a "Beat Navy" luncheon on 3 Dec at the Ft Myer O Club.

Hugh Donohue has ret, and **Pat** & he are living in Richmond. Hugh is med dir of Operating Room Svcs at the Med Coll of VA.

Further down the E coast is **Bill Schroeder** in Plantation Key, FL. Bill was med ret from USAIR because of a problem with his left eye. Bill stays in touch with **Bill Selecman** in Detroit and **Tom Smith** in MA, with whom he and his son Sterling plan to attend the A-N game.

Last note, from way out W, was from newly-ret **Bruce McBane** in Seattle, who received an award from the German govt at his ret ceremony.

Good news for **Rob Goff**, recently selected for BG! Rob is G-3 of V Corps in Frankfurt but will be at NATO in Brussels when you receive this issue. We saw the **Goffs, Rickers** (visiting from VA) and Dempseys '74 (in-laws

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1969: The Goffs, Rickers, Kimmitts, Dempseys '74 and Father James Bluett in Frankfurt, Ger

of Ricker) in Frankfurt this summer.

In Ger on active duty are COLs **Dick Wallace** (3d ID), **Scott Wallace** (11th ACR) and **Jack Ellertson** (EUCOM). **Tony Burgess** is a Foreign Svc Off just arrived at our consulate in Munich.

Last bit of news came in a call from **Arnie Haake**, who is still in Bahrain but has his family in Ger. Son Karsten is at WP and is one of the Army muleriders.

Since I am writing this less than 3 wks before the election, for publication two mos after the election, next time I will be able to give you a better idea of what is up with the **Kimmitt** family. For now, **Holly** & I and the children are still enjoying Ger, and we send best holiday greetings from our home to yours. God Bless to all in '69.

'70

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When my Sep 92 *ASSEMBLY* came, I was saddened to read that **Ross C Williams** had mustered out on the Last Roll Call. For those of you who, like me, were not aware, Roscoe died of stomach cancer on 23 Jul in Palm Springs, CA. Ross had been separated from his wife **Karen** (**Bob Jarchow**'s sister) and living in the Greenville, SC area for a while. He learned of his disease and received a med ret from James River Paper, for whom he worked as an industrial engr. Rather than face the reality in SC, Ross fled W to Palm Springs. The disease progressed and he checked into a hosp to receive tube feedings and succumbed shortly thereafter. The surviving family mbrs cremated and scattered his remains. Our deepest sympathy to Karen and daughters Tracy and Leigh from all the mbrs of our Cl.

1970: Dave Desannoy, Ross Williams and Ron Boggs at the 20th Reunion

Bob Jarchow relayed the above details to me. Dr Bob ret from the Army in Aug 90 and is now running his own facial, plastic and reconstructive surgery clinic in Concord, NC. **Patricia** is serving with TWA as a flight attendant, and daughters Andrea (15) and Danielle (10) are coping with all the activities around Charlotte. Bob says their "door is open" to classmates cruising, like on I-77 from Charleston WV to Charleston, SC, or on I-85 from Atl to Richmond.

1970: Ft Benning fete, with Plummer (and friend), the Whites, Adamses and Barths

Larry & Ski White checked in from the Home of the Inf and sent along contraband from a traditional annual Ft Benning event. The delay in publication of this evidence attests to the dangers involved in the smuggling of the nearby pic. If you wipe off your trifocals, you may recognize **Mac Plummer**, the ret Ft Benning PAO, now working in Columbus as the mkting dir for the Columbus Regional Healthcare System; better half **Rachel** is, however, conspicuously absent from the pic. Also shown are **Genie & Wayne Barth**, who is dep cmdr of 75th Regt Rgrs. **Bill & Nancy Adams** have since evacuated the fort after a promotion to 06 and movement to Vicenza, where Bill is now with SETAF-SJA.

1970: Jim & Judy Corfman at the 20th Reunion

There are two new contributors to *The Collected Works of Army Wisdom, Tradition and Lore*. **John Reitz** made his byline by writing the article "Managing Intellectual Change: Army's Revision of FM 100–5" for the Sep 92 *Army* mag. It must have been an easy task, since John is a mbr of the doctrine writing tm at the Sch of Adv Mil Studies at Ft Leavenworth—all he had to do was summarize his job for the last yr or so. Then, **Tom Rozman**, currently dir of Collective Tng, DCS-Tng at TRADOC, Ft Monroe, published his job description in "What is the Army's Combined Arms Training Strategy?" in the fall 92 *Army Trainer*. In Plebe Mil Instr we tried to learn this stuff—now we are writing it. . . .

1970: Marge & Earl Albright at the 20th Reunion

Jim Crawford rep that **Joanne** is now teaching. She pulls double duty as a pre-kindergarten teacher in the morn, and (did you know she was an art major?) elementary sch art in the afternoon. Jim also rep that the 3rd Annual Cl of '70 Golf Tour will be in the vicinity of Lake Tahoe, NV, hosted by **Bill & Starr Campbell**, either in Jun or Sep 93. For details call Crawford at (H) 813-653-9383.

1970: Dick & Patti Moser at the 20th Reunion

Joe Reeder rep that the '70 Cl Fund is now approx $164K after $27,250 from about 250 generous mbrs of the Cl last yr. The standard request remains, however. If you can contribute to the fund THIS yr, please do! Make your checks payable to "1970 Cl Fund" and send them to the WP Fund, AOG, USMA, WP, NY 10996 today.

The BIG news from **Joe & Kate**, though, is the addition of a new daughter, Kelsey Glenn, who was born 15 Aug while the family was at the beach vacation site at Lewes, DE. Although suntans may have suffered, mom and baby are rep doing fine.

Not to be totally upstaged, however, **Dom & Mariella Crea** rep that their son Alfred Louis was born last 27 Apr in Munich. Dom wishes to remind **Tom Lampley** that he will do all he can to discourage his son from attempting to join the Cl of '12, much as Harmon Lampley '39 did for Tom (it didn't work). Dom is currently serving as legal advisor to CINC AFSOUTH in Naples, Italy. He submitted the following alpha roster of current Army JAGC: **Bill Adams, Don DeCort, Mike Heffelfinger** (Ft Lee), **Tom Keller** (HI), **Ron Riggs** (1st AD, Bad Creuznach), **Dave Selby** (USSOCOM Tampa), and **Mike Schneider, Greg Smith, John Beasley** and **Bill Trivette** (all in DC). So if you need some free

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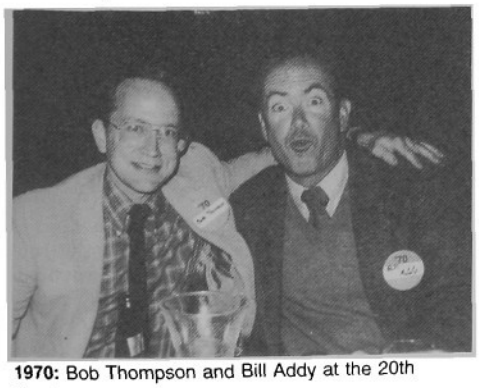
1970: Mariella & Dom Crea baptize Alfred Louis in Munich, May 92

1970: Fritz & Maureen Goeth at the 20th Reunion

advice, call on a classmate.

Perusal of *The Official Army Book of Lists* reveals several interesting additions. In the Movin' On Dept, **John Boslego** moved to Walter Reed, while both **Jack Sabia** and **Al Marple** are in Bethesda. **Pat Thornton** won't be too far away at Ft Ritchie, MD. **Nelson Johnson** is rep to Carlisle, PA. In the Movin' Up Dept, **Ken Jaccard** has overachieved into the lofty ranks of eagles. In the Movin' Out Dept, **Bill Addy** ret in Aug, as did **Tom Maertens, Rich St Denis, Dorn Crawford, John Colacicco, John McDowell, Steve Bailey, Jon Ekman, John Norton, Bill Wattendorf** and **Kerry Goodier**.



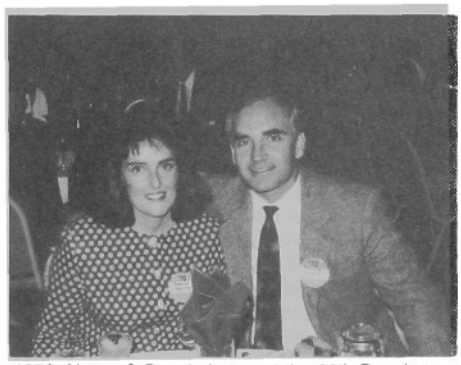
1970: Bob Thompson and Bill Addy at the 20th Reunion

PRESS RELEASE: "**Larry Clark** rep that the DC gp fall Pentagon luncheon 29 Sep boasted a record attendance of 41. Many returnees to the DC area showed, including **Joe McKinney, Charlie Velez** and **Greg Vuksich**. Greg, who is on Sen Dominici's staff, spoke briefly on the Yugoslav situation and promised to bring his map to the next (9 Nov) lunch. **Hank Zimon** is, unfortunately, on a repeat hardship tour in ODCSOPS but is now in War Plans. **Rog Rains** is in Army Public Affairs, **Ralph Churchill** is on the J Staff and **John Greenwalt** is in PA&E, probably auditing and cutting everyone else's programs. **Bill Knowlton** is a P at ICAF following ret. Other attendees were **Dave Carr, Tom Bennett, Bob Ryan, Terry Treat** (USPA & IRA), **Larry Clark** with Atl Research, **Larry Wilkins, John Shull, Bill Vogt, Corky Bruce, Steve Starner, Tom Page, Steve Cook, Herb Roberts, Bill Bennett, Perry Baltimore, Brian Bryson, John Norton, Dave Rosenblum, Mike Ryan, Roland Carter, Mike T Murphy** (call him on MCI), **Mike Jones, Cesare Rosati** at the St Dept, **Dick Wennerberg** with the Am Gas Assn, **Jim Henderson** with OSD, **Jim Etchechury** with OJCS, **Jim Ward, Bill Taylor, Gary Thomas** and our res photog (sans camera) **Nick Sebastian**. **Joe Reeder** brought Bonnie O'Malley, helping with the DC contingent and responsible for the best-selling Cl directory. Big bites to **Bruce "Bo" Olson** for being "CINC Luncheon." The Pentagon gate guards were, as usual, highly effective since there is no photographic evidence that any of this actually occurred.

1970: Ted & Nancy Bennett at the 20th Reunion

Rapid fire, found with the hidden candy bars at the bottom of the B-bag: **Greg Vuksich**, as the Sr Army Foreign Affairs Off for Yugoslavia (Croatia/Bosnia/Herzegovina/etc?) has had his hands full assisting the European Cmd and NATO in their analysis of the Balkan situation. **Jim Mowery** left his bde cmd at Ft Riley and is now in Atl with the FORSCOM Avn Off at Ft MacPherson. **Charlie Thompsen** helped get **Gloria Maxwell** and all the kids settled in Yakima, WA after **Sean** passed away this summer. Coll grads **Bill Patterson** from Newport and **Rich Rutledge** from Carlisle Bks have both shown up at Ft Benning. **Jim Murray** is now studying like crazy (between golf games) at the NWC at Ft McNair. Hurricane Andrew sent **Steve Strom** to Homestead AFB, FL to coordinate things between the Pentagon and the FL cmd. The 82d Abn Div Ft Bragg DIVARTY is now under the cmd of **John Marcello**. **Ron Spears** used to work for MCI but elected to join another co to stay in Chicago. Our perennial high-roller **Steve Wesbrook** is working at echelons above reality as a mil asst to UnderSecDef for Policy in DC. Speechwriter **Clint Ancker** and lawyer **Don DeCort** are hooked up with the Spec Opns Cmd. The *Army Research Devel and Acquisition Bulletin* of Jul-Aug 92 rep that FY93 Proj Mgr selectees include **Dave Smith** for Mines, Countermines and Demolitions, and **Nelson Johnson** for Night Vision Electro Optics.

That just about fills up the floppy disk for this one. But if we could just hear from **Tony Sobul, Kevin Connolly,** any of the recently PCS'd folks or **Vic Madeja**, then we would REALLY have some news.



1970: Nancy & Dennis Lyons at the 20th Reunion

So if you want to see your name in bold print in an internationally distributed mag, then send MONEY (I'll settle for a Valentine, a note and a pic) or SOMETHING, and 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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Yo, again from behind the Cheese Curtain. Things are looking up out here, espec my cholesterol level. We're having a great time in this former hotbed of liberalism on the Univ of WI campus in Madison. I say "former" because I'm sure my conservative bent will soon turn the ideological tide of the faculty and students. Not.

The number of pieces of mail in my mailbag matches the number of times my youngest son has cleaned his room this yr—one. That tells me that y'all are either in hiding since the election onslaught or you think that mail to WI requires overseas postage. Actually, many have said that this is God's country, and you don't have any problems communicating with Him!

The recent AF selection list to full COL incl **Mike Neyland** and **Bruce Smith**. The Army list, which will include our "due course" heroes, should be released in Dec. Nineteen hundred and ninety-three should bring a lot of "transition" news. Not sure how many more '71 bodies the build-down will claim, as the yr group is already understrength. My tally for our Cl only numbers slightly above 100.

An insurance co has asked for my assistance in resolving a beneficiary claim from **Rob Wade**'s estate. If anyone out there was stationed at Ft Rucker with **Rob** in 1983, please give me a call.

The Cl Gift Cmte, after herculean efforts from its chm, **Dave Hardman**, has selected as its recommended gift to the Acad a monetary sum to be determined to spt the SCUSA program. Although the details of the gift are not yet hammered out, it is envisioned that it will include monies for a facility, the program and possibly an endowment. More to follow.

In the absence of any nurturing from other classmates, I will continue to seek sustenance from our other Wisconsinites, **George Cullen, Don Hassin, Steve Rau, Hank Schrader** and **Don Smith**. The rest of you—write soon. We hibernate from Dec to Mar.

Back to trning my ROTC cadets. Fascinating group—they actually are motivated to be career soldiers. They don't like my SAMI's, though.

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By the time you receive this, the 20th Reunion will be a dim remembrance, and all you'll care about now is whether the Christmas presents are all bought and if Navy's record is 1 and 11 or 0 and 12 (I hope the latter and not the former. . . or is it vice versa?!).

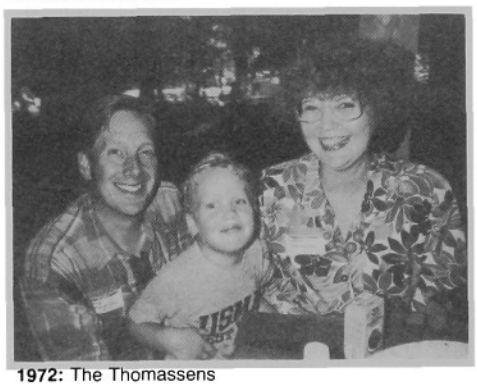
First I want to express the Cl's sincerest and heartfelt appreciation to **Steve Etheridge** for 20 yrs of faithfully writing this col. His contribs toward keeping the Cl informed of births, promotions, marriages, moves and the multitude of miscellanies and/or trivia deserves more than these words can adequately express. We are indebted to you and wish you continued success in the future. Thank you for a job professionally done.

Where to start, as I am now on the firing line and must produce a col that will meet your approval. . . . First, a note from **Paul Capofari**. We had 408 register for the reunion and approx 360–370 showed up; if you incl wives, friends and family, we had at least a grand there. That was one heck of a turnout. The success of the event can be attributed to the fine work of several key individuals (if I leave someone out, call me at the above number) and the gifts of others. The donors were **John "Gunky" Marvin, Ken Searcy, Dave Grob, Eric Mellinger, Craig Kaster, Tom Greco, Wayne Godfrey** and espec **Bill "The Mailman" Henry**, who did all the mailings and even got some free advertising in (if you have a need for yellow street-striping paint. . .). **Mike McDannel** and **Steve Baranzyk** performed yeoman's work but were unable to return due to mission requirements. The cadre at sch (which is getting smaller since the 10th) needs recognition for putting up with the other 370 who showed. They are Paul Capofari, **Jeb Baker, Mark Robershotte, Tony Colby, Mark "Mr Tailgate" Cole, George Murati, Dave Wildes, John Simar** and **Tom Greco**. Hey, if I left anyone out, sue me—Capofari said he'd represent me in court. Also, please keep the AOG informed of your address. I'll be keeping a database, but it's only as good as the data that's put in. One other thing re the Cl of '72 yrbook from the reunion: If you have not sent in your pix, bio and $40 by the time you read this, you're ALMOST TOO LATE. **Howard Smith** says that he can accommodate you—but money talks, the other stuff walks. . . . Here is his address: 125 Shortwoods Rd, New Fairfield, CT 06812; tel 203-746-7167 (home) and 212-310-2617 (work). Good luck, and help spt the book.

THE REUNION—WHAT AN EVENT!!! It was a great gathering, and only now am I getting my voice back after 4 days of heavy schmoozing—in time for the AUSA convention in DC. It really seemed like people came from all over the world for this. I don't know who came the farthest, but I do know that **Bruce & Mary Scott** brought the most—and all the way from his bde cmd in Bad Kreuznach. The whole US was well-represented and the Americas, too, with **Alfaro** from Panama being our southernmost rep. The gathering saw those come with wives, without wives (**Manguso, Donaghy**), with new wives, and with some claiming to be daughters (whose?) (**Randy Stein**). I mentioned his name earlier but we should pay special thanks to **Mark Cole**, who as dir of Logistics for USMA, gave us a new definition for "tailgate." Crepes, sheet cake and no booze. Overheard on the area by one wife: "That's the first time I've left a tailgate without a buzz." Hopefully, Mark won't try to mkt this idea.

On Friday, **John Lasala** gave an impassioned plea for those to give to the Cl fund. He sounded like those guys you hear on TV on Sunday morns, but it was so good that by the time you read this, I'll have sent in my check and hopefully gotten my pin or wk in a timeshare. It's hard to believe that the next one is not for 5 yrs, but I think we'll last till then. We all salute **Tom Spearis** for the extra effort he made and the distance traveled to be with his classmates. It was good to see him, and I know that he serves as an inspiration for all. Tom's perseverance in the face of all the trials encountered since grad sets an example for others to emulate. The best wishes and prayers from the Cl are with you.

This col will be only as good as YOU make it. If you want to see YOUR name in this col, then you'd better write, call or fax. Otherwise you'll get a ringside view of Bryan, Meggie, Jack and Theresa growing up and their adventures and, more boringly, **Molly**'s shopping forays to Nordstrom's. See, I've already started. My next suspense is 15 Feb for the May *ASSEMBLY*. I am available 24 hours a day, have answering machines on both phones, a fax with my computer and a fax at work (feel free to send stuff there). I also have a modem with my MacIntosh Classic II, so if you have a file to send, give me a call. If you leave a message, I'll call back as soon as possible. Let me know about births, deaths, marriages, illnesses, etc when you hear of them. I might ask for corroborating evidence, but I will let everyone know if the reliability and truth are A-1. I want to recognize various accomplishments such as promotions (mil and civ), awards, changes in careers (a big one right now), great deeds (such as when **Jan Medusky** spent a whole yr with 3 others sailing around the Pacific on a 40-ft sailboat, or when I bicycled across France this past summer in 8 days (biking 120 mi/day) with 400 others as we followed Patton's Third Army route taken in 1944 from Cherbourg to Bastogne). Marathons run, mtns climbed, millions made—I want to hear all. . . and if you've got some dirt, that too. I protect my sources. . . . Those who were regular contributors to **Steve**, such as **Wayne Kirkbride**, should now send info to me.



1972: The Thomassens

Heard on the Area: **Eric Peitz** has agreed to let us film a remake of *City Slickers* on his 18,000-acre ranch in New Mexico—as long as he gets to play Jack Palance. Sounds like a deal. I thought **Thom Thomassen**'s 85 acres in VA horse country was a lot until I heard of Eric's. Head 'em up, mov'em out, Rawhide!!!! Speaking of horses—or part of their anatomy—brings up the subject of **Joel Harris**. He first served with 1–4 CAV as an LT 20 yrs ago; he is now back on active duty after attending ministry sch, serving as the Chaplain for the same unit. After hearing his prayer before dinner, I bet he has them shaking in the aisles on Sundays.

Question for the day: Was the 20th Reunion for us or the wives? I thought that, when I did 14 clothing changes during a Clothing Formation in Beast this would be a record forever. Every time I turned around, **Molly** or **Barb Chaney** had on something new. They even wanted to know if they could use the team locker room at half-time for the second outfit they carried to the game.

1972: Eric '95 and Bill Pavlick

There were some proud fathers and mothers at the reunion, espec when you saw that son or daughter next to them in Dress Gray: The **Wamplers** with son Rich; the **Zimmermans** with Daughter Lauren; the **Dedmonds** with Little (???) Tony Jr; and the **Pavlicks** with both Brian and Eric (YES, two of them!!!). Saturday night saw Tony Dedmond Jr play soccer for Army Varsity. Hope for continued success and a playoff spot in the Patriot League finals.

The Marine Corps Marathon will have been completed by the time you read this, but I heard that **Dick Joseph** will run this race while **Patti** tends to the TWINS they recently added in Jun. **Doug Merkl** will run it again but is worried that he won't peak for the race since it's being held one wk earlier than usual. **Bill Leszcynski** isn't going to run, but there's a possibility **Jennifer** will. Two individuals (that I know of) who did not come to the reunion ran the Army Ten-miler on Sunday; they were **Tom Pollard** and **Brad Loo.** Hope they did well, but they sure did miss one heck of a wkend. Did you see how white **Dan Lally** looked? Can you believe that he just returned from S FL and Hurricane Andrew relief with **Paul Eaton**? He must have been using a sunscreen with a 50 rating. What was unique about this mission is that they sent the 10th Mtn Div. Last time I looked, there weren't any there. Are they looking for a mission? or what? The War Coll Cl had a bunch who came up from Carlisle and then continued on their boondoggle to NYC. Our classmates in this sch are **Steve Main, Steve Curry, Wally Wojdakowski, Mike Kobbe, Ed Dyer, Hank Kinnison, Tim Sanford, Leszcynski, John Boynton, Tom Greco, Randy Bookout** and **Mike Deegan** (any more, let me know). Those here in DC will get mentioned in the next col after I see

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who shows up to our luncheon on 12 Nov in the Pentagon and then at the A-N party on 5 Dec in Alexandria.

1972: 30 Jun retirees at Ft Myer

Many have joined the ret ranks since 30 Jun as we hit 20 and the results of SERBS, mandatory rets and business opns arose. To start off, I ended svc on 30 Jun and went to work for a Beltway Bandit (or Parkway Patriot) on 1 Jul. **Brad Holtz** beat us all and took 60 days terminal leave and went with a co on 1 May. I have seen **Jim Lefebvre** in the Pentagon, and he's out with an SDI firm. **Al Geraci** starts work in the DC area soon, and **Tom Pollard** is still contemplating. **John Siemer** has traded places with **Terri** and is watching their latest addition while she works in the Pentagon. **Walt & Abby Lincoln** moved into a monster mansion in Oakton, and Walt finally decided to take a position with AAFMAA (previously Army Mutual Aid). Expect to hear from him as he develops the POI for how we can invest our money smartly and get rich (before we die). The **Loucks** came all the way from Seattle, where he works for Ford but was rumored to be driving one of those foreign models. The **Zmoleks** kept on paying for their bills at the hotel with **Kim Putnam**'s charge card. It didn't have something to do with who won the lottery, did it?

1972: The Harlans at fall 91 DC picnic

1972: The Ashes at fall 91 DC picnic

The frequent flyer award in the Cl goes to **Pete Odorico**, who lives in LA but works in FL (and he isn't a pilot). Hopefully, this will come to a halt soon, claimed **Cathy** with a wink. We can rest assured that our Abrams tank program is in good hands now that **Bob Bush** and **George Wildrick** head up the program for GD.

1972: Troy and Bonin at Founders Day 89, Europe

Just got my first fax, and it was from **Rich Timboe**. Seems son Brandon is playing football for Los Alamitos HS and got his pic in the paper tackling an opponent in a 56–0 rout. Continued success.

But I must close this col on a sad note. **Mike Fankel** of E-4, while undergoing surgery, suffered complications and passed away in late Sep. If anyone has more info and knows where we can send donations, a card or whatever for the family, please let me know. The Cl extends its deepest heartfelt sympathies. On that note, goodbye until our next col.

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This col is written as of 15 Oct. Please speed your A-N party pix and text to me ASAP—if you have not done so already.

Congrats to **John Hazel**! He and his intended announced their engagement. She is Michelle Lee Bott, daughter of Mr & Mrs John H Bott of Long Branch, NJ. Michelle is a Trenton State Coll grad who now works for the US Army Comm Cmd at Ft Monmouth in the Info Centrum. John is provost marshal for the US Army Comm Cmd. A Nov wedding is planned.

1973: John Hazel & fiancée Michelle Lee Bott

On 9 Oct a Cl mtg was held to check azimuths for the reunion. In some cases, portfolios changed hands. For others, specific asgmts will be forthcoming later: **Kenn Riordan**—chm; **Jeff Sorensen**—permanent secy (elected as a firstie); **George Rollins; Bob Looney; Austin Schmidt; Bruce Kasoid**—legal; **Fran Dougherty; Kelly Mohrmann**—reunion; **Brent Crabtree;** and **Pat Putignano**—scribe. **Jay O'Brien** compares this to a Rotary Club. Positions change, giving many a chance to perform in the role of ofcrs.

Please insure that your current address is correct by checking with me or **Lin Arison**. Kelley will be sending two reunion mailings, one in the fall and one in the winter. In the first one he will lay out the schedule and address housing choices. The second mailing will address, among other things, memorabilia. As always, **Pat**.

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Happy New Yr and greetings from DC. By now the Army victory over Navy is final, Christmas is behind us, and 93 awaits us with the election results, recession and DoD drawdown uncertainty continuing. At deadline (15 Oct), the svcs were considering use of a 15-yr retirement plan that could have an impact on our folks in svc. We'll see.

Let me open with a rep on some DC functions. In Aug we had the annual picnic at Ft Hunt Park, with a good showing and good time—about 75 folks and some new faces. Credit **Steve Monks** for the pix. Then, on 1 Oct, we did a Cl luncheon in the Pentagon. **Frank Prindle**, through his Cap Hill dealings, had latched onto our old cadet chaplain, Chaplain Ford. He's now the chaplain for the House. He told us how things were on Cap Hill and had us reminiscing on USMA times: his free Cokes and encouragement to gut out that plebe yr (and yearling, and cow. . .). Yes, the good old days.

Jim Martin continues with his work with Vinnell in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He made some trips to see the Fed Cup Tennis Tour, in 91 to Nottingham, England and in 92 to Frankfurt, Ger. On the last he bumped into **Dave Gabbard**, who cmds an MI region of the 650th MI Gp, and saw **Gary Richmond**, who lives in Shawnee, KS.

Nearby in the Med, **Mike Helford** sent a note from Naples, Italy. He's S-3 of the regional NATO signal regt. **Pate** is variably busy teaching ESL to Turks and Italians. He notes that **Bill Reinhart** was dep cmdr of one of the 06 cmds in Turkey until last Jun.

1974: V Corps Organization Day, Aug 92

Doug Shaw sent a pic and an update from V Corps Org Day in Frankfurt. In the pic are he & **Pam** '89, with 6-mo-old Ashley Victoria; **Myron Lynch; Herm, Michelle**, Casimir (2) and Menzie (1) **Yezak**; and **Jerry, Nancy**, Michael (12) and Sarah (6) **Johnson**. Myron

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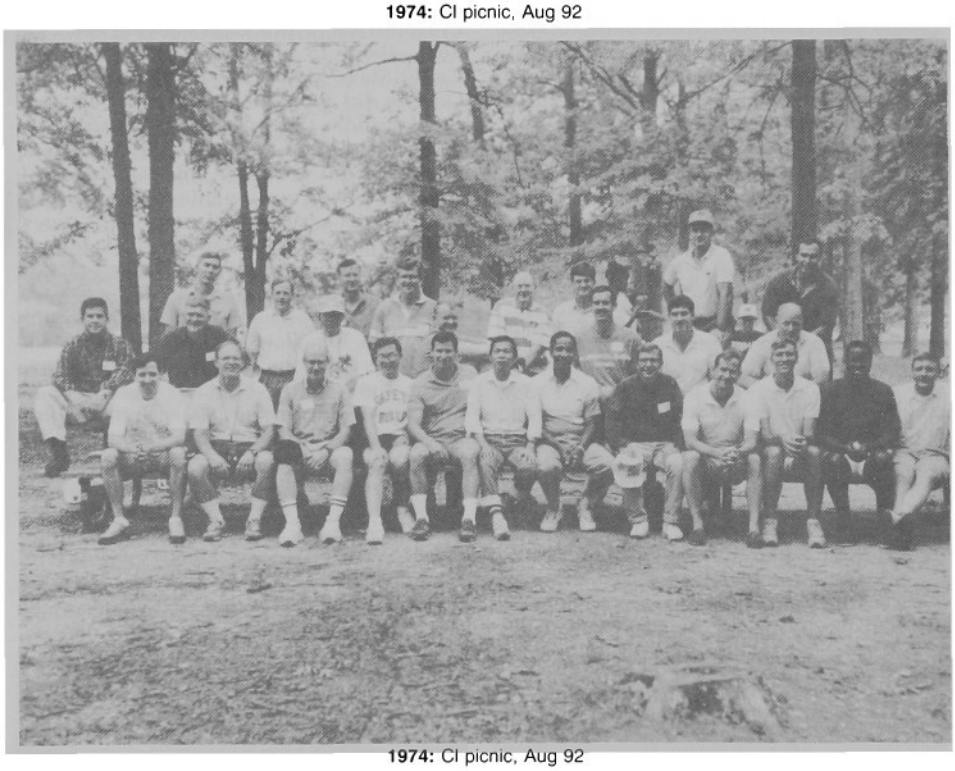
1974: CI picnic, Aug 92



1974: CI picnic, Aug 92

works in G-6; Herm is in G3 Plans; and Jerry is the Special Trps bn cmdr. Also new to Frankfurt but not in the photo are **Bob DelaCruz**, ch of force devel in G2, and **Ben Withers**, ch of prev med at the 97th Gen Hosp. Lastly, Doug works the CFE treaty inspections and corps drawdown and forsees a stateside PCS this yr. Thanks, Shawdog!

Dennis Phillips sent a photo of **Rob Minor**'s promotion at Arlington, VA on 31 Jul. BG Nardotti '69 did the honors. "No more Major Minor" was Rob's appropriate remark. Rob is branch ch of the Army's Litigation Div; **Craig Wittman** is an atty with the Procurement Fraud Div; and Craig is a trial atty with the Dept of Justice.

1974: Wittman, Minor, Phillips and Nardotti '69 at Rob's promotion

Tam Pham has an update: He & **Kim** have moved into an apt, and Tam took a position as test and trial engr with TRW. Contact Tam Minh Pham c/o Ms Bai Le, 7060 Wyndale St NW, Wash DC 20015.

1974: The Grunseth family

The **Grunseths** sent a current photo now that **Julie** is recovered. **Jim** recently published *Heart to Heart*, a Christian discipleship strategy.

Scattered shots. **Don & Nancy Wilbourn** attended **Jim Mitcham**'s assumption of cmd of 4–17 Cav Sqdrn from Bruce Simpson '73. They also ran into **Dave McCracken**, who still cmds the 1–1 Spec War Tng Gp. **Mark Lennon** recently pinned on 06 while assigned to Eglin AFB—our 1st AF COL! **Buddy Blackman** is well settled in his Houston environs now, with duty in NASA's Msn Supt Ofc, and in a good position to track **Rich Clifford**'s shuttle flight, due in Nov. **Jim Fishback** did some TDY from DC to Korea and visited a couple of bn cmdrs there: **John Martin**, who cmds 1–501 Avn, a Black Hawk bn, and **Jack McDonald**, who cmds an FA Bn at Cp Stanley. **Rich Corson** was featured in an *Army Times* article about Reforger 92; Rich integrates Spec Opns forces for the BCPT (war game simulation) at Ft Leavenworth.

New faces in the DC area: **Jesse McCorvey** in the Nat Gd Bureau; **Tom McGinnis** in DCSOPS after finishing ADA Bn Cmd in Korea; **Larry Adair** in Nat Def Univ, Ft McNair after finishing bn cmd; **Dave Norwood** back from Ger and now in the Corps of Engrs' HQ; **Jack Pattison** in DCSOPS; **John Haetinger** from Hood to CAA in Bethesda; and **Mark Jackson** with the State Dept, currently manning the Austrian/Swiss opns desk. His wife is also with the State Dept, and they've done several overseas tours.

Twenty-yr Reunion Update. The planning is still in good shape. Just to remind, 13–16 Oct 94 and the hotel "takeover" option was a clear majority selection, with 420 rooms to be reserved at the Seasons Resort. **Bill Muir** is now in need of grass roots spt, i.e. co reps from each cadet co to serve as their co POC, to pass the poop, find lost guys, etc. This will be a key role in the planning, so, if you can be POC for your buds, contact Bill at 3803 Salemway Ct, Lake Ridge, VA 22192; tel 703-590-6489 (H), 703-695-7241 (W).

Lastly, **Frank Prindle** files this CI financial rep as of 31 Jul 92. Gift Fund: $32,972.71 at AOG and restricted for the CI gift or special CI affairs. Admin Fund: $31,663 (approx) at AOG and can be used to spt CI functions, etc. '74 Fund: $1,654.75 at the Pentagon's Nations Bank and a "working" fund, to spt the reunion mailings and deposit monies from CI functions. The Gift and Admin Funds come under AOG's non-profit umbrella, and they manage and invest them for us. Expect a CI gift cmte

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to be formed in the 20-yr reunion time frame to plan the use of our funds.

That wraps it up. Please keep in touch with any and all news. God Bless.

'75

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Greetings to All Mbrs of Courage and Drive '75. You should be reading this article during the A-N Game/Christmas time frame. I have two wishes for the season: (1) That the Army football team has emerged hugely victorious in the A-N game; and (2) that you have all sent family photos and holiday ltrs to your scribe.

On with the news. . . .

Al & Carol Fehlings sent a postcard from their new home in Italy. In Oct they were still awaiting the arrival of their Aug hold baggage—a familiar theme in overseas Army moves. Sometime when I'm desperate for col filler, I'll send in the story of $350 worth of prescription baby formula that made it to our new home long after the baby didn't need it anymore. Other than the usual getting settled challenges, the Fehlings seem to be doing well and enjoying their new home.

Tom Eccleston sent his annual note to the Class from his home in Lansing, KS. He rep plenty of '75'ers at Ft Leavenworth. In CTAC: **Lee Smith, Jan LeKander, Pat Leake, John Vosilus** and Tom; **Dave Miles** in DSRA; **George Kaigh** and **Jim Benn** in CDD; **Rich Zak** in CAL; **Tom Ryan** in DSCO; and **Rich Hoefert** in the cl. Thanks for your note, Tom.

Ed & Maura Shaffer sent a ltr from Auburn, AL, where they just returned from 4 yrs overseas. They spent two yrs in Taegu, ROK, where Ed was XO of 36 Signal Bn. Following that, they were assigned to Blandford Camp, home of the British Royal Signals, where Ed was the US Army Exch Ofcr. They rep being treated very well by the British Army. Ed is now enrolled in a PhD program in power engring at Auburn. Their follow-up asgmt will be at USMA. They hope to be there for the 20th Reunion. Son John is 10 and enrolled at a nearby private sch. He's looking forward to soccer and baseball. While in England, he played rugby and cricket. Maura taught religious educ in England in the British Sr Sch. Thanks so much for the update. The Shaffers can be reached at 2574 Indian Trail Rd, Auburn 36830; tel 205-821-6923.

Received a note from Michael Harnois, brother of **Steve Harnois**. A mem ceremony was held in Steve's honor at the Collins Trning Ctr, Ft Benning, GA on 16 Oct. You can reach Michael at 346 Hardaway Court, Columbus 31907; tel (H) 703-561-7224 or (W) 703-568-0126.

Sent a photo to **Richard Jardine** at the address listed with the AOG. The envelope was returned. Rich, drop a note and I'll return your pic.

Dick Maffry '42 sent a flyer describing the Columbarium Chapel in the undercroft of The Old Cadet Chapel. If any of you are interested in receiving a copy of this, drop me a note and I'll send it on to you.

That's all the news for this issue. Drop me a line or call when you can. As we approach this holiday season, I wish you and your families a new yr filled with peace.

'76

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Greetings again from sunny TX. I hope all are well. Since our last col, have spoken with **Jim Warner**, our venerable Cl pres. He is in the midst of putting together a cmte of classmates charged with evaluating options for a Cl gift (as we are rapidly approaching our 20th Reunion!). If you have any thoughts about a possible gift, please drop Jim a note at 6723 Weaver Ave, McLean, VA 22101. Also, if you desire to add to the Cl fund, feel free to send a check to the AOG as a designated gift for the Cl of '76 fund.

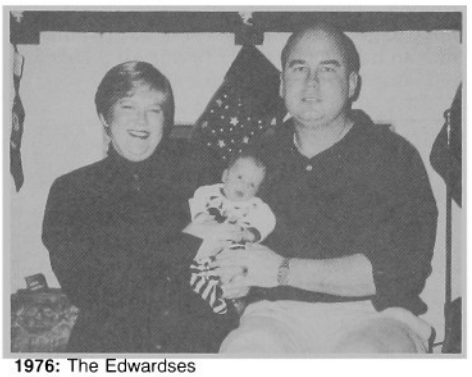
Into the ltrs. **Dick & Gloria Jackson** are living down the rd (about 500 mi) in El Paso. Dick was working in a special job as a liaison atty with drug enforcement, etc but just became the ch prosecutor. He enjoys the change. Gloria and the kids are doing well. The kids and Dick came to San Ant a few wks ago and spent the wknd touring Fiesta TX (our newest theme park in San Ant) as well as taking in the other sights of the city.

Dave & Lin Diedrich sent a note earlier this summer. They finally returned to CONUS after 4 yrs in Ger. They had a great time there, often associating with **Dave Kingston**—an old D-1 buddy from 19 yrs before! Dave's back at WP as the Corps of Engrs rep in DMI. The Cl of '76 is well-represented, with **Dave Luken** as the FA rep, **Glen Hulse** as the Inf rep and **Floyd Bowles** as the Ordnance rep. They all had a terrific summer out at Buckner—again, 19 yrs later! On a somber note, Dave informs us that Lin was MEDEVAC'd to Walter Reed in May for cancer. She had surgery and did fine but will continue with chemotherapy until Dec. Please remember her & Dave in your thoughts and prayers. Dave rep he witnessed the arrival of the Cl of '96—says they sure look younger than we were. . . .

Your scribe has to admit to an error (surely one of several). Four ltrs from a few mos back did not make it into the col. For that reason, they're included now.

Chuck Kilgore sent along the pic of the C-1 gp at the 15th Reunion. Pictured are **Randy Braden, John & Eileen Stinson,** Chuck, **Debbie & Jack Myers, David Luken, Mackey Ives, Joyce Luken, Kristyne Kilgore** and **Ingrid Braden**.

Kip & Sally Edwards' card was also among the bunch. As you can tell, Casey (born 2 Dec 91) is with them! After several yrs in Ann Arbor, MI, they're now in San Ramon, CA, where Kip's working with Kaiser Permanente as the engring supervisor of one of the largest health care orgns in the US.



1976: The Edwardses

Another ltr came from **Gus Ortiz**. While in El Salvador, he was immediately met by **Earl Madison** and shortly thereafter by **Nate Godwin** and **Frank Pedrozo**. Gus has learned to speak like a native, to roll his r's, and to dance the merengue.

Walt & Gretchen Sutterlin also sent along a card from OH, where Walt is with TRC (Transportation Research Ctr of OH). It's incredible to think that Joshua is now 13 going on 14 and that Robert Walter is almost two. Josh has done well in sch and sports, winning their div in baseball and playing in the league world series.

The last note was from **Jerry & Sue Har-**

1976: C-1 Reunion

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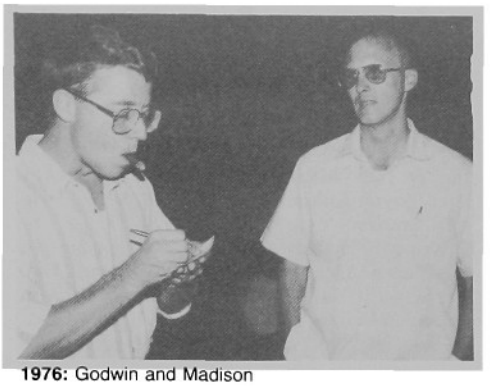
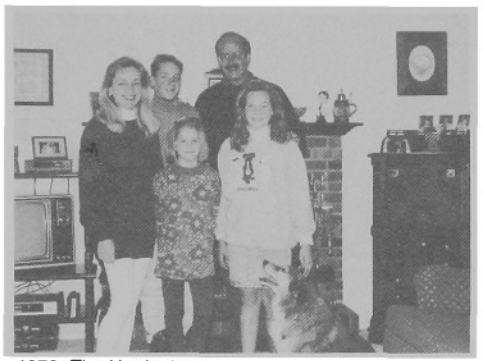


1976: Godwin and Madison

rington. They remain at Walter Reed and hope to get to Brooke in a yr or so ('twould be nice to have a classmate here!) All 3 kids are enjoying their schs and friends.



1976: The Harringtons

That's about it from here. Don't forget to drop **Jim Warner** a line about ideas for the Cl gift. If you're in the WP area and would like to be involved with the process, also send him a note. Lastly, send along a Christmas card to your scribe, along with a pic of the family. Your friends would like to hear from you! Happy Holidays!—**Ian**.

'77

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Happy New Yr!! I hope your 92 was a good one, and we wish you the best in 93. It is a little difficult to be thinking about the new yr in mid-Oct when this col is due. **Sue** & I had to miss the Cl reunion, as we were in the process of moving into our new house. We are finally in our house and surrounded by boxes after having lived in an apt for 6 wks. By far this has been the most difficult of our moves—and we are still in the middle of it. I have not been able to put as much energy into these notes as I would like, so I continue to ask for your patience and understanding. I have received two long ltrs and a couple of notes. The ltrs come to you verbatim from the author; I hope you enjoy them as I did. I also was going to include the newspaper article written by **Carol Van Drie** but I am running short on time; it was, however, excellent, and I'll keep it for future use.

Sue & I heard from **Jan Hughes** in late Jul. The **Hugheses** continue to do well; **Mike** is getting his PhD. Some news on classmates included them running into **John & Jan Charvat** while they both attend the JAG Advance Course. In Jul **Ken & Dottie Miller** left for an asgmt at WP. **Steve & Jean Hoogland** are in DC; they had a boy (their 3rd), Matthew Thomas, on 26 May (8 lbs 6 3/4 ozs and 20 1/2").

I got a call and subsequently a note from **Bernardo Arce Gutierres**, who is in his native San Jose, Costa Rica. He rep that **Jose Figueres** is running for Pres in Costa Rica. Bernardo sent a copy of some survey results and articles that show Jose's chances are very good. However, the race will be a hard-fought one (election is in 92) and any financial or moral spt that any of you would like to give Jose will be appreciated. Bernardo's address and tel is PO Box 1957, San Jose, Costa Rica; tel 506–27–46–55.

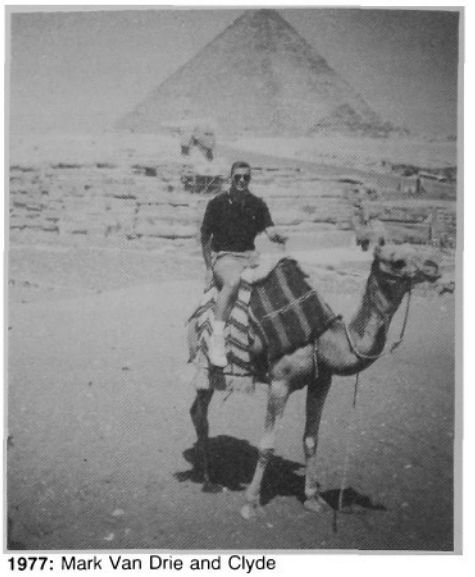
From **Kevin Trehey** on 26 Jul 92 from Arnold, MD: "I was looking through my most recent copy of *ASSEMBLY* and decided it was time to write. This is my first ltr since I left the Army in Sep 88, so there is plenty to talk about. My decision to leave the Army was one of the most difficult decisions I have had in my life. I had been having problems with my balance for several yrs, so I mentioned it to my dr at a routine physical in Jan 86. I was referred to Walter Reed as an outpatient. I quickly learned the name of every neurologist on the staff as I went to see them for one test or another. On one occasion, our classmate, **Jim Malcolm**, took a nerve sample from my ankle. In Mar 88, at the end of two yrs of poking, prodding, testing and retesting, my dr diagnosed me as having chronic polyeuropathy with mitochondrial myopathy. In layman's terms, the polyeuropathy means I had very little sensory feeling in my hands and feet and it affected my balance. The myopathy limits my muscle endurance. I was on the MAJ's list at the time. My dr gave me a profile and told me there was no need for a med bd. The time had come to lead, follow or get out of the way. I chose to step aside.

"It turned out to be a good decision. Another classmate, **Ed Lawnick**, and I met at a Soc of Mil Engring luncheon. Ed said his employer, a general contractor in the DC area, was hiring. With many thanks to Ed, I received an interview and was hired a mo later. The transition into civ life went relatively smoothly. I completed my master's in construction mgt while working for OMNI Construction. During my master's program, I decided that I liked construction mgt more than general contracting. I was hired by Heery Program Mgt in Jun 90. Heery has a contract with Anne Arundel County, MD to manage several of their capital projects. I currently manage between 10 to 15 water projects in various stages of design and construction. The projects range from water treatment plants to pipelines to rehabilitation projects. I expect to continue on this job for another yr or two.

"On the personal side, I met **Beth** while I was working for OMNI. We were married in May 90. We moved to our current home in Arnold, MD in Dec 90 and have been adding improvements ever since. We are remodeling our basement and adding some landscaping. We live 8 mi from the Naval Acad and sponsor a couple of midshipmen every yr. Somebody has to show them how Acad life should be."

From **Carol Van Drie** on 31 Aug 92 at Ft Drum, NY: "I hope all is well with you and your family. Although **Mark** is perfectly capable of writing lively ltrs indeed (as you will see later), he is remiss when it comes to keeping in touch with anyone except his mom, so I'll attempt to fill you in.

"**Mark** recently served with the Multi-Natl Forces in the Sinai. Enclosed is a pic of him



1977: Mark Van Drie and Clyde

very hard at work, and I will quote part of his ltr for illustration (he is going to kill me for doing this, but what are wives for?!). 'Just returned from Tel Aviv and had photos from Cairo developed. Had a great time on 'Clyde,' as you can see from the pic. When I first got on Clyde, he made a sudden lurch forward, with potentially disastrous consequences for our reunion activities. Afterwards, as the pic shows, I sat well to the rear in the saddle. The pic doesn't show Clyde's teeth, which are kind of Appalachian-Hillbilly brown with breath to match. . . ." Mark was there until 12 Jun, when he returned home a bit early to take over the job as 1st Bde S-3. After a brief reunion and a renewal of our marriage vows on 29 Aug, he headed down to FL with the whole 10th Mtn Div to help in the hurricane relief effort. He doesn't know when he'll be back. He only mentioned before he left not to expect him home within 30 days. Ever the perpetual positive-outlook-kinda-Army-wife, I'm just grateful he didn't head out to sort through the Sarajevo mess. The worst attack he'll face is by hordes of mosquitos, thank goodness.

"I certainly have plenty of spt back here. One family happens to be the **Woods. David, Tracey**, Kristen and Erik arrived from Ft Leavenworth last Jun, and David took over as Bn XO for 3–14, 10th Mtn. Now he is the 2nd Bde S-3 (Mutt is 1st Bde S-3 and Jeff is 2nd Bde S-3). It's terrific having them as neighbors just two doors down the street. Tracey and I tear up the malls/area gift shops and anything else that smacks of retail establishment, while our husbands compare empty checkbooks and drink beer in between briefings. Tracey has this head honcho job as district mgr for Med-Call (a nurse hiring firm) and is a contributing writer for *Family Mag*. I, on the other hand, am not quite as famous as Tracey, but I too am writing—sometimes for the Ft Drum newspaper and other local and regional publications. I included one sample not to elicit your approval (but you can compliment my writing abilities if you choose, I won't mind) but because it involves **Mark**. Some of the guys over in Sinai put the article up on the bulletin board that led into the mess hall with the last few lines highlighted. This resulted in such exchanges as this: Mark speaking, 'How's that project you were working on going?' Response, 'Don't worry your pretty little head.' If you read the article, you'll understand what that meant. Harassed? Perhaps.

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but he OWES me big time for this one. It wasn't a picnic while he was gone and, besides all of that, I missed the big lug! I also am working for Med-Call as the education coordinator; Tracey is my boss, believe it or not. I absolutely love my job and love working for Tracey.

"Other news is that **John & Kelly Curry** live on post with their big boys, Josh, Mike and Nick. John is the XO for the 1st Bde, so **Mark** and John are going to be working side by side. Right now, everybody's in FL though. It is amazing how closely John & Kelly resemble Barbie & Ken, except that John is the new salt-and-pepper version of Mattel's Ken doll. Anyone who hasn't seen John in a number of yrs will instantly notice, when they do run into him, that his once jet black hair has turned completely silver. We all tease him endlessly. Also, Kelly is gorgeous, and I hate her for this! But even that observation cannot detract from the fact that John & Kelly are two of the nicest people and are always a pleasure to be around.

"Well, I think that's about it for now. Soon I'll send pix of 'the boys.' It's just tough catching them together at anything unless it's some briefing. Soon I'll send along a photo of **Mark, David** and **John** and you can see for yourself that they really haven't changed a bit. Well, maybe a few grey hairs (especially on Mark and John) and a few extra wrinkles, but generally, they're still the same stud muffins they've always been."

Thanks for being patient. I look forward to things getting back to normal and getting more of your ltrs. Until next time—**Keesy**.

'78

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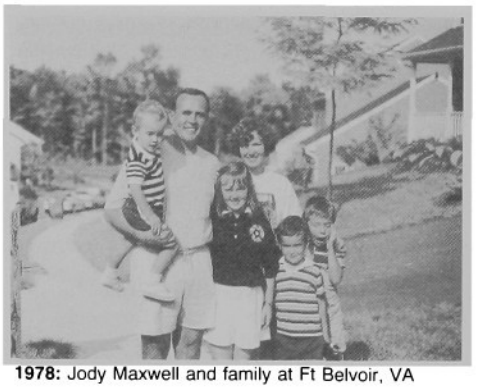
Reunion news from **Kevin Jackson**: "Our 15-yr Reunion is in full swing. Mark 14–17 Oct 93 on your calendar. For those who attended the 10th, the format will be generally the same, with registration on Thur the 14th, both at the hotel and probably at the ski lodge. We plan on a social Thur eve at the ski lodge. Friday will be reserved for an update on WP, a church svc and a Cl mtg. Fri eve will be a dinner/dance at the hotel. On Sat we'll have the parade, tailgate lunch, football game and dinner/dance in the Mess Hall. Sun will be open for possibly a Cl picnic or brunch. We will send out a mailing with further details.

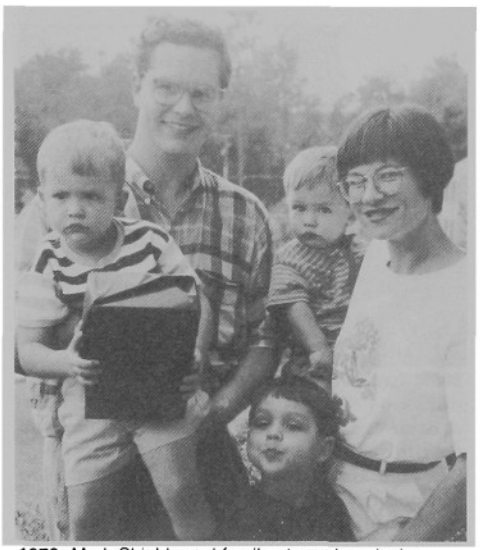
1978: Jack Morrison and Jon Miller at reunion picnic

"In Sep I hosted a BBQ for all classmates in the area (see pix). We now have the nucleus of a reunion cmte. If you would like to help, please contact me at 16109 Kennedy St, Woodbridge, VA 22191; tel 202-358-0698 (W) or 703-878-4860 (H). Please plan on attending the reunion next Oct.

"On a personal note, I recently underwent back surgery and bone fusion and am recovering well, although I am not back to track sprint form yet. I would like to thank our many classmates who helped me through this difficult recovery period with their hosp visits, bringing food, mowing my lawn, etc. Thanks go out to **Kevin Sheehan, Herman Bulls, Jon Miller, Al Korzyk, Jim Hoffman, Craig College, Chuck Jelinek** and espec **Tom McWhorter** for all their help. Tom, I finally can get my own socks on by myself for the first time in 3 mos. I look forward to seeing you all at the reunion next Oct."



1978: Jody Maxwell and family at Ft Belvoir, VA



1978: Mark Shields and family at reunion picnic

1978: Cl reunion picnic at Kevin Jackson's house: Smith, Morrison, Korzyk, McWhorter, Baumgart, Maxwell, Jelinek, Hergenroeder, Hernandez, Shields and Jackson

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Last issue there was no col for our Cl because there was no mail. Actually, I don't mind not having to submit a col, but it is a shame not to take advantage of this opportunity to send in info and pix of you, your family and your friends and classmates.

I received a long ltr from **Jim White**, formerly of Co F-1. Jim & **Diana** live in Rochester Hills, MI, coincidentally where my wife's father lives and where we visit every summer. Jim left the Army in 86 and went to work for Pepsi-Cola. He added: "**Mike Misuzawa** is a sales rep for Black and Decker, selling auto components. He lives in Clarkston, MI and is pursuing a master's at the U of MI. **Bobby Upton** was assigned to TACOM in Detroit until recently. **Bob Buckman** also works for Pepsi; he, **Cindy**, and their two children live in Atl. **Mike Stevens** works for Pepsi in Cleveland. **Steve Dials** works for the Linde Div of Union Carbide; he, **Cindy**, and daughter Katy live in Valparaiso, Indiana. Steve is pursuing an MBA at Notre Dame.

John & Debbie Laird live in DC while John is assigned as a cardiologist at Walter Reed. **Al Levesque** grad from Columbia Law

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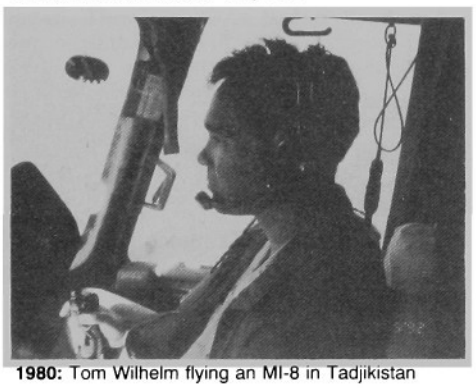
Sch and is now an atty in Hartford. He & **Chris** have a 16-mo-old daughter, Elise. **Hal Walker** is going to grad sch near Sacramento. **Mike & Linda Repass** and son were stationed in Garmisch, Ger, where Mike was a liaison to the Bundeswehr." Thanks for all the info, Jim.

Shari Kovel wrote to say that she had not been able to get **Jake** to write since they were married in 89. Shari grad from Rutgers in 87; when they married, Jake was stationed at Ft Belvoir. Since then, they moved to Leonard Wood, where Jake was an instructor at the Eng Sch, and to Atl, where he's now a civ and a doctoral candidate at Georgia Tech. Shari & Jake have two sons: Daniel, born 26 Apr 90, and Joshua, born 23 Sep 92.



1980: Tom Wilhelm flying an MI-8 in Tadjikistan

Tom & Cheri Wilhelm wrote to announce the birth of their son, Parker Thomas, on 22 Sep 92. Tom is dep ch of an arms control team stationed in Frankfurt, with the task of enforcing various arms control treaties, such as INF and START, in addition to undertaking humanitarian aid missions. This summer, for example, Tom "cmded" a mission to Tadjikistan, comprising 3 carloads of armed militia, 20 Tadjik drivers of dubious allegiance, volunteers, diplomats, journalists and a Russian inf pltn in spt. Tom sent a pic of himself at the controls of a Russian MI-8 helicopter, extracting out of the Parmir mtns in Tadjikistan. He last flew in 84.

Tom added what he knows about fellow Soviet/E European FAOs: **Debbie Johnson** is working at EUCOM HQ in Stuttgart. **Stan Pursinksi** is working the Hotline in DC. **Owen Cheney** cmds an avn det at Ft Bragg. **Vince Warrick** has resigned.

That's all the gossip. In addition, let me address two more issues. First, Congress is seeking to make substantial changes in the Acad. This sort of tinkering is usual in every period following a major victory for the US, in this case, the Cold War. But underlying it is the same sort of anti-elitist, pseudo-democratic rhetoric which has been around since 1802. Contact your local congressional delegation to express your views.

Second, it appears that many of you still on active duty are considering accepting some of the "early out" opportunities being offered. Obviously this means you will be making the transition to a civ job after 12 yrs of svc and in your early 30's. The best thing you can do to ease the transition is to talk to classmates or friends about their careers and their views on the culture of business. The business world is not a zero-sum game of "musical chairs" in which there are a finite number of slots which you should feel lucky to be offered. Don't sell yourself short—instead, take the time to figure out (a) what you love to do, and (b) what you are very good at doing. The intersection of (a) and (b) above are what you should seek in a civ job. If you are doing something you love to do, and you are exceptionally good at it, you will succeed in making money and in finding a niche. Conversely, you could land a cushy job in a prestigious co, and if you aren't enjoying yourself at home and at work, all the glitter won't matter.

Sorry for the platitudes, but I want to make sure that those of you looking to become civs understand that you can and should find a position that provides the rewards and responsibilities you deserve. Get to know the mkt by talking to those who comprise it. Your classmates who have been through this process will be more than willing to help.

Until next time, God bless you, everyone. . . . **Bill**.

'81

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Happy holidays to one and all and espec to our friend and classmate, **David Knecht**, and his family. David is med ret after having been shot by a Bradley Fighting Vehicle 25mm cannon while controlling a night live fire at the Natl Trning Ctr. At the time he wrote, he was still an inpatient at the VA hosp in FL. In the accident he lost a portion of his brain and, as a result, lost the use of his primary hand and was in rehab to work on walking. David's spirits seem good; he related two stories to me. One showed his own sense of humor is intact—when his rehab dr asked if he had been walking in therapy and Dave answered yes, the dr asked how many feet. Dave answered, "Both of them." The other story is from JFC Fuller's book, *Generalship: Its Diseases and Their Cure*. At Waterloo, Napoleon had a COL who was wounded; he promoted him to BG for his valor. The COL was undergoing brain surgery, and the surgeon had removed his brains when an orderly came into the operating room and informed the COL of his promotion. The COL jumped up from the table, put on his coat, intending to return to his post. The orderly called after him, "Mon colonel, your brains! You forgot them!" The new general called back, "I shall no longer need them—I am now a general!"

In all seriousness, we hope all is going well for **Dave** and his family. He will not be completely ret—he will be managing his children's home education program. David and his family live in Tampa, FL and would love to see anyone who is in the area. Dave does not want to lose touch with classmates just because he is no longer in the Army mainstream. One classmate with whom Dave spoke is **Randy McElroy**, who is out of the Army and working in Albuquerque, NM.

I heard from my roommate, **Kaycee Carlson**, who finished her 5th qtr at GA Tech (with a 4.0) and had 3 to go until rep to the ME Dept at USMA. Her husband, **Rod Cox**, is getting his degree in the computer sci field. They saw **Kathy (Davis) & Larry Batton** in Atl over the summer and caught up on some gossip. Kaycee & Rod went hiking in the Great Smokies and came face-to-face with 3 black bears! The bears ran away. I think Kaycee is ready to get up in front of a room full of cadets!

News of several new babies made its way to me: **George & Ruta Bilafer** had a baby girl named Stephanie, who joins George (5) and Cameron (18 mos); **Tami & Steve Walters** had a baby boy, Sam, who joins big sister Alexandra (2); and **Debbi (Whidick) Henderson** had a baby boy. Debbie & **Jim** have two older children. Thanks to all who wrote! **NJS**.

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Happy Holidays, '82. Hope you're having a great Christmas. Some great pix of the Reunion in this issue (see front section). Those of you who couldn't make it missed a good time. A few balder heads, thicker waistlines, etc. . . . Business card exchanges and networking galore. Lots of comparing photos of kids, too. Many of us had not been back to the banks of the Hudson for 10 yrs. And the game was a real nailbiter—with a great finish. Random snapshots in time: **Tom Lynch**'s bugle blowing fires up the Corps during the game. . . . Have **Les Knotts** or **Brian O'Leary** aged at all in the past 10 yrs?. . . . **Tom Kastner**'s killer haircut. . . . **Ralph Ciccarelli**'s carefully trimmed Sir Walter Raleigh beard. . . . **Brian Boutte** is still a chatterbox. . . . **Craig Currey** is still hardcore. . . . **Jack Tompkins**, man of the cloth. . . Ch Warrant Ofcr Two **Scott Smith** (shoulda wore the uniform, Scott). . . . **Mike Reagor**, Tac. . . . Dr. **Rollie Jacobs**. . . .

Over $100,000 raised by the Select Few for USMA—an outstanding job by **Dave Steer** and **Bill Rogers**. Thanks to all the people who spent so much time making it such a successful reunion.

Your historian is a late attendee at CAS3, and there are a few '82'ers here at Leavenworth. **Alex Sung**, who tried to homestead in Korea, is in my CAS3 cl. **Bo Dyess, Scott Henry, Dan Shanahan, Mick Nicholson** and other BZ'ers are here for CGSC. Bo & **Sharon** are celebrating the birth of their daughter Marilyn. Scott & **Linda** are enjoying a little bit of time together after RDF and Rgr Bn tours. Dan & **Mindy** like the slower pace, too.

Have a safe holiday season and drop a ltr and a photo—**JFJ**.

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ROK in the rear-view mirror! By the time you read this, I will be leaving the ROK for Ft Bragg. Right now, though, I'm a "double-digit midget," and I'm really starting to get psyched to be getting back together with my family! I hope that this col finds you enjoying the memories of a great holiday season!

News from Maryland came through two of my most faithful correspondents, **Al & Ree Porambo**. You'll recall that Al is at Walter Reed, where he is the Ch Fellow in the Child and Adolescent Psych Unit. Al & Ree had dinner this past spring with a couple of guys from the "Best of the Corps." **Greg Linville** was en route to Ankara, Turkey. **Ken Lindell** is in med sch at USUHS. Al also ran into **John McNamara** at WRAMC.

John is with SF at Bragg but was en route to Ecuador for some missions there. Thanks

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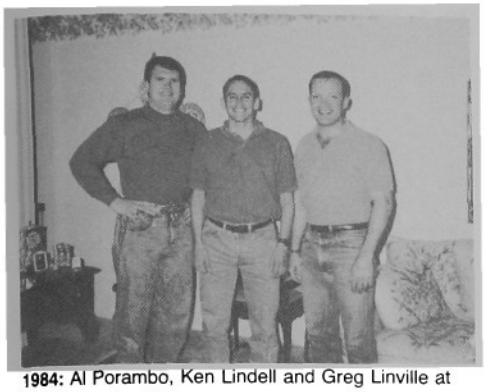
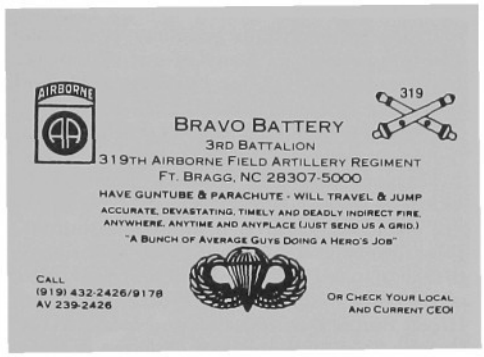
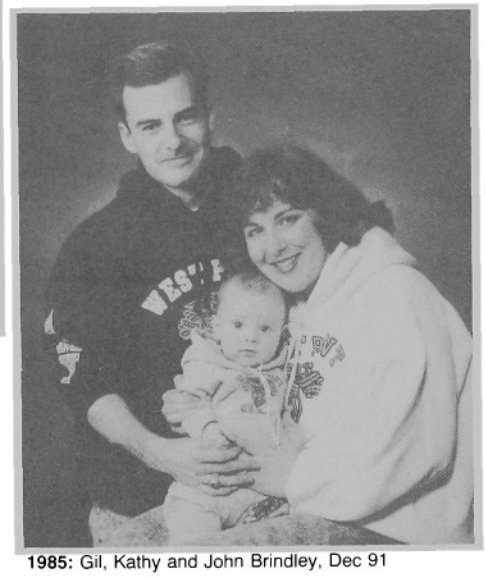


1984: Al Porambo, Ken Lindell and Greg Linville at Al's place, Apr 92



1984: Glenn Goldman's business card

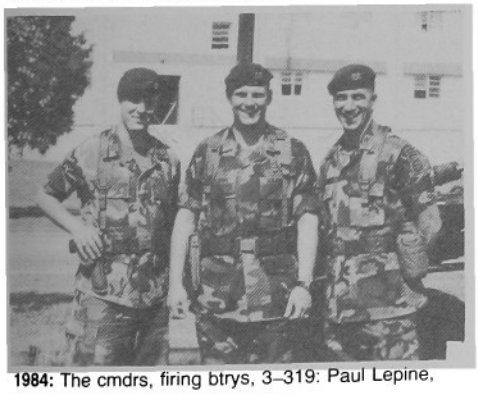


1985: Gil, Kathy and John Brindley, Dec 91

for the news, **Al & Ree**, and for all your efforts spting the col!

Lance Lawson has given up the maroon beret for Stanford U. You'll recall that Lance had two cmds with the 20th Engr Bde at Bragg and was one of our Desert Storm heroes. Well, Lance & **Karen** are now out basking in the CA sunshine while Lance works on his MS in envir engring before heading to WP to teach. Also at Stanford are **Bill & Debbie Rapp** and **Scott Hamilton**. Bill is studying for his PhD in poly sci and will be heading back to WP to grade sosh papers when he's done! Scott is studying out in the Engr Dept at Stanford. Lance says that he and the guys are looking forward to Stanford football with **Bill Walsh**, along with Army football this fall. Thanks for the info, buddy, and good luck in school!

Got a note from some guys who are still at Bragg through **Glenn Goldman**. Glenn is the cmdr of B Btry, 3–319th AFAR. Glenn doesn't have to go far for friendly advice from a classmate—**Paul Lepine** cmds C Btry and **Steve Smith** cmds A Btry!



1984: The cmdrs, firing btrys, 3–319: Paul Lepine, Glenn Goldman and Steve Smith

Glenn says that this gp of motivated paratrooper cmdrs is doing fine, despite the hectic pace at Bragg. By the way, the HHB cmdr is the guy who took the pic, but he's not a part of the "Best of the Corps" so he only got to stand behind the camera! Thanks for the info, Glenn!

Glenn also sent along a business card that I thought was pretty neat (see pic). It seems to me that we in the mil are "just average guys" who have the courage and caring to step forward and give the extra effort to do something special. Getting awfully close to philosophizing, but I thought the card was neat because of that!

Well, that's it from here. Please note that my address is changing again. I need to use my home of record because **Dianne** & I have sold our place in CT so she can join me at Bragg. Until next time, be healthy, happy and safe. And, as always, BEAT NAVY!

'85

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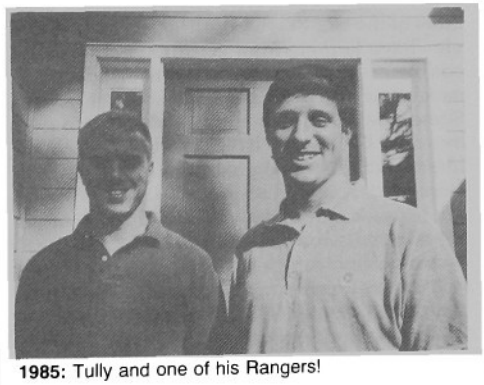
Hey gang! Things are going great here at Stanford. . . not on academic probation yet or anything, so I consider that successful. Haven't run into any classmates, but I did talk to **Anne Mackie** recently. She is working ROTC with Santa Clara U and Stanford, doing great and passes on her best to everyone.

Jim Tully wrote back in Aug and is still doing great with his co. He spent some time with **Brad & Debbie Allen** in Chicago; Brad is working for Mobil. Jim is also working with **Ray Cruz**, who's currently job hunting after a stint in Europe. The pic enclosed is one of Jim's PVTs from Ranger bn days. Jim helped him get a prep sch slot, and Scott just grad with the Cl of '92. Congrats to both of you!



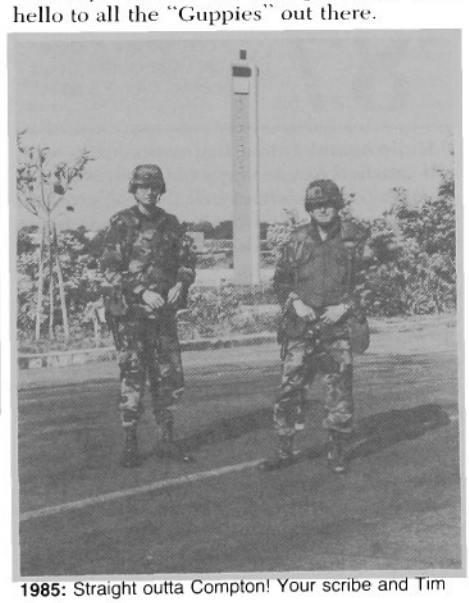
1985: Tully and one of his Rangers!

(Is there anybody out there that is really good with vector calculus as it relates to consumer theory???)

Anyway, **Gil & Kathy Brindley**, as you can see from the photo, recently were blessed with the birth of John Wesley in Sep 91 (I guess that's not *recently*, but everything is relative, just as Newton!) Gil is working for a "Star Wars" defense contractor in Northern VA (pray for Bush). He rep that **Dan & Lisa Tidwell** are in Chicago, where Dan works for Kraft. Also, **Ray & Nancy Gonzalas** are in Memphis, where Ray works for Baxter Healthcare. **Dave Berczek**, where are you?

Ok, I got it. . . what is the probability that I beat you in tic-tac-toe on the 5th move? I know, "who cares?," but I can do this now!

Frank Frazier has a real case of the %&* since everyone got press for Desert Storm and he did not receive his due for handling the L.A. riots as a mbr of the CA Natl Guard. And, you know, he's right. . . to a certain extent, his mission for a while was just as dangerous. Frank is working for a small computer device co here in CA. It's a good thing, Frank, because there's no guarantee that you'll get paid by the state for your Natl Guard time! Can you believe it? This state has a GNP that would place it as the 6th wealthiest country in the world if it were a country, and they're BROKE. So where's all the money? I'll tell you, in the hands of lazy people who want to blame everyone else for their problems while they "rip off" their own citizens. Whooah! Sorry gang, got off track for a minute. . . that's "**Tommy**'s tidbits" for the qtr. Frank says hello to all the "Guppies" out there.



1985: Straight outta Compton! Your scribe and Tim Steele

Saved by the bell. . . I got **Peter Everett**'s ltr today. He's at CAS3 with **Doug Orr & Kathy Cain**. He'll head back to Ger for his last yr after this. C'mon Peter, who are you trying to kid? I heard you're passing up KC for extra rehearsal time on those "News, Weather, Sports" briefs! Thanks for writing again, bud!

"The Squirrel" Scottie Taylor wrote from downtown AK. He just finished up cmd and is headed, after a few stops for trning, like HI, to be an FAO in Pakistan. He's fired up. Scott. . . hello. . . they're killing people over there because they are bowing the wrong way! Seriously, he's excited and we're excited for him. Sounds like a great road ahead! He rep **Dan Kelly** is in Norfolk as a civ. . . but we're

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not sure if he's working! **Mike Sears** is domesticated (Scott said so, Mike, not me), and **Kirt Switala** is headed for law sch! Great to hear from you—and I have no idea where the "mac-a-man" is?

1985: "The Squirrel" Scottie Taylor

By the way, does a sale at Macy's in response to a price increase at Home Depot represent a shift along a supply curve or simply a reason to shop at Macy's? (Man, I love this education stuff!)

That's all I have, gang. I hope you voted! You have my best, '85!

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'87

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Hello again! I trust that everyone is well and satisfied in one way or another with the election now under our belt. For those of you who have moved on from Army life, allow me to bring you up-to-date. Reforger went off again without a hitch this yr but with a decidedly different flavor. We exercised the deployment and equipment draw phases, but the green machine has abandoned all maneuvers on the German countryside. Ger is still as beautiful as ever, so I guess it's just as well that we've traded our maneuver damage mindset for a more cost-effective computer simulation mindset. Ger sure has changed, however, in terms of the US mil presence. We have successfully reduced our forces to two full divs, the 3rd ID and the 1AD. The 3rd ID extends from Frankfurt to Vilseck in the E while the 1 AD is scattered S of Frankfurt in the area formerly claimed by the 8th ID. This is probably old news for many of you caught in the massive and often hectic "drawdown," but then again, I hope it is of some interest to those of you who have been out a while. If the budget is tight, we sure haven't felt it in the Stateside Army this yr. Life at Ft Riley is fast-paced, and we have a full slate scheduled for this new yr. Increasingly, we find ourselves interacting with the Reserve Component folks, and I must say, I am pleasantly surprised. I can only hope that as more and more of us leave active duty, that more and more classmates turn to the Reserves and Natl Guard. . . with one inevitable result—our country we strengthen!

On that note, I am glad to hear that so many classmates are nurturing growing families and new careers. Our economy is in good hands now that so many of our classmates have traded BDU's for business suits and rucksacks for briefcases.

I've been deluged with mail this fall, so I'd better get down to business.

Polyxeni Tsigoinis, come on down! Poly writes us from Ft Rucker, where she is working on an MS degree in human resources. **John Combs** is an IP there, so he keeps busy flying. John & Poly's latest '87 bash was a 4th of Jul party that incl **Dale Willis** and friend Hiedi; **Ron & Denise Lewis** and son RJ; **Al & Cecelia Seise** with son Alan; **George & Gina Kyle**; **Bill & Beverly Scholl**; **Rob & Joy Johnston** with their little girl Kelly; and **Jim Garrett**.

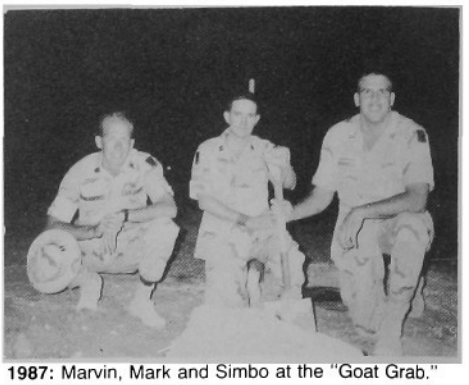
Dale is working in Cleveland for BF Goodrich, and Ron was at Rucker for an Apache transition en route to Ft Hood. Al is stationed at Hunter AAF; Bill was attending the Avn Adv Course; Jim was in flight sch after transferring from the IN; and the Kyles call Ft Rucker home. Poly also had the good fortune of visiting with a few other classmates. She saw **Paul & Julie Reist** at Rucker and mentioned that **Ken Biland** was at the Avn Adv Course. **Jenny Rice** married Kent Wineinger '86, got out and currently lives at Stewart. Poly, it was great to hear from you!

I've got a few new neighbors here at Ft Riley. **Jeff & Lori Schmidt** just arrived from Ft Benning; he is making it happen as the 2d Bde A/S4 while Lori is doing some real work preparing for a new baby. **John Gifford** and **Bill Prior** reside as the Cl horsemen at 1–4 CAV. **Triip Bowen** just arrived after an extended Adv Crse at the AR and FA schools concurrently. **Todd & Cindy Parrish** are also mbrs of the Big Red One, although our schedules have kept us from getting together for a couple or 12 beers. Todd transferred to Finance and operates out of the Div Fin ofc. Somehow I always pictured Todd surrounded by cash, but this is ridiculous! Todd would like to establish and chair a hunting club for classmates across the country to "trade" hunting trips—sounds like a great way to see old friends while reducing the cost of some great hunting opportunities. Anyone interested is asked to call or write Todd at #6 Oak Valley Dr, Manhattan, KS 66502; (913) 539-4368. Thanks for a great idea, Todd.

I was expecting a pile of ltrs from all of you homecoming attendees. Unfortunately, I spent my homecoming at REFORGER and missed out on all of the good times and great stories. We all wanna know, so fill our ears, gang!

Speaking of homecoming, **Joe Simonelli** had a little homecoming of sorts last summer and fall with **Mark Beitz** and **Marvin Walworth**, all of the 3–43 ADA (Patriot). Unfortunately, they weren't watching p-rades and touchdowns. Instead, they were watching the skies over Saudi Arabia! Marv is the E Btry Cmdr, Mark is the FDC OIC and Simbo is the Asst S3 Opns/Plans. Of course Simbo is not all work. Marvin, Mark and Simbo are shown here proudly sporting the main course for a partnership dinner with the Saudi mil.

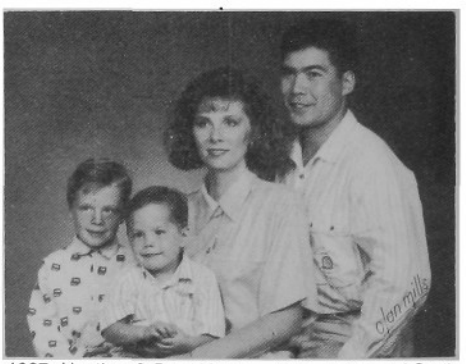
Affectionately described as a "Goat Grab," the guys enjoyed the change of pace. Simbo, can you get me a video of the Saudis chowing down at your "goat grab?" I'd love to send a copy to Annapolis before next yr's A-N game. I'm sure that would get their goat! Simbo also mentioned that he speaks with **Al Craft** once in a while. Al is apparently suffering tremendously as a HAWK liaison for the VAE, living in a Ramada Inn, earning 6 mos' TDY and hanging out with all of the British Airways flight attendants. Al, it's just plain hell serving your country, but someone's gotta do it. Thanks for taking up the slack for the rest of us!



1987: Marvin, Mark and Simbo at the "Goat Grab." Beat Navy, guys!

Al apparently saw **Dennis Young** before departing for the VAE. Dennis was living in El Paso, TX and planned on leaving the green machine in Sep. Apparently, **Joyce Shannon** was also in El Paso after grad from ADAOAC.

Simbo wanted to get a feel for the number of classmates who have punched out of the Army. Unfortunately, we don't have accurate figures because many of the addresses maintained for our classmates are inaccurate. So encourage each other to send a change-of-address card to the AOG. This will facilitate a Cl census in the near future. Simbo was anticipating a cmd before the new yr, and he sends his very best to everyone.



1987: Heather & Dent Knapp with Brandon and Scott

Dent Knapp did a wonderful job of capsulizing what he knew about our classmates in his neck of the woods. Dent made good on his asgmt to Ft Lewis by finding time to meet and marry a beautiful hometown Wyoming girl way back in 87. **Heather** & Dent now have two young boys to occupy all of their time. After completing the Adv Crse last Apr, Dent was assigned as a pltn trainer for IOBC through 94. He sends his best wishes and encourages everyone to look him up on their way through Benning: (706) 563-5567.

Seen in the pic [next pg] at IOAC Seminar 8 are **Dent, Kip Kahler, Don Crawford, Steve Lasse, Mike Santos** and **Russ LaMarre** (kneeling).

The finalists for Miss IOAC were **Jeanene Wilson** (Darrell Wilson's wife), **Dave Whidden**'s wife **Missy**, Dent's better half **Heather** and **Tim Mitchell**'s gal, **Melissa**.

James Rankin left Worms, Ger this summer; he started the SOAC this Sep. He briefly saw **Glenn Yeaw** and **John Jessup** as he was

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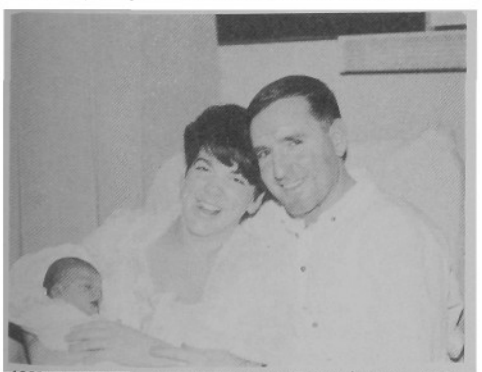
1987: IOAC Seminar 8. '87'ers (from R-L) are Dent Knapp, Kip Kahler, Don Crawford, Steve Lasse, Mike Santos, Ned Woolfolk and Russ Lamarre (kneeling)

1987: The finalists for Miss IOAC

finishing his tour as a co cmdr of HHC, 5th Signal Cmd. For crying out loud, Wayne, cut to the chase. Jim & **Lorraine Rankin** brought Brian James Rankin into the world on 27 Feb 92! Now that's news! Brian was born at Heidelberg Hosp and weighed a healthy 7 lbs, 6 oz. He is pictured here with mom & dad, who appear just a little bit happy. Congrats!



1987: Lorraine & Jim Rankin with Brian James—one day old!

John & Tracy Tien proudly announce the birth of their daughter Amanda Jo on 18 Sep 92. She was a bouncing 8 lbs 4 oz. I saw John & Tracy last May when they were expecting and can only imagine how happy they are to have little Amanda on board. Way to go, gang. John also mentioned that he and **Jeff Peterson** made it to the reunion and had a great time. That's a start, but we need more details—so keep those ltrs coming!

Received a very interesting and heart-warming ltr from COL John R Byers (Ret). He writes, "Between WWII, Korea and Vietnam, I have managed to get myself banged up enough periodically to need some rather strong corrective maintenance. . . . I have spent some time in various aid stations, MASH's and hosps under the watchful eyes of numerous drs. Without exception, they have all been excellent. . . . Rather recently, I was obliged to revisit Dewitt Army Hosp at Ft Belvoir. I was surprised one day to see a Cl ring worn by a resident checking upon me. I've had a lot of drs stick, probe and cut me but never an Acad grad. Sir, I want to tell you and your Cl that they can be very proud of CPT **Pearline Victoria McKenzie**. She is smart, takes no gruff, listens carefully, treats everyone sensitively and works long, tough hours. I understand that she is assigned to Walter Reed but is serving part of her surgical residency at DeWitt. The Cl of '87, I'm sure, is as exuberant, conscientious and dedicated as any cl. If all of you are as fine as CPT McKenzie, the Corps hasn't and the Army is in good hands!" You just gotta love it. Thank you, sir, and thank you, Pearline.

Irene (Zatlankal) Rosen writes from the MTMC and sports a pic here of hubby **Scott**. Scott is on a 6-mo tour in Cambodia with the UN peacekeeping mission there, keeping the world safe from the Khmer Rouge. She adds that **Kim (Randall) McDermott** is at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD for her Adv Course and follow-on asgmt. She has a new little girl, born in Feb 92. Thanks again, Irene.

Tom Hiebert is up next, and his ltr should be entitled "Everything you need to know about Ft Bragg but were afraid to ask." Tom is currently the S4, 3–504 and works closely with **Rich Ast**, who is A/S-3. Both expect cmds. **Chris Rush** is the vaunted cmdr of HHC

1987: Scott Rosen. The U.N. never had it so good

2–504. He took cmd in Jul and spent a great deal of time spting the Hurricane Andrew relief effort. **Dan Deheo** and **Dan Oh** are both in 1–325 IN. Dan Oh was the S1, with a cmd slot expected soon, while cmd is old hat for Dan Deheo as he took cmd in May 92. **Doug Clark** is at the 2d Bde HQ. **John Crimo, Pat McMahon** and **Tim "Doc" Todaro** are keeping 3d Bde straight. John and Tim are A/S3's for 1–505 and 3–505 respectively, while Pat is making it happen as Cmdr HHC, 2–505. **Gary O'Grady, Mike Callahan** and **Randy Kirby** all recently completed their first asgmt at Bragg and have joined the throngs of classmates to go on to bigger and better endeavors. **Steve Heidecker** is setting new standards as the Bn FSO for 1–504. His bn cmdr thinks he's the greatest thing out of FA since the cannon ball—I'm not surprised! Steve also had the opportunity to witness the "settling down" of **Steve Shea**—yes, ladies 'n gents, I've received word that **Christine** definitely has Steve S under control. **Paul & Jeanie Ives, John (Buckethead) Ciarlo, Bill & Melissa Leady** and **Bill Fuller** all made it back to the Catholic Chapel last Aug 92 for the wedding. A side trip yielded a mtg in NYC with **Rob O'Connor, Rob Divencenyo, Tom Albonese** and **Rob Brenner** for a Yankees game.

Tom also mentioned an '87 entourage attending the Q-course—and taking names, I might add. **The Duff (Dave Duffy), Eric Gunkus, Rich Young, Tim Fitzgerald, Don Mudford** and **Don Camadoy** will all soon be official snake eaters.

Outside the Ft Bragg community we find **Jim O'Brien** on his way to Korea to join 5–20 Mech at Camp Hovey. He hopes to cmd immediately, get back to the Ranger Regt, from whence he came, to begin another cmd that is sure to eliminate strife worldwide. **Dave Fee** is also in Korea flying cobras in 5–17 CAV. **Shannon Fee** is attending grad sch at Vanderbilt while waiting for the big guy to return, as Dave has follow-on orders to Ft Campbell. **Jim & Lisa Dugan** will leave Korea soon for Campbell, where Jim will fly for TF160. . . which is where **Jim & Becky Yacome** were last seen. **Steve Reed, Jeff Voight** and **Ken Romaine** are all in the 71D. Tom closes by disclosing a schedule that includes everything from NTC to hurricane relief. I think the Army is 25% smaller and 50% busier. Ya really gotta love it. Airborne!

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Looking forward to some neat reunion stories, A-N stories and anything else that you can dish out. Remember, call or write the AOG at USMA, WP, NY 10996 (Attn: Address Dept) to update your address or the address of long-lost classmates. Spread the word!

'88

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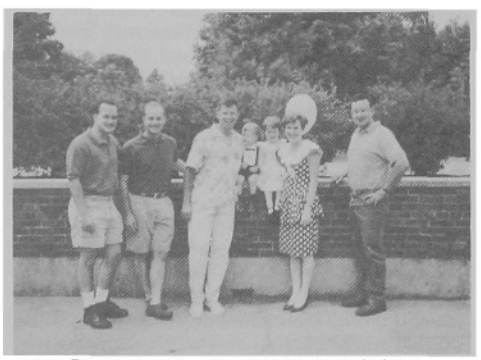
If you missed the Ft Benning promotion party (en masse) in Sep, then shame on you. **Craig McGinnis, Jack Bender, Mike Kafka, Dave Toczek, Bill, Jill & "Bear" Boice** and **Cathy** & I were among the multitudes bearing accolades for one another and consuming alcohol. For those of you who missed it, don't worry, we celebrated for you.

Talked to **Eric Kurilla** the other day at a local eatery. Eric is still in the Ranger Regt and had just returned from England. During the course of our discussion we concluded that there were about 45 classmates either attending the AC or stationed here at the home of the Inf. **Ed Struzik** called the other day to say hi; he & **Marsha** are doing fine. **Craig Borchelt** wanted to say that he is still pulling the wool over everybody's eyes. **Glenn Harrington** dropped a note the other day to let us know that he had had a baby, Thomas James ("TJ") on 14 Jun 92. I always thought that to be anatomically impossible; however, with a few assumptions, it was determined that Glenn had married a beautiful young lady named **Tara**. Congrats.

Tom Brennan, Mark Salas, Brenden Scherr and **Eric Keltz** graduated in Aug from AOAC. Tom is preparing to return to Ger for a second tour. Mark got married during AOAC; he & his wife are going to Ft Hood. Tom also rep that **Howard & Carolyn Phelan** and their children Sandy and Bradley were stationed at Ft Knox after Howie completed FAOC.



1988: Reunion at brunch at the Ft Knox O Club

Richard Maffry '42 sent me some info on the new Columbarium Chapel located in the undercroft of the Old Cadet Chapel. Inurnment niches are available for ofcrs and eligible mbrs of their families. For info relative to asgmt of niches and scheduling of Committal Svc, write or phone the Mortuary Opns Ofcr, Mrs Grace E Foster, at 914-938-2504.

Keep writing. Take care.

'89

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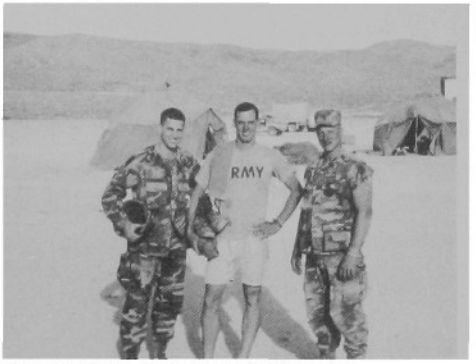
Greetings to all '89'ers out there, in Olive Drab and Botany 500 alike. Have a lot to tell.

First of all, **Mike Fisher** sends warmest regards from NTC, sometime in Aug. He, **Jeff Crawford** and **Bruce Estok** had a mtg of the minds in the Dustbowl. Hey, Mike, G-4 has hit the press!



1989: Crawford, Fisher and Estok in NTC

(Oh, by the way, Guppies, ask **Bo Balcavage** how he enjoys being a GEN's aide here in 3ID!)

Attn all C-2 Circus types: **Deron Kaseberg** has put out a warning order. He wants all of you to please contact him so he can begin a co newsltr. He's at PO Box 53779, Ft Benning, GA 31905. Additionally, any '89'ers are welcome to stop in there for a beer as they pass through "11B land."

Speaking of 11B's, **John "Wedge" Tonra** writes that he is out. What? Yes, it's true. The ultimate Gray Hog has hung up Army Blue. John & **Buntajit** ("TA") are in NY as Wedge is working for a pharmaceutical co called CIBA-GEIGY. (Also, so he is closer to WP). The **Stump** also says **Warren Hearns** is out, studying indus engring at Georgia Tech.

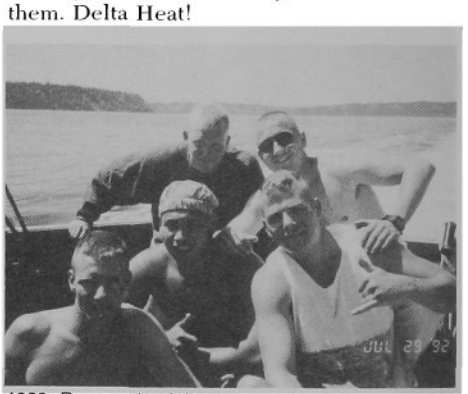
1989: TA & Wedge hang up Army blue

Chuck Correll writes from Yale Law Sch that he & **Kristen** are doing well. He says that **Joe & Kathleen Miller** are there as well, with daughters Katy and Kelsey. Also, Chuck says **Telita Crossland** and **Dan Cruiser** should grad from med sch in May. If you happen to be in CT, look up Chuck and Joe, have a brew and discuss the one-line veto. Thanks, Chuck!

Hey, has anyone seen **Tad McIntosh**? Well, he married **Pam** (sorry, no last name) last Sep in Dallas. **Mike Opitz, Jed Clark, Al Hogue, Rob Holmes** and **Jeff Schmidt** were in attendance. Tad has DEROS'd from Korea and is now in the Old Guard in VA. He sees and tips a few with **Ed Bohneman, Kyle Delaney, Jeff MacMillen, Paul Meyer, Brian Galetano, Mark Miller** and others. Tad says, "'89, hang loose and drop a line in DC!"

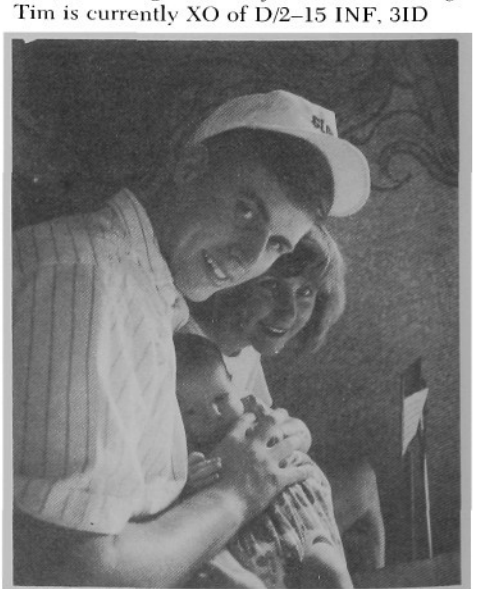
1989: Pam & Tad McIntosh, 21 Sep 92, Dallas, TX

Pete "Pineapple" Patacsil sends his best from Ft Lewis and 2d Bn. That's right. Pete gave up on 3ID and went to the Rangers. In 2d Bn he works with **Kyle Lear, Dave Blain, Mike Opitz, John Seamon** and **Eric Chilian**. In 3rd Bn, Pete says, are **Lee Rysewyk, Mark Hannon, Adam Schroeder, Rich Demaree, Jon McGlothian, Carl Zaiser** and **JFC Allred.** Pete enjoys the Huah life, and **Kathy** and son Willie joined him there in Jul. Best of luck to them. Delta Heat!



1989: Rangers lead the way

Here in the thriving tourist resort of Schweinfurt, Ger, **Tim Brooks** says hello to all fellow '89'ers. Tim & **Kim** had a beautiful baby girl, **Meghan**, on 5 Jun 92 in Wurzburg. Tim is currently XO of D/2–15 INF, 3ID



1989: Tim, Kim and Meghan Brooks in Prague, CZ

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I just came off a Graf and Hohenfels back-to-back. I ran into many old comrades. At Hohenfels, I met **Frank Sturek**, who is a Scout O/C. He & **Julie** arrived there in May 92. It's pretty wild to show up at CMTC and have a classmate as an O/C. "Cooperate and. . . ."

At Graf I ran into **Charlie Stone**. He and I heisted a Leo 2 from my bn's partner bn in the Bundeswehr, PzBtl 363. Charlie, German SGT Konrad and I drove all over Graf. On the way, Charlie told me that **Chuck & Laura Raffay** are out of the Army and in KY. **Todd & Cynthia Kobberdahl** are in 2–70 AR, where Todd is S-1 in Erlangen. **Chris Gerig** is out and going to law sch in OH. **Brian Good** and **Brian Reed** are in 2–6 IN, and **Wil Whatley** is A/S-3 in 2–70 AR, also in Erlangen.

That same eve at Graf, I saw **Scotty Graves**, who married **Kimberly** in May 92; they are in 2–17 FA in Bamberg. Scotty told me that **Ken Griggs** married a USAF CPT named **Lindsey**. (Ken: pix, dates, details?) **Rob & Ann Holder** and Rob Jr are out. Ann is spting Rob through law sch and little Rob through the local weight room. I don't know where they are or what sch Rob is in—maybe they could send a sitrep.

The next day at Graf (this was a good Graf), I ran into **Bob Agans** in the sound ctr. (Aside: I know you're all thinking I did nothing at Graf. However, HMMWV Scout Pltns offer tremendous range time!) Bob & **Carrie** are in 3–1 FA in Bamberg. There he sees **Caris Scuron** and **Sandy (Vann) Olejasz**.

Well, not much for gripes and rumors this time. The only rumor is of **Eric Miller**'s massive TDY as CINC of Welcome Home Celebrations. Yes, it appears the "Cheese-stick" was all over CONUS, setting up p-rades and mandatory fun after Desert Storm. It must be that Juice training. . . .

I went to Oktoberfest recently. Ran into many old pals, incl **Greg Anderson, Tim Thompson, Matt Marcy, Andy Riebe** and **Chuck Hartford**, to name a few. It was a blast.

For all of you who write, thanks much; it really makes being historian fun. I've tried to extend here in Schweinfurt (no, I'm not high). If you pass through, stop by. Scouts out, Garry Owen, see you at Fiddler's Green. We Strengthen the Line.

'90

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Our Cl pres clued me in about the early-out paperwork that became available to our Cl a couple of mos ago (as you can imagine, they are not offering it to med students). I do not know many of the details, so drop me a line if you have any info or any interesting post-Army plans.

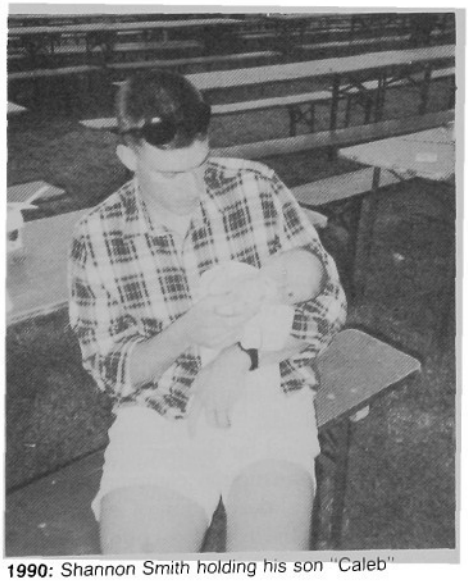
Ryung Suh (I4) wrote to say that he is not getting out, just changing branches. He hung up the crossed rifles earlier this fall, after leading a line pltn of C/1–5 for 13 mos, to enter Georgetown Med Sch. He also enclosed a pic from **Kurt Mosher**'s (I4) wedding. Kurt & **Jeanine** were married at WP on 22 Aug 92 and now live at Ft Ord. In the pix are Ryung, **Dave Esposito** (I4), assigned to the 82nd, **George Riggins** (I4), going back to the Apache transition course, and **Clayton Speed** (I4), now in the civ world of AL.

Andy Entyre (F2) sent in this pic of his 13 Jun 92 wedding. He married **Jennifer Efinger** in Peoria, IL and had several of his F2 com-

1990: Kurt & Jeanine Mosher's wedding

panymates in attendance. **Steve Gilland, Jeff O'Neal, Tom Rodgers**, and **Steven Butler** all made it to the festivities.

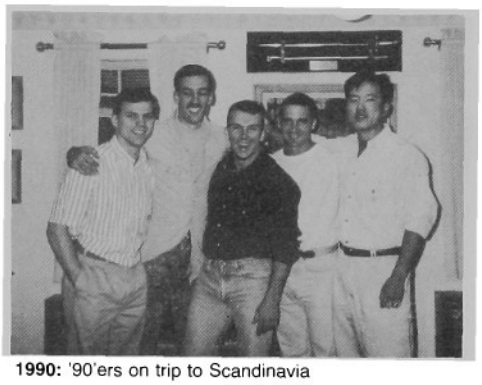
1990: *Andy & Jennifer Entyre*



1990: *Shannon Smith holding his son "Caleb"*

Andy is in 2–502 IN of the 101st, along with **Paul Dubbels** and **Carl Griffendorf**. They are currently in Sinai, Egypt with the Multinational Force and Observers.

Benjamin "Caleb" Smith was born on 10 Jul 92 in St Marien Krankenhaur, Frankfurt, Ger to **Christy & Shannon Smith** (F4). Shannon tells an interesting tale of being sent away from the full American hosp to a German hosp that proved to be quite elusive. In the meantime, Christy was going into labor. With map



1990: '90'ers on trip to Scandinavia

and compass in hand, they eventually made it to Labor and Delivery.

Shannon is a PL with 2–32 FA(MLRS), whose other LT's include **Pete VanProyen** (G4), **Rich Cain** (B4), **Mike Strauss** (I3) and **Dave Thomas** (B2).

Tom Jones (C3) also dropped a line from Ger, telling of a 4-day trip to Scandinavia over the Labor Day wkend. **Joe Olmeda** (G4), **Dave Barnes** (B2) and **Kelly Demers** (G3) all joined Tom for the trip, which included time in Denmark and Sweden, with an educational stop at Hamlet's castle, Elsinore.

Let me know about your new asgmts or any civ opportunities that you are looking into. The Proud and The Mighty!—**Tad Gerlinger**.

'91

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Congrats to the Dec grads who just tossed their hats. Six more mos took no time at all, right? Have a fun and safe grad leave. Best of luck in OBC and beyond.

It seems as though half of the Cl is married by now. Weddings brought to my attention incl **Lance & Elizabeth Bailey, Mike Baumeister & Mary Mace, Clark & Julie Cornelius, Rick & Helen Knight, Carl Lee & Beth Ballard, Rich McCarthy & Melissa Emmons, Brian & Heidi McCarver, Darryl & Kim McCormick, Aaron & Emily Mebust, Sean & Trisha Morgan, Noel & Tina Russell, Darryl Taylor & Ericka Young, Matt & Beth Tolle, Bret Vanpoppel & Kris Weber** and **Scott Greig & Amanda Pearson**, who shared a classic "Honeymoon in Vegas." Pix and ltrs of any wedding should be sent so the rest of the Cl can enjoy the details.

For most of us, OBC is over but not without its share of stories. **Mike Doheny** wrote from FAOBC and claimed to have played golf 7 times in two wks. He said most at Ft Sill have been busy practicing "task avoidance" and insists that OK is all he "ever hoped it would be—nothing special."

Received a ltr from **Aaron Pitney**, who completed the basic phase for Med Svc and is now back to the books, well on his way to becoming a dr. He claims that Sat nights in the lab aren't as fun as a Sat night dayroom movie tour.

Duke Moseley and **Mike McDuffie** sent details of their grad leave. They spent much of

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1992: Mike McDuffie and Duke Moseley with friends at the U.S.-Mex border

their time touring southern CA and Mex. After a night on the town in San Fran with F1 buddies **Matt Blitch** and **Tom Fuerborn**, they headed down the coast to Mex in search of some authentic Tequila. Duke is now at Ft Huachuca and Mike is at Ft Leonard Wood.

Greg Sarakatsannis wrote from Del Rio, TX, where he's learning to play with AF equipment. He will be at Laughlin AFB until Sep 93. As Cl secy, he'll write the next col while I'm in Ranger Sch.

IOBC has witnessed the onslaught of '92 grads. Many have spread their influence around the southern GA countryside, most notably **Jim Seamon** and **Spencer Forbes**. Both have become intimate friends with the Auburn U police. The last time we heard from them, they were mumbling "what a set-up." For more details, you'll have to write them.

During their rigorous field wk, many of the Avn folks were bussed up to Ft Benning to watch a CALFX. I saw and talked briefly to **Josh Basse, Jen Bean, Tex Burrow, Craig Fluharty, Geoffrey Jeram, David Richard Kramer, Carl "Vitale" Linnington, Bob Meek, Ted Messmer, Phil Ryan, Jamie Stanley, Christian Walters, Desi Wyatt** and **Neal Zuckerman.** Ea described their short field time, filled with GP mediums and silver bullets full of coffee. **Kevin Wilson** already has solo'ed and is busy performing fly-bys over local control towers.

Good luck to all those in med sch, Flight Sch or Ranger Sch. Keep the pix and ltrs flowing. God Bless THE BRAVE AND THE FEW.

Book Reviews

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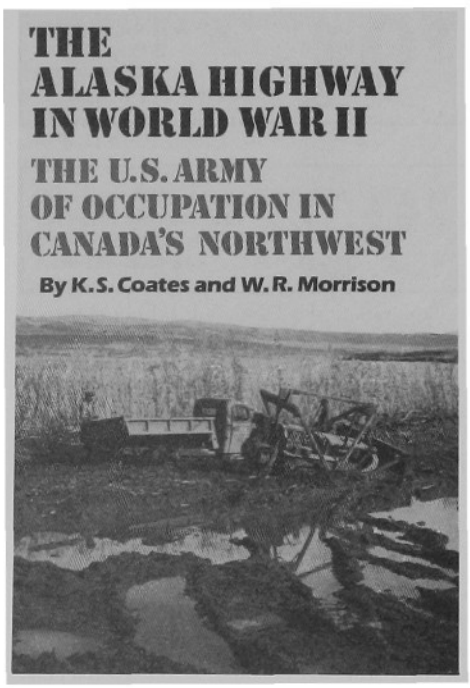
The Alaska Highway in World War II: The U.S. Army Occupation in Canada's Northwest

K.S. Coates and W.R. Morrison. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman and London, 1992.



World War II, the first and only truly global conflagration, is now a half-century behind us. Barbara Tuchmann's sobering history of World War I needed decades before a realistic assessment could get beyond the narrower views of her predecessors. Now we have two incisive and revealing historical accounts of the huge Alaska-oriented construction effort of 1942-1944. Each book looks both at and beyond the monumental effort across Canada's western region, yet from greatly differing perspectives. Colonel Heath Twichell's *Northwest Epic* was reviewed in the November 1992 *ASSEMBLY*.

While Twichell's history focuses on the Army's Corps of Engineers and Air Corps, and supporting troops, contractors and natives, Coates' and Morrison's book looks more specifically on the "Army of Occupation's" impact on Canada, and what that effort signified about World War II's global watershed.

Despite the "Army of Occupation" subtitle, the two Canadian professors are sympathetic to a U.S. effort plagued by waste, inefficiency and, eventually, a lack of need. In a short-term sense, the construction campaign had little effect as a supply line. A Canadian newspaper in 1947 said the "Alaska Highway is the most publicized and the least used road in the world." Yet the U.S. was driven in 1941-1942 by a deep, albeit unwarranted, fear of a Japanese invasion of Alaska. The national leaders reacted by directing a substantial amount of strained wartime resources towards building an interior supply road to our Alaskan territory, supplemented by a hugely expensive pipeline/airfield system. Most of those related efforts profoundly affected the lightly populated provinces of British Columbia, Yukon, the Northwest Territories and nearly unpopulated Central Alaska. As Washington, D.C. began to realize by 1943 that the road and pipelines were becoming irrelevant, the U.S. did begin to use the many new airfields to support a massive airlift from U.S. factories to the Russian-German battlefields.

The authors find far deeper significance than an epic construction campaign. They support Twichells' description of a wasteful yet proud part of the overall war effort. While they agree with Twichell as he points out significant lessons learned about black troop units, female pilots and arctic building techniques, *The Alaska Highway* co-authors describe an even more sweeping pair of lessons from the campaign:

-A foundation was laid the by the "Army of Occupation" for a major change in Canada's views of its own western lands, as Ottawa over that decade stepped beyond an attitude of virtual neglect of its distant territory and their residents.

-The "occupation" was a precursor of the U.S. accepting an exploding awareness of new global responsibilities. The remaining colonialism left by World War I was nudged towards rapid extinction (replaced in part by a communist growth). Wartime western Canada in 1942 was a preview of what would occur over the next several years in Australia, England, and then in Germany, Japan and many other pivotal regions. A new world order, modified by what was to be a 40-year bipolar arrangement, had arrived. Western Canada (and, soon after, Australia) saw it first. The U.S. influence was mammoth and had long-term ramifications.

This Canadian view of a largely untold World War II chapter is sympathetic to Uncle Sam's stepping deeply into a new role in the world. Aside from a crucial but short involvement during World War I and a century of relatively limited Pacific adventures and "backyard" encounters in Central America and the Caribbean, the U.S. had not ventured far beyond the limits of George Washington's "foreign entanglements" caution. In the "Army of Occupation," there were far more U.S. heroes than "ugly Americans"...and several Canadian villains. The impact of the heavy incursion of 40,000 Americans was both deep and lasting. And, as a nation, the United States changed in ways still being played out today across much of the world.

The Alaska Highway lacks the drama of Twichell's *Northwest Epic*. Yet it tells a fascinating story from a neighbor's viewpoint. It is excellent reading for students of huge engineering and construction projects, of U.S. and Canadian social and political change, of environmental history and, most importantly, the role of the U.S. as a world leader.

—E.R. Heiberg, III
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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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Lester Delong Flory

NO. 6343 CLASS OF 1919

Died 2 January 1990 in Washington, D.C., aged 90 years.

Interment. Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Lester Delong Flory

LESTER DELONG (LES) FLORY was born in Ashley, Pennsylvania on 10 June 1899 as the youngest of five children of Llewellyn H. and Sarah A. (Gheris) Flory. Graduating from Ashley High School in 1914, he took some postgraduate work in the Wilkes-Barre Schools and then became a teller in the South Side Bank.

He entered West Point on 14 June 1917, during World War I, and, as the United States was hard pressed to find officers for its rapidly expanding armies, was graduated 17 months later on 1 November 1918. The Armistice was signed while he was on graduation leave, and his entire class was ordered back to West Point, where, as a student officer, he continued his education from 3 December 1918 to 11 June 1919. Following this second graduation the Class as a whole was sent to Europe, touring, via converted Red Cross trains, the battlefields of France and Belgium, The Army of Occupation in Germany and, finally, Italy, including the battlefields in the Alps.

Following the Basic Coast Artillery Course at Fort Monroe, Virginia, his first assignment was to the 10th Company of the Coastal Defenses of Portland, Maine, on Little Diamond Island. Next came a short stint as an instructor at Fort Strong, Massachusetts, followed by assignment to the Panama Canal Zone. In Panama he was initially assigned to the Seventh Company, Coastal Defenses of Balboa, later becoming aide-de-camp to the commander of the Panama Coast Artillery. In 1923, he and two other lieutenants, bored by the peaceful idyllic life in Panama decided to add a little excitement by walking across the Isthmus -- trying to follow the old Gold Trail established in the early part of the 16th Century by the Spaniards. He succeeded and later wrote a book about the adventure. It was also in Panama that he met and married Dorothy Armstrong, sister of Clare H. Armstrong (Class of April 1917) on 5 September 1923. After Panama it was on to Fort Eustis, Virginia, as commander of Battery A, 51st Artillery. From there he returned to West Point as an Instructor of Drawing from 1925 to 1927, followed by Fort Monroe and attendance at the Battery Officers Course. He was then selected for advanced schooling and attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving his Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 1930. Back to Fort Monroe as an instructor in the Coast Artillery School, followed by four months as commander of the 1363d Civilian Conservation Corps Company near Spotsylvania, Virginia; then back to Fort Monroe with the Second Coast Artillery. During this period his son Robert Armstrong was born with the comment from the doctor, "another Lieutenant".

Nineteen hundred thirty-four brought attendance at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. A three year tour in Hawaii with the 55th Coast Artillery was next, followed by assignment to the 62nd Coast Artillery at Fort Totten, New York. Next came the Army War College, with graduation in 1940. He then was selected to be a member of the US Military Mission in Brazil. After a long bout with typhoid fever, he returned to the United States to serve in the War Department G-4 Section, General Staff, and then as Chief of Mobilization Branch, Operations Division, Headquarters Army Service Forces, where he received the Legion of Merit for his efforts. The citation reads in part, "He initiated, developed, and supervised the Services of Supply's portion of the War Department Troop Basis and was directly responsible for sufficient services being available for invasion and task forces. His efforts marked the beginning of systematized troop unit planning and his analysis of future requirements caused the establishment of policies and procedures to insure the proper strategic and logistical employment of service-type troops units" In 1943 he was assigned to the 63rd Anti Aircraft Brigade, becoming its Commanding General in January 1944 when he was promoted to brigadier general.

During the period 1945-46 he served as Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner and Chief of the United States Element Allied Commission for Austria. In that position he was responsible for planning, organizing, and directing military government in the part of Austria occupied by the United States Forces, as well as working with his French, British and Russian counterparts. At one point during his negotiations with the Russians, a potential impasse loomed. Les calmly closed his briefcase, rose, shook hands, and walked out saying he would go back to his billet and stay there until they had time to appreciate the reasonableness of his offer. The Russians might have expected this touch of stubbornness if their research had included Les' *Howitzer*, which revealed his Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry by listing his favorite quote, "In Pennsylvania there are many Pennsylvania Dutchmen, one of whom I am which". (Les won his point.) For his outstanding leadership in solving the problems of this unprecedented experiment in international cooperation, which led to the reestablishment of Austria as a free and independent nation, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. His final tour was as the Deputy President, Army Field Forces Board Number Four, Fort Bliss, Texas, retiring on 30 June 1949.

Immediately upon retirement he became the executive director of the Operations Research Office of Johns Hopkins University, where he remained until 1961 -- when the office was reorganized as the Research Analysis Corporation. He served as executive assistant to the president of RAC until 1963, when he retired again.

Les was one of the founders and trustees of the American Austrian Society of Washington and later was given the high honor of being named honorary president of the Society. His wife died in 1977, and in 1983 he married Katherine Montague Simmons.

During his later years he enjoyed excellent health, taking pleasure in his church, the American-Austrian Society, class luncheons, his large house and yard in Chevy Chase, Maryland, his grandchildren living nearby, their weddings and the resulting great grandchildren. His close ties with West Point remained to the very end. He served as class treasurer for many years; however, his greatest thrill came on the occasion of his class's 70th Reunion in 1989, when he was the oldest living graduate present. The privilege and honor of being able to lead the alumni and place a wreath on Thayer's monument were retold many times over to friends, relatives and grandchildren. It was a moment that truly represented the culmination of 72-plus years of dedication to the ideals of West Point, Duty, Honor and Country.

R.A.F. "56"

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Charles Edward Hart

NO. 7517 CLASS OF 1924

Died 9 December 1991 in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, aged 91 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Charles Edward Hart

CHARLES EDWARD HART was born 17 June 1900 at Fort Washington, Maryland, to Dr. (Colonel) James W. and Mrs. Grace Louise D. Hart. Dr. Hart was on the staff of the Veteran's Hospital, and Mrs. Hart was chief nurse at the Children's Hospital. Ed's early life reflected many of the traits and attributes that were to be the hallmarks of his life: family loyalty, discipline and a flair for the military -- as noticed

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early when he would attend drills and encampments with his father. He grew up in Fort Hunt, Virginia and graduated from Western High School in Washington, D.C. Upon graduation, he took a job with a bank and prepared to compete for an appointment to West Point. Having gained an appointment from the District of Columbia, young Ed Hart entered the Academy in July 1920 as a member of the Class of 1924.

Ed had no difficulty with the tough academic requirements of the Academy—his time at Shadman's Prep stood him well—and he completed his four years at about the middle of his class of 405 cadets. During those four years, Ed demonstrated other flairs for which he would become noted. First, he became an avid horseman; his tall, lean, athletic physique suited him perfectly in the saddle, and it was at that time he first discerned that "if he'd have wanted to walk, he'd have become an infantryman." He also was known to be a "snake;" he was extremely handsome and debonair and had no problem getting dates.

Upon graduation in 1924, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery and was posted with the 4th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. In 1925, he returned to Washington to marry his sweetheart, Virginia Hereford, and swept her off to the border to begin what was to become a full and exciting career. Their first child, Virginia Byrd, was born during this assignment.

In 1930, Ed was detailed as a student to the Battery Officers Course at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, from which he graduated in June 1931. A foreign service tour of duty in Hawaii followed, and, in 1935, Ed and Virginia moved to West Point, where Ed was assigned to the Field Artillery Detachment as both battery commander and cadet instructor. On New Year's Eve of that year, they fortunately decided to stay home since Virginia was quite pregnant, and, in the early hours of New Year's Day, Virginia presented Ed twin daughters, Susie Jane and Sally Anne—prompting the doctor who had been summoned from a party to exclaim the next day, "Thank God, there really are two of them!"

In 1940, Ed was assigned to the staff and faculty of the Field Artillery School as an instructor in the Department of Gunnery. He later attended a special course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and upon graduation was transferred back to the Field Artillery School's Department of Tactics as an instructor.

Ed was assigned in June 1942 as Assistant Artillery Officer, II Corps, just prior to its embarkment for overseas. He served as both Assistant and Artillery Officer of II Corps, for the initial assault landing in Algeria, North Africa, and during all phases of the Sicilian Campaign. Upon completion of operations in Sicily, he was designated as the Artillery Officer, First Army, and remained in this position throughout the operations of First Army in Europe. He later participated in the redeployment of Headquarters, First Army to the Pacific Theater.

Following World War II and the establishment of the National War College, he was one of the initial group of officers graduated from that institution. In 1946, Ed became the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations of First Army and in 1947 was named Assistant Commandant of the Anti Aircraft and Guided Missiles Branch of the Artillery School at Fort Bliss, Texas.

In 1949, he was assigned to the European Command as the Commanding General of the 1st Infantry Division Artillery in Germany and a year later became the Artillery Commander of Seventh Army in Europe. In 1951, Ed was appointed Chief of the Joint U.S. Military Aid Group to Greece, with a station in Athens.

Upon returning to the United States in early 1954, Ed became the Commanding General of the Artillery Center and Commandant of the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Five months later, he again was assigned to Europe as Commanding General, V Corps and in April 1956 returned to Maryland to become Commanding General, Second Army at Fort Meade.

At the time of Ed's retirement in 1960, he was the Commanding General, U.S. Army Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado, after which he moved back to the D.C. area in McLean, Virginia, received his brokerage certification and became vice president of Harris Upham and Company, where he served until 1971.

His first wife, Virginia, died in April 1970, and he married Anne Harris Counts in 1973. She died in 1982 and he married Laura Carey Sibert in 1983.

Ed and Laura moved to the Fairfax Retirement Community at Fort Belvoir in 1989 and, unfortunately, began to experience ill health. Laura passed away in October 1991 and Ed's health began to deteriorate further. On 9 December 1991, Ed passed away at DeWitt Army Hospital of complications from pneumonia.

He leaves behind his three married daughters and eight grandchildren, all of whom gave him constant loving care and who, like everyone Ed Hart's life touched, are richer for that experience and will cherish his memory.

Susie Hart Forman

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Harry Dillon McHugh

NO. 7486 CLASS OF 1924

Died 4 September 1991 in Blanco, Texas, aged 88 years.

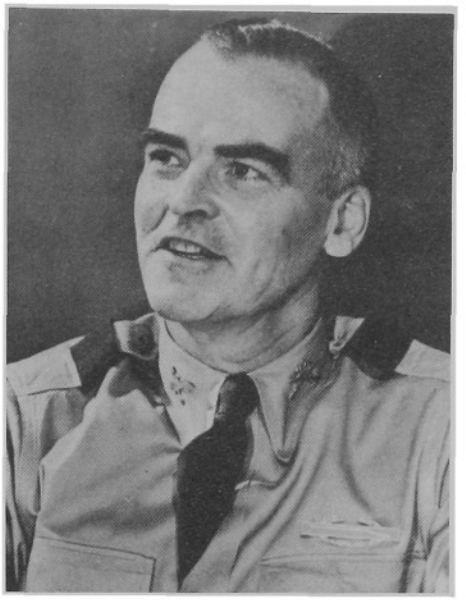
Cremated, ashes interred at Sunset Memorial Park, San Antonio, Texas

I FIRST MET LIEUTENANT McHugh in 1928, when I was a plebe and he was Assistant Master of the Sword at West Point and Aide to the Superintendent. The Supe's son and I were roommates and, with our third roommate, were all at the Supe's quarters where his wife was letting us decorate the big Christmas tree in their living room.

Mac came by with some papers for the Supe and we three plebes all snapped to the full position of attention—in place: chests up, shoulders back—one of us being at the top of a step ladder with an ornament in his hand ready to hang!

I had a good year as goalie on the plebe soccer team, and when I went out for my varsity letter as a yearling, my competition to replace the goalie who had just graduated was a first classmen who had been on the squad for three years.

He started in the first game of the season and, when our opponents scored two goals in the first quarter, Mac, who was then the officer in charge of the team, growled to the coach, "Put Zitzman in." I was the starting goalie for the next three years.



Harry Dillon McHugh

But to begin at the beginning--

Harry Dillon McHugh was born 22 November 1902 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Harry Eugene and Maria Theresa Hartnacke McHugh. He entered West Point after being tricked into taking the entrance exam by his father in exchange for attendance at a basketball game. He passed the exams for both West Point and Annapolis, but he chose the Rockpile.

At West Point Mac proved himself an athlete in the truest sense of the word—a superb gymnast and a championship polo player. He graduated in 1924. In 1929 his sisters, Betty Jane and Harriette McHugh, introduced him to Jane Overton from Louisville, Kentucky, a solo ballerina with the Metropolitan Opera Company. They were married in 1938 while Mac was stationed at Fort Lincoln in Bismark, North Dakota. Their first child, Patricia Ann, was born in the Philippines, in Sternberg Hospital, Manila, on 2 April 1940.

With war clouds gathering, Jane and Patti were evacuated with other dependents in February 1941. Dillon remained behind and came home on the last ship to make it safely back to the U.S. before the Death March. Their second daughter, Jane Dillon, was born at Fort Benning, Georgia, on 26 October 1942, when Mac was chief of the Weapons Section at the Infantry School.

For two years during World War II, 1943-45, Mac fought in Europe—first as regimental commander of the 318th Infantry of the 80th Division, where he was seriously wounded in action. He was hospitalized for six months, thereafter returning to active duty and commanding the 175th Regiment of the 29th Division and then the 119th Regiment of the 30th Division.

Mac told how his regimental combat team was facing a German unit on the opposite side of a wide, deep ravine as they were approaching the Rhine. It was a temporary stand-off, with the Germans hanging on and the Americans waiting for reinforcements. Every morning the German commander would come out of his cave and wave derisively at Mac before leisurely shaving himself in full view of the troops on either side. Mac tried to reach him with his 105mm howitzers, but the shells fell far

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short. Each attempt, of course, was greeted with hand waves of derisive contempt for the opposing commander.

One night, under cover of darkness, a battalion of 155mm medium artillery moved into position in direct support of Mac's regiment. The commanding officer happened to be an old friend of Mac's, and, in the briefing, Mac told him about the morning ritual that greeted him every day.

"Come over at first light tomorrow," said his friend. "You can pull the lanyard."

The next day Mac waited for the derisive wave, the slight bow and the lather up before pulling the lanyard. The enemy's commanding officer, his razor, and most of his CP disappeared from view.

A few days later, the attack resumed, and, after V-E Day, Mac returned to the U.S. By war's end his decorations included the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Silver Star, Purple Heart, and two Bronze Star Medals.

In the postwar years Mac was Chief of the U.S. Military Mission to Bolivia in La Paz for two years; Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Indiana University for two years; commander of the 109th Infantry Regiment, 28th Division, in Augsburg, Germany (his absolute favorite assignment of his career); and G-2 in Orleans, France, prior to his retirement in 1954 after 30 years.

Mac went to San Antonio and purchased the first and only house he ever owned. He tried his hand in industrial real estate and then insurance, but ultimately just retired to pursue his favorite hobby—gourmet cooking at which he had no peers. In October 1971, Mac's youngest daughter, Jane Dillon, died. Jane left Mac four grandchildren—Patrick, Christy and Dede (identical twins), and Rusty.

In July 1973, I ran into Mac again, relived old times, and we brought ourselves up to date. He looked the same as ever, was a member of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Texas Society of USMA, but what should have been a happy reunion wasn't—his wife, Jane Overton, had incurable cancer of the esophagus. She died in February 1975.

In April 1978, Mac married Rebecca Hill VanHouton, widow of Major General John G. VanHouton. It was a good union of two very good people, and we saw them often. In 1983 Becky suffered a cancer attack and died. Shortly after my return to San Antonio, I met Dillon's daughter Patti. She was a lot of company for Mac in his last years as she had been all of her life.

When Patti married Lieutenant Colonel L. W. (Bill) Chick (USAF-Retired), Bill and Patti took Dillon into their ranch home in Blanco, a few miles from San Antonio, and gave him his own room, bath and run of the house. Mac died of a very fast-moving pneumonia virus following two days of illness. He was comfortable, well cared for and very much loved until the end.

Besides Patti, Dillon is survived by his sisters, Betty Jane and Harriette McHugh, both of whom reside in San Antonio.

Ken Zitzman, USMA 1932

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George Patrick Lynch

NO. 7818 CLASS OF 1925

Died 30 November 1991 in Tacoma, Washington, aged 91 years.

Interment: Mountain View Cemetery, Tacoma, Washington.

George Patrick Lynch

GEORGE PATRICK (PAT) LYNCH was born on a farm in Green County, near Snow Hill, North Carolina, on 9 August 1900. His father, John J. Lynch, died when he was about two years old. His mother, Minnie Sutton Lynch, remarried A. W. Parks when Pat was about seven, and the family moved to the Parks farm near La Grange. He had one brother, two half-brothers and three half-sisters. At an early age, he had become an avid reader of history, and, by the time he finished high school, was familiar with the biographies of most of the Civil War leaders, whetting his desire to go to West Point. He prepared for entrance at the Marion Military Institute, Alabama, won an appointment and reported to the Academy on 1 July 1921.

The only upper classmen he remembered from the days in "Beast Barracks" were Woppy White and Lou Storck. They constantly were pointed out as "typical upper classmen" and, to a plebe, were awe inspiring. Pat's roommates were Hivey Bowers and Charlie Nicholas. Later, as a first classman, he had a cadet rank of lieutenant and roomed with Dave Tulley, the I Company Cadet Commander.

Upon graduation, he was commissioned in the infantry and assigned to the 22nd Infantry at Fort McPherson, Georgia. Pat attended the Regular Officers Course at Fort Benning and the 1938-39 course at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In 1925, he married Dorothy Meyer Hones in Atlanta, Georgia. From this marriage there were three children: Virginia Heard, now living in New Hampshire; George P. Jr. (Buss), USMA '56, retired in California; and Richard (Ph.D.), living in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

At the outbreak of World War II, Pat was on duty as a liaison officer with the Army Air Corps at Hamilton Field, California. In April 1942, he was reassigned as the Operations and Training Officer of the Amphibious Training Center, Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. In October, he moved to Camp Gordon Johnson, Florida, and later to Little Creek, Virginia. Nine Divisions earmarked for invasion jobs in Africa, Europe and the Pacific Area were trained at the above-named locations. In 1944, Pat was assigned as Chief of Staff of the 102nd Infantry Division. In September, the division embarked for Europe and by December was ashore at Cherbourg. The division moved up to the battle front, later taking part in the Battle for the Rhineland and the Battle for Central Europe.

Pat Lynch was awarded the following decorations: Legion of Merit with Oakleaf Cluster; the Bronze Star; the Commendation Medal; the French Crois-de-Guerre with Palm; and the Netherlands Order of Orange-Nassau, Degree of Knight Commander with Sword.

Pat remained in Europe after the war for occupational duty and organized the Munich Military Community. In 1950, after a short Pentagon tour, he was again ordered to Germany, where he served as Headquarters Commandant, EUCOM and Commander of Special Troops, Headquarters, EUCOM. In February 1952, he was assigned to command the 6th Infantry Regiment in Berlin. In April 1954, Pat Lynch was promoted to brigadier general and ordered to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as Deputy Commanding General of the Post until his retirement on 31 May 1956.

After retirement, Pat joined the United Services Life Insurance Company and worked in West Germany until July 1961. Pat and Dorothy divorced in 1961, and Pat was remarried to Adelheid (Heidi) Zierbak. They had one son, Patrik. During this period the United Services Life Insurance Company offered Pat the territory around Tacoma, Washington, and he worked there until he retired from his second career in 1969.

Pat Lynch made his home in Tacoma, Wasnington for the last 22 years of his retired life. He and Heidi had a beautiful home on Lake Steilacoom, and Pat was an active hunter and fisherman in the area. The last major family gathering for Pat occurred on his 90th birthday at a holiday rendezvous in Lake Tahoe, California.

Pat is survived by his wife, Heidi, four children, thirteen grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. His granddaughter Lisa wrote this poem after his death on 30 November 1991:

Noble warrior on the field, will you
fight or die?

Love's not kind nor hate reviled when
family passes by.

But without mighty purpose hope hovers
closely nigh.

Fallen soldier, lay where you may,
this day's gone past and bye.

Love tho' eternal may even stay,

I'll love you always,
for the remains of the day.

Pat was a rock-solid soldier to the end. He will be sorely missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Buzz '56

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Elmer Briant Thayer

NO.8309 CLASS OF 1928

Died 18 February 1992 at the Fairfax Retirement Community, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, aged 88 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Elmer Briant Thayer

ELMER BRIANT THAYER was born in Amherst, Massachusetts. He briefly attended Amherst College and Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire. At 18, he enlisted in the 6thField Artillery Regiment which was enroute from Long Island, New York to Fort Hoyle, Maryland. His basic training consisted of being a wagon and caisson driver during the extended movement of the regiment from New York to Maryland.

In 1924, Colonel Thayer entered the United States Military Academy as a cadet. He graduated with the Class of 1928 and was commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the field artillery branch of the Regular Army.

Following graduation from West Point, Colonel Thayer served in Hawaii, Virginia, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma with various field artillery units and the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. During World War II, he was an intelligence observer in the Mediterranean Theater for the commander of Army Ground Forces and was attached to General Mark Clark's headquarters in the campaigns for North Africa and Italy. He later was transferred to the Pacific theater, where he became the executive officer for the 27th Division Artillery and fire support coordinator during the battle for Okinawa.

Shortly before the end of the war in the Pacific, Colonel Thayer and a group of senior officers attended a course in Chinese studies at Yale University in preparation for the possible invasion of the Chinese mainland. After World War II, Colonel Thayer served as an artillery battalion commander with the First Cavalry Division in Japan and subsequently as the G-4 logistics officer at the Artillery School at Fort Sill.

Colonel Thayer became the Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Boston College in the summer of 1950. He and his family resided in Newton Centre. Throughout his tenure as head of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Boston College, Colonel Thayer received many laudatory comments regarding the high quality of Boston College graduates commissioned through the ROTC, many of whom served in the Korean War. Colonel Thayer was asked to remain an additional year beyond his normal tour at Boston College.

After leaving Boston College in 1954, Colonel Thayer served successively as the inspector general for the US Army Caribbean Command and the First United States Army. While inspector general of the First Army, Colonel Thayer became familiar with an investigation of alleged malpractices under investigation at Boston Army Base. In 1956, Colonel Thayer was reassigned from First Army and assumed command of Boston Army Base with a mandate to restore proper command practices and prepare the base for eventual deactivation.

Colonel Thayer remained at Boston Army Base as commander until his retirement. On 28 July 1958, Colonel Thayer was given a testimonial dinner at the Hotel Somerset attended by, among other dignitaries, then Governor Forster Furcolo and Mayor John B. Hynes and the Reverend Thomas Fleming, then executive assistant to the President of Boston College. Colonel Thayer retired from active duty on 1 August 1958 with thirty-two years of Army service.

After his retirement, Colonel Thayer owned and operated a boarding house on School Street in Hyannis, Massachusetts. He moved from Hyannis to Honolulu, Hawaii in the mid-1970's and relocated to Woodbridge, Virginia, in 1985, where he remained until his recent death.

"Pop" Thayer,as he was known by his friends because of his age and prior service before attending West Point, was married in 1937 to the former Sarah Annis Spivey, a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps when they met in Hawaii during the nineteen-thirties. Annis passed away in 1974. Since his 1958 retirement "Pop" continued his hobby as a skillful tournament-level bridge player.

Colonel Thayer was a past member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts and a member of the 6th and 7th Field Artillery Regimental Associations. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal during the Battle of Okinawa as well as many other campaign medals and service awards.

He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on 26 February with full military honors. Survivors include his sons William in Woodbridge, Virginia, Robert from Falmouth, Richard from Grafton, New Hampshire, his daughter Geraldine in North Berwick, Maine and sisters Lillian and Margaret of Windsor, Connecticut. Colonel Thayer had seven grandchildren.

His son, William B. Thayer,
CWO4 Retired

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Donald Alexander Poorman

NO. 8626 CLASS OF 1929

Died 7 January 1992 in Marble Falls, Texas, aged 84 years.

Interment: Lakeland Hills Memorial Park, Burnet, Texas.

Donald Alexander Poorman

DONALD ALEXANDER POORMAN was born in Detroit, Michigan on 4 September 1907. After attending schools in Chicago and New Orleans, he resided in Lynchburg, Virginia, where, after his high school graduation, he took his examination and received an appointment to USMA, entering in 1925. After graduation Don served in various capacities as a company officer in the United States before being assigned to a three-year tour in the Philippines with the 31st Infantry Regiment. He later served with the 3d Armored Division and II Armored Corps at Camp Polk, Louisiana, and became logistics and supply officer of the 10th Armored Division at Fort Benning, Georgia, upon its activation. In 1943 he was assigned to the Logistics Group, Operations Division, War Department General Staff, Washington, D.C. He also served at General Headquarters in Manila, the Philippines, as chief of the supply division, G-4 Section. Don became Assistant Chief of Staff for plans and training, U.S. Forces in Austria, in 1949 and represented the United States on the Military Committee of the Allied Council in Vienna. In June 1958, he was assigned to Fort Ord, California, where he was commander of the 4th Brigade when he retired on 31 July 1959. Don spent his retirement years in San Antonio, Texas, and the last 23 years in the Texas Hill country on Lake LBJ in Marble Falls, Texas, enjoying his family, relaxing on the golf course and doing a little fishing.

In May 1930, Don married Marian Brooke Poorman in Williamsburg, Virginia; their 60th wedding anniversary occurred two days before her death on 5 May 1990. After being diagnosed with hepatoma a month earlier, Donald Poorman quietly passed away in his home, with his daughters by his side, on 7 January 1992. He is lovingly remembered by them—Neil B. Poorman of Marble Falls, Texas and Eleanor

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B. Urey of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas; son Colonel (Retired) Donald C. Poorman of San Jose, California, and two grandsons and one great-grandson.

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John Nicholas Stone

NO. 8760 CLASS OF 1929

Died 23 December 1991 in Annapolis, Maryland, aged 86 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

John Nicholas Stone

JOHN NICHOLAS (JACK) STONE was born in the Philippines on 26 September 1905. He was the son of the late Colonel Charles Bertody Stone, Jr. and Katherine Bonesteel Stone. After graduation from the Point, he was assigned to the Air Corps Flying School, receiving his pilot wings at Kelly Field, Texas in October of 1930.

From 1930 to 1941, he had various station assignments as a pursuit pilot. On 7 December 1941 he was stationed at Selfridge serving as the executive officer of the 1st Fighter Group. Upon the declaration of war, Jack proceeded with the 1st Fighter Group to Coronado. Two months later, he was in the Los Angeles area and shortly thereafter was transferred to Charleston, South Carolina, for assignment as Executive Officer, 8th Interceptor Command.

In May of 1942, Jack was reassigned to the Eighth Air Force, Bolling Field, to assist in planning to fly P-38 aircraft to the United Kingdom. After this was done, he was assigned to the 1st Fighter Group as Group Commander and led the Group to the U.K. via the North Atlantic route. From July to November of 1942, he participated in operations over enemy territory. In November 1942, he led the 1st Fighter Group from England to Oran, North Africa, participating in the initial North African campaign.

In December 1942, Jack joined the 12th Fighter Command at Tebessa, Algeria, for duty as Chief of Staff. He was injured there by enemy bombing action, but shortly thereafter he was reassigned to the First Air Defense Wing as its commander with headquarters at Casablanca. He commanded this wing during the Tunisian campaign. Later he commanded a wing in Sicily and here he established and operated fighter-radar defenses of the western half of Sicily under General George Patton.

In September 1943, Jack returned to the U.S. and was assigned to duty in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Plans, with initial assignment in the Joint War Plans Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He accompanied General Arnold to the Quebec and Potsdam conferences. In 1946, he was retired for disability incurred as a result of enemy action.

From 1947 to 1956, Jack worked for Sears Roebuck and Company and served as superintendent of two retail stores. He then served in the Department of Air Force, Office of Aerospace Research, from 1956 to December 1965, as Inspector General. He was presented with the Department of the Air Force Commendation for Meritorious Service.

After he retired, he made his home in Annapolis, Maryland. He was a member of the Air Force Association, the Retired Officer's Association and the Annapolis Yacht Club. He was a member of Saint Mary's Church.

Jack's first wife of 40 years, Virginia Baish, died in 1969. Survivors include his wife, Rhoda Tolford, of Annapolis, Maryland; a daughter, Jane S. Novak, of Bellevue, Nebraska; three sons, John N., Jr. of Wappingers Falls, New York, Rear Admiral Thomas E., of McLean, Virginia, and R. Timothy of Towaco, New Jersey; two step-daughters, Margaret S. Loomis of Fogelsville, Pennsylvania and Andrea S. Davis of Sarasota, Florida; 17 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren; and 32 great grandchildren.

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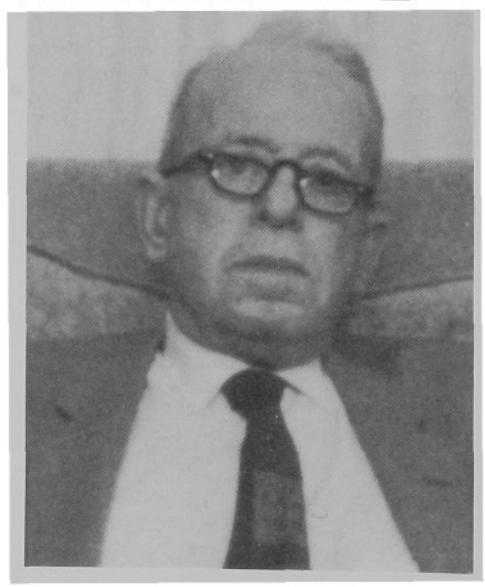
Philip Charles Feffer

NO. 11262 CLASS OF 1938

Died 15 August 1989 in Baltimore, Maryland, aged 72 years.

Cremated: ashes scattered on the Potomac River.



Philip Charles Feffer

PHILIP CHARLES FEFFER was born in Waco, Texas on 29 June 1917, the son of Sidney Feffer, a German immigrant, and his wife Emma. The family did not linger in Texas but moved shortly after Phil's birth to Columbus, Georgia, where Mr. Feffer owned and ran a jewelry store.

Philip attended grammar and high school in Columbus, attracting no great positive or negative attention. A high school classmate and fellow Boy Scout remembered Phil as something of a loner, a tag that stuck with him throughout his life. Private person might be a better term, but even this is not completely accurate. He had a great interest in other people, particularly those doing innovative things, but perhaps he was slow to confide in them.

It is assumed that growing up near the then-largest post in the Army, Fort Benning, led Phil to try for a military career. Having secured an appointment to the Military Academy from Senator Richard Russell of Georgia, he dropped out of the Columbus High School in his senior year to get ready for the West Point Entrance Examination by attending Millard's Preparatory School in Washington, D.C.

Millard's having done for him what it was supposed to do, Phil trudged up the hill to the sally port on 2 July 1934 at the tender age of seventeen years and three days, one of the youngest members of the Class of 1938. Once inside old Central Area, he became instantly famous with the Beast Detail. A fairly stubborn streak of independence and a frequently casual disregard for routine earned "Mr. Foofer" a great deal of attention, individually and collectively, from these worthies.

This unsought assistance having failed to provide a complete cure by summer's end, the Tactical Department assumed the burden. Phil fought a constant battle with the Tacs for four years and came close to knockout losses a couple of times, his friends virtually confining him to his room to prevent his being "found" on demerits. However, he survived, graduating in excellent physical condition from his long hours of walking the area.

On the academic side, life wasn't always easy either, but by dint of hard work, Phil managed to stay out of danger near the top of the lower third of the class all the way through. Despite this mediocre academic record in the regular curriculum, Foofer was talented, perceptive and had wide interests in many informal academic and semi-cultural activities. He may have read more about details of the civil and military aspects of the Civil War, with no formal class work in mind, than any classmate other than Trevor Dupuy. His literary ventures included a monthly column about Pyrene, the mess hall cat, for the Pointer, in addition to his photography as a member of the Pointer staff. His classical music interests spurred him to help organize the Cadet Orchestra and to serve as its manager for two years. His interest in the theater led him to participate in several 100th Night Shows. He was also an academic coach during his second and third years. With all this, he still found time to participate in track and cross country for several years.

Upon graduation, Phil was commissioned in the Infantry and assigned, along with classmate Bill Jaynes, to the 12th Infantry Regiment at Fort Howard, a former Coast Artillery post near Baltimore, Maryland. He was so enthusiastic about this assignment that, during graduation leave, he took a special two-week course at the Army Finance Center in Indiana and then reported to Fort Howard three weeks early so that he could take part in the maneuvers at nearby Fort Meade. Phil went to Company B, Bill Jaynes to Company A, and their early experiences were totally different. Beyond this,

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little is known of Phil's military career, except that it was short and somewhat troubled. The brightest note of this first assignment came with his meeting his future bride. In the Fall of 1938, at a social function at Fort Howard, he met Joanne Frances Ruzicka, the daughter of a well-known Baltimore physician.

Phil and Joanne apparently hit it off very well from the beginning. Phil converted to Catholicism, and he and Joanne were married in Baltimore on 14 September 1939. The regiment having moved to Arlington Cantonment, Virginia, the young couple lived in an apartment in Alexandria for the first two years of their married life, and their first daughter, Phyllis Joanne, joined them there on 4 September 1940. They were blessed with two other children later, Philip Copland, born 28 August 1947, and a "Second Series" girl, Frances, born 4 September 1954.

At some time following the Arlington Cantonment tour, the Feffers were transferred to Fort Gordon, Georgia. Bill Jaynes recalls a visit with them just before they left Virginia, at which time it appeared that Phil was losing his enthusiasm for the 12th Infantry, Arlington and the rest of the Army. Some things were going well; others apparently were not. Phil was promoted to First Lieutenant in late 1940 and to Captain in 1941, but in 1942 he was discharged from the Army at Fort Gordon. Some who knew Phil felt that, with reasonable and patient guidance, he would have developed into a capable officer, intelligent military analyst and effective innovator. His post-Army accomplishments attest to his marked ability to assimilate and put developing technology to practical new uses.

The Feffers returned for a short time to the Baltimore area, where Phil was employed by the Western Electric Company. Later they moved to Miami, Florida, where Joanne's family owned some property and where the elder Feffer was then located. Apparently Phil then spent the rest of the war years helping his father in the new jewelry store he opened in Miami.

In 1946, the family returned to Baltimore. Phil worked briefly for a construction company there, and then in 1947 began a long association with the Glen L. Martin Company. He worked there in various engineering capacities, eventually becoming a supervisor in its electronics department, overseeing the design and development of products for the Department of Defense. While employed by the Martin Company he took a post-graduate course in physics at the Johns Hopkins University and began to branch off into automation.

By 1963, Phil had become an automation consultant, which he described as "not only a man from out of town with a briefcase, but one who has a machine from another town to carry that briefcase". Seemingly, this venture led him into textiles, first with the cutting and production of men's suits and later with the manufacture of the fabrics themselves. During this period, while the family lived in Monkton, Maryland, about 1968, son Philip, a junior at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, was tragically killed in a horseback riding accident.

In the late 1960's, automation and textiles led the family to Philadelphia, and from there Joanne and Phil moved to Paris. In that city, Phil was employed by the French government in a program involving the production of cloth. This phase lasted about ten years, and the Feffers then returned to the United States. From that time until his retirement in the late 1970's, Phil worked for the Chevron Corporation in its textiles division.

After retirement, Joanne and Phil returned to France almost every year and traveled extensively in France and other countries on the continent, taking advantage in this way of the retirement funds they were unable to bring out of France.

In 1986, Joanne died, a sad blow which seemed to take away a lot of Phil's zest for life. In precarious health himself and unable to drive, he went to live with his daughter, Phyllis Cook, in Baltimore shortly after Joanne's death. His health continued to deteriorate, however, and he died in Baltimore on 15 August 1989. As they had requested, the ashes of Joanne and Phil were scattered on the Potomac River.

Despite rocky beginnings, Phil had gone on to a long-lasting, happy marriage, a successful and productive career and a retained love and respect for his alma mater. Phil and Joanne are survived by two daughters, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Phil's daughters, class and company mates.

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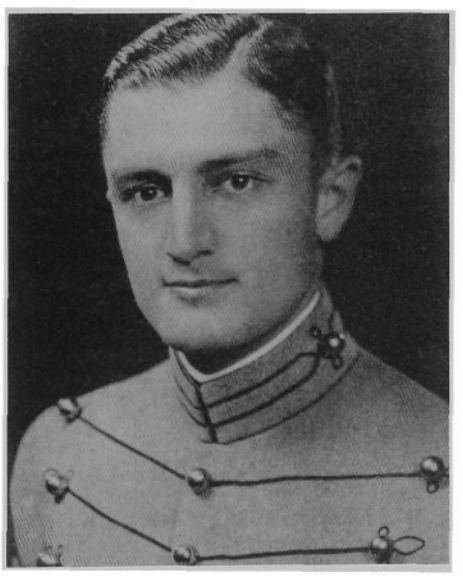
Roland Wallace Boughton, Jr.

NO. 11413 CLASS OF 1939

Died 1 December 1966 at Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida, aged 51 years.

Interment: unknown.



Roland Wallace Boughton, Jr.

ROLAND WALLACE BOUGHTON, JR., was born into a Regular Army family on 17 August 1915. His father, Roland, Sr., USMA 1904, was stationed in Texas at that time, and it was he who provided the major motivation for Roland's efforts to attend West Point. At age eighteen, Roland enlisted in the Army and attended West Point Preparatory School at Fort Scott. In 1935, all his efforts paid off when he received an appointment to the Academy from California and entered as a member of the Class of 1939.

As a cadet, Roland was ambitious, intelligent, quiet and hard-working. Yet, he was never too busy to stop and engage in lengthy discussions of academic or other matters and to spice his conversation with a subtle and effective sense of humor. He enjoyed helping others and was well liked and respected by his classmates.

He returned from yearling furlough engaged to Barbara Collins, which appeared to change for the better his entire outlook on life. He graduated in the upper twenty percent of his class and, upon graduation, followed his father in choosing the Coast Artillery. He and Barbara were married, and he was posted to the Canal Zone, where he served as Battery Commander in the 73rd Coast Artillery and as Commander of the West Point Prep School there.

In July of 1942, Roland returned to the States to attend the Anti Aircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis, North Carolina, and then on to Fort Leavenworth as a student in the Command and General Staff School. Thereafter, he alternated as instructor at the Anti Aircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis and instructor at the Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth, where he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1944.

In January 1945, Roland was transferred to Washington, D.C. as Chief of the Army/Navy Flak Intelligence Group, where he served until the end of World War II. He was awarded the Commendation Ribbon for his work in this assignment.

In February 1946, he was assigned to the University of California and received a masters degree in Physics after two years of study. During this assignment, he transferred to the Air Force and was assigned back in Washington to serve on the Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission.

In 1950, he was assigned to the Air Force Academy Planning Group and participated in the site selection process which led to the United States Air Force Academy's location at Colorado Springs. He was promoted to Colonel during this assignment and was selected to attend the Air War College in 1953.

In 1957, Roland was assigned as Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky, where he served until his retirement in 1961.

After retirement, Roland went to California and attended San Jose State for a semester to obtain his high school teaching credentials. He then returned to the University of Kentucky to complete work on a doctoral degree in Education.

He traveled extensively, visiting classmates from California to Alabama and Florida. While in Orlando, Florida, he was involved in an accident and was taken to the hospital at what was then Orlando Air Force Base, where he, unfortunately, died of injuries received in the accident.

Roland Wallace Boughton, Jr., was a highly motivated and intelligent officer. He gave unstintingly of his considerable talents to both the Army and the Air Force. We all miss you, Roland.

Be thou at peace!

M Company Classmates

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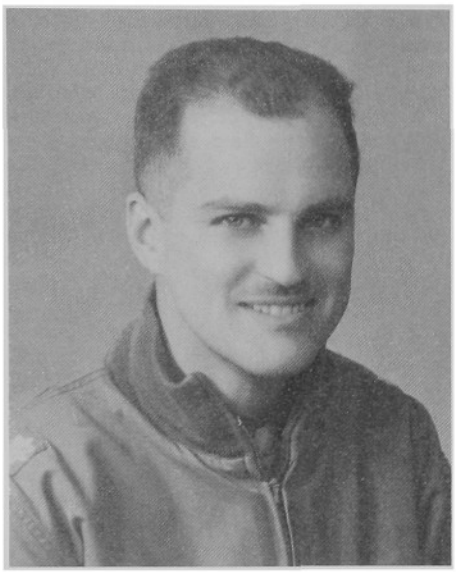
John Shotwell Wintermute, Jr.

NO. 11641 CLASS OF 1939

Died 3 June 1975 in Arlington, Virginia, aged 60 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



John Shotwell Wintermute, Jr.

JOHN SHOTWELL (JACK) WINTERMUTE, JR., was born 19 August 1914 in Newark, New Jersey to John Shotwell Wintermute and Elizabeth Vanderbeek Wintermute. He attended secondary schools in Newark and during that period unswervingly set his sights on West Point and an Army career.

Upon graduation in June 1939, Jack was commissioned a second Lieutenant of Infantry and ordered to join the 21st Infantry Regiment at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii where he met and married the former Mary Margaret Sugg.

In December 1941, Jack joined the 5th Armored Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and after duty with the 5th at Camp Cooke, California, in the Mojave Desert and at Pine Camp, New York, in the capacity of Company Commander, Regimental Adjutant and S-3 and battalion commander, was given command of the 15th Armored Infantry Battalion, promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and went with the Division to England in February 1944.

Subsequent to the invasion of Normady in June 1944, Jack's command was committed and it was during the rapid advance toward Paris of General George S. Patton's Third Army, of which Jack's command was a spearhead, that Jack was seriously wounded on 10 August 1944. Briefly captured by the enemy but released upon their discovery that their position was precarious, Jack was eventually evacuated to Walter Reed General Hospital, where his leg was amputated. He underwent a long convalescence and was retired effective February 1946. Jack decided to remain in the Washington, D.C. area and went to work in the Pentagon in a civilian capacity.

Jack Wintermute was a man of tremendous courage and integrity. His classmate, Donald Boss, wrote of him in the '39 *Howitzer*, "Good humor and equitable judgment are his inherent traits. As a tribute to his leadership, most of us would follow Jack 'over the top' and seek his presence in a crisis." This was restated many times by the men who served in combat in his command and at his side. He was patient under adversity, strong in his adherence to the principles of Duty, Honor, Country and a man loved and respected by his family and friends.

Peggy Wintermute

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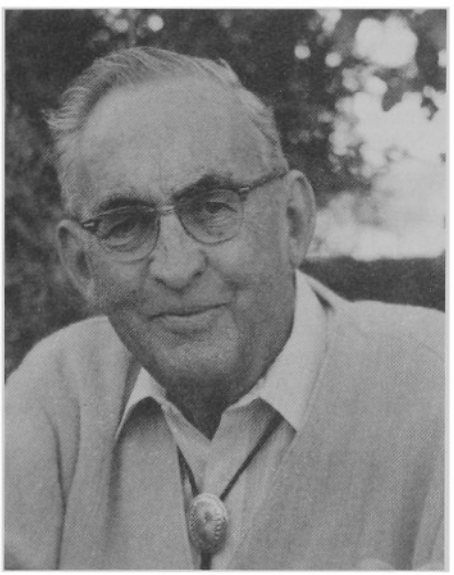
John Joseph Kenney, Jr.

NO. 12020 CLASS OF 1940

Died: 3 November 1990 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, aged 72 years.

Interment: Santa Fe National Cemetery, Santa Fe, New Mexico.



John Joseph Kenney, Jr.

When Nature
Lets the clock run down,
Gradually stripping
The outward trappings
Of growth, maturity,
And gentling age
In readiness for sleep,
Heeding her ineluctable call
He has left us.
Eyes blind, heart pierced
We grieve—
But only for ourselves.

THOSE WORDS ARE TAKEN from a personal tribute by a close friend of John Joseph Kenney, Jr., Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Retired; USMA Class of 1940, who died from the ravages of cancer on 3 November 1990.

Jack Kenney returned for the last ten years of his life to the place where he was born: Santa Fe, New Mexico—the Royal City of Holy Faith of St. Francis of Assisi. Here he dedicated himself to community service to preserve our environment; to grass roots participation in the operation of democracy; and to searching out and honoring the image of his Hispanic roots in New Mexico. In retirement he was an example of the extension of West Point's credo to the society we serve.

Jack Kenney was born on 30 April 1918, the oldest child of John J. Kenney and May Bergere. He was preceded in death by a younger brother, Bergere Kenney, M.D., and sister Dolores Prothro. His youngest sister, Cristina Herdman, survived him but died in early 1992.

Jack was the happy recipient of the genes of an Irish lawyer and an aristocratic Hispanic mother. He was justifiably proud of the Luna and Otera family roots on his mother's side, adventurous Spanish families that first came to the New World in the sixteenth century. The records of political, military and mercantile successes of the Lunas and Oteros are woven deeply into the history of the American Southwest, especially in New Mexico. And Jack Kenney was a volunteer historian of the family, a tradition he pursued with intense enthusiasm. He never tired of telling anecdotes about his Hispanic relatives.

Jack Kenney attended parochial schools in Santa Fe before entering the New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, New Mexico, in 1931. Here he formed his ambitions to become a career professional soldier. He was too young for admission to West Point from the New Mexico Military Institute, so his family sent him to Regis College in Denver for a year. Then he returned to the New Mexico Military Institute, graduated from the junior college course in 1936 and entered West Point under a congressional appointment from New Mexico's Congressman John Dempsey.

Inherent good humor, an innate ability to accommodate the disciplines of the system, a facile mind and a desire to succeed facilitated Jack Kenney's progress through four years at West Point. Colleagues from B Company remember him for his flashing smile, compassion, adroit bridge playing, academic intensity (when under pressure) and social grace. He wore sergeant's chevrons as a first classman and selected the Field Artillery for his branch on graduation.

During Jack's first class year he was introduced to Josephine Sullivan from Ardsley-on-Hudson by Chuck Esau, his cadet roommate. Just after Christmas 1940, Jack and Jo were married, a beautiful union that lasted almost fifty years—until "...gentling age in readiness for sleep...he has left us." Five sons and one daughter were born to them. The oldest son, John J., III, died following a tragic automobile accident in 1966. Suzanne, Richard, Michael, Christopher and Timothy carry their parents' principles forward.

Like all of us in '40, Jack Kenney had his graduation leave curtailed as our nation watched across the Atlantic where Hitler was leading the Third Reich toward his megalomanical goal of dominating Europe. He went to the Field Artillery School before reporting to his first duty station with the 78th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Ord, California. He remained with this battalion through July 1943 as a battery executive officer, CO, Battalion S-3 and battalion executive officer. As we mobilized for war, he moved to the Artillery Section Fourth Army (redesignated the Ninth Army) at the nearby Presidio of Monterey. He accompanied this field army headquarters under General W.H. Simpson to the European Theater of Operations. Jack served with distinction on the Ninth Army artillery staff throughout the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns. Upon the capitulation of Germany, Lieutenant Colonel Kenney returned to the War Department General Staff in Washington, where he was assigned to research and development, then under the Assistant Chief of Staff G-4.

Jack was one of the first post-World War II officers selected to attend graduate school.

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In 1948 the University of California at Los Angeles awarded him a masters degree in meteorology after two years of intense study. This attainment qualified him to serve as an instructor in the Observation Department of the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill. Jack was a fine teacher; he had empathy with his students, many of whom were his contemporaries.

In mid-1950 our country deployed forces to Korea in support of the United Nations to challenge the spread of Communism. Jack assumed command of the 653rd Field Artillery Observation Battalion at Sill for six months, then was sent to Korea to command the 1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion, the first such unit in the Korean conflict employing the advanced target location methods Jack had helped to develop at Fort Sill. He made history in Field Artillery techniques for target acquisition during three campaigns of the Korean conflict. His observation battalion was awarded the U.S. Distinguished Unit Badge and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

When reassigned from Korea in mid-1952, Lieutenant Colonel Kenney briefly served as the senior advisor to the Japanese Artillery School. This tour was abruptly interrupted by selection to attend the Armed Forces Staff College in early 1953, followed by three happy, productive years as a member of the staff and faculty of the Joint and Combined Armed Forces Staff College. Promoted to the rank of colonel in 1955, he next attended the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. This advanced professional education prepared him to serve for the next three years, 1957-1960, as the senior U.S. Army Standardization Representative in Ottawa, Canada.

On return to the Field Artillery School in 1960, Colonel Kenney filled four key positions, three on the faculty and one as the Commander of the 34th Field Artillery Brigade, the school troops for the Artillery School. During this assignment his brigade tested the 155-millimeter self-propelled howitzer (replacing the 105-millimeter) in direct support of the armored division and armored cavalry regiment, a weapon system used in operation "Desert Storm". He returned to the Department of the Army in August 1963 as part of the new office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Force Development. During this service he was selected to attend the prestigious four-month course at the Harvard University Advanced Management Program. Two demanding years as Executive Officer, Office of the ACSFOR, 1964-66, and a balanced career of 26 years were rewarded by selection for promotion to brigadier general and assignment as the Commanding General, I Corps Artillery, along the DMZ in Korea, supporting both US and Republic of Korea units. Brigadier General Kenney returned again to the Field Artillery School as Assistant Commandant for fifteen months in 1967-68. His last active duty assignment was on the Joint Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief, Western Hemisphere Division, J-5. From this sensitive political-military duty he was retired in August 1970. For 30 years of dedicated and distinguished commissioned service, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Shortly after his retirement, Jack was offered the opportunity to further demonstrate his proven organizational and leadership talents in the service of the United States. The newly authorized U.S. Postal Service (which replaced the Post Office Department) had contracted with the University of Oklahoma for space for a training facility on the campus at Norman, Oklahoma, known as the Oklahoma Postal Training Operation. Jack was selected as the second director and filled the position for ten years, 1970-1980. He headed a staff of experienced postal employees and former military colleagues that organized and operated an innovative educational and training academy for supervisory employees of the new Postal Service. The nine-digit ZIP code was one of the several management procedures developed under Jack Kenney's leadership to automate/computerize the handling of great volumes of US mail.

After ten profitable years, Jack chose to retire again and to return to the mountains of northern New Mexico and his birthplace, Santa Fe. A partial list of Jack's activities during the nine years he lived "in retirement" included: chairman and political chair of the Santa Fe Sierra Club; chairman and head of the Political Action Committee, New Mexico Sierra Club; member of the Wilderness Society; board member of the Santa Fe Community Foundation; chair of the local ward, Democratic Party; participant, Trinity Forum (conflict resolution). Besides all of this, he enjoyed fishing, camping, hiking, golf, squash, supporting local summer opera and orchestras, providing environmental experiences for his children and grandchildren, consulting, advising and supporting people and activities in which he believed, especially the Catholic Church.

In the early summer of 1990, Jack learned he had a malignant tumor on his lung. After surgery to remove the lung, he was determined to survive the debilitating radiation therapy undertaken to halt the cancer spreading through his body. He lost the battle. On 3 November 1990, Jack Kenney quietly died. His remains were buried with full military honors in the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

As winter came, he left us.
Swirling
Flurries of fallen flakes
Muted sounds and dimmed our vision,
Veiling his passage.
He would have wanted it that way:
Inextricably mingling
With the Nature
He so loved...

West Point, the Long Gray Line, our Army, our nation, the world to which he gave a full measure of his strength and convictions, are better places because of the dedication and example of John Joseph Kenney, Jr., Brigadier General, United States Army, Retired, USMA Class of 1940.

A Classmate

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John Henry Cochran, Jr.

NO. 13709 CLASS OF 1943

Died 30 April 1991 at Lexington, Virginia, aged 70 years.

Interment: cremation.

BORN INTO THE ARMY and West Point, John's parents were Colonel John H. Cochran, Class of 1915, and Mary Welby Turner, both from The Plains, Fauquier County, Virginia. John and his younger brother, Alexander Turner (Class of 1946), moved with their parents to

John Henry Cochran, Jr.

several locations, including Fort Leavenworth, West Point, Panama, Fort Monroe, and Washington. In 1937, John graduated from Fishburne Military School and then attended the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington for one year with the Class of 1941. This was followed by prep school at Millards and service with the Virginia National Guard before "Silent John" entered USMA in 1940 for a second Rat/Plebe year with experience which had taught him how to avoid trouble. The June 1943 *Howitzer* records that he was a "hard worker, believer in all that is West Point, sure of himself and his ability."

Following graduation, John attended the basic course at Fort Sill before joining the Division Artillery of the 66th Infantry (Black Panther) Division. Arriving in England in November 1944, this Division crossed the Channel on Christmas Day to provide support for the Battle of the Bulge. Unfortunately, they were met with disaster at sea in which a third of the Division was lost. This necessitated a change of mission to that of containment operations on the west coast of France, followed by the operation of staging areas in the Marseille area for the shipment of troops and supplies to the Far East.

In September 1945, John was assigned to Headquarters, US Forces European Theatre in Frankfurt. It was during this tour that he met a secretary for classified material who would later become his wife. She was Theresa Jane Wilson, daughter of Major General Donald Wilson, USAF and sister of Donald Wilson, Jr., Class of 1946. In June 1947, John was ordered to Fort Riley, Kansas, Teri joined him there and they were married in December 1947. John was a company commander in the Officer Candidate Training Regiment.

John and Teri had subsequent assignments that included the Advanced Course at Fort Sill 1950-51 and Headquarters, U.S. Army European Theatre in Heidelberg 1951-54. Upon return to the U.S., John was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning where he served in several positions to include AC/S G-3. In 1957 he was assigned to the military mission in Turkey, where Teri and now two children joined him later in Ankara. This was followed in 1959 by a course at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

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John reported to the Virginia Military Institute in December 1959 as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Assistant Commandant of Cadets. It was during this tour that John and Teri had their third child, but, with war now in Vietnam, John was sent to Saigon in November 1962 for duty with J5 Plans, Military Assistance Command. Returning a year later, he assumed command of the 7th Battalion, 8th Artillery (SP) at Fort Chaffee, which later was relocated to Fort Bliss. After two years of troop duty, the Cochrans, in July 1965, found themselves in Washington, where John saw duty with the International Logistics Directorate of the Department of the Army. In July 1968, John reported to Headquarters, First Region Air Defense Command at Stewart Field, New York for duty as AC/S G4 (Logistics), where he retired in June 1973.

Upon leaving the Army, John returned to Lexington, Virginia for a third time where he quietly and quickly fell into the role of a true Virginia gentleman. He became active in many civic organizations, was a vestryman of the R.E. Lee Memorial Church and became a very happy member of the Lexington Senior Golf Team. He died from leukemia after a short illness on 30 April 1991, leaving his wife, Teri; a son, Gregory Page Cochran who is a lawyer in Lynchburg, Virginia; two daughters—Gabrielle and Mary Alexandra Burton of Alexandria, Virginia; and his mother, who is in a nursing home in the Lexington area.

A member of the Class sent the following tribute to Teri: "He was the epitome of those officers and gentlemen of whom I am so proud to be a classmate, and for a time, a roommate in Central Barracks."

HSH, a Classmate

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William Cleveland Deekle, Jr.

NO. 13906 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

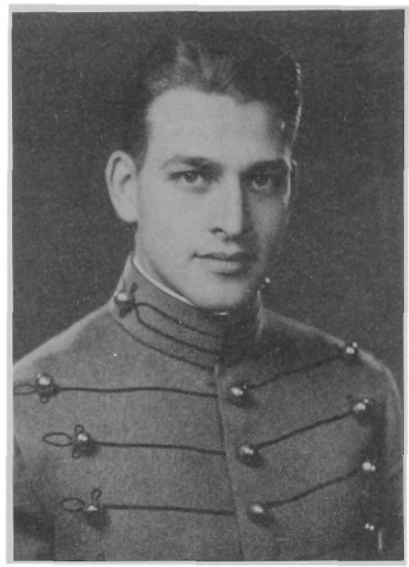
Died 23 December 1988 in Warwick, Rhode Island, aged 70 years.

Interment: unknown.

BILL SPENT HIS CHILDHOOD in Norfolk, Virginia, attending elementary school and high school. He was proud of his Virginia heritage. His decision to attend West Point was motivated by a desire to lead a structured and disciplined life, which he found at the Academy and in the Army. He prepared for admission to the Academy by enlisting in the Army and attending the preparatory school at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

He demonstrated early leadership ability at the Academy and was appointed a corporal, sergeant, and lieutenant in the cadet corps. In athletics, he was a member of both the track and soccer squads and was awarded a letter in soccer. In personal relationships with his classmates, he made several deep and lasting friendships. He was sometimes called "Doc" by classmates because of his studious nature and ability and willingness to help others.

After three years in the wartime Class of 1943, Bill graduated and received further tactical training at the Tank Destroyer School, Camp Hood, and at the Infantry School, Fort Benning. In April, he was assigned to the 103d Infantry Division at Camp Howze, Texas. Assigned to the 410th InfantryRegiment in that division, he left for the European Theatre of Operations in October 1944.



William Cleveland Deekle, Jr.

Entering combat in Germany, February 1945, as a Company Commander, he remained and fought with the 410th Regiment in Germany until the end of the war in Europe. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star Medal (V). Redeployed to the U.S. in September 1945, he was assigned duty as an aide, Headquarters Second Service Command, Fort Jay, New York. On this duty he was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon. Once again he was ordered overseas and assigned to the 88th Infantry Division in Italy, 1946-47. Transferring to the Quartermaster Corps in February 1947, he was assigned to the Office of the Quartermaster General and attended the Quartermaster School, 1947-48.

In 1948 he was chosen to be Assistant Professor of Military Science, University of Rhode Island, and remained in this position until 1951, when he was selected as Quartermaster Technical Representative to the Headquarters of the Canadian Army, Ottawa, Canada. In 1954-55 he attended the Command and General Staff College. Next, he served a three-year tour in the Office of the Quartermaster General. There followed a three-year assignment to the Army Security Agency, Washington, D.C. Completing this assignment, he retired from the Army.

In retirement, he became an investment representative and was active in community affairs. Serving as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Review in Charlestown, Rhode Island, for five consecutive years, he was posthumously awarded a resolution of respect by the Charlestown Town Council. Prior to his death he served on historical societies in Providence and Newport. For this work he was commended posthumously by the Director, Rhode Island Historical Society. He was a respected master gardener, whose talents were featured in weekly issues of *The Providence Journal*. He was also expert in income tax regulations.

His ability to quickly master new fields of knowledge and his keen interest in lifelong learning endeared him to many persons. For this he is remembered with fondness and respect in the Town of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, where he and his wife lived. He leaves behind his wife of forty-five years, Marian, two sons, and two granddaughters.

Finally, the following excerpt from a letter written by a classmate to Marian after Bill's death aptly describes his life and character: "I will always remember Bill as a fine man, a true Virginia gentleman, and one who epitomized all the high values that West Point stands for. Bill was a true son of the Academy, a dedicated soldier, and a patriot through and through." May his soul rest in peace.

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Robert Daniel Sonstelie

NO. 13735 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 24 August 1991, Issaquah, Washington, aged 70 years.

Interment: Sunset Hills Memorial Park, Bellevue, Washington.

Robert Daniel Sonstelie

FEW GRADUATES OF WEST POINT better personified the Academy's hallmark of dedication to military service, loyalty to comrades-in-arms, and abiding faith in our country and its leaders than did Robert Daniel Sonstelie. Having absorbed all the lessons of character and military leadership that West Point could offer, he nurtured and used them well to become an outstanding and unforgettable officer.

Born in Polson, Montana of sturdy, upright Norwegian-American stock, he grew up in an environment of trust, hospitality and selflessness. His father had won the Distinguished Service Cross in World War I, an achievement that helped to inspire Bob to seek the Army as his rightful place.

To achieve his goal of entering West Point, Bob enlisted in the 6th Field Artillery and attended the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Monroe, Virginia. He entered the Academy from the Seventh Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

As a cadet, Bob stamped himself as a man who instinctively accepted you as a friend and made you keenly aware of his sincerity. Generous with his time and himself, considerate of others, he stood out among peers as a trustworthy, loyal and helpful classmate. He thoroughly enjoyed the company of people and respected their abilities and viewpoints. Slow to anger, he could easily ameliorate tensions and disagreements among his fellow men. He relished sharp discussion and argument but was never

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belligerent or overbearing in presenting his case. Politics, sports and philosophy were his favorite topics for discourse.

Bob handled both academics and military training with ease. He was a founding member of the ski club and first sergeant of his cadet company. From the beginning of plebe year, his first and only choice of branch was the infantry, although he wavered briefly to try his hand at flight training without success. At graduation he was commissioned in the branch of his choice.

Following officer training at Fort Benning, Bob joined the 97th Infantry Division. When the division deployed to Europe and entered combat, he was company commander of I Company, 386th Infantry. There is no doubt that, to Bob, this was the most coveted and rewarding assignment of his entire career. As an officer he continued to display the same fine traits he had shown as a cadet, and he led his troops with a proper balance of discipline and compassion. Both his enlisted men and fellow officers held him in the highest esteem. This was verified upon his death, when men from all walks of life who had served with him in many separate and distant places wrote to his widow expressing, as best they could, their sincere and deep sorrow.

Prior to going overseas in World War II, Bob married Valerie St. Laurent of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. It was a happy marriage and most fortuitous for Bob, because Val accepted and loved the Army with the same fervor as he did. They were a popular and well-loved couple at every post where they served and on into civilian life.

Upon conclusion of hostilities, Bob served successively as a division staff officer and in Eighth and First Army Headquarters. He next attended the Advanced Infantry Officers Course and was chosen to remain as an instructor. Teaching afforded Bob a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas and engage in provocative discussions with students and faculty alike, which he relished. His enthusiasm was reflected in the extremely high regard accorded him by students, peers and senior officers, an assessment that brought him early attendance at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

Bob then returned to Europe, first in Communication Zone Headquarters followed by troop duty with the 39th Infantry Regiment, Ninth Infantry Division. From Germany he went to the University of Alabama, where he earned a Master of Business Administration degree. After a brief unaccompanied tour with the Military Advisory Group in Iran, he moved to the Pentagon, where he served three years in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, following which he was selected for attendance at the Army War College.

After the Army War College, Bob was assigned to the staff of the Allied Land Forces, Central Europe. In 1967 he went to Vietnam as the Senior Advisor to the 5th Infantry Division ARVN, an assignment he accepted with honor and pride because it involved leading soldiers once again in the rigors of combat. Upon conclusion of this tour he served briefly as an instructor at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces until his voluntary retirement on 31 July 1969.

Through his years in the Army, Bob amassed a host of close friends. He became a top-flight bridge and squash player, as well as a respectable golfer. These skills added to his enjoyment of life and enhanced his countless friendships.

Life did not stop for Bob upon military retirement. He moved to Florida, where he served in a succession of responsible, executive level positions in construction, retailing and legal administration. Retiring a second time, he returned to school and obtained a degree as Master of Science in Systems Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

After what had been a busy life, Bob and Val moved to Colorado Springs to enjoy "the good life," but that was not to be. Shortly after moving, Bob began to show disturbing symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, which quickly incapacitated him and forced another move to Issaquah, Washington, where he and Val could be close to their son Richard, and where Bob could receive care in a specialized nursing home to which he was permanently confined until his death on 24 August 1991. Besides his wife Valerie, Bob is survived by his son Richard, USMA Class of 1966, his daughter, Michelle Guy of Sparta, New Jersey, and a brother Walter, of Denver, Colorado.

No son of West Point could have better exemplified the spirit, motto and teachings of the Academy than Robert Daniel Sonstelie. We keenly feel his loss.

His Classmates

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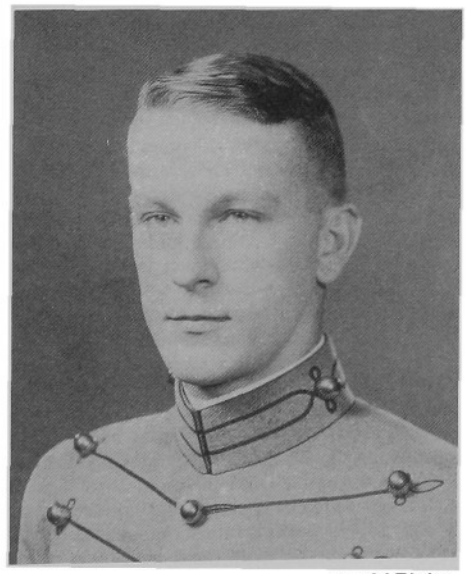
David Blake

NO. 14286 CLASS OF 1944

Died 9 February 1989 in Virginia Gorda, British Virgin Islands, aged 69 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



David Blake

DAVID BLAKE WAS BORN in Oak Park, Illinois, on 3 October 1919, the son of Joseph and Isabel (Underwood) Blake. In 1922 his family moved to La Jolla, California, where he attended grammar and high school. In pursuit of his aim to enter the U.S. Military Academy, David attended Boydens Prep School for a year. He then enlisted in the Army with Headquarters Battery, 6th Coast Artillery, and was sent to the IX Corps Area Prep School at Fort Scott. Two years later he achieved a Regular Army appointment to the Military Academy.

David's Army experience and maturity served him well during his cadet years. An excellent athlete, he made the plebe and yearling swimming, water polo and soccer teams and played intramural lacrosse. His innate desire to help others caused him to become an academic coach in his plebe year. The 1944 *Howitzer* entry for him stated "If it is possible to describe a man with one word, 'unselfishness' is Dave's". Reinforcing the above is this testimonial from one of his roommates: "Dave and I roomed together our entire time at West Point except Beast Barracks. He was a seasoned soldier; I was a clumsy seventeen-year-old who didn't know the difference between a shoeshine and a shelter half. I cannot count the times he was late for formation because of helping me. He never complained but was always steadfast in helping his gross roommate. A man of the highest character, Dave Blake stood by his friends. Always he did. Dave never sought glory or the limelight. Even as a youngster, he was at peace with himself. Dave was a splendid man: I loved him."

David graduated on D-Day, 6 June 1944 with his pilot's wings and a commission in the Army Air Corps. A week later, in Newton, Massachusetts, he married Betsey Blake. Their marriage produced four sons, of whom David was justifiably proud; Peter, Scott, Ned, and Tom. Peter writes: "My father had an impressive military bearing, as seen by me and my three brothers when we were growing up. It was a bearing that had no threat in it, but which commanded obedience by a power which is identifiable, but still mysterious. When he counted to three, all of us would run to be present. I think that our friends found this amusing. There would have been no answer to the question, had it been asked: What if we didn't come? We never thought of testing it. We obeyed because we identified with his image of doing the Right Thing. His creation of that image, along with his gentle and tender treatment of his family, are elements that all of his sons have taken into their lives."

Following flight and transition training in twin engines, David was assigned to the 47th Bomb Wing at Lake Charles, Louisiana, his last taste of unit duty. Then came four years on Guam, two years in manpower duties with Headquarters First Air Force at Mitchell Field, and two years with the military mission to Turkey. In 1953, he was assigned to the Pentagon for a four-year tour. It was also in 1953 that he developed diabetes and was taken off flying status, dashing his career hopes. But, as his wife wrote, "...he never wavered in his love of the service, just accepted fate and turned to a different direction within the Air Force instead of getting out". After obtaining an advanced degree in industrial engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1958, he entered the Weapons Systems Management field, where he served as Director of the BOMARC Site Activations program and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal in 1962. The next assignment was at McDonnell Aircraft Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri as Plant Representative for the F-4C Program. In 1964, he returned to Wright Patterson and served on the faculty of the Defense Weapons Systems Management Center. He retired from the Air Force on physical disability as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1967. The family then moved to Berwyn, Pennsylvania, where David accepted a position with General Electric in King of

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Prussia as Manager for Major Subcontracts for the MK-12 Re-entry Vehicle. After three years with GE and another two years teaching, David retired completely in 1972. In 1980 the Blakes moved to Pinehurst, North Carolina, where Betsey still resides.

In the late 1980's, the problems from diabetes became more severe. His son Peter recounts an incident that reflects David's stoicism: "Later in life, after health complications had brought troubles that would have been expected to bring on depression, Dad showed a cheekiness toward sickness and death that we had seen all his life. June 13, 1988, while we were celebrating joint anniversaries at a restaurant, Dad suffered a medical event of some sort and suddenly could not move his legs. He was not afraid. He showed genuine openness and savoire-faire during an episode in which panic would have been more appropriate. The leg function came back--praise the Lord--and he continued to go forward without fear." Later, when amputation was suggested by doctors, he told his wife, "Now, Betsey, I do not want you to worry about my losing a leg. After all, a proper wooden leg is the badge of a good old soldier." Vintage David! Instead, artery surgery was performed in July 1988. The following February he and Betsey travelled to the Virgin Islands, where David's heart suddenly gave out. His wife recalls the event: "David loved the water, was a strong swimmer, and in his younger years had saved several people from drowning in the ocean. So it was ironic that he would die while engaged in the sport of snorkeling. But, perhaps appropriate. He died doing one of the things he liked best, while his last sight was of one of nature's beautiful creations. He lived his life happily right up to the end, never losing either his courage or his delightful 'puckish' sense of humor and fun."At graveside, one of his friends honored him with this perceptive eulogy:

"When I think of David, many of his characteristics come to mind: kindness, tolerance, love, joyfulness, forgiveness, benevolence—the list goes on! Absent are thoughts of meanness or envy. But, lest you think of him as pure saint, you must know that there was lots of spice as well as sugar in his character. He was a world class, state-of-the-art balloon pricker, and rejoiced in any opportunity to challenge pomposity and bigotry wherever found. He could assume the adversative position with facility, usually to the discomfort of his adversary. One of David's favorite words was 'splendid', and I can think of no more splendid way to finish than to say that he was indeed a splendid companion and a splendid friend. A true gentle man."

Family, Friends, and Classmates

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Clarence Wilfred Cyr

NO. 14244 CLASS OF 1944

Died 15 August 1991 in Washington, D.C., aged 71 years.

Interment: St John's Evangelist Cemetery, Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

CLARENCE ("FRENCHY") WILFRED CYR was born 2 May 1920 in Marquette, Michigan, the second of four children of Louis A. Cyr

Clarence Wilfred Cyr

and Claudia A. (Mallette) Cyr. After losinghis father at the age of nine, Frenchy, his mother, his brother Louis and their sisters Eleanor and Ruthy struggled through the Depression together. Whether selling newspapers, setting bowling pins or picking applies or tomatoes for a dollar a day, Frenchy exhausted himself to help his family survive. He managed to find time for school, and, although the smallest kid in the class, he developed an intense love for sports. Hockey was by far his favorite, and it was not too long before the slap shots of his French Canadian pals toughened him into the best little goalie anyone within miles of Marquette ever had seen. In those cold winters during the Depression, as a poor French Catholic boy in the Upper Peninsula, Frenchy learned virtues that would last a lifetime: hard work, hustle, devotion to his faith and a natural affection for other human beings.

When Frenchy was fifteen, his mother married Arthur J. DesJardin of Niagara, Wisconsin. Frenchy's family found a new home in Niagara, where Frenchy made friends quickly and enjoyed his high school years. He and his brother Louis teamed up with a few of the boys there who could play hockey and won the state championship in 1937.

In 1941, the local Niagara newspaper proudly reported that, after a successful year at Camp Bullis Prep School, Niagara's own Clarence Cyr of the Army Air Corps had received an appointment to West Point, something far beyond his wildest dreams. Like many before him and many who have followed, Frenchy gained a sense of purpose from this honor, more than any other single experience in his life.

Frenchy loved to reminisce about his years at West Point—he spent them with other runts in G Company, first in the old central barracks, then in the new North (43rd Division). There were many buddies; Burnett, Erikson, Marshall and Glab were among the special names. With the notable exception of Cavalry horses, not much bothered Frenchy at the Academy. Bullis had prepared him well for plebe year, and his work ethic always kept him safely in the middle of the class.

His number one joy was hockey. Although cut from the plebe team after the first round of skating drills, Frenchy made the team after sneaking back onto the ice during the second round of shots on goal. The West Point teams needed offense, so Frenchy left the goal. Frenchy picked up his lifelong nickname that first year at Smith Rink, which became his second home. As a cow and firstie, Frenchy led the cadets in scoring. In 1944, he, Buekema, De la Mater and others beat the Gentlemen Cadets at the Royal Military College, reputedly the first time in West Point's history.

The scrappy hustle Frenchy learned on the ice served him well as a forward observer in late 1944 with the 861st Field Artillery Battalion, 63rd Infantry Division. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and a Purple Heart for his part in the Central Europe and Rhineland Campaigns. After a battery command in Germany and a staff position in Leghorn, Italy, Frenchy returned to the States for schooling and various assignments in Headquarters, AFSWP at the Pentagon. After completing the Advanced Course, Frenchy returned to combat in the Korean War as the Executive Officer, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Division Artillery, Far East Command.

Frenchy enjoyed a successful and satisfying military career. His diverse peacetime assignments included a staff position at the Pentagon, a politico-military role at the State Department, military assistance in Central America and, as a full Colonel, Deputy Commander, I Corps (Group) Artillery in Korea and Professor of Military Science at LaSalle College in Philadelphia. Frenchy truly believed in "Duty, Honor, Country." Uncompromising integrity was the hallmark of his career. You could count on Frenchy Cyr.

Frenchy retired from active duty in 1973, and, after a thoroughly enjoyable experience in personnel for the State of Pennsylvania, he and his wife Betty settled in Springfield, Virginia in 1980. There Frenchy nurtured his lifelong association with the Catholic Church and his love for the Knights of Columbus. He was a founding member and Grand Knight of the Mount Vernon and Nativity Councils in Northern Virginia during a span covering over 20 years.

We will miss Frenchy. He liked people and enjoyed life. He is survived and dearly missed by his daughter, Barbara, his son, Joe (Class of 1973), and his beloved wife, Betty.

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Richard Mansur Cowherd

NO. 14059 CLASS OF 1944

Died of wounds received in action near Dusseldorf, Germany, 21 April 1945, aged 21 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

"DICK" AKA "RICH" was one of twin sons born to First Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles Mansur Cowherd, 28 July 1923 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. His father was a Regular Army officerof the Veterinary Corps. Dick grew up in a traditional Army brat way at a number of Army posts and stations, including Fort Sam Houston, Texas (twice); Hawaii; Fort Hoyle, Maryland; and Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. He attended Bel Air High School in Maryland for three years and, when the family was transferred, spent his senior year at Shortridge High School in Indianapolis, from which he graduated in 1940.

Following high school, he attended the Sullivan School in Washington, D.C. and won

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Richard Mansur Cowherd

a Presidential Appointment to West Point, reporting 1 July 1941. As a cadet he was easygoing and completely undaunted by academics and seemingly scanned mathematics, science, and engineering courses only to determine the scope of the assignments for the next day. With a little more effort he could have been much higher in the graduation order of merit than 99 of 474. Dick was always ready to help the many less academically talented and indeed helped coach his twin brother successfully past the June plebe math turnout examinations.

Although with his graduation standing he had a choice of any branch, he selected Armored Cavalry. Following graduation 6 June 1944 and the Basic Armor Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, Dick was assigned to Troop "C", 93rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron of the 13th Armored Division at Camp Bowie, Texas. The Division deployed to the European Theatre in January 1945, and he was soon promoted to first lieutenant on 1 March. Dick was mortally wounded on 18 April 1945 in the outskirts of Dusseldorf, Germany, in the Ruhr Pocket, and briefly was in a German civilian hospital until our forces occupied the city. He died of wounds in a U.S. Army hospital on 21 April 1945. His citation for posthumous award of the Silver Star for an earlier part of the same action best describes the situation:

"When his unit was halted by enemy fire, First Lieutenant Cowherd, Reconnaissance Platoon Leader, voluntarily attempted to counterattack with two tank destroyers. Although his vehicle was struck twice by bazooka rounds, he continued his advance, sustaining additional hits. His audacity and great courage completely disrupted the enemy, aiding tremendously in the Squadron's subsequent movement. First Lieutenant Cowherd was later mortally wounded after reaching the outskirts of Dusseldorf, Germany. The bravery and inspiring leadership demonstrated by First Lieutenant Cowherd are worthy of the highest traditions of the Armed Forces."

Dick's remains were returned to the United States, and he was interred in Arlington National Cemetery on 15 March 1949. At the time he was survived by his parents, Colonel and Mrs. Cowherd, and his twin brother. His brother, Colonel Robert M. Cowherd '44 (USA-Retired), his wife Marguerite and their four children greatly honor his memory.

Bob Cowherd '44, brother and classmate

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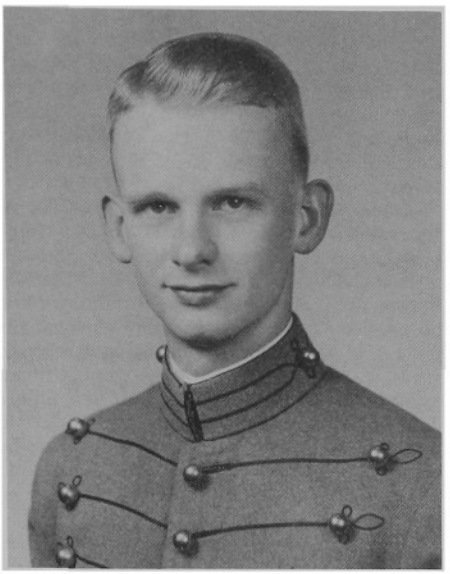
Robert Lee Eyman

NO. 15426 CLASS OF 1946

Died 15 December 1949 near Walker Air Force Base, New Mexico, aged 24 years.

Interment: Oakland Cemetery, Tallahassee, Florida.



Robert Lee Eyman

ROBERT LEE EYMAN became known as Bob to family and friends after he finished high school. Born 17 December 1924 in Jerseyville, Illinois, Bob moved to Florida at the age of four when his father became a professor at Florida State College for Women (now Florida State University). Dr. Eyman later became the Dean of the School of Education at Florida State College for Women. Growing up in Tallahassee, Bob became an accomplished cornet player and played not only in his high school band but also with the college orchestra. In addition to the time he spent practicing on the cornet, Bob found time to play tennis, be active in the Boy Scouts and become master caddy at the local country club. After graduating from Leon High School in Tallahassee, Bob attended the University of Florida for one semester before receiving his coveted appointment to West Point.

Bob joined the Class of 1946 at West Point on 1 July 1943. Cadet life was relatively uneventful for him. Academics were no problem. Not only did he breeze through that part of cadet life, he always was willing and able to help his less academically gifted roommates and friends. His plebe roommate, Ralph LaRock, remembered that Bob accepted anything that came down the pike with equanimity. One of his roommates after plebe year, Ken Barlow, remembered: "...He was very much in love with Anne (Anne Widerquist) throughout cadet days and rarely participated in social activities on weekends. He preferred to spend his time writing Anne or going to the gym to work out. Always friendly, always smiling, a true friend. You could sense his loyalty and knew he was utterly dependable in every situation."

Bob's joy was unbounded when, in the Spring of 1945, the class was offered the chance to take flying training. One of his long-standing ambitions was to become a pilot in the then Army Air Corps. Anne's only visit to West Point was for Bob's graduation. She could sense his pride and happiness when he pinned on the wings and gold bars of a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

Bob and Anne were married 12 June 1946 in Fort Myers, Florida, during graduation leave. Their first assignment found the Eyman's at Enid Field, Oklahoma, for transition training to multi-engine aircraft. From Oklahoma they moved to MacDill Field, Florida, where Bob was assigned to the 371st Bomb Squadron. Next, the Eyman's went to Castel Field, California, where Bob served with the 328th Bomb Squadron. Their first son, Richard Lee, was born during this assignment. Next came Weaponeer School at Sandia Base, New Mexico, and then Walker Air Force Base, New Mexico, with the 393rd Bomb Squadron. From new Mexico, the Eyman's returned to Florida, first to Tyndall Air Force Base and then MacDill Air Force Base again. Anne recalled their travels up until their return to Florida: "We took our house with us—an 8' x 25' trailer, sans bathroom. Now those were some trips! We had guardian angels who literally must have pushed us through some of the passes in the mountains." In Florida, Bob was in the Aircraft Commander Phase of B-29 Transition School. In June of 1949, Bob returned to Walker Air Force Base, New Mexico with the 393rd Bomb Squadron. Shortly after reporting to the 393rd, Bob was the pilot on a B-29 that won first place in the Strategic Air Command's bombing competition held at Castle Air Force Base, California.

On 15 December 1949, the aircraft commander of a plane just returned from overhaul was called away to a meeting. Bob Eyman was designated to take over this flight, which was to be of several days duration. Late that same day, the ill-fated plane returned to Walker and, as it approached to land, lost power, clipped a windmill and crashed two miles north of the field. Seven members of the crew perished and seven were rescued from the burning aircraft. Bob Eyman was one of those killed. He was survived by his wife Anne, son Richard, his parents, a brother David and two sisters, Ruth and Jeanne.

Robert Lee Eyman loved life. He loved the Air Force. He was a good pilot and flying was the fulfillment of his dreams. After his death, a street at Walker Air Force Base was named in his honor. Today, Walker Air Force Base is gone, but in its current incarnation, the Roswell, New Mexico Industrial Air Center, there is still an Eyman Street. Bob also loved his family, Anne recalled: "Not only did he assume his responsibilities in a cheerful way—he also made life a lot of fun. We planned to dance in all 48 states. A gentle, caring person, he would even send cards or letters when he was away on short flights to Alaska or Hawaii. He really loved his son Richard and was eagerly awaiting the birth of his second child. That child, a son John, was born 22 April 1950 in Tallahassee, Florida, four months after Bob's death."

Bob's elder son, Richard, enlisted in the Army in 1967 and served as an Air Traffic Controller in Vietnam at Qui Nhon Air Field for two years. After his tour in Vietnam, he became a building contractor. Richard now has a son, Robert Lee, who wants to follow in his grandfather's footsteps and become a pilot. Richard also has a daughter, Patrice. Bob's younger son, John, was a student during

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the Vietnam War era and later became a realtor in Nova Scotia, Canada.

When a young man with all the potential shown by Bob Eyman dies before he can reach the heights set out for him, one must wonder why. This riddle has confronted mankind from the beginning, and there is no easy answer. Rather than dwell on this, it is better to look at the memories left behind for those who knew and loved Bob Eyman. First, it must be remembered that Bob died doing what he loved, flying. Then, think how the lives of those around him were enriched by knowing such a good man. The world will never know what he might have accomplished, but it is a much better place for his having been with us, no matter how short the time. His family, friends and classmates will always hold a very special place in their hearts for Bob Eyman. The Class of 1946 proudly states: "Well Done, Bob, Be Thou At Peace!"

'46 Memorial Article Project and His Wife, Anne

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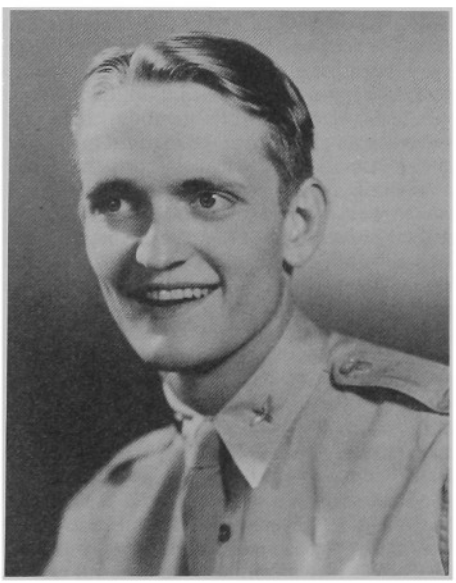
Louis Verne Jones, Jr.

NO. 14320 CLASS OF 1944

Died 11 June 1946, lost at sea.
Aircraft accident off Northwest Field, Guam, aged 24 years.

Memorial Markers Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colorado. Punchbowl National Cemetery, Honolulu, Hawaii.



Louis Verne Jones, Jr.

LOUIS VERNE JONES, JR. was the second of six children born to Colonel Louis Verne Jones and Mary Harriet Appleman Jones. He enlisted in this life at Camp Benning, Georgia on 4 January 1922. Around the age of three he stated, "When I grow up, I'll be a soldier," and vowed someday he would out-shoot his father, who was a distinguished rifle and pistol marksman on the Infantry Team.

"Louie", as he was affectionately known, grew up moving, as Army families do, from post to post. After Benning, it was Camp Davis, Canal Zone; Camp Lewis, Washington; Columbia, Missouri; Boonville, Missouri; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. While in Boonville, Louie attended Kemper Military School and was a freshman member of the Kemper rifle team. He then attended Lawton High School at Fort Sill and graduated from Leilehua High School in Wahiawa, Hawaii in 1939.

Following graduation, Louie took a post-graduate course at Roosevelt High School in Honolulu and joined the Hawaii National Guard. Attendance at the West Point Prep School while in the Guard earned his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy in July 1941.

Louie took to cadet life like a duck to water. "Unflappable" was an appropriate way to describe this lanky, good-looking six-foot four-inch, smiling Army brat. He soon was known by his classmates as one who would willingly do more than his share of the difficult or distasteful tasks.

Louie never wavered in his preference to fly rather than walk or crawl. The Air Corps presence at Fort Sill and Schofield Barracks contributed to this attitude. Not even an incident that occurred during early flight training while he was at Muskogee, Oklahoma changed his mind. Flying solo and practicing deliberate spins, he suddenly realized he was "without an airplane". An unfastened seat belt (either a mechanical or mental malfunction) led to this startling situation. It was his airplane he watched do a slow spiral toward the ground below as he drifted down by parachute to an ignominious landing.

A most memorable event during first class year was dinner with General and Mrs. Eisenhower when they made a surprise visit to West Point to visit their son John. John invited Louie and two other classmates for the evening with his parents. Louie's account of the evening in a letter to his father tells in detail about the dinner aboard the General's private railroad car parked on the freight siding at West Point and the evening's conversation. That this memorable evening occurred on Louie's 22nd birthday was icing on the cake.

During Louie's three years at the Academy, most of his "quality" time was divided between the rifle team, Protestant choir, track squad and pilot training.

After graduation leave, Louie reported to Lockbourne Air Force Base, Columbus, Ohio. A transition course in the B-17 aircraft was followed by instructor training. Next, he was transferred to Roswell, New Mexico for B-29 transition training, then to Clovis Air Force Base for additional B-29 training. Leaving Clovis in November 1945, he reported to the replacement depot in Salt Lake City, Utah, and finally, in early February 1946, he, along with twenty-eight classmates, landed feet first on Guam. Assignment for Louie, was to the 315th Wing, 301st Bomb Group, stationed at Northwest Field. Most were assigned as aircraft commanders with crews. The majority of their time was involved with administrative, housekeeping and maintenance duties, with just enough flying time to maintain their flying proficiency and flight status. His flight mission on the day of the accident was photo mapping of the Marianas.

While in Columbus, Louie met a pretty young Army brat, a senior at Ohio State University. Although never formally engaged, those of us who knew Louie were certain he had finally found the right lady for him. He had gone so far as to purchase a class miniature and a wedding band engraved with wings and helmets and mail them to her, but they arrived after his most untimely death.

Louie was an ideal roommate. Always congenial, light-hearted and able to focus on what was important, he kept the tension down during stressful times. He always was willing to help classmates and underclassmen alike and was never intimidated or over-awed by the "system." We who knew him well can but wonder what might have been for him if fate had allowed him a full life as a member of the Long Gray Line, dedicated as he was to the Academy's creed of Duty, Honor and Country and his desire to serve his fellow man. During his brief years, Louie made many friends who remember him for his friendly, outgoing personality and his cooperative attitude toward people and life.

A memorial marker for Louie is located in the Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colorado. His name also appears on a memorial in the Punchbowl National Cemetery on Oahu, Hawaii. His father, Colonel Louis V. Jones, died in December 1973 and is buried at Fort Logan. Louie is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Appleman Jones; one sister, Mrs. Phyllis Hassemer; and four brothers, Stanley H., David A., Theodore A., and Lawrence M. Jones.

We who knew him well still miss him.

Family and a Roommate

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Richard Chapman Carnes

NO. 14709 CLASS OF 1945

Died 13 December 1978, Clear Lake City, Texas, aged 54 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Richard Chapman Carnes

A LIFETIME OF ACCOMPLISHMENT passed much too quickly for this gifted soldier and scientist. Though only 54 years old, Dick Carnes suffered a fatal heart attack at his home in Clear Lake City, Texas on 13 December 1978.

Dick was born at Fort McPherson, Georgia, on 28 February 1924, godson of the Class of 1923. The early assignments of his father, Colonel James J. Carnes, took him to Schofield Barracks, the Panama Canal Zone and Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Eventually, the family enjoyed a four year tour at Fort Benning, and Dick graduated from Columbus High School.

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After completing a year at the Rice Institute, Dick was admitted to the Academy in July 1942. Quietly proficient, both academically and militarily, he was widely known in the Corps for his musical and journalistic achievements. A regular member of the Cadet Choir, he also led the Cadet Glee Club and participated in the Hundredth Night Shows. His contributions as an editor and photographer for the *Pointer* were highly regarded.

After graduation in June 1945 and completion of the Field Artillery Basic Course at Fort Sill, Dick was assigned to the Philippines for a short time and then to the 90th Field Artillery Battalion in Japan. Soon after his unit moved to Kobe Base, he met Joan Murphy, a New York City girl whose father was serving as an Assistant Adjutant General. Joan and Dick were married at the Kobe Base Chapel on 16 November 1947.

In June 1948, Dick was assigned to the University of Illinois for graduate study. After two years in Champaign, he was awarded a master's degree in electrical engineering and assigned to Fort Sill. There he served as an instructor in the Department of Observation for three years. He stayed on for another year to complete the Advanced Course.

In June 1954, Joan and Dick took their four young children to Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska, where Dick served as commander of an anti-aircraft battery for two years. After surviving the cold and lonely months in Alaska, the Carnes were assigned to the friendlier climate of Fort Lewis. There Dick served as battery commander and battalion operations officer until August 1957, when he was dispatched to Fort Leavenworth to become a student in the Command and General Staff College.

Following his graduation from Leavenworth, Dick was assigned to the Academy as an instructor in the Department of Physics and Chemistry. For four rewarding and enjoyable years, Dick taught physics as an assistant professor and later an associate professor. In the summer of 1962, Dick was shipped to Korea to become operations officer of I Corps Artillery. Upon completion of this tour, he was assigned to Fort Hood, where he served as operations officer of the 2nd Armored Division Artillery and later as commander of the 1st Battalion, 16th Artillery.

In 1964, Dick was transferred to Wright Patterson Air Force Base to become Deputy Director of Engineering of a joint service activity known as the Tactical Information Processing and Interpretation Systems Program. Dick retired in June 1966 as a lieutenant colonel. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his exceptional service and had previously received the Army Commendation Medal.

After retirement, Dick started a new career as an engineer with the Bendix Corporation in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Over an eight-year period, he served successively as Manager of Remote Sensing, Data Acquisition and Interpretation, Airborne Sensor Systems, and other Bendix departments.

When the Bendix Corporation terminated its Ann Arbor operation in 1974, Dick moved to Lockheed Electronics Company in Clear Lake City, Texas. There he served on the technical staff of the Science and Applications Branch, where he was a leader in the development of remote sensing techniques and programs at the Johnson Space Center. Dick continued to work at Lockheed until the time of his death.

Throughout his life, Dick maintained his high interest in music, writing and photography. In each new location, he sought out an opportunity to serve as a church organist and frequently offered his services as a pianist for entertainment purposes. His writing skills were devoted largely to professional pursuits; he authored more than 25 significant scientific reports and papers.

Living each day to its fullest, Dick accomplished much more in his short life span than many who live much longer. His devotion to duty and to his family, his creative skills, and his positive attitude and patient understanding live on in the memory of his wife Joan and their children.

In addition to Joan, Dick was survived by four children, Richard, an electrical engineer; Terry, a computer graphics programmer; Naomi, a banker and musician; and James, also a computer programmer; and five grandsons. His younger brother, George P. Carnes, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy with the Class of 1962.

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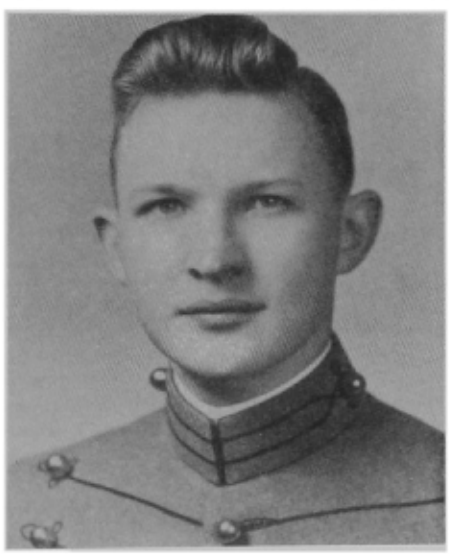
Robert Bragg Clark

CADET CLASS OF 1945

Died 30 April 1945 near Bloomville, New York, aged 21 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



Robert Bragg Clark

BOB CLARK CAME FROM the heartland of America, having been born and raised in the small farming community of Holdrege, Nebraska. He was not from a farming family; instead he directed his early talents to his schoolwork and doing small maintenance jobs to supplement the family income. He graduated from Holdrege High School in 1941 with numerous honors, to include the distinction of being class valedictorian. Also during this period, Bob was a key member of the high school debating team. It was after he won state recognition of his debating talents that he came to the attention of Nebraska Senator George Norris, who subsequently appointed Bob to West Point.

At his 50th high school reunion this year, Bob's classmates remembered him as a hard worker with a positive outlook on life. They also believed that he was destined to become a leader with great responsibilities.

Bob was admitted to the Academy on 15 July 1942, bringing with him his boyhood traits and talents. Three years later, we, his classmates and company-mates, described him as follows in our *Howitzer*, much the same way as his high school classmates did in Holdrege.

"West Point was like a new strange world when he first entered. He was never one to complain. He took things as they came, for to be disheartened was not part of his nature. His cheerfulness in everything he did won him many lifetime friends. Bob was a very conscientious worker but had no intentions of setting aflame the academic world. Cheerful, efficient, generous, and loyal, Bob was a good wife (i.e., *roommate*) and a better man."

At West Point Bob was an excellent student, standing well in his class and demonstrating a particular proficiency in the academic subjects of mathematics, physics, mechanics, history and government. Nevertheless, in his Yearling year, he elected to forego some of the prescribed academics to become an Air Cadet and went off with many of his classmates to primary flying training. He graduated from Primary with a real enthusiasm for flying and every intention of pursuing a career in the Army Air Corps.

First class year, Bob combined academics at West Point and advanced flying instruction conducted at Stewart Field. In preparation for graduation, the Air Cadets were required to accelerate their academic schedule and undergo intensive flying training for about 60 days to enable them to receive both their wings and gold bars on graduation day. Alas, that was not to be for Bob Clark! On one of his last cross-country night training flights, he ran into a storm while attempting to return to Stewart Field and died that bleak night on 30 April 1945 in the crash of his aircraft near Bloomville, New York.

Bob's death shocked the Corps. It had lost one of its finest, and it happened just five weeks from graduation! His funeral was held in the Old Cadet Chapel, and he was laid to rest in the West Point Cemetery on a bright and beautiful spring day, with all of his cadet company in attendance.

Major General F.B. Wilby, Superintendent of the Academy at that time, stated in a eulogy:

"Cadet Clark was in all respects a most estimable young gentlemen and a credit to the Corps of Cadets. In his unfortunate and untimely death, the United States Military Academy and the Army Air Forces have suffered a distinct loss."

We lost a friend and roommate!

Bob's Roommates

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Earl William Fuqua, Jr.

NO. 14675 CLASS OF 1945

Died 15 November 1986 in Pleasant Hill, California, aged 62 years.

Interment Letterman Memorial Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, California

EARL WILLIAM FUQUA, JR., was born in Arkansas 28 August 1924. He entered the Military Academy in 1942 from Little Rock, Arkansas. At West Point his interests were

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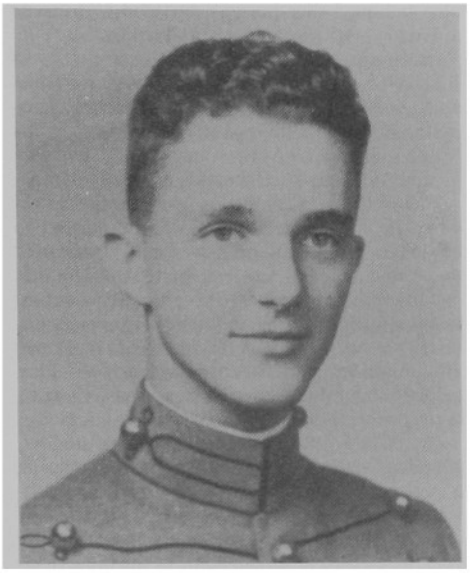

Earl William Fuqua, Jr.

in skiing, skating and other sports. Academics and the Tactical Department caused him no serious problems. He was a pleasant, calm and easygoing cadet, popular with his classmates. He loved to enter into bull sessions to which he brought his ready wit and good nature. He was conscientious and respected by his many friends.

"Fewk" was commissioned in the Infantry and assigned to Europe in 1945. He served with the 18th Infantry of the 1st Infantry Division. During this tour he met and married Rita Bosser. After his return to the States in 1948, Earl was assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he served with the 86th Infantry and the 25th Field Artillery Battalion. He graduated from the Armored Officers Advanced Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky in 1951.

After a tour of duty as assistant professor of military science and tactics at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia, which he enjoyed very much, he decided to try his luck with a civilian career. He had been on active duty of 12 years at the time he left the active service in 1957. He remained with the Army Reserves, where he was later promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Engineers. Earl devoted much of his free time in raising his four handsome children, one boy and three girls.

He first joined Melpar, Inc. in Falls Church, Virginia. He later went with Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corporation as a field engineer in France and with Minneapolis-Honeywell Aeronautical Division in Los Angeles, California. In the early 1960s Earl was with Lockheed Missiles & Space Company in Sunnyvale, California. He lived for a while in Cupertino, California, raising his four children and became a great believer in the far west and California in particular.

In 1967, Earl married Patricia Shaw. They lived in Sonora, California before moving to Pleasant Hill. Earl died in Pleasant Hill, California. He was survived by his wife Patricia and children, Cindy Rogers, Linda Lauzze, Steven Fuqua, Gail Fuqua and Michael Fuqua. Michael was born after Earl's marriage to Pat. He has one granddaughter, Jennifer Lauzze. His family, many friends and classmates have many fond memories of this gentle man, a wonderful father, husband and companion.

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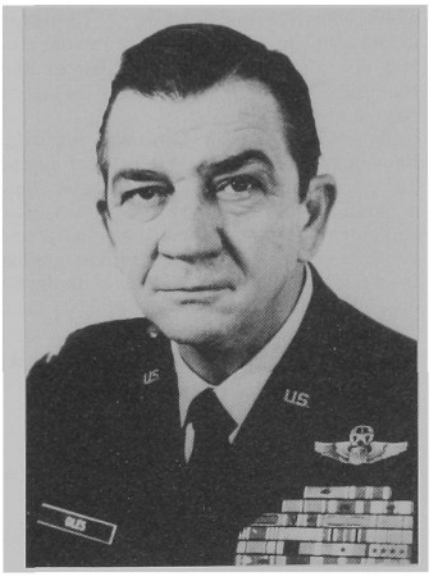
James Adolphus Giles

NO. 14817 CLASS OF 1945

Died: 22 October 1983 in Memphis, Tennessee, aged 60 years.

Interment: Memorial Park, Memphis, Tennessee



James Adolphus Giles

JAMES ADOLPHUS GILES was the oldest of two sons of Turl Adolphus and Evelyn Fields Giles. He was born on 5 March 1923 in Brace, Tennessee. His father was employed by the U.S. Corps of Engineers in the Memphis area. His interest in West Point began to develop with three years of junior ROTC at Memphis Technical High School where he excelled in leadership. He had two years of CMTC with the 6th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. After graduation from high school in 1941, he enlisted for the IV Corps Area Prep School at Fort McPherson, Georgia, to prepare for the West Point entrance exam. He entered West Point 1 July 1942 as first alternate on appointment from Representative Clifford T. Davis of Tennessee, when the principal appointee was found to be one inch too short.

Jim enjoyed the Academy and everything about military life. He was comfortable with academics and easily maintained a position in the mid-sections. He enjoyed sports, and the event he enjoyed the most was when B-2 Company won the Lacrosse Intramural Championship and his room made up the mid-field section of the team.

One of the high points of his career at West Point was when the Class of 1945 was offered the option of taking pilot training away from West Point. Jim went to Fort Smith, Arkansas for primary flying and then to Stewart Field, Newburgh, New York for basic and advanced. He returned to West Point, with his pilot wings, one week before graduation.

After graduation he returned to Memphis to marry his childhood sweetheart, Betty Lee Ransom. Then it was a series of training and command bases and a tour in the Pacific, 1945-48.

Upon returning to the United States in 1948, he was assigned to the Strategic Air Command at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas, for B-29 and B-36 training. In 1950 he went through navigator-bombardier training at Ellington Air Force Base, Texas, where his first daughter, Katheryn Lynne, was born in January, 1951. Then, it was off to MacDill Air Force Base in Florida in July, 1951, as Special Operations Officer and later as Chief, Wing Plans.

In December 1956, Jim was transferred to Operations, Headquarters Second Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, where a second child, Stuart Lindsay, was born November 19, 1957. While still at Barksdale, a second daughter, Kristyn Lee, was born December 30, 1958.

In July 1959, as a lieutenant colonel, he was transferred to Headquarters, Seventh Air Division at Highwycombe, England.

Jim returned to the University of Chicago for a masters of business administration degree in September 1962. The degree was awarded one year later, and he transferred to Headquarters, USAF in the DSC/Plans and Operations where, in July 1964, he was promoted to colonel. In August 1966, Jim attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and was subsequently assigned as commander of the 317th Tactical Air Command Wing, Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio. In September 1968 Jim was transferred to Pacific Air Force (PACAF) where he served first in Nha Trang, Vietnam and later as Inspector General at Headquarters, PACAF until June 1972.

Jim was reassigned to Memphis State University as Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, where he served until he was retired for physical disability in October 1974.

Jim and Betty continued to live in Memphis, where they celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in June 1980.

Jim suffered a ruptured aortal aneurism and died 22 October 1983. He is survived by his wife Betty, who has since remarried and is now Mrs. T.J. Betterton, Jr., his mother, three children, and two grandchildren, whom he never lived to see.

HGW, a roommate

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Herbert Frank Haws, Jr.

NO. 14941 CLASS OF 1945

Died 22 April 1948 near Bald Mountain, Maine, aged 27 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

HERBERT FRANK HAWS, JR. was born in Homestead, Pennsylvania on 19 March 1921, the only child of Herbert F. and Helena Haws. He attended elementary school in Homestead Park, Pennsylvania; junior high school in Munhall, Pennsylvania; Fork Union Military Academy in Fork Union, Virginia; and Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania for two years. In college he was a member of Phi Sigma (National Biological Honor Society) and Phi Kappa Sigma. It appears that a career in medicine might have been in his future at this point. However, his previous graduation from Fork Union (Honor School) led to his appointment to West Point, which was his real goal.

Herb was well prepared for his entrance to West Point. His relative maturity and background of military prep school training made him fit into cadet life easily. His two years

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Herbert Frank Haws, Jr.

of college plus native intelligence enabled him to treat academics lightly, but his duties as company clerk gave his two wives (roommates) a perpetual hour of late lights for needed study. Herb was an accomplished ice skater and spent many an hour at Smith Rink, his "headquarters" for three years of figure skating routines. He also had a good voice and sang in the Catholic Choir. Herb volunteered for flight training as an air cadet. He, therefore, spent much of his time at Stewart Field with the large '45 contingent that wanted to join the Army Air Corps.

After graduation, Herb followed the route of many of his Air Corps classmates, taking transition training at several locations: Foster Field, Texas; Portland A.A.B., Oregon; and Kearns Field, Utah. In early 1946 he departed for the Philippines, where he joined the 456th Fighter Squadron, 414th Fighter Group. Returning to the states in June 1946, he was stationed at Mitchell Field, New York until November, when he departed for Williams Field, Arizona for jet training. Successful completion of this training brought a brief return to Mitchell Field before moving to Dow Field, Maine in the fall of 1947. He was assigned to the 49th Fighter Squadron, with duties as supply officer in addition to flying the P-84 Thunderjet with which the squadron became operational at Dow in November 1947. In performance of his duties, Herb is said to have properly applied military regulations as necessary but perhaps not always to the liking of some of the less conscientious "flyboys".

Shortly after arrival at Dow Field, Herb met Barbara Stevens of Bangor, who advised that she called him "Bert" rather than "Herb" as he was known to his classmates at West Point. A wonderful courtship throughout the fall and winter of 1947-1948 culminated in their marriage on 6 March 1948. Bert loved Thalia, Barbara's daughter by a previous marriage, as though she were his own, and he planned her adoption. However, after only 47 days of happy married life, he was killed in an air crash on 22 April 1948, near Bald Mountain, while on a routine operational flight with several other P-84's of his squadron. The public information officer at Dow reported to the press that the cause of the crash was undetermined.

Herbert F. Haws, Jr., was buried at West Point with full military honors. His squadron was granted special permission for "a missing man" formation to fly over West Point at the time of the ceremony. When Herb's mother and father died, they were laid to rest beside their beloved son at West Point.

Our friend and classmate had an unfortunately short life and career. His family and the military lost a truly dedicated son, husband, officer and gentleman, who lived up to his own code and that of his Alma Mater, DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

A Classmate

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Robert Earl Hayes

NO. 14736 CLASS OF 1945

Died 12 April 1991 in Salinas, California, aged 67 years.

Inurnment: Grandview Cemetery, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Robert Earl Hayes

ROBERT EARL HAYES was born in Windber, Pennsylvania, on 3 April 1924, the younger of two sons of Earl and Rose Statler Hayes. He and his brother William grew up on the family farm, where their father operated a prosperous dairy and creamery. The boys worked there from an early age, learning lifelong habits of hard work and thrift.

In the eighth grade, Bob won the American Legion Award for leadership and scholarship, then went on to Windber High School, class of 1942, where he played tackle on the championship football team. He was president of his class three years in a row and finished first in his class of 245.

He left high school a few weeks before graduation ceremonies to attend Braden's School on the Hudson in preparation for entry into West Point in the summer of 1942. One of his roommates remembers, "Bob was determined to be a success at West Point and in the Army. He accomplished both. He was always enthusiastic, smiling and interested in helping those about him. Without studying hard, he did well academically. Because he was neat and orderly, and received few demerits, he never enjoyed the pleasure of walking the Area.

"Bob was a fine football player, in the time of West Point's great winning teams of the 1940s. He experienced the infinite delight of playing in the 1944 Army-Notre Dame game, in which Army triumphed 59-0."

After graduation in 1945, Bob's first major assignment was in Tokyo doing occupation duty with the 1st Cavalry Division. There he met Mary Louise Kunkler when they did a magazine article for *Look* magazine called "An American Girl in Tokyo." Mary was a civilian employee at General Headquarters, Supreme Commander Allied Powers. Soon they married and spent the next forty-five years together.

Bob's thirty years' service included command and staff assignments with tank battalions in the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg and the 3d Armored Division in Germany. He commanded the 1st Squadron of the 9th Cavalry, guarding the western end of the demilitarized zone in Korea, and the 3d Brigade, U.S. Army Training Center at Fort Knox. In Vietnam he was a senior advisor to the Vietnamese III Army Corps.

Other staff assignments were with the Armor School at Fort Knox and the Army General Staff at the Pentagon, where he was responsible for research and development programs for combat and general purpose vehicles. He was with a Joint Task Force in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as Director of Engineering and Operations, engaged in the development and deployment of a variety of electro-mechanical sensor-surveillance systems for combat operations.

At the time of his retirement in 1975, as a colonel, he was deputy commander of the Army's Combat Developments Experimentation Center at Fort Ord, California.

Bob held a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan and was a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Command and Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. His decorations included the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with palm and the Army Distinguished Service Order.

Following retirement, Bob was employed by an international engineering and scientific services company as director of experimentation, collecting and evaluating data from field combat simulations.

One of his proudest moments came when he was inducted into the Windber Hall of Fame for having brought prestige to his home town.

Bob and Mary built their permanent home in the beautiful coastal foothills between Salinas and Monterey, California, where they lived together for sixteen years before Bob died peacefully at home on 12 April 1991 of sudden cardiac arrest. He had suffered a massive heart attack fifteen months before.

Bob had a reputation as a strict and stern military officer who demanded top performance of himself and others. Many of his contemporaries have said he was honest and fair and it was an honor to have served with him. He loved his country and gave it his best.

He is survived by his wife Mary, two children and five grandchildren. Daughter Kathy Hayes Matthews was born in Tokyo in 1947 and is a medical transcriptionist. She and husband Lindsay have two children. Son Commander Robert E. Hayes, Jr., was born at Fort Knox in 1952 and is a U.S. Navy aviator. He and his wife, Debbie Newsom Hayes, have three children. Bob was proud of them all and they miss him, their beloved husband, father and

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grandfather, their mentor and guide.

His family and classmates and many friends bid Bob a warm and loving farewell, as he marches in the Long Gray Line to the distant end of time.

Mary K. Hayes and Theodore H. Halligan '45

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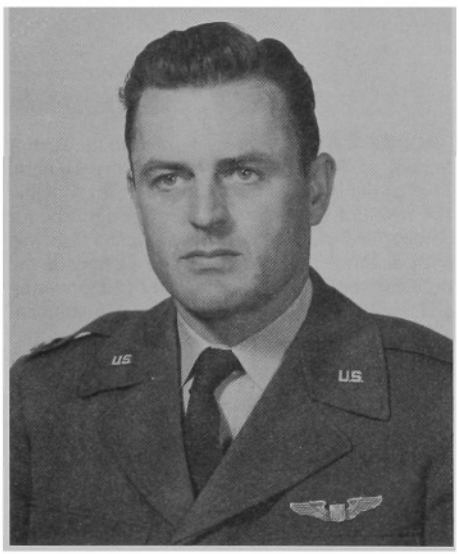
Richard Warren Hurdis

NO. 15104 CLASS OF 1945

Died 27 March 1964 near Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, aged 42 years.

Interment: Riverside Cemetery, Providence, Rhode Island.



Richard Warren Hurdis

RICHARD WARREN HURDIS was born on 12 July 1921 at West Point, New York. He was the son of Major General Charles E. Hurdis (Class of April 1917) and Elsie C. Hurdis. He lived on many Army posts as a child and soon knew that he desired to make a career of the military. His father set an outstanding example for him to follow. Dick attended grammar school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and graduated from high school in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He attended the University of North Carolina for one-and-a-half years and then went to the Sullivan School, Washington, D.C., in preparation for the West Point exams. He was appointed to USMA from the First Congressional District of Rhode Island by Representative Aime Forland. Dick returned to his birthplace on 1 July 1942, when he joined the Class of 1945.

He had little difficulty with the tough academic and military requirements. As noted in the *Howitzer*, he was quiet and unassuming and went his way little disturbed by the noise all around him. Dick was a man of culture and an all-around good person. He was on the swimming team and also enjoyed being a member of the Camera Club and a participant in the Hundredth Night Show. Two important happenings had a tremendous impact on Dick's life as a cadet. First, he met the love of his life, Joan Mclaughlin, and secondly, he was accepted for flight training. He then became even more sure of himself when he knew he would marry Joan on graduation day and would begin his career as an Air Corps pilot. His morale was at the highest point because of these events, and he was extremely happy.

Joan and Dick were married on 5 June 1945 at West Point. After various schools in the South, he was sent overseas to the Philippines, where he flew P-51's. Joan joined him for an enjoyable tour. They returned to the states in 1948. In 1956, Dick entered the B-47 program. After more schools, Dick and family were stationed at March Air Force Base for seven happy years. He then received another great assignment for five years at Wichita, Kansas, where he instructed in the B-47 school. Dick returned to crew duty in June 1963 at Little Rock Air Force Base and was promoted to lieutenant colonel. He was killed in an aircraft accident on 27 March 1964.

He is survived by his wife Joan, five sons (Rick, Jack, Tony, Peter and David), two daughters (Shelley and Nancy), and eight grandchildren. His family and friends will cherish his memory for the rest of their lives.

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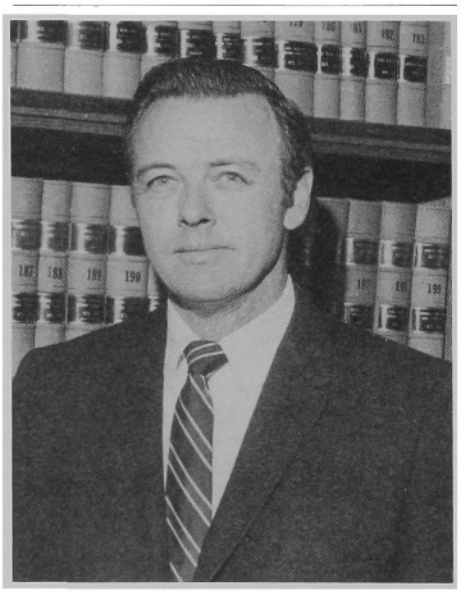
Claude Kitchin Josey

NO. 14825 CLASS OF 1945

Died 7 May 1991 in Scotland Neck, North Carolina, aged 67 years.

Interment: Sunnyside Cemetery, Scotland Neck, North Carolina.



Claude Kitchin Josey

KITCH WAS BORN WITH A JOY for life and with an exuberance that knew no bounds. The happy event occurred on 6 September 1923 in the town of Scotland Neck -- a quiet little urban community nestled in the pristine, northeast corner of North Carolina. The second son of Robert Carey and Anna Kitchin Josey, Kitch's youthful world revolved around a loving and devoted family and a host of spirited friends and relatives.

In July 1942, following the completion of one year at Wake Forest University and armed with a copy of *Lee's Lieutenants*, Kitch entered West Point. His classmates remember him as the quintessential southern gentleman: extremely good natured, warm, friendly, loyal and devoted to his friends, his beloved North Carolina, his country and to the United States Military Academy, and as being fiercely competitive -- but above all they remember him as a man of unquestioned integrity and as an accomplished and respected leader. Kitch's leadership abilities were certainly not lost on the Tactical Department; as a First Classman he was selected to be "A-1" company commander. Also, during his First Class year, he was elected captain of the baseball team. In regard to the latter, at that time it was the custom of the New York Giants baseball team, under the tutelage of Leo Durocher, to visit West Point in the spring of each year to complete their spring training and to play a few exhibition games with Army. Durocher was so impressed over the years with Kitch's play at shortstop and with his ability as a hitter that he offered him a tryout with the Giants and a bonus if he would sign with the team after Kitch had completed his three-year mandatory service requirement. Kitch politely refused the offer.

On 6 June 1945, Kitch was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry and, with the rest of his Infantry classmates, attended the USMA graduate course at Fort Benning. Upon graduation, he was sent overseas to Korea, where he was assigned to the 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division which, at the time, was deployed along the 38th parallel. Here he gained valuable experience as a platoon leader, and it was at this time he met his lovely bride-to-be, Linnell Bruce, the daughter of the late Lieutenant General and Mrs. A.D. Bruce.

Kitch returned to the States during the latter part of 1947 and was assigned to the United States Military Academy to serve as the Army assistant baseball coach. On 7 February 1948, he and Linnell were married at Fort Sam Houston, Texas--an old-fashioned military wedding if there ever was one--where her father was then serving as the deputy air commander, Fourth Army.

Kitch remained at West Point through 1948. In 1949 he was assigned to Fort Bragg with TDY enroute to Fort Benning to go to Jump School. Soon after arriving at Bragg, his first child, Roberta Linnell, was born. Also, at about this time, he learned that he was again to be assigned as a baseball coach. Desiring troop duty, he accepted an interim assignment as aide-de-camp to General Bruce.

Shortly after joining the General, the Korean war erupted. Kitch immediately applied for an assignment to the 187th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 11th Airborne Division, which had been alerted for movement to Korea. He reported to the 187th in July of 1950 and was assigned to "K" Company, 3d Battalion. A few weeks later, the regiment, reinforced and redesignated as the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, was in Korea. On 21 October the 3d Battalion made its first combat jump. The following day the battalion ran into moderate to heavy enemy resistance, and that night "K" Company was hit and nearly overrun. For the extraordinary heroism Kitch displayed during this fierce night-time engagement, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and earned the Purple Heart.

Because of the severity of his wounds, Kitch was evacuated through Japan to Brooks General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. It was at Brooks, while recuperating from his wounds that Linnell, a patient in the same hospital, presented him on 10 December with his second child, Claude Kitchin, Jr.

Following his release from the hospital in 1951, Kitch attended the advanced course at

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Fort Benning and, upon graduation, was assigned to the staff and faculty of The Infantry School. Here he served until mid-1953, when, because of the anticipated long-range debilitating effect of his wounds, he was retired for disability.

In 1956 Kitch received his law degree from Duke University. During this academic hiatus between his past military and future civilian careers and more specifically, on 23 September 1955, his third child and second son, Robert Bruce, was born.

Kitch and his family settled in Greensboro, North Carolina, and for the next few years he served as assistant district attorney of the Superior Court of Guilford County and also served as Chair of the Democratic Executive Committee of the same political district.

From 1959 to 1966, Kitch was a partner in the law firm of Douglas, Revenal, Josey and Hardy and also practiced law in Enfield, North Carolina in the firm of Hux, Branch and Josey. His reputation as a brilliant and extremely skillful trial lawyer grew to the point that those firms with which he was associated grew and prospered.

In 1966 Kitch and his family left Greensboro and returned home to his beloved Scotland Neck. He and Linnell built a beautiful home, and here, with his family, he would work and play for the remainder of his very full and eventful life.

In addition to his legal work in Scotland Neck as the senior partner in the law firm of Josey, Josey and Hanudel, Kitch served with honor and distinction in the North Carolina House of Representatives for six years and served as Speaker Pro Tempore during the 1975-1976 session. Kitch's service to his community and to the State of North Carolina did not end here -- he served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Halifax County Community College, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest University and the Wake Forest Athletic Council and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Scotland Neck.

Not only did Kitch serve his country, his state and community with unqualified skill and devotion, it is also important to note that he was a leader in the legal profession. He was a member of the North Carolina and American Bar Associations; he was also president of the Halifax Bar Association, President of the Sixth Judicial District Bar Association and Chair of the Sixth Judicial District Board of Law Examiners.

Kitch's death was mourned not solely by his family and his countless number of friends, but also by the community in which he lived and by the entire state of North Carolina. The General Assembly of North Carolina filed a Senate Joint Resolution honoring his life and memory; resolutions honoring him were also filed by the Sixth Judicial Bar Association, the Halifax Board of Commissioners and the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Of him Mr. Liston Ramsey, former North Carolina Speaker of the House, said "Josey was a true Southern gentleman. I lost a very dear friend and North Carolina has lost an outstanding citizen." Former Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina Jimmy Green observed that Kitch was a true statesman who let people know where he stood on the issues and that he had appointed Kitch Speaker Pro Tempore because of his "natural leadership abilities".

Kitch was an outstanding soldier, a lawyer of legendary skill and ability, an extremely popular, talented and highly respected legislator, a beloved husband and father and a truly honorable man who unequivocally earned the biblical accolade "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".

Kitch is survived by his wife, Roberta Linnell Bruce Josey; daughter, Roberta Josey Kemp; sons, Claude Kitchin Josey, Jr. and Robert Bruce Josey; sister, Mrs. Ann Josey Egleston; and seven grandchildren.

A friend and classmate

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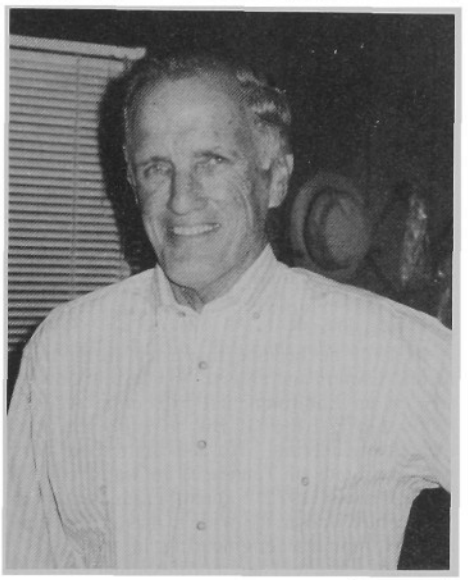
Arch Park Kimbrough

NO. 14578 CLASS OF 1945

Died on 28 January 1989 in Dallas, Texas, aged 64 years.

Interment: Hillcrest Mausoleum, Dallas, Texas



Arch Park Kimbrough

ARCH PARK KIMBROUGH was born to Lucy Lanier Park and Duke Kimbrough in Dallas on 19 August 1924. He attended Lisbon Elementary School and Boude Storey Junior High and graduated from Sunset High School in 1941. Arch worked at the Aetna Life Insurance Company for one year until he entered West Point 1 July 1942, from the Fifth Congressional District of Texas.

A classmate wrote of Arch in the 1945 *Howitzer*:

"Arch gave up the insurance business and Texas to come to West Point. Although he quickly forgot insurance and adapted himself to the military routine, he always found time to argue for his native state, especially in midwinter. His academic record was something to be proud of. However, whenever goats dropped in to get a little help, they usually found him deeply buried in a current magazine or book. His brilliant efficiency, sincere modesty, and southern-style amiability will make him a worthy addition to the regular Army."

Arch graduated number 144 in a class of 864 but was denied the opportunity of becoming a member of the regular army because of a hearing deficiency. He was given a reserve commission in the Corps of Engineers and went on to attend the basic course with his other engineer classmates, of which there were over 100, and was assigned as aide to the Theater Engineer, Brigadier General John Woods, in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations located at Caserta, Italy. He spent two years constructing airfields, and, when the Mediterranean Theater of Operations was deactivated, he was transferred to Berlin to the Engineer Branch of Berlin Military Post in the 1151st Engineer Group. He served one year and returned to the United States and Dallas and was discharged from the service.

He became an estimator for the Austin Bridge Company, one of the larger construction companies in the city, and enrolled in the night classes of the Law School of Southern Methodist University, where he completed two years toward his degree. When the Korean War began, Arch asked for overseas duty but was assigned to Fort Sill in a training unit, where he served one year.

Upon discharge from the service, he formed his own construction company, Trinity Road and Bridge Company, and built it into one of the major construction companies in the area.

Arch married Anne Leslie Giles on 22 November 1952 in Dallas. They had three daughters.

In 1971 Arch had a major heart attack and decided to retire from this most demanding business.

He devoted the remainder of his life to his investments, his family, community service and his church. He became very active in numerous organizations: the Historic Preservation League, the Dallas Art Museum, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Friends of the Dallas Zoo, and the Dallas Public Library. He served as president of the Dallas Archeological Society and on the University Park "Trees for Town" Committee. He was a trustee of the Oak Cliff Cemetery and of the St. Phillip's School and Community Center, which serves a largely African-American area and has the goal of enriching the lives of the children of the area. During the last few years of his life, St. Phillip's decided to build a new and larger school. Arch and Anne were major contributors to the building fund, and Arch headed the Building Committee.

In the week preceding his death, Arch and Anne had the pleasure of having all three of their daughters, their husbands and grandchildren visiting at their home. During this visit, Arch went for his daily walk with his dog Maggie and died of a heart attack. A funeral service was held at the Highland Park Presbyterian Church and interment at the Hillcrest Mausoleum in Dallas.

To honor Arch's contributions of both money and long hours of time, on Saturday, 2 December 1989, a most impressive ceremony was held at the St. Phillip's School and Community Center. The ceremony was to dedicate the library in the School and Community Center as the Arch P. Kimbrough Library. The ceremony really consisted of remembrances and eulogies by friends, family and church members regarding all the different parts of Arch's life in Dallas. It was a most fitting tribute to this modest, amiable, likable man of the South and the State of Texas.

Arch was a true Southern Gentleman and his passing leaves a void in all of our lives.

Anne, his wife, and Classmates

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Quentin Charles LaPrad

NO. 15142 CLASS OF 1945

Died 2 September 1983 in Nashville, Tennessee, aged 60 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Madison, Tennessee.

Quentin Charles LaPrad

QUENT WAS BORN on 16 September 1922 in Carleton, Michigan. When he was just five years old, his family moved to Sandusky, Ohio, where he entered St. Mary's Parochial School. Quent maintained an "A" average throughout his school years there and graduated at the top of his class. This was followed by one year at DiSalle College, Toledo, Ohio prior to his appointment to West Point.

Quent chose West Point because he felt that, based on his academic record, he would get the best possible education there, and also, because we were at war at that time, he would be better prepared to serve his country. His father, Louis LaPrad, played a big part in Quent's decision to enter the Academy. Quent's father was not only a strict disciplinarian but also a loving parent who always was proud of his son's accomplishments.

Quent was good natured and a veritable dynamo of energy at West Point. He did more than most—whether at West Point or the village, during the gloom period or on furlough. He was ever an optimist and cared for others. These attributes served him well throughout his tour on earth.

Commissioned in the Infantry after graduation, Quent left West Point for Fort Benning, Georgia and the Basic Officer's Course. This was followed by his first overseas assignment with the 21st Infantry Regiment "Gimlets" in Kumamato, Kyushu, Japan. He returned to the U.S. to train recruits at Fort Knox, Kentucky. While there he met his O.A.O., Sybil. The romance flourished, they were married and their first son, Stephen, was born in 1949.

After training recruits at Fort Knox, Quent was sent to Kent State, Ohio as assistant professor of Military Science and Tactics. This was followed by assignment to Georgia Tech, where he received his master's degree in electrical engineering in 1953 after two years of study.

To utilize this graduate training, his next assignment was NIKE project officer in the Combat Development Command at Fort Bliss, Texas. He transferred to the Artillery soon after his arrival at Fort Bliss. In 1955 he attended the Artillery School and stayed on as an instructor on the CORPORAL System until his departure for Command and General Staff College in 1959, where he graduated in 1960.

Upon completion of Command and General Staff College, Quent returned to Fort Bliss for an assignment with the G3 Section, Air Defense Center. After a blitz course in French in Washington, D.C., he was sent to the United States Military Assistance Advisory Group in Cambodia in March 1962. His family joined him there until the national situation worsened and they all were evacuated.

December 1963 found Quent assigned to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama as the artillery staff officer in the HAWK/NATO HAWK project. As a hobby he acquired a livestock farm in Tennesse, from which he commuted daily to the Arsenal. By now there were six children in the family: Stephen, Phillip born in 1950, Robert born in 1952, Jeanine who came along in 1954, Michele born in 1959, and Quentin who arrived in 1960.

Quent retired from the Army in 1965 and went to work for the Boeing Company in the Apollo Program from 1965 to 1970—first as lead engineer, Engineering Change Management at Huntsville, Alabama and then, in the Launch Support Apollo Program at Cape Kennedy, Florida. When the aerospace program folded, they returned to the farm in Tennessee to regroup.

In 1971 he became interested in environmental matters and entered Vanderbilt University on an Environmental Protection Agency fellowship and the GI Bill to study environmental engineering. He also started to work with the State of Tennessee in water control in September 1972. Quent graduated from Vanderbilt University with a master's degree in environmental engineering in 1973.

Quent was a registered professional engineer in Tennessee and Texas. He was a member of the Institute of Electronic and Electronic Engineers; American Water Works Association; the Water Pollution Federation; Mensa; Eta Kappu Nu; and the Knights of Columbus. He was concerned about the preservation of our national natural heritage and was a member of the Izaac Walton League; Wilderness Society; and National Wildlife Federation.

He is survived by one brother, Paul, of St. Joseph, Michigan; two sisters: Joan L. Brown and Yvonne LaLond, both of Sandusky, Ohio; and five children. Quentin, his youngest son, passed away in 1973, and his wife Sybil died in 1985.

Quent was ever an optimist. He had this to say in the 30 year book:

"If I have any philosophy, it's to remain an optimist.

"Apparent evils are not always so. Through diabetes I have learned temperance and prudence. Through heart trouble—patience and contentment. Through loss of a son—compassion and understanding. Through major surgery—acceptance of the inevitable. Through daily trials and raising children—love, appreciation and sympathy for others."

Would that we all had that optimism! Well done, Quent! God bless. Rest in peace.

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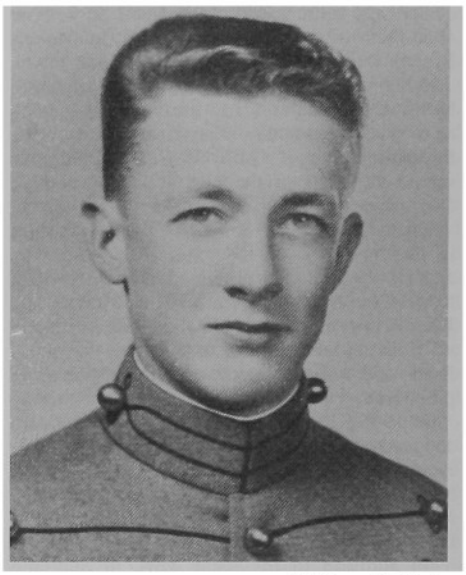
William Mahl, Jr.

NO. 14577 CLASS OF 1945

Died 27 March 1946 in Germany (air accident).

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



William Mahl, Jr.

WILLIAM MAHL, JR. graduated from the United States Military Academy as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps on 5 June 1945. Seven months and twenty-two days later he was killed in an aircraft crash somewhere in Germany. No one will know what future the Air Corps held for this young officer nor what hopes and aspirations that he himself had in this regard.

Very little is known about Mahl's early life except that he was born on 19 August 1923 in Biarritz, France to Elizabeth Powers Mahl and William Mahl, Sr, a free-lance writer. After a few years the family returned to the States and eventually moved to Carmel, New York in time for young Mahl to enter high school. There he excelled in all of the many endeavors that he undertook in addition to his academics: baseball, football, basketball, music, drama and others. It was a small school, but Mahl walked away with a disproportionate share of its honors, including president of the senior class of 1941, editor in chief of the senior yearbook and president of the Athletic Association. Indeed, he was well-known for his achievements throughout the county and well liked by both his teachers and fellow students.

The senior Mahl had been in the Army during World War I and may have been the motivating force behind his son's ambitions in the military. Perhaps that is why they settled in Carmel, New York, only some thirty miles across the Hudson from West Point. In any event, Mahl's intentions towards a military career were obviously well known to all. The horoscope of his senior class for some twenty years hence referred to him as "Colonel" Mahl. Although he had won scholarships to both the State University of New York and Cornell following Carmel High School, he elected to enter the Virginia Military Institute. This indicated very clearly his intentions. After one year at VMI, he entered the United States Military Academy

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in July 1942.

Upon entering West Point, Mahl continued to show his abilities by his participation in a variety of activities, boxing, lacross, baseball, the Hundredth Night Show and so on. His twinkling blue eyes and dry humor again made him popular, both with his peers and upperclassmen. He was selected as the Gift Representative and as a member of the Catholic Chapel Ball Committee. His preparations and schooling before entering West Point served him in good stead academically, and he graduated in the upper twenty percent of his class.

After graduating from the Academy in 1945, Mahl followed the usual pattern of training as did his other classmates who entered the Army Air Corps. He attended B-25 school, B-17 indoctrination and Squadron Officers School before shipping overseas, in his case to Germany. World War II had ended just two months after graduation, and the gigantic demobilization that followed played havoc with the normal sequencing of training after graduation. This may explain why he was killed while assigned to a Fighter Squadron, although his post graduation training had been oriented towards multi-engine and heavy bomber aircraft. There were no combat multi-engine aircraft being maintained in Germany at that time.

After his fatal crash on 27 March 1946, Mahl was buried in an American Cemetery in France. Later, his body was returned to the United States, and he was buried with military honors in the Post Cemetery at West Point on 3 August 1949. He was survived by his father and mother, a sister, Jacqueline Mahl, and a brother, Daniel Mahl.

"A roommate"

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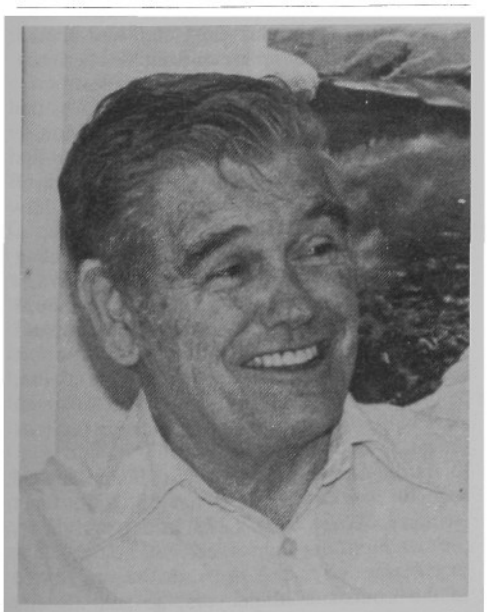
Roland William McNamee, Jr.

NO. 14939 CLASS OF 1945

Died 19 March 1988 at Laguna Hills, California, aged 64 years.

Remains cremated and dispersed at sea.



Roland William McNamee, Jr.

ROLAND W. McNAMEE, JR. was born in 1923 in Manila, the son and grandson of career Army officers. (General Albert Wedemeyer's obituary of Bill's father, USMA 1919, appears in the June 1977 *Assembly*.) Before attending "Beany" Millard's prep school for West Point in 1941-1942, Bill received schooling at the various posts where his father was stationed, including Fort Crook, Nebraska and Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, and at Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, from which he graduated in 1941.

As a cadet Bill was handsome, with curly brown hair and an engaging Irish smile. A superb athlete, he was a long (then called "broad") jumper on the track team, a tumbler on the gym team and, during the football season, an acrobatic cheerleader. He was so well liked by his classmates in A-2 that they elected him to almost every Corps committee for which elections were held. By the end of plebe year, he had so impressed our tacs that they ranked him in the top one percent of our class. He was a lieutenant as a first classman. His two roommates, Bob Batson and Jim Edwards, believe that Bill almost surely would have attained even higher rank but for the gentleness and kindness which marked not only his undergraduate days but his entire life. It is not that Bill did not believe in the plebe system, but, for himself, he never seemed to relish hammering away at delinquent plebes as much as the tactical department expected of a yearling leader.

Bill's first active duty assignment was to the basic anti-aircraft course at Fort Bliss. Before he completed the course, the bombs had been dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and World War II was over. Bill served as a radar officer with the 14th Anti Aircraft Command in Luzon, Philippine Islands, the 11th Airborne in Sapporo, Japan, and then for a year with the 38th Engineer Battalion at Sandia Air Base, New Mexico. In November 1948, Bill married Margaret Ann ("Johnni") Johnson of Ashland, Kansas.

His next assignment was to the University of Pennsylvania for a two-year course that led to a master of science degree in electrical engineering. Bob Batson was another of our classmates taking the same course. Bob recalls that Bill "found life at the University of Pennsylvania more demanding academically than West Point had been five years earlier, but Bill went right to the task. He set up a schedule for study of each course at a certain time each day, with a limit on the hours for each. This way, he said, he could learn a little about a lot of items. This was Bill's plan, and he always did what the schedule called for."

After three years as an instructor in electronics at Bliss, Bill transferred to the Ordnance Corps and completed the advance ordnance course at Aberdeen. Occupation duty in Germany followed. There the McNamees, believing that they were destined to be childless, adopted Gregory in Mannheim and, a year later, Heidi, in Stuttgart. Bill's Air Force brother Michael, USMA 1949, was the electronics officer with a tactical missile wing (Matador) in Germany, concerned with all aspects of guidance and control of the missiles from launch to impact, at the same time that Bill was chief, Guided Missile Section in the Ordnance Special Weapons, United States Army Europe, concerned with all Army missile equipment in Europe. Both were captains. "Upon discovery of a potential Radar frequency interference problem," Mike recalled after Bill's death, "HQ USAREUR and HQ USAFE called a meeting to resolve the problem. I represented the Air Force, and Bill, the Army. To facilitate identification of which Captain McNamee said what, Bill was referred to in the minutes of the meeting as 'Brown shoe (or Brown suit) McNamee' and I as 'Black shoe (or Blue suit) McNamee' This anecdote never hit the newswires, since the minutes of the day-long meeting were classified TOP SECRET.

Three years with the NIKE Zeus Department, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, and three more as project manager, reentry vehicles, with the Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency in Washington, completed Bill's 20 years of active duty in 1965. The year before Bill's retirement, Johnni was surprised and very happy to find herself pregnant, for the first time in their 15 years of marriage. For the Class of '45's 20th yearbook, just as he was starting out in civilian life (as aerospace project manager for Ford Aeronutronic Company in Newport Beach, California), Bill wrote:

"The good Lord has given me an exceptionally full life: There is Johnni, my love, who has shared in the good and the bad; offspring Greg (11), Heidi (10) and Pat (1), who have made family life complete; a thousand loyal friends, all a joy to know."

Bill's father had found congenial an academic environment at Stanford after retirement from the Army, and Bill himself had enjoyed and been good at teaching in the Army. He left Ford after three years to prepare himself for his third career: high school teaching in mathematics and physics. After earning requisite teaching credentials at the University of California, Irvine in 1970, Bill joined the faculty of University High School in Irvine, where he served until he retired, apparently in excellent health, in June 1987.

Johnni's ebullient Christmas letter in 1987 carried a shocking postscript: Bill's doctors had discovered that he had a rare form of inoperable cancer and that he probably had only a few months to live. Bill went about preparing for his death as he went about everything in life: well organized, good humored, thoughtful of others. He asked Jim Edwards, who had authored his mini-biography for the '45 *Howitzer*, to put together something for *Assembly*. Without asking Bill or Johnni for approval, Edwards sent a copy of Johnni's Christmas letter to about 50 classmates who had known Bill well in our cadet days, with the suggestion that they write or call Bill, if they would not find it uncomfortable to do. In the weeks that followed, an outpouring of expressions of love and admiration by mail, telephone and personal visits came to Bill from friends from Academy days. It is good that Bill could know while he was alive something of the breadth and depth of the affection held for him by those who had known him so well and who had shared so much with him long ago. Similarly, Bill's students and faculty colleagues at University High stressed in letters to him how much they had learned from him, and how much they had wanted to learn from him because of his obvious concern and caring for them.

Like father, like son. After his father died, Bill described his father to General Wedemeyer in words that those who knew Bill best would find equally applicable to Bill: "[A] good Catholic, a loving husband and father. We do not remember him raising his voice or swearing. He could be stern, but was consistent and fair. He had a wonderful, gentle sense

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of humor. He was a man of integrity and loyalty."

As Bill's mother had said of Bill's father after his death, Bill was "gentle, and a gentleman".

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Harry Richard Middleton

NO. 14968 CLASS OF 1945

Died 30 April 1951 in North Korea, aged 27 years.

Interment: National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Harry Richard Middleton.

HARRY RICHARD MIDDLETON, eldest son of Albert R. and Genora L. Middleton, was born in Frankfort, Indiana on 4 September 1923. Middie, as he was known to many of his friends, grew up a Hoosier and, among his many interests, loved scouting. He became an Eagle Scout at an early age and graduated as valedictorian of his high school class in Nappanee, Indiana in 1941.

After one semester at Purdue University, Harry entered Sullivan's Preparatory School in the Washington, D.C. area. He wanted, above all else, to go to West Point, because he considered the education there to be the best he could get anywhere. His strong self-discipline and his dedication to pursue his goals won him an appointment from Representative Robert A. Grant, Third Congressional District of Indiana. He entered the Academy in July of 1942.

Harry had always been blessed with a wonderful, wry sense of humor, a strong sense of duty and a well-balanced disposition. He personified "Duty, Honor, Country."

During his cadet days, Harry was on the Rifle Team for three years. He served on the *Howitzer* and was promoted to corporal his yearling year and sergeant his first class year. Before graduation, he opted for the Army Air Corps and received flight training at Uvalde, Texas and at Stewart Field.

Upon graduation, he was assigned to Tyndall Air Force Base and trained to become a fighter pilot. While at Tyndall, Harry married Virginia Becker Kalbach on 4 April 1947.

His next assignment took him to Barksdale Air Force Base. Here once again, in his off-duty time, Harry worked with the scouting program. He received a commendation from General John K. Cannon for the leadership he exhibited with the Air Scout program on the base.

An overseas assignment followed when Harry was ordered to Clark Field in the Philippines in September 1947. His wife Virginia and daughter Linda joined him there 11 months later in August 1948. He was assigned to the 12th Fighter/Bomber Squadron, 18th Fighter/Bomber Group and flew both F-51's and F-80's.

While in the Philippine Islands, Harry spent some of his off-duty time developing his artistic talent. It was there that he painted a colorful rendition of the Cadet Chapel.

Returning to the States in April 1950, Harry was stationed at Randolph Air Force Base. From there he was selected for a highly classified assignment at Wright-Patterson. He survived several cuts from that special mission duty, but in the meantime the Korean action had broken out.

It seemed natural to Harry to volunteer for combat duty in Korea. He felt he owed his country for all it had given him and that it was the honorable thing for him to do. It took a concerted effort to get him released from the special assignment at Wright-Patterson. When his release was finally approved, it was with the understanding that he would be reassigned to that program upon his return from Korea.

First, he was sent to Nellis Air Force Base for combat training. In December 1950 he rejoined his old outfit, the 18th FB Group, in Korea. In approximately four months he flew 97 combat and low-level strafing missions over North Korea.

On his 97th mission, Lieutenant Middleton was the leader of a flight of four F-51 aircraft that departed Chinang Air Base, South Korea, on the morning of 30 April 1951 for an armed reconnaissance mission over North Korea. After reaching a point near Miudong, approximately 75 miles north of Seoul, the flight began a search for enemy targets. During the reconnaissance, at an altitude of 300 feet, Lieutenant Middleton's plane received several direct hits in the cockpit and other parts of the fuselage from enemy ground fire. His plane, apparently out of control, pulled up sharply to an altitude of 2,000 feet, rolled over on its back and dived straight into the ground, exploding on impact. Lieutenant Middleton's remains have never been recovered.

In so short a period of time, Harry Richard Middleton flew 97 combat missions in the early phases of the fighting. He was among those members of our Armed Forces of the Korean conflict who were missing in action. His name is permanently inscribed on the Tablets of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii.

It can be said by all of us who knew and loved you, Harry, "Well done", for your country and your Alma Mater.

Harry is survived by his widow Virginia, who resides in Phoenix, Arizona, and his daughter, Linda K. Hampton, of Concord, North Carolina. His parents are deceased.

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Austin Joseph Yerks, Jr.

NO. 15186 CLASS OF 1945

Died 17 October 1991 in Miami, Florida, aged 69 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Austin Joseph Yerks, Jr.

TO SOME HE WAS AUS, to others dad, Sonny or Poppi; to all he was a very special being who loved life and shared that abundant love. He was truly a legend in his own time. It often seemed he belonged of another era, perhaps spanning the decades of our Republic's romantic past, about which he was an ardent student, and for which he would serve and sacrifice with a soldier's dedication.

Born 20 August 1922 in Ossining, New York, just a shadow away from our alma mater, Aus seemed destined to serve our country in a soldier's role. His army career began long years before his cadet days and was rooted in a patriotic fervor inherited from his cherished idol, the Sergeant Major -- his father.

At age 12, Aus became a bugle boy in the New York State National Guard. Each summer, while his contemporaries were enjoying the summer away from school, Aus would travel to Pine Camp, New York to perform his duty -- and Aus was proud of that sacrifice at a tender age. Such was the mold of a young soldier and the auspicious beginning of a career.

During his high school years, Aus developed into a superb student/athlete. A member of the National Honor Society, a three-sport letterman, a "Millrose Games"-quality track star, he blended what was best in a young American already destined to serve his country in perilous times.

As the clouds of World War II approached in 1940, Aus enlisted in Battery E, 104th Field Artillery, of New York's 27th Infantry Division, the same unit his dad served with in a previous world war. Trained in Alabama and tested in the Louisiana Maneuvers, he and his unit were deployed to the Asian Pacific Theater in early 1942. There he achieved what would be his most cherished promotion, to corporal. In the Pacific he saw combat in the island-hopping campaigns of New Guinea and New

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Caledonia. In the late summer of 1942 he was appointed to USMA and became one of the first combat veterans of World War II to enter as a cadet.

As a cadet Aus was described as loaded with talent. He had a creative mind and an exceptional knack for expressing himself. The latter particularly useful when writing vivid "Explanations of Report," which, according to his roommate of many years, worked at least a couple of times.

His initial assignment following graduation was with the 19th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Division on the Island of Shikoku, Japan. He became a company commander in an unusually short period of time and reportedly had the company with the highest morale and esprit. His "people" ability and his experience as a corporal melded into an unusually talented officer. As was typical of Austin's affect on the people he met, Aus and his first battalion commander remained close friends for the rest of Austin's life. His natural leadership talent made him one of the most popular and respected officers in the 19th Infantry.

The following years were filled with a variety of successful and interesting assignments: Ranger Department Chief at Fort Benning; Senior Army Representative in the Joint Billet (JCS); graduate schooling at American University; and International Affairs Officer in the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for operations. Through all of these assignments, Austin added to a vast army of friends and acquaintances.

Anecdotes from every place he went are abundant and always amusing. Few people have such a knack for touching the lives of others and making such strong, warm impressions. Decades after he retired, and while visiting his grandchildren in various corners of the globe, his family was constantly surprised at how he would run into apparently total strangers who would instantly recognize him and reminisce with hours of stories. Even former Ranger School students, who were with him for only a scant few weeks of training, recognized him 30 years later with affection and admiration. Aus left an indelible mark on the hearts of everyone he met and in those memories he remains with us.

Aus left active duty in 1965 after 20 years of commissioned service but continued to serve his country in a series of distinguished and responsible positions in the defense industry. Following an initial position at North American Rockwell, he culminated his civilian career as senior vice-president with Planning Research Corporation.

During this time, Austin's obvious talent with the pen landed him the job of class scribe, which he faithfully performed for a number of years. During his time in the business world he was well-known for providing a helping hand to numerous friends and classmates looking for employment and advancement opportunities. Austin's family managed to keep the Long Gray Line tradition alive when both his son Austin III and his daughter Jeanne's husband graduated with the same USMA class. He was equally proud of his younger brother, who graduated USMA a few years after him and rose to flag rank. Even Austin's sisters followed his example of leadership and service. One became a national officer for the American Legion Auxiliary and the other has become New York State's leading curator in a variety of historical and patriotic societies there.

Austin's later years were devoted to spending time with his three grandchildren. His well-known sense of humor was scarcely dampened by advancing years. He would always appear in unusual attire for the benefit of his grandchildren, who delighted in the entertainment. On one notable but certainly not rare occasion, Aus debarked from an airplane in Columbus, Georgia, in full Indian Chief costume to his waiting grandson, who was duly impressed by such a distinguished visitor. For Aus this came naturally and made him all the more endearing.

It was during his later years in industry that Austin became a woodcarver of noted talent. As a release from the pressures of the job, he spent his weekends turning driftwood into tables and blocks into figurines. He loved his hobby with a fervent passion, and his work lives on in the homes of friends and relatives.

Aus retired from Planning Research Corporation in 1980 and settled with Alice in their winter home in Miami, Florida. It was there that a series of ailments drained his strength and life. During his long illness, Alice provided the epitome of loving care, devotion and personal sacrifice. Her dedication to Aus during these difficult years went well beyond anyone's possible expectation and has earned her the bountiful support of an "Army of Friends." Alice proved her well-known beauty was duplicated in the heart and soul.

Austin was finally laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, a place most fitting for his life of dedication to his country's ideals. As further evidence of his character and wealth of friends, the Arlington Chapel was filled with family, friends and classmates. The ceremony included the caissons he dearly loved and the riderless horse that had special meaning for him.

Aus lived his life with vigor and a twinkle in his eye. He was a devoted patriot, caring father, loving husband and dependable friend. He loved his country, the Army and, especially, the Academy with a zeal rarely matched. The corporal's legacy is measured in many decades of service as ardent in mufti as in uniform. With colorful and vivid memories he lives in the hearts and minds of friends and family.

Family, Friends and Classmates

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Pat William Crizer

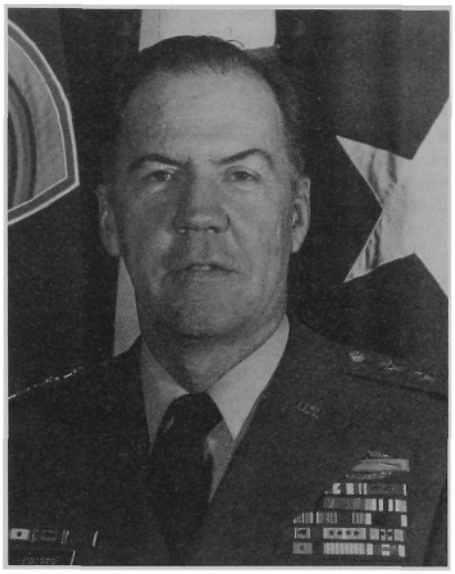
NO. 15990 CLASS OF 1946

Died 16 November 1991 in Williamsburg, *Virginia, aged 67 years.*

Interment. Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

PAT WILLIAM CRIZER was born 24 September 1924 in Appalachia, Virginia. His parents instilled in Pat the values of honesty, hard work and doing what was right. His childhood was typical for a young man growing up in a small town. He was captain of the high school basketball team, All Conference in track and Second All State in the high jump, and he played first trumpet in the school band. Graduation found Pat going directly to West Point to join the Class of 1946 on 1 July 1943.

Cadet life was uneventful for Pat, except for plebe year. One of his roommates, Jim Johnson, recalled: "Plebe year was difficult for Pat. While he avoided the Tactical Department and the area, somehow he became



Pat William Crizer

the favorite target of an unrelenting first classmen. This extra demand on his time and concentration caused him some worrisome difficulties with plebe math. Nevertheless, he always maintained his sense of humor and composed disposition." Another roommate, Ray Boyd, recalled: "....Pat was always cheerful and cooperative. Pat handled underclassmen in a fair and professional manner, which was an indication of his leadership potential in later troop assignments." When graduation rolled around, Pat became an Infantry second lieutenant.

Following basic schooling, Pat was assigned to the 21st Infantry, 24th Division in Japan. He returned to the States in 1949 and married Frances Louise Owens in Washington, D.C., on 24 May 1950. Assigned to the 7th Infantry, 3d Division, Pat entered the Korean War in November 1950. For five months, he served as Assistant S-3 and then S-3, 3-7 Infantry. In March of 1951, Pat became Commander, K Company, 3-7 Infantry. He was awarded two Silver Stars for valor in combat. Returning to the States, Pat attended the Advanced Course and was subsequently assigned to the Reserve Officer Training Corps unit at Valley Forge Military Academy. He obtained his MBA from Syracuse and served in the Office of the Army Comptroller in Washington. Selected to attend the Command and General Staff College in 1959, Pat was asked to serve on the faculty.

In 1962, Pat served in Headquarters, European Command, returning to the States in 1964 to attend the Army War College. From there he went to Fort Lewis, Washington to take command of the 3-8 Infantry, 4th Infantry Division. Pat deployed with the division to Vietnam in September 1966, commanding his battalion in combat until December, when he became the G-2. Pat next commanded 3rd Brigade, 5th Mechanized Division before serving in the Office of the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army. Selected for brigadier general, Pat served as Assistant Division Commander, 2d Infantry Division in Korea. Lieutenant General Jeffrey G. Smith, US Army, Retired, recalled: "...My close, personal ties with Pat began 20 years ago when Pat Crizer welcomed me as I assumed command of the 2d Infantry Division. The Army, as a whole, had been shaken severely by the instabilities and turmoil

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thrust upon it as the Vietnam War wound down. Pat and I shared the job of carrying on. That entailed an emphasis — trite as that might sound to those who did not experience those days or might have forgotten — on the fundamentals of soldiering; training, discipline, and above all, straight talk and no gimmicks. Pat Crizer was a much-needed, much-appreciated example of perseverance, perception, common sense and moral courage...."

From Korea, Pat returned to the Pentagon to serve as Director of Systems, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development and then as Director of Requirements, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations. The Crizers returned to Germany when Pat was promoted to major general commanding the 3d Infantry Division. General Frederick J. Kroesen, US Army, Retired, remembered: "...As a brand new corps commander, I learned that Pat Crizer was to command the 3d Infantry Division. I was quite satisfied with that assignment, not realizing at the time that it was the beginning of a friendship that would last through the rest of his life. The 3d Division was special for Pat. He nurtured his division, trained it as well, maybe better than any other in the Army at the time, and developed a camaraderie, esprit de corps, and a professional respect between himself and his officers and men." General George S. Blanchard, US Army, Retired, recalled Pat's command of the 3d Division: "He was an outstanding division commanding general, and I remember one Reforger when, through his division's brilliance, the 'enemy' was completely befuddled and practically collapsed." A classmate and close friend, Major General, US Army, Retired, Dick Bresnahan, wrote: "...Recently, I met an officer who had commanded a division with great success in the Middle East War. He had been a major in the 3d Division when Pat commanded it. He said, 'Much of my success and that of several other officers over there was the result of lessons we learned from General Crizer while serving under him. He knew his business and was a great teacher.' What else is there to say about such a loyal friend?"

Pat and Fran returned to the States to command the US Army Readiness Region III and to be deputy CG, First US Army, at Fort Meade, Maryland. In 1978, General Blanchard specifically asked for Pat to be his Deputy Commander-in-Chief, US Army Europe. "...He did a great job as deputy commander-in-chief, relieving me of many important tasks and always looking out for the troops. I burdened the deputy commander-in-chief with many command responsibilities. He wasn't just a deputy." General Kroesen remembered: "...I was more than happy to recommend Pat's selection, never suspecting that within months I would be reunited with him in that headquarters. I congratulated myself for having had a voice in his appointment, then spent the last two years of his career in a rewarding, mutually beneficial partnership commanding the activities of the vast organization. He continued to be a 3d Division man, jealously insisting that 'The Dogface Soldier' was the exclusive property of the Rock of the Marne."

Pat retired in 1981 as a lieutenant general. He became a consultant to Burdeshaw Associates in Washington, DC. In 1983, Pat and Fran moved to Williamsburg, Virginia, where Pat honed his already good golf game and participated in many community activities. In 1990, Pat learned he had acute leukemia and, though he fought valiantly, he died 16 November 1991. He is survived by his wife Fran; a daughter Candice; a son Scott; and four sisters, Wilma, Louise, June and Sue.

It was hard for Pat's family, friends and classmates to assimilate the fact that this bright shining light in their firmament was no longer shining. He made a deep impression on everyone who ever knew him. This is exemplified by the comments of his friends from Kingsmill on the James, near Williamsburg, Virginia.

Alfred A. Lawton wrote: "Although I only knew Pat for some six years, I consider it a privilege and it certainly was a great pleasure. Pat will be greatly missed; he was a leader wherever he went."

G. Richard Johnson wrote: "...There are many examples of Pat's involvement in everything that was worthwhile. In the course of his participation, he endeared himself to everyone with his warmth, friendliness and sincerity.... I expect that Heaven will be just a little bit nicer because of Pat's presence."

James E. Elliot wrote: "Pat was a very humble and gracious person. He did not flaunt his accomplishments and asked that he be judged by his current actions, and he judged others likewise."

Harry Kane wrote: "I'll remember Pat for many different reasons. He not only worrried about the economic and political challenges that confront our great country but sought to shape response to them. West Point is entitled to be very proud of him; after they made him a good soldier, he became a good father and a good citizen."

General Kroesen closed his remembrance with: "And now, the world is a lesser place because he is gone. I will miss him."

General Bruce Palmer, US Army, Retired, Wrote: "Pat Crizer was one of the finest men that I have ever known -- truly a straight shooter. There was nothing artificial about him. But, I remember him best as a devoted husband and family man. Pat and Fran and their two children, Scott and Candy, were very close --together they shone like bright stars."

Dick Bresnahan added: " Pat was the highest principled man I've ever known. In combat, I can only say I would have wanted him on my flank under the most challenging situations."

Lieutenant General Smith in his eulogy at Pat's funeral stated: "In the end, his service and example more than repaid all that West Point and his country gave him. Elan and distinction — and humility — were Pat Crizer hallmarks. As were the spring in his step, the twinkle in his eye and his distinctive bearing. Pat would, I suspect, like best to be remembered as a caring husband and father who was 'just a dog-faced soldier with a rifle on his soldier' from the Third Division. There was, however, much more than that."

The Class of 1946 joins the family and friends of Pat William Crizer in proclaiming to the world; "Well Done, Pat! Be Thou At Peace!"

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Fran

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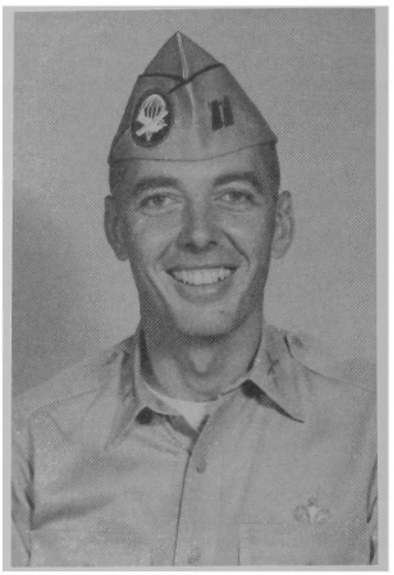
Allen Howland Wood, III

NO. 16085 CLASS OF 1946

Died 6 January 1992 in Arlington, Virginia, aged 68 years.

Interment: Mount Hebron Cemetery, Montclair, New Jersey.



Allen Howland Wood, III

ALLEN HOWLAND WOOD, III was born 23 June 1923 in Boston, Massachusetts. By the time Allen entered high school, his parents had divorced and his mother remarried the general manager of the New York Yankees. Allen's high school days were spent at Bordentown Military Institute, Bordentown, New Jersey. There he was an honor student, played varsity basketball and played in the student band. Following graduation, he received his coveted appointment to West Point and joined the Class of 1946 on the banks of the Hudson, 1 July 1943.

Three of Allen's cadet roommates, Jim Johnson, Jim Nelson and Tom Stapleton, recalled: "One's initial impression of Allen was, 'Here is the quintessential extrovert'. He was completely at ease with everyone, and his warm smile and outgoing manner put all at ease with him. As we grew to know him, we learned to appreciate other facets of his character. He was also a generous, caring and helpful friend.

Allen was naturally neat, orderly and well organized; all traits which served him well as a cadet. His battles with academics were monumental and often bloody. While he had a flair and talent for languages, math and science were another matter. In spite of nightly after-hours studying and cram sessions with roommates coaching, daily recitations and written exams were touch and go for all three years. His intelligence was never in question, witness his subsequent academic accomplishments. Even with this intense academic pressure, Allen never lost his good humor and aplomb. He viewed academics as a game where either he won or 'they' won; and if he won over half the daily battles, he would graduate.

Allen loved music and his phonograph records. He had an excellent voice and would render all verses of Johnny Mercer's *Jamboree Jones* at the slightest excuse. He enjoyed singing

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in the choir and glee club and his role in the HundredthNight Show. Those of us who were far from home enjoyed the hospitality extended by Allen and his parents. The Weiss household provided many hours of relief from the West Point grind and included box seats at Yankee Stadium.

During first class year, Barbara Bender reappeared in Allen's life. They had been next door neighbors during their childhood. Allen seemed to become more focused, and we all knew this was something special — as the song says, 'They fit together walkin'."

Another lifetime friend, John W. Callaghan, recalled: "I met Allen for the first time on a quiet Sunday afternoon in September 1943 in a stairwell leading to the sinks in A-1 Company. I was visiting my brother, a first classman, who lived in the same division as Allen. I had ventured into the halls in a bathrobe and literally ran into Allen, who was the perfect model (at least for me) of a then-modern plebe. Totally relieved that I had met a classmate and not an upperclassman, I became his friend for life. For a fleeting moment, we chuckled at the ridiculousness of the situation, exchanged names and quickly got out of the danger zone. We saw each other off and on during our years at West Point and never failed after our retirement to have a good laugh about our chance meeting in the halls of A-1 Company. As a cadet, Allen was always smiling and had a terrific sense of humor. He seemed to be relaxed but perseverant and serious about what he was doing."

When graduation rolled around, Allen became a second lieutenant of infantry. While on graduation leave, Allen and Barbara (Bobbie) Ann Bender were married at Short Hills, New Jersey on 18 June 1946. Following the Infantry Basic Officer Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, Allen went to Korea with the 7th Division and moved to Japan with the Division. He returned to the States for assignment as adjutant of the 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) at Fort McNair, Washington, DC. His friend, John W. Callaghan, was in the same battalion and recalled: "As you might suspect, Allen was a handsome adjutant on the parade ground, being over six feet two inches tall and ramrod erect. He was also a top flight administrator, which we platoon leaders found out from the company commander if we had not done our paperwork correctly."

Next Allen went to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In 1952, the Woods moved to Hawaii, where Allen served with Headquarters, US Army Pacific. In 1956, Allen was accepted into the Army Foreign Specialist Program. After receiving his master's from the University of Pennsylvania in Asian Studies, he, Bobbie, and their three sons travelled to New Delhi, India under the Foreign Area Specialist Program. Returning to the States, Allen served with the Defense Intelligence Agency. He transferred to the Adjutant General Corps in 1964. In 1965, he received his Ph.D. from Georgetown University in Asian Studies. He next became the first commander of the Army Chief of Staff's Computer Center. Allen retired from the Army in 1966 as a lieutenant colonel.

Allen started a second career in teaching shortly after retirement. First as a lecturer in Asian Studies in the History Department, Trinity College, Washington, DC, he progressed to become Associate Professor of History. In 1971, he was asked to become director of Special Programs for the College. Allen loved teaching and his years at Trinity were some of the happiest of his life. He was often referred to as "the last of the Episcopalian Republicans teaching Hinduism to Catholic ladies." Sister Margaret Claydon, Professor of English at Trinity, was a friend and associate of Allen's during this period. She recalled: "While at Trinity, Allen was an important member of the whole college community. He was a good teacher and a popular one. The Class of 1970 elected him to be their class advisor, and he was a member of the faculty-student Senate. ....After appointment to administrative duties, he was a member of the Executive Committee of the College and, in that capacity, made an important contribution during a period of great student unrest. I relied on his advice considerably and, although I did not always follow it, considered it valuable. Allen Wood was a good friend, a highly respected colleague and one whom we missed very much when he moved on to another area of his career. His contribution to Trinity College was an important one in a very critical time for all in higher education."

In 1974, Allen became dean at Tusculum College in Greenville, Tennessee. After three years in that position, the Woods moved to Greenwich, Connecticut. They returned to Springfield, Virginia in the early eighties, and Allen was able to pursue his other interests, such as golf, stamp collecting and researching his family history. In 1990 Allen learned that he had cancer and died on 6 January 1992. He is survived by his wife Barbara (Bobbie) and three sons, Daniel; Allen H., IV; and Bruce.

Allen H. Wood, III, was proud be a West Pointer. He was a man of very high principles. He believed strongly in Duty, Honor, Country and added family to the list of ideals he held dear and sacred. When asked how he would like to be remembered, Allen said: "As a good man, nothing more." His three roommates said: "If one had to describe Allen in one word it would have to be 'Joy', and when reflecting on old friends Allen Wood is one of the first to mind. We will all surely miss him." His long time friend, John W. Callaghan, said: "To the end he was the perfect gentleman in every respect -- a model husband, a good father, a great friend and a credit to the Long Gray Line." At his funeral, Allen's three sons each delivered a eulogy for their father. These eulogies are a beautiful tribute to a very fine man -- a good man. Excerpts from these thoughts, intermingled, give some idea of the kind of man Allen H. Wood, III was and how he was loved by his family and all who knew him:

"We come here today not to mourn the passing of Allen Wood, but to celebrate his life, and to rejoice in our brief moment together with him."

"My father lived his life with strong expectations and convictions in the pursuit of achieving meaningful achievements."

"With this memorial, we do something quite singular: each of us, formally and privately, synthesizes our memory of Allen. Each expression is unique. Each relationship is special. By sharing these expressions, we come closer to knowing the man."

"He was a man of immense pride, a gentle man, and a caring man in an age characterized all too often by heavyhanded indifference."

"Because of his ways, he taught me a great many things, to include the importance of honesty, respect, courage, commitment and the meaning of friendship."

"Truly, the measure of a person's legacy is that they were loved by many and that they made a difference by being here. By those standards, Allen Wood's life was exemplary."

"I can never thank you enough for your love and friendship but instinctively know that your presence will guide me in my own efforts to achieve my own accomplishments."

"Without a doubt, the greatest gift that my father shared with me was his love of family. I'm truly blessed with this gift. It has given me a sense of security that I can't possibly describe."

To this, the Class of 1946 joins his family and friends in proclaiming, "Well Done, Allen; Be Thou At Peace!"

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife "Bobbie"

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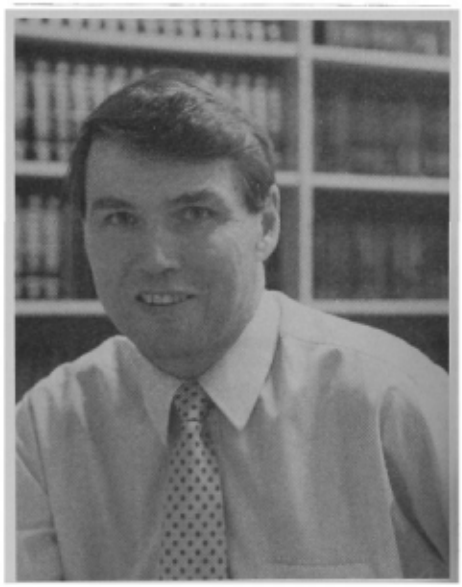
Samuel Hudson Wilson, III

NO. 19937 CLASS OF 1954

Died 21 March 1990 in Boston, Massachusetts, aged 58 years.

Interment: Woodstock Cemetery, Woodstock, New York.



Samuel Hudson Wilson, III

SAMUEL HUDSON WILSON, III was born 2 February 1932 in Kingston, New York to Samuel and Eloise Kuhlewind of nearby Woodstock. Sam grew up with his younger sister Nancy in the beautiful Catskill Mountain area, attending what was then Woodstock's one room school. There he demonstrated his lifelong desire to excel by learning the next grade's lessons, thus allowing him to ultimately skip a grade. Later, he would travel 15 miles each way to attend Kingston High School, where his father had graduated before him and his own three children would follow.

Living only an hour's drive from West Point, at an early age Sam became aware of the Military Academy and the opportunities it afforded for a good education. Through his own growing desire and determination, and with the recommendation of Senator Arthur Wicks, he was accepted for the Military Academy Class of 1954.

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Sam's experience at the Military Academy had a profound impact on his life. He often expressed his belief that it was at West Point that he had mastered self-discipline and the ability to prioritize problems and that these both contributed to his success in later life.

Upon graduation from the Military Academy, Sam was commissioned in the Air Force and assigned for flight training in Bainbridge, Georgia and later in Loredo, Texas. After receiving his wings, he was assigned as an F-86 pilot in the 324th Fighter Interceptor Squadron of the Air Defense Command at Westover Air Force Base in Springfield, Massachusetts.

While in the Air Force, Sam met and fell in love with Marie L. Schacht of White Plains, New York. They were married in Kingston in September of 1956. Their first child, Lloyd, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts in 1957 while Sam was on assignment at Westover Air Base.

In September of 1958, Sam resigned his commission and entered Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to pursue a master's degree in industrial management. After graduation, he accepted a position in personnel administration with the New York Telephone Company. After several rewarding assignments and promotions with the telephone company, including traffic superintendent, he accepted an offer from IBM that led to nearly a quarter century of increasingly responsible personnel management assignments. Sam had been attracted to IBM by its progressive personnel policies, which coincided so well with his personal standards of fairness.

As Sam's career flourished at IBM, so did his family with the birth of two daughters, Karyn in 1959 and Lynda in 1966. His family increasingly became the focus of his life. While the children were very young, he built a lakefront home in Vermont where the family would swim and sail in the summer and ski the nearby slopes in the winter. Those were vigorous days of family warmth and growth. Yet, even with the attention paid to family and career, Sam possessed a genius for nurturing friendships. Frequent correspondence and visits kept him in touch with the many friends he had made throughout his life. It can truly be said that Sam did not have former friends. Once you were his friend, you were his friend for life. And even when you had been apart for a considerable time, when he visited you or you were a guest of his in Kingston or Vermont, it was as if you had never been parted.

At IBM Kingston, Sam moved through a series of personnel management positions, including recruiting manager and manager of compensation. In 1977, he was promoted to manager of personnel administration at division headquarters in White Plains. In 1985, he was advanced to the position of manager of executive resources in Kingston.

In 1988, while in that position, Sam was selected as one of 49 IBM employees to participate in the IBM Faculty Loan Program. This program provides participants an opportunity to teach or work in a variety of educational environments having a significant focus on minority, handicapped or disadvantaged students. Sam was loaned to the University of Massachusetts/Boston to help develop and implement in the College of Management the Educational Opportunity Program to attract and retain minority students. Sam visited local high schools to generate student interest and area corporations to raise funds and obtain internships for students.

Eager to pursue the implementation of the program beyond the first year's development stage, Sam requested to stay on at the college and was approved by IBM for the 1989-90 academic year.

It was in the autumn of that academic year that Sam learned he had a brain tumor. In spite of failing eyesight, he continued his work with the program while undergoing treatment for his illness. Sam passed away in March of 1990. In tribute to the effort and enthusiasm he brought to the program, his family created the Sam Wilson Scholarship Fund, which will provide an annual award to a student entering the Educational Opportunity Program. His family and friends are happy that this will help keep alive the memory of a loving family man, a dedicated professional and a true friend to countless numbers.

Written by a friend, Dick Rodgers

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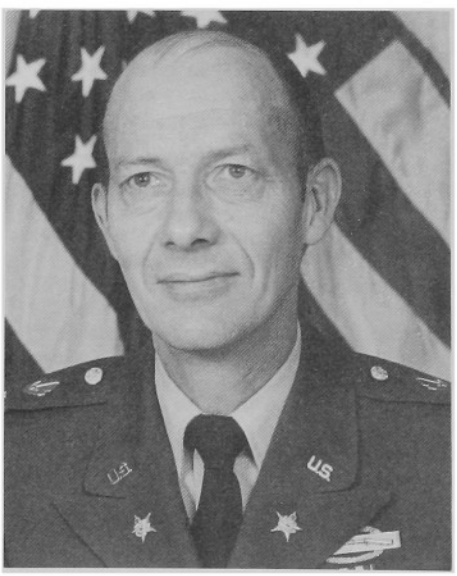
Thomas Philip Garigan

NO. 21310 CLASS OF 1957

Died 18 October 1991 in Arlington, Virginia, aged 59 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



Thomas Philip Garigan

THOMAS PHILIP GARIGAN was born 12 October 1932; he left us on 18 October 1991. In between, he touched our lives with humor and poetry.

Tom was born in Winamac, Indiana. Like a good many Hoosiers, he was blessed with a wonderful sense of humor which, as often as not, was directed at himself; it made him very warm and human. It was his great comic view of life that was his most endearing and enduring trait.

Tom was appointed to the Military Academy from the Army National Guard. As a cadet he seemed to have time for and to be aware of everything. While he finished in the top third of the class, he never let his studies interfere with his education. Early evidence of his skill and interest in communication was the four years he spent on the Debate Council and Forum and the *Howitzer* Committee. He also was a member of the Art Club and the German Club. Tom did so many things well: he was a cow corporal back when they were rare birds, and he was a standout as a member of the Honor Committee. And, when it came time for branch drawing, Tom chose Infantry because, in his view, it demanded a great capacity to motivate others.

Catherine Smith, of Montgomery, Alabama became Tom's bride after graduation. They were blessed with two children: Margaret and Thomas Jr., who often were his best audience. Family was extremely important to Tom; he devoted a lot of time and attention to his children. He cared passionately about his work, and yet he gave his family's welfare and comfort first consideration in choosing his course of action.

Tom's initial assignment was with the 504th Airborne, 82nd Airborne Division. After that tour, Infantry Branch thought enough of him to send him off to the Armor Officer's Advanced Course. Armor, in turn, liked him so much they asked him to stay on after graduation to command a training battalion, even though he was still only a captain. Tom took great pride in being an Infantry officer and was good enough at it to earn a Silver Star in Vietnam back when very few people even knew where the place was.

However, it was after that first Vietnam tour that Tom hit his stride. After receiving his master of arts degree in English Literature from the University of Pennsylvania, Tom joined the English Department at USMA. He was a marvelous "P" — alternately challenging and entertaining the cadets. In between, he found time to be the executive officer, where it appears that his chief function was to keep the rest of us from taking ourselves too seriously.

After his tour with the English Department, Tom entered the fledgling Public Affairs career track and truly found his niche. He was a natural: intelligent, articulate, unflappable, quick with a quip, well-read and, of course, never at a loss for words. He had that invaluable ability to get right to the heart of the matter in any situation. He could be passionate without losing perspective, funny without being caustic, poetic without being sentimental. And he could make you *see*! In succession, he became the Chief of Public Information, US Army Vietnam (where he was accredited as a combat correspondent); Chief of Public Affairs at West Point (where he personally developed and executed public relations plans in support of the admission of the first women cadets); Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army; Chief of Public Affairs for the US Army Corps of Engineers; Chief of Public Relations, US Army Europe; and Chief of Public Affairs, TRADOC. Each of these assignments had its special challenges and heartaches, but Tom handled them all with grace and humor. He was always more than equal to the task. At times we accused him of wanting to be spokesman for the world (or even for Saint Peter)!

The brain tumor and cancer which ultimately felled him failed to quench his irrepressible spirit. With but weeks left to live, he was still actively seeking to add new jokes to his formidable repertoire and bedeviling the staff at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

We said farewell to him on a foggy October morning which inevitably gave way to sunshine — a final image of the man himself: After

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all, when did you ever run into him and were not glad to see him? But, with the strains of the bagpipes and brass band still echoing in our memories, we could not help but believe that Tom was once more riding out to do battle with the forces of sham, hypocrisy and fuzzy thinking.

Those with a great comic view of life are fundamentally people of great faith, because they believe that the world is basically good. Tom could not only see that, but also he could make the rest of us see it too.

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Lawrence Michael Malone

NO. 22214 CLASS OF 1958

Died 7 January 1968 in Vietnam, aged 31 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Lawrence Michael Malone

LAWRENCE MICHAEL MALONE was born into the Army on 4 May 1936 in Los Angeles, California. Larry was the son of Lieutenant Colonel Edward Malone and his wife, Carolyn. Larry and his sister Sharon grew up moving from post to post in California, Seattle and, finally, Alaska, where he graduated from Anchorage High School in 1954. Along the way, he enthusiastically participated in Boy Scouts and was proud of being an Eagle Scout.

Larry entered West Point directly from high school. He brought with him a light heart, good humor and a marvelous bass voice that he used with joy and gusto in the Cadet Glee Club and the Hundredth Night Show.

Larry completed the Basic Infantry Officers' Course, Ranger and Airborne Schools in 1958 and was assigned to Baumholder, Germany. His platoon in Company A, 1st Battle Group, 16th Infantry in the 8th Division was always one of the best in training tests and field exercises. There he earned not only the Expert Infantry Badge but also the love and respect of his troops. One example explains why. In late April of 1959, Larry's platoon was returning from an alert when they saw a float comprising a large white rocket decorated with a red hammer and sickle and the words "Vorsicht Americaner!" (Watch out Americans!) almost ready for the local area's May Day parade. The float mysteriously disappeared, on the eve of the parade, and brought about a near-crisis in local German-American relations. The division commander assembled all company commanders on Saturday, the day prior to the parade, and all reported solemnly that they had inspected their barracks and day rooms and found nothing related to the errant missile. The consternation of Larry's company commander was palpable the following Monday when, during his inspection of the weapons room, he found a 15 foot white and red paper-mache rocket concealed under the mortars. Larry's response to the thunderstruck captain's demand for an explanation as to why the object was in the arms room was a characteristic guileless "Gee sir, the day room was locked." Larry's platoon spent the next week spiriting out bits of papermache and depositing them in dumpsters throughout the post.

In 1960 he was assigned to Madrid as aide-de-camp to the Chief of the Military Assistance Advisory Group. He enjoyed Spain and the job immensely and was one of the few Americans to be awarded Spanish jump wings because qualification included packing one's own parachute. His next assignment was to Vietnam in 1963-64 as an advisor to the Vietnamese Army. On his return, he married the young lady whom he had been courting for seven years, Joyce Maley. The wedding took place on 28 November 1964 at the Presidio of San Francisco.

The three and one-half years between Vietnam assignments were wonderful for Larry and Joyce. Larry assumed his duties as ROTC instructor at Georgetown University with immense enthusiasm, a booming laugh and a great fondness for his cadets. Although they had no children of their own, those in the neighborhood often knocked at their door and asked if "Major Malone could come out and play" Larry's concern for the well-being of his troops included his ROTC cadets, and he quickly won the respect, and some would say even adoration, of the ROTC students and faculty. His stories about Vietnam captivated his Georgetown audiences. He told them not just to entertain, though indeed they did, but to make points that could later save their lives and those of their men.

He couldn't stand red tape and had no use for those officers who wouldn't get down in the mud with their troops. He also was deeply concerned over what he viewed as poor training to prepare the soldiers being sent to Vietnam. One answer was to establish a ranger company for his Georgetown ROTC cadets so these fortunate young men underwent tough, Malone-type training. Georgetown honored Larry's memory by naming the company for Larry when he was killed in action. While at the University, Larry was asked by his students to become a member of the Foreign Service School's fraternity, a rare honor for an ROTC instructor.

Larry had a burning desire to be where the action was. There was an almost quixotic element in his nature which compelled him to do the right thing, the consequences notwithstanding. Although he kidded a classmate who had just returned from combat with the 1st Cavalry Division about "useless search and destroy American tactics," it was obvious that he was drawn to return to the sound of the guns. The attraction was not that he liked war, but that duty called him. Leaving for his second tour in Vietnam was not easy, and he confided to a classmate that separation from his bride Joyce would be especially difficult.

Ironically, Larry asked to be assigned to the aforementioned 1st Cavalry Division when he arrived in Vietnam. He was given the job of G-3 operations officer at the division's forward headquarters. Not content in the staff job, Larry fought to join a battalion. He was successful and was made the operations officer of the First Battalion, 12th Infantry (Airborne) in early January 1968. Within days of joining the battalion, he was shot down along with his commander while directing the unit's fierce action from a helicopter over the Que Son Valley. Although originally reported as captured, Larry's body was found in a nearby village a few days after the crash. Proudly carrying on his family's tradition of service, he gave his life for his country. He was awarded the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, one for valor, and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Larry lived by the ideals of West Point. Always close to his God, he won the admiration and respect of all whose lives he touched. His life was short but exemplary. A soldier's soldier, he lived up to his own high ideals.

Well done, Larry. Be thou at peace.

Prepared by classmates, friends and loved ones

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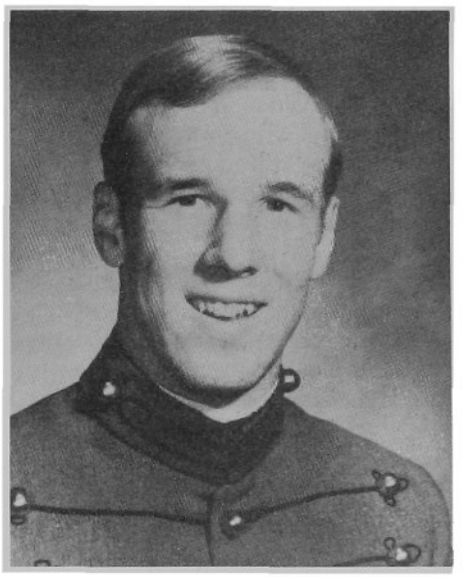
Harold Edward Weinberg, II

NO. 31992 CLASS OF 1973

Died 22 August 1976 in Hohenfels, Germany, aged 24 years.

Interment: U.S. Military Cemetery, Fort Sheridan, Illinois.



Harold Edward Weinberg, II

HAROLD EDWARD WEINBERG, II was born on 28 September 1951 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Harold, a Chicago fireman, and Anne Weinberg. He was the eldest of five children. Growing up in the Ingleside community, Harold was an active participant in wrestling, cross-country, track and science activities. He graduated from Grant Community High School at Fox Lake, Illinois in June 1969 and was appointed to West Point from the Twelfth Congressional District of Illinois by the Honorable Robert McClory.

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While attending West Point, Harold enjoyed scuba diving and worked on the staff of *Slum and Gravy*. He also attained the rank of cadet sergeant. His classmates wrote of him, "From 'The Land of Lincoln,' Hap knew enough memorized pat responses to last a lifetime. Ever willing to cheer you up and help you out." Harold married Philomena Marzano at West Point in August 1973. They had no children.

After graduating in the summer of 1973, Harold attended the Infantry Officers Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, immediately followed by the Infantry Mortar Platoon Leaders Course. He spend his military career assigned to the 2d Battalion, 50th Infantry (Mechanized), 2d Armored Division. Initially assigned to Fort Hood, Texas as an infantry platoon leader in Company B, Harold quickly became identified as a professional, caring leader who actively trained his soldiers. He served in every company-level leadership position a lieutenant could occupy, beginning as a rifle platoon leader through weapons platoon leader and finally company executive officer.

During Harold's tenure at Fort Hood, the 2d Armored Division was selected for the "Brigade 75" unit rotation to the Federal Republic of Germany. The mission created great turmoil within the division as well as shortages of personnel, especially officers, within those battalions not deploying to Europe. At this time, Harold served not only as a company executive officers but was also the platoon leader for all four platoons in Company B. He and his company commander were the only officers in the unit. Harold established a foundation in preparing and training a core of non-commissioned officers and soldiers who would prove to be "Best in the Battalion" during the company's evaluation. Shortly thereafter, the 50th Infantry was notified of its deployment to Germany. Harold became the Battalion S-3 Air and was the cornerstone in rapidly preparing a group of new lieutenants to lead soldiers during the deployment. He was clearly the role model for all to emulate. It was in Europe that Harold met his untimely passing and where a bright future ended.

Harold was formally retired from the service on 22 August 1976 and passed away that same day, a result of burns suffered in an accidental fire at Hohenfels, Germany. Harold is survived by his parents, Harold and Anne Weinberg of Ingleside, Illinois; Debra Friedman in Grand Prairie, Texas; Nancy Denzler of Coppell, Texas (married to Herman Denzler '77); and Mena, last known to reside near Fort Hood, Texas.

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the ship sailed down the New Jersey coast, the entire Corps stood in the aft well deck on a sunny but rather chilly morning, listening to a series of talks by various Army officers, of whom I was one, on the role of the Transportation Corps, followed by talks by several Navy speakers from Convoy and Routing, Anti-Submarine Warfare and the Atlantic Fleet on the Navy's role. We arrived in Baltimore on Friday evening and sailed on the return voyage as soon as possible after the game was over, allowing the cadets only a half hour or so for visiting with family and friends after the game was over.

The trip was memorable on other grounds in addition to the fact that it was made at all, at a time when German submarines were still roaming the Atlantic Ocean. Our Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt, so willed, however, and we so disposed. On the good side, the staff at the New York Port of Embarkation had lined up some fantastic professional musicians and other entertainers who were happy to volunteer their services as a gesture of good will to the cadets. On the bad side, the *Uruguay* rounded Cape Charles on the return journey on Sunday morning, we ran into winds of near-gale proportions and the members of the Corps of Cadets were seasick almost to the last man. One can imagine the havoc that this created in their crowded sleeping quarters. My good friend, Dick Day '46, a seasoned sailor from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, had to get above deck and away from the stench to avoid getting sick himself. I understand from another friend, Randall Beirne '48, who was a plebe at the time, that some of his classmates were awarded "medals of bravery" above and beyond the call of duty for helping to clean up the mess!

During the simulated air attack on the *Uruguay* that Colonel McGehee mentioned, one of the Navy planes participating in the exercise was flying so low and so close to the port side of the *Uruguay* that ocean spray thrown up by the *Uruguay* as she plowed through heavy seas struck the left-hand engine of the plane. The engine sputtered and the propeller almost came to a dead stop before it fortunately regained power and resumed its normal speed of rotation. Being uncertain whether a single engine could sustain the plane's flight at such a low level, I had a moment of great anxiety for the safety of the pilot.

In view of German activity in the Atlantic, I myself was under secret orders for the trip and could not tell my wife where I was going. When I returned home early the following week, her joy at having me return safe and sound was somewhat soured when she learned that I had been to the Army-Navy Game!

BG Luke W. Finlay '28

THE LONG GRAY LINE

In his letter in the September issue, General Graves included an excerpt from Cadet Jim Isenhower's message at his Graduation banquet. Young Isenhower called upon his classmates to maintain the high standards of the Academy and suggested that they "owe it to every old graduate who takes pride in his or her alma mater."

His thoughts were well put and made me think about our responsibilities at the other end of the Long Gray Line. From the time I first heard those words of *The Corps* which speak of our line stiffening and straightening, I have always believed that the thrill was generated by the presence farther down the line of those who came before us—as a plebe, by the First Classmen whose impeccable standard we could only dream about achieving; as a young lieutenant, by the Bradleys and the Ridgways and the Taylors who were then leading our Army; and as an older graduate, by the great captains now gone.

Cadet Isenhower's words reinforce this idea that the source of our inspiration are those who have come before us. At the same time, his message encourages a new perspective that perhaps all of us come to realize but that I am just discovering: As our end of the rank moves toward the shadows, it is for the fine young soldiers who join the formation behind us that our long line stiffens and straightens.

Roger F. Conover '48

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Last Roll Call

Reports of death of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the November 1992 *ASSEMBLY*.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
Felix M. Usis	Jun-1918	10 October 1992	Sharon, Pennsylvania
Richard C. Singer	1920	4 November 1992	San Antonio, Texas
Wilbur R. Pierce	1923	20 October 1992	Portola Valley, California
Frank L. Blue, Jr.	1929	9 July 1992	Port Charlotte, Florida
Russell L. Vittrup	1929	7 December 1992	Washington, D.C.
Ned D. Moore	1930	8 October 1992	Fairfax, Virginia
William R. Woodward	1931	29 October 1992	Atlanta, Georgia
Hallet D. Edson	1934	23 September 1992	McLean, Virginia
Theodore F. Hoffman	1934	21 October 1992	San Antonio, Texas
Harry J. Lemley, Jr.	1935	24 October 1992	Leavenworth, Kansas
Ellery W. Niles	1935	11 July 1992	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Frederick Bell	1936	15 November 1992	San Antonio, Texas
William T. Ryder	1936	1 October 1992	Pinehurst, North Carolina
Horace G. Davisson	1937	20 October 1992	San Antonio, Texas
Render D. Denson	1937	12 September 1992	San Antonio, Texas
William K. Horrigan	1937	16 October 1992	Santa Monica, California
William H. Frederick	1938	6 October 1992	Melbourne, Florida
Eugene A. Romig	1939	17 October 1992	Los Angeles, California
Carl H. Wohlfeil	1939	24 October 1992	Charleston, South Carolina
Andrew D. Budz	1940	15 December 1992	Summit, New Jersey
Wallace J. Hackett	1940	26 October 1992	South Padre Island, Texas
James P. Strauss	1940	3 November 1992	Williamsburg, Virginia
John F. Michel	1941	14 November 1992	Coral Gables, Florida
Garland C. Black, Jr.	Jun-1943	19 October 1992	Springfield, Virginia
Jack K. McGregor	Jun-1943	1 December 1992	Bethesda, Maryland
Robert H. Armstrong	1944	6 September 1992	Shalimar, Florida
William I. McKay	1946	20 September 1992	Fresno, California
Allen A. Wheat	1946	5 March 1992	New York, New York
Richard H. Gray	1955	1 November 1992	Carlisle, Pennsylvania
George G. Rinehart	x-1955	15 November 1992	Natick, Massachuesetts
Howell H. Jordan, Jr.	1957	2 September 1992	Frederick, Maryland
James L. Massey, Jr.	1959	8 December 1992	Athens, Georgia
Henry C. Watson, III	1960	2 November 1992	Virginia Beach, Virginia
John J. Clark	1968	20 June 1992	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Roland E. Peixotto, Jr.	1973	29 October 1992	Hill Air Force Base, Utah
Gary S. Southard	1984	14 May 1992	Meredith, New Hampshire

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