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Fellow Graduates:

For the past year you have been reading about the major construction program under way at the Academy and the expansion of the Corps of Cadets. In this issue is a summary of the status of the projects that have been started. Also in this issue is an article on the new amphitheater at Trophy Point. This is a facility that has long been needed, and I know I express the thoughts of all of you when I say we are deeply grateful to Richard K. Mellon whose generosity made the amphitheater possible.

The strength of the Corps is now about 2,950. With the departure of the Class of 1966 and the arrival of the new Class of 1970 on 1 July, we shall reach a strength of about 3,350. As you can see, we are well on the road toward reaching the mid-point of our expansion program. I am confident that the new Plebe class will continue to uphold our traditionally high mental, physical, and leadership standards throughout their four years at the Military Academy as they prepare to take their places in the Long Gray Line.

On 11 May 1966 the Military Academy announced the appointment of Tom Cahill as new head football coach. It is expected that Tom Cahill will be able to develop in the "A" squad the same attributes of courage, gamesmanship, and hard work as he has so successfully done with the Plebe squads over the last seven years. Coach Cahill has been conducting spring practice this year, after a week's delay, and has been assisted by several officers and former athletes, both graduates and non-graduates.

The past seven years have seen a number of significant changes to the curriculum. While we continually examine ourselves critically to insure that the curriculum is meeting the needs of the Army, it is helpful periodically to have someone from outside the Military Academy take a good look at what we are doing. Such a review has just been completed by a group of distinguished men. I am happy to report their conclusion that the Military Academy continues to provide each cadet a properly balanced and well-rounded education which will give him the base upon which to develop throughout a career in the Army. We shall, of course, continue our efforts to improve and enrich our academic programs.

I look forward to seeing all of you during June Week when we will join together in wishing Godspeed to the Class of 1966. They are an outstanding group of cadets, and they will be a credit to the officer corps of the United States Army.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. V. Bennett".

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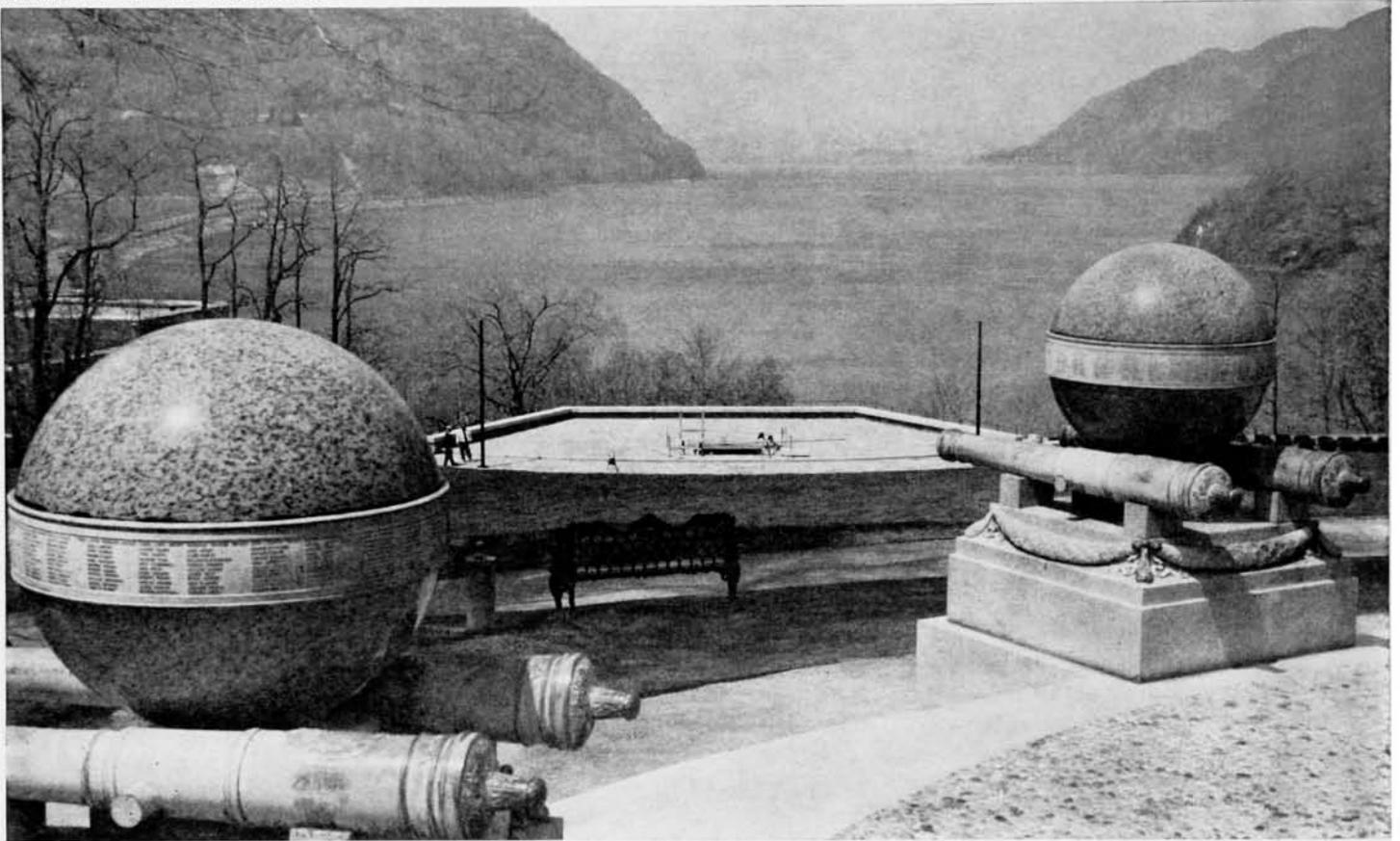
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The evolution of West Point's most historic site. Cadet caricatures or grotesques are reproductions of those that are now a permanent part of the new Trophy Point overlook.

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Amphitheater

Preservation of this memorable scene from Battle Monument a major consideration throughout all stages of planning for the new amphitheater.



THE siege guns that once sent echoes thundering up the valley from Trophy Point are now gone—after 125 years. In their place on the sloping north face of the promontory that gave West Point its name is a handsome granite and bluestone “overlook,” the focal point or stage for the Academy’s new amphitheater. Scheduled for completion by June Week, this latest addition to the West Point scene was made possible by a generous gift from Richard King Mellon to the Superintendent’s Fund.

Graduates will applaud the concern of all who were involved in this project in preserving the stunning view of the river north from Battle Monument, said by some to be the most majestic in the entire Hudson valley. Generations of cadets and millions of visitors have been captivated by this rare composition of meandering river and rugged, far-reaching hills. It is West Point’s most picturesque spot.

About the author: Major Cuneo was involved in the final planning stages of the Amphitheater and acted as the contracting officer’s representative for the acoustical band shell and for the lighting and sound amplification systems.

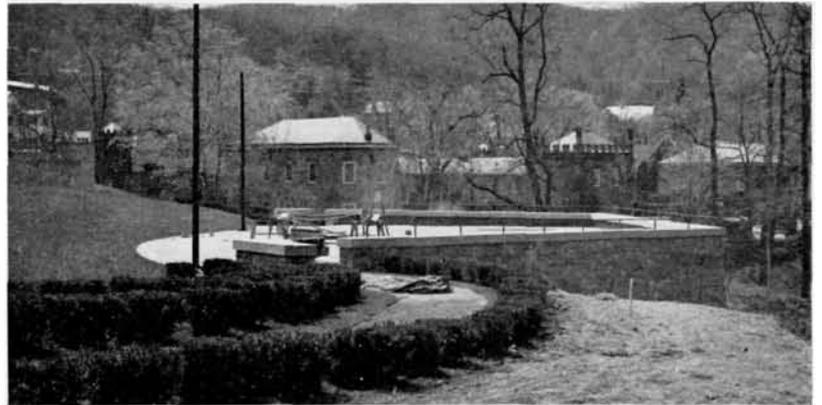
by VICTOR N. CUNEO JR.

with a View...



The grotesques, which are an ornamental feature of the north face of the overlook, were conceived by the sculptor Lee Lawrie for the East Academic Building in 1914.

Looking west across the natural hollow below Trophy Point, the amphitheater overlook is seen in profile against the backdrop of the old Ordnance Compound.



In winter the view is stark, but there's a new gift of beauty each year as spring brings color to the scene and the last ice floes disappear from the river. Even more spectacular are the infinite combinations of autumn's greens and golds and reds and browns. No more fitting place could have been chosen for Flirtation Walk.

The preservation of this never-to-be-forgotten site was uppermost in the minds of General Westmoreland, Superintendent when the amphitheater project was conceived, and General Lampert, his successor, who approved the final plan. Both men were agreed that nothing could be constructed that would mar the classic scene. The result is a simple, functional structure that fits so neatly into the hillside that it cannot be seen from the roadway encircling the Plain.

Aside from the natural beauty of the site is the century-old tradition that surrounds it. As early as 1841 a siege battery was located there, and for decades, cadets and graduates knew the jutting point of land by that name: "Siege Battery." Some of the early ordnance consisted of four 5-inch, breech-loading rifles, two 7-inch breech-

Graduates and visitors to West Point will be forever grateful to Richard King Mellon who donated the funds for the construction of the amphitheater overlook.

loading howitzers, and six 7-inch mortars. Using reduced powder charges, cadets fired the rifles and howitzers at targets floating in the river. By 1889, Parrott guns and 4½-inch rifles had replaced the old siege guns, but when accidents stemming from bursting guns resulted in several injuries, the guns were silenced forever by the Superintendent.

The more familiar Battery Schofield dates from 1908 when Congress authorized the construction of a permanent concrete revetment and the installation of a battery of 6-inch disappearing seacoast guns. The new installation was named for General John M. Schofield, USMA 1853, and Superintendent from 1876 to 1881.

The scene remained virtually unchanged until 1952 when a temporary stage was built for the sesquicentennial celebration. It was decided then that the natural, bowl-shaped hollow was ideal for an amphitheater. Chapel services and band concerts have been held there regularly since that time. With the growing popularity of the concerts by the USMA Band, however, the original stage became inadequate. First the stage was enlarged and then a canopy was added. The best that could be said for the additions is that they were utilitarian; aesthetically and architecturally, they were wanting. In 1964, the old disappearing guns, still visible to spectators sitting on the hillside, were finally removed and surrendered to the Smithsonian Institute.

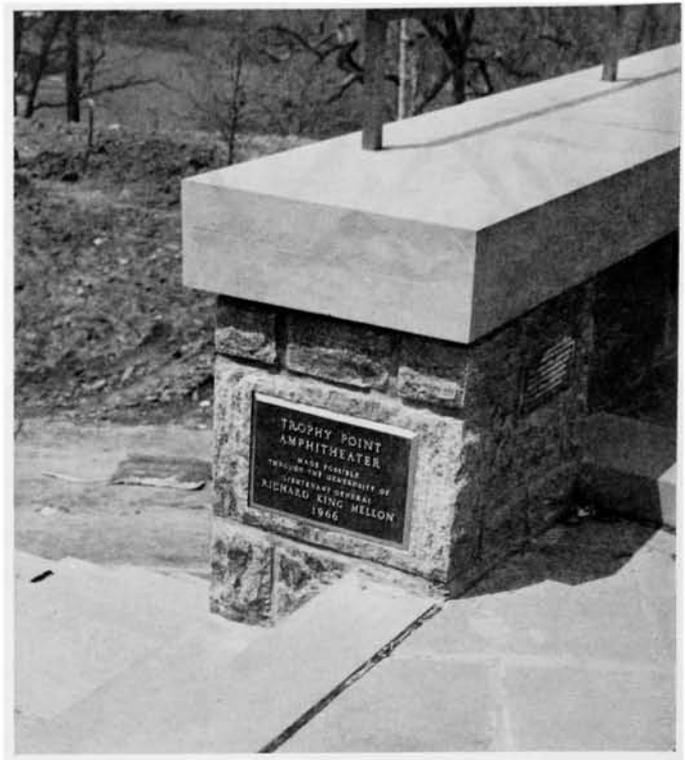
THE latest chapter in the history of this site dates from a visit of Richard King Mellon to West Point in 1962. General Westmoreland, then Superintendent, remarked to General Mellon that the construction of an amphitheater was one of the major projects awaiting support from the Superintendent's Fund. Shortly thereafter there came a handsome donation from the Mellon Foundation and the way was opened for the planning stage of the Trophy Point Amphitheater.

The new "overlook," is a flat-topped, reinforced concrete structure featuring a granite exterior facing and a bluestone "roof" that is flush with the natural floor of the hollow. Concealed below the stage-roof is a spacious area, not visible to spectators, that includes storage space, dressing rooms, and rest-rooms. Some sections of Battery Schofield were removed in the course of construction; what was not removed is now completely covered over. The hollow's terraced sides and all the fine old trees that shade the slope remain exactly as they were.

Fully aware of the appeal this site will continue to have for uncounted thousands in the future, the farsighted planners made provision for the full-time, maximum use of the amphitheater stage. As an overlook it provides an ideally situated platform where cadets and visitors may view the splendors of the Highlands at their leisure, and a wide, bluestone coping and brass handrail bordering the stage has been designed for this very purpose.

Functionally, the platform will accommodate band concerts and chapel services in season, and it is contemplated that new cadets will receive some of their instruction there during the period of Beast Barracks.

To enhance these and other ceremonies and performances, a specially-designed, fiberglass bandshell can be erected as needed at the rear of the platform, and permanently installed sound and lighting systems will be adroitly



concealed throughout the entire area. No less an acoustical specialist than Christopher Jaffe has been engaged to insure the optimum effect when the fiberglass shell is in place. Mr. Jaffe's reputation has long been established as a result of installations he designed for the New York Philharmonic in Central Park, for the Metropolitan Opera Company at Lewisohn Stadium, and for the White House.

A novel feature of the new stage is the elevator that will carry the shell components, lighting and acoustical equipment, and instruments from the basement to stage level; this same elevator is also designed to serve as a raised podium above stage level should that configuration be desired.

OF particular note to graduates of yesteryear are the grotesques, or sculptured caricatures, that have been incorporated into the north wall of the stage structure. Designing these figures into this project is part of the continuing effort to preserve West Point's artifacts. The seven grotesques used here were saved from the string-course surrounding Bartlett Hall (East Academic Building) when one wall had to be removed to accommodate the new Library. Rather than dispose of them, Col. C. R. Broshous, Professor and Head of the Department of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences—also serving as Director of the Academy's current expansion program—directed that they be saved for some future use. Although not visible to audiences in the amphitheater, visitors will have an opportunity to inspect the details of these cleverly contrived caricatures of cadets from the road that passes to the rear of the stage.

Serving as architects for the amphitheater project is the firm of O'Connor and Kilham of New York City, the same group that designed the Washington Hall-Barracks complex already under construction. This firm is also working on the design of the new academic building to be built across the street from the hospital.

As is true of all major construction at West Point, overall supervision is provided by the New York District Engineer. Representing him, as his deputy—and permanently stationed at West Point—is Col. C.S. Reed Jr., Jun'43.

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expansion file...



►Work on the most visible of the Academy's big expansion projects--the Washington Hall-Barracks complex--is on schedule. With footings for all columns in place and with outside foundation walls already completed in mid-May, above-the-Plain construction should be showing by June Week.

►Rehabilitation work is going forward at Camp Buckner. By 1967 most of the frame WWII buildings will have been replaced by metal buildings.

►Pre-preliminary plans (feasibility study) for the new academic buildings have been received and are now being studied. The partial renovation and modernization of the interior of Bartlett Hall (East Academic Building), begun in 1964, is now complete.

►Expansion of existing Post Exchange facilities to provide for the anticipated growth in post population has been completed.

►Expansion planners and contractors ask that June Week visitors be tolerant of some inconveniences brought about by construction work. Two new contracts totalling \$7 million provide for enlargement of post-wide utilities, work that frequently criss-crosses main arteries. This can result in diversionary routing of traffic. Although construction schedules are planned around major events at the Academy, there are times when the economics of construction make inconveniences unavoidable.

►Work continues on the eight new athletic fields on the old Cavalry Plain and adjacent to Howze Field. This project is scheduled for completion in the fall.

The old Chemistry-Electricity lecture room in Bartlett Hall, once presided over by Col. Chauncey Fenton, now has this modern look.



GEMINI-8 pilot misses chance to “walk around the world,”
but shares credit for spectacular, first-time docking
of two spacecraft traveling at 17,295 miles per hour.



David Scott '54, USMA's



GEMINI-8 crew during instrument and equipment check shortly before their liftoff on the morning of 16 March.

Astronauts Neil Armstrong (left) and David Scott, the GEMINI-8 team that accomplished the first docking of two spacecraft in orbit.



ONE graduate had a better excuse than any of the other 18,500 for missing a 1966 Founders Day dinner—Astronaut David R. Scott, who, with his GEMINI-8 companion, Neil A. Armstrong, was having his troubles in space on the evening of 16 March.

That same evening, the GEMINI-8 spacecraft was safely back on earth after encountering severe problems following the first docking maneuver ever accomplished in space. What was to have been a 3-day flight was abruptly terminated less than 11 hours after liftoff when a runaway thruster rocket caused the linked-up GEMINI and AGENA vehicles to spin crazily. Having undocked and regained stable flight through the use of his re-entry rocket system, command pilot Armstrong was directed to make an emergency landing in a secondary recovery area, a spot in the Western Pacific southeast of Okinawa.

Although Scott never had the opportunity to take his scheduled 96-minute “walk” in space, achievement of the

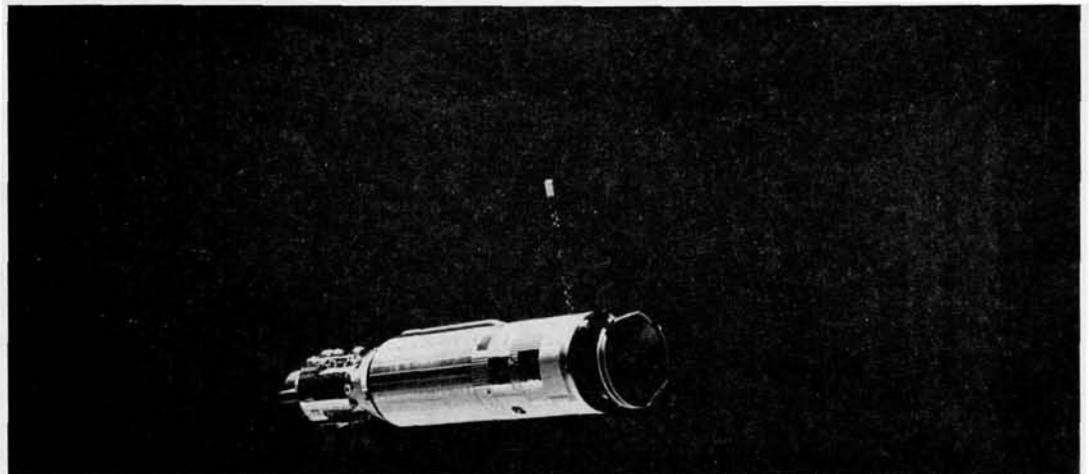
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Dave Scott (right) and Neil Armstrong leave Manned Spacecraft Operations Building, Cape Kennedy, on their way to launch site.

Third Man in Space

AGENA Target Docking Vehicle as seen during GEMINI-8's approach for rendezvous. Scott took this photo from an approximate distance of fifty-five feet.



Para-rescue men stand on floatation collar they have just attached to the GEMINI-8 spacecraft following emergency landing in the Western Pacific.

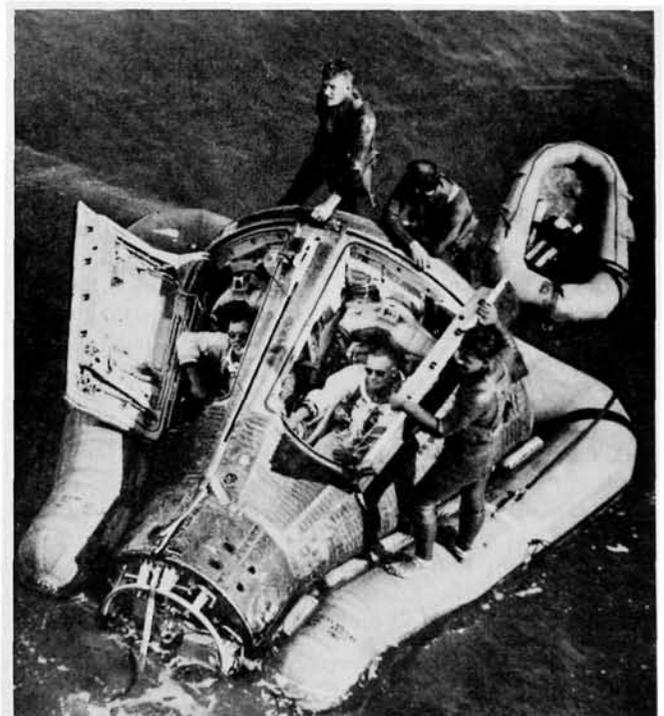
successful docking, a maneuver vital to the U.S. moon-flight program, was enough to include this flight among the historic chapters in the story of man's conquest of space.

The first of the so-called "third generation" of astronauts—selected in 1963—Scott is the 33-year-old son of retired Air Force general, Tom W. Scott, who lives in La Jolla, California. He stood fifth in his class of 633 at West Point, and, prior to his selection as an astronaut, had earned a master's degree in aeronautics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In keeping with a special promotion policy for astronauts who have completed their first successful space flight, President Johnson has approved Scott's promotion to lieutenant colonel in the Air Force.

Colonel Scott is married to the former Ann Lurton Ott and the couple lives in the Nassau Bay community adjacent to the Manned Spacecraft Center near Houston. They have a daughter Tracy Lee, and a son William Douglas.

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An increasing number of benefactors
are making long-wished-for projects possible
through their contributions

REVIEWING the results of the first five years of gift-giving to the West Point Superintendent's Fund, friends and supporters of USMA can be proud. Through their contributions an ever-increasing number of improvements over a broad area have been made in the short period since 1961.

Providing cash contributions and other gifts to our Alma Mater was not a new idea at that time—the scores of memorials and monuments attest to the benevolence of graduates and other benefactors over the years. Thayer's statue was commissioned by and paid for, with funds raised by the Association of Graduates in 1883; Cullum Hall was the gift of General George W. Cullum USMA 1833 and one-time Superintendent; and a friend who chose to remain anonymous presented the George Washington equestrian statue to USMA in 1916.

But a new impetus was added when the Superintendent's Fund was conceived, to that the short history of this central repository for gifts to the Academy is already a story of fulfillment through generosity. The Corps, the graduates, the members of the garrison and the hundreds of thousands of visitors to West Point are all beneficiaries of the largesse.

In 1964 Benet Hall in the old Ordnance Compound was renovated with funds provided by the Rockwell Foundation and now serves as a reception hall for First Classmen and their guests. This same Foundation will also underwrite the contemplated renovation of adjoining Crozier Hall. The long-sought-after Trophy Point Amphitheater is a gift of the Mellon Charitable Trusts; and the magnificent, 330-bell electronic carillon in the Cadet Chapel was donated by Mr. Henry D. Irwin, Class of 1941.

Except for the financial assistance made available by the Fund, projects in direct support of cadet activities might not have been undertaken: three power boats have been purchased and have been integrated into the summer recreational program at Camp Buckner; and a fully equipped ski slope has already proven to be a sure cure for the Gloom Period. Cadets chosen for the Crossroads Africa program are financed by gifts to the Superintendent's Fund, and USMA's annual Student Conference on U.S.

About the author: Lt. Col. Bounds '49, Infantry, returned to West Point in August 1965 after a tour in Vietnam. As assistant to the Superintendent he monitors the Academy's gift programs.

Affairs (SCUSA) also looks to the Fund for its support.

Contributions by Classes have also been timely, thoughtful, and appropriate. The Class of 1925 purchased and installed a large geophysical globe that is a feature of the new library; the Class of 1936 provided for the installation of a drinking fountain and benches on the grounds adjacent to the Cadet Chapel; and other class gifts have been used to secure rare books, documents, paintings, and historical prints—mostly for the library. Significant contributions from the parents of classes have also helped in these and other projects.

These are typical of the needs that cannot be met except from a source such as the Superintendent's Fund, and a wide range of hoped-for projects await contributions from interested donors. Having spent almost all of the \$1



This handsome arrangement of drinking-fountain and benches is a gift to the Academy by the members of the Class of 1936.

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by M. W. BOUNDS

million that has been contributed, the Fund balance now stands at \$90,000.

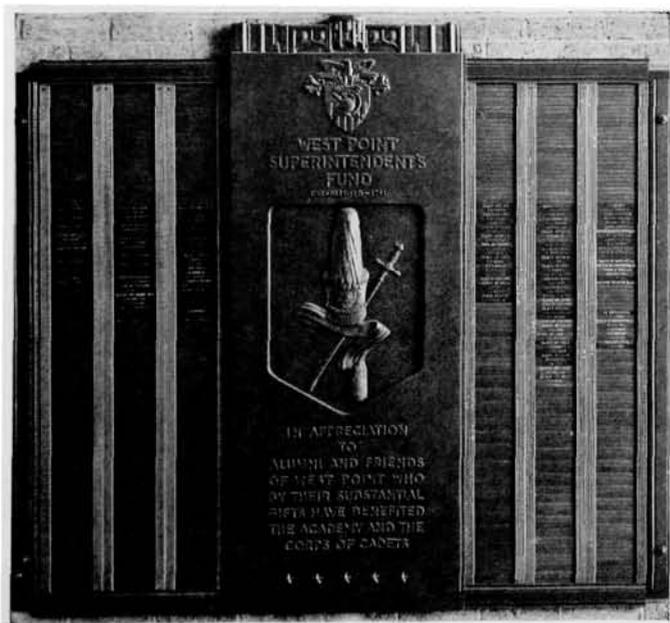
Although solicitation for support of the Fund has been kept purposely on a low key, average monthly gifts reached a gratifying high of \$8,000 during 1965. And "major" contributors—those giving \$1,000 or more—now number 126. Fund committee chairman, General Lucius D. Clay, sees in these figures a growing awareness among the graduates of the importance of the Fund to the growth of the Academy.

In addition to those large "In Memoriam" gifts that have been entered on the fund plaque as major donations, provision has now been made for the memorialization of deceased graduates through the smallest of contributions. Already on order is a handsome "Memory Book" which will be kept in the West Point Room of the library, readily accessible to graduates and their guests. Pages in the book will be reserved for each deceased graduate and the names of donors will be permanently associated with the men they wish to memorialize.

IN addition to the cash gifts flowing into the Fund, some farsighted graduates are making provisions in their wills and insurance policies for bequests to the Fund. Since the Fund is an integral part of the West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc., and is included among those that are tax-exempt by the federal government, certain tax benefits accrue not only to donors but also to their heirs. Those contemplating making bequests are encouraged first, to consult with their attorneys, and second, to resist fixing such complex restrictions on their gifts that they might not eventually be free for use in the best interests of the Corps and the Academy.

Although recommendations for expenditures from the Fund originate with the Superintendent, all projects are subject to review by a Policy Committee. The current membership of this committee includes: Generals Clay, Danford, Schuyler, Crittenberger, Jannarone, and Seedlock, and Colonel Branham.

Questions on all matters relating to the Superintendent's Fund should be directed to Col. Charles N. Branham, Secretary-Treasurer of the West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc., West Point (Cullum Hall) N.Y., or to Col. M. W. Bounds, Assistant to the Superintendent in charge of the Academy's gift program. Gift checks and bequests for the Fund should be made to: The West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc.



The names of major donors appear on this plaque in the sallyport of the Administration Building.

A resurging Cadet sport

USMA CLUB FENCING

UNHERALDED, the USMA Cadet Fencing Club came from deep in the underdog ranks of intercollegiate fencing to capture the runner-up spot in team competition at the 1966 NCAA Tournament held at Duke University, 25-26 March. It was the best showing by a West Point fencing team since 1949 when ARMY tied Rutgers for the NCAA team championship.

The Academy's team was the surprise of the tournament. On the basis of the cadets' initial efforts on the second day, they were selected as one of the top 16 teams—out of a starting field of 32—to compete for the NCAA team title. ARMY dropped a bombshell in the opening match of the 16-team double elimination tournament by beating Navy, runner-up in the 1966 Eastern Intercollegiate Championships held earlier in the spring. Gathering momentum, the cadet team of Thornblom '66, Summers '67, and Romash '68, then went on to beat Detroit University and Wayne State before running into New York University. N.Y.U., the eventual winner of the team championship, stopped ARMY 2-1, and the cadets dropped into the losers' bracket. A determined ARMY squad now rallied to defeat Temple and then Wayne State for the second time and so found themselves in the finals bracket, again opposite favored N.Y.U. But in spite of their strong comeback bid, the plucky cadets were finally out-pointed by the more experienced N.Y.U. squad, and had to settle for second place.

In an interesting switch, it has been an Annapolis graduate, Major Frank Zimolzak, USMC (USNA '53), who supplied the impetus for the Cadet Fencing Club's current success. Zimolzak, an instructor in the Department of Tac-

About the author: Major Thurman was named Cadet Activities Officer in 1964 after serving for one year as a tactical officer. As a member of the Commandant's staff, Thurman has supervision over the Fencing Club, one of fourteen competing cadet clubs.



Major Frank Zimolzak as a midshipman in 1952. The Major has been an instructor in the Department of Tactics, USMA, since 1964.



The three-man fencing team, the team captain who made the trip to the national championships at Duke University prepared to substitute in all three competitive weapons, and the team's officer-in-charge and coach. Left to right: Romash '68, Thornblom '66, Major Zimolzak, Hill '66 (team captain), and Summers '67. At right is the NCAA trophy that the fencers won for USMA.



tics, was the nation's Fencer-Of-The-Year in 1953 and winner of the 1953 Illinois Memorial Trophy awarded for sportsmanship, conduct, and performance in the NCAA championships and intercollegiate fencing. He was Navy's number one fencer in the sabre class and captured the 1952 NCAA individual sabre title.

It was Major Zimolzak's dedicated interest in reviving ARMY fencing that led eventually to the ARMY-Navy confrontation at the tournament on 26 March. Navy's coach, Andre Deladrier, is the same man who coached Zimolzak as a midshipman. In upsetting the surprised sailors, ARMY not only captured the fancy of the spectators but all the other contestants, who delayed their own matches to watch the heated contest between the cadets and the midshipmen.

ORGANIZED fencing at USMA dates from 1902 and the sport enjoyed corps-squad status until 1954. Among the men who brought fencing honors to the Academy during that span were: Bowman, Caraway, Cassidy, Davison, Fitch, Gerhardt, Haskell, Hauck, Honeycutt, Lampert, Lincoln, Olmstead, Sands, Wehle, and Williford.

Fencing returned to the Academy as a club sport in 1957, however, and continues to be carried in that status at the present time. As an indication of the resurging interest in fencing, and of its excellent prospects for the future, 31 of the 35 1965-66 club members will be returning next season, and of the 12-man traveling squad, six are Yearlings. Prior to the championship meet at Duke, USMA's Club had compiled a 9-1 season record.

Two cadets also won national individual honors during the season: Pete Summers ranked tenth in foils, and Mike Romash ranked tenth in the sabre.

Pete Summers '67, a star man from Wisconsin who will be next year's team captain, is the Club's "old man" at 23. He fenced for two years without the assistance of a coach

at an extension of Wisconsin University, and has steadily improved his game since joining the USMA Club in his plebe year.

Mike Romash '68, gained his fencing experience at his high school in Pennsylvania. Before coming to West Point he had occasion to work out with several of the men on the Temple fencing team that he helped to defeat at this year's NCAA matches.

The other two members of the team that represented ARMY in the NCAA tournament were Emery Hill '66, from Maine, and Doug Thornblom '66, from Texas. Both have fenced since their plebe year when the Club was just beginning to pick up momentum. They have seen the Club lose only four meets in their four years at West Point, and they take particular pride in having defeated Navy this year.

The Club owes much of its success to the many long hours given voluntarily by Mr. Nat Lubell, vice president of the New York Fencer's Club and former Olympic foil fencer; to the late Mr. Warren Dow, Class A fencer in all three weapons and former Olympic team captain, who passed away last November; and to Mr. Dow's son, Robert, a well known sabre fencer in New York fencing circles. Their coaching and encouragement have been invaluable to the Club's growth.

IN fencing, the individual learns many of the recognized attributes of the commander; he must be able to go from the offense to the defense and back to the offense again, and he must be able to recognize the exact moment when to make the change. In this sport, the lone competitor must out-think, out-maneuver, and out-fight his opponent. If the team's showing in the 1966 national competition is any indication, ARMY fencing has shifted to the offense!

Nominated

PRESIDENT:

CORTLANDT V. R. SCHUYLER '22

THE ASSOCIATION's incumbent President, General Schuyler assumed leadership of the Academy's 18,500 corps of alumni following the June Week 1965 elections. Under his guidance the Association was successful in its efforts to have Sylvanus Thayer elected to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, a project begun in 1935.

An enthusiastic supporter of Academy and alumni programs, General Schuyler has been a frequent visitor to West Point during his year as President. As Commissioner of General Services and Chairman of the New York State Civil Defense Commission, the General works and lives in Albany, N.Y.



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VICE PRESIDENT:

EDWARD G. BLISS '16

SON OF A GRADUATE (Class of 1875); has served two one-year terms as vice president of the Association since 1956. Was assigned to the Corps of Engineers and was awarded the DSM for his service with the AEF in France during the years 1919-20. Became affiliated with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. in Washington, D.C. (1922) as an engineering assistant and was assistant vice president of the company when he retired in 1957.

Served as jury commissioner of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia for 20 years; member of the board of directors and national treasurer of the Society of American Military Engineers; life member of the D.C. Board of Trade and currently serving on its Public Protection and Armed Forces committees. Member of the Committee of 100 on the Federal City, the Military Order of the Carabao, and of the Newcomen Society.

Col. and Mrs. Bliss live in Washington; they have one daughter and three grandchildren.

For 1966

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VICE PRESIDENT:

FRANCIS W. CRARY '21

SERVED AS an artilleryman with the 77th Division during WWII; retired as colonel in 1951 after 3-year tour on Fifth Army staff; logistician. Executive vice president, National Defense Transportation Association (1951-63). Member, International Club of Washington, D.C., and Army-Navy Club.

Currently a logistics and public relations consultant and Washington representative of Lambert Engineering and Manufacturing Co. of St. Louis, Mo.

Col. and Mrs. Crary live in Washington, D.C.



VICE PRESIDENT:

RUSSELL P. REEDER JR. '26

BORN INTO an Army family at Fort Leavenworth. Member of the Army football coaching staff for seven seasons (1929-1936). Served for two years (1942-1944) in Operations Division of War Department General Staff and saw duty in the Southwest Pacific before taking command of the 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Division. Regimental commander on D-Day landings on Utah Beach; seriously wounded and evacuated on sixth day of fighting.

Retained on the active duty list after WWII as commanding officer, 2d Regiment, USCC, and retired in 1947. Employed since then by the AAA at West Point as special assistant to the Director of Athletics and as assistant coach of baseball. Served as Association trustee (1956-1959).

Author of books such as the "Clint Lane at West Point" series; his latest, *Born at Reveille*, is an autobiography. His report on his observations in the Southwest Pacific during WWII, *Fighting on Guadalcanal*, was printed in a million copies and was widely used as a training manual.

The Reeders, who live at West Point, have four children and nine grandchildren.



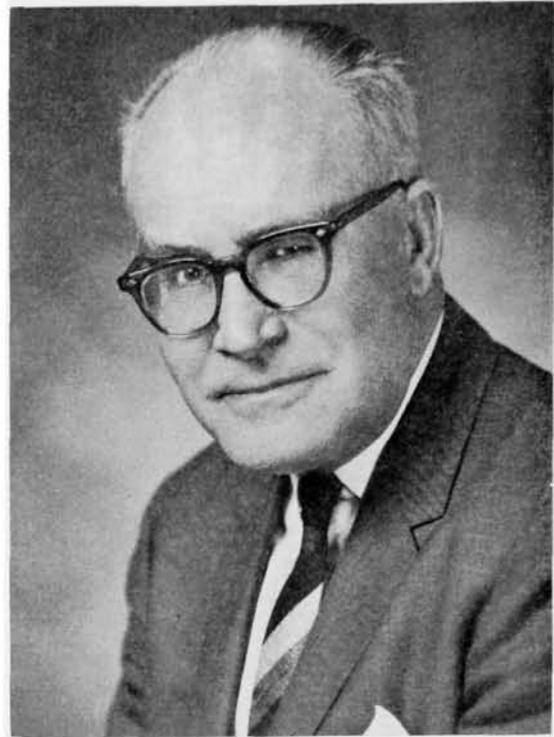
VICE PRESIDENT:

LEONARD D. HENRY '31

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT and sales consultant; operator of airline between Buffalo and Newark, N.J. (1931-33); supervisor with ICC (1936-42, 1946-51); commanding officer, Quartermaster detachment, USMA (1942-46); lieutenant colonel AUS (1942-46). Founder, Henry Associates, Inc., New York City, business management and sales consulting firm (1951).

Director and member of the executive committee of Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corp.; technical advisor, Aerojet-General Corp. Trustee, Museum of the American Indian-Heys Foundation, Madison Square Boys Club, Marie Hey Clemens Fund.

Colonel Henry is married, lives in New York City, and has one son.



VICE PRESIDENT:

CECIL E. COMBS '36

RETIRED FROM the Air Force as a major general in 1965 and was named Associate Provost for Special Programs, University of Rochester (N.Y.).

Served as commander of Air Corps combat units in the Philippines, Australia, Java, and India during WWII. As deputy chief of staff for operations, 20th Air Force, planned and supervised B-29 operations against Japan. Air Deputy in Plans and Policy Division, OPD, until establishment of the new Air Force Staff which he joined in 1947. Commandant, U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB (1957-65). Served for six months (1964) as senior member, Military Armistice Commission, UN Command, Korea. M.A., George Washington University; honorary Ed. D., University of Dayton, 1962.

Member, American Society for Engineering Education and Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering Society.

General and Mrs. Combs have two children and two grandchildren.

TRUSTEE:

OMAR N. BRADLEY '15



THIS YEAR, General of the Army Bradley completes fifty-five years of continuous duty with the United States Army. While his responsibilities as an Army officer have top priority in his current schedule—his career service is a matter of record—his activities are not limited to these obligations. He is chairman of the board of the Bulova Watch Company, and he serves as an officer of approximately twenty-eight defense and civil organizations which range over a wide field of interests and include, among others, the Research Analysis Corporation, the Carnegie Institution of Washington, the National Committee for the Support of the Public Schools, and the George C. Marshall Research Foundation of which he is president.

General Bradley likes to play golf and hunt, but he is unable to indulge in these hobbies as often as he would like. He is a member of Burning Tree, Army-Navy Club, Army-Navy Town Club, the Brook Club (New York City), and has served as a Vice President of the Association for the past year.

The General travels considerably in connection with his many activities, visiting Europe at least twice yearly. Usually he spends a few weeks in Florida during the winter. He has recently returned from a trip with his family to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. His daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Dorsey, live just a short distance by car from the General's home in Spring Valley.

General Bradley has an office in the Pentagon as well as his Bulova office in New York City.

TRUSTEE:

CHARLES E. SALTZMAN '25



A THIRD generation graduate (great-grandfather 1839, father 1896) who has served as a trustee for a total of seven years since 1940. Commissioned originally in the Corps of Engineers; Rhodes Scholar. Resigned in 1930 and returned to active duty during WWII. Served as deputy chief of staff, Fifth Army and 15th Army Group (1945). Assistant Secretary of State (1947); Under Secretary of State for Administration (1954-55). Currently a partner in Goldman, Sachs & Co., investment bankers, and member of the board of directors of several corporations and philanthropic organizations. National president of the English-Speaking Union of the United States and member of the board of Barnard College.

Married, and has three children: two daughters and a son.

TRUSTEE:

EMMET O'DONNELL JR. '28



COMMANDER OF Air Corps combat units in the Pacific Theatre during WWII and Far East Air Force Bomber Command during the Korean War; retired as general, commander-in-chief, Pacific Air Forces in 1963. Currently associated with Louis Marx Co. of New York City and Marriott Hot Shoppes, Inc. of Washington, D.C.

National president USO Inc., member, board of directors of Boys Clubs of America, and Falcon Foundation; chairman, State Department Athletic Advisory Panel, chairman, National Olympic Businessman's Committee of U.S. Olympic Committee.

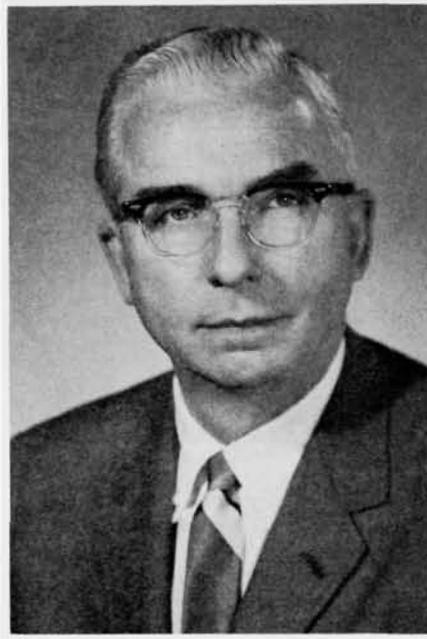
Member, Army-Navy Town Club, Sky Club (N.Y.), and Burning Tree. (Md.).

General and Mrs. O'Donnell live in McLean, Va.; the youngest of their three sons, Terrence, is in the Class of '66 at the Air Force Academy.



TRUSTEE:
JOHN H. MURRELL '30

INFANTRY OFFICER, retired for disability, 1934. Engineer, Tidewater Oil Co., Seaboard Oil Co., and Shell Oil Co. (1937-40). Member, Petroleum Administration for Defense, and for War Mission to Mexico; member, Department of the Interior Petroleum Mission to the Middle East (1941-43). Partner, to president, to chairman of the board and chief executive officer De Golyer and MacNaughton, Geologists and Engineering Consultants since 1943. Member, State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, "distinguished lecturer," School of Petroleum Engineering, University of Texas (1950). Member, Petroleum Engineers of Dallas, Dallas Athletic Club, Newcomen Society. Director: Dallas Council on World Affairs, Horse Show Association, and Boys' Club of Dallas. Trustee, Association of Graduates, since 1957. Home: Dallas, Texas.



TRUSTEE:
JAMES Q. BRETT '30

SON OF A GRADUATE (Class of 1906); served as an artilleryman until retired for disability in 1934. Joined Coldwell Banker and Co., a San Francisco real estate brokerage firm with offices in California, Arizona, and Nevada. Currently senior vice president, treasurer, and director of this firm. Director of the San Francisco Real Estate Board and member of the board of governors of the Bay Area Council. Past director and regional vice president of the National Society of Industrial Realtors and a past member of the board of governors of the West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area. In 1964 he was a member of the U.S. Department of Commerce Real Estate Trade Mission to Europe.

Brett's other active memberships: Engineers' Club of San Francisco, the Olympic Club, and the World Trade Club.

The Bretts, who live in Hillsborough, California, have three children.



TRUSTEE:
WALTER J. RENFROE JR. '34

SERVED WITH 35th Infantry Division in Europe during WWII; assistant secretary of Joint Chiefs of Staff 1945-46.

Professor and Head of the Department of Foreign Languages, since 1963—member of the department since 1949; was instructor in French and German; currently teaching an advanced French course in addition to administering the department. Member of several USMA committees including the West Point Museum and the Memorialization Board; has served four terms as Association trustee since 1952. Ph.D., Columbia 1962.

Col. and Mrs. Renfro have a son, currently studying for the ministry in Oxford, England and a daughter who is a freshman at Wilson College (Pa.).



TRUSTEE:

MERTON SINGER '38

SERVED WITH Ordnance Section VIII Corps in Europe during WWII; M.S. (Petroleum Engineering), University of Pittsburgh (1947); Quartermaster, First Army 1961-63; retired as a colonel (1965).

Currently assistant to the president, United Board & Carton Co. of New York City. President of the West Point Society of New York; past president, New York Chapter, Defense Supply Association and chairman of its Scholarship Committee for the past three years.

Col. and Mrs. Singer live in New York City; their older son is in the Class of '66 at USMA; the other son attends the University of Pennsylvania.

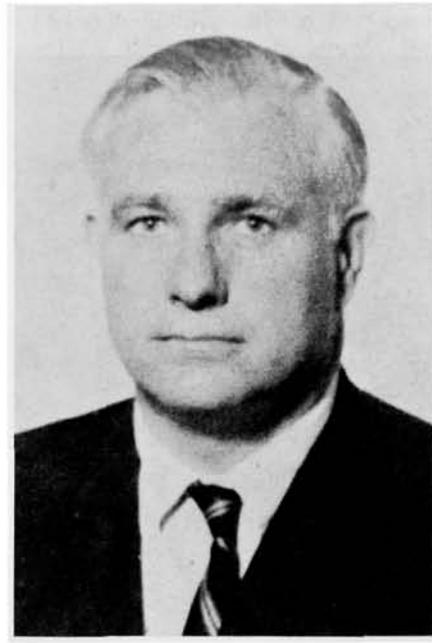


TRUSTEE:

JOHN P. SHEFFEY III '42

TANK UNIT commander in Europe during WWII; instructor, USMA; tour of duty in Vietnam. Military assistant for canal affairs to Secretary of the Army 1961-65. Retired in 1965 to accept position of executive secretary to Atlantic-Pacific Interoceanic Canal Study Commission.

Col. and Mrs. Sheffey live in Alexandria, Virginia; they have two children.



TRUSTEE:

THEODORE H. HALLIGAN '45

PARATROOPER WHO served with the 11th Airborne Division (Japan) and the 82d Airborne Division; M.A. in Journalism (1950) University of Missouri; instructor, USMA (1950-53). Served with 7th Infantry Division, Korea (1954); resigned 1955.

Account executive with Dean Witter & Co.; active in West Point Society of New York.

Capt. and Mrs. Halligan live in Rutherford, N.J.; they have three children.



TRUSTEE:
ELLIOT E. HEIT '50

SERVED DURING WWII prior to appointment as cadet; duty as jet pilot after graduation; resigned (1951). Associated with Gray Line New York Tours since 1953 and presently vice president of sales. Member, Sales Executive Club, American Society of Travel Agents, and National Tour Brokers Association.

Active in West Point Society of New York and has served as treasurer, vice president and board member.

Interests include flying, tennis, skiing; a licensed commercial pilot; member of the board of directors, Paramus Flying Club, and member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Heit live in Teaneck, N.J.; they have two daughters.



TRUSTEE:
RAYMOND E. BELL JR. '57

SON OF A GRADUATE (1927); served with Armor units in Germany and Korea; awarded Army Commendation Medal (1964) for service as company commander in 1st Cavalry Division (Korea).

Assigned to Foreign Language Department, USMA, as instructor in German following tour as a student at Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany.

Has had articles published in military publications; interests include pistol shooting, stage lighting, and Cub Scouting; belongs to the West Point Players Theater Group.

Captain and Mrs. Bell live on the post at West Point; they have four daughters.



TRUSTEE:
JOHN O. B. SEWALL '58

AN INFANTRYMAN who has recently completed a tour in Vietnam and is currently assigned to the Department of Social Sciences, USMA. Teaches European History and will add an economics elective course in the next academic year; Rhodes Scholar; M.A. from Oxford (1961).

Has been named officer-in-charge of the Cadet Ski Patrol for the 1966-67 ski season.

Married to the daughter of McClellan J.T. '31; the Sewalls have one daughter.

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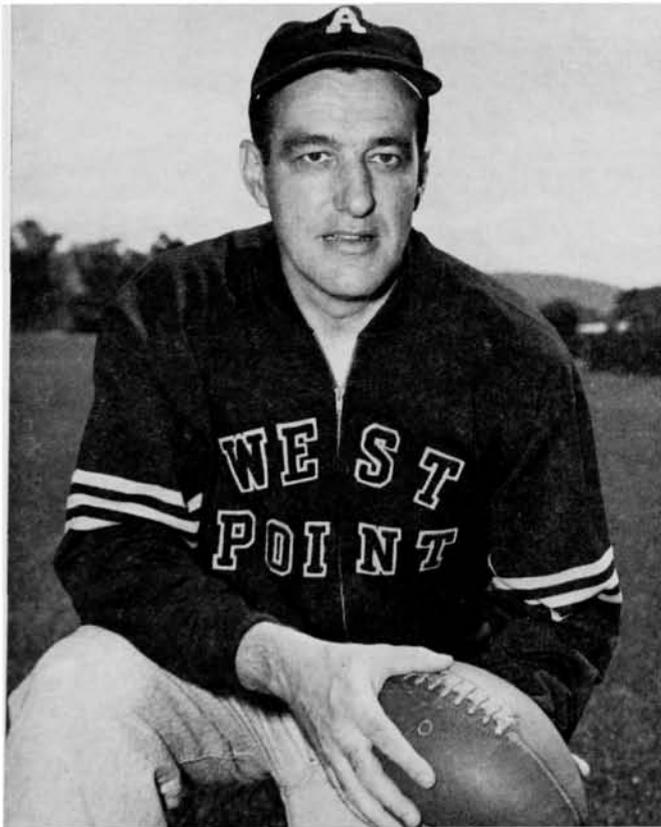
Cahill Named to Coach USMA Football

Thomas B. Cahill, who accepted the responsibility for conducting ARMY's spring football drills in April, was named head football coach by Maj. Gen. Donald V. Bennett on 11 May. Cahill has been coaching the Plebe football team since 1959.

General Bennett, in announcing Cahill's appointment, said: "We have watched Tom during the spring workouts and are convinced that he is the man to guide the ARMY team through the 1966 season. His knowledge of the personnel, all of whom he has previously coached, and his ability to handle the spring workouts in a commendable manner, did much to influence this decision. Coach Cahill has been a leading contender for the coaching job all the time."

The 46-year-old former Niagara University athlete becomes the 26th coach to lead the ARMY eleven in 77 years of intercollegiate football. Of this number, eight have not been graduates.

ARMY was faced with a major problem when the entire



Coach Cahill

For the benefit of class scribes, class notes should be dispatched to arrive at the Association office for:

the summer issue by—15 June

the fall issue by—15 September

For the benefit of contributing members, material for class notes should be submitted well enough in advance to allow class scribes to meet these deadlines.

football coaching staff departed just a few days before spring workouts were to begin. Cahill, assisted by Coach Tad Schroeder, the lone 1965 staff member to remain, and a group of officers—graduates and non-graduates—took over after postponing practice one week.

Before coming to West Point in 1959, Cahill coached at Manlius School and New Jersey's Riverdell High School, winning 65 and tying three in 82 games. He was a three-letterman at Niagara, graduating in 1942. He served four years in the Army as an Infantry Officer, including 28 months in the South Pacific.

Prior to this year, Cahill also coached the Plebe baseball team. His 1965 Plebe football team had a 6-1 record. He is married and has four children, two sons and two daughters.

Dietzel and Five Assistants Depart

Coach Paul Dietzel left the Military Academy on 6 April to accept a position as Director of Athletics and Head Football Coach at the University of South Carolina. Departing with Dietzel were five members of the ARMY grid staff: George Terry, Bill Shalosky, Larry Jones, Bill Rowe, and Jim Valek.

In the four seasons at ARMY, Dietzel had a record of 21-18-1. He won one and tied one in the four games with Navy.

The sudden departure caused spring practice for the 1966 ARMY team to be postponed for one week and the grid clinic for high school coaches to be cancelled. The spring intrasquad game remained as scheduled, Saturday, 14 May.

Association Cites Employee

Hundreds of graduates know her personally, but Jean Hoey (rhymes with Roy) has been a friend to thousands of other graduates in the 20 years that she has worked for the Association. Hired originally as a clerk-typist, Miss Hoey now functions as "administrative assistant" to the alumni secretary. It's a well-earned title, for in it is implied an unequaled background knowledge on alumni affairs learned under a succession of nine alumni secretaries.

Miss Hoey has been a daily commuter from her home daily contacts with graduates: "From cadets to 5-star generals, West Pointers are as congenial a group of men as I ever hope to know. I never cease to be impressed with their sincerity and their enduring attachment to the Military Academy."

In recognition of her long service, Col. Hines presented a music box featuring West Point tunes to Miss Hoey at a small ceremony in the Cullum Hall offices.

Miss Hoey has been a daily commuter from her home in Garnerville, N.Y., during the entire time that she has been in the Association's employ.

Major Donors

Latest among the donors to be added to the Superintendent's Fund plaque are: C.H. Armstrong and J.L. Collins, both Class of April '17; the class funds of 1916 and 1936; the Lemberg Foundation; the Marks Foundation; Sverdrup and Parcel, Inc., Charitable Trust; and the West Point Society of New York.

Included among those deceased graduates whose names now appear in the In Memoriam section of the plaque are: James R. Lindsay 3d '53, Clarence S. Maulsby '16, and Perry McCoy Smith '22.

Parents Spend Weekend with Plebe Sons

USMA welcomed over 2,000 parents and friends of the Class of 1969 during the second annual Plebe Parent Weekend, 24-28 March 66. The period was set to coincide with the upperclass spring leave period.

Most of the guests arrived on Friday, when a special entertainment program and informal hop were highlighted on the program. On Saturday, the Superintendent officially welcomed the visitors to a briefing in the South Auditorium of Thayer Hall. There they heard an analysis of the academic curriculum presented by General Jannarone, the Dean, and a review of military instruction by General Scott, the Commandant of Cadets.

An academic Open House rounded out the pre-noon schedule, and the Plebes paraded for their parents at a "band-box" review at noon.

Following lunch in the Cadet Mess, the Department of Tactics held Open House and invited the visitors to inspect their sons' rooms.

A Physical Education demonstration and a military

equipment display were features of the afternoon schedule.

Over 3,000 were on hand for the formal banquet in the Cadet Mess on Saturday evening, and most of the guests then attended a formal hop in the gymnasium.

After Chapel services on Sunday, General and Mrs. Bennett were hosts to the cadets and their guests at a formal reception in Cullum Hall.

Increased Emphasis on Electronic Instructional Aids

Television

Among the latest innovations adopted for enrichment of cadet instruction is closed-circuit television. Featuring a "candid classroom" in Thayer Hall where informal videotape-recorded instructional programs are prepared, the recently completed system can now reach into almost 200 classrooms. An agency of the Dean's office, instructional television is under the direct supervision of Lt. Col. W.F. Luebbert '49, a permanent associate professor. Maj. F.B. Tennant Jr., serves as TV Operations Officer, and Mr. J.A. Peterson is production chief.

A steadily increasing interest in TV as a teaching aid is reported by Col. F.C. Lough '38, Professor of Law and chairman of the television advisory committee. Foreign Languages and Social Sciences are two departments that are already using the new system most effectively, but all departments are actively exploring its potential. To date the most common usage has been the short (5 to 30 minutes) presentation highlighting the most significant part of a lesson often supplemented with demonstrations which could not otherwise be provided in all classrooms simultaneously.

The Department of Tactics continues to experiment



The Plebe Class honored the visiting parents with a "band-box" review. Cadet Joseph Esposito leads the first battalion, fourth regiment.

with the system as a means of strengthening its instructor training classes. Through video recordings of cadet presentations, individual cadets now have the capability of viewing and critiquing their own performance.

Long range plans call for extension of the system to include such sites as the gymnasium and summer training areas which cannot be reached at this time.

Computers

Through the introduction of remote "stations" tied into the Academic Computer Center in Thayer Hall, instructors now have direct access to the Center's computers without leaving their classrooms. Using conventional teletypewriters as remote terminal units, instructors in Military Art and Engineering, Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences, and Social Sciences are adding a new dimension to their classroom presentations.

The Douglas MacArthur Memorial

A little over a year ago, after exploring the several forms it might take, the Trustees of the Association of Graduates gave their support to the erection of a memorial to Douglas MacArthur '03. The memorial that was adopted will consist of a statue in a suitable setting to be located, it is hoped, in the general area of the old Hotel. The exact site will necessarily depend upon road and other problems at the Academy and will be subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

The responsibility for carrying out the details was placed in the hands of a committee made up of Groves, Nov. '18, chairman; Garbisch, '25; P.W. Thompson, '29; R.S. Crandall (the Post Engineer at West Point), '39; Mr. Albert TenEyck Gardner, Curator of American Sculpture, Metropolitan Museum of Art; and Mrs. Garbisch, a well-known art connoisseur.

The committee selected O'Connor and Killham as the architects for the memorial. This firm is now engaged in a considerable portion of the work involved in expanding the Academy. Two well-known American sculptors, Walter Hancock and Donald DeLue, were invited to submit their ideas as to an appropriate statue, together with models indicating what their final work would be. A choice will be made by the committee early this summer.

An illustrated brochure giving the details will be sent in the near future to all graduates as well as to a number of non-graduates who were closely associated with MacArthur during WWII and Korea.

West Point Artifacts on Display

For more than 125 years there has been some doubt about the exact dimensions of the 1815 Academy Building. Although its location was well established from old maps of the period, fire destroyed that West Point landmark in 1838, and the site has been covered over since that time.

As an incidental effort to the excavation work for the new barracks along the southern edge of the Plain, Col. Broshous, director of the current expansion program, decided to investigate the site of the old Academy. Mr. Donald F. Clark, local historian and a long-time civilian employee of the Military Academy, was placed in charge of the archaeological detective work.

Concentrating his attention on an area just north of Central Barracks, Mr. Clark located the charred remains of the building immediately adjacent to Diagonal Walk and just a few inches under the turf. Not only were the foundation walls still in place—thereby fixing the dimensions—but through a careful sifting of the debris within the foundation area, a rich store of artifacts was collected. As had been hoped, these "finds" included many

Mr. Clark (right) explains a section of his exhibit showing West Point's first "expansion" program to Mr. John H. Mead, archaeologist and supervisor of exhibits at the Bear Mountain Museum. Exhibit was shown at Archaeological Symposium at Thayer Hotel.



Gov. Rockefeller (second from right) presents "West Point Day" proclamation to General Bennett and Cadet Fretwell. At left: Congressman John M. Murphy; right: Col. Merton Singer.



fragments of such scientific equipment as crucibles, glass and copper tubing, and sections of heavy glass cylinders with hand-engraved graduations—the last remnants of this, the earliest engineering and scientific laboratory on any campus in the country.

Mr. Clark arranged these fragments and other hardware items gleaned from the debris into an attractive display which was the highlight of a Symposium on Historic Site Archaeology of New York held at the Hotel Thayer early in April.

Interested graduates may see this artifact exhibit in the Expansion Planning and Control Office on the 5th floor of Washington Hall.

Dial-Us-Yourself

CENTREX is the word the telephone company uses; the public knows it as the system for dialing directly to your party without going through a switchboard. And beginning on 19 June, over half of the calls coming into and going out of West Point will bypass the switchboard operator. USMA is the first military installation in the New York Telephone Co. area to get the speeded-up service.

Callers from the local area whose area code is the same as West Point's will be connected with their party by dialing the prefix 938 and the desired extension number—a total of 7 digits. Long distance callers must use the geographic area code, 914, before the West Point number.

As an example, long distance calls to the Association of Graduates will come directly to the office if one dials: 914-938-4600.

In those cases where the calling party does not know the West Point extension, the West Point operator can be reached by dialing 938-4011.

A doubling of the number of circuits available for outgoing calls will also increase the efficiency of the new system.

Rockefeller Proclaims "West Point Day"

New York State paid special tribute to USMA on 16 March when Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller proclaimed that day "West Point Day" throughout the state.

The following is an extract from the proclamation which had the unanimous approval of the Senate and the Assembly:

"Upon the young men who there learn the difficult and vital techniques of the military profession rest a high privilege and a tremendous responsibility.

"Upon them, in truth, depend the maintenance of our ancient freedoms, the protection of our nation and its institutions."

General Bennett, the Superintendent, who traveled to Albany for the occasion, was extended a rare honor when he was invited to address the Assembly following that body's passage of the resolution. The resolution had been introduced by Assemblyman Lawrence P. Murphy, father of Cadet Brian Murphy '69, and was endorsed by Mr. Joseph St. Lawrence, whose Assembly district includes West Point.

Also at Albany for the proclamation ceremony were: Cadet First Captain Norman E. Fretwell, U.S. Congressman John M. Murphy, First Captain of the Class of 1950, Col. Merton Singer, president of the West Point Society of New York, and Mr. James T. McNamara who first introduced a "West Point Day" resolution in 1950 when he was a member of the Assembly.

Class Reunions Set for Homecoming Weekend

In keeping with the new policy of compressing the alumni portion of June Week, a full program is planned for the younger reunion classes returning for Homecoming.



General James F. Collins '27 is introduced to the brigade staff following the review for the Board of Visitors. Currently president of the American Red Cross, Collins was making his first official visit to the Academy as a presidential appointee to the Board of Visitors. The 15-man board is composed of four men from the Senate, five, from the House of Representatives, and six presidential appointees.

At their own request the Class of 1926, observing its 40th Reunion, will join the Classes of 1946, 1951, 1956, and 1961. In addition to the football game (against Penn State), provision has been made for a program similar to the June Week program. The traditional ceremony will be held at Thayer Monument, alumni will lunch together at the Officers Mess, and all picnic and dinner sites have been reserved for the reunion classes.

Alumni headquarters will be located in the Officers Mess—next to Cullum Hall—and will be fully manned for the three-day period, 30 September-2 October.

The following is a detailed schedule for Homecoming Weekend:

Friday 30 September	0800	Alumni headquarters opens, WPAM.
	1530	Plebe football—ARMY vs. Villanova.
	1600	Plebe soccer—ARMY vs. West Springfield.
	1700	Reunion Class picnics and dinners.
	2100	Old Grads Nite, Benny Havens Room, WPAM.
Saturday 1 October	0900	Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument (Trophy Point).
	0945	Board of Trustees Meeting, WPAM.
	1130	Alumni Review.
	1200	Alumni Luncheon—buffet at WPAM.
	1400	Football game.
	1700	Reunion Class parties.
	2000	Alumni Dinner, Washington Hall.
	2130	Superintendent's Reception, Washington Hall.
	2215	Alumni Dance, Washington Hall.
Sunday 2 October	1045	Services for Alumni, Cadet Chapel.
	1145	Alumni Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel.
	1300	Luncheon for alumni classes, WPAM.
	1600	Alumni headquarters closes.

The limited billeting facilities of the Thayer Hotel have been reserved for returning alumni for this three-day period, and bus transportation will be provided between the hotel, the Mess, and Michie Stadium.

Class representatives of the 5-year reunion classes returning for Homecoming have already been contacted by the Alumni Secretary with a request that they submit requirements by the first week in August.

SPRING 1966

Cadets Visit Nuclear Power Plant

The Fort Belvoir Nuclear Power Field Office was host again this year to those First Classmen enrolled in the course "Introduction to Nuclear Engineering."

Supplementing classroom work at West Point, the 12 hours of instruction by top-flight enlisted and officer instructors at Belvoir provides an excellent orientation on nuclear power plant operation and maintenance. About ten per cent of the First Class take this course in lieu of the standard course in structural analysis and design taught by the Department of Military History and Engineering.



General Bennett receives the third oak leaf cluster to his Legion of Merit from Maj. Gen. Frank J. Sackton (left), Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, D/A. The award, for the Superintendent's last previous assignment as Director of Strategic Plans and Policy, D/A, cited "...his professional skill, broad knowledge, and profound understanding, of complex matters of great concern to the nation." The presentation was made at West Point.



When Charlie "White" Wielert retired after 42 years as a photographer at the Academy's White's Studio, he was honored by the Corps of Cadets, by the Superintendent, and by many of his friends who stood for "just one more." First Captain Norman E. Fretwell (right) acting on behalf of the Corps gave Charlie a cadet saber; the Superintendent presented a framed certificate at a special ceremony in the faculty lounge. Charlie and Mrs. Wielert are long-time residents of Highland Falls.

Graduate Sought for Panama School

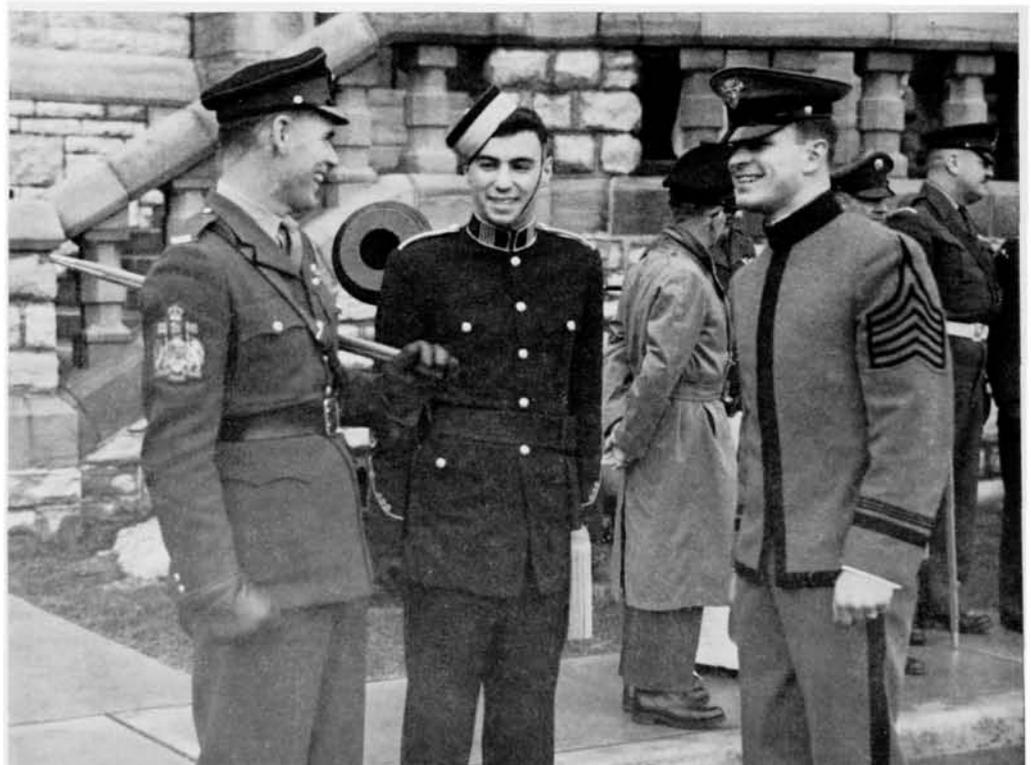
A recent letter to the Secretary asked for assistance in locating a graduate who might be interested in "helping to found a privately owned military preparatory school on the outskirts of the capital city of Panama." Several prominent Panamanians have already undertaken to secure the land for this projected bi-lingual institution which would

offer a high-school level program. They are now looking for a man to serve as director.

Although the request came to the Association through the Army Mission to Panama, it cited Senor Rodolfo U. Castellon as the man to be contacted. His address: P.O. Box 6285, Estafeta Justo Arosemena, Panama, Republica de Panama.

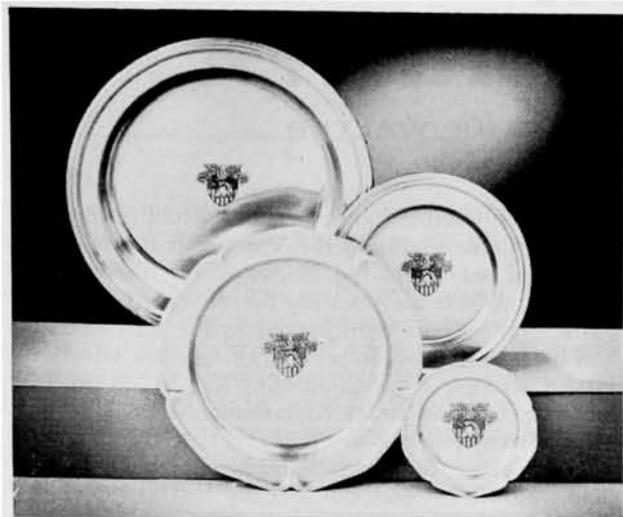
Additional information can also be secured directly from the Commander, U.S. Military Group, Panama, c/o U.S. Embassy, Box 2016, Balboa, Canal Zone.

Cadet Norman E. Fretwell (right) led the cadet contingent that visited Canada's Royal Military College in March. During this 43d annual exchange visit between the two schools, ARMY's hockey team lost to RMC but USMA won in debate and pistol and rifle marksmanship. A Canadian cadet was teamed up with each West Pointer and served as his personal escort—at meals, in barracks, in classes, and in social events—throughout the long weekend. Pictured here with Fretwell are (l. to r.): Regimental Sergeant Major James McManus and Officer Cadet Richard Cohen.



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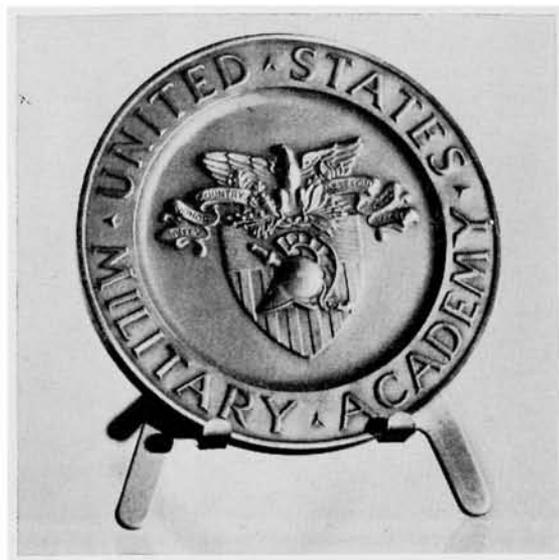
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down the field...

by FRANK WALTER

THE 1965-66 winter season was another successful one for ARMY in intercollegiate sports competition. Among the honors garnered by Academy teams were: the National Intercollegiate Pistol and the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming titles, and a bid for the third straight year, to the National Invitation Basketball Tournament in Madison Square Garden.

Domination of winter sports action against Navy was tempered somewhat as the Middies won three of the eight events; the Cadets won in basketball, gymnastics, pistol, rifle, and swimming; and Navy won in squash, track, and wrestling.

In 122 varsity-level contests, ARMY won 91, lost 30, and tied one, for a winning average of 75.2, to continue a winning trend that has become pronounced in the past few seasons.

The following is a summary of the 1965-66 winter sports program.

BASKETBALL: Won 18 — Lost 8.

ARMY 70—Navy 56, at West Point.

The loss of all-America candidate Mike Silliman in mid-January failed to discourage the basketball squad which went on to win six of its last eight games and gain a third bid to the National Invitation Tournament in New York City.

Before Silliman was forced to withdraw with torn ligaments in his knee, he had won all-tournament honors in both the Vanderbilt and the Eastern Collegiate Athletic

Conference holiday tournaments and had been named the Most Valuable Player at the Vanderbilt tourney. Although he played only 13 of the 26 games, his three-year total of 1,342 points was an Academy career record. By the end of the season he had been named to the all-East team, and had been mentioned on several all-America selections. This First Classman from Louisville, Ky., could well be the greatest player in ARMY basketball history.

The victory over Navy clinched the NIT invitation, and ARMY became the seventh team chosen in the 14-team field. Bill Helkie and Bill Shutsky had assumed the scoring role after Silliman's loss, and team captain Dick Murray continued to direct the attack from a guard spot.

ARMY beat Manhattan in the first round and then went on to upset a much taller San Francisco team to stay in the running. But in their third outing the Cadets lost a close one to Brigham Young, the eventual 1966 NIT champion, and had to settle for fourth place in the tournament.

Basketball continues to improve at West Point. The coaching of Bob Knight, in his first year as head coach, drew national attention and well-earned praise. Among the new opponents on next winter's schedule will be Purdue, Ohio State, and Davidson.

GYMNASTICS: Won 6 — Lost 3.

ARMY 172.95—Navy 169.80, at Annapolis.

ARMY gymnasts came on strong during the final month, winning three of their four meets and winding up the sea-



The Hon. Joseph W. Scott, U.S. Minister in Ottawa, joins the team captains in traditional face-off ceremonies before the ARMY-RMC game.



ARMY's Bob Robbins (top) on the way to winning his 145-pound championship bout in Eastern Intercollegiate meet at Pittsburgh.



Mike Palone (19) of ARMY scores in game against the American International College of Springfield, Mass., at USMA's Smith Rink.

In a joint effort, your Association and the ARMY Athletic Association have included as an insert to this issue a sample copy of the ARMY SPORTSLETTER. Created for the express purpose of keeping graduates and friends of the Academy informed about intercollegiate athletics at USMA, this publication is a product of the AAA. The Association of Graduates is simply providing this means of bringing the SPORTSLETTER to the attention of the alumni.

ARMY SPORTSLETTER

The SPORTSLETTER, now a year old, is published 18 times a year—weekly during the football season, and monthly throughout the remainder of the year. The \$5-a-year subscription rate provides for first-class mailing to U.S. addresses and air mail postage to overseas subscribers.

The first issue for the 1966-67 SPORTSLETTER subscription year will be mailed to

subscribers in August. Please direct all correspondence reference the LETTER, to include checks for subscriptions to: *Army Athletic Association*.

The Athletic Office also advises that the 72-page booklet, *Army Football*, featuring the 1966 squad as well as ARMY football statistics over the last 76 years, will be available in July. Send one dollar per copy to Army Athletic Association, West Point, New York 10996.

son with an impressive win over Navy. ARMY's depth proved to be the margin of victory as the Middies took more first places.

In the Easterns, Jon Steel and Dana Groover had second places in the long horse and the trampoline respectively, and Paul Roggenkamp had a fourth in the high bar.

The scene then shifted to the regionals at Annapolis for qualification for the NCAA meet at Penn State. Captain Howie Pontuck was second in the floor exercise and Groover was second again in the trampoline; Roggenkamp was sixth in the high bar. Steel, in the side horse, and ringman Jack Ouellette, who will be the gymnastics captain next year, also qualified for the Nationals.

PISTOL: Won 9 — Lost 0.

ARMY 2,254—Navy 2,168, at West Point.

ARMY 1,398—Royal Military College 1,318, at Kingston, Ontario.

Undefeated for the second straight season and assured of their fifth straight national intercollegiate title with a first place in the NRA Sectionals, the pistol team continues to re-write the record books.

The five-man score of 1,431 out of 1,500, against the Air Force Academy at West Point in January, bettered the old Academy mark by six points.

Coach Herb Roberts has now boosted the team record to 26 wins in 27 matches and carries a victory string of 21 into the 1966-67 season. That tops the old mark of 20 straight, over the 1959-62 seasons.

Robert Hartley of Boise, Idaho, will be the 1966-67 captain.

HOCKEY: Won 17 — Lost 7 — Tied 1.

Royal Military College 8—ARMY 3, at Kingston, Ontario.

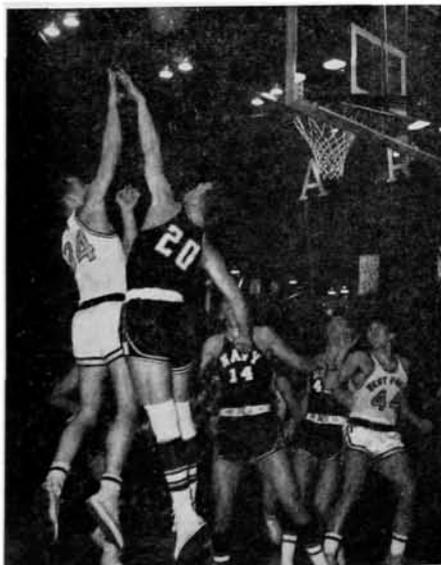
While the Cadets did not gain a berth in the ECAC hockey playoffs, they were quite successful in what had been expected would be a rebuilding year. Coach Jack Riley found scoring punch in a front line composed of Mike Palone, Kenny Smith, and Gene Coffman, all of whom will be returning next season. With defensemen Parker Anderson, the 1967 captain, and John Avard, plus goalies Dick Newell and Jim Cowart also coming back, the situation for next season looks very promising. There should be added help, too, from some outstanding talent on the current plebe team.

RIFLE: Won 8 — Lost 1.

ARMY 1,455—Navy 1,444, at Annapolis.

ARMY 1,448—Royal Military College 1,410, at Kingston, Ontario.

A December loss to West Virginia dogged the cadet riflemen all winter and kept them from retaining their national intercollegiate title. But the team seemed to gain strength after the first of the year; they fired an impressive 1,460 against the Coast Guard, and closed strong with victories over Navy and RMC, and then added a first place in the NRA sectionals at New (continue on page 29)



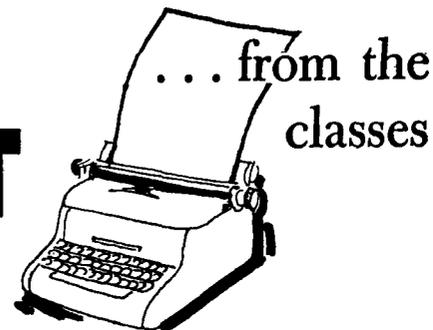
Captain Dick Murray (34) tallies for ARMY in action against midshipmen at West Point's Field House. Cadets won 70-56.



High point of the swim meet against Yale. Team members are tense as ARMY clinches meet, 48-47. Win was first over Yale in 20 years. Coach Jack Ryan (in white shorts, right) checks time. Cadet swimmers set 14 new Academy records; were unbeaten for the first time since 1945.



REPORT



'91

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Although our three surviving members from this Class that graduated 75 years ago continue to point the way, the last quarter was understandably uneventful. The Association takes this opportunity, however, to salute them on the occasion of their anniversary.

Having just celebrated his 100th birthday on 18 May, Glasgow, the oldest living West Pointer, continues to show the colors at 1120 Magoffin Ave., El Paso, Texas. His special contribution to this issue:

*"Little of all we value here
Wakes on the morn of its hundreth year
Without both looking and feeling queer."*

Hines, who is having eye troubles, sends his best from Walter Reed.

For the first time in many years, Sorley was not up to the trip to West Point for June Week. He can be reached at: 2015 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Md.

Salutes to all three on their 75th.

'02

Col. F.D. Griffith Jr.
2544 Dell Road
Louisville, Ky. 40205

Bell has been nominated for the honorary position of vice-president-at-large of the Society of American Military Engineers. Frank and Mrs. Bell spent most of the winter in Washington and made extensive use of the facilities of the Army-Navy Club. Frank can usually be found among the bridge players.

Pegram is still in Mallorca but is planning to return to the United States shortly after Easter. The winter in Palma has been pleasant and warm, and he feels greatly improved as a result of the climate and the rest.

Mrs. Benjamin White, one of Frankenger's daughters, writes that he has been in a convalescent hospital in San Pedro, California, since February, recovering from a bad fall. He has been living with his daughter since he left San Diego, and he hopes to return to her home as soon as his condition improves and he regains his strength.

The Griffiths spent the winter in Louisville. A planned trip to the West Coast in February was first postponed and later cancelled due to weather conditions and to an attack of the flu.

'03

Col. Dorsey R. Rodney
938 Huntington Road
East Lansing, Mich.

The old Class is holding up pretty well, but it is becoming difficult to find people to write obituaries for departing members. So

Our Association membership of 17,654 represents more than 95% of our living graduates.

Graduates and former cadets who are not now members of the Association are cordially invited to contact the Secretary for the appropriate application form.

His address:

Secretary
Association of Graduates
West Point, N.Y. 10996

please, KEEP ALIVE! Wuest has just completed the obituary of Louis Dice, our last member to join the Long Gray Line.

Turtle, that ever-faithful correspondent, writes about the opera, of which he is an ardent lover. He expected to be "the oldest grad present" at the Founders Day dinner at San Antonio. And he says, "We old grads have an unfortunate life expectancy for those forced to hear us."

The Wuests expect to go to their old hang-out, Bad Ems, this summer. Jake speaks so much of the scenery and the Rhine wine at that place, that I suspect the latter is the strong magnet. He has done a fine job in writing Dice's obituary and should serve as an example for us all in tackling a job for the Class.

Albert Gilmor wrote a note on some glamorous paper. He says that at our time of life anything very unusual must be regarded with suspicion. I don't know what he means, but it sounds interesting. They are going up to Maine this summer and then to Southampton.

Sep Kilbourne has been in Fitzsimons Hospital but is now in a convalescent home and is getting along fine. His address is Spalding House Convalescent Center, 1919 Ogden St., Denver, Colo. 80205. Why not pep him up with a letter?

Ulysses Grant writes that he has no news. But he reports that Sep Winfree is at Mar Salle Convalescent Home, 2131 O St. NW., Washington, D.C., and would welcome letters. Clifford Jones writes from Norcross, Ga., that they have bought a house in Miami and spend some time there each winter.

"Puss" Farnum wrote that they were leaving for a trip to Bermuda—to bake out from the winter in Maine, I betcha! But they love it up there.

Rodney spent Christmas in Washington where he saw Max Tyler and Sep Winfree, the latter in Walter Reed. He also talked with Lynn and Cocheu. (I have since had word on Cocheu's death on 5 April at Walter Reed. He was buried in Arlington on 8 April.) He visited his old home at New Castle, Delaware. In March he attended the Founders Day dinner at Detroit, and, of course, was

"the oldest grad present," and punished what you might call a captive audience. But he refreshed their minds on the parody of "Army Blue" which speaks sarcastically of "the ladies who come up in June." And he gave them a toast from cadet days, which runs:

To the ladies, God bless them.

Our arms for their defense

Their arms our recompense.

FALL IN!

In March, Rodney also visited his old haunts at Fort Riley and Junction City, Kansas, where he was present at several fine ceremonies in connection with the retirement of Lt. Gen. C.G. Dodge, an old friend of Cavalry days.

Colley sent a short note. His new address is 507 Third Ave. (Box 1004), Seattle 4, Washington. Benny Ristine reports that he has had a good winter. Two sisters from Indiana have been visiting him. He continues his lawn bowling several times a week, and recommends this as good exercise for "old crocks."

'04

Maj. Gen. William Bryden
3555 Springland Lane, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20008

A Washington, D.C., newspaper recently reported the death, on 23 March 1966, of Gregory's widow, Verna, at a nursing home in Puyallup, Washington.

I have learned that Budd's remains lie in the East Windsor Cemetery, East Windsor, Mass.

'05

Brig. Gen. Arthur W. Lane
4801 Connecticut Ave., NW.
Washington, D.C. 20008

It is with great regret that I report the passing of another classmate. Clifford Corbin died at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington on 20 January 1966. Interment was at the Arlington National Cemetery.

The age of the members of the Class of 1905 makes it inevitable that our casualty rate must be high, but the loss of 7 classmates in less than 55 weeks seems to be abnormal. Only 20 of our 114 graduates are still alive.

'06

Col. Charles G. Mettler
2227 Pickens Rd.
Augusta, Ga.

SEVENTY-FIVE DAYS TILL JUNE, SIR!—as this note goes to ASSEMBLY. And 60 years will have been lived by a dozen survivors who remember that great moment of 1906.

DeRussy Hoyle has all the arrangements complete. Some fifteen or more loyal members of the 1906 contingent will gather

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around the banquet table. We are counting on several widows and sons of the Class, who also keep green the wonderful memories of 1906.

There I will celebrate 60 years as our president and general correspondent. Some sort of a record, what? Anyway, it has been a wonderful and rewarding experience to have kept in close touch so long, and I am grateful for such splendid cooperation. Try to be at the party.

The big Founders Day celebrations of last March went off everywhere with the usual hilarity but with some sad moments, too, because so many of our younger ones have given their all in the jungles of Vietnam for this nation in the performance of the task for which West Point trained them. At the last moment I had to give up the party at Fort Jackson, which was ably organized by J.T. Corley, '08. John T. Kennedy, also of '08, the o.l.g. of the group, made the toast. At the Army-Navy Club in Washington, Earl McFarland was the o.l.g. and made the toast to the old rockbound Academy. One hundred and sixty-four years of continuous production of leaders for the nation is some sort of a world record, is it not?

DeRussy Hoyle, our VP, Secy, Treas, and general manager of the 60th has a check for \$245, the remnant of the class fund, made out to the West Point Alumni Fund and designated for the care of the Mazenet Collection of Music which was obtained by 1906. The check will be presented when we call on the Supe in June. Those who attended the chapel services at the 50th Reunion saw the beautifully bound, expertly catalogued, and well cabinetted, organ collection. The Chamber Music Collection is now being similarly handled at the new library. Both collections are remarkable and deeply appreciated by the Academy.

DeRussy Hoyle has been given an aide-de-camp to escort us about in June, to hold our reserved seats at parade, to conduct us to the review and the Alumni march (where we will be close to the front), and to the Alumni banquet in the big mess hall. Our aide should also be available to escort the ladies to lunch at the WPAM as well as those of us who will be attending the banquet in the evening. Fifteen to twenty are expected to be around the banquet table.

With deep regret we announce the death of Dick Jacob at San Antonio on 18 March 1966. A telegram of condolence was sent to the bereaved family, but no details are available as to the cause of death or the place of burial. This loss leaves only a dozen of the grads of 1906, and four of our worthy other members: Parr, White, Akin, and Merrill. All are in their 80's. May God bless us.

'07

Col. John S. Sullivan
3506 Rodman St., NW.
Washington, D.C. 20008

At its luncheon meeting in January at Fort Myer, the West Point Society of D.C. had as its speaker Mr. James E. Webb, Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Mr. Webb was an assistant to the Under Secretary of the Treasury in 1946. Later that year President Truman appointed him Director of the Bureau of the Budget. He held that position until 1949 when he became Under Secretary of State. He gave an extremely interesting talk. He is a Lt.Col. in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Ben and Marya Castle spent several days in New York in March where Ben had busi-

ness to transact. Then they enjoyed a family reunion.

Enrique White spent the Christmas holidays with his son and family in San Antonio. From there he went to Florida to visit a nephew.

Thanks to Charley Wyman for some notes. Charley wrote: "Linc Andrews used to call me Mr. Rose when he didn't like my riding. If not Rose, then it was Laubach, but he always got my name right on the skin list."

Ruth Alexander (Mrs. Roger G.) maintains an apartment in New York. Roger G. Jr., is living at 303 Glenchester, Houston, Texas 77204. He is a geologist with the Humble Oil and Refining Co. Ruth married Col. Bradish J. Smith '41, who retired last year. He is with Research Analysis Corp. in McLean, Va.

Phyllis Clark (Mrs. Bruce E., 2219 California St. NW., Washington, D.C.) has been named Administrative Assistant to the headmaster of the Sheridan School, a coeducational independent school on 36th St. NW., with two divisions: Lower School, nursery through grade 3, and Upper School, grades 4 through 8. The appointment is effective in September. Phyllis will be with the Lower School. She has had extraordinary success in elementary education at Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School. Again this summer she will be in charge of the Beauvoir Summer Day Camp with an attendance of more than 500.

Virginia Collins (Mrs. J.L., 2126 Connecticut Ave. NW., Washington, D.C.) visited her daughter Mrs. Weart and Captain Weart USN at Pensacola, Florida. From there she went to Houston to visit her son, Michael, '52. Michael is one of the two astronauts selected to go aloft in GEMINI 10. Lawton, a brigadier general, is in Vietnam.

Cecilia Larned received a letter from a daughter of Bill Canoe in which she said Bill and Rosie are well and have given up driving a car, for which she is grateful.

Marjorie O'Connor (Mrs. Jas. A., 1073 Alvirra St., Los Angeles 35, California) writes that her daughter, Patricia, a widow, married Col. Wm. H. Bellings, Ret. They have purchased a home in Sun City, Arizona, near Phoenix. Jeanelle is married to Col. J.O. Killian '34. They live near San Francisco. Since retirement, Col. Killian has taken an engineering job with Sonoma State College nearby. Jeanelle teaches French and Spanish. She doesn't have enough to do with only four of her eight children at home! Marjorie's son, Dan, is a civilian with the Automobile Club of Southern California. Marjorie says she has none of the usual ailments of her age. She is active and drives the freeways constantly. She went to the funeral of Ruth Taylor and misses her a great deal. Gerry Taylor instigated a class party each year. He and Patsy saw a lot of each other.

Lettie Shedd (Mrs. W.E., 2231 California St. NW., Washington, D.C.) spent the Christmas holidays with her son, George, and family in Mobile. She is proud and happy that Bill (W.E.III) '42 has been promoted to brigadier general. He is in Vietnam.

Ruth Watkins (Mrs. Lewis H., 6200 Oregon Ave. NW., Washington, D.C.) and a cousin took a Caribbean cruise that they thoroughly enjoyed. In Martinique they were met by a cousin who lives there. He showed the ladies all the interesting sights.

Edith Lang (Mrs. J.W., 2301 Connecticut Ave. NW.) gave a delightful party at the Army-Navy Club to honor her daughters.

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London. Top honors on the squad went to captain Mike Fuller who won the sectional individual title with a score of 297 out of 300.

Charles Swanson of San Francisco was named rifle captain for next season.

SQUASH: Won 8 — Lost 5.

Navy 7—ARMY 2, at West Point.

The rebuilding year proved to be a rough one for Coach Bill Cullen as his squad ran into strong opposition from its Ivy League opponents and Navy. The Cadets won the No. 1 and No. 9 matches against Navy but that was all. Harvard, Princeton, Penn, and Yale also dominated in their matches.

In the intercollegiate matches at Annapolis, ARMY finished sixth, and in the national rankings, based on overall team play throughout the season, ARMY was again sixth.

Graduation will take its toll again but there should be help from the fine plebe team which posted an 8-2 season record.

Jim Allen, of Roanoke, Va., has been named captain for the 1966-67 season.

SWIMMING:

Won 13 — Lost 0.

ARMY 55—Navy 40, at Annapolis.

For the first time since 1945 ARMY swimmers went through an undefeated season, winning 13 meets and the Eastern Intercollegiate title. The big win was the 48-47 victory over Yale in mid-January. The Eli's still managed to take the Eastern Seaboard title, however, on the strength of their greater depth in the relay events.

Coach Jack Ryan's charges also set 14 new Academy records on their way to an all-winning season. John Williams set new marks in the 200, 500, and 1,650 freestyle events; Kerry O'Hara, next year's captain, broke the two backstroke marks; and Frank Pratt, captain of the current squad, broke the two butterfly standards. John Landgraf also established two new breaststroke marks, and Charles Gantner bettered the two individual medley records.

The medley relay team of O'Hara, Landgraf, Pratt, and Warren Trainor accounted for the remaining three new marks: two Academy and one pool.

First Classman Pratt will be graduating, but O'Hara, Landgraf, and Trainor will be back for one more season, and Yearlings Williams and Gantner have two more years of competition.

INDOOR TRACK:

Won 6 — Lost 3.

Navy 65½—ARMY 42½, at Annapolis.

Navy finally ended ARMY's indoor

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track domination after seven years, with a show of strength at home, but in the Heptagonals the following week, ARMY not only topped the Middies but eight other teams as well. Harvard won it with 57 points against ARMY's 56.

ARMY also made a fine showing in the IC4A meet at Madison Square Garden, finishing 6th in a field of 65 schools.

Two new Academy indoor track marks went into the books this season, both of them by Yearlings. Karl Kremser soared 6 feet, 8¾ inches in the high jump for one; and Larry Hart tossed the shot 55 feet, 8¾ inches in the IC4A meet, three inches better than the old cadet record.

Outstanding performances by Yearlings, in addition to those of Kremser and Hart, gave promise for good things in the future. ARMY track fans should be hearing about Greg Camp in the 1,000, Bob McDonald and John Nolan in the mile, Paul DeCoursey in the two-mile, and Dan Seebart and Joe Finley in the shot-put.

WRESTLING:

Won 6 — Lost 3.

Navy 19—ARMY 14, at West Point.

In a typical ARMY-Navy Winter Weekend finish, the Navy wrestlers came from behind to win the final two matches and the meet.

The Cadets moved to the Easterns at Pittsburgh and finished in a third-place tie with Penn State behind Lehigh and Navy. Bob Robbins emerged as champion in the 145-pound class, and captain Bob Steenlage and Jim Harter had seconds at 130 and 177 pounds respectively.

ARMY placed tenth in the NCAA meet at Iowa City, with Steenlage taking a third at 123 pounds and Robbins, a fifth at 145 pounds.

Roger Heimann, who wrestles at 167 pounds, will be the ARMY captain next winter.

Spring Sports Program

ARMY spring season teams went into the month of May with good records, two of the teams—baseball and track—still unbeaten.

Baseball opened its defense of the Eastern Intercollegiate title by winning all three of its league games in April. Strong-armed Barry DeBolt, an all-league selection for the past two seasons, was the winning pitcher in all three games. Consistent hitting by third-baseman Kenny Smith and center fielder John Boretti, two hockey players who turn to the diamond in the spring, produced the needed runs.

Golf won its first five matches to run the team's consecutive win streak to 18, the best in ARMY's golf history.

They were here for Andy's birthday. It was bon voyage for Mrs. Dale who leaves with her husband and children for a year in Tangiers. The Class sent a cake to Andy decorated with "Happy Birthday Andy from 1907." A birthday cake was also sent to Irving Palmer. Letters of thanks were received from their wives.

Charley Wyman sent word of the death of Ruth Taylor. He attended the funeral. The Class extends deepest sympathy to Ruth's family.

John Rose was in Walter Reed from time to time for the past two years. He remarked to a classmate some months ago that the doctors were doing a wonderful job in keeping him alive. In January, life ended. He was buried in a family plot in Warrenton Cemetery. Services were held in St. James Episcopal Church, Warrenton. He had served there as a vestryman and as treasurer since retirement. He was chairman of the Red Cross drives and was the first president of the Fauquier Historical Society. John was a fine soldier, and a solid, substantial citizen of his community. He will be deeply missed, especially by the Washington group. From time to time he attended the class luncheons. Responding to the receipt of a class birthday card he wrote: "The birthday card is a very thoughtful greeting and most deeply appreciated. I keep them for my album for my sons." Paul Larned sent a telegram of sympathy from the Class to the family. Hans Wagner sent a check from the Class to the Association of Graduates in memory of John.

Bob Arthur has written a book, *The End of a Revolution*, published by Vantage Press Inc., 120 West 31st Street, New York N.Y.—price \$5. Bob distinguished himself as editor of the *Coast Artillery Journal*.

Founders Day dinner was held at Fort Myer. The principal speaker was General Harold Johnson '33, Chief of Staff of the Army. He made an excellent talk. 500 were present. Cadet Captain S.W. Bartholomew spoke for the Corps. He did well. It is a nice custom to have a member of the graduating class address the meeting. The color bearers and color guard wore colonial dress uniforms. Very effective. Outstanding high school seniors were selected from a long list of recommended boys. The West Point Prep School was also represented. Hanst '42 and his committee do an excellent job. The boys were presented with silver cups. They expressed their appreciation. The dinner was excellent in every respect—the food and the entertainment.

Ben Castle was at the head table as founder of the Society and as a member of the board of governors. Earl McFarland was also at the head table as the oldest graduate present. He toasted The Corps. West Point sent the Hell Cats down and they performed in their usual splendid manner. There was a certain fiendish glee among those present in knowing that the punishment of earlier days is being inflicted upon the Corps today. Sergeant Barry Sadler, composer of the words and music of "The Ballad of the Green Berets" was there with his guitar, and sang and played this very popular song. He received an ovation. A recent announcement on television said that the Sadler record was first in sales for that period.

Will you please send in the names and addresses of widows of our classmates so we may record them in our Notes for the benefit of their friends.

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."—Chinese Proverb

'08

Maj. Gen. Glen E. Edgerton
104-B The Westchester
Washington, D.C. 20016

This was the first year since 1920 that the class dinner at the Army-Navy Club in Washington on or about the 14th of February, the anniversary of our graduation, could not be held—for lack of attendance. Several letters were received from classmates who regretted that they could not attend but sent messages to those who did.

Bunny Goethals, in accordance with his custom of recent years, came down at that time to spend a few days visiting friends in Washington and joined your Scribe in what we called "the Annual Class Dinner" on the evening of 13 February. We took turns during the dinner serving alternately as toastmaster and speaker. We sadly missed an adequate audience, and especially John Schulz to serve as treasurer, which he used to do with solemn dignified precision.

Med Meredith reported by letter that he was having sessions with the doctors in January, but believed that he was winning the contest.

On January 16, we lost two more classmates in one day. Courtney Hodges died of a heart attack in San Antonio, Texas. Born in Georgia on 5 January 1887, he was one of the youngest men in the Class. Although he came to West Point without adequate preparation and was "found" at the end of our plebe year, he obtained his commission in 1909 and went on to a most distinguished career in the Army, attaining the highest military rank in the Class.

Jimmie James died in Washington, D.C., one of the most popular men in the Class; he had retired with a physical disability in 1920. He suffered much illness during the rest of his life and spent his last several years in nursing homes.

Word has just been received that A.B. Deans died in mid-March in Los Angeles, but the circumstances and the exact date of his death have not yet been obtained.

Helen (Mrs. Rodney H.) Smith spent a few days late in March visiting friends in Washington.

Jimmie Burns returned on 23 March to his apartment at 3901 Connecticut Avenue, NW., in Washington from Coronado, California, where he spent the bad part of the winter this year.

In the class Notes in last fall's issue of ASSEMBLY, every classmate or class widow who read those Notes was requested to write in to give some information on his current situation. Only two such letters were received. Even with the losses reported above there are 28 classmates living and 24 widows. Apparently most of them do not read the Notes, or else they cannot write—or something!

'09

Maj. Gen. G.L. Van Deusen
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Bath and Westwood Avenues
Long Branch, N.J.

From "Jo" Marks's February letter: "As you may know, Ned has had angina for 20 years. The blood doesn't reach his head properly. He looks fine but can't concentrate well. Ted is now a colonel in Germany; will go to the Pentagon in July. Bill is in business in Minneapolis. Three kids apiece."

Caesar Rodney Roberts (13 March): "I play my 5 to 9 holes of golf most days and drove down Indio way last week in my

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Volkswagen. Went to San Francisco at New Year's to hear our diva give a Viennese evening, with orchestra, and to a swell party with her afterward; on returning, was laid up a few days with flu, but OK now. While up north, the Partridges and I tried to visit Bob Sears at his new home in Walnut Creek but he didn't answer."

Dorothy Donaldson Minor (2 March) contributes these notes about Don's family: "She has two children: Butler B. Minor VI, has been married four years and is lending officer in the Wells Fargo Bank of Stockton; and Elizabeth (Bet) who lives in her own apartment in San Francisco. She has been working her way thru college. Dorothy herself is with the Travelers Insurance Co. in San Francisco. She loves to fly and has had a pilot's license for 13 years. Her younger sister, Donya (D.D.) and her husband, Spence Harvin, live with their two boys (6 and 11) in Mill Valley, a half hour's drive from San Francisco. Spence is an adjudicator for the VA, and D.D. is a psychologist at UC Hospital."

Gladys Lyman (6 March) from her new home, Apt. 3, Leisure Lane, Walnut Creek, Calif.: "I visited Maui Meadows (Charlie Lyman's stock farm) over the holidays, then to Washington, then to Dallas to see my son, a retired AF colonel, in his new job with Texas Instrument Co. His son is now a captain, stationed in Berlin with wife and small daughter, making me a great-grandmother. His elder daughter is an airline stewardess. Sheila (née Sultan) and daughter, now 17, are still in Glen Cove, L.I.; they're hoping to sell their home there and move to Dallas. I moved to the above address last July and thoroughly enjoy living here in the country. I have a nice apartment with a lovely view of green hills. There is everything here."

"Dotchi" McGee sends us word from Locust Valley, L.I., that Dodd, Mead & Co. have published a 1965 revised edition of her book, *Herbert Hoover, Engineer, Humanitarian, Statesman*.

Irene Ord reports (5 March): "Hope to glean a lot of news at Ethel Wright's luncheon in a few days. Katherine Hughes is not improving; a very sad case."

Madge Parker writes from her home in Gladwynne, Pa.: "I have twelve grandchildren. Four of these live in Short Hills, N.J., although one is now in Yale and one in Andover. Their father, Henry Gadsden, is president of Merck Drug Co. My older son lives in West Hartford, Conn. They have a boy and three girls. My Ann lives near me and has a daughter and a son. The daughter, now Mrs. John Wicks, has a baby girl, so I am now a great-grandmother. My younger son lives about two miles away and has a boy and a girl. In the summer, I go to Pocono Lakes. Bob liked it there, so we bought a home and, as the family grew, built another next door and a house for the help."

Elinore Underwood, now home in San Antonio, as of 7 March: "Arthur (USMA '49), a major of Infantry, returned in February from Korea and is now here with his wife and their four boys en route to his new station at Fort McPherson, Ga. Andy (USMA '54), also a major, expects to leave West Point for Vietnam this June. He will leave his wife and two daughters here in San Antonio. Arthur's oldest son is at Texas Military Academy. I see the Simpsons occasionally. They may be at Fort Bragg now with their son-in-law. I am active in my church and have many friends here. San Antonio is a kind city to the Army. I love it here."

Effie Van Deusen came home on 4 January after a five-week stay at Patterson Army Hospital, Fort Monmouth, for treatment of

gastro-intestinal disorders. She is slowly recuperating, is on a strict diet, and is trying to relax (not easy).

'10

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Balmy spring weather has again returned to the Washington area after an unusually long cold winter and our traveling 1910ers are coming home to enjoy it.

Hazel and Tony Frank are back from their enjoyable Lakeside Inn at Mt. Dora, Fla. They reported a grand winter vacation this year altho they did have some chilly spells during the times of extremely cold weather up north. Your humble Scribe was personally very much pleased to see the Franks back as Tony and I were able to resume our early morning walks.

Gwladys Leonard, who is rapidly becoming a real traveler, had a very interesting experience last winter on the "Four Winds Americana Rail Cruise"—a grand, 23-day tour around the U.S. and Mexico. Included on this tour were such places as: New Orleans during the Mardi Gras; Mexico City for several days at the Continental Hilton; the Hollywood Roosevelt at Los Angeles; the "Top of the Mark" in San Francisco; the Grand Canyon; Chicago, etc., etc.—a thoroughly enjoyable and exciting trip.

In March, Pappy Selleck had an early spring vacation at Pinehurst and Southern Pines visiting his very good old friends, the Archie Arnolds (1912). Among the highlights of this visit was the USMA Founders Day dinner at Fort Bragg. On this pleasant occasion Pappy found himself to be "the oldest West Point graduate present" which nominated him as the one to "toast the Corps" and also to make a speech which rumor says he did in the best traditions of the Service.

The Founders Day dinner in the Washington area this year, held in Patton Hall at Fort Myer was very well attended and an outstandingly successful event. Bob Dunlop and I represented 1910 and had a very pleasant visit at the table by our Class-son, Lt. Gen. Lampert, who is currently on duty in the Pentagon.

D.S. Wilson spent about twelve days at the DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir during March undergoing a needed operation which was very successfully accomplished.

Alice Tomey flew to Europe in April for a month's visit with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, plus some touring around Germany, Italy, France, and England. Arriving at Frankfurt, Germany, Alice's visit started with granddaughter Alice, wife of Lt.Col. F.F. Irving, who is stationed there, and their three children—the oldest of which is now in high school. Alice's other granddaughter, Stuart Blue, is married to Richard L. Jackson, presently serving with one of our embassies in northeast Africa. To conserve time, Mrs. Jackson and her young son, Richard L. Jr., traveled up to Frankfurt so that all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren could be together for Alice's visit.

Kay and Bo Lewis flew Pan Am to Buenos Aires, Argentina, in January for a month's visit with Bo Jr., his wife Doty, and their three children. A very happy reunion was had by all. Bo Jr. (a lt. col.) is the engineer member of the U.S. Military Group, Argentina, Army Section. Their 3-year tour in Argentina, which has been very interesting, will be completed this fall, and they are now looking forward to their return to the States.

Although eastern teams are hampered by the weather, which has a direct bearing on pre-season practice, the quality of play throughout the league has been unusually high.

The lacrosse team opened its bid for the eastern title with victories over Hofstra, Rutgers, and Princeton, and then lost to a stubborn Yale team. Four football players—ends Tom Schwartz and David Rivers, quarterback Fred Barofsky, and defensive back Don Dietz—have given Coach Jim Adams some added strength, especially on the defense. All four have been excused from spring football practice.

The tennis team features Second Classmen and Yearlings. In spite of their limited experience, the squad has come through with some fine efforts. Coach Bill Cullen sees this as a rebuilding year and continues to have high hopes for his developing squad.

The track team, with three straight victories—over Penn State, Yale, and Notre Dame—already had a better record than 1965. Coach Carleton Crowell has only a small nucleus of First Classmen on his squad, but he is getting some excellent performances from his Yearlings. The newcomers have been strongest in the field events and in the distance events, where some of their early-season marks have been among the best in eastern circles.

Spring Football

Coach Tom Cahill put the 1966 ARMY football team through its paces three days after he received the head coaching job at the Military Academy and the picture looks good for the Cadets for the coming fall.

Matching the first two units—offensive and defensive—as the Black team against his number-two platoons, the Golds, Cahill sat atop the Michie Stadium press box and saw the Blacks win, 13 to 8.

There wasn't time to install an offense during the spring workouts, for Coach Cahill was given the assignment of conducting the spring drills while the coach-hunt was still going on. So the teams ran simple patterns off the I formation.

Yearlings-to-be quarterbacks Steve Lindell and Jim O'Toole shared the starting jobs, each conducting the Black and the Gold attacks for a half. Lindell scored six points for each team, kicking two field goals for the Blacks in the first half and scoring the Gold touchdown himself in the second half. O'Toole showed a good passing arm, hitting 12 of 28 attempts.

Carl Woessner appears to be the team's strongest runner. He carried 28 times for 176 yards and scored the lone Black touchdown. A flanker last season, Carl now runs from the tailback position.

The 1910 noontime class luncheons at the Army-Navy Town Club on the second Wednesday of every month are very enjoyable affairs. Visiting classmates and/or wives are always most welcome. Prior arrangements are not necessary, and all are urged to plan to attend these luncheons whenever a visit to Washington is contemplated.

'11

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To those who attended, the 55th Reunion of 1911 is now a happy memory when this is read by those who unfortunately could not be present. As this was written to meet the March deadline for the Spring '66 ASSEMBLY, it appears that the reunion attendance may total 20 or more, including wives and widows. The Class Dinner on 4 June was "co-ed."

Alfred Betcher was kept busy during the winter and spring months snow-plowing a rather long road leading to his house from Reed St. in Canajoharie. Betch says that, with the help of his son Jack who lives with him, he manages to get along. Unfortunately, he could not plan to be at the Reunion. On the other hand, Polly and Wilfrid Blunt went to Pensacola in January and then to Puerto Rico for 2 months of suntanning, far from Washington's heavy snow.

Among those nominated for temporary promotion to BG in the AF is Freeman Bowley's son, Col. Alfred J. Bowley, now Exec to Vice CofS, Hq USAF. Jimmie Crawford speaks highly of *Born at Reveille*, the latest book authored by Col. Russell "Red" Reeder, USMA '26. It received excellent reviews in the *Herald-Tribune*. In his letter, Jimmie tells of a bad fall in February which cracked two of his precious ribs, but in mid-March he was well recovered, and on the 17th responded to the Oldest-Grad toast at the Fort Benning Founders Day dinner.

Artie Conard was in Palo Alto, Calif., in Aug 65 for the marriage of a granddaughter. Some months later, he enjoyed a white Christmas at his youngest daughter's home in Holland, Mich., and saw 3 of his great-grandchildren. With his January letter, he returned to me a postcard I had mailed from Honolulu in 1912!! From the card: "I was over yesterday to Schofield Barracks and saw Shekerjian, Ladd, Heffy, Bowley, and Sid Foster." Old Timers! That was 54 years ago.

John Hatch's son, Col. McGlachlin Hatch USMA '43, is on duty in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; John's grandson, Ed-



1911: Mrs. Gregory P. Hoisington with daughter Elizabeth at Fort McClellan.



1911: Founders Day at Fort Benning 1966. Crawford (center) with (l. to r.): Gallagher '18, Silvasy '63, Harris '31, York '38.

ward McG. Hatch, is now a junior at Brown U. Our Jo, Mrs. Gregory Hoisington, in the accompanying picture, poses with her daughter, Lt. Col. Elizabeth F. Hoisington, CO U.S. Army WAC Center at Fort McClellan. While there, Jo attended awards and retirement reviews, graduation ceremonies in the WAC Chapel, and made a trip to the Edith Nourse Rogers Museum.

Last summer Ethel Kemble visited young Franklin, the 1911 Class Cup Boy, USMA '34. He was retired as a colonel of Ordnance in 62 and lives with his wife Ella, and daughter Anne, now 16, near Greenville, S.C. He teaches math at the Greenville Tech Education Center. Kathryn O'Neill, Heck's sister, last July moved to 9517 S. Kolmar Ave., Oak Lawn, about 13 miles SW of downtown Chicago. The O'Neill family had occupied the house on South Sangamon, on the southside, for 42 years. Kathryn writes that her brother, Father James Hugh O'Neill, who was retired as a BG, Chaplains Corps, in 52, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest on 30 May 65 and said his Jubilee Mass at St. David's Church in Chicago. He had said his first mass there 50 years before.

It is sad to tell of the death of another classmate, known to so many throughout the Army. Born in Turkey in 1886, and appointed to West Point from Connecticut, Haig Shekerjian, after a long, selfless, and distinguished career, died on 22 Jan 66 at Letterman Army Hospital. Final services were held in the San Francisco National Cemetery on 26 Jan. Helen will keep their apartment at 1824 Jackson St. in San Francisco. I shall greatly miss Haig during the remaining years.

Weaver and Nichols represented 1911 at the Founders Day dinner at the Presidio of SF on 16 March. Among the large group attending were Jim's son, Col. James R. Weaver, Ret., USMA '36, a deputy commissioner RE, State of California, living in Menlo Park; and Johnnie Wall's son, Capt. John F. Wall, USMA '56, who is on duty at the electronic facility at Livermore, some 35 miles east of San Francisco. He goes to the C&GSC at Fort Leavenworth this fall.

Harriet Peterson writes that Ray greatly mourns the passing of his old plebe barracks roommate, Haig Shekerjian. Ray, like all of us living on borrowed time has not been too well, but is at his law office each business day.

Virginia and Speck Wheeler were in Bangkok during the latter half of January for

meetings of the Engineering Advisory Board of the Mekong Development Commission. During February they were at their farm in W.Va., and from 1 May had expected to spend 2 weeks in British Columbia. However, on 11 March, Speck underwent serious surgery at Walter Reed for a lower intestine malignancy. Virginia wrote on the 14th that he had come through in top shape and with excellent reports from the doctors as to the elimination of the trouble. Although, on the 14th, he was up briefly, he had a long way to go, and all were pulling for complete recovery and the presence of the Class President at the June reunion. But, to continue, holding a preliminary reunion with Speck in Ward 9 at Walter Reed was Karl Bradford. He, too, had similar surgery on 14 March and was doing well, with cheering information that the growths in his case were benign. All expected that Karl would also be with us at West Point in June.

'12

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Founders Day was celebrated at Fort Bragg on 11 March. Present for 1912 were Arch Arnold and myself. Of old friends, Wyche '11, usually present for this occasion, was absent sick, and Van Deusen, E.R. '09, was in Florida. Pappy Selleck '10 made the customary speech of the oldest graduate present, doing a good job in spite of the impediment of emphysema. Taylor '15 attended, beard-less, and denied vigorously that he had ever worn a beard, not wishing to be classed with the bearded and bath-less beatnik students roaming the streets of Chapel Hill. Note for Chen: U. of N.C. ranks along with California at Berkeley in producing weirdies. Col. Lasche, Chief of Staff USMA, gave a word and lantern slide picture of the construction situation at West Point, and a progress report on the increases in cadet strength, and on current cadet customs and activities.

One of recent letters from the USMA Librarian, Mr. Egon Weiss, contained the following: "You may be interested to learn that the 1912 Seminar Room has proved to be quite an attraction to the many visitors to the Library, and I am frequently asked to furnish information, including specifications, to individuals who wish to emulate it in other institutions."

A letter from Dorothy Cramer furnished the following news from the Washington area: Maxwell, who has suffered from his stroke of several years ago, is taking physical therapy exercises at home and at Walter Reed Hospital with a resulting improvement in his health; he now anticipates getting out in the open again.

Sally Flint is very happy to have daughter Sally settled in Washington after an extended stay in Europe. Young Sally's son, Curtis, is a reserve 1st lieutenant, Armor, presently stationed in Garmisch; her daughter Lisa is a student at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg.

The Haislips, at the time of this writing, should be enjoying the sun at Palm Beach.

Also at about this time the Lindts are preparing to sail for Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and should be returning about 1 May. Johnny's knees are getting physical therapy, but will be in shape to make the trip.

Snow writes: "Charlie Drake and I are looking forward to the June Week festivities and especially Alumni Day on 4 June 1966. We are looking forward to meeting you and Charlotte at that time."

Crawford R.C.: Red and Nancy send greetings but no news—and that is better than bad news, which from time to time has caused us all distress.

The following is a guide which I hope you will use in sending me contributions for ASSEMBLY. Exact deadline dates are variable to a certain degree, but the following dates can be used as deadlines for letters to be received by me. For the Spring issue: 20 February; for Summer: 1 June; for Fall: 15 September; and for Winter: 1 December.

Needless to say, the above dates are those by which I should have news to put into forthcoming issues of ASSEMBLY. Skip the dates, however, and give me news at any time of yourselves, your neighbors, or class correspondents.

Begin Chynoweth's mid-February bulletin:

Anderson: Andy is doing much better this year. Getting back to his golfing. Phoned him today. He was walking his dawg, but returned in time to say hello. Anne sprightly as ever, though she says she doesn't walk much.

Arnold: Arch pulled an Achilles tendon last fall which slowed him up temporarily. Says Marg is still a dynamo. Sent pictures of grandchildren—I stopped counting at twenty-one. Reported by Johnny Hauser at big Field Artillery shindig at Fort Bragg where the two of them elected P. Wood's son an honorary member of 1912.

Barrett: Leonard and Margaret reportedly cut short their visit in Hawaii. Leonard is having a bout with the medico at Veterans' Hospital.

Bennion: Returned last fall after glorious trip through Ireland, Europe, and the Middle East. Compliments me on my wordy bulletins. Says at old Engineer School, Red and I smothered him with speech. The fact is that Hard won laurels for his unequalled talent as gossip and raconteur. Red will confirm this.

Brown A.E.: Terse greetings for Christmas. He and Jess are adjusting themselves to life in the brave new society.

Chamberlin: Chamby and Sarah were reported to be arranging a motor trip to California. No news of them as yet.

Chynoweth: Grace and I well, except annual battle with colds. Grace busy with "The French Chef" on TV. I have to eat her homework. I busy with cameras and darkroom. Was promoted to "Advanced Amateur" in the Camera Club. In my last bulletin I

had a horse. He is now out to pasture. I found it impracticable to keep him exercised. I just exercise my two dawgs. Our daughter Frances Sauvageot living in Chambery, France. Ellen Mary Soule with family in El Cerrito. Wm. Edward (our son), after the bar exam two years ago, has practiced patent law in Fresno and just received his license as patent attorney. My photo of one granddaughter won 1st Award in the club, 3d Award Interclub, and 3d Award in the Print-of-the-Year competition. With only seven grandchildren we cannot compete with patriarchs like Arch Arnold and Geoff Keyes. Cook G.R. (Son of Doc): 417 Oregon St., El Segundo, Calif. 90245. (Hauser note.)

Crane: Bert did the honors when d'Alary died. Presumably still in Santa Barbara.

Crawford R.C.: Says we have sit-ins and sleep-ins galore, so "why not drink-ins"? Heck, Red those are Standard Operating Procedure out here. Red reported to be holed up for the winter, but his wit and humor are still sharp and mellifluous.

Critt: No word, but he put over Sylvanus Thayer!

Deuel: This doughty little battler is still in there fighting the battle of last November! More power to you, Thorne!

Dick: Comments on Thorne apply also to Carl.

Drake: Chas. and Mitzie (his dawg) sent us a card for Christmas. Chas. says his eyes are now O.K., and he is feeling much better. See you at 55th Reunion, Charlie! I'll never forget Charlie at our 50th Reunion, at, rev-eille, marching out of the shower dressed in a towel and playing drum major.

DuBois: Had a card from Bird and Pauline. No news.

Dunmore: Florence and Earl, at Christmas time, were planning a Caribbean voyage.

Greenwald: On instigation of Colonel Snow, Karl's Furlough Book has been donated to the Librarian USMA to complete our dossier. Karl occasionally sees Bodine, Kelly JD, Ike Spalding, and Bill Weaver. He has been painting his house. Used 15 pounds of putty. H--l of a job for an old athlete and horse-man!

Haislip: Ham sent me an acid comment on our "crackpot state" (California) which stirred us to Gargantuan laughter, coming as it did from the enlightened atmosphere of Washington, D.C.

Hauser: Johnny is beginning to show all of the symptoms which appear in class presidents, commencing about 1¾ years before the next 5-year Reunion, our 55th, in 1967. The foremost job right now is to secure a motel or hostelry for those who will not live in barracks, Cullum, or elsewhere on the post. Most 55th Reunion men live in Cullum. I have checked ASSEMBLY reports on seven classes. (See below.) In the second column is the number that returned for reunion; in the third, the percentage returning as compared with the class strength at graduation.

1900	14	25% (looks phony??)
1901	3	4%
1902	6	11%
1903	12	13%
1907	13	13%
1908	9	8%
1910	14	17%
Average	10.3	13%

1912 has always set pretty high records. Presumably we will do so in 1967, the last organized turn-out of this particular stretch.

To be just average, we would have 12 returning. This is *unthinkable!* To match 1910, we *must have* 16. Get seventeen!

So. Now is the time to oil up those wheelchairs, crutches, guide dogs, and hearing aids for one more shot at West Point records. Is there anything more significant that we could do? All we need do is get 17 old characters up there in June 1967.

Johnny can worry about a motel for the estimated dozen ladies. He will also have plans and proposals for a class vote on disposing of the class fund, class organization, new president, and such.

Hayes: Mary reports grandchildren doing fine. One great-grandbaby! I never expected to see Mary a great-grandmother. Says Tom is a room-service patient—at home. Wish we could have him for one more reunion.

Hobson: Mary sent a card from "heavenly Yosemite," a snow scene.

Hochwalt: Card from Mary.

Hocker: Card from Dick and Marguerite, from sunny Arizona. Brrrrrr!

Keyes: Geoff basking in same Arizona sunshine. Sent a card.

Larrabee: Sent photo of Norwich terrier. Cute rascal—on a chair. Thought mine were the only dawgs that crave to sit in chairs. My large portrait of King and Court won an award in camera show last night.

Lewis H.B.: Monk has had a bout with the medico, but bounced right back into action. His address: 810 Gonzales Drive, San Francisco.

Lewis J.E.: Still in Boulder, Colorado. Has been none-too-well for some time, but Ike Spalding reports him still holding the line.

Lindt: Johnny is a work-horse. He was recently in San Francisco moving residence for Patty's mother (Mrs. Merriman). Had a lunch for the Roses and us, but Grace had a cold, and I had a previous photographic date, and couldn't make it, to my regret.

Hiram and Patty are now back in Riverside. Littlejohn: Cheerful card from John. Still not very active. See you in '67, John.

Mallon: Card from Frank. He likes to hear class news.

Malony: I worried about Harry, having had no poetry from him, but his Christmas card was full of bounce. Said the class in D.C. were mostly holed up for the winter.

Maxwell: Nice card from Katherine. Said Maxie is not up to doing any work. He had a stroke, and has not regained position.

McLane: Grace had note from Ruth who seems active.

Mooney: Nice card from Jim and Marie.

Nalle: Bill sent snapshot of new home—a sort of colonial bungalow—if such is possible. Nice layout, but really belongs in California. He gets up to D.C. for shopping occasionally.

Phelan: Cy and Alice are snuggled down in Sun City. Very silent.

Read: Burton's eyes are no better. Sadie sees for him, with help of Janet. They made it in 1962. Why not in 1967?

Rose: Buddy and Mildred spent Christmas at Fort Rucker, Alabama, with daughter, Mary. Said it was nice to be back on a post again! He made tentative date with me for Founders Day dinner.

Schneider: Schnitz sent me a nice message in Christmas bulletin. Hope to see you in '67, Frank.

Sibert: Somebody (maybe Hauser) reported Si at a shindig where Si's son was awarded some honor. Presumably he is back in Florida, fishing or playing contract? Do you use the weak two-bid, Si?

Snow: Bob is hoping to see classmates at West Point this June. I am betting on him for June 1967. The Colonel has done a huge job for 1912 historical records.

Spalding I.: Ike writes me *short* notes. Claims he is running out of paper. He has expressed

a resolve never to go North or East again. Resolves are made to be broken, Ike. The Class needs you in 1967.

Walker: Nice card from Carolinc.

Weaver: Bill and I have fought a running fight ever since November 1964. I have been doing the running. Ole Bill rides alongside and shoots an arrow up to the feather, in my conscience. I just squawk and keep running. My political conscience has been removed by major operation. Dorothy is still fighting the good fight. Bill, we need *you* in 67!

Whiteside: Whitey is off to Guayamas and Mazatlan where I suspect the fish and birds will take a beating. He might stop in San Francisco on return. Hope so. Whitey was at reunion in '52. Time for another!

Wilbur: Bill said he would like to confer with me. Behind the woodshed, eh pal? I suspect that he would like to shoot a barb or two into my "conscience" like Bill Weaver. He has been doing fascinating research on the psychological roots for George Washington. I hope to read his book. George Washington is No. 1 in my book.

Wood: On a warm day in western Nevada clouds gather at the apex of Mt. Rose, above Reno, and deep rumbles may be heard underground. The earth shakes, but natives have learned that this seemingly volcanic phenomenon is nothing but P. Wood throwing his weight around. Have had brief notes, mostly on details of class administrative activities. P. seems hearty. Hope to see him Founders Day and also in 1967.

End Chynoweth's bulletin.

Littlejohn: Talked to him and Mary over the telephone. John in bad shape again, as he can walk only with Mary's help. Voice as usual loud and clear. Mary wants him to go to nursing home where she can be near him and also where he can get proper attention which is now necessary, but he is holding out to return to Veterans Administration hospital which did him so much good.

Lindt: He and Patty scheduled for long foreign trip in March, beginning with the Orient.

Phelan: Shipped the class cup to USMA Library for inclusion with class memorabilia in 1912 Seminar Room. Gratefully accepted by Librarian.

Hauser: In Washington mid-February for annual meeting Army-Navy Club and family visit. Saw **Drake** at a cocktail party, looking very fit. Also Katherine Maxwell, Maxie being under the weather.

Fechet/Bonner: Thanks to Ike Spalding and Chen, two nieces of d'Alary were located, one in California but no address; the other is Mrs. Marshall Bonner, residence: The Kennedy Warren, Washington. She is employed at the National Gallery.

The bulk of this report is culled from Chen's Far Western Bulletin of early February, with his consent. All of us owe him much for his extensive contacts.

'13

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1913 has elected itself an honorary member, its first, and very probably, its only. He is Colonel R. Ernest Dupuy, U.S. Army, Ret. This election is in recognition of his many services to West Point, to its alumni, and most particularly to the Association of Graduates in its campaign to elect Sylvanus Thayer to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans at New York University, N.Y.C. To sum it up: Few graduates of West Point have researched

its history as much as Ernie Dupuy has; few really know as much about the Academy as he; and few are more loyal to West Point than he. We inducted him at the March class lunch in Washington, D.C. Present besides the honored victim were his son, Trevor N. Dupuy '38, Crane, Critt, Davidson, Foote and Johnson of '13; Maxwell '12, and Sleeper, Navy '13. He was exempted from rolling dice for drinks. But just wait for April and later lunches. We may well congratulate ourselves that Ernie Dupuy accepted, and that he is now one of us, certainly in spirit, e'en though not by an Academic Board mandate.

On Saturday, 26 February, at West Point, the Superintendent presented to Willis D. Crittenberger a handsome plaque in recognition of his dedicated service and leadership in the Association's campaign which resulted in the election of Sylvanus Thayer to the Hall of Fame on 28 October 1965. Congratulations. Another hard- and well-earned MAX for you.

The D.C. detachment of 1913 is being reinforced this merry month of March. The Englehart's have sold their lovely old home in Bennington, which Imogen inherited from her family, the Nortons of Vermont. This leaves protection of New England's western flank to Oliver, based in Williamsburg, Massachusetts. Francis and Imogen have taken an apartment at 4000 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20016. Disposing of their fine old home must have been a wrench to Imogen. Welcome to the nation's capital.

Most regretfully I must report three deaths in January 1966.

Pearl Wiltamuth, wife of Ralph Wiltamuth ex-'13, died 21 January at Good Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona, following a heart attack. Services were held at Fort Myer Chapel on 2 February with burial in Arlington. A floral offering proxied for the Class; Davidson and Foote, with snowbound cars, failed to get there. She leaves her husband, Ralph Wiltamuth, Col. Ret., Phoenix Tower Apts., 2201 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Ariz.; two sons, Col. Harris Wiltamuth (wife and 3 children), Hq MAAG, Taiwan, and Richard Wiltamuth and wife, of Seattle; a brother, Harry M. Harris, Moline, Ill.; and a sister, Mrs. W.J. McNeil, N.Y.C.

Charles "Shorty" Francis Williams died 22 January at the Clyatt Memorial Geriatric Center, Daytona Beach, Fla., after a long illness. Services were held on 25 January in St. James Episcopal Church, Daytona Beach, with interment in Arlington on 27 January. Present there: his son, Charles Torrey Williams '46, Davidson and Foote. He leaves his wife, Mary Williams, 290 Oak Drive, Ormond Beach, Fla. 32074, and his son, Lt. Col. Charles Torrey Williams, CE, finishing a tour in Korea where he commands an Engr Const Bn. Torrey has a wife and two little girls in Albuquerque, N.Mex., where young Mrs. Williams is majoring in music at New Mexico U. Torrey expects to be assigned to Savannah, Ga., as District Engineer on his release from Korea.

George "Gus" Wesley Sliney died suddenly 27 January in San Francisco at the wheel of his car. Services were held in the Post Chapel, Presidio of San Francisco on 1 February. He was buried in the Presidio National Cemetery beside his wife, Eleanor and his son George Michael. Pallbearers: Falk, Lewis and Van Volkenburgh of '13, Shugg '16, Col. Dave Barrett, USA Ret., a Captain USN Ret., a nephew, Fred Holdridge Jr., and a C.B.I. veteran. Dorst, McMahon, and Underhill completed '13's at-

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tendance. His son, Lt. Col. Edgar Mathews Sliney '41, USAF Ret., and his wife and three children are the surviving members of the Sliney family. Edgar lives at 770 Pine Lane, San Rafael, California. The other son, George Michael '46, died in an air accident in Indiana, 7 July 1950. Gus leaves innumerable friends—service and civilian. He was a grand, rugged, and interesting person.

A solemn Lenten thought: Had our January 1966 death rate continued for 21 weeks, Dear Old 1913 would be out of the picture before Decoration Day 1966, and ASSEMBLY adherents would be spared its class reports.

The D.C. detachment's monthly class lunches continue. Nadir in attendance was Ground Hog Day, when Critt, Tex, and Ashley (Col. USAF) held the table, the dice, and the feed bags. The zenith, to include the 28 March Hines DLD, was the Navy 1913 lunch on 14 March: Crane, Davidson and Foote for Army, Admiral Glenn Davis, Abbott, Jones, Jupp, Lee, and Sleeper for Navy.

Janet and Bug Oliver spent a brief weekend in Washington, stopping with the Holles '20, en route to Clearwater, Fla., by easy motor marches. Their son Thomas June '43, Lt. Col. USAF Ret. lives in Clearwater. The Olivers were the victims of a hastily assembled class lunch at the A-N Club, Saturday 22 January. Present: Bug and Janet, Charlie and Anne Holle '20, Dorothy Young, "Dugan" Herwig, Harriet and Cooper Foote. Next afternoon the Olivers motored to Virginia Beach to visit the Viners. In a longhand letter dated 27 January, decoded as well as we could w/o CIA aid, he says, "We had a fine visit with Joe and Dasha Viner. Also saw Bobby and Mary Crawford '14. Joe and I went over to see Bones Kimmel and his wife. Had a nice visit with them. I thought Bones looked quite well." He should; Lucile keeps 100% tabs on him, plus TLC. Bug's plans modified due to illness in a SIL's family." He wrote of Shorty Williams: "I was best man at Shorty's wedding and later he was an usher at mine. We spent our first year out of West Point together at Texas City, then we were together a year and a half at the Engineer School, and were instructors at Leavenworth together for two years, so I knew Shorty and Mary very well." As you read this in ASSEMBLY, Bug should be on west flank-guard duty of New England.

Now for how 1913 fared at 1966 Founders Day dinners. The West Point Society of D.C. held its dinner on 11 March in Patton Hall, Fort Myer, filling same to the brim. A Hell Cat detachment from the Military Academy Band supplied proper music (??) as we took seats. Army C/S, Johnson '33, delivered an excellent, inspiring address on "Duty, Honor, Country." Earl McFarland '06 was the Oldest Grad Present. Critt, Davidson, Johnson, Dupuy (our recruit honorable member) and Foote batted for '13.

The San Francisco Bay Area dinner was held on 16 March, the 164th Anniversary of the Military Academy to the day, in the Presidio Officers Mess. '13ers present: Lewis, Duvall who came down from Roseville for the event, Dorst, Underhill, Falk, and Van

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Volkenburgh. Archer circulated our First Class 100th Night Show Program. *The War Cry*, amongst '13 and contiguous classes. Some, notably Monk, had been in the cast or chorus. It was then mailed to Critt who produced the show 53 years ago. Ardrey and McMahon failed to appear, though both are reputedly in good health. It's a "fur piece" for Moose. Monk thinks he should have needed Jack McMahon into coming. What does Jack think? Gar Davidson '27 was the speaker and did an outstanding job. Oldest Grad from Class of 1909—name not reported by The Monk.

Joe Viner was the Oldest Grad and sole member of 1913 at the Tidewater Virginia dinner at the Officers Mess, Fort Monroe, 12 March. About 200 present with "Red" Reeder '26 the principal speaker. Joe says his little speech was well received. And we add, easily heard. Empie Potts '14 was Joe's sole contemporary present. Mostly young fry from the 30's, 40's, and 50's in attendance. Rosie Rosevear had planned to come but could not make it. Why, *quien sabe?* Joe reports the organization of the West Point Society of Tidewater Virginia, "dues \$1 per year, rough boundaries: Williamsburg on the west, Saluda on the north, Va.—N.C. state line on the south, and the Atlantic Ocean on the east. From the roster of grads supplied by West Point there is ample manpower to support this newborn group." Like Abou Ben Adam, "May the tribe increase."

Included in Viner's report was a brochure of the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission of which he is the executive vice-president. They could not have picked a better man than our OAO Joe. Clipped to the brochure was a clipping from *The Beacon* of 3 March 1966, with a Virginia Beach date line. The heading "COL. VINER SOUNDS CALL FOR BEAUTY." At first blush one wonders if this could mean a new and special bugle call, applicable only to WAC detachments, Nurses (F), and Medical Technicians (F), now part of our mid-20th Century Army. There would have been no doubt had the headline read: "COL. VINER SOUNDS BEAUTY CALL." Or could it mean "Assembly" for an ultra modern Ziegfield Follies? Fear not. Reading deflated your Scribe's imagination; it was merely Joe's appeal to the Birdneck Garden Club for help in improving the appearance of Virginia Beach residential areas. Joe lives in the Birdneck Point area, a flat, fat peninsula, shaped more like a duck's neck than a crane's.

Dasha and Joe take off about 30 March on a trip to Florida, with six stops, including one to check up on Dan Colhoun and his fishing. Due back on Birdneck about 25 April. They might fly to St. Croix, V.I., from Miami for a week's reconnaissance. We look for a report on all this.

If 1913's report is to continue in a sane and factual vein, news must come in from all areas. Send me your dope by 1 June for the summer ASSEMBLY, and by 15 September for the fall issue. Your Scribe will be attending the 1966 Graduation or June Week at the Naval Academy; it's Morris C. Foote's graduation on the Severn, 53 years after his father's on the Hudson.

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It is a satisfaction to be able to report that since my last class letter for ASSEMBLY no further gaps have been created in our

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ranks although we have several classmates and class widows who are on the sick list.

This coming June we of the Class will pass the 52d annual milestone of our journey since Graduation Day; and now reports are coming in of Golden Wedding Anniversary celebrations from those couples who are fortunate enough to still have each other. In previous letters I have reported on such celebrations by the Forbeses, Woodberrys, and Carruths; and there will, of course, be others. The latest Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration of which I have knowledge was that of Dorothy and Henry Holcombe on 22 March in Mackenzie Hall at Fort Belvoir, Va.

A large, glass-enclosed room has been added to the river side of Mackenzie Hall, affording a magnificent view of the Potomac River and the intervening woods. This room provided a splendid setting for the party, which was a cocktail-buffet for about 200 old and new friends, including Betty and Pink Bull, Betty and Dandey Elliott, and all three of the Holcombe children. The children are their daughter, Dorothy Kabler, and their two sons, William H. Jr., and Thomas W. Bill, USMA '45, is a Lt. Col. of Artillery, now an instructor at the Army War College and under orders to Vietnam this summer. Tom, USMA '53, is a major of Artillery, assigned to the Combat Developments Agency at Fort Bliss, and also under orders to Vietnam this summer.

This Vietnam situation doesn't look like a "Police Action" to me—we are at WAR. In spite of all these reports about the deterioration in the moral qualities of some of our youth, which are confirmed by statistics on juvenile crime, I think we should be very proud of how our young men in the Armed Forces are performing in Vietnam.

Empie Potts, who has written a memorial article on Gooding Packard for ASSEMBLY, has volunteered to be Swannanoa's Special Classmate. Empie is a conscientious, considerate, and capable classmate (excuse the alliteration) and can be of help to her if she will call on him, as I know she will. Sometimes I wonder just how our Special Classmate program is really working out. It has great possibilities when both the class widow and her Special Classmate make a special effort to keep in touch, and talk over problems as they arise, either in person or by letter. As the savings associations and banks say, "You are just as close as the nearest mail box." So let's all work to make this program all that it should be.

A few days ago a letter containing class news came to me from Fred Herman. He writes so clearly and concisely that I, who am on the verbose side, couldn't improve on it, so I quote from his letter:

"As you are looking for class news, I will now report that Peter Bullard had a session in the McDill AFB hospital. As you know, he lives in a trailer in St. Petersburg, and during our recent six weeks' cool spell, the oil heater in his trailer clogged up and started to send carbon monoxide into the trailer. His neighbors (one an Army man) rushed Peter over to McDill, where they fed him oxygen and cleared up the gas poisoning, but accused him of a heart attack, which they also cleared up in about three weeks. He is now recuperating in his son's home in Atlanta. He kept his moustache through all of this trouble (Feb. 1-21).

"Marguerite and John Henry Woodberry showed up for a few days (after Peter left), and we enjoyed a fine dinner with them, but John wasn't able to do the fishing he

wanted. He had been driven out of South Carolina by a 6° temperature so decided to visit relatives in Florida. He also stopped to see the Brookses in Stuart, who were both very well, and the Haskells in Bradenton. Jim was in fine shape, but Marjorie showed no improvement.

"John Henry's present hobby is carving figures in wood about 15 inches high, mostly classical or baroque subjects, and lately he extended himself by casting a concrete garden statue four feet high. He is very energetic and cheerful as always, and so is Marguerite. He said that Pug Lampert's son is still living at the home in Fletcher, N.C., with his aunt, and is working for a doctor's degree in Biology at a nearby university.

"We are quite all right. Have made no plans for the summer—we're waiting to see where Mary Rose and her family will be sent on their return from Germany. Dorothy's arthritis has not been bad at all—mostly boiled out last summer by the Florida sun and the warm Gulf water. We have had a long winter—for six weeks or more (!)—but the thermometer didn't fall below 29° here. Sea water is up to 64° today (5 March) so I will try swimming the next hot day. Dorothy waits for 78°."

Freddie, I think you would be good in real estate. Thanks for an interesting letter—your letters always are.

My problem in writing these quarterly class letters is to get you, and you, and you, to send in some class news. I hope the booklets of Christmas letters from our classmates and class widows which we got out in 1960, 1962, and 1965 served a good purpose, but I doubt if there can be any more, due to the expense. The 1965 booklet cost a little over \$100, and our class fund is getting too low to stand such costs.

Just now, I am working on a plan which, with your cooperation, on which I know I can count, should result in more class news. A Mimeograph on this will be worked up and sent you by me within a week or so. Best regards to you all.

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Reluctantly I begin these class notes with sorrowful news.

Charlotte Prichard died 16 February. Services were private. No other details available. In reporting her death, Det said, "I didn't even know she had been ill. The last time I saw her was on 15 June when she and her daughter, Carlotta, attended our Golden Wedding celebration. She looked quite well then, and we are happy we can remember her that way. Carlotta was with her mother at the end."

Leland Hobbs passed away at Walter Reed Hospital on March 6th. He suffered a stroke on 26 February and never regained consciousness. He was buried at Arlington 9 March with full military honors. Honorary pallbearers: Bradley, Lyon, Richards, Weart, Boye, Conklin, Jack Davis, Hess, Peabody, Wallington, Harris, Gillette, Marsh, Ellis, and Mason. We mourn the loss of a loyal friend, a fine soldier, and a great American. Our deep sympathy to Lucy.

Very few letters have reached your Scribe and consequently little news is available for these Notes. The bulk of the news comes from our ever-alert and hard-working class secretary, Det Ellis, who deposed as follows:

"Sidney Graves had a slight stroke 12

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February and was taken to Washington Hospital Center. After some physiotherapy he returned home and is now doing fine.

"Mildred and Jack Harris had a nice trip to South Carolina where they enjoyed some warm southern air during Christmas. They had Christmas dinner with the family. (Det didn't say whose family served the free-loaders.)

"Mary and Cliff Tate flew to Jamaica 30 December and spent about a month there sunning on the white beaches, swimming in the beautiful blue Caribbean, and playing tennis. (Evidently they are members of the affluent society.)

"The class luncheons, held on the second Monday of each month at the A-N Club, continue to be well-attended, averaging about 15 old crocks for the last eight luncheons. (Det suggests that if you plan a trip to the Capital of Confusion, try to schedule it so you can join the D.C. gang and get stuck for the drinks.)

"The children of Gertrude and Doug Weart hosted a reception at the Walter Reed Officers Club on 19 February in celebration of the Golden Wedding anniversary of their parents. This was a real gala occasion attended by some 200 guests. In the receiving line were the Wearts, their four children, the spouse of each, and 12 of their 14 grandchildren." (Many happy returns, Wearts.)

At this writing, Laura and Det are in South Carolina for their usual annual visit to Det's family, including all the "kissin' kousins." (Bon voyage, y'all.)

Another loyal son of 1915 who helped funnel news my way is John Henry Cochran. In spite of a stay in the hospital for a re-repair of a hernia, he found time to circularize the Florida crackers in an effort to dig up news for this issue of ASSEMBLY. His appeal is worthy of a quote. He wrote: "We will assume, subject to your written objection, that your eyes still follow a pretty girl, that you occasionally bend one or both elbows, and that you sit in at a poker game if the chance offers, so these things need not be mentioned. But, damn it, write something even if it is that your avocado tree bore for the first time."

This appeal raised from the dead three lethargic gents as follows:

From Dutch Gerhardt: "Your urgent note brings my pen to hand, and the urge to boast about a fine winter (Ha! ha! Wait until you read what others say.) is hard to resist. There's bass and bream in the ponds, fine citrus on the trees, and even papayas continue to produce fruit. But, best of all, there's enough to do so that there is no time left over to worry about things. P.S. Your assumptions are still valid. Best to you, Dutch."

From John Robinson: "I'm sorry you had to remind me, but as a matter of fact, I haven't written to anybody these last couple of weeks because our weather has been so lousy that I was afraid I might disclose it unintentionally and wreck our tourist trade. Winnie and I have traveled close to 50,000 miles in less than 2 years, and so we figure we have had enough to last us a long time. Barring emergencies and a possible trip to Sweden this year, we don't plan on going much farther than the shopping center. However, we would welcome any and all of our friends who are less travel-worn and youthful enough to get down our way. The latch-string is out—in fact, the lock on our front door is busted, so come one, come all." Regards, John.

From Ned Zundel: "I have no news. I lead such a quiet life. Eleanor is not well.

Her two operations resulted in two artificial hips. We had great hopes that this would alleviate the severe pain from rheumatoid arthritis. Unfortunately, she is seriously incapacitated and is still in pain. I am still ambulatory; try to play golf 3 times a week, and it looks like I'll soon be able to shoot my age—for 9 holes. Bestly weather we're having, and if forecasts are true, it might finish what the 1962 freeze did to our shrubs, citrus, and foliage." Best to you, Ned.

In forwarding these items, John Henry allowed as how he is feeling fit. "Personally," he says, "I'm coming along fine. Felt like a sewed-up stuffed turkey until the stitches came out, and then like a spring chicken." John must be feeling quite chipper because he concludes his letter with the following amusing comment: "About a month ago a retired surgeon spoke at the Men's Club dinner about adjusting to retired life. He started by listing four stages of senility. 'First,' he said, 'one lays something down and 30 seconds later forgets where it is. Second, the hand starts to tremble, and food spots appear on the necktie. Third, he goes to the bathroom and upon emerging, forgets to zip up his pants. Fourth, and final stage, he goes to the bathroom and forgets to unzip his pants.' I'm not sure where I fit in this scale, but not long ago I arose for my 2 a.m. trip and picked up the alarm clock instead of the flashlight. When I came back, Mary Welby cocked one eye open and asked, 'When did you start timing yourself?'"

The Aurands spent Christmas with their daughter and her family at Creve Coeur, Mo., and New Year's with their youngest son and his family in Los Altos, California. They then went to Hawaii for three weeks, during which time they disposed of the household goods they had in storage there.

While in Missouri they had dinner with Helen Atkins who was visiting her son who lives near the Aurands' daughter, Helen is fine. Dutch also got in touch with Eisen-schmidt who was visiting his son in the Bay Area and gathered that his health has not been too good.

The Blister Evanses and the Tommy Taylors—like modern Mohammeds—came to the mountains for a visit with the Wogans, and a most enjoyable visit it was. Blister got started by ranting about the sad state of the Union, and both Squire and Wog got the definite impression that he was less than enthusiastic about "The Great Society," either here or abroad. Getting a word in edgewise was like trying to thread a sewing machine needle with the machine running full speed. Questioned about his 60-acre farm, Tom said he had taken up farming because he thought this was the only occupation where one got paid for doing nothing—"but," said he, "I found out differently." Dot Evans celebrated her 70th birthday while on this visit. We hoisted several to her continued longevity. 'Twas a happy occasion with all looking fit.

The Dutch Hesses flew to California in mid-December to spend Christmas with their daughter, Bette, and her husband, Col. R.C. Anderson, and their four children. They have a boy, almost 16, twin girls, 12, and a new boy, 6 months old, "who," says Dutch, "is healthy and husky and looks as though he might make a good quarterback some day. We also had a delightful visit with the Howells and the Watsons at the Howells' lovely home. All were looking fine and as peppy as ever."

Mary and Tom Larkin spent January and February in San Antonio visiting their daughter and family. While there they enjoyed seeing Bill and Octavia Halcomb, "Oiseau"

and Chick King, Mike and Mary Davis, Roscoe and Alice Woodruff, John and Eileen Leonard, plus many other retirees. "The climate here," opines Tom, "must be salubrious, as all looked young and svelte."

Our one and only Hume (orist) Peabody, in high dudgeon on being asked for the nth time, "What do you do with yourself now that you are retired and living down there in the country?" writes a closely-typed, single-spaced letter enumerating what he did "just today." After reading it I was so tired I had to take two aspirin tablets and assume the position of a soldier (horizontal) for awhile. No kidding, gents, that fellow has his finger—finger! hell, his whole fist—in every activity from garbage collecting to teaching Sunday School. He did slip in a couple of good stories which censorship forbids repeating. Ask him to tell you about the new razor—electric, of course.

Woody is another one of my dependable reporters who keeps sending in news items about the San Antonio bunch. His last is about the annual Founders Day dinner at the Fort Sam Houston Officers Club on 16 March. Woody says: "These affairs are getting a little less boisterous each year (Oh yeah!). Among 1915ers were: Pendleton, Halcomb, Leonard, and I. We exchanged symptoms, congratulated ourselves on the fine way we were staying within our diets, and did a bit of lying about how well the others looked. In all there were about 200 present."

Quite a difference from the same dinner here in Asheville. We had 32 including Tex Avent from Greenville, S.C. Other contemporaries from S.C. were Woodberry and Ducky Jones ('14) and Stanley Reinhart ('16) from Hendersonville, N.C. We did have fun.

Earlier this year Woody sent me a very interesting letter from Peggy Hocker Small, Carl's daughter. She and her husband Jim are at Subic Bay, P.I., far from their family. "Being so close to Vietnam," she writes, "we are keenly aware of the war. This is a busy place. Jim commands our ship repair base here. He and his people carry a tremendous workload. At one time or another we see just about every ship in the Seventh Fleet. . . . After two years in college and two years in the Army our son, Jimmy, is now at West Point. Even though he is not enthusiastic (especially since he is 22), he is doing very well and stands high in academics. I'm so sorry that my mother and father didn't live to see him as a cadet."

And that's the way the cookie crumbles this 24th day of March in the year of our Lord, 1966. I sincerely hope none of you will emulate the cookie for many years to come.

Adios compañeros

P.S. Your Scribe would welcome letters from classmates, their wives and/or widows, class "brats" and grand-"brats."

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As this issue of the ASSEMBLY goes to press, our 50th year reunion is uppermost in the minds of 1916 class members. Stan Scott has done a swell job as chairman of the reunion committee, and the get-together in June should be our best.

Willy and Dolly Wilson visited their daughter and son-in-law in the San Francisco area last fall. Dwight and Laura Johns

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covered a lot of territory on their trip abroad to spend Christmas with their daughter and her family in Germany. They took in West and East Berlin, Munich, Vienna, Athens, and Istanbul before returning home.

Holland and Marian Robb have been touring New Zealand and Australia. In New Zealand they covered the island by hired car and bus. Holland was impressed by the fact that they saw no very grand mansions but, on the other hand, few hovels. There were great herds of sheep and cattle, and the whole country looked like a golf course. In fact there were many golf courses, and Holland played quite frequently. He and Marian made some good friends there. They spent New Year's at a mountain resort and then went on to Sydney, Australia. At the time Holland wrote, they had just returned from a rugged 5-day trip of 1,200 miles to the Snowy Mountain hydro project, the biggest thing going on in Australia. One day the temperature had gone up to 106. From Australia they were to fly to Tasmania and then to Hong Kong. They planned to visit their daughter and grandchildren in Japan, and then stop in Honolulu to see their other daughter on their way home, and wind up at West Point in time for our 50th Reunion.

Bunny and Kay Barrows passed through Washington in February on their way to the West Coast via Florida. They visited relatives in La Jolla and thought they might fly to Hawaii before returning home in time for our 50th. Delph Styer wrote that the Barrows had dropped in to see them on their way to dinner with the Murph Irvines. For several months the Styers's social life has been confined to their own home with Doe in a wheelchair due to a bad fall. She had fractured her hip which required several pins and a plate to repair and was advised not to put any weight on her left foot for six months. Jean Brundred had been over to see the Styers from San Diego and the Worshams from La Jolla. Both Mary and Dick had been laid up for a while previously—Mary with a broken arm, and Dick following an operation on his wrist to cure a pinched nerve. When Delph saw them, however, they had both made good recoveries and Dick was playing golf again. Jean Brundred has kept her apartment in San Diego but has been East twice during the past year to visit her children.

The Mileys are back home in Leavenworth after spending the winter in Arizona. When he wrote, Jack was still on crutches and feared his arthritis would prevent him from attending the reunion in June. "C-Square" Smith spent the winter in San Antonio, a fugitive from the cold and snow of his home in New York State. Gus Magan joined the class group in San Antonio for the Founders Day dinner. Bill Spence planned to spend Easter with his son Craig at Fort Leavenworth. Craig will be assigned to West Point as an instructor late this summer.

Tom Martin writes that Bill Hoge, with Tom and Constance Finley, spent a week in Tucson in March. Earlier, Martin underwent an operation and says he is greatly improved but will not be with us at West Point in

June. Hearse Henderson, in El Paso, says he plays poker three times a week and bowls twice a week. We understand that he is also quite a handyman at house repairs. Joe Grant has not been too well but hopes to get to the reunion. He wrote Hearse that Ray Rutherford had been taken ill while he and Vey were visiting her sister in Amarillo, Texas, and he is still under the doctor's care.

Sad news has just reached us that, following a long illness, Kate Fraser passed away in December at their home in Tucson. She was buried in Kansas City. Jack, who has been suffering with arteriosclerosis, is with his daughter, Mrs. Earl Keyser, who lives in Marshallton, Iowa.

Bobbie O'Hare was away from Washington for two months last fall on a fabulous trip by air to the Orient and to the South Pacific. After a week in Hawaii and three weeks in Japan the tour took her to, among other places, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Sydney, the Fijis, and other South Sea islands. In Japan her group was entertained by the American Ambassador, and they arrived in Kyoto just in time for the colorful festival which is held there each year. All in all it was a delightful trip, and Bobbie says nothing she had seen before could equal it for glamor.

Ferdie Gallagher has just put in a very busy month. In the midst of organizing the Washington class dinner for March 31st he had to take time out for a follow-up repair operation at Walter Reed Hospital. However, he was back on his feet shortly to carry on with true Ferdie aplomb. Of course, Helen makes a wonderful assistant and she kept things on course. More about the dinner in our summer issue.

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In a letter to Bill Cowgill, written in January, Clare Armstrong wrote that he and Kitty had spent an enjoyable two months in the Middle East, including Christmas in the Holy Land. Right after getting back to Mallorca, Kitty fell and broke both her ankles. Bill, who visited Clare and Kitty some time ago, says that they live mostly on just one floor of their "palace," so getting around was less difficult than it would otherwise have been. Today (March) I talked by telephone with Clare's daughter-in-law, Kate Johnson Armstrong, and his granddaughter, Kate Ellen. They report that Kitty is now walking without crutches. Colonel DeWitt Armstrong, USMA '43, Kate Ellen's dad, is in Saigon, where he joined with nine other classmates to celebrate Founders Day. He expects to return home in August. DeWitt Jr., or "Dewey," is in the Third Form, or ninth grade, at Croton.

In March the three Schroeder sons were together in Washington. Colonel Harry Jr., USMA June '43, who commands the 4th Regt., USCC, was here helping in the testing of this year's candidates for West Point. Major Bob Schroeder, USMA '53, is on duty in the Office of the Chief of Staff, and Bill lives at home. Bob is to go to Leavenworth next year. Harry Jr.'s son, Henry John III, is a Plebe at West Point. Harry Sr., is active in the fields of writing and genealogy; Enriette joins him in doing genealogical research and maintains her long-time active interest in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Colonial Dames.

As usual there was a good turn-out, 14 classmates, at the March class lunch; and ten of us gathered with more than 400 other graduates at Fort Myer on Founders Day. On April 20, '17ers in the Washington area will be joined by their wives to celebrate our 49th reunion. We hope to hear from all class groups that get together on that day.

It was more than a year ago that Bill Cowgill made his historic 3-month tour of the South Pacific. The idea of making the tour grew out of his experiences in WWI, when he was designated as General Staff Observer with the ANZACS in France. While on this assignment, at Ypres, he made the acquaintance of Capt. Thomas Seddon, son of the Hon. Richard Seddon, long-time Prime Minister of New Zealand. Forty-seven years later Bill decided to visit his old friends of the ANZACS on their home grounds. When he arrived in New Zealand, he was met by an enthusiastic group of his old friends, headed by Tom Seddon; and then for a solid month they gave him a royal round of entertainment. From there he went on to Australia, where he was again given an enthusiastic welcome and spent a month among old friends. In the course of his travels he also visited Tahiti, Fiji, Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Formosa. He planned to visit the famed isle of Bali, but to do so he would have had to go to Jakarta first, and as rocks were just then being thrown at Americans in Jakarta, he had to give up that part of the trip.

Emily Tully is traveling in California, where she stayed for a while at Smoke Tree Ranch, Palm Springs, and later planned to visit her brother Julian who lives near San Diego.

On 25 Aug 1965, we lost another of our loyal classmates, John W. Kelley. Jack served through WWI and was retired for disability as a captain in 1923. He was on active duty again from 1941 to 1946, and this time was retired as a lieutenant colonel. At the time of his death he had been living for some years in Canaan, Conn., with his wife, Marjorie, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

Also, we were saddened to learn of the death, on 17 Dec., of Mrs. James O. Green, the mother of our class godson, Col. James O. Green III USMA '41. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Clarke and Jesse Fales spent three months at their winter home in Barbados again this year, returning to Virginia Beach in March.

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Newspapers elsewhere may not have given the same splendid coverage that Washington and Baltimore papers did, consequently many of you may not know of the death of Lt. Col. George S. Eyster Jr. in Vietnam. To the large number of us who knew him as Junie, the news was a profound shock. There was consolation to be found in the courageous manner in which he met his fate. Our deepest sympathy goes to Marguerite, to his wife the former Harriet LaRoche, and to his fine children.

Another saddening loss is Lewie Snell who suffered an acute coronary on November 13th. He was serving a third term as State's Attorney. Edith and he were an integral part of life in their community. Edith will continue to live in Pleasant Valley, Cambridge,

Vermont. If you are near there in your travels she would appreciate your stopping for at least a chat.

Second- or possibly third-hand information says that Bob Bringham was hospitalized for a while but has now been released. Best wishes for steady improvement, Bob.

The Washington contingent has been sadly depleted by travel. Pete and Miriam Conner are still away; we trust they have not defected, for we miss them. Biff and Elizabeth sent a card from Formosa; no bouquets for the Generalissimo's island but a real rave over their five days in Japan. Biff says he will never be the same after seeing Fuji. Impressed no doubt at finding something bigger than he is.

In spite of their absence, the monthly class luncheons go on. The regulars are: Rising, Durfee, Warner, and, barring a day on sick call, your Scribe. Lew Griffith doesn't make all of them but has a good attendance record. Bob Hasbrouck was present in February; that meeting was a treat because Honus Wagner and Fred Sharp were also there. The ladies had a big turnout in February at the Kennedy-Warren. Present were: Loessa Coffey, Edith Shaffer, Marguerite Eyster, Louise Paca, Emily Bingham and her mother, Dorothy Huff, Lois Stamps, Ruth Jank, Harriet Rising, and Victoria Almquist.

The ladies were also strongly represented among donors to the class fund. The donors: Victoria Almquist, Biff Jones, Dent Sharp, Ruth Jank, Dorothy Huff, Bill Whittington, Pinky Rolfe, and Mac Graham. Mac's gift was made especially in memory of Junie Eyster. Mac added a bit of news. Peggy Moore and her daughter, Margaret Wood, stopped in to chin with Georgie and Mac. Same old Peggy, says Mac, and adds that Margaret is a faithful replica of her mother. (That's practically perfection. Ed.)

A neatly typed letter from Alston Deas denies that his non-contribution to class news is due to lack of interest. He claims that his life is too uneventful to "by the most remote contingency savor of general interest." But he goes on, "I would very much like to state, however, that we would be delighted to have any and all of our classmates, and/or their wives and/or children, stop by when in this vicinity, and check on the situation, which by that very action automatically (Tautological? Ed.) be pregnant with event." They are just across the river from Charleston, and the telephone number is 884-4113. Take him up on it, you gadabouts of August '17!

Phil Day, bless his heart, helped with news from Winter Park. His health, which he did not mention, must be good, for the letter was typed in a firm, clear hand. His son, Phil Jr., is off to the 82d Airborne in Santo Domingo; the family goes to Bragg where they will be nearer to Phil and Tommy than they have ever been. The Rolfes plan to summer at Cape Cod to be near their daughter and family, less husband who is in Vietnam. The Symroskis '35 have a cottage on Cape Cod.

That Winter Park group has real spirit. Unable to be with us on November 11th, they staged their own Class Jamboree. Participants were: Phil and Tommy, Pinky and Nan Rolfe, Clyde and Verna Morgan, Eddie and Helen House, Margaret Barber, and Midge Hall. They extend a cordial invitation to join in future get-togethers. Our Class has the largest representation of any among the *circa* 50 grads who attend the Founders Day dinner at Orlando AFB. Swede Sarcka from nearby Daytona Beach helps to swell our number. This year Nan Rolfe gave a con-

solation dinner for the wives. Do you remember one of our reunions where the wives had such a good time at their party that all of the husbands got home first? Midge Hall missed the dinner at Nan's because she was on a world tour.

Dutch Gerhardt wrote announcing a fourth grandchild, Carol, born on December 31st in time to provide another exemption for Bill. I quote from Dutch's letter: "Incidentally, Bill is being transferred East. His wife, mother-in-law, and four children are arriving Tuesday to stay with us until he can find a house in Philadelphia. Teddy requests the help of an experienced cook and baby-sitter." Since I had just completed a 17-day stint of that sort because of my daughter's operation, I ignored his offer.

Pablo Cole is back in Berkeley after a couple of wonderful months in Scottsdale, Arizona. His remark re Custis is puzzling: "while there contacted Custis, but he had the flu and was leaving in a few days for a fishing trip, so did not get to see him." Lucky sure has a novel way of getting away from the flu.

Bart Harloe's note made my arthritis act up. On their way back to the Hawaiian Paradise, Virginia and Bart attended the wedding of their grandson, William B. Harloe. Bart described this event as an enjoyable climax to their three joyous months on the Mainland. My joy would have been diluted with pangs of old age.

Checking with the Department of Defense, I learned that it had no "Woman-of-the-Year." That's why Dorothe Matlack didn't win it. Incidentally, Anne Heiner questions that Dorothe is the last of our Class on active duty. As a gal who is rendering yeoman service to V.M.I., I think she has a good point. Another of our girls is doing quite a job but modesty has kept her achievements from being noised about. A quotation from the Winter Park *Sun-Herald* tells the story.

"A lady of many talents is Winter Park's Verna Morgan. She is proficient in the arts—sculpture and oils—in addition to being the clever and successful creator of cherubic airfoam dolls. . . . Verna Morgan is a poet too, and it was her verse for children which led to the creation of the adorable dolls. The first-grade reader of John C. Winston, used widely in the public schools, carries her 'Fireflies' and 'My Garden.' Both are brief and rhythmic as children's verse must be. . . . Actually, it was a poetic narrative story for children which led to the doll craft idea. . . . Said Mrs. Morgan, 'Although the book did not materialize, that began my interest in craft work, creating airfoam dolls that were featured in three leading St. Louis department stores and other shops.' Mrs. Morgan is a member of . . . the Winter Park Branch of the National League of American Penwomen, and it was at an NLAPW exhibit in St. Louis that her portrait of her daughter received a prize. . . . She has had poems accepted by *Children's Activities*, now the *Highlights* magazine, and she confesses selling one love story to McFadden's *Dream World*. . . . Whether her medium be craft, sculpture, or oil, she is a lady of talent."

The mention of poetry reminds me that Phil Day inquired why I did not include some of my poetry in the class notes. Was I flattered! Actually I lapsed into a poetic vacuum after writing myself up in the HOWITZER. But as my joints stiffened with arthritis and my brain softened with age, I returned to the medium. I do have two poems but they are not for children. One is far too long to ask ASSEMBLY to publish;

the other, smacking of the Restoration poets, was addressed to a lady and must remain inviolate. "Some mute inglorious Milton."

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With deep sorrow we report the death of Edna Leeper, widow of "Daddy" Leeper. Edna died at Valley Forge General Hospital, 4 February 1966. During the previous quarter Edna sent us a card with her change of address from Georgia to Pennsylvania, and reported how happy she was to be close to her daughter Beth again. Beth wrote that the only places her mother asked to have her obituary published was in the ASSEMBLY and the Casper, Wyo. *Tribune*. Her many dear friends both in and out of the Services will miss her deeply. Two years after Daddy's death, Edna moved from their retirement home at Carmel, Calif., to Brunswick, Georgia, to become associated with an early day friend in business. This friend, in fact, had introduced Edna to Daddy back in 1919 at Columbus, N.Mex., when Daddy was a young lieutenant with the 24th Inf. Married in 1920, this devoted couple lived a long and rewarding life. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to daughter Beth, her husband, and their three lovely daughters. Beth (Elizabeth L. Montgomery) lives at 840 Delmont Dr., Wynnewood, Pa.

As you remember I reported the Axelsons contemplated move in our last column. "Mission now accomplished," wrote Scip, and he and Norma are now comfortably settled in their new apartment at 4111 Illinois St., Apt. 7, San Diego, Calif. 92104. Scip, on attending the last meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the WP Society was surprised to find what a senior member he had become. Ah, but with seniority also comes well-deserved honor. We predict increased happiness and comfort in your new all-electric apartment and your closer association with classmates and alumni.

A note from Bill Barriger said he had no class news, and then he proceeded to give quite a bit on one short page. Or perhaps it's my method of squeezing each sentence dry for our column. Bill suffered a mild stroke last February, but the doctors say he has made an unusually good recovery. Bill adds: "just a few after-effects which are not disabling." Bud Miley, wrote Bill, is now retired from his civilian work and is on a European trip. After a long telephone talk with Tommy Tompkins, Bill learned that Tommy had just completed a series of tests and was happy to report a clean bill of health; or as clean as one can expect considering Tommy's youth.

In the last column I reported Pat Casey's contemplated retirement from civilian work. Well, you can scratch off Pat's address with the Schenley affiliates of N.Y. and leave the one at The Sherry Netherland, 781 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. 10022—at least when he and Dorothy are not traveling or at their summer home in Bradford, Vt. Pat's letter was in his own handwriting explaining that since he no longer had his secretary to take dictation, he now has to resort to writing and hoped it was sufficiently legible. Between Anna Mary and myself we manage to decipher most everyone's letters and love it, so do keep the letters coming. After Pat retired at the end of January, the Caseys flew to the British Virgin Islands for a glorious month

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of ideal weather, surf, and food. Back to New York to catch their breath and then off again to Europe during April and May to visit daughter Patricia and family at Heidelberg. Then picking up their new Mercedes at Stuttgart they toured Germany, Austria, France, and Switzerland. Back to New York long enough to await the arrival of their car, and then on to their summer home in Vermont for the rest of the summer and early fall. They have promised us a visit at Woodley Acres this summer.

Nell Cobb is still receiving plaudits for her book *To Mold The Young*, and Jigger is basking in its sunshine. The Chattanooga *Times* gave her a five column spread with pictures. Their special news editor called her "warm, bubbly, easy to talk to, Nell Cobb," and wrote up her life story, her philosophy of life, and a review of her book. Result? Many speaking invitations before civic clubs. One of the professors in the School of Education at the U. of Mississippi has made Nell's book required reading for his Guidance Course classes and has requested the campus bookstore to stock 100 copies. With these encouraging results Nell has now completed her second book, *Freighter Travel*, in which she describes her traveling by freighter to various world ports. This manuscript is now in the hands of a publisher and is expected to reach the public in October of 66.

Phil Gallagher, like Bill Barriger, sends a one-page letter saying there is so little news that even a short note takes imagination. Again I say, keep up the notes, short or long, they make me, and I am sure our column readers, quite happy. Phil is now entirely recovered from his Walter Reed session—Operation Kidney Stone. The reason we have been slow in getting all the news is that he did not get the national publicity our President did, even tho' Phil's incision was longer and even cross-stitched. Perhaps the cross-stitching complicated picture taking or maybe the incision was too long for the news photographers' cameras. Phil headed up the big Columbus-Fort Benning Founders Day dinner, covering not only Georgia but also Alabama and Florida. The three "Oldest of the Grads" are now Jimmy Crawford ('11), Ted Futch (Aug '17), and Phil Gallagher (June '18). Phil wrote, "I hate the thought." Again I say, with such seniority comes well-deserved honor. Phil says our cold weather always reminds him of two things: first, winter operations with a light div, trying to change a long-handled union suit in a pup tent whose sides are covered with snow and clammy dampness, and water coming thru' at the slightest touch; and second, watching winter sports in Garmisch and Berchtesgaden from a glassed-in, heated dining room with the help of a big German-made hot toddy.

Upon retiring from Penn State, the Grenatas returned to their permanent home at Leesburg, Va., and much activity. First, the home had to be reorganized since it had only been occupied summers and holidays for some years. Then to more serious work like cutting 230,000 board feet of timber from an 80-acre tract on their farm, and improving the stand of another tract—and spoiling daughter Michaela's six children who live next door. Michaela's husband, Lt. Col. Ken McIntyre returned from Thailand in time to enjoy Xmas at Leesburg. Daughter Rosalee and husband Christopher Comstock (U.S. Forest Service in Washington State) also joined them for Xmas. Mike reports he is now back to normal, general supervision of the farm, with a few civic chores thrown

in, and that both he and Aline are enjoying retired life.

After an extensive winter boat and plane trip in the Caribbean, Lane Holman wrote that he would write the memorials for both Jim Gillespie and Milo Barragan. Accordingly, I have forwarded to Lane their class 201 files as well as an SOP of procedures. He has already contacted Juanita and Betty regarding additional personal papers. If any of you have incidents or comments on either Jim or Milo, please send them direct to Lane at 2323 Briarwood Dr., San Antonio, Texas, 78209. We were a small Class to begin with and have grown much smaller, so it is with heartfelt gratitude that I report the classmates' acceptance of assigned tasks.

While we write of taking our places among the Old Grads on Founders Day, how about this: Paul Hurt wrote that Lola was looking forward to attending her class's 50th Anniversary in late May at Stephens College at Columbia, Mo.; that daughter Betty Hollis will celebrate her class's 25th Anniversary at the same college, and that Betty's daugh-



Jun'18: Gallagher addresses the Founders Day group at Fort Benning.

ter Barbara will finish her first year there. Daughter Eleanor Jones is graduating from Augustana Seminary and will teach religious education in an adjoining college while working for her Masters. And, Eleanor's daughter Linda, having graduated from college at mid-term is now in Korea with the Red Cross working with the Armed Forces on a recreation program. Eleanor's son Larry and wife work on the VISTA program in California and were written up in the January '66 *Good Housekeeping*. "A Bright New Spirit in Toneyville." And Paul winds up his letter with; "I'm looking forward to our 50th two years hence."

A letter from Alice Kramer from Palma de Mallorca, España, in early March to explain that she has been away from home since 25 August when she flew from San Francisco to London and met Joe and Florence Cleland ('25) and the three of them toured England, Ireland, and Scotland; then crossed to France in late September and on down to Madrid; and finally to Palma de Mallorca in October where she spent the winter, enjoying the large English and American colony. One of those she liked most was Nancy Ashburner, Bud Miley's sister, who has lived in Palma for several years. Being away so

long, forgetting her address book, and with son Hans also away (now working for IBM), explains why she was unable to acknowledge all the lovely Christmas greetings. Not an excuse, she wrote, but just the reason why she has been out of circulation. Back to New York around mid-March and then a leisurely trek via Washington, D.C., Missouri, and Kansas to California and home to pick up the loose ends of her affairs.

Jawn Mesick and Hattie take it easy and let the dark clouds roll by. Son Hillary does not seem to mind his handicap too much. He is finishing his first year in high school and seems to be a better math student than his dad. With the legal game season closed, Jawn, from Natchez, and his good friend, from Vicksburg, meet halfway and keep in practice each week ridding the countryside of a few of those black rascals, the crows.

From sub-tropical Florida Andy Moore quotes Prof. Hocking, former Harvard philosophy prof who, on his 80th-plus birthday interview in his New England home, said that man was intended to enjoy the turn of the seasons. Andy remarked that he sometimes yearns for that phenomenon. But Andy does get around, both north and south, and knows our north country since Marian Jr., and family live in good ski country. His latest jaunt was a flight to Mexico City to join an old friend and his wife from Philadelphia. Two weeks at Mexico City, a week at Acapulco and then back to the border, evidently crossing at Laredo, Texas, where they visited old Fort McIntosh, Hq of the 8th Mounted Engr Bn, less C Troop which was stationed at El Paso and commanded by Andy. At that very same time at Fort McIntosh were three other Engr June '18 classmates, namely, Abe Shattuck, commanding Headquarter Troop, yours truly commanding A Troop, and Pierre Agnew commanding B Troop. Hq and B Troop had been motorized, but A Troop was still a horse troop complete with pack horses, etc. Outside of Fort Belvoir and Fort Leavenworth, it was the only station your reporter happened to serve where there were three classmates and their families of small children assembled for work and play. We were always short of officer personnel in those days, and we three were doubled up with additional staff duties: Abe, the adjutant; I had Military Intelligence which in those days included CIA-type activities, trial JA, and a few other duties; and Pierre, Sqdn Supply, PX, and a flock more. Border patrol in those days was the real thing, and consequently the only remaining horse troop (A Troop) bore the brunt of that duty along a 100-mile Rio Grande front. So, I spent three-fourths of my time in the field away from the post. What nostalgic memories. Andy concluded his letter with, "I enjoyed reading Nell Cobb's book, now I'll have to get Leonora Tompkins's book."

Robbie Newman has sold her house in Winter Park, Fla. As soon as we have her new address it will be included in the quarterly letter. Robbie hopes the Good Lord will spare her for our 50th Reunion. This also is my prayerful hope for all of us, because it is a milestone we shall be proud to reach.

At the exact astronomical second that spring arrived in Connecticut, Robbie Robinson decided it was time to emerge and bring me up to date on their activities. A busy winter for these social workers, with a 10% increase of delinquents for Patrol Officer Robbie, and an 18% increase in mal-adjusted couples for Social Adjuster Barbara. Robbie wrote, "What a life." So they took time out for a two-week Caribbean cruise

on the *Empress of Canada*. They ate too much, returned 10 lbs heavier and it's still with them. Grandchild No. 19, this time an adopted one, now rounds out the Robinson clan. In their spare time they haunt the auctions for pattern glass. Come our way; we attend auctions every week during the outdoor season to add this and that to our many collections. We're on the auctioneers' mailing list. Last year we met the *Caseys* at one of the country auctions, and I recall that Pat picked up a set of old handmade wood moulding planes. Besides books and prints, I am also a collector of American primitives, while Anna Mary keeps me poor collecting old dolls and accessories.

The *Rundells* also succumbed to a Caribbean cruise—to the Virgin Islands. Guess there's too much cold weather down south. They reported a calm sea, wonderful weather, and a very pleasant time. However, they failed to report their weight upon return to Winter Park.

The Class owes Pat Tansey a great debt of thanks for his efforts in behalf of beneficial retirement legislation, with first priority to survivor benefits for our widows. Tom Kern, our class treasurer, has paid one dollar per head for the Class. Affluent members may shoot the works direct to Pat who will see that it gets to the proper sources. Pat is very enthusiastic about the supporting goals of better public understanding and greater confidence among the Uniformed Services and their problems, present and future. He feels we will make much progress in the next two years. Let's all help educate those in our local areas who do not quite understand these problems. Write Pat for material.

The big news of the *Tompkinses* is the press release of Nonie's book, *My Lovely Days* by Leonora Tompkins, published by the Carlton Press of 84 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C., and available at most bookstores or direct from the publishers. As each day passes we learn more and more of the accomplishments of the distaff members of June '18. We are truly proud. It's amazing how our class sleuths pick up news. Addie Adcock sent me a clipping with picture of Tommy presenting his dad's regimental flag to the Norwich U. Corps of Cadets. Tommy's dad not only commanded the 301st Infantry, "Boston's Own," in WWI, but was also a former Commandant of Cadets at Norwich and a Norwich trustee for over 22 yrs. Norwich's Mechanical Engineering building, Tompkins Hall, is a tribute to his long years of devotion to that school.

When the *Townsleys* moved from a Long Island house to a Charleston apartment they got rid of lots of furniture, rugs, books, etc. so they could fit into the apartment. In our last column they were left sitting in the middle of the room of their piled-up things they knew they could not live without. However, since then discarding has become a routine and after each such action they find their place roomier and more comfortable. Now they are really beginning to feel that it is their winter home—except for the color scheme. These apartments are very comfy and come carpeted throughout, but the colors were not what the *Townsleys* had normally used. Next episode in next quarterly issue when report is received. "Anyway," wrote Clarry, "this apartment idea suits me; if the plumbing acts up all I have to do is call the management, just like calling the post engr. When we go back to New Hampshire all I have to do is shut the door; no lawn to cut, no water to shut off, gas and electricity no problem, and I don't have to report my

departure to the local police as I always did in Manhasset." And still—the *Townsleys* will return to New Hampshire even earlier than usual—15 April—where Clarry can again take up his chores as chief maintenance man. What's the answer?

A card dated 16 February, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa, showing a great big monstrous tusked elephant, almost blacking out famous snow-crowned Mt. Kilimanjaro. Chesty Ward wrote that he took a lot of pictures of the animals against the same background. Bunny had a fall in Italy, and with her arm in a cast Chesty became the amanuensis. We're expecting the *Wards* up to Woodley Acres to check our habitants now that they have become big-game hunters via the camera.

Jaw Weeks says that while their comparatively milder climate is enjoyable, both he and Betty miss the East at times, to a point of downright nostalgia. "If we were younger, a move back to our old home in Bronxville would be in order, just to enjoy the four seasons." Your reporter was past 70 when we made our big move to the north country. Jaw enclosed two lovely color pictures showing Betty and their Italian greyhound against the background of their lovely landscaped doorway and patio. Unfortunately a bit too small in detail for reproduction. And by the way, we must add Betty Weeks to the women writers of June '18. Betty's articles in *U.S. Lady* and garden and club publications are well received by the reading public. Young John is still stationed at Norton AFB.

And now as your reporter closes another quarterly column he looks out the front window to the road that separates the upper and lower portions of the *Lorences'* Woodley Acres. This is RR #2 or State Highway 135, also known as the Littleton-Monroe-Woodsville Road, along which you will pass when you make that visit. From our house on the hillside, tall stately trees with open vistas of lawn sweep down to the road. There are no fences to mar the loveliness of its four seasonal attractions from either passers-by or those who abide at Woodley Acres. On the lower side of the road are the barn and stables, and the stone walls and the white gates and fences are recessed and below the road level so as not to mar the view of the downward sweep of meadows and woodlands to the Connecticut River and upward to the Green Mountains. Our privacy of gardens, pool, and woodlands are behind our house. But from roadside, open for all travelers to see, is the upward sweep over wide lawns and stately trees to our colonial red-brick and white-siding house above, or the downward sweep of meadows and woods with a backdrop of the Green Mountains. America the Beautiful can be seen physically and felt inwardly by our not-too-busy motorists who pass by "our road." Many do stop and gaze. If you can spare the time, why not you, too?

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Wendell Trower has been having a tough time. At last report he was in Letterman Hospital but holding his own. The rest of the family have been well. His son Peter is finishing his thesis for a Ph.D. at Illinois.

Howard Canan has been a migrant this winter. He writes from Glendale, Ariz., of seeing Wiley Carter in Riverside, Calif., and

You know where You are, and
You know where We are, but
We don't always know where You are.
Keep Us Posted On Your Address.

Charlie Bathurst in Scottsdale. Then he disappeared into Mexico.

Eric Molitor writes that both he and Puss are disgustingly well, doing the chores, exercising a new dog, and following other very healthy-sounding rural pursuits. Their son Don, who was just selected for colonel, is still on duty at the Pentagon but almost due for duty elsewhere, so we should see the Molitors in Washington this spring.

The *Badgers* spent most of the winter in Florida but are back in Washington. Bill is busy as is Hunk Holbrook, of course, merging Federal Services Finance Corp. with another large corporation.

Tiny and Bob Schow are enjoying their place in the country. The bird-shooting must have been good this year as they have not been in Washington often. They had Skipper and Daisy with them for Christmas.

The Al Millers seem to be more and more active. She is chairman of the Los Altos Retired Officers Wives Club, Treasurer of PEO, and practically the entire staff of the D.A.R.; he is secretary of the R.O. Club, Commander of the American Legion, etc. They were able to get together with both of their boys, their daughters-in-law and the six grandchildren.

Bill Blair says he is not much for traveling in the East, but will come to the 50th Class Reunion. The Roger Wickes report that they are still hitting the golf balls around.

Pansy and Sam Walker have had a long trip out through the Southwest. Starting out to visit young Sam, who has left the Army and is now a design engineer for Reynolds Aluminum at Phoenix, they did the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, San Francisco, El Paso, and San Antonio. There is now a Sam IV, aged 3 months, reported to be a genius, having inherited his brains directly from his grandparents.

The Mark Rhoads are now living permanently at Daytona Beach. Mark and Esther keep busy with community and domestic activities and in comfort enjoy the affairs of the world—baseball and football games, and Walt Disney's show on the TV. Edwin Milton Rhoads, USMA '43, the Class Boy, is on MAAG detail in Bonn. Their second son, Mark Charles Rhoads, has just returned from Thailand. Their two daughters are married and living in Arvada, Colo. There are 15 Rhoads grandchildren.

The George Keyzers write: "The high point of our year came with a trip to Fort Sill, at Thanksgiving. We traveled in convoy with all the *Irbys*, sharing their baggage and kids. The freeway travel was a far cry from the old days on Route 66, and over 400 miles were covered with ease. Who says you can't go back again? We delighted in seeing old friends, reviving old memories, and finding that more than 20 years had made little change in the post. The trip was occasioned by a remark of Mary's that she had now spent as much time here in Arkansas (12 years) as she had at Fort Sill. Life in Mountain Home is pleasant, but we all feel a distinct nostalgia for the excitement and pleasure of those years of active duty. Other traveling was done for religious reasons; Elsie chose to become an organizational wheel

in her Lutheran church, and derives much satisfaction from her rather extensive efforts. Fishing has been very good, and George's pursuit of the 'Big One That Got Away' kept the larder stocked with nice 'pan-sized' trout. And even after the retirement of a full set of golf clubs in favor of an adjustable-blade club, he made a memorable hole-in-one this September. The golf course still yields a good supply of edible mushrooms—another interesting pursuit. The four grandchildren continue to thrive and please us. The twins, now 19 and sophomores at the U. of Arkansas, have contrived to make Razorback rooters of us all. Susie happily pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma and is so pretty that our friend Gen. Brittingham remarked, 'George, darned if your family doesn't get better looking with every generation!' Then he loyally added that Elsie had *always* been pretty. Mark and Mike, aged eight and ten, are endowed with fine minds and plenty of bounce for vacation play with big brother Steve. Mary and her electrical engineer husband, Hal Irby, are holding up fairly well, despite the usual family chaos."

Fred Pearson writes: "Dunkelberg, Knutson, and Pearson were the class representatives at the West Point dinner at Fort Sam. All the Dunkelbergs and Knutsons are in good shape. Chris's son is getting along fine at Harvard on his scholarship and is working hard toward his doctor's degree. My arthritis which has been bothering me for the past 14½ months seems to be a bit better, but old age is crawling up, and I have been having considerable trouble with the abdomen. I am under treatment at the present time and also undergoing tests; I get a final report on them about the middle of April. I seem to be on the upgrade, and I certainly hope so as I have been most uncomfortable with this trouble. The Jim Freemans were up from the Valley a few weeks ago for a physical check-up and came through with flying colors. Both look better than they have in years. (Walter) Ray Peck, ex our Class but who made the service a career, had a cerebral hemorrhage at his home in Denver about the 20th of December. He was flown to Wilford Hall General Hospital at Lackland, was operated on but did not regain consciousness and died about the 26th. I believe he was buried at Denver. John Fonvielle and Alex MacKenzie usually give me a call if they are in the city, but I haven't heard from them since the first of the year, so I guess no news is good news."

In addition to Peck we have lost another classmate, Pat Witters. We have no details, but Dean Dickey reports that Pat's wife and son are in Ida Grove, Iowa.

George B. McReynolds writes from Route 1, Box 149, Carpinteria, Calif.: "Last May we were standing on the steps of the monument across from Buck House when I got to talking to a homely old American next to me about the U.S. Army march they were playing for the new guard, as we watched the 'changing of the guard,' as they call it. He allowed as how he was an authority, being a retired Army colonel. I said I was too, and asked him his vintage. At this he introduced himself as Col. Bathhurst. I said I had a classmate by that name who went in the Engineers. He said, 'No, you are thinking of my brother Bob Bathhurst, who went in the Field Artillery.' I said, 'Hell no, Charley, I am thinking of you, and you did not know me from Adam's off ox.' At this he got a little huffy and said, 'Well, you did not know me, either.' Of course he was absolutely correct. A typical Engineer. What

would you think of having our 50th Reunion on a November football Saturday? According to my perpetual calendar, Nov 1, 1968 falls on Friday. We could have a class dinner that night, review the Corps at inspection on Saturday morning (Do they still, as in days of yore?), go to the game, you junior classmates could get drunk Saturday night, and we could go to Chapel Sunday morning and ponder our misspent 50 years."

As for McReynolds's plan of having the 50th Reunion in the fall, why not have a November 1918 Homecoming in November 1968 as well as the traditional June Week reunion?

Archie Colwell wrote from on board the Norwegian-American Line ship *Bergensfjord*. He and Sallie are returning on the *Bergensfjord* from a cruise of the South Seas. They left New York on 19 January, visited Fiji,

Marshall Hawkins



Nov'18: Bryan Conrad, Joint M.F.H. of the Blue Ridge Hunt in Virginia.

New Zealand, Pitcairn Island, Easter Island, Valparaiso, came through the Straits of Magellan, touched at Rio de Janeiro and other ports on the east coast of South Africa. Arch reports a most interesting trip and adds that everyone on board seemed to know your Scribe. He did not specify what manner of men his fellow passengers were, leaving one to speculate whether he was on excursion with police, bill collectors, or our friends of the I.R.S.

Harry Krieger, at long last, writes again from 643 South 21st Ave., Maywood, Ill. He reports the death during the past year of his beloved wife, Bernice, and other changes in his life. He has retired and now devotes most of his time to his two main hobbies, the Boy Scouts and art. Harry is a Neighborhood Commissioner of the Boy Scouts. As such he has been awarded the Silver Beaver for his outstanding work in the Proviso District with Roman Catholic, Negro, and Lutheran units. He still continues his painting and is an exhibiting artist with the West Suburban Arts Guild. Last fall, at the annual exhibit of the Art Guild, one of his water colors was awarded third prize, and he was made chairman of the scholarship committee.

Jimmie Carroll writes from 1626 Greenfield Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90025, that Bernard Slifer and he were the only members of the Class at the Los Angeles Founders Day dinner. He says that West Pointers in Los Angeles are largely young fellows who resigned from the Army after a few years service and are now drawing nice salaries in civil life. The rest of his long letter is about the ancient game of Bowls or Lawn Bowling. He has become a dedicated enthusiast of the game and recommends it highly to all, especially those over 70. He is convinced that it prolongs life and so it should with the

regular, gentle exercise, those rhythmic motions and all that leaning over to pick the damned things up. At his club, several of the more expert bowlers are over 80, and one man bowling with the Santa Monica club is 93. He makes it all sound fascinating, and much less effort than foxhunting!

'19

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Duke Daniel, who lives at 2122 Fairfax Avenue in Nashville, Tennessee, writes of some of his adventures during 1965. Readers of ASSEMBLY will recall earlier reports of the exploits of our only known big game hunter. This time he has documented his story with a color snapshot of a 250-pound jaguar, bagged in British Honduras. He writes: "British Honduras is hot, humid, and swampy, and they had much more water in the jungle this year than usual. This made it very hard to get to some of the best hunting areas. We spent much time each day winching the Land Rover out of swamps and mud holes. I was pretty well bitten by mosquitoes, ticks, and sand flies, especially the latter that can bite thru your socks. On this hunt I walked as much as ten miles per day, rode horseback up to twelve miles per day, and in very swampy areas I rode in a boat to follow the dogs. On the twelfth day we penetrated a very good hunting area. The dogs found fresh tracks of a big male jaguar crossing an old logging road in the jungle. It took the dogs about an hour and a half to tree this big cat, and it took my guide another hour to cut a trail with his machete for a mile so that we could get to the tree. The jaguar was shot about noon, lashed to a pole, and carried out of the jungle to the nearest logging road. There I took some excellent pictures and made some measurements. The total length was seven feet, six inches. His estimated weight was 250 pounds. This jaguar will be mounted and placed in the Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, in a glass case next to my polar bear. My polar bear was so large that he is now listed in the records of North American big game published by the Boone and Crockett Club of New York. My jaguar definitely qualifies for listing in the next edition of this same book." We are already looking forward to hearing about Duke's next expedition, for he notes that his plans for the future include a trip to India to hunt tiger, gaur, and leopard.

Roly McNamee postcards that he has now moved from Menlo Park to 518-D Everett Avenue, Palo Alto, Calif., 94301.

Al and Dade Wedemeyer have been off on another of their extended trips. They first planned to Caracas, Venezuela, to visit son Al Jr. On their return trip north they made stops in Guatemala and Mexico City. San Antonio, San Francisco, and Los Angeles were next on their list. From the West Coast they returned home in the middle of March, via Denver and Omaha.

A group of San Francisco neighbors of Hobart and Myrtle Hewett planned a surprise party for them on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary on March 26, 1965. In a letter to the Superintendent, referred to the West Point Information Office, one of the neighbors wrote in glowing terms of the esteem in which the Hewetts are held.

The Brannons managed to avoid at least two weeks of Washington's winter by means of a business-pleasure trip to Sarasota, Home-

stead Air Force Base near Miami, and Pompano Beach. The **Bardens**, on the other hand, went west to Kansas City before the year's end to be present for the arrival of a fourth grandchild.

It is a great pleasure to report that **Al Gruenther** continues to amaze everyone as the world's liveliest convalescent. Although he must still get about on crutches as a result of the operation on his hip mentioned in the last ASSEMBLY, he is as ever a hard man to catch. He seems to think nothing of frequent trips to New York to attend meetings of the several boards of directors of which he is a member, including Rexall Drug, New York Life Insurance, Pan American, and Federated Department Stores. In a story about Rexall, *Forbes Magazine* recently ran an item plus an excellent picture of Al as a "director who directs." Rexall's president, **Justin Dart**, says: "We have an executive personnel committee of directors headed by General Gruenther. The General is no once-a-month or once-a-quarter director. His job is to get to know each of the division heads well, and also to know the man behind each division manager. We're lucky to have General Gruenther, who calls a spade a spade and makes the whole system meaningful." Another story about Al, this time from the *Omaha World Herald*, chronicles the award to Al of the annual Distinguished Nebraskan Award of the Nebraska Society of Washington. Illustrated with a picture of Al with his two army sons, Lt. Cols. **Richard** and **Donald**, the article quotes tributes from General Eisenhower and Governor Morrison of Nebraska. More than 100 Nebraskans attended the black-tie dinner, in spite of Washington's heaviest snowfall for many years. Our only reaction to this story is wonder that the Nebraska Society didn't get around to Al earlier.

Bill and **Ethel Wyman** have taken an apartment at the Westchester in Washington for a month. They are in the habit of coming down out of the Maine woods at this time each year but on this occasion must be rather disappointed to find no better weather than they left behind.

News of Orlando, Florida, comes from **Ed-die Strohbehn** who writes: "We are a rather quiet group. **Dick Emery** and I see each other once in a while, but **Gus Shea** and **Donald Davidson** only at Founders Day dinners. Don is not in too good health and must rest several hours each day. His address should be corrected to 222-S Glenwood, Orlando. Gus, I know, is busy every fair day with a golf club in his hands. No change. In fact his home is just off a fairway. **Alex Kirby** called the other day. He was in town to see his son and his brother. **Dick, Alex,** and I had a small reunion lunch. I see **George Price** once or twice a year at Melrose where he has a home in a beautiful setting on Lake Santa Fe. Four hundred feet on the lake, surrounded by magnolias, live oaks, and orange trees."

Herb and **Anabel Jones** are among the Washingtonians heading south in March. They intend to spend two weeks in Naples as well as to visit other Florida spots. **Bunny Burnell** has suggested that the Class may want to initiate a project to commemorate the long and distinguished service of **Kyke Allan** to all of us. If anyone has ideas on this subject, let him address them to one of the new class officers. Members are also reminded that contributions to the class fund will be welcomed by **Herb Jones**, treasurer.

The following members of the Class attended the luncheon of the West Point

Society of the District of Columbia at Fort Myer on January 19: **Crichlow, Ferenbaugh, Flory, Hammond, Jones, Martin, Overshine,** and **Scherer**.

The **Scherers** are also driving to Florida for about a month in early March. They expect to visit Clearwater, Bradenton, and Sarasota and hope to get in touch with classmates there.

Bob Gard explains in a letter that the San Antonio members are singularly unproductive of news for ASSEMBLY. It does seem that a group consisting of **Bennett, Collier, Noble, Springer, Gladys Foss,** and **Wini Hoffman**, in addition to the Gards must be newsworthy in some way. Your Scribe reminds you that unless those from the other parts of the country keep him advised, our class notes will consist mostly of the doings of the Washington contingent.

Ike Lawrence, having returned to his Florida hideout from the South Pacific cruise detailed in the last issue of ASSEMBLY, writes that **Ganoe '07** has entered Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Florida. Col. Ganoe, adjutant and instructor at West Point while we were cadets, is reported as discouraged over his inability to continue work on his book on **MacArthur** in Australia. He has been active in the past in military organizations and sponsored the membership in the West Point Society of our late honorary classmate, **Col. R. John West**. **Ike** remarks that a note or card to the Memorial Hospital would be a thoughtful gesture. During their South Pacific journey, **Ike** and **Margie** had dinner aboard ship with **Mike** and **Vi Makinney**. **Mike** retired not so long ago from many years with the Hawaiian National Guard, of which he was commanding general. The **Brannons**, whose trip south is chronicled above, had breakfast with the **Lawrences** en route to the East Coast and the Florida Keys.

'20

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Our class column starts on a sad note reporting the death of **C.D. Pearson** at Salt Lake City, Utah, on 4 Jan. 1966. No further particulars have been received, however a message of sympathy has been sent to his widow at 2627 Sherwood Drive, Salt Lake. Also with deepest regret we report the death of **Horty West** at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, on 6 Feb. **Charlie** and **Horty's** home at West Point was a haven for all returning members of our Class for over 20 years, and her absence will be greatly missed. She was beloved by all who knew her. **Charlie**, for the time being, will continue his residence at 1008 N.W. 34th Terrace, Gainesville, Fla., alongside the plot of her mother.

A lovely note of appreciation was received from **Connie Wite**, **Tommy's** widow, of the beautiful spray of red roses and white chrysanthemums with the ribbons in USMA colors sent by the Class for **Tommy's** funeral. The Washington Cathedral was filled with friends and former associates of **Tommy's**. **Lemnitz** traveled some 7,000 miles in one day to act as a pallbearer along with other former Chiefs of Staff.

We are glad to report that **Bill Bessel** is coming along nicely after his auto accident and is now able to get around with crutches, however, he has been a patient at the West Point Hospital for over 14 weeks. Keep up the good work, **Bill**.

At the annual Florida West Coast West Point dinner, held on Saturday night, 10 March, at the International Inn, Tampa, the Class as usual led with an attendance of the following 14 out of a total of 101: **Kelly P.C., Kiefer, Travis, McNulty, Smith L.S., Tomey, Lowry, Sturman, Hardy Hill, Henning, Daniel, Smith R.O., McQuarrie,** and **McMillan W.W.** A delightful evening was enjoyed by all, the oldest grad being from the Class of 1915 and the youngest from last year's Class of 1965. We are rapidly approaching the top of the list.

A recent letter from **Rip** and **Polly Brady** reports that they are enjoying the winter at El Centro, Calif.; next year we have hopes of getting them to the Florida area.

A long Christmas letter from **Fred** and **Lily Jane Pitts**, who now reside at 1517 Williams Drive, Winter Park, Fla., tells of a long auto tour covering 8,500 miles in 53 days—leisurely traveling to the West Coast by the northern route, returning thru Texas and arriving home on 22 Sept. Many friends as well as relatives were visited en route.

Our deep sympathy is extended to **Margaret Crist** upon the recent death of her father who lived with them at Bradenton. **Pop-Pop**, as he was known to many classmates, will be greatly missed. Condolences also to **Jim Barney** upon the death of his father, **Col. J.P. Barney Sr.**, at Cuernavaca, Mexico on 28 Feb.

We have recently located the correct address of two classmates whose whereabouts have been unknown for many years: **Francis J. Starr**, 165 North Pine St., Chicago, Ill. 60644; and **E.J. Strickland**, 2119 N. Adaline Ave., Fresno 5, Calif. Welcome back to the fold.

No word has been heard for years from the following five classmates: **Snowden Ager, Charles F. Beattie, Cornelius Garrison, Raymond Reece,** or **Mortimer Wakefield**. Anyone knowing anything about the above five, please contact your secretary.

In a recent class mailing, letters to the following were returned marked, "address in error": **Harvey K. Greenlaw, Harry C. Wisehart, James M. Rudolph, John E. Nelson, L.L. Judge,** and **James L. Lake**. Information is also desired on any or all of these.

Glad to report that **Ruth Chitterling** is rapidly improving after a major operation at Annapolis, Md. Get well soon, **Ruth**.

'21-'22

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The Orioles are on the move! And the center of our population moves South.

Bob Douglass writes, "Thelma and I left New York City in November and are now occupying our new home here at Eden Isle, Arkansas. We are about 70 miles north of Little Rock and 140 miles west of Memphis (my old home). We are fronting on a beautiful 40-mile lake in the foothills of the Ozarks, with the golf course a couple hundred yards from the door. Know that when we get completely settled our friends will help us enjoy the golf, fishing, and hunting that this wonderful country offers us. The welcome mat is out. I have had little time to ponder this retired life but sure will enjoy it. There is quite a difference between this cool and fresh mountain air and mid-Manhattan where we spent almost nine years. Will miss June Week this year but will certainly break away from this active life to see you at 45th Reunion next year!"

**You know where You are, and
You know where We are, but
We don't always know where You are.
Keep Us Posted On Your Address.**

Bill and Marge Lawton spent about ten days visiting Bev and Frank Kane "at their home on a lovely lake at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where the hosts had a party for them and the Spud Spaldings, Granger Andersons, and Rupert Johnsons. Dot and Spud have moved from near West Point to 3433 N.E. 31st Ave., Light House Point, Florida, and don't know why they didn't do it long ago. Ollie and Granger still live in Detroit and go to Florida in the winter. Johnnie and Edna also winter there, and he plays a great deal of golf near their home at Bal Harbour. Everybody seemed to be in fine health."

Hank Reed stopped in Washington a couple of months ago while commuting between his home and business in Richmond and the New York office of The American Association of Textile and Garment Wholesalers, where he is finishing his 2-year term as president. The job keeps him pretty busy, but his greatest thrill in recent years came last June when his veterans of WWII 2d Cavalry Regiment assembled in New York City and then flew, in chartered planes, to Europe where they loaded into buses and retraced their tracks as one of the most active units of the Third Army. Next there was a joint reunion with the German Panzer division that had been their principal opponent, and finally, a review for them by the present 2nd Cavalry in Munich. Hank says that Jacky is in good health again but could not make that trip with him.

All Orioles extend their sympathy to the family of our Selby Little. Selby had moved to Eustis, Fla., from California several years ago and had spent some time in Walter Reed this past fall. He had returned to his home in Florida before Christmas, however. The burial services at Arlington, on 12 April, were attended by several classmates.

May Murphy joined Bob in Miami for a while during the winter; she and Dorothy Spalding met again for the first time since they were on the Transport *Thomas*, 40 years ago. They got together, too, with Gertrude and Pat Wardlaw who were going to the Florida Keys.

Bill Kyle has finally retired. A few days before Christmas he "got a warning in the shape of a spasm in a blood vessel at the base of the brain which caused double vision and walking difficulties." He was moved to the Cleveland Clinic, where he is a trustee, learned quickly "what not to do from then on," and realized that retirement has some real advantages. He and Dottie are staying on in Boca Raton, Fla., and he hopes to begin playing golf again very soon.

After about two years of living in Europe, getting thrills such as seeing *Der Fledermaus* at the State Opera in Vienna on New Year's Eve and the Aga Khan Cup jumping at the Dublin Horse Show, Rosalie and Frank Mulvihill are living in Newburgh, N.Y. Frank writes, "While in Paris I wrote to real estate agents in the West Point area. The Branhams kindly put us up, and in a few days we rented this house in Newburgh. It is an old town-house type with high ceilings and marble fireplaces and the landlord lives next door. Not the least of the attractions is a yard man, an Irishman appropriately named Moore who is a poet. He is also one of the

best-known fifiers in these parts. Propinquity to the Branhams is pleasant and not without its material benefits. Charles won't eat dark meat of turkey so it is given to us, neatly frozen. Our plans are to remain here at least until after the 45th Reunion when we would like to return to Europe again. We count on seeing anyone who comes to West Point. The Bob Raynsfords are in this country visiting their daughter and son-in-law—Springfield, Mass.

'23

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The Colonels' cabal consisting of Johnson W.G., D'Espinosa, Torrence, and Kehm was re-elected at our February meeting in an atmosphere of decorum now common at these affairs, and in an almost entirely constitutional manner. For another year you have them as chairman, secretary, treasurer, and Scribe, respectively. With the approval of the Washington group they agreed to put out a Bulletin (which will probably have arrived before you read this) covering: class finances, the 45th Reunion, class organization, and contributions to USMA. If you do not get one about the time you read this, let me know.

The class reps have had a letter from Johnson covering some of these matters. One item in the letter and bulletin which will bear repeating, relates to the Supe's Fund. Based on a reply from the Alumni Foundation, Johnson found that it was possible to have our individual contributions credited to the Class. The majority of those who have contributed in the past have arranged to have this done where that was possible. This is just to inform that future contributions can be so credited if you desire. I mention it to guard against your missing it in the Bulletin.

The 45th Reunion seems a long way off right now. Based on our experience with the 40th, planning takes a long time. If you have any bright ideas, let us have them, soonest. In the meantime, shape your long-range planning to include that significant event at West Point.

Founders Day celebrations attracted classmates at various points throughout the country. Rosenberg reports: "Louise and Deke Stone, Kay and Dave Dunne, Jim Short, and Louise and I, represented '23 at the San Diego Society's dinner at Miramar Naval Air

Station's new officers club on 19 March. General Bennett, the new Supe, gave a splendid run-down on today's West Point. The accompanying picture was taken by John Mallory, Jim Short's nephew."

From San Francisco, Jazz Harmony tells us: "The West Point Bay Area Society celebrated Founders Day with a dinner for the gents at the Presidio Officers Club on 16 March, with the wives attending their own buffet at the Fort Scott Annex of the Presidio Club.

"Members of '23 who attended the gents' affair were: Binns, Buckley, Gurley, Harmony, Palmer, Pierce, Pitzer, Ridings, and Rutte. We were disappointed that Trooper Price and Art Garrecht and some others who usually attend these affairs, did not show. Mike Buckley deserves the credit for bringing John Pitzer. John had such a good time that I think he will attend from now on.

"Gar Davidson was the principal speaker and did a fine job. He traced the history of West Point from its very beginning, recounting its great accomplishments and those of its graduates. Then he left it to each one to think whether or not he, as a graduate, had done and is doing all he could or should do. It was very impressive to me.

"Those attending the ladies' buffet: Jess Binns, Marion Harmony, Elizabeth Palmer, Mary Pierce, and Virginia Post, enjoyed the affair. Except for West Point music there was no program for the occasion."

Rumor has it that a number of '23 attended the ceremony of the Florida West Coast West Point Society where Gettys is president and Chambers is secretary. Their report had not reached us by the time we had to send in these Notes.

Dave Schlatter reported from San Antonio: "Present at the Founders Day dinner on the 16th were Lawrence, Manneschmidt, Myers, Salsman, Chic White, and myself. Berb took Edna Salsman and sister on a tour of River Walk and environs where they dined. Grace and Shorty Keane joined for a brief social hour earlier."

The program here in Washington was impressive. The Hell Cats, in person, put on a good show of the stirring music that engendered so many intense and varied emotions in our young spirits between 47 and 43 years ago. The Chief of Staff made a brief but moving talk. The composer of "The Ballad of the Green Berets" played and sang the song that has made its mark as a military ballad. Cadet Bartholomew '66, convinced us that the Corps "has not," and in fact, made



1923: Founders Day in San Diego. (L. to r.): Short, Rosenberg, Louise Stone, Dunne, Louise Rosenberg, Kay Dunne, and Deke Stone.

us look to the younger grads and grads-to-be with the admiration they are, by tradition, supposed to hold for us. Those present were: Carnes, Edwards, D'Espinoza, Fry, Gunn, Kehm, King J.C., Mahoney, Roper, and Stone D.F. The last-named has just moved here from the West Coast.

The dinner at Fort Meade attracted Early, the Shafers, the Sweanys, and the Timberman. As you must have gathered, this was one of the coed celebrations. A slide presentation on the new construction at West Point was impressive as was the report of the discovery of an old cookie box in one of the barracks chimneys. Timberman had been alerted to respond as the Oldest Grad Present. After he got over the shock of realizing where we are beginning to stand in the Long Gray Line, he was relieved to find that the appearance of an even older grad rendered superfluous the pearls he had assembled with considerable care.

Scheetz reports on the Philadelphia event, also coed: "We had a West Point Society Founders Day dinner at the Defense Personnel Support Center (the old QM Depot to you and me) on 19 March. Only '23 present were Madelin and Bill Biddle, Phil Sears, and myself. General Bruce Clarke '25 was the principal speaker. Roy Dwyer told me that he had attended the Founders Day dinner at Fort Dix the previous week. He's now busy putting down an attic floor in his new house in West Chester."

Personals

Warren tells us that Willene, the children, the grandchildren and he are all fine so far as health is concerned if you make due allowance for the ravages of time. He adds: "We are floating along (very nicely) on the inflation tide."

C.D. Austin writes: "Have moved again, this time to 11703 Marion, Redford Township, Michigan 48239. . . . Was a widower for a while until I married Ruth Dallas Hughes. We have two children, Dudley Jr., 14, and Dallas, 13. Belong to a few veterans' organizations here. Am commander of the Harold Todd Post of the American Legion in Detroit."

Irish was named "Oklahoma's Cotton Ginner of the Year" in March. A 4-lane dual highway now under construction, is to be named the "Nat Irish Expressway." After many years in the oil business Nat went into cotton (no joke!) and is now manager of a company that operates seven plants in Oklahoma. He is on the State Highway Commission; director of a bank, a finance company and several trade associations; and is associated with at least six civic activities. He was an instructor in what we used to call the Drawing Department during World War II.

Evans J.P. writes: "Over the hump at 65; we are both dragging our feet a little, but we are here!"

Stewart O.C. has been in Palo Alto "trying to get a couple of legs to work a little better. They seem to be, so do not know whether I shall return to Mexico soon or not . . . only really permanent address I have is—Lagunda National Bank, Springfield, Ohio. Have one wife, Ruth."

During a short trip to Florida ending in March, the Wendel Johnsons met fellow-vacationists, the Barrolls, and saw the Chambers and Jim and Ada Bowen just before Ada was off to Spain and Portugal leaving Jim to keep the home fan blowing. They also learned that the Ken Webbers are planning a trip to Europe again this summer.

Grove writes that he saw Muz Lucas on a vacation trip—also the P.D. Weikerts, one of about a half a dozen classmate-couples who divide the year between northern and southern homes. Bill says their daughter, Madge, is a beauty queen, and that PL is well. As executive secretary of the Lychee Growers Association, Bill says he is peddling this new fruit to the U.S. public. He sent along some of the promotional literature. Aside from a bit of nice cheesecake, it carries some mouth-watering recipes. He winds up with: "You may be pooped, but I'm Pooper."

"Honey do . . ."

The finest description of the sound generally most unwelcome to the retiree, "Honey, please do . . ." is contained in what we might call, "Jazz Boy's Lament": ". . . to please Marion, I undertook to redecorate our breakfast room, and then made the classic boo-boo of doing such a fine job that she asked me to do the bedroom. The first room was only 9x12, but the second one was really a chore. The bedroom measures 14x20 and has an 8-foot ceiling, 4 windows; and 3 doors. In addition, the color scheme was such that all the woodwork had to be painted twice. So you see, I have been a busy boy. And I must hurry to inform you that Marion is pleased with both jobs. Right now I think she is hatching some more painting for me to do after I get a breather from that which has already been accomplished. Sincerely, Jazz."

In light of that, it may or may not be appropriate to remind you that our contributions to the Distaff Hall in the name of the Class are not coming along at all well. If the spirit moves you to support this worthy institution that is so thoroughly an Army venture, make your check payable to: Army Distaff Foundation Inc., and send it to: Maj. Gen. Charles V. Bromley, 4530 32d Street, North, Arlington, Va. 22207.

Be thou at peace

The following description of services for the burial of Les Holcomb at West Point at the end of January was contained in a letter from Hildegard (Bathurst) Sleeper to one of Les's sons. (You will recall that Les died at Letterman in November 1965.)

"It was a bright, bitter cold day, but I was met by Col. Geer and Col. Hines of the Association of Graduates. The new Superintendent, General Bennett, and Mrs. Bennett came, as did football coach Paul Dietzel and his wife. Also present were: Mrs. Shattuck, my sister-in-law; Col. and Mrs. Heiberg, friends of mine who'd met your father frequently with me; Col. and Mrs. Pete Leone from Cornwall, and two of your brother's classmates and their wives. The two chaplains were present, one to conduct the brief service, and the other because he'd become friendly with your father when he was hospitalized at West Point. Given more time, I would have alerted your father's Porsche Club pals. He was very popular, you know. Since it might have turned into a regular Hell's Angels 'do,' it's just as well, I guess.

"There was a blanket of flowers from the Class, and it was thoughtful to have the flag presented to me as representing the family, otherwise it would have seemed too sad and lonely, with taps, muffled drums, volley, and all. It seems to me you should keep the flag for your boys. Your brother's children will have much of this sort of thing since he is in the Army."

Bob Oliver died on 13 January and was buried at Arlington on the 18th. A large representation of the Class was present.

Breidster sent a letter on our behalf to Dottie who has replied to him and to the local group here. I had occasion to meet Bob on several of his last assignments. He was a friendly, effective, and pleasant soldier, and a real credit to our Class.

'24

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It is with great regret that we announce the deaths of Gene Ely and Senta Dombrowsky. Gene died in Walter Reed Hospital on February 16 after a long illness and was buried in Arlington on February 21. Senta died on December 11th and was buried at West Point.

Classmates living in Monterey and San Francisco areas have joined to form the Class of 1924, USMA Association of Northern California.

Here are the complete details from Tom Malin on the Association's big "do" preceding the ARMY-Stanford game:

All classmates and widows in California were contacted to get their concurrence on having a cocktail party and dinner on the evening of October 22, 1965, and then go as a group to the game the next day. Believe it or not, 53 letters were sent out, including one to Sam Strohecker in Seattle.

As a result, the following 47 were present at a cocktail party and dinner at Moffett Field: Onto and Maxine Bragan, Bob and Georgia Cameron, Martha Conrad with Emil and Nelle Lenzer as guests, Ray and Helen Coombs, Mae Elliott, George and Kitty Finnegan, Walter and Beth French, Sandy and Josie Goodman, Juli Justice, Bill and Carol Lloyd, Tom and Gwen Malin, Ray and Peg Raymond, Gus and Marietta Regnier, Robby and Ruth Robins, Don and Beulah Rule, Doc and Lillian Smith, Keg and Pat Stebbins, John Archer and Helen Stewart, Sam and Gerry Strohecker with Red Reeder as guest, Ken and Melba Strother, Len Tandy, Harry and Betty Van Wyk, George and Kay Vaughn, Briant and Ann Wells.

The following day, prior to the game, Keg and Pat Stebbins entertained at their home in Palo Alto with a delightful buffet luncheon and, in addition, transported all in an air-conditioned bus to and from the game. Upon returning to the Stebbinses', there were further refreshments.

The few who were unable to attend were the Duvalls who were in Spain; Hinkle Steel who is in Colorado; the Tom Robertses (Tom was ill); the Gibbsses, who were East on an extended trip; the Sam Fishers and Siki Carpenters due to illness. Pete Day, George Busbey, Bob Stika, Reeve Keiler, Bob Selway, and Joe Kilty, for various reasons, sent their regrets. Sounds like a great weekend.

Briant Wells has accepted the chairmanship of the California Junior Achievement Advisory Committee on public relations. The Committee counsels 3,500 teenagers operating miniature Junior Achievement Corporations. This responsibility, in addition to all others, will keep Briant well occupied.

The film, "Cast a Giant Shadow," had its premiere in New York, March 29, 1966. This is the movie adaptation of the book about Mickey Marcus. Charlie Stevenson read the script and suggested several changes. However, until he has seen the movie, he will not know if they were accepted.

The Kuniholms have been doing a bit of traveling. They spent the summer in Scandinavia, from there to Africa and the Middle

East in September, then to Capetown for Christmas. Kuni does a little work on his travels—some research and a bit of writing on some of the newly developing countries of Africa.

While George Lightcap is a great booster for Arizona, he does get away once in a while. Went to Canada during the summer and then made a rail tour of Mexico in December.

Rags and Catherine Raguse have moved to Bedford, New York, where he is training horses to enter in various horse shows in the East. Their daughter Cita is majoring in drama at the U. of Southern Florida.

For those of you who have not yet received Alberta and Curtis Adams's annual report, they are fine, and issue a standing invitation to visit their island paradise.

John Archer Stewart is doing a great job of maintaining contacts with classmates and keeping your Scribe informed of their activities. He saw Pete Day who had moved to Laguna Hills and was working with Civil Defense in Long Beach. John Archer also made contact with Walter Buck and was planning to get together with him and his wife. He recently had lunch with Sandy Goodman and had received letters from Ken Strother, Sam Strohecker, Jimmy Stowell, and Peyton McLamb. We were glad to learn that Helen Stewart had staged a comeback and is feeling well again.

The M.E. Smiths spent Christmas with their son at the Air Force Academy. They went to California to see the Goodmans; through Arizona, Texas, and New Orleans; then to Florida on their way back to Cape Cod—after the snow had melted.

Pat Pasolli writes that he saw Bob Finlay and Wally Merrill recently at a luncheon in New York. Wally is spending the winter in Boca Raton, Florida. Pat is doing a great job of convincing several young track stars to apply to West Point and then helping them to get appointments.

Gil and Ann Miller took off recently for a two-month vacation in Hawaii. As usual, some of Gil's Japanese-American WWII soldiers were around to see him off at the Los Angeles airport.

Sandy Goodman, Ken Strother, and Slicker King drove up to Sepulveda, California, Veterans' Hospital to see Vich Vichules in December. Sandy is now down to a thin 218 pounds—his football weight at West Point.

Carroll Griffin has returned from Korea, and he and Dot are now living in Washington, D.C.

Ray Coombs, when he is not giving lectures at cocktail parties, gets around quite a bit. In February, he saw Peg and Ray Raymond in Escondido, Betty and Dick Stephens in Palm Desert, then to Las Vegas, and home.

Frank Lazarus has resigned as Real Estate Commissioner of New York City. Don't know whether he intends just to loaf from now on out or not.

In a note from Bill O'Connor, he reports that Mu is recovering nicely from a serious operation performed at Beaumont in November. He had great praise for the hospital and its staff.

Hope to go fishing with Red Trew while in Florida in March. He assures me we will catch fish.

Denis Mulligan, during a business trip to Houston in January, had dinner with Betty and Zero Wilson. Betty didn't say a word.

The Class got a nice pat on the back for its effort in preparing obituary articles for deceased classmates. The pat, however, goes

to those few classmates who have spent many hours preparing the articles.

Charlie Booth spent part of his home leave in Washington and attended the January class luncheon.

John Elmore entered Walter Reed Hospital in February for a little maintenance.

To compensate for having revised two of his books and written three new ones, Monroe MacCloskey has taken himself and Betty, who doubles as his secretary, on a Caribbean cruise. Last card I had from him was post-marked Trinidad.

Art Trudeau has been awarded the Freedoms Foundation George Washington Honor Medal for his patriotic public addresses to audiences throughout the country.

Apparently, the only way to obtain news of the members of The Herd residing in Florida is to go down there and collect it. (Did you read about the big snow in Washington?) So, Daisy and I will be on our way by the time this appears in print. Will prepare a full report for the Spring Bulletin. Others heading South in February are: George and Susie Smythe and Red and Mary Bruce Mead.

To report on our Florida trip as of this date. We drove down the east coast where we saw Ed and Marjorie Chazal in St. Augustine at a cocktail party. Driving from Coral Gables to Siesta Key, Daisy and I stopped in Naples for lunch. At the same restaurant we ran into the McLamb! It is a small world! They were on their way home after a vacation in Florida.

We stayed in Bradenton as guests of George and Fran Crosby, altho George prefers to call his guests neighbors since they occupy his guest cottage! At a round of cocktail parties we have seen many friends, The Herd being represented by Scotty and Hank Scott, Doug and Kitty Smith and, of course, George and Fran Crosby.

Attended the Founders Day dinner in Tampa. At the 1924 table were: Emer Cummings, George Pence, Rod Rodieck, Scotty Scott, Doug Smith, Stubby Stubblebine, Red Trew, Jesse Wells, Eddie White, and yours truly.

George Pence was elected president of the West Point Society of the Florida West Coast for the coming year.

P.S. I am indebted to Hank Scott for typing the Florida notes.

P.P.S. Also George Crosby.

'25

Colonel Floyd E. Dunn
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The February 26 meeting at West Point was both interesting and entertaining. The highlight was the report on the Sylvanus Thayer election to the Hall of Fame and the ceremony planned at N.Y.U. in May. General Crittenger was honored for his tenacious efforts which finally brought success. It was a pleasure to meet the new Superintendent and to hear his fine report.

Personally, our first stop was the Athletic Office where we enjoyed a great visit with Red Reeder, the author of *Born at Reveille* and also took part in an interesting review of the career of Eddie Doyle.

Zed Emerson writes that he sees a lot of '23 and some '24 in his area and that Ruth and Zed, with the Chic Whites ('23) spent three weeks in Mexico after Christmas. They plan to visit N.Y. in April, then a trip to Bermuda, followed by an Alaskan tour.

Elinor Evans keeps busy running two desks

You know where You are, and
You know where We are, but
We don't always know where You are.
Keep Us Posted On Your Address.

as the local president of the Pi Phi's in El Paso.

Russ Finn reports that Colby Myers laid a tile floor in a part of his fine San Diego home and engineered same to 1/1000 of an inch!

Cecile Harper still has their large home in Mitchell, South Dakota, and has enough business and management interests to keep busy.

Robertson returned from a month at Miami Beach in time for Founders Day at Fort Jay (19 March). Sporting heavy coat of tan.

Yvonne Torbett included news of daughter Adah whose husband (now deceased) was an attorney for AT&T in Detroit.

Ray Barton planned on going to the Presidio for Founders Day. Dottie Pheris says son Bill discovered two classmates in his Navy class whose fathers were our '25. Daughter Sandy is still at Savannah.

Don Bratton is now retired and has moved back into his old house ('56) in Phoenix (2536 W. Avalon Drive). Busy with needed renovation after renting out so long. "Square" is still glowing about the good Navy game get-together.

Viola Bell has both children nearby—daughter Florence is with Equitable Life Insurance, and Arleigh Jr., is working for his doctorate in Economics. All three spent two weeks at Aspen for skiing.

Bill Lord writes that Son #1 operates the Pocono Shooting Center (400 acres), #2 is an engineer in Verona, N.J. (home of Johnnie Roosma '26 also), and #3 is an audio-visual director in Colorado. Arline and Bill have visited the historic Upper Canada Village restoration as well as Quebec and Montreal.

Helen Maier is at 800 Ardmore Avenue, Ardmore, Pa., but is planning a move (permanent) to Chicago.

Colby Myers wrote quite a letter re their new home area. We gathered that the native Californians don overcoats and start shivering when the thermometer drops to 50 degrees; also, a rain heavy enough to wet the roof ranks as a flood and calls for disaster relief. He says they encountered our old instructors, Worsham and Joe Grant, at a social event.

Tillie and Henry Strickland made a trip to Florida (not a vacation) due to the passing of Tillie's sister, Mrs. Charles West (he, our old Law P.). Strick is normally well wrapped up in his golf on the Maryland courses nearby.

H.M. Daniels ('26) sent a Cleveland newspaper clipping outlining the difficulty Pete Hurd has in keeping LBJ quiet on the Presidential Hot Seat while Pete completes his portrait. H.M. is located at 2031 Rossmoor Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118.

Nettie Black greatly appreciated the flowers sent for John at West Point. Her address: Box 26, Wayne, Pa.

Pete Liwski drew his share of praise at the local Founders Day dinner for his work with outstanding HS students here. We read that Pete Jr., presented a paper on Electronics to a distinguished gathering of engineers at an East Coast Conference on Aerospace in Baltimore. Guess Henrietta set a good example to both generations of L's.

Frances and Nick Nicholas enjoyed a visit

with daughter Kitty (Mrs. R.A. Lee) in Puerto Rico.

Bee Holland has some very fine color pictures taken at the shore while visiting her brother and family. They are almost as sharp as those Diz Barnes showed us on his screen at a class luncheon.

We trust the spring buck-up will increase our volume of printable news—actually the mail is just starting to come in again since the holidays.

Write more regularly, and please don't omit the addresses of daughters and sons.

'26

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The most difficult requirement for any class Scribe is to report the loss of a classmate or of an immediate member of a classmate's family. In this issue, we regret that we must report three losses.

Jimmy Davidson entered Walter Reed GH early in March and on the 8th underwent surgery for a serious vascular disorder. Post-operative complications developed and Jimmy died one week later. The Class thereby has lost a true friend and much respected member. Funeral services were held in the Fort Myer chapel on 21 March, followed by interment with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. Jimmy is survived by daughters Jane (who resided with her father) and Edris (Mrs. Hodgson) whose husband is assigned to Hq USEUCOM. Class representatives at the service included: Barbour, Barney, de Shazo, Furman, Halversen, Leon Johnson, McDaniel, Munson, Nelson, Purcell, Sims, Stanton, Strickler, and Eleanor Walker.

The entire Class has expressed condolences to Flossie and Strick Strickler, whose son, Captain J.C. Jr. (CE), lost his life on 20 January as the result of an accident while on duty in South Vietnam. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery 1 February. In addition to his parents, John is survived by his wife Anne and three children: John 6, Lynne, 4, and Lyle, 18 months. Anne and her children reside with her mother in Tenafly, N.J.

The Class also extends its sympathy to Dick McMaster, whose father, Colonel Richard H. McMaster, long-time resident of the Army-Navy Club, died in Washington on April 2d. Interment took place in Arlington.

Our Class has developed several prominent "producers." Boone Gross produced razor blades, Pete Hurd produced paintings, Ludy Toftoy produced missiles, Lyman Munson produced movies, and Red Reeder has produced books. Congratulations to Red on his latest: *Born at Reveille*. According to our records, this is his 22d publication, and we hope they will continue to appear.

Red Corderman checked in on one of his ROA business trips to Washington. Virginia and Red had just returned from a Caribbean cruise. It was one of the famous Goren cruises, but Red said he (personally) did not lock horns with the master.

In the last issue we mentioned a few of our classmates who are "presidents." We are sure that one of the busiest is Harry Storke. He has been President of Worcester Polytechnic Institute since 1962 and is really enthused about the faculty, training, careful selection of students, expansion program, etc. In his spare time Harry has a few extra-curricular activities some of which are: a director of the Worcester County National Bank (anyone for a loan?), the American Red Cross, the Chamber of Commerce, and

the Worcester Orchestral Society. He is also involved with the Paul Revere Variable Annuity Contract Fund, the Newcomen Society, and is a member of the Worcester Club, Tatnuck Club, Rotary Club, St. Wulstan Society, and (of course) the Worcester Fire Society. We hope Harry will send in a picture wearing his Fire Chief's hat! Lois and Harry say the latchstring is always out, but how can they have time for transient visitors? Harry says the only activity he is going to improve is the basketball team which was given a lesson by WP last December.

Harry Storke sent us a copy of a letter by the executive vice president of The Lumsum Company announcing the retirement of Bill Creasy as vice president for industrial relations. Bill joined the company in 1958 and his future address is 613 West 27th, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601.

Last January a Canadian goose honked by and dropped a letter from Bo Riggs who was unable to dig himself out of the snow in Winnipeg, Manitoba. We lost track of Bo several years ago when he took his family to England. They have a house near Southampton where Eileen has been with Sharon who is finishing high school and has taken the entrance exams and hopes to enter a Stateside college. Bo is with the Federal Electric Corporation and has been stationed in Winnipeg for two years. He has to visit the arctic sites on the DEW line and manages to get in some fishing and hunting. Eileen and Sharon visit Bo during the summer, and he spends his Christmas holidays with them in England. Bo's son, Guy, is married and is teaching science in the Alamo Heights HS in San Antonio. Bo reports that Liz and Sibyl Plummer were mighty good company, but they deserted him in May 1965, and moved to Montreal.

Herb Ehrgott is probably farther away from the "old gray walls" than anyone. However, he answers his mail and we wish others would do that or get their wives to do so. Herb reports (from Perth) that the formative period in the construction of a \$150 million iron-ore project is trying. (We hope he has his *Hudson's Manual* and his slide rule.) He says actual construction should start the summer of 1966 and that then things may be more hectic but easier.

Alex Sewall, who for many years has chronicled the events of the characters in the San Francisco Bay Area, has re-retired. We thank him for efficient past services. The new scribe is Spud Murphy, and we know he was absent when the vote was taken. The following is Spud's contribution to this issue:

"The annual dinner dance of the West Point Society of San Francisco Bay Area was held at the Presidio on January 21. The Class was represented by the Hawthornes, Sewalls, Matthiases, and Murphys. Prior to the dinner, Louise and Bill Hawthorne hosted a delightful cocktail party at their home on the slopes of Mount Davidson from which there is a gorgeous view of the city and bay.

"Later on in the month Anky Ankenbrandt was in town on a business and banquet visit for RCA. Big and Bob Nourse had a nice, noisy cocktail and dinner party for him at their home in Greenbrae. Marjorie and Brookner Brady, Charlotte and Norm Matthias, Louise and Bill Hawthorne, and Gen and Spud Murphy were there.

"Aline and Art Kirchoff are approaching the finish of their house remodeling. They have been at it for about a year. There's a wonderful view from their place in Tiburon; from the house they can see the city and the great stretches of the bay, with Racoon Straits and Angel Island in the foreground. At night

it is particularly spectacular. Art, and such of his sons as may be at home, has done much of the work himself and acts as his own contractor for those portions that are sub-contracted. Their oldest son, Bob, works at Cape Kennedy and is involved in the design of computer systems for the moon shot. The middle son, Bill, attends classes at College of Marin and also works as a recreation director for the town of Tiburon. The youngest son, David, is a junior at San Francisco State. Art and Aline have had their share of troubles lately. Aline's father, Col. R.S. Williams (Ret.), died New Year's Eve and necessitated her presence in North Carolina for some weeks. He was buried in the National Cemetery in Wilmington. Mrs. Williams will continue to live at Carolina Beach.

"Art himself has been having some problems but doesn't allow them to keep him from working on the landscaping of the house nor from active, and I mean active, supervision of the sub-contracts. As may be remembered, he had heart surgery several years ago which prevented for a time two other needed operations. These were finally performed successively during the past year, and just as he was recovering nicely from the last one in late December, Art had a small stroke from which he is now recovering nicely. Even this hasn't taken the steam out of his building efforts."

When Don Booth was on the Joint Staff in 1948-50, the Washington winters kept him indoors so he surrounded his living room with tanks of tropical fish. He now reports from Santa Barbara (where he went after retirement in 1962) that he still has tropical fish, but they have to play second fiddle to outside fishing (both fresh and saltwater), gardening, bowling, and golf. Both Ro and Don enjoy their house, the surroundings, the climate—and retirement.

Guy Henderson writes from Grand Prairie, Texas, that Mary and he have decided to settle there (except for trips). Guy had a bout with spondylitis but has regained his health. Since leaving the Army Air Corps, Guy has been Civil Engineer for both Dallas and Los Angeles; test pilot and flying instructor for North American; and flight test analyst, tool designer and tooling inspector for Chance Vought. The Henderson's address is 1821 Balla Way, which is convenient to Dallas, Fort Worth, and Carswell AFB, and Guy says the latchstring it always out.

Ralph Osborne reports from San Antonio that activities such as chamber of commerce, ROA, and caring for the manse, interfere with his hunting trips. However, his last safari produced a wild turkey. Jimmy and Nell Burwell live nearby, and Ralph says Bill Dean has added a ranch to his holdings in order to take the edge off their two teenage boys. Johnny (AH) Johnson lives in the "valley" and maintains ranches for private hunting. Ralph says Frank Miter (also in El Paso with Dick McMaster) has joined with Dick in the teaching profession.

Items from Florida: Hazel Toftoy sent in an interesting newspaper article about Pete Hurd. Pete lives on his ranch west of Roswell, N.Mex., and is currently working on the third picture of President Johnson he has been commissioned to paint. Pete has made several trips to the White House and to the LBJ Ranch, and the present picture is to be an unofficial one for the Johnson family. Chuck Toftoy (see last issue) returned from duty in South Vietnam in January, and Hazel says he collected more decorations than Ludy did in 34 years. Ludy has retired from his position as consultant with Northrop and is

at last enjoying the retirement to which he is entitled.

Johnny Perman (Sarasota) has been with Waddell & Reed (mutual funds) for the last four years. Ginnie and Johnny are very pleased with their retirement spot. Elder son, Bob, has a law office in El Paso, and younger son, Jonathan (16), is a junior in high school.

The Clearwater Condons remain prominently in the news. Greasy was elected president of Clearwater Federal at the annual meeting in January. (The Class is producing more "presidents" than our research staff can keep up with.) Greasy took time off to go fishing with Ken McNaughton in March. Ruth is active with the local Red Cross in the "Service-to-Military-Families" section. Daughter Catherine made her debut on 29 December with 17 other local belles. Greasy said she looked lovely, and we are wondering if perhaps he may be slightly prejudiced. Cathy is a junior at Queens College, Charlotte, N.C., and she has hereby earned the approbation of our entire Class for inaugurating a campaign to encourage college students to write to servicemen in South Vietnam. The movement has spread, and it is estimated that Westy Westmoreland has received for distribution more than 4,500 letters and cards. Well done, Cathy!

Greasy reports Jack and Lucy Ryan have left the West Coast and now reside at 514 Andros Lane, Indian Harbour Beach. Their home is on the water and near Patrick AFB.

Greasy also informs us that Hertz Baxter has deserted Clearwater and has moved north near his home town of Chester. We hear he taught school for a while and is now affiliated with the Pennsylvania State Liquor Commission. Could this help us for Homecoming?

One Floridian who has solved the hustle and bustle problem is Bill Laidlaw. They built the 13th house on a lake at Coronado Pines, which is three miles from Oklawaha. Our research pinpoints this as about 50 miles northwest of Orlando. They bought the lot three years before Bill retired from the White Sands Missile Range in 1960. Wilma did the furnishings and Bill is the outside yard man. Their daughter is married to Major Mackintosh (son of Hugh Mackintosh '29), presently stationed at Belvoir with a four-year-old son. Son, Captain Laidlaw, is stationed in Germany with his wife and two sons, aged five and one. Bill says he may be off the beaten track, but the place is easy to find and the latchstring is out.

In his letter, Harry Storke mentioned a trip to Williamsburg where he talked to Gwen Reeve. He missed Parker who is affiliated with Colonial Williamsburg in an engineering capacity.

From the Washington scene: Some 490 alumni and guests were present at the Founders Day dinner at Fort Myer. We were represented by: Baird, Barbour, Barney, Collins, Johnson (Leon), Munson, and Nelson. One of our group suggested that a title other than "Founders Day" be given to this annual celebration (sounds too much like Foundation Day).

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This has been a light quarter, but a noteworthy one.

The annual Founders Day dinner for the West Point Society of D.C. was on 11 March at Patton Hall, Fort Myer. The large dining

hall was indeed packed with the 500 who could be accommodated from the some 800 members of the area Society. The formal program was conducted with becoming unity and dispatch, from the presentation of colors by the Old Guard at Fort Myer and the invocation by the Reverend Mariner C.G. Smith, ex-27. General Crittenberger reported happily upon the election at long last of Sylvanus Thayer to the Hall of Fame at N.Y.U., where formal installation will be made on 15 May. As is customary, awards were presented for outstanding football and leadership capability and for scholastic achievement to two seniors and two juniors from secondary schools in the Metropolitan Area. Cadet Captain Samuel W. Bartholomew was the speaker from the Academy. The principal address was a fine one based upon the Vietnamese war by the Chief of Staff, General Harold K. Johnson '33. An unusual musical highlight was the singing of the popular "Ballad of the Green Berets" by its composer, Staff Sergeant Barry Sadler, up from Fort Bragg especially for the occasion. Class representatives were Mac Miller, Jack Hines, Ted Brown, Frank Ostenberg, Bert Holtzworth, Charles Bixel, Woody Burgess, Bill Pence, Ralph Zwicker, and Jerry Lillard.

The only other Founders Day report to reach the copy desk in time for this issue was Bobby Lowe's copy of the program for the one sponsored by Eighth U.S. Army, in Seoul, on 12 March. Bob stated that although this was his fifth such dinner in Korea, it was his first to be on the program for "Remarks by the Oldest Graduate." With his usual candor, Bob, not being exactly infatuated with public speaking, was "sorely tempted to 'deadbeat' the meeting, but I am glad that I resisted this temptation, and with inspiration received as the meeting progressed—especially hearing the Cadet Prayer again after so many years—was able to respond with a few remarks, apparently well received." Your Scribe, temporarily assuming his occupational hat as teacher of secondary English, ahem, ahem, finds that the accompanying outline, inked on the program of Old Grad Lowe's remarks, is well organized, that it blends fact, fancy, and emotional references in a concrete way, and that it shows careful editing right up to the last emphatic item. Thus, Bob Lowe is given a cold 3.0 for what is certainly one of the first appearances as Oldest Graduate Present of a member of our comparatively youthful Class.

On other items, Bob reported that he and Katherine, on vacation in February, had visited Fort Stotsenberg, "our old stamping grounds," although now Clark AFB. For five fine days at Camp John Hay, Baguio, "through friends in State," they were quartered in the beautiful Embassy Residence. Bob found he was no longer the "mountain goat of 1935 to 1937" on the steep hills of the golf course. The Lowes wound up their vacation with four days in Hong Kong, "one of our favorite places." They still like Korea, too, it seems, but are thinking ahead: "We would like very much to get home for our 40th Reunion."

Dorothea and Frank Ostenberg returned on 1 February from Dorothea's participation as one of the 100 finalists in Pillsbury's 17th Bake-Off in the San Francisco Hilton on 23-24 January. Although she did not run off with prize money, she did appear on TV, as observed at least in the Washington area, and apparently had an interesting experience throughout. She and Frank reported enjoying

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especially Paul and Mary Berrigan's cocktail gathering preceding a big West Point dinner-dance at the Presidio, one which gave opportunity to see classmates and wives galore. Ruth Roth and Betty Hocker even attended the Bake-Off, giving their moral support to Dorothea. Other Bake-Off entertainment included banquets at the Fairmont and Mark Hopkins and tourist trips around the city. On their return trip, the Ostensbergs came through Los Angeles, surveying Disneyland and the motion-picture studios, and arrived back in Alexandria just as the biggest snow of the century had sifted down on Virginia and the East Coast.

Through error of the Scribe, an item of sad importance was omitted from the Spring ASSEMBLY. No reference was made to the tragically sudden death on 28 November in Washington of Mary and Olaf Kyster's daughter, Mary Elizabeth Scott, wife of Major Gilbert T. Scott '52, son of Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Stanley L. Scott '16, of Alexandria, Va. The three surviving young children—a daughter and two sons—are residing with Mary in Chevy Chase while Major Scott is serving in the Dominican Republic. To Mary and all the family the condolence of the Class is extended.

Charles Hutchison sent in the news of the death by heart attack in Honolulu on 26 January of William K. Blaisdell ex-27, where Bill was Fire Chief, a post he had reached in 1959 culminating 34 years with the Honolulu Fire Department. Surviving are his wife, Mina; three sons, William, Wallace, and Richard; two daughters, Venus Porter and Louise Minton; and three brothers, Neal, the Mayor of Honolulu, James, and Arthur. Many of the Class had seen Bill over the past years, and all recall his famous football record. Burial was in Oahu Cemetery.

Hutch also reported the January visit of son, Captain Joseph W. Hutchison, enroute to Vietnam, as a military advisor, following language training at the Presidio of Monterey. Charles Jr. is with the Southern Railroad at Atlanta.

On 25 March, at Boone, Iowa, occurred the death of Jean Burgess's mother, Mrs. Orpha F. Daniel, 89. The sympathy of the Class is extended.

From Jean and Willis Matthews, sunning or something at Hotel Sonno in Japan, came a card which traced their peregrinations through Hawaii, Yokohama, Okinawa, Taipei, Hong Kong, Macao, and back to Taipei, Okinawa, and Tokyo. Jean remarked, "We have been here since February 19. I never will be able to get back to housework. I am planning another trip as soon as possible! We should be home around the middle of April. We won't be able to waddle off the boat." All of this reported fun has also spared them the snows of Washington.

Jack Spurgeon, out Ohio way, as an amateur reviewer of sports literature, it is presumed, cited some "amusing auditory errors" in Jack Clary's *Army vs. Navy: Seventy-five Years of Football Rivalry*: 1) "Braidster led his teammates in a Long-Four Yell"; and 2) "Sasse in his cavalry uniform with peeled boots." Along with the chuckles come some memories.

Bob Lowe's reference above to the 40th Reunion deserves some comment. Woody Burgess states that Ray Bell, our man on the ground, has already arranged for the billeting of all who so desire at Bear Mountain Inn for that great gathering. Woody further asserts that Reunion poop will be forthcoming soon.

So farewell for this issue. Again and again and again may it be requested that all and sundry dash off card, letter, or something written, that may go to expand the record for the next ASSEMBLY.

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Col. John D. Billingsley
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There have been no further receipts to our 40th Reunion Fund since the last issue of ASSEMBLY.

Norm and Jane Reed Webb reported on their recent trip to La Jolla, California, as follows: "We spent the whole month of February and really had a ball. All our classmates were just wonderful to us. We got together with Red and Pinkie Brown. They have a lovely house in La Mesa. Alice and Jack Mills live in Delmar, and they took us to lunch out at the Rancho Sante Fe Inn where Roland Brown and his wife joined us. We went up to Disneyland and that was a fabulous trip. Of course Disneyland being in Anaheim, Forrest Allen and his wife came over to see us that night, and we all caught up on the poop. Of course we saw Kay and Bunker, for they, too, live in La Jolla. Bunk has lost quite a bit of weight and looks better for it. He has a boat which he has a lot of fun tinkering around with. We called Ruth and Ralph Sievers, but they were both down with the flu so we didn't get to see them. More and more of our classmates seem to be rotating to California to find their place in the sun."

Harry Weiner reports that the class of 1928 was fairly well represented at the 164th Anniversary Founders Day dinner at Fort Sam Houston. Attending were: Cole, Harbold, Hastings, Willette, and Weiner. Bill Greear '29 (ex-'28) was M.C.

Skippy Harbold writes: "Steve and I went on a South American junket as escort to and by courtesy of, mother-in-law. Saw Bob Fleming, Governor of the Zone, on the way. That is one job where one is truly lord of all he surveys. Skip Seeman is visiting family in Texas City—tried to get them up for the WP dinner. Dottie Olds is visiting sister—Thayer is digging for water (fresh) on an island in the Bahamas. Buster Briggs moved to Albuquerque a year ago. His unabated pace, the altitude, or something aroused a coronary reaction. Doing O.K. on last report. He has been down here since, Board of Directors meeting, Kelly Field Bank. Although there have been a few additions of people of our vintage lately, none are '28. I did talk to Al Parham, however, who has been with his son, a minister, in Pleasanton, Texas. Expect to be East in June, but will be attending another graduation. Son Butch, USMA '56, completes medical school at George Washington."

For those of you who may not be aware of it, many of the class sons are performing outstandingly in Vietnam. Among them are: Blair, Nadal, and Webb who have distinguished themselves.

'29

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March saw our last four major generals, Active Army—Bullock, Mackintosh, Sands, and Seitz—removed therefrom. Bullock, Deputy CG, Third Army, and Mackintosh, CG, QM Center and Fort Lee, both jumped the gun early in the month, had their retirement festivities then, collected their well-earned DSM's, and were on their way. (Was there ever a DSM that wasn't well-earned? Yes, certainly. But not in these cases.) Both Bullock and Mackintosh headed, but separately and *en famille*, for Travis AFB and the delights of hoped-for space-available to Tokyo, via MAC. (MATS to you, my boy.) Bill and Missy Bullock will return to reside in Atlanta after journeying as far west as Karachi and as far south as Australia and New Zealand.

Mac and Bonnie Mackintosh will visit their daughter, son-in-law, and four grandchildren in Japan for an extended period and make many side trips therefrom. If their money holds out, says Mac, they will go from Japan to London and use that as another base to visit many places. Duration of all this: 3-6 months. Location on return to the U.S.: unstated. (The Washington group naturally hopes it will be with us, for Mac and Bonnie, though over 100 miles away at Ft. Lee, have been a part of us, commuting regularly for class functions. We want to keep it that way.)

Jeff Seitz retired from the position of Sp Asst to the CG, First Army w/sta at Governors Island, having assumed that position from his former post of Deputy CG when First Army moved to Ft. Meade. From personal observation it can be reported that Seitz's retirement ceremony at Meade in late March was a howling (literally) success and a bright and happy occasion, as well as a poignant one—as all such occasions should be.

The weather cooperated beautifully—up to a point. A crystal-clear, brilliantly sunny day, rather crisp for an outside ceremony, just crisp enough to make the long-retired feel—or think they felt—that they were damn glad they didn't have to be out in cold weather unless they wanted to be. Wentworth, as senior class officer in the area (Lindsey was on his annual southern hegira), headed the attendees, cadet-class-wise. Freeman, who pinned the well-earned DSM, 1st OLC, on Jeff's well-endowed chest (as he previously had on Bullock's same), and Smith F.H. Jr., who contributed nothing but his sparkling personality (a thoroughly sufficient contribution, I assure you), headed the classmates, service-rank-wise. Vickery and Thompson W.J., were the file closers.

Jeff's two brothers, George M. Seitz and Collins J. Seitz, and his sister, Dr. Margaret J. Seitz, all of Wilmington, Del.,—the family has been there since The Flood, practically—were present to add a fine family note to the occasion. Collins Seitz, a Federal Judge, had just been nominated to a seat on the next higher U.S. Court, which sits in Philadelphia—roughly the equivalent of at least a 3-star promotion, I'd say—so we had the pleasure of congratulating two Seitzes for the price of one.

After the outside ceremony, the ladies departed for their own luncheon, and Bill Train (Lt. Gen. '31) and his First Army staff provided the rest of us with an elegant stag luncheon that would have turned pea-green with envy such establishments as Maxim's

or Tour d'Argent. (I speak from nostalgic experience.) Jeff Seitz—and all of us too, of course—lapped it all up, he in his characteristically, carelessly elegant, and carefree fashion.

Jeff and Jessie Royce Landis Seitz (she was recently on TV as an agent of THRUSH in an U.N.C.L.E. show—try *those* initials on your decoder) have taken an apartment in Mayfair Towers, 15 W. 72d St., in New York, and will perambulate to and fro between that establishment and their place on Old Branchville Road in Ridgefield, Conn. ("No state income tax in Connecticut," says Jeff. "Yet," say I.) Jeff is still full of that same good old British Science. When queried as to his occupational plans he drawled, and I quote, *verbatim* (Freddie Smith says how else do you quote, but him I'm ignoring. *Verbatim* adds a touch of authority, authenticity, and scholarship—qualities we all could use more of. I quote Seitz's drawl, then, *verbatim*): "Oh, I shall probably sit on a number of boards." And he probably will.

Actually, Jeff is a part-time, maybe a nearly full-time, writer. He writes cook books. That epicurean luncheon was particularly appropriate. He has published one cook book, *Short Cookery* by J.F.R. Seitz, and has another one half-finished and as yet untitled. I proposed *Long Cookery*, by J.F.R. Seitz, but he was unimpressed.

Tommy Sands's retirement from the position of Chief, Army Audit Agency and the award of the DSM took place in the office of the C/S, USA, in the Pentagon on 31 March. Classmates attending were Wentworth, *ex officio*; Nichols K.D., to lend intellectual tone and financial and social prestige (see below); and Thompson W.J., amanuensis of the guard. All, too, are longtime old friends of Tommy and Renée Sands and were happy indeed to be aboard as witnesses and celebrants at the stag ceremony.

Son Richard Sands, now back from duty with the 14th Armd Cav Regt in Germany and working for the First National City Bank in New York, was a surprise witness, though Tommy Sands didn't act *too* surprised when he walked in and saw Richard. He must have guessed. Richard had been spirited into the Pentagon that morning through the efficient services of the people in Tommy's office.

The C/S USA, Johnson H.K. '33, paid high tribute to Sands's long and distinguished service before the reading of the official citation for the DSM. Tommy and Renée Sands' retirement plans have already been reported in these annals. They are unchanged and will not be repeated. If you're a careless reader, you'll never know.

This reporter can testify, from personal knowledge and observation over a period of more years than it would be kind to all of us to specify, that each of the DSM's awarded to our last four active-duty major generals was truly well-earned. The class congratulates each one on his stamina, fortitude, and distinguished service, and wishes them all and their families all good things forever after. Don Zimmerman has sent each one a letter formally expressing the congratulations and pride of the Class in their performance of duty. Now there are only two of us left—Freeman at CONARC and Lincoln at USMA. Long may they reign.

Now a quick round-up of spot news from the various Founders Day dinners—quick because the Editor has enjoined us all, *after* 1925, to please be less garrulous. Oh well; R.H.I.P. and Age Hath Too. In four years, I presume, *we* can be as garrulous as we wish. For the moment all I can say is "I'll

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1929: Wentworth, Thompson W.J., Freeman, Seitz, Vickrey, and Smith F.H. Jr., at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

try, Sir," but it ain't gonna be easy. After all, I have practically an official license to be garrulous: the citation for my retirement LM included the phrase—*epithet* would be a more precise word, I suppose—"Unusually articulate. . . ." But enough of this.

. . . Enov of ziss loff-making. . . To the round-up: Washington Area, Fort Myer Club. Attendees: Graul, Jones S.W., Lindsey, McNally, Nichols K.D., Smith F.H. Jr., Svensson (a delightful surprise attendee), Thompson W.J., Vander Heide, Vittrup, and Wentworth. McKee sent his regrets that a West Coast trip in re the Super-Sonic Transport intervened. Spot news about some people: Don and Maggie Graul were just back from a trip to Florida to start staking out plans for a new home base away from the winter weather, against the time when Don decides to give up working for COMSAT—which we all hope will be far-distant. The Grauls have a new grandbaby, a charming little girl, Sharon, daughter of son Philip and daughter-in-law Bonnie. This in addition to the instant grandchildren (Maggie Graul's phrase) acquired when daughter Margie married a young widower with four small children and went off to become chatelaine of the household of a gentleman rancher in Sheridan, Wyo.

Lindsey was taking off a few days after the dinner for his annual southern missionary trip on behalf of the Distaff Hall—and for golf. And for seeing classmates (George and Dot Lynch gave a party for Jupe and Judy in Columbus which Phil and Ethel Draper had to miss, being in residence at their Ft. Lauderdale place.) And for golf and seeing relatives at Pinehurst—son Bobby Lindsey, Major, USA '56, and daughter-in-law Mary Anne briefly in North Carolina to check on Major Lindsey's prospective Special Forces training at Fort Bragg prior to his going to Vietnam in the fall.

Nick and Jackie Nichols have sold their imposing California Street townhouse here in D.C. and will move just a short jump across the river to Rosslyn, Va.—a new high-rise apartment house in which they have taken an eleventh floor apartment with a fine view of the Potomac and the central Washington city. (WJT: "Why not the penthouse, Nick?" Nick: "Frankly, we got there too late.") The Nicholsons are building a new house on their Maryland farm and will divide their time between farm and the city. Nick is always dashing off all over the world, by jet, of course, to set up an air-defense system for Ngusland or to advise on peaceful atomic

energy for Blukahana, or some such. Luckily, he was able to sandwich in the Sands retirement between two such trips.

Freddie and Martha Smith were recently back in town after several months in La Jolla, Calif., where Freddie was engaged in special studies for Ryan Aircraft. These con-



1929: Sands (left) is congratulated by Army Chief of Staff Johnson following presentation of DSM to Sands.

tinue, but he is again Washington-based. Swede Svensson, in pursuit of a Ph.D. from the U. of Denver, is to be in the Washington area for several months, doing research for his doctoral dissertation on the planning for the military occupation of Japan.

Bill and Nell Thompson were just back



1929: (L. to. r.): Freeman, interested but skeptical; Seitz, vehement; and Train '31, detached and amused—at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

from a week's visit to New York for battery recharging and show-going. "Sweet Charity" with Gwen Verdon—see it if you can beg, borrow, or bribe yourself into possession of tickets. "Skyscraper"—see this only if Julie Harris is a particular favorite. Except for her, the show never gets off the ground. "Hogan's Goat"—by all means see this, if you like a well-written and skillfully constructed play, a comi-tragedy, and if you appreciate superlative acting. It's tops on all those counts. Since New York was a second hometown to all of us for four years, some city news items: the *Times* (Square) Building has been encased in white marble and is now Allied Chemical. The flashing news bulletin still runs. They're tearing down and rebuilding the whole city. The Astor Hotel will soon be demolished. Penn Station looks like bombed-out Germany in 1945. A new Madison Sq. Garden will arise there. The Savoy Plaza Hotel, one of the great landmarks of the plaza area and Fifth Ave., is being dismantled—brick by brick, it appears—to make way for a new GM Bldg. Fifth Ave., from about 46th St. up to the plaza and Central Park, is still one of the most elegant and invigorating streets in the world. Would I live there, "even if they gave me the place?" I sure would. End of travelogue.

At the Washington dinner, Herb Vander Heide said he and Dottie were, and still are, we trust, looking forward to providing the grounds, etc., of their Potomac River place for the summer picnic of the Washington group. Slim and Muriel Vittrup are settling into their new Mount Vernon Parkway house—"But slowly, slowly," says Slim. Dick and Isabel Wentworth continue to be established in their Aurora Hills house in very nearby Arlington, one of the best locations in the metropolitan area, with Dick immersed in teaching the calculus and related math to Shad's cadet candidates, and Isabel feeling and looking wonderful, and seeing wonderfully well, after her years of finally-overcome cataract troubles.

Orlando AFB Club. From DuBose. Attendance: himself, Cook, and Fellows. The new Dean, Jannarone '38, impressed all with a review of the present-day curriculum and created nostalgia (in DuBose, at least) when he showed slides indicating the leveling of the 18th, 19th, and 20th divisions of barracks.

Tampa, Fla. International Inn. From Ward. He and Rasmussen attended. The Wards had recently had the Hamlins as their guests and had assembled the Rasmussens, the Jimmy Stephensons, and the Hugh Stevensons (in Florida in their mobile home to escape the D.C. weather, and were they ever smart)

for a get-together with Bill and Ruth Hamlin. Ward sends a plea for a '29 HOWITZER. His three were lost in a fire some time back. He will "hook, crook, or purchase," he says. Anyone who can provide him with one now, communicate direct with him at 205 Poinciana Lane, Largo, Fla. 33540. (Bob, if no one else produces, I have two spares, at least, and will provide you with one, some day. My spares are still "packed away." The trouble with buying a house with a full basement on retirement is that it stays full, of the boxed and trunk-locked impedimenta of half a lifetime. I keep telling Nell: (1) I have only been retired five . . . six years; and (2) Rome was not built in a day. But even so she gets restive occasionally, when passing through the basement, in spite of the influence of such logical and factual statements.) The Wards are happy that Bill and Dot McCulla recently made a flying visit to Florida and quickly bought a house diagonally across the street from them in Largo—"a sunny second home to winter in," says Bob. (Florida Tourist Adv. No charge.)

Hawaii. Fort Shafter Club. Chandler was the sole survivor of '29 in the Golden Isles. Chan turned 60 a few days after the dinner and I phoned him from here (1:30 p.m.-8:30 a.m. in Honolulu; call went through just like direct dialing) to commiserate and congratulate. Chan and Jo's son Robert (Hap) hopes to acquire his M.A. from the U. of California at Riverside in June. All A's last semester. No problem, I judge.

San Francisco Bay Area. Presidio Club. From Theimer. Attendees: Brownlee, who scrubbed the teaching of a scheduled fencing class to be there; Coolidge, looking for a golf game to augment his retired pay; Cooper A.B., retired broker, who now races a sailboat around the Bay; Hail, house-modernizing in Sausalito and active in the People-to-People program; Theimer, who has just become a broker (one out, one in); and Wright, who with his Marjorie, was to attend the graduation of Wright E. III, '66, in June. (Anyone later? Certain? Prospective?)

Other news centering around the Bay Area dinner. The Ed Wrights are still very much in the education-of-the-young business. Their daughter Taril attends the Castillejo School in Palo Alto, and son Jim is a freshman at Michigan State. Allene Viney's European tour was partly frustrated, not to say fractured, by a broken leg in mid-January. Hospitalized at first in Wiesbaden, she then was moved to Letterman and was to graduate to crutches, then a cane, in mid-April. Our commiserations, Allene. (She says it was still a wonderful trip, fractured or not.) Jim and Marge Sladen visited San Francisco in late March after a stay with Dutch and Betty Kraus in Pebble Beach. Marge, too, has been fractured—a broken ankle. Again, our commiserations. (We must all be very careful. We are not as old as we once were.)

San Antonio. Fort Sam Houston Club. From Hammack. Attendees: Cuno, Greear, Hammack, Jark, Mace, Poorman, Robbins (from Austin), and Vestal. Greear again the toastmaster, and again, superlative. Lou Hammack gave up the presidency of the local WP Society last year to chair the Admissions Group. Tough and frustrating job, he says. Big pro-pay problem. (Note by WJT: Re Jark, above: I learned at the Seitz festivities that Mrs. Carl H. Jark, the former Caroline Miller Burns, is the sister of our own Whitside. Nobody ever tells me anything—anything printable, that is. You have to be a first-class snoop in this business. My regrets to Caroline, Tiny, and Whitside for not hav-

ing adequately stressed, in the earlier recording, a top-flight merger of '29ers.)

Monterey, Calif. From Kraus. Attendees: Rau, Kraus, and Carns, the latter this time with his classmates rather than at the head table. (All grandeur passes, Bat, in case you hadn't heard.) Michael Carns, AF, USAFA '59, who had flown out for a visit with his parents, was also permitted to attend the dinner. Monterey almost had Sladen, but he pursued better salmon fishing farther north.

Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz. From Greeley. He made the dinner, but Robey was lacking. (Pearl works in Phoenix and commutes between there and Tucson, which gives him quite a schedule.) Brendan and Marion Greeley are lacking any in-house children now. Youngest daughter, Margaret, was married last summer to John B. Kartin of Tucson, now a medical student at Marquette U., Milwaukee, where the young couple experienced a most un-Tucson-like winter. B. McKay Jr., Capt., Marine Corps, '61, has been flying jet fighters in Vietnam and was expected back in the States in a month or two. Older daughter, Anita (with the four grandchildren), is at Little Creek, Va., where her Armor lieutenant colonel husband is on duty with the Navy. Unification. B. McKay Sr., says being librarian at the U. of Arizona is fine—stimulating enough to keep him on the alert, and demanding enough to keep him out of trouble. A fine combination.

We note with sadness the passing of Sidney Andrew Ofsthun and Wesley Carlton Wilson. Sid Ofsthun died at La Jolla, Calif., on 10 Nov 1965. He had been retired for physical disability since 1957. Dottie Ofsthun's address is Box 511, Del Mar, Calif. Wes Wilson, who had retired at his own request in 1957, died at Bismarck, N.Dak., on 11 Jan 1966 from a heart attack. Wes had taught history at Bismarck State College for several years and had recently acquired a Ph.D. from the U. of Colorado. Helen Wilson's address is 718 N. 4th St., Bismarck. The Class extends sincere condolences and deep sympathy to the Ofsthun and Wilson families.

Wes Wilson's Ph.D. raises the question "How many doctors of philosophy do we have?" I put this question to Nichols K.D., and he said, "Don't know, but I have one." (Nick always has at least one of everything.) I say that Nick's doctorate is probably the earliest in the Class. He received it from the State U. of Iowa in 1937. All Ph.D.'s report to the stoops of barracks. Write in, scholars, for historical purposes.

I am nearly out of space. If you don't see these words in print I am already out of space. "Burn before reading. . . ." But I must add:

(1) A really superlative letter from Paul and Della Caraway tells of their new life in Heber Springs, Ark., where they are magnificently located. Magnificently? In Heber Springs? Yes. Details next time.

(2) Just one month after Jim Gavin made national front-page headlines on Vietnam, he and Jean made the local social pages here with a large picture of the handsome couple and the French ambassador, who was decorating Jim with the Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor. Congratulations, Jim.

(3) Grace Woods (Mrs. Ralph N.) has moved from Athens, Ohio, to 1021 S. Barton St., Arlington, Va. From a recent picture in the public press, Grace is as elegantly handsome as ever. Before she left Athens she established an ROTC scholarship at Ohio State U., in Ralph's memory, to be awarded to an upperclassman who demonstrates strong

qualities of leadership, character, and integrity. For this she has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation of Patriotic Civilian Service by the CG, First Army. Grace is a most welcome addition to the Washington group, and we look forward to seeing her at the group activities.

(Yes, ED., I know. I was just leaving. . .)

(4) Washington group schedule for the rest of '66: Sunday, 19 June: Picnic with the ladies at the Vander Heides'. Sunday, 18 Sept: Picnic with the ladies at . . . Nichols' farm? The Lindseys' Tulip Hill estate? Belvoir? Elsewhere? A notice will issue. Thursday, 20 Oct: Luncheon—classmates, and male guests. A-N Town Club. Saturday, 3 Dec: Annual Christmas cocktail-buffet with the ladies at Fort McNair Club.

Just to assure you that I am aware of the language in fashion in the nation's capital in 1966 (and until Jan. 1973?), "Y'all come, he-ah?"

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Our active ranks lost two more stalwarts this Spring with the retirements of Beauchamp and Fitch. Beau says he'd have happily stayed on indefinitely but the law of the land, that old "thirty-five and five," finally caught up with him. He has no definite plans for a second career but will start his "happy idleness" back in Michigan. He will be located, at least temporarily, at 8040 Bellevue Road, Grosse Ile, Mich. 48138. Alva, on the other hand, already has a job lined up right here in Washington. When he turns in his suit at the end of May he will go to work for the Kiplingers as a military writer for their publications. He and Carolyn won't have much of a move to make, from quarters at Fort Myer to a house they have owned for some time in Alexandria, at 217 Gibbon Street. The ZIP Code is 22209. As a sort of farewell to Quarters 23-A they gave a delightful cocktail-buffet for the local gang and managed to assemble a right notable gathering: Fred and Dottie Ammerman, Freddie and Claire Atkinson, Ben and Helene Beasley, Ted and Eleanor Bogart, Ray and Charlotte Brisach with their pretty daughter, Thad and Ethel Broom, George and Sis Duehring, Bill (W.H.) and Nancy Harris, Clem Hurd, Max and Amelia Janairo, Pete and Betty King, the Frank Kowalskis, Pappy and Dorothy Lewis, Roy and Alice Lindquist, the Tommy Mifflins, and Herb and Site Mitchell, Ned and Vivian Moore, Pie and Bernice Nyquist, Cayce and Mollie Odom, Dick and Louise O'Keefe, Mark and Jessie Smith, Sandy and Dolly Stone, Al Watson all the way from Okinawa and in Washington defending his budget for the Ryukyus, Bob and Sarah Wood, Sid and Mary Wooten, and Sterling and Tillie Wright. Carolyn trotted out several of her delicious culinary specialties to go with the generous liquid refreshments and it was a fine "do."

At the local Founders Day dinner on 11 March we had seventeen members present, the largest representation of any Class. To my great regret I had to be on the West Coast and so missed this one, but Bill Harris gave me a good run-down on it. Those present were: Freddie Atkinson, Ben Beasley, Ted Bogart, Ray Brisach, Thad Broom, Alva Fitch, Bill (W.H.) Harris, Max Janairo, Pete King, Pappy Lewis, Roy Lindquist, Ned Moore, Cayce Odom, Phil Wehle, Bob Wood, Sid Wooten, and Sterling Wright. Bill gives a great kudos to Pete and Ster, president and

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vice-president respectively of the D.C. chapter, for putting on a top-flight show. They arranged to have some of the "Hell Cats" down from West Point to stir people's appetites with martial calls; General Crittenger gave a brief report on the final success of our efforts to get Sylvanus Thayer elected to the Hall of Fame; Cadet Captain Bartholomew, in a departure from custom, spoke instead of the oldest grad; and the principal address, by the Chief of Staff, was eloquent and effective. Everything was exceedingly well done and moved on schedule. It appears to have been one of the better occasions.

We are indebted to Hank Royall for turning up another ex-member, none other than Hannibal Godwin who left us during yearling year. Those of you who like to keep your address lists up to date can add him to your list at 1618 Park Drive, Raleigh, N.C.

Notes from here and there: Jim Brett has been elected a director of the Independent Colleges of Northern California, a group of seven colleges in the San Francisco area that incorporated in 1955 to foster closer coordination between private colleges and the business community. A letter from Hutch Hutchinson gives the good news that his son Dick Jr., graduated in the top ten of his OCS class at Fort Sill and is staying on there as part of the permanent party. Hutch is, understandably, very pleased and proud. Charlie and Robin Odenweller, after years of life in suburban Detroit, have suddenly been bitten by the virus of wanderlust and, of all things, have bought the Pentagoet Inn in Castine, Maine! They plan to open it for the summer season on 1 June, and they invite friends to come by for a visit. Having spent parts of two summers in Maine, I can certify that it has plenty of charm, and Castine is one of the pleasantest spots of all. As a sideline, Charlie will be teaching math to midshipmen at the Maine Maritime Academy. I see that Tom and Marguerite Stoughton have yielded up a second daughter to the bonds of matrimony; their daughter Anne was married in Munich in January to Lt. James Kennedy who is with the 32d Signal Battalion with station in Frankfurt.

That seems to be about all the news this time. Your notes about moves, family matters, or other items of interest are always welcome, so keep them coming.

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The most important news concerns the 35th Reunion, but most of that will be covered in separate letters. I will just say that if this column reaches you before the reunion, we hope to see you there. If it arrives after the reunion, we hope we saw you there. Briefly, we are planning a buffet luncheon on Friday 3 June, attendance at the general alumni functions that evening, resting Saturday morning, a class business meeting Saturday afternoon to be followed by the picnic at Round Pond, with Sunday left for recuperation and return home for most of us. More details later.

My apologies to Bill Train and Charlotte and all the family for an error in the caption to a photo published in the last issue. The dark-haired girl in the picture is Leslie, Bill and Charlotte's daughter, and not their daughter-in-law as the caption indicated.

All of us have not yet completely settled down—either from choice or from duty. Bill and Fran Dick left Washington in haste on

or about the 1st of April—Bill for duty as CO ALFSEE at Izmir, Turkey, and Fran to keep watch on the dancers over there and incidentally on Bill. Vic and Helen MacLaughlin have left here to go to Fort Lee. Vic was with DSA here and will now have command of the QM Center at Fort Lee.

I received a change-of-address card from Willie Bell, so I presume he and Barbara have left that wonderful life in Oslo to take up residence at Myrtle Beach. The card said that Willie will be with Hq Air Force in Washington, at least temporarily. Willie did tell me when I saw him last summer that his tour would be up and that they would be returning home this summer.

I chatted recently with Gus Schomburg at ICAF and he told me that he expected to stay on there until July 67. That good news gives us one more year for obtaining the class gifts without too much exertion on my part. Gus graced the pages of the *Journal of the Armed Forces* a short time ago proudly displaying the Freedoms Foundation's medals that have been awarded to ICAF for certain of the College's presentations. Gus can take pride in that fact that two of the medals have been presented to the college during his tenure as commandant.



1931: Ockie and Doris Krueger on the Taul estate.

Eddie Brown has just been elected VP of the Army Distaff Hall at the same time that Trick Troxel was elected to the board of directors of the Hall. Our congratulations to them for undertaking this type of work that receives little notice or applause but does mean so much to all of us.

The mystery of why so many suburbanites are moving back to the big city from Connecticut has finally been partially solved. Deke Roller has come out of hiding and is now known to be busily working (would you believe "occupied"?) at building a rifle range near East Haddam, Conn. A check of the records shows that Deke was a sharpshooter back in 1928, and he also has a few dead soldiers to prove that his aim is still as good as ever in certain undertakings. Deke still doesn't have his yacht, but asks us all to wait until the 40th.

One of the events of local importance was the annual Founders Day dinner (Scribe's note: I was not overwhelmed by reports from other such dinners around the country which I am sure were held). We had the following present: Curt Herrick, currently engaged in drilling honor guards for visiting VIPs, has become quite a local TV star with many guest appearances; Bill Dick who, as noted, will be having turkey as the *pièce de résistance* at next year's dinner; Johnny Davis,

here in Washington between trips to far-off places in his capacity as ACSI; Dick Greer, still associating with the bigwigs at the head table; Bob Eaton, Del Campo, Chet Young, Bill Train, and your Scribe. Jupe Lindsay '30, told me at the dinner that he expected to be playing golf at Pinehurst the end of March with Ockie Krueger, Blair Ford, and Bill Hardick. I guess Ockie can best afford it since the Blue Harbor Rockers just raised their ticket prices a quarter. I suspect that either the group in San Antonio or us at the reunion may be having pork chops for dinner. Jack Gordon and the Lone Star Brewing Co. just paid \$1,000 for a champion barrow (that is, a pig, not a wheel). I won't identify the sender of the newspaper clipping, but the remark accompanying it was: "Jack is the one with the eyebrows." Which reminds me that I haven't heard much lately from Charlie Densford although I do read his ads offering Texas with a fence around it.

I glanced through some of my older mail the other day and came up with the following tidbits of news which, although they are old, may still be of interest. Hugh and Kay Harris, with two other couples, have purchased some acreage in Newfoundland with salmon and trout fishing at their front door. Hugh, by the way, caught a 7-foot sailfish while in Florida before taking up his work as president of The Citadel. Charlie Raymond won a trophy (2d place) in a predicted log race by predicting fairly accurately the time it would take him to float down river on a cellar-door raft supported by Chlorox bottles. He even sent me a picture of the contraption, so I believe him.

A note from Carl Kohls saying that he is now teaching math in the El Paso system along with Ash Haynes and Bill Davis. Ash and Bill have already learned how and are now practicing what they have learned, and Carl is just practicing. Karl was a bit worried about missing his annual golf game with Deke, so I hope the news above about Deke's location will settle that worry.

A card from Levenick points out that ZIP-code-wise I moved Mary and him to somewhere up in Michigan. Since I missed that in my previous letter please change his ZIP to 91105. Chester Ott wrote from the beer halls of Munich that unfortunately his work with RFE would prevent him and Virginia from attending the reunion this time.

Frank Corbin wrote from Universal City that he had remarried in June 65—Doris Ficke, née Collins. Frank is engaged in the desultory practice of law and would appreciate hearing from anyone with a problem—for a fee of course. I received a typed note from Charlie Hoy (t before e, except after c, Charlie). He said that Wilbur Skidmore was in the Florida area in January, but unfortunately they missed connections.

There was no news about the golf tournament, so I can't give any report on the latest standing. Bob Holland notes that he is now a full colonel—Kentucky brand. I know there are some of us who are fond of one Kentucky product, but that is a fluid liking. I'm sorry that Bob moved to Cavendish. I was always pleased to say that I knew someone from Quechee. I don't remember mentioning it before, but Johnny Hansborough is about to be granted a Ph.D. from Texas U. this summer. I think that that is a legitimate excuse for not attending the reunion.

Bill Hampton keeps busy supplying water to the residents of Colorado Springs in between golf games with Herb Mansfield and others. Herb wrote to say that he and Vesta couldn't make it this time, but they would be

at the 40th. It's not too early to be planning for that big event. Herb and Vesta's daughter, Mary, was married in November, but I don't have any other information except a note from Chet and Gin Diestel that it was a lovely wedding.

Some of you are apparently confused by, unaware of, but interested in, the class bulls, even as Irv Lehrfeld who asked for some clarification. Our champion bull raiser (I hope the proofreader reads that word correctly), Charlie Densford, decided to name the bulls produced on his farm after classmates. I don't have space enough to list all the names, bulls in Texas are very prolific, but among others are: Julius, George, Freddie, Elmo, and Jerry. If the name fits, any small contribution toward the feeding of your namesake will be gratefully received.

Don Patterson will be too busy visiting grandchildren, playing golf, attending insurance conventions, watching the Master's golf tournament, and working, to attend the reunion. I consider those reasons in the "No excuse, sir" category. Did I mention that in addition to teaching school, Walker Milner is the co-author of a book *Construction and Professional Management*? Sounds like an interesting book, but will probably have a limited circulation. Howard Dudley sent in a card with a new address for Bob Cheal and said that Dean Herman, Dick Steinbach, and Carl Damberg were present at a Founders Day dinner—in Los Angeles, I presume.

Catharine and Wayne Taul's Christmas card had a picture of them sitting in front of what appeared to be a California mission. I presume it is their mansion. I enclose a snap of a couple of us enjoying life at its best. That is not Oekie and Doris's house in the background, but I think it is the guest house on the Taul estate. Paul Burns finally accepted one of my letters when I put the proper stamp on it. Paul and Irene spent last summer visiting the nine grandchildren and the six children. That is a task that could easily occupy the whole summer.

Ad Dishman says that he still has the same house, same kids, same wife, same stubbornness, same cars (3), same debts (many), same vacation (Europe), but in addition, now has eight grandchildren. Alex and Peggy Sutherland stopped in Moline, Ill., some time ago and report that Ted and Maisie Beck are in good health. Ted is driving around in a fire-red, sport Plymouth.

I guess that is all for now, except to say—Let's make the 35th a BIG ONE!

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Those of you who read this column may recall I reported a pilot, Hunter Harris, who drove an overgrown transport to Texas from Hawaii on some sort of mission. Well another pilot named John P. McConnell was about to do the same thing, i.e., drive a large group of officers who had been in attendance at the annual Air Force Assn. meeting, back home when something went wrong. J.P. dumped the gas and returned. In the Infantry we always insist on first-echelon maintenance. If the Jeep breaks down, the driver catches it. I hope Bus Wheeler straightened this out.

Pop Duncan is now holed up in McPherson as Deputy CG, Third Army. Underground reports indicate that he was greeted literally and figuratively with open arms to include a gala reception as a starter. La Trelle will remain in an apartment near Monroe to



1932: Wheeler, Chih, and D.B. Johnson meet in January on Taiwan.

await young David's high school graduation, but I'll wager she was at the reception.

Helen Pryor descended upon us after a visit with Vi and Johnny Gavin who entertained for her. At the close of Helen's visit with us Del came down from Harrisburg. Their attractive daughter-in-law, Marilyn, came over from Silver Spring, Md., and young Bill Davidson came up from Norfolk. We gathered what old chums of the Pryors were available, to include Doug and Misch Gilbert '33, Gavins, friends of Bill's, and Carl Pfeifer, USNA '39. The Gavins' pretty, beauty-contest-winning daughter, Joan, and escort Alan Price USNA '57, were to have come, but a strep throat interfered. It was a fun party with Helen and Vi keeping up with the youngsters in the swinging dances, Johnny doing his usual professional ballroom steps, and everyone viewing some home movies of days of yore that included the Pryor family. Del and Helen look great, and Del is still settled down with a job in Harrisburg. Helen returned to Orlando after a stopover with daughter-in-law Sally, in Fayetteville, N.C.

We received an announcement from the Baers and McCormacks to attend a '32 mixed party at McNair on 1 May. Looks like we members of the staff should reorganize. This sort of thing was a "must" not too many years ago. We're looking forward to it. Eleanor reports that she loves being here, but misses Boston which she thoroughly enjoyed. Son Jimmy is taking flight training at Rucker; daughter Annie is at Fort Eustis (husband instructing at Transportation School); and, of course, Jim is heading COMSAT.

Please note the pleasant expressions on the dignitaries: Wheeler, Johnson, and Wang. The release doesn't give Chih's present position, but lists him as a former military counselor to Chiang Kai-shek. DB, of course, heads MAAG in Taiwan.

At last we've had news from Chet Hammond and believe me it was news. In a previous article I referred to him as a silent "Cal Coolidge" type since I couldn't draw a thing out of him. That did it! And did I learn something. All of us know that Chester is and always has been a modest one, so whatever he says can be enlarged upon with reasonable safety, but listen to this: "Our customers, the weaving mills, have annual sales of around \$60 billion a year, and they purchase about 1 billion dollars worth of textile machinery. We have to be aggressive and creative to get our share of this latter market"... "we" being president Chester (N.M.I.) Hammond of the H.F. Livermore Corp., Boston, Mass. (Est. 1887). Well, I guess that will hold me for awhile. One can afford to be silent under those circumstances.

About a week ago Joslin Morris asked Dossi to have luncheon with her. This was Joslin's first appearance since her mother's death late in February. Unfortunately, Joslin was in Denmark awaiting Luke's arrival on a business trip when the sad news arrived. After Mrs. Fleron's funeral, Joslin spent a week with La Trelle and Pop at Fort Monroe while Sewell was in London on business. All of us who knew Mrs. Fleron and enjoyed her presence at many of our gatherings will miss her greatly; we extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to Joslin and Luke.

I was also surprised and shocked to learn that Poo Poo Hillsinger died suddenly in his home at Winter Park, Fla. on 5 March. He had been newly married just a short time before. Our condolences go to his family.

It was great news to read about Ash Manhart's nomination for 3-star rank in the 29 January issue of the *Journal*. He succeeded George Mather as U.S. Representative to the Permanent Military Deputies Group, Central Treaty Organization in Ankara, Turkey. George Mather has taken over as CG, V Corps, USAREUR.

We miss young Bill's frequent visits home since his cruiser was deployed to the Mediterranean. He and two other officers from U.S.S. *Albany* flew on ahead as an advance party to Palomares, Spain, via New York, Lisbon, Madrid, and San Javier (Spanish Air Force Academy) where they were flown by helicopter to the scene of the hunt. (Note: This was before the bomb was found. Dossi said she just knew Bill would find it; he's quite a swimmer!)

News is scarce this time. How about some assistance for our next issue?

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Four class sons will graduate from USMA this June and go on active duty. Deme M. Clainos, Signal Corps; Fred P. Fairchild, Air Force; William Otto, Signal Corps; and William Whelihan, Artillery.

At West Point in February, Lincoln helped to orient First Classmen for their careers on active duty. Abe says the new expansion naturally causes quite a bit of disruption; he was particularly impressed with the plan for the new mess hall, which will double the seating capacity and all can be observed by the OC from his "hash pulpit" in the same location we remember.

Dot and Fritz Hartel returned from a trip to Germany about 1 April to Meade, and to prepare for probable retirement and a move to Williamsburg this year. Quinn retired on 1 March and is now with the

Martin Marietta Corp. Bill and Betty have an apartment at McLean Gardens, but will soon move into their new home in Kenwood.

Meyer (RD) took a trip to Europe where he saw **Starbird** (in Paris on an inspection trip), **Sibley**, **Montgomery**, and **Conway** (who relieved Quinn as CG, Seventh Army). Dick says that Ted is known in the ETO as "Ready Teddy" because one of his first acts there was to call an alert.

Susie White and Polly Hurlbut, both ex-St. Louey gals, were at the wedding of Janet Beeler (George and Jane's daughter) to Mr. Guy Nesin in St. Louis. Sweeting continues to work for Bendix where he has just completed a 350-page technical manual. Later this year Harry and Eva hope to take a trip to Spain. Tripp has moved to "the hill above San Francisco," to Piedmont, 245 Estates Drive. He and son Bob, who works nearby for the Bechtel Corp., golf together every few weeks. "...our WP dinner was a success. Present were: Van Way, Hadley Richardson, Zierath, Herb, Hoy Davis, Lanning, Mack, Boswell, and Tripp." Bobby is a consultant for the Army Materiel Command.

Vidal is sales manager for the Leisure World development near Washington in Wheaton, Md. The Summerfelts just returned from a visit with Val's mother in New Orleans. Solomon's boy has been in Vietnam since early this year; he is an artillery Capt. on duty with the Vietnamese Army. Degavre keeps many sheep on his Deep Creek River Plantation which is on Chesapeake Bay 6 hours from Washington. Chet carves some excellent small replicas of water fowl. Tita's two sons are in the submarine service and the Air Force.

Wallace, an agent for Prudential, expands his insurance activities with night school and more prospects; Eleanor busies herself with volunteer work. Walters is here with Lycoming. Paul expects to move Betty and the kids from Trumbull, Conn., this summer. Sparrow has been assigned as Asst DCSPER. Fletter and Ryan were our representatives at the Los Angeles Founders Day dinner.

Pop and Elma Ridsen in Okinawa for General Instrument Co., went through their first earthquake recently. Senter is on Tdy in Paris and Oscar plans to retire on 30 June. Beyond that date plans haven't quite jelled. Starbird's son goes from Germany to Vietnam. Dodd and Evelyn were mighty glad to see their daughter and her husband back after a skiing trip to Austria. Lawlor's daughter, Carolyn (Mrs. Dugnan) is working for the State Dept. Daughter Ann (Mrs. Bullock) is on Taiwan with her husband, a civilian with DA.

Lane recently returned from a trip to Vietnam with high praise for the job Engler is doing there; Johnny stopped in Hawaii and saw Doleman. Hackman continues his work in applied physics at Johns Hopkins; Diddy practices law in Arlington where she has been on the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority board for more than 7 years. Emory Jr., is a cadet Lt. Col. in the W. Va. U. ROTC and hopes for a commission in the RA.

Doug and Mich Gilbert keep on teaching; their Randy works for DA; Doug Jr., sells Beechcraft in Hartford. Raine has extended his tour in Germany and hopes to come back this fall and go to school for a Ph.D.; Curt is a senior at Woodrow Wilson High, majoring in baseball and trying for a college.

The Kaisers and the Gees and the Solomons, separately, joined vacationers in Florida this year; Mo and Ethel visited the Bartletts; Solly and Molly saw Venice (Fla.).

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Ned thought part of it "too rich for his blood." Polk took over Conway's quarters at Myer; Jimmy is now Asst C/S for Force Development.

The Founders Day dinner was held here at Myer with almost 500 grads including: Fuqua, Watters, Clarke, Kaiser, Breit, Lincoln, Quinn, Lane, Solomon, Red White, Meyer (RJ), Reynolds, Vidal, and Harry King. Chief of Staff Johnson gave an excellent and inspiring address.

Park has moved in Atlanta to 3675 Peachtree Rd., NE. Dick teaches all types of mechanical drawing, including machinery design and engineering graphics. Earlier this year he had a good BS session with Schmelzer who is an administrator of buildings at the U. of Georgia. The Hetheringtons' daughter, Mary Carolyn, who graduated from Stephens College and the U. of Colorado now has a diploma from Pan Am's Stewardess College in Miami and is based in Seattle.

Hoebeker's current business address is: Corporate Staff, Texas Instruments, Dallas. Bing Downing's new address is: 780A Fairview Ave., Annapolis (Crabtown, that is). Cyr's dog, Sarge, disappeared from his home in Des Moines one morning and that night turned up at a girls' dorm at nearby Drake U. Bob feels there must have been something lacking in Sarge's training.

Hoebeker witnessed the awarding of a DSM to Thorlin at White Sands. Fred writes: "Am manager of a large Continental Motors Corp. plant in Muskegon, Mich. Believe I am the only regular retired officer in this town. Martha has made many friends and has all the social activity she desires. Daughter Lynn survived a severe auto accident, graduated from the U. of Arizona, and now is a trainee buyer for Neiman-Marcus. Son Freddie, Case '61, is a computer systems analyst with Control Data Corp.; still a bachelor to Martha's regret. Other son Geoff (18) hopes to enter GM's Institute after high school graduation in '66.

At the ARMY-Air Force game, I saw Ratcliffe and his son, a Yearling wearing stars. Lamar teaches freshman math at Kansas State. Tom Evans was also there, looking very prosperous. Patterson sent me this notice of his new business: Management Engineers, Inc., Maitland, Fla.

Huntsberry writes: "...Connie and I firmly closed the door on a wonderful 30 years. We both entered the U. of N.C.; I, in law school and Connie, in the Graduate School of Education. We bought a house in the outskirts of Chapel Hill. As we have always known, there is no difference between military and civilian social life, so we now have "happy hour" with our college professor neighbors. Son Henry, a 1st Lt. at Lee, has just returned from Vietnam. He and his bride live in Colonial Heights. Visiting them brings back nostalgic memories. Our 10-year-old, Patrick, goes to Durham Academy. He and his mama are neck deep in the new math. We also own a house in St. Petersburg which we occupy in the summer and rent to affluent friends in the winter."

Mason's address: 204 NW. 20th Drive in Gainesville. Says he and Katherine now have seven grandchildren. Son Lass Jr., USMA '64, is a B-52 pilot at Westover AFB. Hoy and Rosamund Davis "find the living here in the hills and fingers of the bay refreshing." Rayburn, Box 127, APO New York 09607, writes: "I have not remarried since losing my wife 5 years ago. My 12-year-old daughter is in boarding school in England; my boy is with me. Last Founders Day, I attended the dinner at Camp Loges, near Paris, and

saw Honeycutt and Zierath." Bob lives in England and would like to know of any classmates there.

Billy Harris, who is presently involved in a horse show for his pentathlon squad nags, leaves active duty this summer. At the same time Carver will retire. Gibbs will shed his uniform and head for the open country of Colorado this summer. Dave and Betty will enjoy Rifle in warm weather but probably go south for the winter. There were 25 at the monthly luncheon 25 March. We heard Stilwell tell about, and show slides of, Vietnam. Joe was there in '62, '63, and '64.

Billy Harris reports that attendance at the Founders Day dinner in San Antonio included: Myers, Calhoun, Alspaugh, Frentzel, McClelland, Pearson, Cahill, Hetherington, and himself. "Blanchard was in Germany. Damon and Grubbs had the flu. Gretser couldn't turn loose of the city's money long enough to come. We are going to have monthly luncheons in the San Antonio area. The first will be 13 April at the Fort Sam Houston Officers Club."

'34

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It seems like the only person I've been able to keep up with all year is Bill Voehl. I know you'll all be glad to hear that he has completed project "White Picket Fence." He says it's the pride of the community. His



1934: Summerall Field, Fort Myer. Abrams pins DSM on Lou Walsh during retirement ceremonies.

next project was "Work Shop" which he has completed by this time, I'm sure. As you can plainly see Bill and family are in good health and enjoying retirement.

On 20 Jan 66 our regular monthly luncheon meeting was held at Arlington Hall. Fred Barnes presided and others attending were: Betts, Cary, Corrigan, Edson, Fuller, Gerhart, Higgins, Kern, MacDonnell, O'Hara, Schaefer, Tyson, Miller, Smith, and Wise. George Gerhart reminded the group that all had not paid their dues, and that this condition also applied to quite a number of the Class not living in this area. Jack Schaefer announced the details of the spring party with our Navy counterparts. These were included in our spring bulletin. The president asked the ways and means committee to study the request of the Army Distaff Foundation for a donation to the Army Distaff Hall in Washington, D.C. Jim O'Hara volunteered to take care of the silver cigarette boxes for the sons of our classmates graduating from West Point this year. They are: William M. Stone, Richard W. Manlove, and

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Russell W. Jenna Jr. Fred Barnes appointed a nominating committee.

The Class was greatly saddened by the death of Gene Tibbets on 4 February 66. He died of cancer at Walter Reed General Hospital, where he had been a patient since mid-December. Since his retirement in 1964 Gene and Jeannette had spent most of their time in Torremolinos, Spain, although they maintained a residence in Winter Haven, Florida. Twenty-one classmates attended graveside services on Tuesday, 8 February in Arlington National Cemetery. It was especially fortunate that Bill Craig and Harry Hillyard were in town on business and were able to attend also. I am sure that those who could not be there join in extending our sympathy to Jeannette and the family.

O'kie O'Connell was in town a short time ago. We hope the next time he can arrange to be here on the 3d Thursday and have lunch with us. Bob MacDonnell had lunch with Bud and Helen Buehler. Bud is with Bechtel Corp. in California and was here on business with the U.S. Committee on Large Dams.

Beaz Beazley has a new address; he now resides at 831 57th Ave., Capital Heights, Md. 20027.

Attendance at the 17 February luncheon was rather light. Besides Fred Barnes those attending were: Walsh, Foote, Miller, O'Hara, Tyson, Spivy, Gerhart, Kern, MacDonnell, and Bunker. Reports were made by the treasurer and the various committees.

We hope that Rita Kyser has completely recovered from her recent back operation. From the newspaper we have learned about the activity of another of our classmates in Europe. Under dateline of 3 March, Palomares, Spain, U.P. reports that Maj. Gen. Stanley J. Donovan and several embassy officials joined U.S. Ambassador Angier Biddle Duke in diving into the cold water off the coast of Palomares, where a nuclear bomber crashed several weeks ago, to prove that there was no danger from possible radioactivity in the sea. Good swimming, Moose! (*Time*, issue of 18 March, shows Ambassador Duke dashing into the 59° F. sea.)

Founders Day was appropriately celebrated here in Washington on 11 March by a mammoth dinner at Fort Myer, Virginia. Ten members of the Class helped to make up the 500 attending. Chief of Staff General Johnson was the featured speaker and gave a stimulating address.

George and Salye Gerhart are busy people these days. Daughter Anne is to be married on 16 April to Charles Bonanno of Willimantic, Connecticut, Charles is becoming a C.P.O., and Anne is employed at the U. of Connecticut.

Our luncheon meeting on 17 March was well attended by the following: Barnes (presiding), Walsh, Maj. Bliss (guest of Lou Walsh), Betts, Corrigan, Foote, Fuller, Gerhart, Higgins, Kern, Lewis, MacDonnell, O'Hara, Schaefer, Smith, Spivy, Stevens, and Tyson. The president requested reports from the treasurer and the various committees. Jack Schaefer announced that returns for the spring dance were coming in very slowly.

Highlight of the luncheon was a resumé by Bert Spivy of his recent trip to the Western Pacific and Southeast Asia. He visited with and saw officially several of our classmates, including Jimmie Winn, Chief, MAAG, Philippines; T.G. Fajardo, still in Manila; and Jack Seaman in his new job as CG, II Field Force, Vietnam, which he assumed on 15 March 66. (Jack's new address is APO San Francisco 96227.)

March was a big month for retirements in our Class, three in all: Walsh, Schaefer, and Cunningham. Lou's review parade was held at 4:00 pm, 17 March, Fort Myer, Va., with a reception at the club, and was well attended by his classmates and friends. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding service in positions of high responsibility, namely: the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.; as Senior Advisor to the Republic of Korea Army; and with an agency of the U.S. government.

Jack Schaefer also did his "swan song" at Fort Myer. On 30 March Jack shared his parade with the other retirees here in the MDW area. There are no details on Bill Cunningham except for the fact that he is retiring.

As we go to press, future plans and future addresses of our three retirees have not been learned so they will be reported in the next issue of the ASSEMBLY.

And the choice morsel that we have been saving for the last item is our congratulations to Cy and Pat Betts on Cy's promotion to Lt.Gen. in his new job as Chief of Research and Development, DA. Our best wishes go with him, and we are mighty proud that another classmate has made good.

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A luncheon meeting was held at Patton Hall, Fort Myer, on the 17th of February which turned out to be one of the most interesting meetings we've had in the Washington area. There were 20 present which is a good showing considering that post-retirement occupations such as teaching school, operations research, or high finance result in a good portion of the Class now finding themselves unable to participate in such meetings.

After an excellent lunch, a motion was presented as received from one of our classmates in Charleston, S.C. There was considerable discussion about precedent, similar actions by other Classes, and *modus operandi* in general, but when the vote was taken, it was unanimous. As a result of that motion we now have an honorary member of the Class of '35, the Honorable L. Mendel Rivers of South Carolina.

The presentation of the certificate of membership and a plaque bearing the Class of '35 crest was made to Mr. Rivers at the Founders Day dinner in Charleston on the 18th of March in Mark Clark Hall on The Citadel

RIVERS, L. MENDEL '35

"I want you to know that I consider this one of the greatest honors I have ever received." This was South Carolina Congressman River's (Chairman of the House Armed Services' Committee) reaction to his induction into the Class of 1935 as an honorary member.

Rivers, one of the distinguished guests at the 1966 Founders Day dinner on The Citadel campus, received a plaque certifying his membership in the Class from Ferris, E.H. '35. That same evening Congressman Rivers was also welcomed as a member of the West Point Society of Charleston by Honnen, G. '20.

In recalling his long-time interest in legislation involving the military in the House of Representatives, Rivers told the large dinner audience: "I was determined that no one would stop me from making those who wear the uniform of our country the most honored people on the face of the earth."

Charley Hoy, adjutant at The Citadel, and master of ceremonies at the dinner, attests to Rivers's pride in becoming a "West Pointer" and his pleasure in having "the clock set back about 20 years" in order to be included on the '35 roster.

campus. Ed Ferris, our secretary-treasurer, made the trip from Washington to represent the Class as a whole. Ed was introduced by Charlie Hoy, adjutant of The Citadel, and master of ceremonies on this occasion. Following Ed's presentation of the certificate, our senior member in attendance, Rube Tucker, welcomed Mr. Rivers into membership in the West Point Society of South Carolina. Mr. Rivers then spoke, most warmly and appreciatively, and expressed his long-standing admiration for our Alma Mater. Ed Ferris reports that it was a very fine and impressive moment, and that the entire occasion was a huge success.

Other members of the Charleston contingent are Glenn Cole and Clyde Zeigler. Clyde had a serious operation last winter, but was able to return home after a few weeks. We all wish him the speediest recovery. The Charleston chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army elected Clyde to office as executive secretary according to a report of a few weeks ago. Clyde's and Anne's youngest son, Mike Zeigler, has an appointment to the Air Force Academy for next year. He is about 16 now, so this should fall right on schedule.



1935: Founders Day at The Citadel. (L. to r.): Hoy, Rivers (see box), Tucker, Ferris, Cole.

Harvey Bower was in Washington off-and-on during the winter and early spring and at last report gave his address as 220 Vickie Lane, Clearfield, Utah. Harvey is with the State Department as AID Liaison Officer, Clearfield Depot, Utah. He says this should be for a couple of years after which he expects foreign service duty. Harvey also reports that John Gloriod is also in the Salt Lake City area, believed to be with Sperry.

Don Breakefield went off on a trip which turned out to be a tour of duty. He is with AID/Vietnam as assistant director for logistics. He writes that Chuck Symroski comes through from Nha Trang once in a while, but so far as he knows there are no other members of the Class of '35 in Vietnam at present. Early in March, John Cole dropped in on Break in Saigon for a brief visit from Kuala Lumpur, where John is with an engineering firm, DMJM (which I think means: Daniel, Mann, Johnson, and Mendenhall), but he's expecting a move to Bangkok. Annabelle Breakefield and their four girls are still in Washington but recent indications of relaxations by the State Dept. may let them join Break late in the summer.

Mike and Peggy Lou Mitchell pass along word from John and Edna Jane Stapleton that a fair number of the Class of '35 have now pitched their tents down Tucson way, and are spending their leisure time in better than the traditional manner. The Pooper Ellersons arrived there last June; the O'Neals and the O'Connors celebrated their 25th wedding anniversaries there, and the Murphys their 30th. Dave and Isabelle Stone skipped town temporarily for a sojourn in "southern" Arizona (some of us consider Tucson itself pretty "southern").

Jim Skells wrote a nice newsy letter to bring us up to date on himself and Carol and their nest from which the last fledgling has flown. Jim enjoyed his last four years on active duty as PMS at Michigan State and admired that university so much (including its fine football team, unbeaten in 1965 except for that Rose Bowl upset) that they left their roots undisturbed in East Lansing, at 331 Clarendon Rd. Jim is now an account executive with State Securities Corp., and also puts in a little time with American Central Corp., dealing in resort lots. He finds it both interesting and educational. Their eldest, Pamela Tilton, is now Mrs. Arthur E. Ladley, wife of Lt. Comdr. Ladley, U.S. Coast Guard, stationed in Washington, D.C. They live in Annandale, Va., with the two grandchildren, Russel Craig and Robin Lynn Ladley. The other daughter, Penelope Susan, graduated from Michigan State in 64 and now is with Pan Am as a stewardess, based in New York. The job has given her the opportunity to see the world as far east as Bangkok and as far south as Rio. Their son, Peter James Skells, graduated from East Lansing High last June and then joined the Class of '69 at West Point. Jim and Carol planned to visit him late in March for Plebe Parent Weekend.

Tommy Lawlor, whom most of you will remember as ex-'35, turned up on a visit to Washington in time for the February luncheon meeting, and Mac Peeke was in town in time to attend the Washington Founders Day dinner on 11 March. Mac is with the Nelson Art Gallery in Kansas City, Mo., and lives at 710 West 49th Terrace. When asked how he got mixed up in that art business, Mac explained that he had nothing to do with art, but was in the fund-raising part of the operation! Anyone interested is welcome to write directly to Mac for further details.

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Janet Parker, younger of two of the daughters of John R. and Anne Parker, is working for a master's degree in mathematics at Purdue.

Frank Osmanski retired from the Army on 28 February and is understood to be on his way to an AID position in Thailand. Probably will be there by the time you read this. Don't know what happened to that home they were building in Alexandria.

Hart Caughey went to Europe late last summer, but has been ordered back to be Director of Plans, Programs, and Budget in the Office of the Dpty C/S for Personnel, DA.

Burnis Kelly writes that Clow and Kraus are both in the San Francisco area but with no details on addresses or conditions of servitude. Being a newspaperman himself, Burnis always likes to get in a headline. He reports that his chosen hometown, California City, was incorporated recently and is now the third largest city in California, and the tenth largest in the whole U.S. of A.—areawise!

'36

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The 30th Reunion will be right now at the time of your reading this, and from here (March) it looks like there'll be a wonderful turnout and great happenings to make it a memorable occasion for our lifetime.

Jack Arnold has written frequently. In one letter he writes about young Mike Kelly (JR's oldest) who is doing well in athletics at Florida State and is in Air ROTC; both activities follow in his pappy's footsteps. May sees Bee a bit more frequently because of Mike's presence.

Gordon Austin paid Atlanta a visit in January, and Liz, Howie Snyder, and I went out on the town with him for a grand evening. He returned again for the Masters' in early April. Bernie Bess does not plan to make the reunion because of a conflict with his son's graduation in Europe. The son may enter USMA in July. Bernie has been transferred to Washington—Strategic Communications Command.

It was a pleasant surprise in March when the illustrious Scribe of '40, Hank Brewerton showed in Atlanta. This gentleman produces the best-written column in ASSEMBLY, and, in addition, has completed one of the finest year books (25th) for his Class. (Thank goodness no one has succeeded in putting '36 to all that work!)

Ned Broyles was in contact several times from his N.C. State U. job. He was hoping to see Palmer and Covington at the Bragg Founders Day affair. He has a son graduating from Duke in June. Adam Buynoski is marry-

ing off a daughter in early June in Houston; may not show at the 30th. Dave and Betty Chaffin retired 31 Mar; he is the new resident manager for construction of a medical facility at American U. at Beirut, Lebanon. His company is William L. Crow Inc., New York City.

Roy Cole wrote from his new address: Mescalero Ranch, Rt. 1, Box 265-Y, Roswell, N.Mex. He's very pleased because this is the historic home of famed space doctor, Robert Goddard. Roy's chest was button-popping when he related how Roy III, USMA '62, had received four decorations for gallantry in action in an armored unit in the Viet Delta.

Of course Bill Connor will be at the reunion, but Betty sends regrets stating that she'll be needed to represent Pat at his high-school graduation in France (if De-Gaulle doesn't object to this, too). The Currans are planning an "all-out" reunion, coming way up from Florida and visiting with college daughters at U. of Penn. and Syracuse U.

January was a lucky month for us regarding classmates. Dead-eye Dickson and Clint True were here one week, and we got together several times. Dead-eye was on a week's business trip, and Clint was returning from a visit with his sister in Florida. Clint will probably be retired by the time this is read. Dickson is with the Army Ordnance Assn. Randy Dickens returned from Vietnam and is with Special Forces at Bragg.

Howell Estes and Nan were to have attended Founders Day in Atlanta, but just the day before he had to cancel with our deepest regrets at having to forego a long-planned fun time. Howell's movement of the 25th Div from Hawaii to Vietnam in less than a month set a world's logistics record. Needless to state our 4-starred classmate was piloting one of the first-arriving C-141's. Incidentally, that most wonderful of all soldiers, Harry Kinnard, furnished "chopper" gunships to protect the transport landings. Now I've lived to see the doughboys furnish air cover for the Air Force!

Charlotte and Bob Fergusson will see young Bob graduate from U. of Richmond where he is a distinguished ROTC cadet. Bob and Marge Frost may get to the reunion, but they are previously committed to attend their daughter's second-baby arrival. Rudy Ganns is "re-entering" the Army and moving to his new assignment, XI Corps, Kansas City, Mo. Doesn't think he can get to the 30th.

Saw Wilbur Griffith in Georgia; he's working for the American Mutual insurance companies as an engineer. Bill Hay does not believe he can get to the Point in June because his company went through reorganization problems, and he is tied up business-wise. Got a note from Johnny Heintges in Saigon. He says the pace is terrific, but he



1936: Founders Day in Atlanta. (L. to. r.): Waters, de Lesdernier, Gage, and Snyder.

was also expecting a short vacation with Nomy in Hong Kong and Tokyo.

Wright **Hiatt** has made a new connection; he's with the Western Water Council in Portland, Ore. The family will not leave San Francisco until June. The **Holtermans** will be up to the reunion from Totten. They have been entertaining children and grandchildren. Son Gordon and son-in-law Dud Hartman are in Vietnam. Club 50 and the **Gages** had the unexpected pleasure of celebrating a champagne dinner with the **Hosmers** on Valentine's Day.

The Washington chapter had a pleasant and enjoyable party at the **Illigs's**. **Bob Kessler** retires soon. (It's for real this time.) Again in January, **Bill** and **Dette Kimball** came through Atlanta on their way to a horse-judge down in Phoenix City, Ala. Enjoyed a note from **Ralph King**, the Lockheed California VP. He hopes to get to Atlanta sometime, but is going to Europe this summer for the arrival of his daughter's baby. **Ham Morris** was retired at the end of January; location unknown. **Steve Smith** retired in Hawaii; don't know where he'll live. **Bev Powell** went to CONARC at Monroe as chief of staff.

Jim Billy Leer went to a great deal of effort trying to line up candidates for air transportation up to the North Woods. He had very little success, such as: **Prosser** said he was interested; **Al McCormick** wasn't definite because, like **Bill Hay**, he was making new business connections. **Joe Nazzaro** didn't make a commitment, but **Frank Norman** was quite interested. **Bob O'Brien** was leaving Indiana in June and will be at 5220 Klingle St., Washington, D.C.

Since **Truax AFB, Wis.**, was closed in March, **Twadell** and **Terrell** are leaving. **Freddie** will go to **NORAD Box 42, Ent AFB, Colo.** **A. Lee** will join him after their son graduates from high school. **Hank Benson** and **Barb** are driving to the Point, but the **Burnetts** are going west to visit a navy son in San Francisco before he ships out to Vietnam. **Jim Billy** was planning a trip to Florida in March and will also be at the reunion. It was good to see two of our illustrious ones coming back to the States: **Mike Michaelis** to take over Fifth Army in Chicago, and **Ben Turnage** to be his chief of staff.

T-Willie Morris wrote and gave me an up-to-date address: 1057 Eagle Rd., Wayne, Pa. **Bruce Palmer**, whom I didn't mention in an earlier issue as the recipient of a DSM, has already acquired two of the nation's highest non-combat decorations. Congratulations for your terrific accomplishments! He has written several times. He has seen **Skippy Beard** and **Wirt Williams** at Monroe. **Dave Edwards** retired as have the **Williamsses**; the latter are going to Washington State to raise apples and horses. He says that the **Hugheses** have bought a nice home in West Palm Beach, Fla. The **Quinns** are retired; **Bob** has accepted a position as director of Fort Stanwix Museum, Rome, N.Y. **Rip Smith** is also working on a museum; he is establishing one at Fort Wadsworth, N.Y.

Probably **Howie Snyder** is the first major general to retire. He is president of the newly formed Videotronics, Inc., Atlanta, Ga. The operation about which **Howie** is bubblingly enthusiastic is the installation and sale of closed circuit TV systems "almost anywhere." Don't see how he can miss! **Cece Spann** wrote from Fort Lauderdale stating he had seen **Romlein** at Homestead AFB, but had not seen **Walt Faiks** who lives in town. **Ginny Spann** has a very good job going as a successful librarian.

I learned recently that **Al Turner** passed away in July 1965 in Panama City, Fla. The cause of death was his heart. His widow, **Dagmar**, lives at 1202 Gornto Rd., Valdosta, Ga. **Al** had been in these parts for some time and he and his wife were running a successful interior decorating shop. I must consider it my misfortune that I did not see more of him since graduation. **Ed Wallnau** has written several times and plans to be with us on the great 30th. **Chuck Waters's** beautiful daughter, **Brooke**, married a Lt. **Ballantyne** last December in Honolulu. Son **Chuck Jr.**, is a MAC pilot at Dover AFB, Del.

Enjoyed several mailings from **Ben Whipple** in Singapore; one was a news story covering his "m.c.-ing" of the Japanese surrender on the U.S.S. *Missouri*. Last year **Ben** came east to New York on a trip. He says he's made numerous trips into Saigon, but never has run into **Westy**.

The **Wildricks** indicate from Clearwater, Fla., that they also plan to be at West Point in June. See you all there!
P.S. Towards the close of the day on the 26th of March, God recalled from this mortal planet another of those very special people. **Jack Gage, 22**, was killed instantly in a 7-death collision north of Gainesville, Fla.

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I had not realized the power of this column. Hardly had I taken **Kelley Lemmon** to task for shunning my hospitality than he blew in for the weekend. **Mary** and his two daughters were with him. **Kelley**, the eldest, is my goddaughter and a chip off the old god-block: serious, a straight-A student, and handsome. **Meryl**, on the other hand, is petite, winsome, and, I suspect, mischievous.

Emily Gorman, the Chief of the WAC's, had a cocktail party for them, and the **Tank Hardaways** were there. I hate to say it, but **Tank** hasn't lived up to his obligations: nowhere is the middle-aged spread to be seen as it is in dutiful **Kelley** and me. The night of **Kelley's** arrival was also the night of the D.C. Founders Day dinner and although I had already plunked down my fee, **Kelley** had neither uniform nor tux with him, and *noblesse oblige*, I had to forego the dinner and see to my guests. All in all, the pleasure of the **Lemmons's** company cost me a pretty penny.

On the 4th of March, I went to **Trapper** and **Betty Drum's** for a party in honor of the **Quinns**. It was an elegant party and I had a good time, but I hovered around the receiving line because I had never seen **Betty** look lovelier. I'm not much on ladies' fashions, but her dress was a knockout—some kind of metal, probably Kaiser aluminum, and she had a new hairdo that made **Trapper**, by comparison, look at least 80. She was the belle of her own ball, and, believe me, the competition was stiff.

The **DAS** for FE Affairs, **Bob Gildart**, sends me a few tidbits again: **Henry A. Byroade**, our ambassador to Burma, was the American diplomat who made the principal direct contact with the Hanoi government during the 37-day pause in bombing of North Vietnam.

There are two news pictures of classmates with General Beach. In one, **Horace Davisson** is receiving the Eighth Army semi-annual reenlistment award and, in the other, **Jim Skeldon** is receiving the winner's trophy for Operation Teammate, a cost-reduction suggestion campaign. **Finn Unger** was awarded

the Order of Service Merit (third degree) by the ROK government on recommendation of the Korean Cabinet. In reporting that **Milt Clark** stopped over in Hawaii on his way to the mid-Pacific Missile Testing Grounds, **Bob** modestly says that "everyone likes to stop there, not just because of Waikiki but because of my wife, **Ginger**." I'll bet he didn't expect me to print that!

The city of **Misawa** in Japan had a very destructive fire in January and **Mo Preston** and his Fifth Air Force performed yeoman relief services. Several pictures of **Mo** in the midst of the blackened ruins were printed in the *Stars & Stripes*, and I note that he is now wearing glasses just like the rest of us. **Don Ostrander** has taken a job as vice-president for planning with **Bell Aerosystems Co.** in Buffalo, New York, and that gets him out of my hair for a while.

Carl Buechner sailed for Europe on the 8th of March for a new assignment with V Corps in Frankfurt. Perhaps this will trigger an agonizing reappraisal of our custom of having the monthly luncheons at Arlington Hall Station now that we don't have an "in" with the commander. I suppose it's too much to hope that the reappraisal would also consider a change from Thursday to any other day, including Sunday. So far, this campaign of mine has not gotten off the ground and so, at 1200 hours, on *Thursday*, the 24th of February, and at *Arlington Hall Station*, the following die-hards gathered again: **Buechner, Brett, Diercks, Dorney, Drum, Fellows, Griffin, Oden, Palmer, Sherrer, Shive, and Stevenson**. Various tasks were assigned to absentees. For example: **Randy Hines** was given the job of updating the 30th Reunion plans, and **Doug Quandt** was assigned the job of circularizing the Class on the updated plans. Since the luncheon was stag, the ladies were given the job of planning the spring party. Since none of the tasks fell on the lunchers, no one demurred.

Delk Oden reported that he had addressed the First Class on the subject of assignments and that they impressed him with their breadth of knowledge and their intelligence. I guess that means they applauded. **Monk Meyer** has left San Francisco for Vietnam, and **Ollie Connor** will give up his 3d Division in Germany this summer and return for Pentagon duty in the Personnel Division. **Duffy Brown** is returning to Washington to become Deputy Director of Communications in the DA.

Randy Hines writes that the *ASSEMBLY* magazine is becoming unwieldy and that the Scribes of all classes after '25 should curtail their copy. Well, I don't have to have a cow kick me in the face to know it has hooves, so this is my attempt at a curtailed entry. Happily, for this issue, I have no sad news to report.

'38

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In his latest epistle to the class Scribes, the secretary of the Association of Grads asked for moderation in the amount of class news in order to keep *ASSEMBLY* from becoming unwieldy. Some members of '38 apparently tuned in early on his frequency and cut off the transmission. Let's moderate moderately, fellers, we can always cut out every other word or sentence.

On the positive side, it is a pleasure to see that **Charley Denholm** of ASA had his 2d star pinned on as of the 1st of March, and that **Lou Coira** of the AF Security Service

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has been nominated for the same grade. Now you see what Ed Machen meant when he said '38 had secured something—two well-earned stars for each of these men. The promotion rate has fallen off to the point where the average classmate only rates .306 stars.

The spring treadmill has quite a few '38ers aboard in search of a place to light. Frank Miller moved on very short notice from Korea to become Army Asst C/S, Logistics in Vietnam. Peggy and the five children are apartment-ing in Virginia. Bob Love is leaving the Ballistic Missile Construction Office at Norton AFB to become Missouri River Div Engr in Omaha. Greg Lynn follows Andy Lipscomb out of Alaska to become Comptroller of Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, in July.

Ben Sternberg has ended his long tour in Vietnam as MACV J1, reporting to Fort Campbell as commander of the 101st Abn Div. John Tillson left the Pentagon on 28 February to become MACV J3, leaving Ginny in Falls Church. Bob Ashworth followed right on John's heels, abandoning ACSI to join Army Forces in Vietnam, while Betty takes the kiddies to Fort Huachuca. Gene Kelsey is finishing a short tour in D.C. as Dpty CG of Strategic Communications Command in order to run STRATCOM-Europe and become concurrently D/CS Electronics-Communications for USAREUR.

Bob Erlenbusch takes leave of the penitent staff collegians at Leavenworth for the Infantry Training Center, Fort Ord, in July. Bill Vail of Combat Developments Command is trading quarters at Fort Belvoir for a fast return to Fort Bliss. Jack Thompson, after a year with the MACV Secretariat, will return to the States as Engineer IG this summer. Jerry Folda's replacement is en route to Carlisle, but Jerry's new assignment, caused by promotion, had not been announced when this went to press.

Sam Eaton, just well dug-in at Fort Meade, is expected to be promoted out of his brigade command there soon. Welby Beverley saw Andy Lipscomb in the Puzzle Palace on the way to his new station at Polk by way of some leave in Florida.

This has been an active social season for the Washington chapter under the leadership of Frank Norris, abetted by Lloyd Johnson and Jack English. A Pentagon lunch on 11 January saw 23 of the faithful assembled to swap gossip and conduct class monkey-business. Attending were: Clare Beck, Bill Beverley, Willie Corbett, John Damon, Fred Dean, Charley Denholm, Trev Dupuy, Tracy Harrington, Al Hulse, Bert Harrison, Jeff Irvin, Jim Isbell, Frank Izenour, Lloyd Johnson, Jim Lewis, Ed Machen, Frank Norris, Bill Smith, Swede Swenson, Jim Taylor, Dick Thomas, and Bill Vail.

A February dinner-dance at the Army-Navy Country Club was a most enjoyable affair also. Joining in were: Helen and Des Brown, Fran and Bill Corbett, Alice and John Damon, Rosemary and Fred Dean, Janet and Bert Harrison, Jane and Al Hulse, Pat and J.B. Coleman (visiting the Johnsons), Kitty and Lloyd Johnson, Jane Learman (in from the plantation while Birdsey got a medical check-up), Babbie and Jeff Irvin, Jean Hawes, Cindy and Ed Lahti, Lennie and Mo Lemon, Miriam and Jim Lewis, Di and Frank Norris, Marie and Tut Patrick, Lorraine and Bill Smith, Charlotte and Jim Taylor, Betsy and Bill Vail, Kay and Mickey Finn, April and Dow Adams, Pat and Clare Beck, Fran and Nick Chavasse, Edith and Swede Swenson, Margaret and Bill Beverley, and Rosalie and Jerry Folda.

On 11 March survivors of the preceding encounter gathered at Fort Myer for the Founders Day dinner, at which the Army Chief of Staff made the principal address. Bill Vail, Ed Lahti, Jack English, Bill Smith and Frank Miller made the scene. Frank was in town only briefly to settle the family before heading to his new assignment.

On 24 March, the '38 classes of USNA and USMA held a joint luncheon at Fort Myer to compare notes, bald spots, war stories, star counts, and retirement prospects. Rallying for USMA were: Jack English, Frank Norris, Lloyd Johnson, Dow Adams, Des Brown, and Warren Hannum (den mothers at ICAF), Fred Dean, Jim Taylor, Ed Machen, Trev Dupuy, Jeff Irvin, Al Hulse, Sam Eaton, Bill Corbett, John Damon, Swede Swenson, Mo Lemon, and your Scribe. Tears, wine, and conversation flowed freely, and from reading these lists you know who the busy people are.

Ed Machen reported attending a gala repatriation party for Ben Sternberg in Saigon. This was given by Ben's friends there numbering about half the population of Vietnam, and was enjoyed by miscellaneous members of '38 including visitors Bob York and Gailon McHaney, Junie Lotz, and Jack Thompson. A picture taken at the party and promised for this publication apparently failed to pass the censors.

Retirements during the past few months include Harlan Holman who left the Standing Group, NATO, in the Pentagon, for a managerial position in Norfolk. Al Sundin, wearing another Legion of Merit, finally relinquished his hold on Fort Monroe at the end of February to join The Citadel staff in Charleston, S.C., as assistant to the Cadet Affairs Dean and Executive Director of the Citadel Development Foundation. Chuck Jackson is also rumored to be making noises about retiring to his pineapple plantation. Confirmation?

Among the hopefuls taking the USMA entrance exams at Fort Belvoir this spring were: Richard Kelley, Ed York Jr., Albert Weinnig, Al D'Arezzo Jr., Jim Isbell Jr., and Bill Ekman's son, the latter a student at the USMA Prep School. Taking the same exam was a youngster with a name well-remembered by the Class, Slade Cutter Jr. Noting the size of this crop, Johnny Jannarone reports the second '38 series is beginning at USMA. He provided this rundown on sons now enrolled. Class of '66: F.Y. Hartline, J.S. Kelsey, W.G. O'Connor, S.L. Singer, and J.C.F. Tillson IV. Class of '67: J.T. Boyt III, J.T. Corley Jr., S.W. Kujawski, and R.J. Love. Class of '68: W.R. Irvin. Class of '69: D.O. Byars III, D.D. Harvey, D.W. Hayes Jr., R.N. Jannarone, and E.J. Swenson.

Miscellaneous news turned in on the Class includes these morsels: Swede Swenson avers Ole Danielson is still in Chile with the U.N. Economic Commission. Jim Taylor reports Vince Elmore is doing a number-one job of holding down the north end of the Panama Canal with his School of the Americas even though Bob Breitweiser, Ken Skaer, and Mal Maloney outweigh him on the southern anchor.

Bill Vail saw Mick Amick, Director of Family Housing at USMA, attending a 3-week get-rich-quick course on installation management at Fort Belvoir in January. Ches Chesarek, who was snowbound at his Leesburg farm on 29 January, learned that he was the indispensable man when headquarters sent a helicopter to drag him back to the Pentagon on 2 February. No rest.

Time-Marches-On Department: AF Lieut.

Castex Conner Jr., a graduate of Texas A&M and now stationed at Lajes AFB in the Azores, was married in February to Judith Marshall at Travis.

That's it for this time. Your thoughts, rumors, and stories for the next issue are anxiously anticipated by early June.

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During the latest get-together of our Washington area contingent I asked our chairman, Ned Geary, to needle the gang on items for this issue. I was particularly short on news of our Air Force classmates. The AF reaction was terrific! I can do no better than to quote the response:

"At our March luncheon here in Washington, complaints were registered over inadequate coverage of AF classmates. To try to fill a gap, Bob Curtin was 'directed' to get in a report. This is not understood, especially since promotions in the AF to 2d star continue, led off by Mac McCoy with Bill Smith carrying the guidon. The AF list recognized another of our hidden jewels—Rocky Crawford, for BG! Mac is Dpty Comdr for Minuteman at BSD, Norton AFB, Calif.; Bill Smith is Dpty Dir for C-E (J6), JCS; and Rocky holds down Chief, Space Defense Center (NORAD) at Colorado Springs. Congratulations to all of them and let's keep the show going!

"Bob Richardson still holds out at AFSC, Andrews AFB, in Washington, as DC/S for Science and Technology. He loudly asserts he hasn't been about and has not seen any classmates. In Washington, in addition to Bill Smith, we still have Jack Merrell, Jack Kinney, Bob Curtin, Jack Bestic, and Joe Bowman. In the environs, we also have Dick Morrison (thought-factory expert) and Joe Kingsley (helicopter expert) and maybe others in seclusion.

"Dick Curtin was recently in town from his job in Paris. At last report, he was hurrying back for 'spring in Paris!' Jim Knapp, (Hq SAC, Offutt AFB, Nebr.) was in town last week and missed our luncheon due to a failure in communications.

"As we move out, Bill Martin is at March AFB, Calif., as Comdr, 15th AF (SAC). When last heard from, Bill was digging out his bases after the 'big blizzard' on the Northern Tier and had run out of snow shovel wax! At Shaw AB, S.C., we can put a finger on Bunny Adams now operating as Comdr, TAC Air Recon Center. We looked for Perry Hoisington and can't get a good lead. Bill Bailey is still with Philco, in Philadelphia, Pa.

"Jim Reardon is Comptroller, 15th AF, March AFB, Calif. Del Rogers is reported to be moving in the comptroller business from Westover AFB to Brooks AFB, Tex.

"John Carpenter holds forth as Comdr, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala. To assist him he has Ben Glawe there as chief of staff. We last saw Jake Jacoby at Hill AFB, Utah, and hope he still enjoys life there. Jack Samuel is out at Offutt AFB as Dpty Dir of Plans for SAC. Riggs Sullivan is Vice Comdr. 2d AF, SAC, at Barksdale AFB, La.

"Tom Whitehouse met us on our last visit to Bangkok. We had a most enjoyable evening with him and Ann. Tom is Chief, AF Section, MAC, Thailand, and is doing a fine job there. Jim Wilson was in good spirits in his job as Comdr, 13th AF, Clark AB, Philippines. He is hopping these days and a short visit to Clark would quickly show why!

"The last I heard, Roge Phelan was still in

Paris and Tube Wynne in Brazil. Chuck Walton was at Stewart AFB, N.Y., and Ernie Maxwell in Texas. Matt McKeever was air attaché in India. Joe Dickman is 'holed up' as Dir, Combat Operations, NORAD, Colorado Springs. Al Evans is Comdr, N.Y. Air Defense Sector, McGuire AFB, N.J. Bud Stocking is Dpty Vice Comdr, 5th ATAF, Italy. Newcomer, H.C. that is, is with the AFIG at Norton AFB, Calif., and as a finale, Bill Martin reported that George Jumper was doing real well retired in Sacramento, Calif."

Thanks for the collaboration, Bob. Your very fine input makes you a prime candidate as next year's Scribe.

The South Dakota Board of Regents has named "Dr." Harvey Fraser, President of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, effective 1 July 66. I might add that "Dr." Fraser (he says that title is more appropriate now) did not seek the appointment. However, the appointment is all the more noteworthy in view of the fact that several well-known educators and at least one major general actively sought the position. Harvey will also continue to serve as dean of engineering. Congratulations, Harvey! We are proud of the mark you are making in the field of higher education.

Carl Beuchner sailed off to Europe on 8 March. He is slated to be G5 of V Corps in Frankfurt. I called Carl's secretary to find out the status of the 25-year-book project and was informed that Frank Kobes has taken over. In June, Seth Hudgins is moving over from the S&F, National War College, to take Carl's old job as CO, Arlington Hall. Jack Meyer moves across the river to join the S&F, NWC.

Other past and future departures from the Washington area are: Walt Winegar to USA Engineer Division, Pacific Ocean, in Hawaii. Jim Shepard from OSD, ISA, to the 82d Abn Div, Fort Bragg, reporting 6 May. Jim Keller from NSA, Fort Meade, to be NSA Chief for Europe with Hq in Paris. (We hope De Gaulle lets him stay.) Ned Geary from OASD, Reserve Affairs to Fort Bliss in July, where he is slated to be the Center deputy chief of staff. Mike Krisman tells me that he is going to Vietnam in August.

Coming into the Washington area from overseas assignments are Jack Boles and Julian Ewell. Jack leaves Vietnam to become Dpty CG of the Army Test & Evaluation Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., effective 1 June, and Julian is slated for the Combat Development Command, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Walt Brinker and Bob Schellman will have nothing to do with CONUS. Walt is moving from Eighth Army, Korea, to USAREUR on or about 1 May, and Bob is leaving USA-RPAC for USAREUR in April.

Sammy Kail is leaving Miami for an assignment with Hq Fourth Army in San Antonio. We hope that Sammy's bouts with his heart difficulties are under control.

Our thanks to Roger Lilly and his side-kick, Steve Mancuso, for volunteering to sponsor a husband-and-wife dinner-dance at Fort Belvoir on 4 June. If you plan to be in the Washington area at that time, please come. Contact Steve Mancuso, Hq, Automatic Data Field System Command, Fort Belvoir for details. His telephone number is 41732.

Had a note from Bobo McCutchen who retired on 28 February. He said that he had a job opportunity in San Francisco that he just couldn't turn down. He will be on the staff of the Bay Area Transit District, which is installing a big, rapid transit system in the San Francisco and East Bay Area. Brad Smith and Dick Wolfe retired last month,

too. Dick is settling in the San Francisco area, but I haven't heard anything about Brad's plans. Also slated for retirement are Linc Simon on 1 April and Wally Grant on 1 June. By the time the next issue of the ASSEMBLY rolls around we should have more details to report on their new locations and jobs. Our best wishes for success and happiness to all of you in your retirement!

Bob Spragins dropped in for a short chat. He was up from down Argentine way for a MAAG conference. The Latin influence seems to agree with him. Bob says he sees Buz Chapman, Defense attaché in Argentina every day, and that Buz does real well with the *hablo Espanol*. Bob also reports that Charlie Hackett will leave his job as C/S USARSO this summer for an assignment at Leavenworth.

As a final note, Al Ginder is being recalled to active duty to help win the war in Vietnam.

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What else is there to do after the publication of a 25-year book?

In most cases we read the notices with pride, but there is one for which I, alone, must throw myself on the mercy of the court.

Let it be recorded for all time that there is a Mrs. Leahy, that she is married to one Oz Leahy, and that he *did* mention her when he sent in his biography. A nervous gesture of the blue pencil dispensed with that fact in order to make all biographies fit the page. So, with profound apologies to the Leahys of Saudi Arabia, I can, with clear conscience, turn to other things.

I, for one, would like to have "Founders Day" changed to "Anniversary Day" when we have our dinners in March. Founders Day has a connotation which disturbs people like Freddy White and Ross Milton. This is all for the purpose of reporting that I attended two such dinners this March: one at Governors Island in the company of such worthies as: Dave Parker, Pete Clapsaddle, Tom Chamberlain, Ivan Sattem, and Clayton Rust. Aside from vast differences in academic ability our communication was well established. A week later I attended another such dinner at USMA where Bob O'Donnell joined me to hear Don Bennett make the principal address. Well received by all.

The Class of '66 counts six of our sons on its roster: David R. Crocker, Michael Fellenz, Frank Meszar, James L. White, Robert B. Williams, and Michael W. Wynne. As is our custom we will present engraved

silver trays to each son. The ceremony will take place at the Superintendent's Quarters between 1000-1030 hours on Tuesday 7 June. Classmates at the Academy at that time are invited to attend. Ed Wynne is a double winner. His first son, who graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1963, was the first recipient. Trays will also be presented to those who graduate from the AF Academy in June.

Don Baumer visits from Europe. Wines and dines at Beau Rivage while preliminary plans for 30th Reunion are laid.

For obvious reasons the Founders Day dinner in Vietnam was called off. However, Dick Abbey held an informal meeting of the Class of '40 in Saigon on 19 March. The picture I'm running appears to be the most appropriate picture to publish, although Dick sent three. This is the one with all eyes open. Twelve, as I count 'em. John Coontz reports in on fun and games from the West Coast at its Founders Day dinner with Don Bennett the main speaker. Our Superintendent gets around.

Who-is-where Department. Skimpy, but here we go. Hank and Kay Arnold move from Korea to Hawaii without much arm-twisting. Art Barry retired and is teaching with the law department of the U. of Denver. Mike Bavaro quits the Boston area after 5 years, for assignment in Europe. The Cassidys come home from Europe and go to Richards-Gebauer AFB in Missouri. Dick selected for 2d star. Lee Cagwin to Aberdeen Proving Ground; also selected for 2d star. Wally Clement either sporting a star or due to get one. I can't keep up with the effective dates. This column never has been oriented towards rank, but tries to mention the stars when they come along. Hank Miley and Woody Vaughan also in the 2d star area. Deems soon to retire. Wish him long life, for we need him on the 50th anniversary HOW-ITZER. George Dixon and Candy dropped in to see me while George was doing trustee work at USMA.

Roy Nelson to Travis AFB in California. John Pidgeon now at Rutgers as PMS. Yates and Yeuell are in the Boston area; will check both of them out with Easter visit. If you are interested about this, you may write to me or wait until the summer issue which you will get in September. Hank Cunningham goes from Bragg to Benning, and Walt Gunster, from the Pentagon to Gordon.

All of which does not shake the world, but it amounts to what I have because of eager classmates pressing information upon me. You, too, should be eager, and a 5-cent stamp will pay the freight. See address above.

Class of '36 please note. Checked on Phil Gage in Atlanta. Happy Reunion!



1940: The March get-together in Saigon. (L. to. r.): O'Keefe, Maedler, Bengston, de Latour, Crocker, Abbey.

A salute to our newest major general, Andy Evans, a guy with a great heart. A "hats off" to Dick Scott, Charlie Schilling, and Ren Keleher for the fine planning and programming that has set up our BIG 25th. And a toast to the great ARMY basketball team which dumped Navy and then went on to a fine showing in the National Invitational.

As these words are being prepared to go to Ren Keleher, John Meador telephoned the 301st subscription to the yearbook. Dick Scott phoned to say that 115 arm bands have been ordered, which, if all appear in the Alumni Exercises, will be a record. The effort to have all obituaries written and extracted for the yearbook by June is moving along extremely well; the response from all has been tremendous.

For those who may be beginning to feel some symptoms of middle age, take heart! We are not only young in spirit, but we are the junior Class on the master planning poop-sheet issued by the Alumni Hq. This is not to say that we will not have fine accommodations.

Specifically, the program for the Class is as follows: At 0800 hours on Friday, 3 June the Alumni Hq opens. At 1830 there will be a cocktail party at the Officers Club followed by the Alumni Dinner at Washington Hall and the Supe's Reception and Dance. On Saturday we will have the Memorial Service at the Kelleher-Jobes Memorial at 0900 followed by a class meeting and a briefing on the West Point expansion plan. At 1030: first call for Alumni Exercises followed by the Alumni Review at 1130. At 1220: presentations to the class sons and then the Alumni Luncheon at Washington Hall. The wives will deploy to the Officers Club for the wives' luncheon. Saturday afternoon is the ARMY-Navy lacrosse game at Michie. On Saturday evening at 1830 the class picnic will be held at the Golf Club. At that function the class picture will be taken. On Sunday there are two Baccalaureate Services, at 0800 and 1100, and at 1200, Alumni Hq closes. However, undaunted by such subtle hints, the Class of '41 will have a party at 1830 at Stewart AFB (only 10 minutes from our class CP, the Holiday Inn, Newburgh).

A steering committee has been established in Washington to help with the many details. The chairman is none other than Your Old Fitz Fitzpatrick, ably assisted by Pete Tanous and Howdy Clark. Among the things they are working on is a distinctive "uniform" for the Class, suitable for wear at all the activities. We have had suggestions running from the official USMA black blazer adorned with the gold bullion '41 crest (Morry Luxenberg \$6.95, a bargain) to Batman capes with gold '41's centered aft. Straw hats, neckties, vests, canes, and even candy-striped (black, gold, and gray) Gay Nineties coats have been worn by other reunion classes. Send your thoughts and suggestions to Fitz: 420 Underhill Pl., Alexandria, Va. How about ponchos with gold HOWITZER boxes and gray spats?

The countdown on the yearbook is progressing nicely thanks to the Titanic work of George McIntyre and his biography committee, and of Joe Grygiel and his obituary committee. At the same time, Brad Smith and the company reps have pushed the subscriptions up to 301. The pictures are rolling in and the quality on the family pictures has improved greatly. A total of 314 classmates

have been heard from only 17 of whom have said, "No thanks." There are still 53 with whom we have not yet made contact. The horse-and-buggy postal system, together with our admittedly inadequate address file, make it probable that we are not reaching all of them.

Accordingly, if you have a solid address on any of the "as yet unaccounted for" types, please either contact them directly or send me the address. By company: deSilva, Keagy, Linderman, Ward T.M., Due, Maxwell, Winfree, Canella, Laney, Lanigan, Liles, Parks, Torgerson, Avery, Manley, Silk, Zarembo, Fowler, Kercheval, Thompson J.D., Smith C.L., Niles, Brown Earl W., Delaney, Schultz, Slocum, Harding, Humber, Kosiorek, Loring, Longino, Singles, Adams H.L., Matheson, Poff, Redmon, Zott, Lee G.A., Garman, Deyo, Dillard, Laudani, Michels, Pratt, Sharkey, Henzl, Brinson, West D., McKinley, Colleran, Cofer, Hoge, Tyndall J.G.

We are particularly anxious to continue to try to make contact for the very good reason that almost once a week a communication is received from a classmate who "just got the word." Others have recently changed their minds and have decided to stick with the gang.

At the risk of being redundant, let the record show that the extent of professional bitterness in the Class is somewhat surprising and perhaps alarming. There is some evidence to show that as a group, we have not been particularly appreciated from a professional point of view. The latest promotion lists included no new general officers in the USAF and only three in the Army. There is more than disappointment; there is basic disenchantment with the way our profession is being conducted.

If, because of these things, good men are quitting the Service in disgust, it is all the more reason for us to close ranks as far as the Class and our Alma Mater are concerned. If we are disenchanting with the way our profession is being treated we should be drawn closer to West Point and most certainly recognize the difference between our relationship to the Class and our relationship to the DOD.

Perhaps what I am trying to say is, let's consider that our Silver Anniversary provides us with an opportunity to reinforce the bonds that hold us together; an opportunity to renew acquaintances with those who have traveled this sporty road together; and an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the principles and ideals embodied in our motto: "Duty, Honor, Country."

Getting back to the yearbook project, Joe Grygiel, Pat Tansey, and Barney Woodruff are doing a great job of completing the unwritten obituaries for the ASSEMBLY and of writing the biographical data for the yearbook. The best part of the project is making contact with families who wish to renew their relations with the Class.

When we finally located Sybil (Lokker) Wilson, she immediately sent pictures of David who is married and will graduate from Ohio State as a C.E. this June; bought a copy of the book; and even made reservations for the reunion. Lucy Cooper and Trixie (Ward) Higgins have done the same. Trixie even ordered an extra book for her son, Lt. John H. Ward, Class of '64, who is the recent proud father of a son. Several other families (T.K. White, Jack McClure, Hector Polla, and Bill Gillis) have been pleased by the renewed contact. If you know others, please invite them to rejoin the gang.

Joe Gurfein's committee came up with the name for the yearbook: *Blacker, Balder* and

You know where **You** are, and
You know where **We** are, but
We don't always know where **You** are.
Keep Us Posted On Your Address.

Greyer! Surprised, anyone? The runner-up was *The Long, Frayed Line*. Since 17 guys had recommended the title that won, and since we are in a financial pinch, the yearbook staff decided to give the suggestors a big hand instead of a discount on their copies of the book.

There are 143 gents who have sent in all their poop and many others who are almost complete. You will be notified of the status of your editor's envelope with the distribution of this poop. Don't forget to caption your pictures, and if you want them back add a self-addressed envelope.

Unhappily we have had to fall back on advertising to meet the costs of a first-class product at a sale price of \$15. If we could push the subscriptions up to 350 we could probably delete the advertising. The more reason to urge the "not-heard-froms" to participate. Four gents have bought two books!

With the vast amount of mail arriving, there is surprisingly little news. As most of you know, the Saigon chapter of the Class is growing. Wire Coakley reports: Jack Norton Asst DCC, USARV; Ted deSaussure ADC 25th Inf Div; Phil Seneff CG Aviation Bde; Paul Ramee Dpty Comdr 18th Engr Bde; Boaty Boatwright G4, Field Force Victor I; Roy Atteberry 1st Inf Divarty Comdr; Bob is Info Off, Hq USARV. Campbell is inbound to command an Aviation Group under Seneff, and Paul Skowronek is inbound, assignment unknown. "We are all having a ball and winning the war in our own peculiar ways; the Black Class doesn't have to bow to anyone in this affair. No Founders Day meeting—too scattered, too busy, plus, VC have nasty habit of breaking up planned gatherings."

The Class will be saddened to hear of Hunter Woodward's recent death at Fort Sam Houston. A contingent of Washington and Carlisle classmates and wives paid their respects at the funeral on 14 April at Arlington Cemetery where Hunter was buried with full military honors. Our sympathy goes to Petey and Hunter's two fine sons.

The *Journal* reports new BC's Huffman and Gerace taking off for Korea to be G3 and G4 respectively of the Eighth Army. George Pickett is soon to leave for Europe and a division command job. Eric deJonckheere and Tom Fisher are moving into New Societysville this summer. Charlie Busbee and Denis Grace have both started moving toward Vietnam. Rod O'Connor will be coming home from Caracas this summer; he has no orders but predicts the Middle East desk in DIA. Pete Tanous and Ike Winfree have stacked arms.

We have survived the loss of Felix Gerace from the key spot in the Secretary's office through the most enthusiastic interest and appreciation for West Point on the part of Mr. Tyler Port, Dpty Asst Secretary of the Army Inst. & Log. We have in Mr. Port a close friend of many members of the Class; he was a classmate of Tom Corbin's at Davidson. He is now an honorary member of the local chapter, and he has insisted on our continuing to have our class luncheons in the usual place.

Swampy Marsh reports that he and Moose Male are the only two in the CZ, but they

see Rod O'Connor on his regular visits. "Bob Johnson was down recently visiting the Tropic Test Center." Bob Reilly reports that he and John Rossell were the only '41ers at the Founders Day dinner at Fort Meade. He has recently joined Bendix Corp., Radio Div, after a few years of teaching school. Another school teacher is Jock Adams who will not be able to make reunion even from Pennsylvania because of finals, etc. However, Ruth plans to take Cathy and scoot home to Scotland for a visit, and they hope to see the Rhynards en route. "Mike Rhynard, USAFA '66 is Jock's godson so we're just about as proud of that as the Rhynards are."

Jim Cox writes that the car renting and leasing corporation he is with is interested in adding more retired military types to their organization. Car renting and leasing is growing and the organization is interested in new franchises in new areas. If interested, write Jim at: 1001 South Tryon St., Charlotte, N.C. 28203.

All of you should have received a ballot for the new officers and the new constitution. Please send them in. The committee has decided that the number of ballots on hand as of the next luncheon will constitute a quorum and the new officers will take over then.

At the last luncheon we welcomed visitor Wendy Knowles who made a short speech about being adequately prepared before retirement. He said he is about to give up the life insurance business and is considering a job with AID in SE Asia. Since Jack Christensen had missed the previous luncheon, he was given double the usual amount of time to make his speech.

A note from Bill Starr indicates that Marie is doing much better and very much appreciated the visit from three of the class wives. Bill is now assigned to Fort Meade and Marie is in the hospital there. (Kim-brough Army Hospital).

Randy Hines, the Secretary of the Association of Graduates, asked that all be informed that the formal ceremony enshrining Sylvanus Thayer in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans will take place at 1500 hours Sunday, 15 May, on the New York U. campus, 181 Street and University Ave., N.Y.C. Col. Thayer was the fifth West Pointer to be selected among the 93 chosen so far.

There are 67 days until REUNION. Let's make it the biggest and best they have ever seen. And while we are at it, let's sit around a bit and knock rings!

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Butch Offley acknowledged our seniority—or our age—by arranging a *sit-down* dinner for the annual, fix-your-buddy, election session in January at Fort Myer. Screaming piteously as he ascended to the throne was our new primary pigeon, Jerry Snow. Casting envious eyes was Duff, his ambitious alternate, but the "lean and hungry look" was missing! Floyd Robinson is the new Keeper of the Minutes; Carl Ulsaker is Pleader for the Scratch; and the Recorder of the Deeds remains unchanged. With Doc Hyde prostituting his legal training, the constitutional requirement for dual candidates was steam-rollered, and the above slate was unopposed.

The best news at hand is the nomination of Don Blake and Carl Stapleton to exchange their birds for stars. Heartiest congratulations to you both for swelling our total, including those in the mill, to 17. More yet!

Although our new leader is already making noises about who at USMAY to tap for our 25th Reunion, a study of the roster, plus the moves below, might indicate that Saigon would be a more appropriate locale! Before leaving the subject, you are reminded that this issue of ASSEMBLY plus but three more and it will be that time. Don't be caught short, and send along promptly any suggestions for the program or entertainment.

Some moves involve the following:

George Allin, Larry Caruthers, Jack Deane (with Betty ensconced here until June and then probably to San Antone), Dick Gaspard, Ink Gates, Crit, and John Sitterton to Vietnam; Paul Cerar, Sam Koster (a couple months ahead of the family so that they can finish school and he can house-hunt), and Ray Murphy to ACSFOR; John Baker to Panama; Wyley Baxter to Langley AFB; Doc Charbonneau to Spain as military attaché; Bill Corley to Germany; Jake Cooperhouse and John Craig to USAREUR; George Eckert to the 2d Armd at Hood; Tom Hanley to Japan; John Mattina to Germany.

Ted McAdam has been assigned to Ent AFB; Bud Roecker to be ADC of the 7th Div in Korea; Pete Russell to Knox; Bill Shedd to Ord after almost making it back to Hood (and getting out of Vietnam before his star arrived in which case his 12 months could have been extended to ???); Bob Spilman to Carlisle; Al Ward to France; Ernie White to the Philippines; Ed Clapp and Phil Krueger to the retired list on 1 June.

Fred Rosell wrote of a '42 affair he had hosted at Long Beach on 5 February to honor the Grant Joneses on their way to Hawaii. Atwoods enjoyed the flu bug instead, but in attendance were: the Ballards, Brices, Clementsons, Len Marshall, Marty Martinez, Omanses (Maj. J. Paul, 4317 Beeman Ave., N. Hollywood, Calif.; free plug since they were omitted from the Xmas list), Retzers, Rosells Scullens, Roy Smiths, and Stephenses.

On a jaunt East, Fred had seen Joe Morey at Bliss (Ruth was in Carolina supervising the arrival of grandchild No. 1), Marsh Waller and Larry Vogel here, and Duke Grimshaw in Detroit. For information, through Al Scullen, comes word that Chuck Ettlesen's father, Geoffry, lives at Idle Acres in Lakeside, Calif.

Crit came by for a bit of administrative support prior to his departure. A subsequent note advises that he'd had a visit with Bill Shedd, Mayor of Saigon, lunched with Frank Koisch, was briefed by Bill Crosson, saw Bunky Scofield, and was waiting for Jim Hottenroth to get his headquarters built. Crit and George Allin are at Hq II Field Force Arty, APO San Francisco 96227.

Tom Rienzi reported a January boondoggle to Europe. In Paris he stayed with the Aileos (due home this summer) and saw the Dick Scotts, McAdams, Charlie Hill and Doug Murray, the latter with a new bride. Small Tom has assumed command of the Signal Center and School at Monmouth and has been promoted by this time. Had great fun at his farewell luncheon, surrounded by Signals and Materiels. His remarks to his bosses were typically irreverent. Due to his new eminence—and job—Tom is now a member of the distinguished counselors of AMAA.

Late, late Xmas cards from Bill Shedd predicting a '42 coup—has a smooth sound, hasn't it?—and Bunky Scofield predicting a change for the better because of '42's arrival in force.

The Roy Johnsons sent an announcement of the wedding of their daughter Margaret in late January at Bloomfield, Hills, Michigan.

The Journal reported on 22 Jan that Lu Clay was a permanent Maj. Gen. and that Andy Low, Dick Reinbold, and Bill Garland were permanent BG's. Pictured was Lee Cage, Director of CONARC's Maintenance Engineering Agency, discussing the "snake-eye" bomb retarder with some engineer who understood it. The following issue had a great picture of Lu in connection with his power grab as new commander of TAC's 12th AF at Waco. And before leaving the Cage family, young Lee was busy winning points for the ARMY squash team this winter but needed help against Navy when he got one of our only two!

Had a couple of recent sessions with the Horridges when Dick was in town for a meeting. They were just trying to get even for our visit up there on the weekend of the big snow when Dick had to shovel off an impressive hunk of driveway to make sure the visit would terminate on schedule.

At West Point in late January I found Lou Flanagan with his shoulder in a cast. The clever younger generation had taken him ice skating to test the ice, and sure enough, he found the weak spot at about ninety per! Unfortunately, the ice immediately adjacent was plenty solid and resisted his elbow and upper arm to the great detriment of his shoulder. Some of the eight little Flagnans dragged him out, and Kathy suffered along with nine young'uns for a spell.

A return visit in late March led to a strenuous session with the Murphys and their Navy counterparts which culminated with the USMAY winning five of eight from the Sailors. The sacrifices one makes for ARMY's success!

At brief ceremonies in the Mess Hall in connection with Thayer's election to the Hall of Fame I saw the Cutlers and Hayses. One more Trustees' meeting for me to mingle with the upper crust, and then that upstart John Sheffey replaces me. Oh, evil day!

At Fort Sam in early March Johnny Heard tracked me down for a brief visit. They're enjoying life on the post and finding the Army's Audit Agency not nearly as trying as the Pentagon.

Founders Day was celebrated here on 11 March with almost 500 in attendance and the Army's Chief, Gen. H.K. Johnson, as the principal speaker. The '42 claque cheered the chairman of the awards program to the echo, hosted the fathers of the award winners including one Navy captain, and unquestionably revised their image of West Point, for better or for worse. Dick Miles ran the dinner at Aberdeen and tried to drum up some local couples to attend. However, since Diana Reinbold had gotten the gals together while we had our blast, the response was probably not overwhelming.

Fortune magazine has been properly indoctrinated and is using the Class of 1942 to add spice to a feature story on the Army now in preparation. To acknowledge the Air Force, we're allowing a couple of "wild blu-ers" to appear among the 20-odd we hope to see written up. If you haven't seen or heard of the article by now, start digging.

G. Rehkopf says that I'm a lousy reporter—so what else is new? The point is not that the Fosters and Rehkopfs have sons who are third generation, USMA, but that they are the third generation of Fosters and Rehkopfs to be classmates. Must be a curse on one family or the other, but you'll get no speculation here.

Since there's no one to report for your reporter when he's had a moment of triumph, with a great burst of un-humility it

is hereby recorded that your Scribe made his TV debut on a panel show for the D.C. Life Underwriters. If there's no '42 copy in the next ASSEMBLY it's because your pinch-penny administration has refused to meet my new salary demands as being outside of you-know-who's "guide lines"!

Write to me, and I'll write about you, but I need news.

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The stars are really beginning to fall on the Class of Jan '43! We have five new generals in the recent announcement by the Air Force. All five are grouped right together on the list.

The first is Bill Pitts who has been keeping the AF out of trouble with the Senate. Next is Lou Wilson who is also stationed here in Washington as the Strategic Division Chief in the Directorate of Requirements. Third is Ed McGough who commands the 835 Air Div in Kansas. Fourth is our old friend, Jim Hackler, whose picture was featured in the last column. As we reported then, he commands the 36 Tactical Fighter Wing. Fifth of the five is Tote Talbott who now commands the 366 Tactical Fighter Wing. You may have noticed that Tote recently won the Legion of Merit for his work in the Joint Staff. All hands join in hearty congratulations to these five guys. If my count is not wrong, this makes nine AF generals in the Class.

This has also been a period of Army selection with seven of our classmates being selected for full colonel. Ed Faust and Willy Hahn at the Army War College both will soon sprout eagles. Our DSC winner, Larry Bischoff appears very high on the list. Our class secretary, Charlie Heltzel, and Bob Cook are both on from the Washington area. Jerry Cosgrove's name appears on the list, and so does that of our outstanding parachutist, Ray Ruyffelaere. Congratulations to the latest group of full bulls.

Bob Beightler recently had his eagles pinned on by Don Bennett. We learned that Bob has an M.B.A. from Ohio State and was a battalion commander at Fort Ord prior to reporting to West Point, where he is the Treasurer. Bob has the Bronze Star with "V" and two clusters. Bill Wade also had his eagles pinned on by Don Bennett. Bill and Ruth's son Bob is a student at Castle Heights Military Academy in Tennessee. Bill has the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Army Commendation Medal with two of the same.

Recently, there have also been some other decorations within the Class. Gregg Henry, who spent a year in Saigon as the Chemical Officer in the J3 Section of MACV, received the Joint Services Commendation Medal. Contained in the bundle from West Point is a picture showing Grey Wheelock being awarded the Army Commendation Medal by Dick Scott for his two years as the Operations and Training Officer of VII Corps in Germany. Grey looks terribly studious but very trim in the photograph. Congratulations to both for these evidences of the esteem in which they are held.

Speaking of VII Corps, we ran across Randy Foster in the QM Sales Store buying some VII Corps patches. He is on his way this summer. Mike Foster, Randy's oldest, spent a term at the U. of Massachusetts



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and then went into the Army. Randy tells me that Mike has done so well in his training that he has been accepted for OCS.

Orders for the summer are just beginning to come out. Ed Bennett is on his way from the jungles and warmth of Panama to the cold of Chicago winters where he will be District Engineer. Somebody mentioned that he had seen orders on Jim Aleveras from Saigon to El Paso.

B'wig suddenly packed up and left for Vietnam in a wild flap. He and Priscilla had just started a long overdue leave in Puerto Rico when a phone call came through saying that he had a brigade in Vietnam. This was followed by a telegram that his mother had died in California. After a hectic week or so, Priscilla wound up in Hawaii to wait, while B'wig wound up commanding a brigade in the Big Red ONE.

Even civilians move: Frank Shaw has left North American Aviation and has gone to work for Bill Larned. The Shaws have not moved to Connecticut yet because Bill wants Frank to set up some new branch offices of his industrial intelligence firm. Those two former spooks are in the right business.

Even more recent orders have Bob Burlin going to Germany and Bill Neale coming from Carlisle to Arlington Hall in our vicinity. Bill Starnes is to command the 18th Engr Bde in Vietnam. The Engineers have plenty of work there. Emmett Reynolds has become the Seventh Army's Signal Officer in Stuttgart after serving as Chief of the Allied Radio Frequency in London. Al Hughes has left Carlisle for West Point, where he replaced Arch Hamblen as CO of the 2d Regiment of the Corps, when Arch left for Vietnam (his broken back repaired, we hope). Every picture that comes in from Berlin shows a natty Hal Barber commanding the

troops somewhere in some parade or other.

DeWitt Armstrong reports the arrival in Saigon of Ed Murray and Ken Buell, both from stateside. A third arrival is Elvy Roberts, who has moved from the 1st Cav Div to become SJS for Gen. Westmoreland.

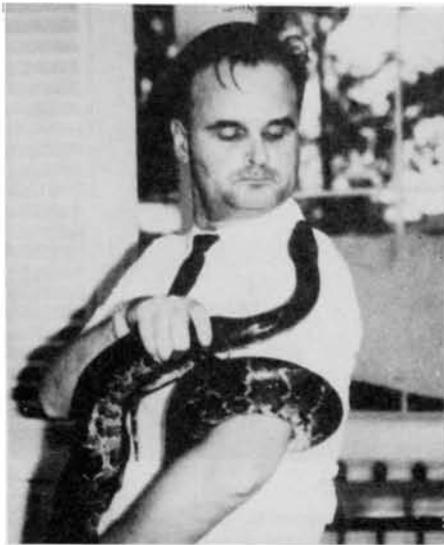
Speaking of Saigon, I understand that the hit of the wives' luncheon in Washington was a series of pictures exhibited by Marian Karrick showing Sam with his pet boa constrictor draped around his neck. Also featured in the pictures was a beautiful blond secretary (who was not draped around Sam's neck—that was the snake). Apparently, both the snake and the secretary evinced comments of sorts. If I can persuade Marian to give up a copy, I will run same with this column. The Saigon Jan '43 chapter is very active.

A somewhat blurry picture accompanying this column shows a Jan '43 reunion at Patrick AFB in Florida. Mary D. Starnes sent me the picture with a note saying that it was 100% participation: all eight classmates and wives. From left to right (with a little flexibility in jumping from the front to back rows) partially identifiable blurs turn out to be: Cliff Butler, Don Vleck, Kay Hynes, Dick Hynes, Bill Starnes, Judy Waters, Millie Maloney, Joe Dover, (front row), Pat Butler, (way in back), John Courtney (down front), Nan Dover, Brenning Waters (peeking over Nan), Mary D. Starnes, Pat Courtney, (only her right ear showing), Betty Vleck, and Bob Maloney.

The picture of eight, white-shirted, stalwart soldiers is obviously Jan '43 in Saigon celebrating Founders Day. The scene is the William Tell Restaurant. The characters are as follows, clockwise around the table from the left-hand side: Jim Aleveras, Al Saari, Ed Murray, John "Whizzer" White, Ken



Jan'43: Founders Day in Saigon.



Jan'43: Sam Karrick with 10-foot Saigon friend.

Buell, Ray Ruyffelaere (with a magnificent handle-bar mustache), Dee Armstrong, and Elvy Roberts. Dee tells me that Ben Edwards and Bill Dolby are also in Vietnam stationed out at Tan Son Nhut. Tim Brown was away on a trip, as was Sam Karrick.

The third picture with this column is Jan '43 at the Air Force Academy. In the rear row are the four faculty members: Ted Seith, Bob McDermott, Jack Daye, and Jim Bestervelt. In the front row are five of the six cadets: John Buckner, Mike Lindell, and Norman Herrington (all Plebes), Allen Lundberg, and Bob Muldrow (both Second Classmen). Absent was First Classman and Squadron Commander, John Van Duyn, who was on an extended spring leave since his squadron was the Honor Squadron.

Received a letter from Bob Baden who was last mentioned as being at STRICOM. Bob says that actually he has spent the last year with the 2d Bn of the Training Center at Fort Benning, organizing and commanding it. Last September OPO ordered him to one of the brand-new basic training brigades. Bob left his house empty in Florida, cut his ties with STRICOM, and brought all the family with him to Benning except Jeff, who stayed in junior college in St. Pete. Bob runs about 5,000 trainees and 700 cadre in the Harmony Church area of Fort Benning. Apparently there are no other classmates in the Benning area.

Mary D. Starnes writes that she hates to think of leaving their Florida quarters, but feels they have been fortunate to stay there that long. Mary D. and Susie will go to California to be near Mary D.'s parents, the

Jays. Her father has had a few operations in the past year but is doing well, and Susie will enter her junior year of high school. Lucy, the second daughter, will join the oldest girl, Mary, at the U. of South Florida in Tampa in the fall.

Jim Schofield stopped by the office in January. You may recall that he had last been portrayed as one of a group of impressive looking gentlemen who were project managers for various Army projects. Jim was then holding out at Monmouth. It now appears that his skill has led to his being named Deputy Commandant of the Defense Weapons Systems Management Center at Wright-Patterson AFB. Here Jim and his colleagues teach high-ranking civilians, colonels, and generals the intricacies of managing weapons systems. This is one more example of a field totally alien to yours truly. Jim and Molly have bought a house since there are nowhere near enough quarters for all the AF types pursuing degrees at the Air Force Institute of Technology which is also located on the base.

Bumped into Bob Muldrow in the hall. He tells me that he and Marie have quarters on the base at L.G. Hanscom AFB in the Bedford area of Massachusetts where Bob is in the programming business. One boy is at college here in the area, and father had just finished taking him out for what he claimed was the first good meal he had had since placed on an allowance. Bob and Marie are looking around the New England area for a school to send the next son to.

Bob tells me that our wealthy civilian classmate, J.R. Dempsey, has turned up in the Bedford area as VP of AVCO. This is quite a shift from the West Coast to the heavy snows of New England. The Deputy Base Commander of Hanscom is our erstwhile football player, Hank Mazur. You may recall that Hank came from that part of Massachusetts, so they have bought a house in Lowell to hang on to against the time when retirement comes around.

From miscellaneous PI blurbs which have come in, we learn of Tut Frakes's promotion. Tut is now on the staff of the Air University. John Buckner helped pin on his insignia. Joe Stuart, the Dir of Information for the Military Airlift Command at Scott AFB, Ill., was selected to attend the Brookings Institute Federal Management and Program Executives Conference at Williamsburg, Va.

Our civilian classmate, Belmont Cucolo, has rejoined the engineering firm of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas. Nine years ago he went to the New York State Power Authority. He returns to the firm to become a project manager in the transportation field. Bill Stewart has become Assistant to the

Director of Plans and Management for the San Antonio Air Materiel Area. Bob Fishel is Director of Information for the 28th Air Div at Hamilton AFB, Calif.

George Rebh stopped in from the Tulsa Engineer District. He and Jeanne are settled in a nice house in a pleasant community. George has 16 dams in operation, 10 under construction, and 6 new ones starting. He occasionally sees Hoppo May who is with an architectural engineering firm in Tulsa.

The latest arrivals to join our D.C. chapter are that fabulous couple, Liz and Jim Moore. Jim hides upstairs from yours truly in a little cubbyhole where he is the special assistant to the guy who is in charge of Air Force operations. Liz and Jim started the Georgetown boom with the house they bought there. Having completely rebuilt the Georgetown house, they moved out to Virginia and started the flight to the suburbs. That house having been disposed of, the Moores are now in a town house out Columbia Pike not far from the Pentagon. We just missed seeing them the other day at the Richards' house because Jim had to get back to supervise the carpenters. This is where I came in.

All too vivid are the 1948 crises in the Georgetown house as the Lithuanian DP's kept putting in the light switches upside down. Jim has been in the clutches of SAC for lo! these many years, having taken the lieutenant-type airplane driver's course before commanding jet jockeys. He could have gotten away with the "old colonel" orientation course, but insisted on doing it the hard way. Liz and Jim have opened and closed more air bases in the United States over the last few years than any equivalent Air Force officer.

Speaking of the Richards, Pat and Darrie will be en route, about the time this column comes out, for Mannheim where Darrie will command a logistical brigade. Hilary has won early acceptance at the college of her choice, so everyone is very pleased. The other two kids will go to Europe with the family.

We dislike the sad task of reporting tragedy, but some of the Class may not have heard of the sad death of Felicia Ellis, 16-year-old daughter of Paul and Phyllis Ellis, in a car accident in Milwaukee. You will recall that Paul retired and became VP of A.O. Smith and Co. and of the Dow Chemical Co. Although Phyllis is from Albuquerque (Paul, like Frank Camm, met and married his bride during a tour at Sandia) they have been living in Milwaukee. Felicia was a lovely girl with both charm and intelligence. She had obtained an early acceptance at the U. of Pennsylvania. Interment was in Albuquerque. The Class sent flowers, but those of you not in the local areas may not have heard. The loss of a youngster with so much promise is always tragic, and doubly so when it is a Class daughter.

There have been two items about other Class children in the newspapers recently. There was a picture of Leslie B. Harding Jr., as he made Eagle Scout in Troop 91 at White Bear Lake, Minn. Our classmate Les is the District Engineer in St. Paul. The newspapers also announced the engagement of Bonnie Fritz, the daughter of Bill and Connie Fritz, to Alexander von Kuegelgen, who comes from Bogota, Colombia. Bonnie is a graduate of Katherine Gibbs' in N.Y.C. Her fiance is a graduate of M.I.T. and is in research and development in the Boston area. The wedding will probably have taken place by the time this column appears since it was scheduled for May.

Brig. Gen. Robert F. McDermott, Dean of the U.S. AF Academy was the guest speaker



Jan'43: Classmates and class sons at the Air Force Academy.

at the Founders Day dinner of the West Point Society of Canaveral. He was introduced by Bill Starnes, president of the local society. An ex-officio member of the Society was in the area seven hours earlier but was not present at the dinner; he sent a message including a most plausible B-ache for his absence—it was Major David Scott, '54, NASA Astronaut. Scott was in orbit while McDermott was speaking.

We close with a note that this has been an active year under Stew Meyer's leadership. In January we dined and danced in mess dress and blues at Bolling. There have been two successful class luncheons, with more in prospect as we go to press. And the long-awaited barge trip will take place in May, IF they put water back into the canal. This has been a good administration! Please write before next deadline.

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Will Cover has been reassigned and has left the following to be included in the spring Notes.

"On Taking Leave,' or, 'Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more.' (With apologies to W.S., Henry V, and anyone else.)

"While snow lay deep and cutting winds blew cold 'gainst our 5-sided massive battlements,

New orders came 'mid din of jangling telephones from duly constituted adjutant.

So I must take my leave as Scribe, and pass the pen to Deacon Childs, Who to this breach of mine hath kindly answer made.

To him: good things, much news, and mail;

Whilst I, your erstwhile Scribe, am foreign called,

To make one more in great Westmoreland's camp,

With Barickman, Al Burdett, Glasgow, Hamblen, Langstaff, and the doughty Brandt,

And cope at Hq USA MACV in J2 Elm. JCOC APO San Francisco 96243.

"Anyone who would rhyme 'camp' and 'Brandt' might be challenged as a bad risk. Nevertheless, I am going. Looking back, I see I have written six columns—and count it a privilege. Thanks to all of you for your help and your many encouraging words, and especially to Deke Childs for taking over on short notice.

"Cecile and the boys will stay here at 3514 County Hill Drive, Fairfax, Va., while I am gone."

So long, Will Cover!

The bunch in Washington had a get-together sponsored by the Pinnells and Rumpfs. The following attended: Aarons, Becketts, Bowleys, Brakes, Buchers, Clarks, Coles, Covers, Davenport, Foulks, Fullers, Gordys, Hardys, Hagens, Hurley, McAdams, McCanna, McGees, McGregors, Malones, Oswalds, Peaks, Piggs, Pinnells, Roos, Rumpfs, Rundells, Scotts, Spieths, Wickert, Wilsons, Winfields, Youngs, Cutlers, Metts, Sembachs, Woods, Mattox, Milmores, Fishback, Moores.

Some changes that will occur this summer are:

Buck Coursey from Shaw AFB to Alaska. Ernie Cragg from the 20th TFW to Com-

mander, Reese AFB. Jonas Blank from Europe to IG USAF, Norton AFB. Buzz Bucher from Hq USAF to Misawa, Japan. Cab Brannon from SEA to Tactical Fighter Wing in Europe. Paul Steinle from Dayton to Warner Robins AFB. K.B. Smith from Hq USAF to MAC, Scott AFB.

Bud Rundell from Hq USAF to Hq AFSC, Andrews AFB. Bill McKenzie from NATO Standing Group in Thailand. Dale Sweat from Commander, 27th Tactical Fighter Wing to Commander, 833d Air Div, Cannon AFB. A.S.J. Tucker from the National Guard Bureau to Turkey. Ace Parker to AEC, Germantown. Jim Bower from Air Force Academy to PACAF, Hawaii. Ben Cassidy from Secretary of the Air Staff, Hq USAF, to Commander, 36th Tactical Fighter Wing, Bitburg, Germany. Ted Watkins from Director of Education, Hq USAF, to Secretary of the Air Staff, Hq USAF. Kit Carson Hq USAF to Commander, 832d Air Div, Seymour-Johnson AFB.

James H. Walker has joined the Mitre Corp. upon retirement. Stan Pace still remains as VP of TRW and reports that Elaine and the boys are fine.

I noted that the Department of the Army recommended a number of our Class for promotion to colonel. Congratulations!

We have increased our promotions to general officer grade to seven as the AF announced the nomination of A. John Bowley and William W. Snavely. John and Bill are well known to all of us, and we extend congratulations. As we assume positions of greater responsibility, the more meaningful become the words Duty, Honor, Country.

Any poop will be appreciated.

'44

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It is our sad duty to pass on to you the news of the loss of Doc and Jean Greaves' oldest son, Mike, in a tragic accident just after the writing of our last column. Words cannot express how much our hearts go out to Doc and Jean, and how much we share in their sorrow.

Shortly before the last issue of ASSEMBLY went to press, George Pappas called from Carlisle to announce that the 20-year books had arrived from the printer and were being hand-carried to Bob Ginsburgh, courtesy of Betsy Bottomly, for distribution to the Class. By now most of you will have received your copies and will have agreed that this was truly a splendid effort on the part of George, Willie Burr, George Hayman, Steve Farris, and all the others who contributed. Our heartiest thanks to you all for giving us this lasting testimonial to the class activities and progress!

Founders Day has come and gone, and many of the Class took time out of busy schedules to gather together, reminisce, and rededicate themselves to the principles of the Corps. Here in Washington it was the best gathering and the best program since many can remember. The Hell Cats came down from the Point, and there were addresses by such distinguished graduates as Gen. Harold K. Johnson. The Class of '44 was well represented by Johnny Carley, Bob Cowherd, Art Hyman, Bill Fairbrother, Jimmy Cumberpatch, Steve Farris, Larry Clayton, John Sullivan, Jim Connell, Ollie Patton, Boodler Richards, Charlie Johnson, Bob Hurst, Charlie Daniel, Winfield Scott, Bob Parks, Tom Hoxie, and Tank DeArment. Needless to say, a great time was had by all.

Our heartiest congratulations to all the Army files who made the latest full-bird list published in early March. Among the selectees for new feathers were: Burr, Cabell, Callahan, Carter, Cooch, Cyr, Daly, Douglas, Drake, Erlenkotter, Grant, Harper, Howland, Humma, Irvine, Johnson, Knoll, LaMarre, Art Marshall, McKeever, Millington, Mitchell, Tommy Moore, Moulis, Neilond, Pappas, Parks, Patton, Pearce, Jack Peterson, Pitts, Sciolla, Scoggin, Spalding, Vitullo, Wear, Weathers, and Jim White.

The new Army War College list was also published shortly before this writing. Boodler Richards scored his double by making it, but he has been deferred one year. This meets his plans very satisfactorily, for Bruce will now be able to graduate from Jeb Stuart High here in Arlington. Others on the list are Corbie Truman and Pat Neilond.

John Sullivan, back from one of his frequent trips to Panama and Latin America, where he watches over the Military Assistance Program in the USSOUTHCOM area, reports that Larkin Tully and Dusty Rhodes are still representing the Class in good form at Quarry Heights and Albrook. Larkin is with the Operations Directorate of USSOUTHCOM and Dusty, with USAFSSO.

Another world traveler, Bob Ginsburgh, had returned to his State Dept. post shortly before this went to mail, and told of his reunions with some of the Class in faraway spots. He was on the road about 2 weeks, hitting Saigon, Honolulu, Bangkok, Cairo, Athens, and Rome. In all those travels he was fortunate enough to see only one classmate, however: Tom Mahoney who is now a member of the PACAF staff. Tom spends all of his free moments enjoying his sailboat which, as you recall, carried him across the Pacific from the West Coast last summer. Bob just missed seeing Ken Cooper who was on his way to Antarctica to inspect a nuclear reactor in connection with his present assignment at Belvoir.

The war in Vietnam continues to hold all of our interest, and our thoughts are particularly with Jack Hennessey in his challenging command assignment with the 1st Air Cav Div. We have just seen orders on Charlie Daniel and Tom Tarpley assigning them to the 1st Cav this summer, and presumably they will get command slots. Congratulations to them both, and the best of luck!

Bumped into Doug Kinnard in the Pentagon hallway the other day. Doug is here on temporary duty for a while, pending his assignment to the Operations Div of USMACV next summer. Doug's boy Kip is now attending Deerfield in New England.

Our congratulations to Jerry Capka on his selection to take Ray Murphy's place as Director of Athletics at USMAY this summer! We know Jerry is looking forward to the tour up on the Hudson, and we are delighted to see another of our stalwarts moving into a key slot at the Academy. That makes Freddie Smith, Don MacWilliams, and Knoll on the faculty; and Bob Day, Coots Mitchell, Bill Todd, and Jerry Capka on the staff.

Art Hyman, who is still a "long ranger" with the Joint Staff's Strategic Plans and Policy Div, saw Larkin Tully and Jimmy Adamson in the hallway the other day. Larkin was up from Panama on unconventional warfare business, and Jimmy was on leave. Jimmy is headed for Vietnam as a division advisor this summer. Art mentioned also that he had had Bill Todd's boy over for dinner recently from the USMA Prep School at Belvoir where he is finishing the

course prior to entering the Academy in July. Art had also seen Doc Hayward not long ago at Fort Bragg where Doc is still the G3 of XVIII Abn Corps.

Jim Connell, who graduates from the National War College this summer, heads for Hawaii as secretary of the USARPAC general staff.

Word just came in advising that Roy and Sylvia Bahls will be joining the Joint Staff contingent of the Washington clan this summer. Roy, who has been at Biggs AFB near Bliss in a command slot, will have a desk in the North American Branch of J5.

Johnny Carley and I have just received orders to report to the good old 7th Inf (Bayonet) Div this summer for command assignments. We look forward to a fine professional tour out there on "Freedom's Frontier" and to our close association during the next 13 months.

Bill Fairbrother has just received orders for CINCPAC where he will be handling the MAP evaluation problems. He is now deciding which of his able assistants will take over the responsibilities of the class commemorative committee. Boodler Richards has agreed to pick up the pen and keep the class Notes flowing during the next year, so please address your letters to him at the following address: Col. H. W. Richards, 3119 Shadeland Drive, Falls Church, Va.

'45

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George Eyster's death occurred just at the time that the last column was going to the printers, and since that date we have continued to receive expressions of admiration and respect for George from many sources, a fine token of the high esteem in which George was held by all of his many friends. For example, Andy Carhartt, pastor of the Linwood Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, wrote to express his sorrow. He noted that George and Harriet were stationed nearby at Fort Riley before George left for Vietnam, and that George's death was a matter of deep concern in that area. Brig. Gen. Gildart, presently the commanding general of the 38th Arty Bde in Korea, also wrote and thoughtfully enclosed the accounts of George's death which the Hawaiian papers carried, for George had many friends there, too.

One of the faithful, Dipper Dallman, penned a brief note from Phan Thiet, Vietnam, to say that he met one of George's lieutenants in Saigon the day after George had been hit who simply stated "Col. Eyster was the most perfect gentleman I've ever met." Dipper said the remark was completely unsolicited, and that the lieutenant did not know that Dipper and George were classmates. Dipper remarked in his note that he thought the lieutenant's statement pretty well reflects the opinion of all who knew George. You're so right, Dipper.

Further, Les Ayres advises that the class memorial fund has received a large number of donations in memory of George. Two locations where George had many friends were represented in the checks sent in by General Waters, CinC, USARPAC, and the class group at Carlisle Barracks. Many of George's friends and classmates in the D.C. area also sent in checks.

George's funeral at West Point was well attended, with Bill Love, George Garman, Hap Argo, Ray Smith, and Russ McGovern

among the pallbearers. Jim and Betty Root went up from Washington, along with Tom McCunniff, Bill Guthrie, Walt Root, Bob Mackinnon, and several others. Dick Carnes led a delegation from Carlisle Barracks.

Expression of Thanks from Mrs. Wilby

Mrs. Francis B. Wilby, widow of our Superintendent, has asked that her grateful thanks be expressed to the entire Class for the beautiful wreath which was provided at the burial of Gen. Wilby at his beloved West Point. She movingly expressed how much it would have pleased her husband, and she deeply appreciated the thoughtfulness.

A Few Send News

Jim Mueller writes from Vietnam that his carefully laid retirement plans were modified last year. He had bought a home in State College, Pa. and had already received a fellowship at Penn State, but now finds himself in Qui Nhon commanding the 88th Engr Bn as a result of volunteering to take that outfit to Vietnam last September. Joe Rochefort is commanding the 84th Engr Bn nearby, and Harry Amos has a 105 outfit at An Khe, supporting the 1st Cav. Bill says that Pat and the kids are waiting for him at 119 N. Paterson St., State College.

Andy Carhartt also noted in his letter that his oldest son, John, has enlisted. He is a paratrooper, and was with the 101st Abn Div, but is presently assigned as an operating-room technician in Madigan General Hospital, Takoma, Wash. An early assignment to Vietnam is not unlikely. Thanks for your letters, Jim and Andy.

George Dexter, who had been in the thick of it for a long time while leading a Bn in the 173d Abn Bde, was wounded on 26 Feb but fortunately not seriously. He has been evacuated to Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, for a convalescent period of yet undetermined length. George was hit in the left side, fracturing his left thigh and wrist.

John Geer flew back from Korea in February and married Jeanne Leggett at the Fort Myer chapel. John never was happy with his celibate existence and our best wishes go to the happy couple.

Some of the Air Force clan report that Doug Kenna, now a VP of AVCO, looked right at home at the head table with another VP named Humphrey (H.H., that is) at the National Space Club banquet held here recently.

Army Senior Service School Selections

A close examination of the lists revealed the following winners in the annual sweepstakes:

Army War College—Arch Arnold, Jerry Briscoe, Steve Day, Ernie Denz, George Dexter, Ray Dietsche, Dick Gorder, Charlie Greer, Buster Hayden, George Jones, Frank LaBoon, Tom Longino, Mick McMurdo, Marv Price, Art Ringle, Joe Rochefort, Walt Root, Ed Saxby, and Cliff White.

National War College—Dick Hartline and Russ McGovern.

ICAF—Bick Sawyer.

Air War College—Mac McDaniel.

Naval War College—blanked for the second straight year. (The last '45 group at Newport must have had themselves a Ball!)

More Army Selections

The Army recently published another colonels' list and George Benson, Bates Burnell, Dave Clymer, Chuck Curtis, Charlie Dubsy,

Ernie Hardin, Doc Hesse, Al Knight, Jock McQuarrie, Ed Saxby, Louis Schelter, Bill Sibert, Pete Spragins, Bill Stites, and Wag Wagonhurst were selected from within the primary zone.

It was in the secondary or below-the-zone area where '45 really hit the jackpot, to wit: Hap Adams, Gordy Allen, Bill Barnes, John Bennett, George Bush, Roy Farley, Tom Fitzpatrick, Bob Fye, Walt Gelini, Dick Groves, Bob Hayes, Ira Hunt, Zoot Johnson, Larry Jones, Bob McAlister, Herb McChrystal, Dick McConnell, Jim Munson, Pat Powers, Bill Stewart, George Wallace, and Dick West. This was a total of 15 from the primary zone and 23 out of the total of 32 picked from the secondary zone! Congratulations to all you guys wearing the white hats.

Memorial Fund

The fund has entered its second year of being incorporated as a non-profit, tax-free entity. An annual report was prepared and mailed to members of the Class in April. Our fund balance is over the \$4,000 mark and climbing steadily as contributors remember to mail in their second \$10-per-year contributions. Many in the Class have solved the "memory" part by sending the whole \$50 at one time. We have received contributions from interested persons outside of the Class and have quite a few \$100-or-over checks in support of our effort.

Perhaps the need is not too great now, but as the number of children being supported in college or special schools becomes more of a drain, the need for scholarship help may prompt some of our classmates (or widows of our deceased classmates) to look for financial help. If you know of such a situation, please refer the case to the Memorial Fund Scholarship Committee, Box 45, Fort Myer, Virginia 20011.

Cleaned From the Orders

Jim Gilland from M.I.T. to Hawaii in July; Will Rogers from DCSLOG to OCSA; Fred Goeth to retire 31 July; Bob Tolar to 1st Cav Div; Henry Starkey to retire 31 May; Tom Maertens from ICAF to 1st Div; Harry Shaw to retire 30 June and finish work on his Ph.D.; Bill Ochs to Vietnam from France (family to stay near Annapolis); Bob Stetekluh to retire 30 June; W.H. Vinson to Vietnam from NWC; Barney Broughton and Herb McChrystal back to Washington from Vietnam; George Bush to Fort Bragg; Bob Mann and Bob Reese to retire 30 June; Bob Dingenman to DCSFER; Dave Clymer to 79th Engr Bn, Fort Lewis; Lucian Truscott to 9th Div in April; Dick Smith to retire 30 April; Art Doyle to retire 31 March; Ed Winthrop to TIG; Herb Price to Vietnam in July; Gordy Allen to J4 from OCSA in July; Joe Stanowicz to retire shortly; Dick West to ASA (FM); Bill Guthrie from CDC to Korea in June; Bobby Marlow to 2d Air Div in Vietnam; Bill Kratz appointed the District Engr, Kansas City; Dick Crane to DCSOPS; Bill Holcombe to Vietnam.

Al Neville stays on at the Army War College, as does Don Fowler; Andy Gatsis to Vietnam; Bob Fye to SHAPE; Doc Hesse to St. Paul, Minn.; Tom Drake to Vietnam; Larry Jones back to ACSI; Louie Schelter to DCSLOG; Bill Walker to TIG; George Wallace to Vietnam; Wally Wittwer to CDC; Bill Wolfe to DCSFER; Faye Worthington to Europe; Tom Curtis to Homestead AFB; Bob Duvall to DIA; Tony Parrish to Hq, USAF Plans; Pat Patterson to Kirtland AFB; George Benson to OSD; and Bernie Johnsrud to DCSLOG.

These ASSEMBLY deadlines are tough, in that before one edition is in your hands the next one has already gone to press. My next deadline will be sometime toward the end of June, so take heed (or pity) and send info fast!

'46

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How many days?

Sir, there have been 7,305 days since graduation!

Then let's all celebrate this event either now or next 1 Oct at the ARMY-Penn State game—called Homecoming! Ethel and I have our reservations—do you?

This March I was up at West Point for a camping trip with our local Boy Scout troop. The place is changing rapidly. Until recently, only the hospital and the library showed it, but now the Plain is all dug up; Thayer rests temporarily over at Trophy Point; half of Central Barracks facing the Plain and half of old North are gone completely. Oh yes, they have four regiments now! The flankers and the runts are all mixed up, and the Corps faces east at parade when presenting arms. No question about it, the place is not the same, but I am told by a reliable source that Plebes still "sit-up."

I talked to Bob Kren while up there and received what current information he had. There was a joint meeting of the West Point group and the Washington group to get some manpower help on the plans for the 20th. Our contingent at the Point besides Kren, includes: Bishop, Webb, Gerardo, Jordan, Saunders, Ed Crowley, Lenzner, Elsaesser, Benedict, and Nye. Cliff Parke, who briefly managed the Bear Mountain Inn, is now with Howard Johnson. Lenzner is scheduled to report to Sill as Comdr 3/32d Arty.

Kren and his wife went to a party in Essex Fells, N.J. (my neighboring town) where they met Art Pence and his wife. Seems the group was a high school alumni affair, and it turns out that both wives are part of the group. Pence is commanding a training battalion at Dix.

Bert David is now wearing eagles. On the latest list for colonel are: T.E. Boudinot, Frank Blazey, Sam Walker, Ed Saunders, and Pat O'Neill. Class sons working for appointments for this July include: Ben Brown's, Ralph Starner's, and Tom Reeder's. E.S. Throckmorton is still in there shooting, having made the all-America rifle team.

The *Army Times* of 12 Jan 66 reports: "Soldiers' wallets will be more secure in the hip pocket of their khaki trousers in the future. The pocket is being deepened by one inch to better hold a standard-size wallet. A certificate of achievement was awarded to Lt. Col. Van R. Baker for suggesting the change."

Kibbey and Margaret Horne are now at 7420 Van Noy Loop, Fort Meade, Md. 20755, having left Washington in February. Sam Walker is now executive officer, 3d Bde, 1st Inf Div, Vietnam. He had been a battalion commander, 3d Inf Div, Europe, before volunteering for his new duty. Walker earned a Silver Star in Korea as a company commander with the 19th Inf Regt.

Bob Kane received an Army Commendation Medal last February for meritorious service while at Fort Monroe as Chief of Management Division. After two weeks of training at Fort Sill, he left for Korea, where he is presently stationed. In 1963 Bob received

an M.S. degree from the U. of Alabama.

Sam Title, C.L.U. (40 Juniper La., West Hartford, Conn.), earned membership in National Life Insurance Co.'s 10th President's Club. He attended the club's educational conference at the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, in March. Some education, no doubt! Sam is a charter and continuing member of the club, having belonged since its organization in 1956. He is also a member of the Million-Dollar-Round-Table.

Ed Houseworth was presented the Bronze Star by Lt. Gen. W.W. Dick Jr., Chief of Research and Development, Dept of Army, during ceremonies at the Pentagon on 3 Nov 65. Ed received the award for outstanding meritorious service during combat operations against hostile forces in Vietnam during the period July 64-July 65. He and Miriam now are at 7231 Chatham St., North Springfield, Va.

Walt Dumas wrote from Germany to fill us in on who is in Europe. He is with the Organization and Equipment Section, Ops Div, Hq USAREUR, APO N.Y. 09403, having recently left a mechanized Inf Bn in the 3d Armd Div. This summer he comes home to start in at the Army War College along with some 17 other classmates.

Horace Derrick is with the Army School in Oberammergau. Keith Ball is with the Aviation Section, Ops Div, Hq USAREUR, while Ed Braun is in the Logistics Div, and Bill Humphreys is in the Ops Div. Rodney Blyth is attached to the Seventh Army Support Command, and both Hunter Faires and Kit Sinclair are with Hq Seventh Army. Until recently Sinclair was CO Hq 3d Bn, 33d Armor, 3d Armd Div, having been in Europe since Aug 64.

In Bamberg, with the 82d Engr Bn, is Levi Brown, while John Perkins is with the 24th Engr Bn. In the 3d Armd Div are Harry Davis (2/27 Arty Bn), Dick Fuller (3/12 Cav), and Goose Gosling with the Cav Regt. Jiggs Gigante is with SETAF in Italy, Bob Montgomery is with Hq CENTAG, and in Fontainebleau, France, are Bob Sheffield and Ed Van Deusen. In Baumholder are Jim Hobson (1/87th) and Bob Rufsvold (293 Engr Const Bn).

Hal Hallgren is in Zirndorf with the 2/16 FA Bn, 4th Armd Div. Andy LaMar is with the 14th Armd Cav Regt, and Irv Rouillard is JA for the 3d Inf Div. With the 2/37 FA Bn in Bad Kissingen is Bob Lee. In Mannheim with the 51st DS Maint Bn is John Mathias, while Ned Mewborn is with the 2/13 Inf Bn in Sandhofer. Frank Palmatier is with the 3/37 FA Bn in Dachau, and Harold Terrell is with the 5/77 FA Bn.

Received Guy Troy's bulletin, written from our 50th state. Guy relinquished command of the 3d Sqdn, 4th Cav after 2 years of commanding same. He is now in Unconventional Warfare Section, CINCPAC Hq, and his home address is 446 Baldwin Rd., APO 46557, San Francisco, which I believe is Schofield Barracks. His daughter Pam (19) is engaged to a captain of Armor, USMA '61. The boys Kent (9) and Thad (7) keep Wynne quite busy.

Harlan Koch is also at CINCPAC Hq. He and Dottie have separated, she and Donnie (14) now residing on the Mainland. Larry Elder has been to Hawaii on business. He and Sally live at 74-705 Setting Sun Trail, Palm Desert, Calif. Their children are Gary (18) attending N.M.M.I., Bonnie (16), Andy (14), Candy (13), and Sherrie (11). Bud Martin is Senior Advisor at National Training Ctr., Phu Bon, Vietnam. George Miller commands the 4th Sqdn, 7th Cav Div, APO

96224 SF (Korea). Nancy, Roy (10), Ed (9), and Martha (3) are living at 1111 N. West Street, Carlisle, Pa.

Ben Hanson is at Knox with the 16th Armor Gp. Toni, Jackie (16), Ben (14), and Dick (8), joined him there. Ben had been in Korea. Steve Edwards left Korea for Hood and is now commanding one of the 67th's tank battalions, 2d Armd Div. Mary Claire had a baby daughter to join Chip (10), Tim (9), and John (6). Also at Hood are Bob and Sue Knapp, Dick and Donna Beckner, and George and Lynn Webb (CO 2/67). The Webb children are George (15), Heather (14), James (12), Matt (10), Peter (4), and Mary (3).

Vince and Jo Cannon (CO 4/69 Armor) are at Fort Benning. Penny (23) is married and has a child. The others are Vinny (17), Mark (15), Kevin (12), Peter (16), Missy (12), John (7), Chris (5), and James (4). Art and Karma Lochrie with Jane (12), Karma (10), Jimmy (8), and another son (4) moved to Fort Belvoir. John Treadwell is Asst Army LnO in Hong Kong. Dick and Marion Streiff along with Ricky (18) and J.D. (12) are at Fort Devens, Mass., where he is CO 3/77 Tank Bn. Norm and Anne Stanfield at the C&GSC have two sons: Norman (13) and Jim (11). Harry Smythe commands the 17th Cav, 82d A/B Div. Bob Berry is now commanding a tank battalion and is reported to be in Vietnam.

Bob and Lucy Duncan and their five children have a new address, Route 1, Box 446, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. The Mussers address is 23 Cider Mill Rd., Glastonberry, Conn. Jack and Jane Schram with H.R.H. Construction Co., live at 1561 N. Amalfi Dr., Pacific Palisades, Calif.

I wish I could be where I could hear all the stories that will be told as the many groups of you gather in far-off as well as nearby places for our 20th Reunion. But since I can't, maybe someone out there will forward them to me. Anyway, I'll be around in October to pick up those tidbits. See you. Beat Penn State!

'47

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As I sit here and gaze at my mountainous pile of three (3) letters, which arrived neatly spaced in January, February, and March, I can only wonder why. Surely things of class interest must be happening—but what? and to whom?

Shortly after the deadline for the last issue, I received a nice note from Barbara Culin. As of then, John was busy in Vietnam and expecting to be assigned to Washington some time later this year. We will be glad to see you and welcome you to the DC club.

Gordon Duquemin had some surgery this winter while at the Naval War College—all has turned out well, and Duke is looking forward to his next assignment.

I am sure that most of you have seen the senior service school selections, but I'll run down the list as I have it anyway. Army War College will have Bill Conger, Bob Baer, Tom Rogers, Bud Salisbury, Don Steininger, Wally Veaudry, and oh, yes—Dave Odell. (Looks like a bit of brainwashing is in store for old Digby!) Jack Faith, Doc Blanchard, John Gerrity, Tod Mallett, and George Maloney will attend the National War College, with Howie Sargent across the way at ICAF. Hugh Bartley and Hank Hill will grace the Navy War College, while Fred Jacoby and Brent Scowcroft will be at the Air War

College. I probably have missed some of the Air Force files, but I'll be glad to rectify the omissions in later issues—if and when they write!

Bobby Geraci writes from Germany that Al is keeping busy with annual inspections while she flits about Europe—to include Majorca in February and plans for London in May, the latter with Pat Haskin.

Regarding arrivals and/or departures, we have learned the following: Mel LeBlanc is said to be in the Pentagon, having left Fort Polk in January. However, I haven't seen Mel or his mustache in the halls as yet. George Harrington expects to leave SHAPE for the Pentagon this summer, and Bob Rosen has tentatively been assigned to SHAPE. (Sounds like high port and cross-over drill.) Frank Taylor has orders for Korea, Ike Snyder for Vietnam. Meade Wildrick is heading for CINCPAC, along with John Hoover. John Delistraty is headed for Greece. (Somehow that doesn't seem right.) Dick Rantz is in Washington, having just returned from Vietnam. Tom Perkins is in the gunnery department at Sill, and Bob McCord is CO of a PERSHING Bn, also at Sill.

The Washington contingent had their annual (?) party on 26 March and had a fine turnout of about 65 people, including several from Carlisle. Lee and I skipped the party to go to USMA for Plebe Parent Weekend, where we were the guests of Jane and John Mastin. We had a most enjoyable time visiting our Plebe, and while there learned that '47 may soon have other sons as cadets. Rocky Vockel is apparently set to enter this summer, while Tom Boerger is sweating out getting in on one of several alternate appointments. Our best wishes to both as we hope for their success.

One final note before closing. Bob King announced that he is retiring at the end of April, thus becoming the first of our Class to join the ranks of the voluntarily retired. Bob plans to move out to California after his retirement becomes official. We all wish you success in your new status, Bob—the Army loses on this deal!

I'll quit by expressing the hope that the spring mail will be a bit heavier, particularly as it concerns your feelings about the 20th Reunion. Time is getting short, and the reunion committee will urgently need your opinions and suggestions... so don't procrastinate!

'48

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I start with a handicap this time. The last copy, filed last December, has yet to arrive in print. And, I have misplaced the carbon of what I submitted, so the only crime I can commit is to have the same news in two issues in a row. If I do, please excuse.

The photo accompanying this article was supplied through the AOC. Walt Meinzen is shown receiving the Army Commendation Medal from Maj. Gen. Stanley R. Larsen, CG, Field Force, during ceremonies in Nha Trang, last 9 Dec. Walt received the award for meritorious service with the Army Infantry Board, Fort Benning, from whence he went to Vietnam. Congratulations, Walt!

Schools and promotions make news this time. Several of the Air Force contingent have been promoted to Lt. Col., and the rest of us share their pleasure. For those not aware, the Class just hit the primary zone this year. So, you ground-pounders made out

pretty well after all, in spite of blue suit propaganda. The new Army colonel's list has Bill Caldwell, Stub Clarke, Fran Schless, and John Wadsworth on it. Well done, men!

As for schools, this list shows the following, although some names may have been taken off and held over until next year. Bob Mathis is a case in point. He was scheduled for ICAF starting this fall, but they wanted him where he is for another year. So, next fall we hope to see his smiling face again. National War College—Air Force: Arnold Braswell, Otis Moore, Bob Pater; Army: Gene Forrester, Jack Kean, Tom Jones.

ICAF—Army: Sam Cockerham and Jack Doody (Joe Kiernan was scheduled but volunteered for Vietnam where he will be CO of the 1st Div Combat Engr Bn, I understand); Air Force: Irv Schoenberg.

Armed Forces Staff College—Fall '66: Jess Hendricks; Spring '67: Andy Witko.

Army War College—Air Force: Dick Skinner; Army: Tom Bowen, Sam Holliday, Willard Scott, Fred Tibbetts, and Tom Tyree.

Naval War College—Air Force: Don Swenholt.

Air War College—Air Force: Waldo Berton, Fred Chanatry, and Jake Pompan. Jim Sandman was named as an alternate. Jim, by the way, has arrived in the Washington area, al-



1948: At Nha Trang, Vietnam. Walt Meinzen receives award for service at Fort Benning.

though my notes go no further at this time.

John Anthony Hughes arrived at Mercedes's and Jack's house on 10 December, just in time for Christmas. Mother looks great, I might add. Ginny and Les Carter are living at 6701 Bellamy Ave., Springfield, Va., while the Dick Skinners are at 6417 Rivington Road, Springfield, Va. It was wonderful to see both couples again. Gene and Mary Lou Forrester are in Arlington, Va., at 2346 S. Meade St. Never thought I'd see those two rebels living on a street named for the victor at Gettysburg. Gene and Sue Fleming are at Fort Lee, Va., in Qtrs. 333 Buna Road. Gene, do you still regale the Officers Club with renditions of Robert Service's poems? His performances at the Boodlers in Grant Hall were famous.

The other evening I was most pleased to receive a call from Charlie Martin. Many of you will recall that he left West Point during "cow" year and graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1951. Charlie and Ruth and boys live at 6422 Cabell Court, Springfield, Va. 22250. He recently received his law degree and is with the USCG Hq legal staff.

Received a letter from Sid Berry in Vietnam. He was recuperating from wounds received when a Vietnamese soldier stepped on a mine, killing himself and wounding Sid

and several others. He said that it had been 15½ years since his last Purple Heart, and that he could wait an equal space of time for the next one. He has recovered well, I note from an article in the Paris edition of the New York *Herald Tribune* for 3 March. The columnist, Seymour Freidin, describes Sid as a lucid, deeply read, professional soldier, and goes on to say that he is struck by the profundity of the American "pro" these days. It's a really fine article, and thanks to Norm Lovejoy who sent it.

Norm reports that the Naples Founders Day dinner included wives, which enlivened things plenty. Norm Robinson, he tells us, was one of the few members of the military community admitted to the Naples Royal Yacht Club. Very good, Robbie!

Norm also says that he was in Heidelberg recently and saw several classmates at a party arranged by Imogene and George Swearengen. George and John Milton are having their tours curtailed and are leaving for the training center at Fort Dix as this is being written. Jim McCray is also leaving for a battalion command. Ed Nelson's tour is up this summer. Also, as Norm got the story, Jack McCuen recently had to bail out of an L-19. Seems the pilot took off with only seven minutes' fuel!

I promised Joe Herbets I would publish his address: 1209 Stotesbury Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19118. Now, Joe, I'm up to date.

In the 27 Oct 1965 issue of the AUSA *Convention Salute* I found a fine picture of Jim Hall making a pitch on Colt products to Gen. Harold K. Johnson, USA Chief of Staff. The old sales technique: get to the head man. Right, Jim? Tom McCormack sent his dues to Grim Locke with a sheet headed: U.S. Army Mission to Venezuela, c/o U.S. Embassy, Apartado No. 11441 Del Este, Caracas, Venezuela. Kit and Glen Wilhide, Hq 2d Bn, 34th Inf, APO N.Y. 09112, are having a ball. Kit and children toured Scandinavia while Glen's outfit spent its three months in Berlin.

Blaine Butler is now the official class rep at USAFA. I expect periodic news from that quarter now, Blaine. Bill and Rachel Thomas dropped Irv Schoenberg a note in late December. Bill reports one of our "lost" classmates, R.O. Barton, as being in Augusta, Ga. The Thomases are at 203 Alpine Road, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33405.

Norm Lovejoy and Mort Mumma sent Irv a card from Athens, and from the tone of it they must have been sampling the products of the local vineyards. Anyone want a Greek stamp for a collection?

Phil Day has gone south to Bragg and the Dom Rep. Ginny and children follow when school is out, and, after the days lost because of the Big Snow, that may be early August. We make up every day we lose in Fairfax County.

Babs Wadsworth sent a fine Christmas card telling us that John was reactivating the 3d Bn, 21st Inf, 196th Light Inf Bde, at Fort Devens; that John had received two Vietnamese medals, the Legion of Merit, and the Air Medal with two clusters (denoting over 300 hours of helicopter time), while on his tour in RVN; that Ken and Carol Olson's Bn at Fort Huachuca is the 509th Signal; and that Willie Bertram's address is U.S. Embassy, APO 09674, N.Y., which is Nepal. Saw the Wadsworths at the local spring dance and they looked great.

Dottie and Nelson French had much to say about their comings and goings in Columbus and elsewhere. The accident a year ago Christmas left no lasting problems, I was glad to learn. So, if you're going through Ohio, look up our artist of the Class and her mate.

Lou Haskell, I learned from a mutual acquaintance, has departed Colorado Springs for Vietnam, I believe. My uncertainty stems from a lost note made while in Chicago where I got this info. Harwell and Louise Smith enjoyed having ARMY at Tennessee—until the kickoff. From then on it was rather grim. Harwell saw Joe Huey at the debacle.

Lake Churchill wrote to say that the Class of '48 has a stranglehold on the Albuquerque West Point Society with Willard Scott as president and Bob Mathis as VP. A real oasis in the Southwest for any traveler.

My fellow officer and good friend, Grim Locke, has handed me another batch of envelopes from classmates containing dues. I must speak to him about putting the name of the sender on the envelope. I have a few which I cannot identify, like: Rt 1, Box 247, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80907. Nice to hear from you, classmate. And: Room 936, 50 Congress Street, Boston, Mass. 02109. Hope you are well, too, ole buddy. Not to mention: 12411 S. 34th, Omaha, Nebr. (Must be an AF SAC type.) You see, Grim is so happy to receive the funds and get them working, he sometimes overlooks the side values of names and addresses. One that was complete was Bob Marshall: Hq, USEUCOM (J3), APO N.Y. 09128. We spent half a day in 1959 trying to run Bob down at Leavenworth but missed him all 'round.

Bill Byers responded to our letter from the 547th Engr Bn, APO N.Y. 09175. And, Charlie Shook sent along a note. You know, after Charlie transferred from Rochester, N.Y., to Michigan, I had hoped we might get together more often, but we moved away too soon. Anyway, Charlie lives at 920 Yarmouth Road, Birmingham, Mich. 48009, with wife Betty Ann, Woody (Charles Jr.), age 15, and Eliot, 10. Charles is supervisor of the engineering and technical education section on the corporate personnel and organization staff of the Ford Motor Co. Retiring classmates (in two years or less) note.

A few more notes in closing. Barb Cerow was down in Walter Reed for an operation recently. As far as I know her recovery was complete, and she is now back at West Point. Tudy Caldwell is expecting in August, according to President Irv. I think we ought to get a pot together for the last baby of the Class. No real hurry; I know a graduate from 1918 whose last child arrived in 1950. However, it would add extra incentive. Eloise and I disqualify ourselves! Ennis Whitehead and John Egbert are slated for Vietnam after school, along with Joe Kiernan. All these lovely RVN geographic widows should have a beauty contest.

Our publisher, AOG, has asked that classes since 1925 hold down the volume of copy; the magazine is getting too bulky. My suggestion is: either increase the number of issues to six or mechanize to face the present influx. I'm fairly sure that we don't want to go the way of the Annapolis publication: name, place, date. In one way it would be easier: all I'd have to do would be to cut and paste orders. What are your thoughts? My address is above.

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The West Point Scene

I am sure the members of the Class are interested in who is holding the fort here at USMA. So here are the changes in the guard this year.

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1949: Art Mayer receives the Bronze Star and Air Medal.

Bob Nulsen departed in April for Fort Devens, Mass., where he is CO, 3d Bn, 21st Inf, 196th Lt Bde. Alice plans to remain nearby in Cornwall for the time being. Bill and Jean Lowrey leave in June, Bill for Army Field Forces in Danang, the family to Fairfax, Va. John Mackert was off in May headed toward Korea, and Peggy and children went to Athens, Ga. Skeeter Meek heads for the 1st Inf Div Arty in Vietnam where he is slated to command an artillery battalion. Barbara and kids are heading home to Dardanelle, Ark., for the duration.

Bob Black will arrive from Hq Seventh Army in May to become CO of the 1st Bn, 1st Inf, the unit of assignment for the more than 800 troops here at the Academy; and Bob and Helen Kemble will return in August from Georgetown U. where Bob has been working on his Ph.D. On arrival he will assume his duties as permanent associate professor in the Dept of English. With Bill Luebbert, head of the Academic Computer Center and closed-circuit TV system, that makes two '49ers on the permanent faculty.

Others currently assigned here are: Bob Andreen, Pat and Jane Donohoe, Bill and Doris Bounds, Jim and Sally Coghlan, Carl and Ginna Fitz, Joe and Peg Hickey, Jack and Arden Madison, and Jack and Le Thomas. So you can see that we are nearing the edge of the bell-shaped curve for numbers of classmates assigned at USMA. Those here can almost be counted on your fingers; and within a couple of years, you will probably be able to do it on one hand. The high occurred in the late Fifties with over 40 stationed here.

The final item of USMA news is that Jim Coghlan will be the president of the local group for the coming year, and Bill Bounds will take over from me as class Scribe for



1949: Don Keith at his Legion of Merit award ceremony.

the year. Bill will need your support for the fall issue, so please drop him a line: Lt. Col. M.W. Bounds, Asst to the Superintendent, West Point, N.Y. 10996.

Those Who Have Excelled

Pictured are Don Keith receiving the Legion of Merit from General Abrams, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, for his work as Asst Secy of the General Staff, DA, and Art Mayer receiving the Bronze Star and the Air Medal for his service in Vietnam. Both are now at the Armed Forces Staff College.

Army class members winning War College berths for the 1966-67 term are—National War College: Joe Kingston and Jerry Lauer; Army War College: Clay Buckingham, Hillman Dickinson, Jack Forrest, Chuck Heiden, Gil Kirby, Mo Mathews, John Maurer, John McArdle, Bill Moore, Ralph Puckett, Collier Ross, Dick Tallman, Murray Williams; Air War College: Dene Balmer, Bob Nelson, Don Keith; Naval War College: Tom Moses, Dick Stauffer. A fine showing for '49.

Condolences

On 31 March, Jack Wogan's wife, Katrina, died after a brief illness in Denver, Colorado. She is survived by Jack and their seven children (Michael, 15, John, 13, Eileen, 11, Hilary, 10, Christopher, 7, Whitney, 5, and Lisa, 3). For the past eight years the Wogans have been living in Denver where Jack has been in the real estate and building business. I know I speak for the Class in extending heartfelt sympathy to Jack and the children during this trying time.

Who's Doing What

We'll take the fighting front first: A long news article from the Lawton, Okla., paper tells of the exploits in Vietnam of Doc deCorrevont's 175mm SP Artillery outfit, the 2d Bn, 32d Arty "Proud Americans." The article, after explaining how, in addition to being a crack shooting unit, great talent in improving for troop comfort was being displayed, ended with this quote from Doc: "... a unit like ours, which, in addition to being able to shoot, move, and communicate, can also build, fabricate, dig, butcher, barbecue, construct, and still take a break and enjoy the pride of good hard work, is a unit that any commander would be proud to claim as his own." Sounds like Doc has something good going there.

In an earlier letter, Doc wrote Pat Donohoe that Bill Moore's 588th Engr Bn had been supporting him in his operations. Good to see that '49er teamwork.

Ray Battreall will return from Saigon for the fall course at the Armed Forces Staff College. Lee Surut, CO, 3d Bn, 319th Arty, wrote that he has seen Ray Rasmussen, who was hard at work as G3 advisor to the Vietnamese III Corps in Bien Hoa, and Wally Ford who has been flying AIE's out of the Bien Hoa airbase. Phil Feir is with the 3d Bde of the 25th Inf Div in Vietnam. By the time this is printed, Lee will have returned to a new assignment with the JCS in Washington, and Bill Nordin will have taken over from him as the new CO of the 3/319th Abn Arty. Good luck, Bill.

Bob Fallon, just back from Vietnam, favored the April class luncheon here with a most informative discourse on his impressions of the situation gained as aide to Lt. Gen. Heintges, the Deputy Commander MACV. Bob is now stationed in Hawaii. Jack Magnotti has left the SGS post at Hq First Army, Fort Meade, for Vietnam, and Charlie Roebuck arrived in Vietnam in January for

duty as Asst plans officer, Army Field Force. Ted Swett, who has been CO of the 1st Bn, 11th Infantry, 5th Inf Div (Mech) at Fort Carson, Colorado, is also headed for Vietnam this summer; if things work out right, he will also have a battalion command. (Some people have all the luck!) Kay and the kids will probably locate in the Benning area.

To shift to Europe: Bob Schwarz writes from Berlin that, as the Berlin Bde Transportation Officer, he is all mixed up in maintaining U.S. access rights—a most interesting job. He reports that Dave Bolte is the only other '49er there. Dave is a tour officer with the U.S. Military Liaison Mission working in the Soviet Zone. Bob Rose says he is now CO of the same outfit he first joined as a 2d Lt., the 1st Recon Sqdn, 2d Armd Cav. He and Betty are near Bayreuth, Germany, and are enjoying border duty. He reports seeing Ernie Roberts (CO of a NIKE HERC Bn near Stuttgart) and Clay Moran at a TPI school. From Bad Toelz, Germany, Murray Williams extends an invite to all to visit in beautiful Bavaria. Murray put in a year and a half as CO of a mechanized Infantry battalion and is now the commandant of the Seventh Army NCO Academy. Leaving Wiesbaden where he was with DCS/OPS, Hq USAFE, Charlie Byrne reported in April to the Pentagon where he is with the Directorate of Aerospace Programs, Hq USAF.

Back in the ZI, Jack Albert was on "What's My Line" on 9 January. Although the panel had some trouble identifying him as the OIC of GEMINI launch operations, they did decide rather quickly that he must be a general from his "military posture." John Daly, the MC, explained that Jack was a most active man, not only in NASA but at home too—what with nine kids. Jack also spoke before the Cadet Military Affairs Club here on 5 April telling them of the GEMINI VII and VI flights. We were all happy to see Jack sporting his new colonel's eagles and helped him wet them down a bit at the club after his talk. He gave us the following list of '49ers in the GEMINI program: Joe Henry, OIC, launch pad; Jim Rawers, Range Safety Officer; Web Ivy runs the AF communications network for the GEMINI flights; Dick Henry is with plans and programs for GEMINI (National War College this fall); Dave Parrish works with the AGENA target vehicle in Los Angeles (Air War College this fall); and Bill Ross is also in the business in L.A. So you see, the Class is well represented in the "way out" business.

At Brockton, Mass., George Nigro is busy teaching, studying for a Ph.D., and working with the Boy Scouts. Out in Indiana, Bob Dalrymple, with American Art Clay Co. in Indianapolis, wrote in his approval of the dues idea but didn't say much about what he is doing. Also in Indiana, Russ Smith reports from Bunker Hill AFB that he is finishing up 2 years working as chief of the SAC management engineering team and will now study space facilities engineering for 2 years at the AF Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. He says that Jean and the three kids are looking forward as much as he is to getting into the space business. Don and Marge Klein are also at Wright-Patterson where Don entered the course earlier this year. He is concentrating on R&D of space vehicles and boosters.

Harry Maihafer completed his work on a Master's in journalism at the U. of Missouri and reported for duty with the office of the SecDef in February. Jeanne and the kids planned to follow later after selling the house.

Buck Corley writes from Albuquerque, N.Mex., that he is doing interesting work at the Air Force weapons laboratory, Kirtland AFB, and is looking for a single, right-wing girl, 25-35. Any suggestions?

The Washington Scene

The Washington ladies remain active, as the following report from Elaine Sylvester indicates:

"The Army-Navy Country Club was the scene of a colorful luncheon gathering on March 16th. Gay spring chapeaux competed with the cute table decorations made by Joan Hoot and Autumn (Dean) Dickinson who planned the affair. Also present were: Jane Anderson, Ann Arantz, Katie Bumpus, Betsy Connell, Jane Cronin, Barbara DeMuro, Bev Chamberlin, Nancy (Hillman) Dickinson and her mother Mrs. Cameron, Ann Fullerton, Jan Hopkins, Holly Jamison, Dee Liddicoet, Adele Lynch, Jo Marsh, Margaret Marder, Margie McMullen, Avis McNamee, Marnie Messinger, Priscilla Milliken, Margaret Rogers, Laverne Schlosser, Sally Springer, Ebba Jo Spettel, Elaine Sylvester, Evelyn Tallman, Joan Weart, Jane Wolak, and Bonnie Wynne."

Dene Balmer, working in J5, JCS, says he recently ran into Jack Saylor, up to the Pentagon for 2 weeks' active duty from his Marine Construction Co. in Savannah, Ga.

It has been fun being your Scribe for the last year, and I have appreciated your support. I make a plea to you for Bill Bounds's sake to keep the word flowing so that the column can be a source of interesting '49er news and also reflect the class spirit which I might say, shows every evidence of growing stronger and deeper with each passing year.

One final reminder to those who plan to visit here for a home football game this year. Please plan to stay for the class party following the game. Be our guest. Parties are usually scheduled to begin about 6 p.m. Don't be bashful; just ask one of us stationed here for the details at the game.

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I can't wish all of you a happy Gloom Period because it's almost over. Here at Carlisle, spring tried to assert itself this late March week, but winter knocked her back for a while. However, it won't be long.

Before I forget it, please note the new address above and use it for this next year. I'll be going to Korea this summer (and Robin says if that isn't a gloomy thought, she'd like to hear one). By the time this issue gets to you, we'll be leaving Carlisle; Robin and I will coordinate all the material from there. Please write!

I'd like to remind everyone to vote for class vice president and to contribute to the class memorial fund. If you haven't received a notice on these two items from Joe Love, chairman of our representative group, please drop a line to him at 917 Country Club Drive, Vienna, Va. 22180—or to Dick Slay, 6223 Nottingham Drive SE., Washington, D.C. 20031. Tom Austin is responsible for putting out the ballots and the status of individual gifts to the memorial fund—a big job that deserves all our thanks.

The lists for the various schools are out, but in case you haven't seen them, here they are. Coming here to AWC are: Dielens, Graham, Griebing, Hanna, Hughes (Dave),

Jim and Burke Lee, Mueller, Saalberg, Smithers, and one AF classmate, Bill Clement.

Going to NWC are: Crockett, Leavitt, Tormey, and Wickham. Classmates at AWC at Maxwell will be: Aton, Boyle, Brunson, Davis (Bennie), Kuyk, Laccetti, and our two Army files, Brinkerhoff and Triem. At ICAF will be Aman, Baxley, Gabriel, Hergert, Leary, West, and Wyrrough. Our one representative at the Naval War College will be W.W. Scott; Ross Franklin is going to France's École Supérieure de Guerre. Congratulations to all!

Saw Ed Crockett in January when he was here with Gen. Lemnitzer, who spoke to the class. Ed looks great; he and Marcia have enjoyed Paris but are looking forward to coming home this fall. Ed talked to Will Hill Tankersley and Chuck Hayward and says all is well with them.

Ken Ebner sent a copy of the C-1 Newsletter; much of the news went into the last ASSEMBLY. Glad to know Bill Daugherty is enjoying his assignment at the Lawrence Radiation Lab in Livermore, Calif. This is his third year there; all four young Daughertys are in school, so LuAnn has started graduate school at the State College at Hayward. George Morrissey is CO of the Western Test Range Det with Hq at Hickam AFB. Bob Reed is on 3 mos. Tdy from the 7th Div in Korea to VN as an evaluator for the 1st Cav Div (Airmobile). As mentioned previously, Dotty is holding the fort here in Carlisle, and we saw her recently. Marv and June Rees have joined the Morrisseys in Hawaii. Don Smith lives in Dallas where he works for Texas Instrument Co. Jim Wallace writes: "I'm still in the Pentagon in the AF R&D side of the house worrying about better ways for tactical fighters to get weapons onto the targets (like bridges in Vietnam)."

Fran Pick flew to Hong Kong in January where she was with Andy for two weeks; he'll be home from VN in June. Helen Koehler writes from Fort Bliss that Jack really enjoys his battalion; Santa brought them all a piano for Christmas, and Helen's only problem is that all eight children want to play!

Terry Parsons writes from Alaska that his new assignment at Fort Wainwright is shaping up to be interesting. He and the family saw Bill and Jeannine Christ in Seattle on their way to our 49th state; Bill is an engineer for Boeing, in the nuclear field. (Wonder if they know Charlie Tonningsen is also in Seattle, as well as Marty Small who is CO of a NIKE Bn in the Seattle Defense Command?) Incidentally, when Terry got his M.B.A. from Babson University in December, he was No. 1 in the class—with highest distinction.

A swell letter came from Ed West in February as he was finishing up 13 mos. in Korea; Ed's policy is to write to the ASSEMBLY columnist every 3 years whether he has news or not (!)—he figured that if you all did that, we'd have 37.5 letters per issue. We're short a few, Ed. Nice to know you saw Bobby Lunn who had the 4/44th Arty before he headed for Norfolk. Ed also mentioned that John Begley is with G3 Sec, Eighth Army, and Tom Barry is with the Engr Sec, Eighth Army.

Jack Hendry wrote again from Hawaii and said Tug Greer's 1/5 Mech is engaged with the VC as part of the 2d Bde; Boyd Bashore is Asst C/S of the 25th Div in Saigon; Jack is about to leave for VN as Sqdn Comdr of the 3/4 Cav, 25th Div.

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On a recent trip to Okinawa he saw the Frank Howards, Jim Mitchams, Dick Drury, and Dick Steuart who was visiting again from CDC Intel Agency. Ted Crichton is in a troop carrier squadron there, but Jack did not see him.

Martha and Bob Morrison wrote from Norfolk that they hope to go to DC when the course is finished. With them are the Criebblings, Hansens, Mathers, Palmers, Prenzisses, Roushes, and Dick Trefry. No firm orders yet for any of them.

Marilyn Romaneski writes from Sweden: "The weather is perfect, hovering a speck over zero, and the sun has shone for three days. The white snow is replenished every evening by God; this is a most fantastic winter." Will we ever get you two home again for some more bridge? Jeanie Steele writes from Arvada, Colo., that Sid is really enjoying Denver U. where he's working on his M.B.A., with time out to coach Little League basketball.

News from the DC area: About 90 gathered at Fort McNair for a party on 4 March; sounded like everyone had a ball. Ben Lewis visited classmates in the area while away from Leavenworth for a few days; reliable sources say he must be drinking from the fountain of youth, he's so slim and trim and looks so good. I say it's Malvene. Burke and Lish Lee were here recently looking over the quarters situation; they're both looking forward to post life for a change. Joe Love was Army chairman for the big A-N-AF annual squash tournament in February; Army won, in an upset. That's the way to go! Jack and Mary Wheatley were in DC recently; Jack is out of the Service and is in construction work in Palo Alto, Calif. Pris and Russ Glenn just came back from 2 weeks of skiing in Aspen, Colo. Unfortunately Pris broke her ankle on the last day, so she's in a full-leg cast. While they were gone, the Werners "babysat" their yellow Lincoln Continental convertible; Lee said it was great, but Bob couldn't see where he'd gained anything. Blackie Bolduc will be leaving in May when he goes to Riley to get a Bn in the new 9th Div, and Bill Brandes is getting an Engr Bn at Bragg to take to VN.

Our thanks go to Chuck Friedlander at NASA for the picture of Frank Borman which appeared in the last issue. It arrived after the deadline, so there was no way to acknowledge it. We were glad to be able to get it in.

Bette and George Bell are very enthusiastic about Hawaii. They saw Dick Hunt on his way to Thailand where he'll have an Engr Bn—also Real McCoy on his way home from VN. Betty's taking hula and uke lessons and playing golf as well. Sounds like a pretty rough life over there!

VN news: Roy Lounsbury will leave DC, and Joe Griffin departs West Point this summer to add to our growing numbers "over there." Reg Lombard was assigned to Hq Field Forces as chief of plans in the Opns and Tng Sec. Jay Durst is CO of S/F C Team; he'll return to AFSC in Jan 67.

Odds and ends from all over: Ray McCauley has completed the AF Southern Comm Tropic Survival school at Albrook AFB, C.Z. Vin Hirsch is going to Paris to take over Ros Round's job. George Middleton is assigned to MAAG Germany. Sandy Oliver has the 82d Engr Bn at VII Corps (Kelly Barracks, Stuttgart, Ger.); we understand Beth is working for the Armed Forces Radio Network. Don and Mary Creuziger are heading back to Knox. D.S. Wilson is with the 2d Inf in Korea, due home in

August; Jane and the children are in Wilmington, N.C. C.C. and Barbara Martin are with MAAG in Belgium, expecting reassignment in July. Stan Prouty is S3 of the 12th Arty Gp of the Oklahoma City ADC. Bill Eichorn is CO of a NIKE Bn at Homestead AFB, Fla. Andy and Bunty McFarland are on their way from Germany to Fort Ord. Dan McDaniel is with a NIKE/ZEUS project on Kwajalein; his family is with him. Arnie and Peg Galiffa are living just outside Chicago. Florence and Herb Underwood heard from them and said all is well; Florence is one of several faithful '50 wives who keep us caught up on many classmates. Ed and Margaret Mastaglio live in San Diego, where Ed is an engineer supervisor with General Dynamics, Convair Div. Ron Rovenger is also with Convair, coordinating with NASA. Lou Hansotte, also out of the Service, is practicing law in San Diego.

Lee Franklin wrote just as I was about to wrap this up, so it's nice to pass on their news. She and Ross are most enthusiastic about their coming 2 years in Paris. After 2 years in Africa they're hoping for some home leave first. Concerning Africa Lee said: "It has been most rewarding for Ross and a relaxing (yet hectic) life for me and the children. This is a world all its own; I can understand why the French come and never go home."

News of four babies will wind it up for this time: Dahl Hubbard had a girl on Valentine's Day, a nice combination with their two boys; she and Norm are at Campbell. Margaret Thompson had her 4th child, 3d girl, Mary Margaret, on 16 Feb; Nel is at the Pentagon, and they live in Alexandria. Barbara and Chuck Hayward had a little girl in mid-March at Maxwell where Chuck is attending the Air War College. Late flash—Blackie Bolduc called from DC to say that Mary had had their 9th child, 6th girl, on 28 Mar. They named her Patricia, and when we asked him what she weighed, Blackie said: "I haven't the foggiest notion, but she looks just like the others did—I guess somewhere between 5 and 10 pounds."

That does it for this time. Take pity on your foreign correspondent and give with the poop!

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The mail bag appears to be affected by Gloom Period; however, we hope to compensate our lack of quantity with quality.

The guns still sound in Vietnam, and our Class of '51 contribution continues to expand. Joe Rogers has recently assumed command of the U.S. Army's 14th Aviation Battalion at Nha Trang. Joe writes of his intention to return for the reunion with Tom and Jane Williams who live in Newtown, Pa. He adds that Ray Knight is with the 25th Division, Bob Howes is serving with the 1st Cav, and Dave Carroll commanded a helicopter battalion during the Ia Drang Valley campaign. From all reports his battalion was in the thick of it from start to finish and did a magnificent job. Bucky Harris commands an Engineer battalion with a split, combat support-construction mission in the same area. Bucky moved from USSTRICOM to VN in record time. Pat and the girls are staying in Pittsburgh, Pa. Clint Granger is satisfying the VIP's as corps SGS in the Bien Hoa area. Lew Michael is, as previously mentioned, J1 MACV but expects to go out

as a sector advisor by the time we go to press. I thank our "front liners" for their dispatches.

Congratulations are in order for the first break-through by '51ers on the war college lists. Bill Bradley, Joe Clemons, Al Pendleton, G.C. Smith, Bill Lemnitzer, Bucky Harris, and Shy Meyer will carry our banners.

Ernie Peixotto writes from Iran of his assignment as area engineer with the Gulf engineer district. His main interest in life these days is the construction of a new air base for the Imperial Iranian Air Force. He lives in Meshed, Iran, which is just about as remote as you can get—reports no classmates in the vicinity.

Don and Elaine McGann are now residing in Denver. Don is director of pilot instruction for United Aircraft. Pat and Freddie Miller are stationed in the Capital. Freddie returned from Korea with an adopted Korean child to join his family of five—congratulations. Matt Collins is now an executive in the Windy City. Bruce Elmsblad, market manager of AMP, Inc., reported in from Harrisburg, Pa., and is looking forward to meeting us all at the reunion. Barry Harriss is with GE at Egland AFB. Barry will also be attending.

Sell Graham, John Haumersen, Bob Dean, and Paul Hilty have completed the associate course at Leavenworth. Paul Miller has been assigned to Hanscom Field, Mass., following his graduation from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He received his M.S. degree in systems management at AFIT. Pat Ryan and Billy Ellis are at TAC Hq. Pat works in plans, and Billy, in operations.

Commendation Corner: Walt Russell has added the Distinguished Flying Cross to his laurels from Vietnam. Walt, incidentally, is making a remarkable recovery from the wounds he received last October. Bob Olson, currently a student at the Armed Forces Staff College, was decorated with the USAF Air Medal for Southeast Asian achievement. Here at "the flagpole" Jim Kintz, Asst to the Dean in research and analysis, was presented the Army Commendation Medal by Brig. Gen. Jannarone, Dean of the Academic Board. The award was for service at his previous assignment, Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Reunion Roundup: The Class response to our plea for help in locating "lost" classmates has been tremendous. We have received about 120 responses in the first month and a half since the mailing went out, and many people have sent us addresses we did not have before. Our list of classmates for whom we have no addresses is dwindling rapidly and should drop off to zero by May. Our thanks to the Class for responding so quickly.

The responses indicate that our 15th Reunion will set a few records at USMA. It appears we are going to have a turnout of 25-35% of the Class, which is far more than previous classes have assembled. To those of you who have not yet sent us the questionnaire we distributed, please do return it as soon as you can. Those who read the ASSEMBLY and who have not yet been contacted by us here at West Point with regard to the 15th Reunion at Homecoming in October 1966, please drop us a line with your current address so we can send you what poop we have.

A few sharp-eyed classmates noted the incorrect date that we had assigned to the first Saturday in October (the correct date is 1 Oct). We are glad you noted this error because this tells us that you really did read the material we sent.

The Class is deeply shocked at the announcement of the death of William L.

(Bud) Richardson Jr. Bud was killed in action on 2 April 1966 in Vietnam while strafing Viet Cong positions on the Mekong River. While on a strafing run he encountered severe ground fire, was hit, caught fire, went out of control, and crashed into the river. Bud always exemplified the highest qualities of a West Pointer. His personal valor, love of the Military Academy, professional competence, and promise, will inspire us throughout our careers. We extend to his family our sincere and profound sympathy. His death is mourned as a great personal loss and as a loss to the Service.

The mailbag empties. Note the next deadline and watch the next ASSEMBLY for the final reunion instructions therein.

'52

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Lou Arnold recently received a certificate recognizing him as the first person to walk 1,000 miles in West Point's "Walk-for-Fitness" program. Lou will be leaving here for USAREUR this summer, but I understand the government does intend to furnish him transportation. Other classmates scheduled to leave these precincts this summer are: Tex Ritter, Herb Hollander, Will Ross, and Bill Snyder. Tex and Herb are off to Vietnam; Will is scheduled for the Armed Forces Staff College; and Bill will be attending C&GSC. Jack Foley's tour here has been extended for a 4th year.

George Tronsrue, a student at Princeton, writes that he recently heard from Win Holt in Vietnam. Win at that time was advising the "fire brigade" ARVN regiment that covers the southern part of II Corps' area. Win will be joining the Leavenworth crew this summer. George also sent along a review of John Shy's book, *Toward Lexington; The Role of the British Army in the Coming of the American Revolution*. Says Margaret L. Coit, the reviewer: "Shy is a professional scholar who writes with verve and readability. . . . He admirably portrays the discontent in the Colonial mind that turned an essentially 'English' people into Americans. . . ."

Don Pafford, while on Tdy to Fort Bliss, ran into Dave Lyon (also on Tdy to Fort Bliss) in some undesignated building in Juarez. Don refused to identify the place of their unexpected encounter, but he did report that the *Guadalajara de la Noche* looked about the same as it did in 1951. Shortly afterward, Howie Jelinek, the only '52er permanently assigned to Fort Bliss, paid a visit to USMA to arrange for the annual



1952: Looking just as fresh as when he started out, Lou Arnold receives a certificate from Col. Kobes, USMA's Director of PE, after walking 1,000 miles.

cadet pilgrimage to the border. Howie will soon be leaving his present assignment to become a student in the Naval Command and Staff course.

Other recent visitors to USMA: Dick Wiles and Bud Lichtenwalter. Dick is a student at R.P.I., and Bud will join the large group attending C&GSC this summer. Bud has recently seen Bill Harrison, a student at Georgia Tech, and is spending the last few months of his Fort McPherson tour inspecting National Guard units in all the remote hamlets and towns in the Third Army area. He reports we really can sleep well—they're awake down there.

Bob Sears, a student at C&GSC, was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Air Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters and "V", Vietnamese master jump wings, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and the Vietnamese Honor Medal 1st Class for service as G3 advisor to the 7th Vietnamese Div in the Delta last year. He says his VN tour was fine for experience in water landings by helicopter, and he kindly furnished the following list of classmates who attended the annual Founders Day gathering at Leavenworth in March: Don Bradley, Lou Bryan, Ralph Cline, Dick Coleman, Jack Driskill, Swede Erickson, Al Gorby, Bob Haras, Wally Hastings, Wes Jones, Burny Knight, Stan Kuick, Dick Lang, Carter Lehman, Dave Martin, Larry Mickel, Corwin Mitchell, Joe Paluh, Harvey Perritt, Jack Pilk, Larry Putnam, Lloyd Rhiddlehoover, Pete Selleck, J.D. Smith, John Sullivan, Bill Walker, and Harry Wilson. My apologies to those whose names were inadvertently omitted from the last issue. Harvey Perritt recently received an oak leaf cluster to the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service while assigned to the Army Special Security Detachment, Office of the ACofS for Intelligence in Washington from November 1962 to July 1965.



1952: Bob Sears receives Legion of Merit and Air Medal with "V" for meritorious service in Vietnam.



1952: Frank Keilt is congratulated after receiving Air Medal for service in Vietnam.

Bob Dunn and Herb Schandler are serving in the same outfit in Vietnam. Bob is S3, and Herb is XO of the 2d Bn, 2d Inf, 1st Inf Div. Bob and Herb have both received their 2d awards of the Combat Infantryman's Badge. John Bart has extended his Vietnam tour. He recently spent a few weeks on leave in the States and Hawaii and returned to Vietnam to become a Bn XO in the 1st Cav Div.

Bob Tanguy is a student at the Armed Forces Staff College. Bob Rounding has been appointed tenure associate professor of mathematics at the Air Force Academy. Rip Rider is studying logistics management at the AF Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB. Bob Richardson is a student at Cornell U. Gil Scott has received an M.B.A. degree from Ohio State U.

Frank Keilt received the Air Medal for "outstanding airmanship and courage in the successful accomplishment of important missions under extremely hazardous conditions." Frank spent 3 months as a special observer for JTF-2 in Vietnam during which time he flew 37 combat missions. Frank is currently stationed at Sandia Base, N.Mex.

Tom and Roberta Brodin now have six children. Their 6th, Austin Thomas, was born 12 March. Tom is currently with the G3 section, Eighth Army, Korea. Roberta and family are spending the year in Essex Junction, Vt. (6 Southview Road).

Bill Raiford visited USMA to help unveil a plaque honoring the election of Sylvanus Thayer to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. He reports that Speed Hulley is now the Provost Marshal at Fort Myer, and Jaime Rivera is a civilian at Annapolis, Md. Bill, acting as spokesman for a number of classmates in the Washington area, has proposed that the Class consider moving the location of our executive committee from West Point to Washington. The class constitution provides for a 3-man executive committee to conduct class business, each man to serve for no longer than 3 consecutive years. Currently its members are Jack Foley (chairman), Bill Reilly, and myself. Wisely, our founding fathers did foresee the possibility that we might wish to effect such a change, and consequently no change to the constitution itself is required. To move the location of the executive committee, however, would require a change to the by-laws. The pertinent by-law reads as follows:

In the event the total number of members of the Class in the West Point vicinity falls below three (3), the class president will decide whether the administration of class business could be better carried out



1952: Harvey Perritt receives OLC to the Commendation Medal for meritorious service with the Army Security Detachment.

elsewhere. This shall be decided at the following annual meeting by a majority vote of the class members present.

Currently the class population in the Washington area exceeds that at West Point by a count of 54 to 17. In all likelihood this 3 to 1 superiority in numbers will increase with time, but it does not seem likely that the number of classmates at West Point will go below 3 at any time in the foreseeable future. Consequently, if we do wish to make the change at this time, it will be necessary to change the by-law quoted above. In addition to the broader base from which members of the executive committee could be selected, Washington has the added advantage of having the assured permanent presence of a number of civilian classmates who are interested in class activities and who could offset the disadvantages inherent in the rapid turnover of military members. On the other hand, West Point does offer advantages itself: nearness to the Association of Graduates, Homecoming, June Week, and the fact that it does represent the 4 years we all share in common. In order to give everyone an opportunity to make known his feelings on this subject, we have decided to postpone bringing Bill's proposal to a vote until the annual class meeting to be held during June Week 1967. Space in this column is readily available to any and all who would like to air their views. Your present executive committee would certainly like to act in accordance with your wishes. We can do so confidently, however, only if you make your wishes known.

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The spring thaw has set in, and with it I have chipped away the ice from my pen and will attempt to spring forth with the vernal volume.

Received word recently that Ben Tant was killed in an automobile accident near Tucson, Ariz., on 28 Jan 1966. Further details are unavailable at this time. Beecher Dierdorff also lost his life in a helicopter crash in February. Beecher's helicopter crashed during his 5th mercy mission—bringing aid to snowbound communities. The sympathies of the Class go to Jane and the children. Virginia Lee Ayers, infant daughter of Bob and Harriet Ayers, died shortly after Christmas. Our condolences to you both.

The omniscient Frank Mleko writes from Chicago wondering if we are going to set up a class fund to aid widows and children of classmates who are killed. If any of you have any ideas on this, please drop Al Grum a note. Frank, incidentally, is now associated with Beeline Fashions, selling women's clothing through house parties. Frank insists that he is responsible for the computer operation. No comment.

Also heard recently that Dick Boyle is in Fitzsimons Army Hospital with tuberculosis contracted in Korea. From all reports he is making satisfactory progress. Bill and Pat Hosmer are at Norfolk where Bill is at AFSC. Joe and Patricia Brown are at Biggs AFB, Tex., where Joe is currently flying F-100 Voodoo aircraft. Fred Reynolds and Max Noah recently completed the associate course at C&GSC. Present whereabouts unknown.

Bill Horton writes from Santo Domingo; he's on duty there with the MAAG. He says that he, Jo, and the children have a very

nice house in the city and are leading an "almost normal" life. He saw Sam Fisher and Horace Greeley late last summer when the 82d Airborne went south for a spell. Sam is in division G4, and Horace is being civil in G5. Ed Reed writes from Berlin that he is the Signal officer on the Allied staff. Hank Davisson is also there as chief of the G3 training section. Stu McLennan has received orders from Heidelberg to Vietnam. Abbie and the children are planning to live in Cornwall while he is away. Bob Rogers writes from Moscow that he is being re-assigned to the U.S. embassy in Saigon. He plans to settle Alice and their three boys in the San Diego area during his 18 months in Vietnam. Bob adds that his apartment in Saigon will always be open to classmates. At the rate the build-up is progressing, you had best call well in advance. Glenn Schweitzer is also in Moscow; he's the science man in the embassy economic section. He and Janet are due to leave Moscow this summer.

Jack Merrigan writes from Belvoir that Bill Cole is now acting project manager of the SERGEANT weapons system at the Army Missile Command. He and Barbara have two sons and a daughter. Congratulations, Bill. Art Brown, Stan Wielga, Gary Colonna, Ken Heitzke, Dick Matson, and John Angstadt are also representing '53 at Belvoir.

The Class was well represented at the Founders Day dinner here. Rog Peterson again demonstrated his ingenuity and flexibility by successfully demonstrating how truly versatile California burgundy is; thanks to his efforts we now have that famous dessert, Devil's Food Adrift (cake inundated with wine). Another name for this gem might well be "Roger's Revenge."

The next class column will be out in early summer. Please do try to funnel your poop to me by mid-June if at all possible.

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To: Maj. David R. Scott
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The best wishes of '54 will be riding with you. We know you will be right at home doing the first free-style swim in space. Your being high above us March 16th will give new meaning to West Point Founders Day. The Long Gray Line stretches farther than ever before.

Signed,
Your classmates
at West Point and all over the world.

That is the telegram sent to Dave Scott before the flight of GEMINI 8. Although the more spectacular part of the mission, when Dave was to stay outside the capsule for more than one orbit, could not be accomplished, the requirement for an early reentry provided plenty of unexpected excitement. Perhaps more than any preceding manned spaceflight, the GEMINI 8 mission demonstrated that our astronauts are much more than passengers. Dave Scott and Neil Armstrong are as smooth a pair of space pilots as the U.S. could hope to have in the program. Those of us on the ground are happy to bask in the reflected glory of our distinguished classmate and are grateful for his safe return. Congratulations, Dave, for a job well done and for the well deserved promotion to Lt. Col.

NASA



1954: Dave Scott, GEMINI-8 astronaut.

Class Business

The spring issue of ASSEMBLY has become the usual time for presentation to the Class of a short report on class business. By the time this issue reaches print the annual election of class officers will have resulted in a new slate of officers, or at least a new secretary to take my place.

One other item of business for an April class meeting is consideration of the disposition of class funds. As those of you who were at West Point for the 10th Reunion business meeting will recall, much discussion centered about goals for our class funds and methods of increasing our assets, but, since the main purpose of that meeting was to adopt a class constitution, time did not allow for many conclusions to be drawn. This subject has had the continuous attention of the class officers ever since. One important factor which will have an effect on how we can memorialize the Class of 1954, or whatever may be the disposition of funds, is the dollar amount we are considering and the time we wish to employ it. For this reason we must have a goal: \$20,000 in 10 years, for example. Since we are talking about approximately \$6,700 now, the next subject for consideration is how to raise additional funds. We have had suggestions from classmates that include: creation of a large trust fund by solicitation of a \$200, 5-year loan from at least 250 classmates, with the interest providing our working capital; subscription by class members, either on a small quantity annual basis or a one-shot donation (40% response is the best on record) with the money to be invested for growth; contributions at that time in the future when the project is actually to be accomplished; and, a conservative approach where the goal and the project depend on the future value of our present funds, without any additional contributions.

The third consideration is what to do with the money. Suggestions have included: a trust fund to assist in the education of the children of deceased classmates (requiring a large amount of money and detailed administration); memorialization of deceased classmates in a plaque, monument, etc.; or donation to the West Point Superintendent's Fund to provide a functional item for West Point in the name of the Class. The Superintendent's Fund project list includes hundreds of items in the areas of cadet recreational activities support; educational, cultural, and historical activities (art works, history panels, maps, collections, cadet awards); construction, rehabilitation, and improvements (mostly athletic



1954: The Class was well represented at the Founders Day affair at West Point.

and recreational facilities); and general projects (chapel offices, drinking fountain and bench complexes, and many others).

The problem of goals, funding, and projects cannot be treated separately, but if you want to express your opinion to the committee on any of these subjects, please write to Box 54. Not everyone can be pleased, but everyone who expresses his opinion will certainly play a part in the final decision.

Fletcher Ware has provided the following information on the present status of our finances. Income from the sale of reunion books and a safe deposit refund, and expenses for P.O. box rental and for the class tree plaque leave a checking account balance of \$101.56 as of 1 April 1966. Interest has raised the memorial fund to \$527.53. Recent stock advances and a change of stocks held by the Class has increased the value of the investment fund from \$4,982.98 last June to approximately \$6,712.00 as of 1 April 1966.

East

Celebration of Founders Day provided us with some news. Ed Pawlowski, who is now with the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, sent data on the gathering at Fort Myer of some classmates in the Washington area. Fletcher Buckley is with ADFSC at Belvoir. Art Lykke will be going to Thailand in June to be advisor to the Royal Thai Artillery School; Vike, Karen, and Kristen will spend the year in Hawaii. Also at the dinner were Steve Avery and Jim Obendorfer. Ed said he saw Jim Gibson and Walt Evans who is getting ready to make another trip to Africa.

Jay Massaro, who is still XO of the Institute of Heraldry and a member of the AG Corps, did not make the DC dinner but joined the West Point celebration on 25 March. Jay said he had heard from Lee Gilbreth who is now at Fort Riley after 6 months of Tdy in Nepal where he was an army advisor. The photo accompanying the column shows the '54 contingent at the WP dinner. Left to right: Richards, McPherson, Littlefield, Sugg, Hart, Weafer, Massaro, Breeding, Snyder, Hauser, Newnham, McMillan, Walker, Heinsoo (associate), Elton.

Dick and Maxine Littlefield announce the birth of Carolyn Morgan at West Point, 12 Dec 65, and Jim and Marion Burris added Marion Cecilia to their family on 12 March 66. Richard Moffat Elton was born 27 Oct 65 and adopted by Bob and Marilyn Elton 2 Feb 66. John and Irene Klein recently adopted a baby, Douglas Edward. John is attending Brooklyn Law School.

We have received word that Floyd Siefertman has been made a partner in the law firm of Gambrell, Harlan, Russell, & Moye of Atlanta. Bill Old visited West Point recently and reported that he has moved

from the Infantry Branch at OPO to the office of the Chief of Staff.

West

Don Panzer visited West Point from Sill, where he is in the nuclear weapons effects division of the Artillery School. Don is leaving Sill for Vietnam and told of some of our classmates who are at the home of the Artillery. Len Fuller and Sandy Samouce are there, along with Ed Knoff who is in the PERSHING division of the guided missile Dept. John Shafer is in CDC, and Bill Baldwin is chief of the special weapons Div in the GM Dept. Dave Holtam left Sill recently for Vietnam and is now Asst S3 in 2d Field Force Hq.

Lou Ham is in the short course at Leavenworth and expects to go to Fort Sam Houston. Members of the regular course will leave Leavenworth on 10 June, and we know a few of the orders now. Judy and Lou Wagner will be off to Fort Greeley, Alaska, and Meg and Andy Anderson will be their neighbors in Fairbanks. Chuck Stodter is going to Thailand where he will replace Jack Chesbro. Donna may accompany Chuck on this tour. Frank Meador is going to STRICOM, Tampa, Fla., and Dale Vesser has drawn an assignment in Washington. We have news that Cliff Berry is in California attending Stanford U. as an Infantry officer studying journalism. His utilization tour is not yet known.

Overseas

Newell Vinson made it all the way back to Highland Falls and West Point on leave from Korea, and he brought news of the Class. Newell has had jobs in the 2d Inf Div including CO of the 1st Bn, 72d Armor, and S3 of both 1st and 2d Bdes. He went to a nuclear weapons refresher course in Seoul and was taught by Sam Halliday who works in Eighth Army G3. Hank Butler is in a Signal Bn, and Warren Palmer is in the 702d Maint Bn, as materiel officer for Div G4. Shap Drisko is busy in a HAWK Bn. Gene Breeding has orders to report to Korea this summer from West Point.

Bill Thompson writes from Bien Hoa that he has a new job. He was an advisor at the Ranger Training Center but is now advisor to the III Corps Ranger Group (Task Force) with control of 2 or 3 Ranger Bns. Bill saw Tom Healy who is working in the ARVN high command TOC. He hasn't seen any other classmates but knows that Bob Gomez has moved to Qui Nhon. Ed Roderick was wounded last October when he was an advisor, but we are happy to learn that he has recovered and is now working in S5 Psywar. He is rooming with Lou Mentillo. Bob Anthis was hit by grenade fragments but at last word was recovering in the hospital without being evacuated.

Bob Morris wrote from Camp Zama, Japan, where he is in the office of Asst C/S G1 working on manpower management. Bob got to his new job in November on an intratheatre transfer from Vietnam. He went back to Florida on a 45-day leave and picked up Liz and the children for the move to Japan. Bob doesn't know of any other classmates in his area except for Dick Youngflesh.

Here is a partial list of those heading for Vietnam during the summer: Fred Bowling and Don Shaw; to MACV—Andy Underwood (via Bragg), Marv Kortum (from USAR-EUR); 1st Inf Div—Jack Calvin, George Kourakos, Ed Keiser (1st Engr Bn); 1st Air Cav Div—Andre Broumas (8th Engr Bn), Paul Miller (3d Bn, 21st Arty), Dick Sugg (2d Bn, 17th Arty).

Being the class Scribe for the last year has been a short but rewarding job. Thanks again for the support. Keep sending mail for the column to my replacement at the same address.

'55

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Our column is a little short this issue. The Scribes have been asked to trim down quite a bit, and, as if by telepathy, nobody wrote in this time. However, I was able to get a little information through PIO releases and from classmates stationed at West Point. Since all of it is secondhand, there may be some deviations from fact. Can we get some news from the horse's mouth straight to Box 55? Soon?

Howard Stone is with the Special Forces Gp in Vietnam. Howard, Pete Walton, and Warren Jones are slated for the Armed Forces Staff College. Congratulations are in order for the first of our Class to be so honored.

Those on orders to Vietnam this year include: Bliss, Chikalla, Enslow, Katenbrink, Newton, Passafiume, Gersitz, Darrah, Raymond, Drummond, Chapman, Wiegand, Perkins, Chance, and Eddins. There are probably a lot of others, so the center of gravity of the Class is shifting towards the Far East very rapidly.

Dave and Marty Pemberton and son Davey took up residency at West Point this winter. Pembo is Tac of A-4 and says he's glad to be here after a rewarding and enjoyable tour in Vietnam as battalion advisor to 1/11 Inf in the VN 7th Div and later as G3 advisor to the division. A photograph of Pembo receiving the Air Medal is included in the column. His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

Bob Joseph is assigned to the Military Assistance Command, Thailand. A snapshot shows Nancy pinning a gold leaf on Bob's highly starched fatigue uniform.

The following assignments from Leavenworth are noted: Ted and Nancy Bishop are going to Australia. When you get settled there, Ted, I know the Class would be interested in hearing about this unique assignment. Jim Torrence is heading for Duke University, and John Martling is going to Purdue, both on master's degree programs. Dave Hufnagel is coming to the Dept of ES&GS at USMA. Ray Gunderson is assigned to OPO Infantry in Washington.

The marriage of Ted Livesay to Marie Bovino on 12 March at Holy Trinity Chapel here was followed by a gala reception at WPAM which was well attended by families and friends. The Class was well represented,

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1955: Major Bob Joseph with wife Nancy at promotion ceremony in Haadyai, Thailand.

and it can be reported that the bride and bridegroom made a handsome and beautiful twosome indeed. No signs of remorse were evident, and it would appear that Ted knew what he has been waiting for these many bachelor years. Rumors are rampant that Walt Ryan may be the next to leave the single ranks. Walt is in an ROTC unit in Philadelphia, and my reliable sources in high places inform me that brotherly love is just not enough for Walt.

Ted Vitori, a theoretical mathematician, was assigned to Headquarters Command which supports and services Air Force Hq in the Pentagon and other units in the Washington area. Joe Skaff is at CDC nuclear weapons branch, Zabo Zaborowski is at White Sands, and Cliff Jones is in HAM Dept, USAADS. Bill Wilcox is recovering nicely from a back operation at Walter Reed.

We have some news from Korea: In a communication to Fred Bliss from Jim Ryan we learn that Jim, Malcom Meekison, Jack Campbell, Jim Strickland, and John Steakley are in Seoul. Stan Sydenham, Bob Wheaton, and Dick Shimunek are in the 2d Inf Div, and Dick is sporting a neat red moustache. Jack McCloskey is in the 7th Inf Div. Jim Strickland is coming to the USMA Math Dept from Korea.

John Vanden Bosch is XO of the 10th Engr Bn in Germany. Frank O'Brien is leaving the Academic Computer Center for an assignment with the 9th Inf Div at Fort Riley. Joan is expecting a baby on 27 May. Whit Whittaker is on an atomic briefing team at Sandia Base. Jack Viney and Larry Stockett are at Fort Bliss.

The 10th Reunion books should be in your hands by now. If you have not paid for it yet, send \$5 to Katenbrink in the Dept of MP&L as soon as possible. If you ordered one and didn't get it, or did not order one



1955: Dave Pemberton receives the Air Medal from Gen. Scott, Commandant of Cadets.

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and would like to, write Irv right away. Negative reports are not required.

Al Worden has been selected as a member of the Astronaut team.

This column closes on a sad note. Jay McCormack died of cancer at Walter Reed Hospital on 7 April 1966 following a brief confinement. A week earlier all seemed well with Jay as I talked with him here on the 5th floor of Washington Hall where he worked so diligently as an assistant professor in ES&GS. Jay was very active here with the West Point Players, the Yachting Club, and the Astronomy Club. He was especially proud of a newly published *Atlas of Landforms* he had co-authored with others of the department, and for which work he received the Army Commendation Medal. Interment at West Point on 11 April 1966 was with full military honors following services at the Old Cadet Chapel. Classmates Don Andrews, Jim Eddins, and Paul Parks were among the pallbearers. Jay died as he lived, thinking of others and working to the last. Through his eyes others see now, and a man now lives with Jay's aortic valve in his heart. Mona has asked that any contributions in Jay's name be made to the American Cancer Society at Goshen, N.Y. To Mona and daughter Ashley Lee the Class extends its deepest sympathies. The ranks will close, and the tasks at hand will be accomplished; but the void in our hearts shall evermore remain—not to haunt, but to inspire.

'56

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Before writing about the normal events and news, I want to give special recognition to one of our Class who is bravely fighting a very special battle, not in Vietnam, but nevertheless a battle where his faith and courage are tested daily, hourly, and, in fact, every minute of his existence. Scott Sutherland, since his retirement from the Air Force with a 100% disability in October 1965, has known that the odds against him are fantastic, for his kidneys are completely diseased, and he is now a kidney-machine patient at Wilford Hall Hospital, Lackland AFB, San Antonio. Scott was originally hospitalized for diagnosis early in 1965. At the time he was doing solar research for the Air Force at Sacramento Peak Observatory in New Mexico, which is run by Harvard University. Now, Scott and his devoted and equally brave wife, Jerri, are living near the hospital, and Scott is at home between machine treatments. He has been informed that his best and perhaps only chance is a kidney transplant operation, but this type of operation has just a 12% success rate and in itself provides a normal life expectancy of just one year. I am certain that all of you will remember him in your prayers and find some way to be of help or comfort, but, beyond that, I would like to explore with you the feasibility of finding some healthy kidneys for Scott, since this appears to be his only real chance for survival. I want all of us to consider the possibility of setting up a "kidney bank" for Scott, and I want those of you who know more about the mechanics of this than I, to talk about it among yourselves and give me your views. If all of us were to "will" our kidneys to Scott at this time, it would appear that, mathematically, his chances for an operation and survival will be greatly increased. In the meantime, if advancements in medical science will just

approach Scott's extraordinary courage and spirit, the odds against him will be overcome. I encourage your letters and suggestions regarding this, and I particularly hope that all of you will find some way to give Scott and Jerri added strength during this time of need. Their residence is: 126 Maple Valley, San Antonio, Tex. 78227.

There appears to be a frenzy of activity within our class chapter at West Point. They've recently held elections, and Mike Conrad was elected chairman; Jack Woodmansee, vice chairman; Jerry Burcham, secretary; and Gerry Richardson, treasurer. Tom McAniff, English Dept, was appointed by Mike to act as the class correspondent for the West Point area. In this capacity I am certain he will help immensely to pep up the prose of this tired old column. Ward LeHardy has been asked to edit and assemble a class 10-year anniversary book. I don't believe Mike could have selected a better man, and everyone should enthusiastically support Ward in this difficult but worthwhile undertaking.

I received numerous Christmas greetings and well wishes for the New Year which I was unable to include in the last issue of the ASSEMBLY. I wish it were possible to reproduce in their entirety all of the fine notes and letters that were included with these cards, but space just doesn't permit. At any rate, I want to express my thanks for these remembrances, and I hope that I can aptly summarize the highlights of each letter for all to share.

I received a Holiday Greetings card and later a birth announcement from Don and Toby Fisch. They were blessed with a son David Alan who arrived 19 Feb 1966 to join their daughter Barbara (1½) and their Doberman, Max. Don could not be present for the event because he is commanding B Co., 1st Bn, 31st Inf, 7th Div, in Korea. He hopes to see his son for the first time when he returns in July.

Harry and Kitty Crandall are in Mainz, Germany, where Harry is S3 of the 56th Arty Gp (PERSHING). The Crandalls have managed to tour London and Berchtesgaden. Kitty was elected to the board of governors of the Mainz Officers Wives Club, and Harry continues active in lay reading at his church.

The Blackwells—Jesse, Cynthia, their two children, Franny and Ben, and their two dogs, three turtles, and a guinea pig, are all residing in St. Louis. Jesse is in the procurement division of the Army Aviation Command and works from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.—an improvement over his Vietnam tour. Their daughter Franny is in the third grade, and Ben is in kindergarten.

Frankie and Bob Hull sent a fine card from West Point. Bob is a Tac and seems to be quite caught up with his duties and responsibilities, as is the rest of the family. David is in the second grade, learning to play football, and, along with his sister Lianne, is learning to play the piano. Lianne is a first grader. Robin is blond, 4, and the flirt of the family, and little Helen is now 2. The one tragedy in the Hull family occurred when their dog Schatze was killed by an automobile.

Bill and Eva Jo McClung are with SAC at Glasgow AFB, Mont. They are hoping Bill will receive an AFIT assignment to graduate school in the next few months. Mary Ellen is a third grader, and Jeff is in the second grade; James is 4½. Eva Jo is vice president of the Officers Wives Club, a Gray Lady, is active in Girl Scouts, and teaches Sunday School. Bill is picking up a few graduate

**You know where You are, and
You know where We are, but
We don't always know where You are.
Keep Us Posted On Your Address.**

credits evenings, spends some time oil painting, and is on the board of governors of the Officers Club.

Bob and Pat Pearson had a very successful 1965 at the Air Force Academy and are now at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, to plan and program the activation and phase-in of a new tactical reconnaissance wing, the 67th TRW, equipped with RF4C aircraft. While at the AF Academy, Bob's 6th Cadet Squadron was selected as the most outstanding squadron of the year. Pat has plunged into several base activities at Mountain Home such as directing the pre-school catechism classes and organizing an Officers Wives Club. Their daughter Mary (7½) is a second grader and is in her first year as a Brownie. Barbara (6) is in kindergarten. Jim (3½), even though bothered by a siege of ear infections, is bigger and huskier than ever. Janice (1½) is the doll of the family.

Doug and Nancy Johnson forwarded greetings from the AF Academy. The Johnsons have three children: Cathy, Dick, and Mike. Stan and Connie Diez and their children, Lesa (8) and Eric (6), sent a card from West Point. Greg Wold and his girls, Vicki and Becky, remembered us again this past Christmas; he's still living in Livonia, Mich., near his work with the Ford Motor Co.

Dick Crews is in the Ops Div, Hq, USAREUR. Dick, Mary, Jeanne, and John were living in Heidelberg when they sent their Christmas greetings. Bob and Carolyn Nicholson and the children are at Fort Knox. They now boast of a 2-year-old quarter-horse named Ranger. Gene and Priscilla Dewey have moved into a new house in the Springfield section of northern Virginia. After graduating from the Army C&GSC at Fort Leavenworth, Gene was assigned to the office of the chief of R&D in the Pentagon. He is now assistant executive secretary of the Army scientific advisory panel. This panel is composed of 62 civilian scientists, industrialists, and engineers who act as the Army's senior advisors in the field of research and development. The center of attention at the Dewey household is little Elisabeth Parce who celebrated her first birthday 31 Dec 1965. She apparently looks exactly like Gene but has her mother's eyes.

Carl Coulter was given a physical disability separation from the Army in March 1966, and he and Jayne bought almost an acre of woods and pasture in College Station, Tex. When he's not behind a plow growing everything from corn to watermelons, he's in Texas A&M graduate school working on a Ph.D. in soil mechanics. He also plans to work as a research assistant in the fall of 66. Their adopted twins are now 2 and, according to Carl, are giving the dogs a run for their money. Carl reports that Herb Wagenheim is a finance officer in Denver and is writing his graduate thesis nights. Carl invites all who are passing through to visit him and says his homestead at 908 Munson Drive, College Station, is on the main wagon trail West.

Things have been frantic for the Wilkers of late. We sold our home in Canoga Park, moved temporarily into an apartment while our new home was being completed, and are now settled in our new home on the Palos

Verdes Peninsula in the Los Angeles area. We have an inspiring view of the California coastline and the blue Pacific from practically every room in the house, and we're within walking distance of a golf course. I have also cut about 30 minutes off my commuting time to TRW, so, all in all, the Wilkers have much to be thankful for. I am busily engaged as contracts manager of the Global Communication Satellite Program at TRW and have been elected secretary of the LA chapter of the West Point Society. Betty has taken a leave of absence from teaching to get everything arranged and oriented at our new residence. Carolyn, our 4½-year-old daughter, and Archy the cat are kept busy scouting out the new surroundings. Our new phone number is 377-7780. We have visited with Ray and Carolyn Cannon and their daughters, Janice and Donna. The Cannons live in Torrance, and Ray is still with the AF Space Systems Division in El Segundo working on classified projects. Incidentally, Irv Mayer is also at SSD, assigned to the GEMINI program. Jerry Grinstead is with the Army and is assigned to Hughes Aircraft in Culver City where he checks out helicopters being produced for the Army. I've also seen Dex Shaler and Roger Root on several occasions, and life seems to be treating them kindly.

Just a reminder. Don't forget to send your reservations in for Homecoming Weekend (30 Sep-2 Oct) and your 10th Anniversary Book questionnaire. And be sure to send a recent photograph of your family. Final date for photos and "poop" for the 10-year-book is 10 August. Don't be a blank page. Send to Ward LeHardy, Qtrs 548 A, West Point. Books will be mailed to your last known address on or about 1 Oct unless we hear differently from you.

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As you may guess from the new address above, this is my last column. Tim has very graciously volunteered to take on the task and will start with the next column.

It is my sad duty to report the loss of 2 more of our classmates. They are Joseph B. Mack Jr., and Robert Don Freeman. Both were killed during January in aircraft training accidents in Florida. Joe's F-102 crashed shortly after takeoff on an early morning alert. Bob crashed during an evasion training exercise. On behalf of the Class I would like to extend our condolences to the families of Joe and Bob.

There has not been much change in the status of people at West Point since the last column. Warne and Judy Mead joined the TD on Warne's return from VN in February, and they have just moved on post. Stan Cass departed for VN in March to do a little flying. Bruce Glen has orders to VN for this summer. He and Peggy had a girl recently, their 5th child. Ed Wilhelm has orders for the career course at Monmouth. Chuck Radler received surprise orders to VN for April, but they were revised to the summer. They came as a surprise because he has only been here 2 years and was supposed to be here for 3. Apparently someone in VN put in a special request for him. It pays to have friends. Needless to say it shook quite a few people up, especially Lori Radler. Bud Langworthy has orders for the 1st Inf in VN. The Engineers who are scheduled to leave have not yet received orders, yours truly included.

Locally, Don Wells was through, en route from VN to Benning. Dave Smith was up recently and has orders to Guatemala where he will be attached to the embassy. He was originally scheduled for Europe but had his orders changed while at Monmouth. Gerry Galloway and Don Seitz, both of whom are presently in the career course at Belvoir, have orders to VN. Kenny Parker and Jack Pearson dropped in out of the blue at our last class party. They were both attending an IBM convention in N.Y.C. and had come up to spend the weekend with the Meads. Ken is in the sales line in Texas. I believe that Jack is in the same line in Georgia. Tony Bullotta has resigned and is now working for T.W.A. He is currently attending a T.W.A. flight engineer course in Kansas. I noticed in the *Army Times* that Bill Liakos has also resigned. I assume that he will set up a medical practice somewhere—the question is where? How about it, Bill?

The following poop comes via the local gentry. Don Winters has left Alaska and is now in VN. Tex Gauntt is still at Little Rock but will go to Maxwell in August. He has been temporarily grounded due to a heart condition. Bill Bishop has become the national sales manager for the products of the Enjay Chemical Co. Congratulations. Bill Smith has switched jobs and is now working for RCA Space at Princeton. Bill Wright is now a civilian and is living in Mountain Lakes, N.J. Further word on Don Stackhouse. He is a civilian and is living at 962 Warohinie Dr. in Honolulu. Roger Currier and wife are also living in Honolulu at 933 Makauia(?). A place to visit en route to the Far East! George McGovern has received orders from VN to Fort Gordon. Bruce McDonough is an advisor at the VN Military Academy. Nick Robinson is now CO of a Bde Hq Co. at Bragg.

I cut the following item out of the *Journal of the Armed Forces*.

Dedication at Fort Benning of \$500,000 elementary school was in memory of former pupil Capt. Morris R. McBride, killed in Vietnam last March. Captain McBride had attended elementary school at Benning, as well as The Infantry School and Advanced Officer Course, and was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. A bronze plaque in auditorium of the new school was unveiled by Infantry Center CG Maj. Gen. Robert H. York. Attending the ceremony were Captain McBride's widow, Mrs. Anne McBride, and daughters, Charmaine and Kirsten, 3442 Flint Dr., Columbus, Ga.; and his parents, Col. and Mrs. Otto L. McBride and brother, O. L. McBride II, South Braintree, Mass.

Now to the mailbag. Tom and Karen McDonald wrote from Tucson, Ariz., where they have been living since they left Puerto Rico in May 65. Tom is getting a Master's in systems Engr. They had their 3d daughter last November. Fred Smith wrote from Boston where he is attending Harvard. Fred was on a cross-country flight recently and ran into half the Class in Las Vegas—hence the following. Paul Chase is assigned to Homestead AFB, Fla., with Tdy en route to Luke AFB to qualify in F-100's. When Fred met him, Paul was on a 3-week Tdy to Vegas. While the two of them were living it up at the Stardust Club, where Paul was dating one of the show girls, they met John Stokes. John was on his way to a VN port call and is assigned to the 3d RRU at Tan Son Nhut—whatever that is. More recently John was in the hotel that was bombed in VN at the end of March. Tom Dayton was

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also in Vegas attending a reunion of his old Alaskan squadron. He is presently flying F-104's at Homestead, as is Glenn Allen.

Received a birth announcement from Walt and Maryellen Pritchard. They had a son on 28 Dec—excellent timing for tax purposes. Walt will be joining the Engr Dept in June.

Art Johnson provided the following which came to him via Ed Szvetez. Ed is at Benning and is slated for VN in May, along with Tom Kehoe, Bob Allen, Bill Duncan, and Jim MacGill are all instructors in the Infantry School. John Hocker is CO of the career course, and Stan Pore is XO of that course. Both of them have orders to VN for this summer. Mink Newman was at Benning but is now in VN. Dick Fadel resettled his family in Cornwall about a month ago and is also in VN now. Dick Stephenson is still at Fort Myer. He will go to VN in August. This must read like a broken record, but "on orders to VN" seems to be a standard description right now.

Pat and Wally Summers wrote from Boston and sent along a few notes. They mentioned that Jon Dunning has a QM unit in Qui Nhon, and Buzz Chase is with MACV in Pleiku. Jon Bokovoy is at Sill for the career course and will stay there to teach. Jim Armstrong wrote from Saudi Arabia to say that he is on his way to grad school in Arizona. He will join the Math Dept here when he finishes. He mentioned that Dave Schorr is at Tulane studying nuclear physics. That's the end of the mail. It's been a slow season.

The Air Force has once again been kind enough to provide us with some press releases. Some of these may be slightly dated. Charles and Jeanette Hindman are with the 317th Fighter Interceptor Sqdn in Alaska. He is a T-bird pilot and flies support for an F-102 unit. Don Miller has recently completed a 4-week aerospace operations course at Maxwell. He and Peggy are assigned to Ent AFB, Colo., where he is an operations staff officer in the ADC. Dave and Constance Ray are assigned to Hickam AFB with the Air Rescue Service. He has been part of the recovery team for the GEMINI missions. Craig Smyser has graduated from the AF Institute at Wright-Pat with an M.S. in systems management. He and Glenda are now in LA with the AF System Command's Space Systems Division which develops, manages, and launches space vehicles and research satellites.

Bill Ringler has received the AF Air Medal for outstanding airmanship on bombing runs against the VC while flying B-52's from Guam. Bill and Nancy are stationed at Carswell AFB, Tex., with SAC's 7th Bomb Wing. Bob McCoy has been awarded the AF Outstanding Supply Officer Certificate for his work as chief of the supply and service division in the office of Aerospace Research. Don and Marci are with Hq, OAR, in DC. Don Whalen is at Bliss in the ADC school. Bob Drudik received the 1st OLC to his Army Commendation Medal for his work as Asst PMS at V.M.I. Bob is now at C&GS. Glenn Allen was awarded the AF Combat Readiness Medal for his sustained professional performance (4 years) as a SAC combat crew member. He and Nancy are stationed at Homestead. Dave Gibbs received the same medal for his work as a co-pilot in SAC. He and Rosalyn are at Ellsworth AFB, S.Dak. Bill Burke is at APG for the Ord career course and should be leaving there soon.

That's it for now. I have enjoyed writing the column these past 3 years and thank you for your support. Bernice and I will miss

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hearing from you and wish you the best, always. Please keep writing to Tim, or should I say, start writing to those who have successfully resisted the urge 'til now—and read your name in print.

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It is with a sad heart that I report the death of Wayne Day who died of a malignant brain tumor at Walter Reed Army Hospital on 11 March. Wayne had been attending a British Armor officers course in England when the symptoms became known, and he was evacuated to the United States. He was buried at West Point on 15 March with Turner, Eveleth, Focer '57, Julian, Palmer, Donovan, Weiss, and Loughborough as honorary pallbearers. Wayne is survived by his widow Virginia and their two small children, Wayne Jr., and Julie. Virginia's address is 82 Parker St., Chelsea, Mass.

Armor: In Vietnam, Bill Gillette commands Troop D, 1/9th Cav, with the 1st Cav Div (APO SF 96490). In a hurried note from a rice paddy at Bong Son, he wrote in February that he has been in VN since August and with the same division for about 3 years (11th Air Aslt/1st Cav.) His unit has been heavily engaged over a vast region of Vietnam in the past few months. In January, Bill did manage to visit Pete Kulavanijaya and Sammy Sookmak in Bangkok. Sammy has completed the Thai C&GS and, I understand, has a family of at least two boys. Bill's family, Nancy and their two girls, are living in Virginia.

Church Hutton passed thru USMA in January en route to VN. At that time Church was wearing the Green Beret. Charlie Moore returned to the States in January from his assignment with the 55th Avn Co. in Korea for attendance at UH-1 school. He'll ship back out to Vietnam upon completion of the course.

Among the Armor files expected at USMA this summer are Sam Myers (Ordnance), Gary Graves (Tactics), and Bill Clary (Fgn Lang). Stan Maxson is stationed at Ohio U. as Asst PMS.

Artillery: Fred Stritzinger and Bill Edwards are both with the 3d FA Bn (105 towed), 319th Arty, 173d Abn Bde, APO SF 96307, in VN. I understand that Fred is the adjutant and Bill the LnO. Larry Perreault, also in Vietnam, is with Hq, 2d Bn, 32d Arty, APO SF 96307. I believe that he is in the S1 slot. Among those recently ordered to Vietnam are Glenn Lane, Pat Kirk, and Will Merrill. Glenn was last assigned to Bragg with the G3, SWC, while Pat and Will have recently completed schooling at Sill. Percy Hutson has orders to join the 6th Bn, 27th Arty, in VN (APO 96307). His last assignment was at Fort Hood.

Corky Henninger is currently with his family on Taiwan where he is ADC to Maj. Gen. Dwight B. Johnson, Chief of MAAG, Republic of China. His address is: Box 13, Hq MAAG, Republic of China, APO SF 96263. Bob Tredway is with the 55th Avn Co. in Korea (APO SF 96301). Roger Waddell recently departed that same unit with orders for the 1st Region ARADCOM at Fort Totten, N.Y. I have seen orders for Jack Crandall which take him from his present assignment in California to Hq USARAL, APO Seattle 98749. Otto and Shirley Thamssett set sail soon for Germany. Otto has been



1958: Hal Lyon with General Maxwell Taylor at Ohio University.

stationed at Redstone since completion of the 1181 course (guided Msl staff officer) at Fort Bliss.

The grapevine last placed Willie Collett at the Special Warfare Center at Bragg. John Rave, who, with wife Georgia, managed to attend a class get-together here at West Point in March, is now at Sill. John, who previously served with the Special Forces in VN, modestly claims he was "volunteered." Artillery files returning to USMA in June are Carl Sullinger (English), Jim Ramsden (Chemistry), and Paul Makowski (Math). Dave Nidever completes his tour at West Point this June and has orders to Sill for the career course.

Engineers: "Peeps" Pedersen is flying CV-2's in VN at latest word. George Sibert has orders to Vietnam from Princeton. He's to join the 1st Avn Bn. Rich Gell has orders to Vietnam. He recently completed the career course at Belvoir. I understand that Dave Clarke is in the short Vietnamese course at Monterey. Dave recently completed civil schooling. Bill Wafer and Don Forney were last known to be at Belvoir, though at this time I wouldn't bet on their being there. Jim Peck has orders to Belvoir from his last assignment at the Lawrence Radiation Lab in Livermore, Calif.



1958: Bill Kelley, Continental Airlines pilot.

Joining the faculty here at USMA this summer are Herb Puscheck (Ord Dept) and Bill Cooper (Physics).

Infantry: George Lawton recently departed the Presidio of Monterey for the 5th S/F Gp in VN. This is his 2d tour. I understand that a local California newspaper ran an article on him as a volunteer returnee to VN at about the same time that the Berkeley problem was making headlines. George went to Monterey to study French.

Strube Jackson has recently departed Monterey for Thailand. Word has it that George Hussey departed for VN on 24 Dec. From Fort Campbell, John Bradley has orders to the 1st Cav Div, USARV. Bill Buchly is an advisor to the Hai An District at Bong Son. John Buchanan's Bravo Co., 2/16th Inf, received a sizable write-up in a recent N.Y. *Herald Tribune* article regarding Operation MASTIFF, a clearing operation against the VC, especially the VC in tunnels. Brad Johnson is with the 52d Avn Bn at Pleiku.

Butch Ordway is reported to be at the language school at Monterey. In lieu of orders to Costa Rica, Gene Scales is currently studying Spanish at Monterey in preparation for assignment to the 8th Special Forces in Panama. Prior to Monterey, Gene was in the employ of an old Tac of ours, Lt. Col. Gene Forrester (F-2). At the time, Gene was at Bragg, but his newsy letter carried the return address: Box 665, DLIWC, Presidio of Monterey, Monterey, Calif. Also at Monterey are Pete and Kitty Bahnsen, whose next assignment following the Spanish course is the Mission at La Paz, Bolivia.

Chuck Densford is stationed in Taegu, Korea. Doug Detlie has orders to the 25th Inf Div in Hawaii. Wes Loffert has departed Hawaii for Vietnam with his unit in the 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div. Mims has returned to the States.

Dave and Sharon Swanson have added a 3d child to their family, a boy Eric. Dave is presently an ADC at Indiantown Gap, Pa. Nancy McCaffrey will be living at 23 King George Apt., Fayetteville, N.C., during Bill's absence. Dan Brockwell has my vote for one of the most inter-Service assignments in a long while. He's currently an Infantry officer studying reactors for DASA at the Naval P.G. School, Monterey, Calif.

Chuck Toftoy and Josh Jaschen have returned home from Vietnam. My guess is that they are currently at Benning. Les Gibbings recently received the Air Medal from the Commandant of Cadets here at USMA. Les is with OMI. Joe Schwar is scheduled to join the Tactics Dept here at USMA this coming academic year.

Intelligence: John Schaffer is studying Chinese at Monterey prior to being assigned to Hawaii. Chuck and Katy Miller are both studying Thai at the language school. Stan Dus has received orders taking him from Vietnam to Germany.

Military Police: Bob Donovan is teaching at the Counter-Insurgency School at Bragg. **Ordnance:** Garth Payne was seen on R&R in Bangkok, soothing some pretty rotten jungle maladies. Needless to say, the air conditioning was a pleasant change. Garth is apparently doing some preparation for graduate schooling. Glenn Bugay has completed the career course and has been assigned to Patrick AFB, Fla. Jon Marshall has recently been ordered to Aberdeen PG.

Quartermaster: Dave Coury is S4 of the Special Forces C Detachment at Pleiku, VN. **Signal:** Paul Wagner was last reported in the Dominican Republic with the XVIII Abn Corps. Jim Frick is flying CH-47's with the 228th Signal Bn in VN. Dale Cackle is

still on Taiwan with the USA Sig Comm Agency. Stu Willis arrives at USMA this summer to join the Physics Dept.

USAF: Received a fine letter from Larry Sutherland with the 320th Bomb Squadron (Crew E-16 CMR, Box 2, APO SF 96334). He arrived on Guam from his home station at Mather AFB, Calif., in December and at the time of the writing had been on 12 missions. By now his wing has probably rotated back to California. At the time of the letter, Chuck Porciello was also on Guam, at Anderson AFB, with the 3d Air Division Intelligence. I understand that Burt Miller is a FAC at Bom Me Thaint in VN. Also in the Far East is Bernie Card who is stationed at Yakota AB flying C-130's. Though I don't know Teddy Timberlake's present location, correspondence places him on Okinawa as recently as January. Charlie Bond, permanently assigned to Columbus AFB, Miss., has also been on Okinawa's Kadena AB (Tdy) recently.

Chuck Normington, previously assigned as a/c commander at Walker AFB, N.Mex., entered SOS at Maxwell AFB, Ala., in January. Chuck Cabell is attending AFIT at Wright-Patterson AFB. He will be studying for his M.S. in astronautics, a 2-year program. Bob Olson will be leaving the Air Force Academy this June for AFIT, Wright-Patterson AFB, also.

Civilian: Bill Kelley graduated from Continental Airlines jet pilot training school at Los Angeles International Airport in January. He will be based in Los Angeles as a second officer aboard a Continental Golden Jet. Bob Melott's home address is 245 New Drive, Winston-Salem, N.C. He offers an "open house" policy for all of '58 that might pass thru. I hear that Johnny Manos, in addition to his drugstore, owns an electric components (stereo) shop in Fayetteville, N.C. Saw a notice recently that Al Claffin has resigned from the Service. Al had been in the Chemical Corps.

Am printing a recent picture of Hal Lyon with Gen. Maxwell Taylor. The picture was taken in the course of a visit to Ohio U. by the General, a visit largely engineered by Hal, who holds the title of Assistant to the President. The university has some 16,000 students. Hal's primary tasks center on keeping the university abreast of the various federal programs. Hal, himself, is knee-deep in an educational project sponsored by the university for economically deprived areas. As always, Hal is a bundle of ideas and energy.

George Walker's parents have moved to 1808 New York Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210. Bill Harrison has completed his M.A. in business at the U. of Missouri. He is presently production manager for Interstate Chemical Co., a small firm in the livestock pharmaceutical industry.

I wish that there were more—it's been a slow quarter. Here's hoping you're inclined to drop a note in the next month or so.

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This is the issue which comes out around June Week, and in which we read about Founders Day; but I was unable to attend the celebration in Rochester this year and have received no poop as yet from any other gathering, so Thayer fans will have to wait till the Homecoming issue. There are several other items of interest, however, so please read on.

Our major concern as a Class is for those classmates who are putting their training to use in Vietnam. Pete Dawkins is currently serving as an advisor to a Vietnamese airborne battalion, and he has recently seen much action in the Quang Ngai and Bong Son areas. Several of us were pleased to see him on the NBC Today Show in February briefing newsmen on his unit's latest operation.

Ray Fisher was scheduled to take command of a flight section of the 92d Avn Co. (Caribou) on 22 Feb, after serving as the unit's Asst Optrs Officer at Qui Nhon. His new assignment involved a move to Danang. Ray writes that he has not seen as many classmates as he expected to, but he is still able to pass along some information. Jerry Hilmes and Don Smart are in Qui Nhon, Don serving with the 135th Avn Co. (Caribou). John Carroll is working in the S3 shop of the 14th Avn Bn at Nha Trang, and Mike Nash is flying Mohawks based in the same area. Chris Lawrence is somewhere in the Mekong Delta with the 134th Avn Co. (Caribou). Ed Netzloff is with the 25th Div near Pleiku, as Ray remembers, and Dick Sundt is with the 1st Cav at An Khe.

Howie Stiles, who is finishing up his turn in Benning's IOCC, writes that 254 of 367 in his class received orders for Vietnam on 7 March. Of the '59ers, Howie is going to the 117th Avn Co.; George Day and Don Markham are going to the 1st Cav; and Fitz Chandler, Mike Gabel, Denny Morrissey, and Bill Mullen are assigned to MACV. Those who did not draw Vietnam include: Don Ingram, on orders for Korea; Mike Fletcher, picked for a ROTC assignment in the Canal Zone; Monk Hilliard and Roger Gaines, remaining at USAIS; and Dave Fried, Emmett McCracken, and Bill Schwartz, headed for civil schooling. Bill, I believe, will be an exchange instructor at the Air Force Academy. Paul Chalmers, Glen Dyer, and RB Johnson are recent arrivals at Benning from Vietnam, and all are awaiting next year's career course. Meanwhile, Paul is pushing basic trainees, Glen is assigned to the Infantry School, and RB is a dusk-to-dawn man with the Ranger Dept. The latter two, incidentally, are still bachelors. Howie adds that the class contingent had a swinging party on 4 Feb, and that it was attended by Kay McLaughlin, Nita Sundt, Linda Lawrence, and Trudy Holman, all of whose husbands are in Vietnam.

Jay Redding was scheduled to depart for Vietnam on about 10 May. Shiela and the two children, David and Laura Suzanne, will spend the tour in Alexandria, Va. Mike Gillette is also fighting VC, and his wife Felicity is visiting with her parents in England. In January, Dick LeClere was getting a new ARVN battalion ready for combat at the Duc My training center; he thought he would probably remain with the battalion for the rest of his tour. Dick wants us all to draw some hair on his picture in the locator. He says he had to buy a hairpiece so Paul Elias could recognize him with his hat off. Other classmates with whom Dick has crossed paths in Vietnam include Rody Conway and Stan Zagalak.

Polly and I were at West Point for the uniform display on 19 Feb. Marty Plassmeyer, who lives in the BOQ and works in the English Dept, provided me with a list of classmates currently on post. I include it here for the benefit of moochers passing through who will probably agree that pickings are getting better every year. Tim Plummer, Ed Stauch, and Don Svendsen

You know where **You** are, and
 You know where **We** are, but
 We don't always know where **You** are.
 Keep Us Posted On Your Address.

are with ES&GS; Bill Garcia, Paul Tomiczek, Bob Riordan, Lew Martin, Bill Murry, Jim Gibbs, and Phil Huntingdon are with Physics and Chemistry; Jack Neal, Bill Buell, and Skip Tyler teach foreign languages; Dave Carrier and Rush Yelverton are in Math; George Kleb, Sandy Beach, and Dick Welch teach mechanics; Nick Krawciw is a Tac; Larry Ross and Don Reinhard teach ordnance; Bill Rowe is with the AAA; and Dick Bennett is the Dean's assistant.

Two births have been reported since last deadline, and the Class offers congratulations to the parents. Jeffrey Thomas was born to Joan and Jim Van Loben Sels at Wright-Patterson on 16 Jan; he lives with his mother and dad at 6977 Southern Vista Dr., Fairborn, Ohio 45324. Alan Edward was born to Judy and Ben Dishman at Benning on 19 Jan. Ben was scheduled to leave for Vietnam sometime in April.

Don Fitchett has been assigned as chief of the Nuclear Investigation and Analysis Branch of the Nuclear Power Field Office at Belvoir. The job title is easily the most impressive ever to appear in this column. Don, Margaret, and young Jeffrey live on post at 566-B Forney Loop. Barbara Lutz writes that she and Chuck are in fine shape at Fort McClellan. Harry and Marianne Lynn are also there, and Harry is with HHC, Trp Cmd, Cml Corps School.

The current crop of hometown news releases indicates that Cass Mullen has been assigned as aide to the CG, 25th Inf Div; that Bill Benagh is finishing the career course at Bliss; and that Jim and Beckey Turner are at Maxwell AFB, where Jim is attending the Air University's Squadron Officer School.

Don Gruschow asks that I retract the rumor that he is married and report that he is still very much in circulation. A great break for the girls. Don is with Eastman Kodak and was transferred from Rochester to Cincinnati on 1 April. His new bachelor digs are in and around Apt. 27, 1559 Meredith Dr., 45231. Bob Ranalli is in Kansas City, a business manager, but I am missing the name of the firm. Bernie Knowles is a business consultant with the Alexander Proudfoot Co. in Boston. Connie Boyle is assistant to the VP for marketing of the Cummings Engine Co. in Columbus, Ind.

We are saddened to learn of the death of our classmate Kirby Kapp who was killed in the crash of a 99-1 aircraft near Parsons, Tenn., on 28 Dec. Kirby is survived by his father Mr. Stanley J. Kapp, 11031 S. Harding, Chicago.

Powell Hutton has informed contributors to the James F. Ray Memorial Trust that the effort to establish a memorial to Jim at Oxford has met with success. The university's existing music room, which is located on the ground floor just off to the right of the main quad next to Shelley's Memorial, will be renovated and rededicated. Among the trust's purchases has been an upright Steinway piano which will be reserved for use only by the very serious pianists. Jim's close friends know this to be a thoroughly fitting memorial.

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Another June Week approaches as we go over six. It's getting increasingly difficult to identify classmates by their graduation pictures. A lot of foreheads seem to have widened. It must have something to do with the amount of knowledge amassed.

Jerry Jilbert (2213A North Birkshire Rd., Charlottesville, Va.) dropped a line from the U. of Va. where he's working on a degree in nuclear chemistry. He and Marilou produced their 2d daughter, Marilou Alison, last October. Nick Halley is also there studying nuclear physics. Nick and Joyce gave Nick Jr., a sister Jill Nanette last September. The Jilberts and the Halleys expect to be at U. Va. until next year.

Dave and Edith Bauer (407 Virginia Ave., Albany, Ga.) added a girl, Amanda, to their family in January. They also have a 2-year-old boy, Stephen.



1960: Division advisors: Lincoln, Hanne, and Richeson, in the Mekong Delta area.

Bill Hanne (Adv Tm 60, APO SF 96357) writes that he, Jim Lincoln, and Ken Richeson are advising the 9th ARVN Inf Div in the Mekong Delta under the appropriate designation of Advisory Team 60. Bill, an AIS convert, is assistant G2 advisor. He and Anne now have three boys. He's hoping for good news from OPO re a tour at the U. of Illinois. Jim Lincoln extended for 6 months to go up north with the Big Red ONE. Ken expects to return to Benning for the career course. He and Pat are holding steady with two boys. Dick Daniel is advising in the Hue Duc district. Bill Scudder is assistant G3 advisor to the 7th Div. Fred Terry is flying with the 114th Avn Co. out of Vinh Long. Mike Jezior and Chuck Collins command "A" detachments in 5th Special Forces.

From the Association come the following PIO releases: Nat Fox received his M.S. from Iowa State in soil engineering last February. Dean Darling is assigned to Hq, Field Force Vietnam. Tom Walker is attending the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson; he's working on his M.S. in aerospace-mechanical engineering. Russ Waters is attending air defense school at Fort Bliss. Jimmy Carver is navigating C-130's out of Kung Kuan AFB, Formosa. Tom Taylor commands Co. B, 1/502, 101st Abn Div, in Vietnam.

The career course types here at Benning are preparing to scatter to the four winds again. Here's where they're headed: Tony Blackstone and Gene Griffith to the USMA English Dept via Columbia University; Steve Covell to R.P.I. en route to the WP Math Dept; Mark Lowry and Tim Schatzman to civilian schooling then WP, departments unknown. Headed for Korea are: John Coombs and Bill Murphy. Vietnam is due to get another boost from '60 shortly. Assigned to the 1st Cav Div are: Phil Blake, Tom Eynon, Fred Faery, Dick McInerney, Darrell Houston, and Frank Finn. Big Red ONEs include: Rog Seymour, Frank Thompson, Jack Hoas, Kim Mercado, and Joe Stilwell. Dick Cox has orders for U.S. Army Vietnam. Jack Downey and Jim Schwoob are going the MATA-Monterey route. Mike Field will remain at USAIS as an instructor. Jim Wiley and Dick Daum are scheduled to move across the river to Fort Rucker. For those of you who persist in enumerating our progeny, here's the dependent status of the aforementioned worthies: Tony and Joan Blackstone, an unmatched pair; Phil and Reda Blake, one girl; John and Rusty Coombs, three girls; Steve and Cindy Covell, a boy and a girl; Dick and Anna Cox, two girls and a boy; Dick and Mary Daum, one boy; Jack and Clarice Downey, one boy; Tom and Carolyn Eynon, one boy; Fred and Becky Faery, one of each; Mike and Pat Field, a girl (born March 66); Frank Finn, single; Gene and Janie Griffith, two girls and a boy; Jack and Outi Hoas, one of each; Darrell and Pat Houston, two boys and a girl; Mark and Nancy Lowry, two girls; Dick and Mary Grace McInerney, a boy and a girl; Kim and Ursula Mercado, a girl; Bill and Geraldine Murphy, two of each variety; Tim and Judy Schatzman, two boys; Jim Schwoob, one sports car; Rog and Birgitt Seymour, two boys; Joe Stilwell, bachelor; Frank and Pat Thompson, two boys; Jim and Joan Wiley, two girls.

Chuck Belan has orders for Vietnam. He spent a year in the USAIS operations office. Bill Florence, Zeke Miller, and Less Mason are here waiting for the next career course to start. Fred Plummer is attending the associate career course. Dick Carnaghi is with an Engineer Bn getting ready to deploy to Southeast Asia.

The war in Vietnam has once again thinned our ranks. Lyell King was killed in action on 18 Feb while advising a Ranger battalion.

The length of the column is in direct proportion to the number of letters I receive—hence the short one this time. Let's hear about all those PCS's you have coming.

'61

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Returns from the newsletter are beginning to pour in; however, I've already missed my deadline and won't be able to include most of your replies in this issue. If anyone hasn't received the newsletter, please send your address and I'll forward a copy.

The current career course at Benning recently received orders, and few were surprised that over two thirds of the class there are bound for Vietnam. Bob Burns, Frank Gillespie, and Ron Hannon will be assigned to the 1st Cav Div, as will Pete Boylan from Fort Knox and Rog Obermeier from Fort Sill. Joe Paone, Cy Shearer, and Bill Williamson are joining the Big Red ONE, and



1961: The Fort Benning contingent at a recent party.

Don Sawtelle is going to the 1st Bde of the 101st Div. The following are slated for advisory jobs with MACV: Bob Cain, Dick Clarke, John Cornelson, Sam Enfield, John Guthrie, Dennie Lenhart, Tom Mercer, Jay Olejniczak, Serge Olive, Butch Robertson, and Al Wells.

Among those not heading for the Far East, Larry Welsh has orders for civil schooling and Dale Shipley for the 1st Bn, 3d Inf (Old Guard) at Fort Myer. John Votaw is bound for the 11th AC at Fort Meade, where Dick Fanning presently commands an H&H troop, and Bill Wright is with NSA for the AF. Fran Egan will stay with the Inf School at Benning, and Bill Tobin is assigned to the basic training center there. Joe Stringham and Jack Veatch have also arrived there, and, with their combat duty behind them, they are with the Ranger school.

Chuck Westpheling recently left his family in New York on his way to Vietnam. He had previously completed the MATA course along with Norm Cunningham, Arlie Miller, and George Seckinger, all of whom were scheduled to assume advisor's jobs in May. Close behind them was Ralph Garens, due to arrive in Vietnam in June. Gabe Gabriel, Nick Gilbert, and Bill Parks had already joined the 5th S/F over there in February. Tom Baird is with the 1st S/F and works out of Okinawa where Judy and their two children are living.

John Sommercamp is stationed in Danang navigating an HU16-B Albatross for the 37th Aerospace Rescue/Recovery Sqdn. He is scheduled to return in May 67. Paul Vallely and Gordon Downey are commanding rifle companies in the 101st Abn Div, and Ben Willis is in Bde Hq. Most of our classmates in the 173d Bde are now on orders to return for career courses, with Tom Blanda, Dick Buckner, and Buck Shaffer bound for Sill, John Java for the QM school, and Dick Yule for Benning. Pete Burgess is newly assigned as LnO with the 1/503 Inf. Ron Beckett has been commanding a company at Di An but is due to return to join his wife and family at Junction City, Kans. Gene LaBorne is advising an ARVN Ord Bn, and Nancy and the two children are looking forward to his return in September. Jack Dewar is in Vietnam as chief of the CI branch in the 25th Div's MI Det. Tom Sherburne has been an aide to Gen. West-

moreland but was on orders to return to Knox for the career course.

A note from John McCormick lists the members of the Class in the Armor course; however, since they graduate before this will be published, I won't reproduce it here. Orders had not yet been published, but there was not much doubt as to the destination of most. Among those permanently assigned to Fort Knox are: Dick Behrenhausen, Bill Ford, Don McBee, and Sandy Walters.

The Arty career course includes: Larry Butterworth, Mike Coyne, and Bob Dunning. Lynn Bender and his family recently arrived there following his tour in Panama, and Buddy Fritz was packing for a tour in Vietnam. Rod Grannemann is now at Sill, accompanied by his wife Velna whom he married in San Antonio in March.

Dick Cullum is also newly married. He and his wife Jill are stationed at Hood where he commands a Btry in the 2d Armd Div. Another staunch bachelor, Jim Haise, has bit the dust. He announced plans to fly from Panama to Cheyenne, Wyo., to marry Judy Sasse in April.

Early this year Betty and Bob Hampton announced the birth of a daughter Kerry in the DC area. Sandra and Chuck Sollohub are among the many classmates at Belvoir, and Mary Ann and Paul Vadar are at Fort McNair where he commands the Hq Co. Pat and Bruce Abraham and their daughter Tia are at Aberdeen, and Anne and Ham Evans are with the QM school at Fort Lee, Va. Marga and Steve Vass are now stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga., having recently returned from Germany with a son Steve Jr. Gracie and Howie Graves are parents of a year-old daughter, Gigi. Howie is programmed to return to the Dept of Soc Sci at USMA but is now commanding an Engr Co. in the Dominican Republic, where Mouse Maloney is also situated.

The list of classmates now in graduate schools continues to grow. Ted Benz and Jim Livingston are both at the U. of Fla. in Gainesville. Ted, still a bachelor, is working on a degree in math as a civilian, while Jim is studying law under the auspices of JAGC. He and Pat announced the birth of a 2d child, Richard, in February. Metta and Dick Jackson are in Decatur, Ga., while he completes his studies at Ga. Tech. Hank Lilienthal and Bill Reno are both at Princeton, and Bruce Gronich is at Pa. State U. Jay McCann will begin his final year of law

school at Fordham; he and Helena had a daughter Moria in January. Denise and Barney Legge will join me here at Columbia where USMA is sponsoring his studies in English. Madelyn and Mick Seidl are at Harvard where he is preparing for a tour with Soc Sci. They now have two children: Michele, nearly 3, and John, a year old. Jim Jenz and Bruce Seidel are also reported to be studying at Harvard; both are now civilians.

Jim Crowther, Ron Neutzling, and Bob Yavis are at Wright-Pat at the AF Inst of Tech. Gary Lord, Terry Kirkpatrick, and Jack Dorr are all studying engineering at the U. of Ill., and Dick McNear expects to go to Vietnam after he completes his course at Purdue. Another engineer, Marty Walsh, is at Iowa State U. He is still a bachelor and was recently awarded the CM for his 3 years in the 4th AD in Germany. Also in Iowa, Ron Barrick is now a civilian and is studying law at Drake U. in Des Moines. Phil Ringdahl is at Salt Lake City working towards his M.A. in economics at the U. of Utah. Dave Hastings and Bob Hardiman are studying at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif.; both are married and have sons named Scott. Rod Cameron is earning his law degree at the U. of Calif. in Berkeley, and Art Downey is taking EE at Stanford. Bob Kee and Jerry White are both performing their studies abroad; Ruth and Bob are in Paris, and Cathy and Jerry are in Spain.

A few notes from our civilian contingent have filtered in from all parts of the country. Pat and Bruce Shroyer are in the N.Y. area where he works with the Chase Manhattan Bank. Hugh Vaughn is also a banker; he and Chal have settled in High Point, N.C., where he works for the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. Barbara and Tom Paskewitz are now in Tampa, Fla., Tom having joined the FBI. Andy McCurdy is with the Robinson Accounting Service, and he, Elizabeth, and their two children live in Rogers, Ark. Gerry Seibert (ex-'61) is personnel director for the Int'l Correspondence Schools in Scranton, Pa. He and Joan now have a 2-year-old daughter, Michelle, and a son Scott born in January. Jane Ann and Gordie Erickson and their two daughters are in Chicago, where he is an electrical engineer for Motorola.

Tom Lund resigned last July to take ownership of Cycle City, Inc., in St. Paul, Minn. George Hriez has changed jobs and is now a packaging supervisor with the Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp. in Raritan, N.J. He and Debbie now have two children: Cindy, 3, and Shawn David, born on New Year's Eve. Jim Stork has been transferred by DuPont to the West Coast and anticipates staying there for the next 5 years. He and Dale are at 701 Welch Rd. in Palo Alto and hope any friends in the area will look them up. Bill Nesbeitt is an engineer for a construction company in Spokane. He and Karen have a daughter Mari and a son Derick.

Bill Madsen is still at McGuire AFB navigating C-130's for the 29th MAS. He and Barbara now have three children, two girls and a boy.

PIO releases indicate that Warren Miller and Larry Noble recently completed the Sqdn Off School at Maxwell AFB. Jim Chase, at SAC Hq, notes that he and Carol now have two children, as do Stephanie and Bob Bunton at Eglin AFB. Two more birth announcements arrived as I was proofreading this: to Vicki and Dave Biddinger, their 3d, a daughter; and to Lona and Bob Kewley their 1st, a son Bob Jr. The Kewleys, by the

way, had their orders changed from Ohio Air Defense to Colorado Springs where Bob works in the office of the SGS, ARADCOM.

The deadline for the next issue will undoubtedly have passed by the time this one arrives, so just send news as it happens—and have a good summer.

'64

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No article last time. My fault. I won't trust the holiday mail again. Also, please be aware of the time gap involved in these articles. I'm writing this in March; you won't read it until June. Especially with Southeast Asia and other involvements, things unfortunately change during such a period of time. There is little that can be done.

Announcements

The winner of the class cup is David Michael Pope, born 1755 hours, 28 Jan 65, in Wiesbaden, Germany. Parents: Fred and Pat Pope. Little David weighed 5 lb, 5 oz when born. Our congratulations.

Other births (also pretty important!): Elizabeth Anne, born to Fred and Marge Quist, 30 Sept 65, in Heidelberg; Joni K., born to Steve and Pat Overton, 27 Oct 65, in Germany; Edward Charles, born to Lt. and Mrs. Ed Schillo, 27 Nov 65; John Hester, born to Lt. and Mrs. John Ward, 5 Feb 66; Hugh IV, born to Hugh and Sandy Boyd, in October, in Germany; Cynthia Rene, born to Herb and Bobbi Zimmerman, 6 Dec 65.

Ed and Annette Stone married on 27 Nov in Tacoma, Wash. Word from Alex Hottell, presently at Oxford over in Jolly Old, is that he will marry Linda Ann Brown of Clarksville, Tenn., next July. David and Virginia Fishback married on 18 Dec 65 in Albuquerque, N.Mex. Charles and Dale Miller married on 5 March 66 in Texas. David and Cynthia Garner married on 26 Feb, also in Texas. George and Betsy Lonsberry married in February in New York. Bill and Mary Murdy married last August. Art and Michele Kelly married in December.

Air Force

Consternation was expressed by many AF files concerning paucity of poop about them in ASSEMBLY. "Without whiskers one cannot a beard grow." Many have since written, and here is a summary of what they said. Jim Burnham and I are still at Beale AFB, Calif. Jim had a serious accident just before Christmas but emerged relatively unscathed. Leo (the frenetic bachelor) Spinelli, at Otis AFB, Mass., spent the winter snowed in. (But not alone!)

Lance and Judy Mason wrote of their wedding last July at Castle AFB, Calif. He is now jockeying B-52's out of Westover AFB, Mass., and noted that the majority of '64 who went pilot ended up on B-52 crews, Pete Drahn included. While Lance was at survival school (Stead AFB, Nev.), he saw Jeff Sutherland who is now flying RF4C's in France. Larry and Louise Brewer visited Lance while he was at Laredo AFB. Louise is no longer a "leg," as Lance arranged for her to make her first parachute jump while she was there. Don Mac Isaac went through transition for the KC-135 out at Castle AFB and is now at Westover also.

I saw Jack Little last summer while he was passing through SAC Hq at Offutt AFB. He's flying C-124's at Hill AFB, Utah, which can only mean that he is doing a lot of work



1964: At the Boyds' home in Hanau.

in and out of Vietnam. I also saw Tom Crain at Offutt. He had just finished doing an engineering management study on jet engines at Castle.

Dave Ramsay wrote from Laredo AFB. A broken hand from a soccer game slowed him down, but he got his wings and is now permanent party there as an instructor pilot in a T-38. (That's the AF's hot little jet trainer for the Army types.)

Speaking of decoding, I'll promise to explain any AF terms if you guys in the Army will explain some of these esoteric sweeties you send me in your letters, instead of making me run up my phone bill calling old Jeff Kleb.

The redoubtable Air Force PIO machine ground out some more hot poop. Nick Kemp, now a pilot, finished at Stead AFB and went to MacDill AFB, Fla. He will be with TAC (that's the fighters). Gary Boutz, also a pilot, is at Travis AFB with Military Airlift Command, the AF part of the old MATS. Would you believe this description of what those gentlemen do? (Ahem) "MAC provides global airlift, air rescue, aeromedical evacuation, air weather, air photo, and geodetic services" for U.S. Forces. Bill Murphy will fly 52's out of Loring AFB, Maine. I saw Bill at Castle AFB, and we reminisced about good old Hudson School. In fact, we became alarmingly nostalgic. After I returned to my BOQ room and realized how grossly sentimental we had become about our 4-year incarceration, I gave my teeth a good brushing, took an extra hot shower, and slept on top of the covers with the window open.

George and Betsy Lonsberry wrote from Langley AFB. Jerry Shelton is there with them, but he's Tdy to Santo Domingo. J.C. Armstrong is at McChord, married. He's taking an engineering course out at U. of Washington during off-duty time.

Army—Zone of the Interior

Mark Galton, Tdy from Bragg to Santo Domingo, is platoon leader of the only Armd Cav Plat assigned to 1st Bde Task Force there. He wrote that Bill Murdy is married and went through Pathfinder school last November. Mark sees Jim Beierschmitt occasionally...also Wayne Wheeler, Nick Nichols, and Jim Gantsoudes who is now CO of Hq Co., 82d Signal Bn.

Also from Bragg, in December, came a letter from Art Kelly. He mentioned that

Jim Harding and Kevin Kelley are now married. And back from Santo Domingo were: George Domas, George Hillard, Terry Covington, Jim McCormack, Jay Missal (Bde Signal officer), and Al Fulco.

Last September John Leyerzaph sent a monumental tome from Fort Lewis concerning the 4th Inf Div. Joe Arnold was at Pathfinder school; Roger Baldwin, 35th Engrs, Sixth Army, had just recently returned from Alaska; Doug Barr was with the 10th Cav at Lewis, still single. Doug Bennett, Jim Bigelow, and Milt Brokaw (who went to Army aviator school last January, I heard) were all there. Mel and Marilyn Case were expecting (a baby); his knee was still keeping him from finishing Ranger and Airborne. Bill Chescavage was XO of an 8" Howitzer Bn. Dick and Dixie Chilcoat also had a baby on the way. Pete Danylchuck, Walt Davis (now married), Bill and Mary DiNeno, Ed Grimes, Jim Hegglund (married), Al Treado, Mike Horstman (in VN as an air observer...and there's a man you know is earning his pay), John Knutzen, Ron and Mary Lind, Gene and Jean McLemore (he was Dist honor student at Ranger), Bob Magruder, Bob McMakin, and Bob Michela (the latter two left for VN) were also mentioned. In addition, Bill Miller (now married), Hugh Morton (he had an Engr Co.), Chris Orndorff, John (née Al) and Sandy Palmer, Jim Pittman, Jim Powers, Brendan Quann, Pete Shaughnessey, Jim Stapleton (Asst Div Cmdr's aide), Chris Stone, and Clyde Woodle were of the Fort Lewis crew.

John Leyerzaph and Mike Horstman went to the Sixth Army tennis championships at the Presidio in San Francisco (how many of us remember where the other 6 Army Hqs are?). John went on to the semi-finals and was going to San Antonio on the Sixth Army team for the all-Army championship meet, but an Artillery officers' alert for Vietnam brought both him and Mike back to Lewis. John sent a slide of some of the Fort Lewis group, but it was too dark to print.

PCS from Belvoir to Vietnam are: Bill Vineyard, Sam Burney, and Don Koterwas. They are with the 87th Engrs at Cam Ranh Bay.

John and Nancy Clark wrote from Fort Carson just before they left for Hawaii. They reported seeing Hal and Cathy Hatfield quite often. Fred Coleman is now the CG's aide there. Steve Draper took his dump truck

platoon to Vietnam. (I am seeing the significance of "those also serve...")

From Fort Cronkhite, Calif., came word from Chris and Nancy Bast. They have a son Kit (Christopher Jr.), born May 65. Dave and Ronnie Bergman and daughter Deborah are there with them. Terry and Barbara Manton were expecting in October. Dave White is there, too, and still a bachelor. Cronkhite is near Travis AFB, and Chris and Nancy often see classmates at the Presidio officers club (which I often patronize myself, I might add). Ben and Cathy Marino, Chris and Sue Kite Powell (they have a daughter), George and Arax Egner, and Bob and Bobbie Sandman (both Egners and Sandmans have sons) were also mentioned as "seen" by Chris and Nancy.

Vietnam

Bill Reynolds wrote from Qui Nhon (he called it Happy Valley) saying that Steve Draper and Bill Mayhew were there with him in the 84th Engr Bn. Mike Goff went over with them but was located near Bien Hoa with the 46th Engrs. Mike reported seeing Jack Grubbs, Bob Walters, Jim Koster, Larry Bryan, and Ed Lucyk. Bill saw Frank Giordano, Seth Hudgins, Norm Grunstad, Ed Schillo, Pat Graves, and Bud Henry—all 101st types. Bill also saw Mark Brennan of the 1st Cav and reported that Bob Michela arrived there last December.

Seth Hudgins sent word that he and Bud Henry have been on several operations together. Frank Giordano's Engr group replaces Highway 19 bridges blown by the VC. Norm Roberts, according to Seth, was injured. He also mentioned seeing John Sam and Ed Schillo, Norm Grunstad, Joe Mastriani (on loan to a Ranger Bn as an FO), and John Howard. Seth's platoon was credited with killing the first VC for the 101st.

John Farnsworth wrote and said that he became engaged in September to Terri Wulforth of New Jersey.

Norm Grunstad also wrote. He's with 1st Bde, 101st, as you already know. For your edification, I am trying to mention every name every time it appears in a letter so that: (1) all sides of any conflicts will be represented; (2) chronologically, it will be possible to follow someone's progress; (3) spatially, it will be possible to follow someone from spot to spot; and (4) I'm lazy. Norm reported Bud Henry is now Bde Hq Co. CO. Pat Graves is a rifle platoon leader with B, 1/327; Jim Schoonover is Asst S1 at Bde. Leon Yourtee was in VN, 3 months Tdy with a "chopper"-gunner platoon from Hawaii. Leon reported Dirck Schou went the same route soon thereafter, as did Tom Faulds.

Art West wrote from Walter Reed Hospital. He hit a bullet in Vietnam, was on his back for awhile, and returned as a volunteer to his old unit, 1st Bn, 12th Cav, last March.

In February Joe Seeber wrote. He was with 3d Bde, 25th Inf (with the Signal Corps). George Jacunski was there with Infantry; Jim Daly and John Duffy, Arty; Gordy Treweek, John Clark, and Bernie

Ferry, Engrs. Dave Bramlett was Gen. Walker's aide. From Hawaii, Joe heard that KB Kindleberger and John Otjen were soon to be in VN with 1st Bde, 25th Inf. Dave Binney and Gary LaVoy are with 2d Bde, 25th, near Bien Hoa. Jim McClure is at Pleiku. Ted Togashi was reported with Co. A, 41st Sig Bn, in the Pleiku MAC compound. Jim Cobbs is with Co. D, 41st Sig Bn in Vinh Long. Joe O'Brien had a cable construction platoon in Long Binh. Ed Lucyk provides signal support to 173d Abn in Bien Hoa.

From Denny Gillem came word that Tony Hartle is aide to the CG of the 173d. Bill Hoover is in B Co., 2/18th Inf. Denny is engaged to Marilyn Moran of Cleveland, Ohio, and plans to be married next November.

Sam Burney wrote that he had C Co., 588th Engr Bn (Cbt), near Bien Hoa, supporting the 173d. In the 173d Sam mentioned seeing or knowing of Chet Kempinski, Jim Koster, Larry Bryan, Jack Nunn, Bob Johnson. In the Big Red ONE are Ken De Gon (the CG's aide), Dick Nowak, Len Hardy, and Sam Pachler. With the 82d were George Vondruska and others already mentioned.

Bob Merritt also wrote, on his way over last January.

Germany

Bill and Marge Jackman sent news from the Nuremberg area that they were expecting around December. Mike and Marge Conway and their daughter Angela Michele are on the same post as the Jackmans. Bill and Marge mentioned seeing Bruce and Carol Howard, Jack and Sue Speedy and their son Sam, Barry and Brigette Hartman and son Bryan, quite often. At schools and during exercises they run into other classmates, as do all the families over there it seems.

Roger and Judy Higbee, and son Roger Jr., wrote from Wiesbaden where Roger is Asst Bn S3 with the 12th Engrs. They see Brink and Sandy Miller frequently, and Stan McLaughlin passed through to visit with them while on leave. Judy was elected president of the OWC there.

Jim Jinks sent a note from Hanau. He and his lovely wife have begotten a man-child, Jimmy tells me. Hugh and Sandy Boyd visit them quite often, and George Vondruska and Jim McCormack wrote. Other than that, Jinks has been kept in well-deserved seclusion. (Hi, Jim!)

A letter from Hugh and Sandy Boyd, also in the Hanau area, supplemented the one from Jimmy and also gave a human view of the situation there. The snapshot you see on this page portrays (l. to r.): Dan and Cindy Evans, son Danny; Hugh and Sandy Boyd, son Hugh; Jim and Darlene Jinks, son Jimmy; and Fred and Patty Pope, and class godson David. Others at the ARMY-Navy rally at the Boyds were: Leo and Ceil Grasfeder, Jed and Ann Brown. The Boyds are in quarters across the street from Herb and Bobbi Zimmerman, the Grasfederes, and the Jinks. Hugh and Sandy mentioned attending

Ray and Susan Spinosa's eggnog party during the holidays. They saw John and Louise Murray and Dave and Ruth Baratto there. Grace and Lennie Kresefski and daughter Donna Marie visited.

Korea

Tom Lough wrote. He was S1, and Akos Szekely was S2 of the 13th Engrs in Korea at the time. Szekely has since returned to the U.S. and entered M.I.T. Dan Hornbarger was formerly an S2 in the 13th also. Fred Gray (CE), Pete Elson (Inf), Tony Janairo (Arty), and Ron Odom (Inf) returned to CONUS. Ken Kvam left for VN, as did Mike Amrine.

Would you believe some of the stationery I have been receiving? The loathsome malingering, Kirby Wilcox, always a snob when we lived near each other in the 8½th, had the gall to send me a letter complete with all the accessories: letterhead, addresser, addressee, signature block, and... get this... "KW:vn" typed down in the lower lefthand corner. All he was trying to say was that he was aide to BG Bleszer, a familiar face. Best of fortune to them both, of course. Anyway, Kirby and wife Linda should be in Germany by now. Denny Culp was also an aide in the same office as Kirby, last November at least.

And here endeth the lesson.

'65

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One year finds '65 everywhere, from Berlin to Saigon, from foxhole to grad school. From M.I.T. comes word from Emery and Eleanor Chase that school is no picnic. Hank Sterbenz sends about the same news from Columbia U.

Down Panama way, Sonny Arkangel is looking for air conditioners, John Connor is running a range for three months, and Lance Hewitt is Tdy to the baseball team. In the Marines, Reg Dryzga is trying to learn to fly, and Greg Steele received the Military Skills Award in his class at Quantico.

At Fort Bragg, dogs are the order of the day, and '65 is well stocked. Sights to remember are: Rollie Stichweh giving the Founders Day speech, Joe Zurlo in a new XKE, Bob Arvin's fiancée checking out her future home, George Bell and Walt Kulbacki getting ready to forsake the bachelor ranks, and Clair Gill getting ready for Vietnam this summer.

In the Dominican Republic, Pat O'Connor is sitting out the year-round summer. He came back on leave to show off his winter tan. Dick Williams looks for ways to catch the shuttle flight back to Fort Bragg to visit his wife. Doug Gibson is awaiting his return anxiously as is Jan Murgatroid, his fiancée. Grant Fredricks stopped by on his way to and from Philadelphia.

Letters are beginning to come in now. Just keep them coming.

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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Melvin Weston Rowell

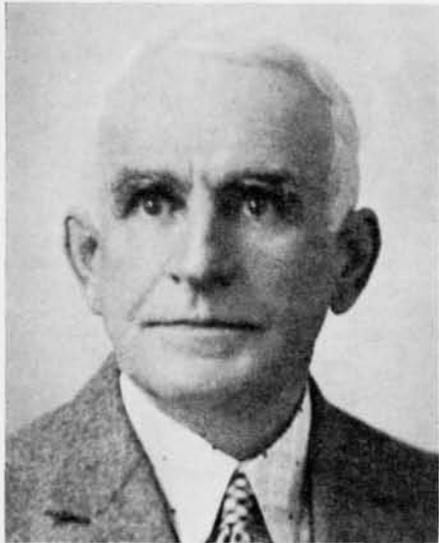
NO. 3367 CLASS OF 1890

Died 5 August 1965 at Northwood, New Hampshire, aged 97 years.

Interment: Fairview Cemetery, Northwood, New Hampshire

MELVIN, SON OF ALEXANDER AND SUSAN (JUNKINS) ROWELL was born in South Berwick, Maine, on 22 June 1868. In 1872 the family moved to Waltham, Massachusetts, and Melvin attended the public schools there. Following his graduation from high school, he won a competitive examination for admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point, and received his congressman's appointment. He was to stand thirty-seventh among the 54 men who graduated in the Class of 1890.

Rowell's first tour of duty was on the western frontier, primarily in Arizona, New Mexico, and Montana among the Apache, Navajo, Moqui, Sioux, Crow, and Cheyenne Indians. In 1895 he was detached from field service, and served as an instructor of the



MELVIN WESTON ROWELL

New Jersey National Guard. Later, he served in the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and was under General Leonard Wood's command during the Cuban Pacification. He attended the Army War College in Washington, D.C., from which he graduated in 1915, and was retained as a member of the faculty until March 1916. That same year he was with General Pershing in the pursuit of Pancho Villa into Mexico.

During World War I Melvin organized and trained the 15th Cavalry at Douglas, Arizona, and took that regiment to France early in 1918. In May 1918 he was detached from the 15th Cavalry to organize and command the A.E.F. Base Section No. 6 in the south of France with headquarters at Marseilles. For this service, Melvin Rowell was decorated by the French and British governments and was awarded the Purple Heart (for merit) by General Pershing who also recommended him for promotion to brigadier general.

In March 1919 Colonel Rowell retired from the Army at his own request and accepted a position as representative for southern France and North Africa with The Foundation Company of New York. For the next nine years he was in business in France and in Algiers, Algeria.

Upon his return to the U.S. in May 1928,

Rowell settled in New Hampshire, first in Manchester and then, in 1932, at Northwood Narrows where he farmed and became an active member of the community. He was an ardent fisherman and hunter, and an enthusiastic supporter of the Boston Red Sox baseball team. For many years he raised and trained English setters, cocker spaniels, and beagles.

This versatile man, who rose to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army, was a man of many interests including a wide variety of services to the public. In 1939 he was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives by his town, and, at the outbreak of World War II, Governor Robert O. Blood appointed him chairman of the Public Safety Committee of the New Hampshire State Council of Defense. Working closely with the state adjutant general, Charles F. Bowen, Colonel Rowell organized the Air Raid Protective Service and the Ground Observation Corps.

The Colonel was also an active member of the American Legion, serving as commander of the Everett J. Bourdon Post No. 73 of Northwood (1934-38) and post adjutant (1943-46).

His other affiliations included: life membership in the Association of Graduates, USMA; life membership in the J.N. Patterson Camp No. 3, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New Hampshire; and life membership in the Monitor Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of Waltham, Massachusetts. He was also a member of the New England Commandery, Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War; La Société Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, Voyageur Militaire, Voiture Locale No. 183, New Hampshire; and the West Point Society of Boston.

Colonel Rowell's continuing interest in government and politics is revealed by his long-time membership in the Rockingham County Republican Club and the New Hampshire Republican Party.

Recognition of Colonel Rowell's long service to his state and to his country was especially evident on his 97th birthday as congratulations poured in. Citing the long list of those who wrote would be impossible, but the fact that three Presidents of the United States were included is certainly worthy of note. President Johnson sent an autographed picture of himself with his letter.

The Colonel especially prized a beautifully carved cane that he had had for many years. It was the gift of Manuel Quezon, first president of the Philippine Commonwealth to an unidentified Spanish-American War veteran from New Hampshire. President Quezon had requested that the cane be passed on to the oldest living Spanish-American War veteran in the state.

As a final gesture to his relatives and descendants, Colonel Rowell wrote and had printed, a family record entitled "The Register of Rowells." This book may be found in the state library at Concord, New Hampshire.

Colonel Rowell died at the Veteran's Hospital in Manchester, New Hampshire, on 5 August 1965, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery at Northwood Narrows.

A fitting epitaph for this fine gentleman might well be taken from an entry in his own diary. It is a selection from *Thanatopsis* by William Cullen Bryant:

So live that when thy summons comes to join

The innumerable caravan that moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take

His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,

Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained
and soothed

By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his
couch

About him, and lies down to pleasant
dreams.

—Francis H. Buffum, *Comrade*

Louis Robinson Dice

NO. 4166 CLASS OF 1903

Died 17 August 1965 at Portsmouth, Ohio, aged 87 years.

Interment: Greenlawn Cemetery, Portsmouth, Ohio

LOUIS ROBINSON DICE WAS BORN in Portsmouth, Ohio, on 2 October 1877, and attended the public schools there until he became of college age.

After graduation from the Portsmouth High School in 1895 he took up the study of law and majored in that specialty at the University of Michigan during the years 1895 to 1898. However, an appointment to West



LOUIS ROBINSON DICE

Point, by the Hon. Stephen Morgan, Congressman from the Sixth District of Ohio, completely changed the course of Louis's life, and when he entered the Academy in 1899 he had definitely committed himself to a military career.

Louis's parents, John Dice and Elizabeth Lind Dice, both German-born, were among the pioneers of Portsmouth, a thriving young town when they came to it in 1864. John Dice soon became one of Portsmouth's leading citizens. Seven children were born to John and Elizabeth Dice, of whom only one, Mrs. Jessie Dice Linck, survives.

As a cadet, Louis Dice was serious-minded but friendly, and was well-liked by his classmates. He was powerfully built, and though reticent and unobtrusive, he was an aggressive stalwart on the football team on which he did yeoman service. He appeared to be unruffled by the roughness of the game as it was played in those days, and accepted painful injuries with stoicism and quiet determination. Football held his greatest interest in athletics. He played it to win, and the game provided him with a wholesome release for his great amount of surplus energy. Those characteristics which marked him as a cadet remained with him throughout his life. His was a do-or-die concept of a man's job in life.

Upon graduation from the Academy, Dice selected the Artillery as his choice of Service, and was assigned, as a second lieutenant, with station at Fort Monroe, Virginia, where he remained until April 1905. While at Fort Morgan, Alabama, in January 1907 he was promoted to first lieutenant, and in November of that year he was returned to duty at Fort Monroe and served there until July 1908. He then spent a year at Fort Totten, New York, before being detailed as a student officer at the Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe. He graduated from there in August 1910.

After leaving Fort Monroe, his assignments took him successively to Fort Constitution, New Hampshire, and to Galveston, Texas, where he served with the 1st Brigade of Coast Artillery until June 1911, at which time he returned to Fort Constitution for further duty until November 1911.

At Fort Terry, New York, he was promoted to the grade of captain on 5 December 1911, and upon completing his tour of duty at Terry, in October 1913, Louis was ordered first to Fort H.G. Wright, New York, and then, in July 1914, to New York City, where he remained until October 1917. He was also promoted to major during this latter tour.

Dice served next at Fort Washington, Maryland, and later at Camp Stewart, Virginia, until April 1918, and on the 5th of May he arrived at Brest, France, with the 60th Regiment C.A.C. He commanded the 2d Battalion, and went with it to Montagne (Gironde).

On 22 May 1918, Louis was promoted to lieutenant colonel, National Army, and was assigned as Assistant Chief of Gas Service (Chemical Warfare Service). Five months later he was detailed to the Judge Advocate General's Department with assignment to the American Graves Registration Service in Europe. He continued in this duty until 31 December 1921. Louis had reverted to his regular grade of captain on 13 April 1920, but by July of that same year, he had been promoted again to the rank of major.

Upon returning from Europe, Dice was ordered to Headquarters 2d Corps Area on 31 December 1921, was attached to the Organized Reserves, and served with them as executive officer at Elizabeth, New Jersey.

It was from this tour of duty that Louis Dice retired—for disability incident to the Service—on 30 September 1924. In June 1930 he was given the rank of lieutenant colonel, USA, Retired.

Louis R. Dice was married, in Newark, New Jersey, to Miss Erica Lola Pohl on 1 June 1948. The couple had no children.

During the latter years of his life, Louis suffered a lingering illness and he died in the old homestead where he had been born and where he had spent many happy years of his life.

—J.W.

Clifford Lee Corbin

No. 4410 CLASS OF 1905

Died 20 January 1966 at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 82 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia

IF EVER A MAN could have claimed that he led a full life, that man was Clifford Corbin. In his span of nearly eighty-three years, he had known the Victorian era; seen the world change from the sedate opulence of the nineteenth century to the astonishing pace of the twentieth; served in two World Wars; repre-

sented his country in four foreign lands; lived with the Army from the placid garrison days of "harbor defenses" to the stupendous global logistics operations of World War II; steadfastly survived those thin times when the cynical definition of an Army officer was "a man who does practically nothing at all but does it God-awful early in the morning"; dealt with diplomats, politicians, and tycoons; earned one of his country's highest decorations; known storm at sea and tragedy at home; and through it all had been a man with a strong sense of family, a rugged but humane kind of humor, and an unimpeachable integrity that bespoke, in the most meaningful sense of that phrase, "an Officer and a Gentleman."

It is only a matter of statistics to rehearse the record of his service. Born in Dayton, Ohio, on 12 February 1883, he was originally appointed to the Military Academy in July of 1900, but failed to make the grade in his plebe year. Turned back academically, he graduated in the Class of 1905. Commissioned into what was then called the Artillery Corps, he served first at Fort Totten, where he commanded the 135th Mine Company. In late



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1908 he was given command of a mine planter, the *Major Samuel Ringgold*, and the following year had the unusual experience of taking his "command" from New York to Seattle "around the Horn," as our Navy compatriots would say. It was a long and arduous voyage, fraught with peril, adventure, and responsibility of a sort that few Army officers are ever exposed to; and he was then a first lieutenant with only four years' service!

At the successful completion of this extraordinary journey in March of 1910, he was reassigned to the east coast, with station at Fort McHenry. In December of 1910 he was selected as one of the officers to man a newly formed provisional regiment of Coast Artillery at Galveston, Texas, and served with this unit until the following August, when he reported to Fort Monroe as a student at the Coast Artillery School. Following his student year, he remained at Fort Monroe as Ordnance Officer until late in 1913, when he was assigned to the harbor defenses of New York, serving first at Fort Wadsworth and then at Fort Hamilton.

In December of 1915 he began his first tour of foreign service—as our Military Attaché to Chile, with station in Santiago. This pleasant and interesting duty was interrupted by our entry into World War I in the spring of 1917 and his immediate recall from Chile for assignment to training duties—four months

at the 1st Officers Training Camp at Fort McPherson, and four months as Artillery Instructor at the 2nd Officers Training Camp at Fort Myer. In December of 1917 he was named to command the 8th Field Artillery and took it to France the following spring. There, after successive promotions to lieutenant colonel and colonel, he first was Adjutant of the 7th Field Artillery Brigade and, finally, commanded the 5th Field Artillery, with which regiment he ended the war and marched from Verdun to Coblenz. He remained in that city with the occupation forces until April of 1919, when he was returned to Washington.

In the general realignment of the Army in 1920, he reverted to the grade of major, transferred to the Quartermaster Corps, and was assigned for over a year to the Construction Division. Early in 1921 he went to Germany again as Assistant Quartermaster of the American Forces in Germany, and in September of 1922 he was selected to attend a two-year course at the *École de l'Intendance* in Paris. Returning to this country in August of 1924, he attended the Army Industrial College and then served in the Office of the Quartermaster General until November of 1926. Overseas duty came up again, this time in the Philippines, where he was Quartermaster at Fort Stotsenburg for a year and a half and finished out his two-year tour with a stint as Assistant Department Quartermaster. At the end of 1928 he was returned to the States, had a short tour at the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, and then was given command of the Chicago Quartermaster Depot. This latter tour lasted until the fall of 1933, the first time in his career that he remained in one assignment for a full four years.

As if to make up for this "stabilized tour," his next assignments came in rapid succession: to Paris again in September of 1933 for fourteen months with the American War Memorials Commission; back to the Office of the Quartermaster General as executive officer of the Supply Division for eighteen months; to Hawaii as Department Quartermaster for two years; and from there to the New York General Depot, where he was Quartermaster Supply Officer for sixteen months. With his promotion to brigadier general on 1 April 1940, he returned to the Office of the Quartermaster General for the last time. There he served as Chief of the Supply Division for two years, covering the period of our industrial mobilization and entry into World War II. Promoted to major general in 1942, he was named Deputy Quartermaster General and Director of Procurement, and in this capacity served until his retirement in June of 1946. For his outstanding performance in this last demanding wartime assignment, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

His professional services are in themselves testimony to the value of Cliff Corbin as a servant of his country, credentials that not even the most cynical could question. They are part and parcel of that "endless tapestry that is the story of the Military Academy, the history that its thousands of graduates have made." And as he was professionally admirable, so he was personally appreciated. Throughout his career, enlisted men were devoted to him; officers who served with him always benefited from the association; and in the massive national effort of World War II, men drawn in from civilian life were invariably impressed as much with his human touch as with his military competence. This was a man of unusual talent and warm humanity.

His family life reflected this same com-

bination of insistence on the performance of duty and compassionate understanding of human frailty. It was on his return to the east coast in March of 1910 that he met Emeline Sweeny, daughter of a prominent Spokane family, who was visiting friends in Washington. Their mutual attraction was immediate and deep; and they were married a month later in the Post Chapel at Fort McHenry, a marriage that was to last, with ever-growing richness and devotion, for more than fifty years. Emeline Corbin epitomized the Army wife—intelligent, gallant, humorous, and wise, she was his constant companion and helpmeet, sharing the good posts and the dull ones, the discomfort of travel by Army transport and the gayety of life in Paris. She took in stride the frequent family moves that his professional competence occasioned, and managed their household, wherever it was, with grace, charm, and dignity. Together they brought up their children in the same tradition of respect for principle and uncompromising forthrightness that so characterized their own lives, and it was a source of deep satisfaction to them that both of their daughters married happily into the Army. It is somehow typical and appropriate that when Emeline suffered a sudden, fatal heart attack, it was at a sunlit "table-for-two" in their cheerful apartment, and it was Cliff who caught her as she fell.

In retirement, in the well-deserved quiet of the autumn of his days, he allowed himself some indulgence in his favorite pastime, contract bridge, and there are many who can testify to his formidable shrewdness at this game. At the same time he maintained a keen interest in public affairs, serving as a consultant to a nationally known textile firm and associating with many men in public life.

When the debilitating effects of the passage of years curtailed his activities, he still retained his forthright attitude toward life—he would not compromise with pain and disability, and entered Walter Reed General Hospital with the full knowledge that a critical operation could spell the difference between living and dying. He died on the 20th of January 1966 and was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

And so, finally, Cliff Corbin laid down his saber and joined his compeers in that great camaraderie who have preceded us. He was a fine Soldier. And he was a great Gentleman.

—Alexander G. Stone
Colonel, Artillery
(Retired)

Charles Kellog Rockwell

NO. 4461 CLASS OF 1906

Died 20 November 1965 at Paoli, Pennsylvania, aged 84 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ALL OF US WHO WERE IN THE CORPS at West Point between 1902 and 1906 will remember the splendid figure of Charlie Rockwell on the gridiron, on the diamond, and on the tennis court. In each of these sports he excelled. When he graduated, he was awarded the ARMY Athletic Trophy as the best all-around athlete of the Corps. Few men deserved it more.

Charlie Rockwell was born in Dakota Territory in September 1881, while the Indians were still to be reckoned with in that part of the great West. His father had graduated in the USMA Class of 1870, went west with his cavalry unit, and, while on duty at Fort Abraham Lincoln, transferred to the Ord-

nance Department. He was the only officer at the old fort when his son Charles was born. Three years later the family moved back east and was eventually stationed at the Springfield Armory in Massachusetts. It was there, in Springfield, that Charlie received his elementary and high school education. In time, he went to Harvard and was a student in that famous institution of learning until he was appointed to West Point in June 1902.

Charlie was an excellent student, was well prepared for his courses, and always recited with confidence. He stood well up in the Class each academic year, and, although he was in sharp competition with many others who had been to college before entering the Academy, he graduated ninth in the Class of 78 men. He was more scholarly than military, more interested in athletics than tactics, and did not seek nor receive cadet rank of importance. But, he had learned some football at Harvard, was turned out for the squad as a Plebe, and, though he weighed only 153 pounds, his speed and his kicking ability qualified him as a handy substitute until he made the regular team as an excellent end



CHARLES KELLOG ROCKWELL

and field-goal kicker. In this latter role he was frequently called upon to try field goals from long distances, when the team could not get close enough to try for a touchdown. In the spring, he was turned out for baseball and was on the squad all four years, playing brilliantly in left field and excelling as a hitter—few of us oldtimers will ever forget his 3-bagger in the Navy game of 1905. In his first class year, he was elected captain of the baseball team. He also threw the hammer in the yearly outdoor meets, and, as a grand finish to his athletic career, he won the tennis championship just before he graduated. He was a really fine athlete.

On graduation, he was assigned to the Engineers and had hardly settled into his new officer uniforms, when he was sent to Camp Columbia, Cuba, to join the Army of Cuban Pacification. After two years of this foreign service, he attended the Army Engineer School at Washington Barracks and remained stationed in and around Washington until 1914 when World War I broke out in Europe. At that time the U.S. industrial community was searching for trained men to help with the manufacture of munitions for the Allied European belligerents and was prepared to pay handsomely for their talents. Charlie resigned to accept one of these posi-

tions and was quite successful in his new role, but when the U.S. entered the war, he returned to the Army and went to France with the Chemical Warfare Service. At the end of the war he was a lieutenant colonel in the Army of Occupation at Koblenz, Germany.

When he returned to the States in 1920, Charlie left the Service again and became affiliated with the Baldwin Locomotive Company at the proving ground for the Eddystone Munitions Corporation, then being operated by his classmate, Walter M. Wilhelm. At first he worked at Lakewood, N.J., but later, when the war contracts were completed, he went to Philadelphia and there joined the ink manufacturing company that was to become the Charles G. Johnson Company. He remained with this company until he retired from active work in 1950.

In 1914, when he resigned from the Army, Charlie married Miss Vera J. Wesson, of the prominent New England family of Wessons. They were married at Kinco, Maine. The couple had three sons who, with their mother, survive Charlie. The boys are: Stuart, a Foreign Service Officer currently on duty in Washington, D.C.; Alan, who is in the importing business in New York City; and David, who is an officer in the Air Reduction Company, also in New York City. Charlie also leaves a sister, Miss Helen Rockwell, who lives in Washington, D.C.

After Charlie graduated from West Point, he became interested in horses, racing and showing his mounts in many places and winning many trophies. He loved riding in the open fields, over the jumps, and across the fox-hunting grounds. He was an ardent hunter always. No one could match him with the shotgun in the hunting preserves of South Carolina when the birds were flying and the setters were pointing. He also liked to throw a line when the fish were biting in the trout streams or in the ocean. He kept to his outdoor life as long as his health allowed.

While he was living in Philadelphia, he acquired the estate, called Far Valley Farms, in Paoli, Pennsylvania, where he could keep his horses and in his retirement enjoy the open fields of the pretty Pennsylvania countryside. From there he kept up a correspondence with his classmates and friends and frequently attended the class reunions. When the Hawaiian contingent of the Class produced a rather large decennial book beyond the means of the group to produce in print, Charlie assembled a committee of the Class to rescue the delinquents from the hands of the Honolulu sheriff. After an ARMY-Navy game, when we were celebrating a victory over the Navy, he was host to all the attending classmates at a lovely afternoon party in his Philadelphia home.

I well remember how disappointed I was once when we failed to make contact. He had telephoned from the west coast of Florida to arrange a meeting at our Miami Beach home, but on the way he made a wrong turn that led him far from the causeways leading to Miami Beach. Finally, tired of hunting for the route, he telephoned to report his predicament and proceeded northward on his journey. It was a most unfortunate turn of events, for we had it all arranged at the Bath Club for a jolly get-together.

Charlie served his country well, wherever he was, and in whatever task he undertook. He earned a fine reputation during World War I in France and in Germany. For his work with his classmate, Walter Wilhelm, on the war contracts of the Baldwin Locomotive Company, he received high praise. He served his Alma Mater faithfully, helping at her re-

unions and observances, and proudly wearing her insignia and the trophies he'd won for his athletic victories.

He held ever to the standards that West Point had given him and was a much-loved classmate of 1906.

May he rest in peace after his long and fruitful life.

—Charles G. Mettler
President
Class of 1906

Clyde Leslie Eastman

NO. 4566 CLASS OF 1907

Died 15 January 1965 at St. Petersburg, Florida, aged 81 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

THE FAST-THINNING RANKS OF 1907 lost another member when Leslie Eastman died on 15 January 1965, after a six-month illness, in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Clyde was the son of the late Colonel Frank F. Eastman, Infantry, USMA 1879, of Illinois, and Mrs. Susan Colby Eastman of Massachusetts. He was born on 14 May 1883 at Worthington, Minnesota, and spent his boyhood and youth at the various posts where his father was stationed. He received his early education in the public schools at Leavenworth, Kansas; Vancouver, Washington; Lawrence, Kansas; and Washington, D.C. In 1902 he entered the University of California and, after the completion of his freshman year, was appointed to West Point by President Theodore Roosevelt, entering the Academy on 15 June 1903.

The son of a veteran of the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and the China Relief Expedition of 1900-1901, and of a mother who exemplified to the fullest degree the virtues of the frontier Army wife of the Old Army, Clyde was indoctrinated early with a love of the military service and its customs, traditions, and high principles. Under the inspiration of these character-building examples, he made up his mind before entering the Academy that he would be the very best cadet that his talents and abilities would permit. Consequently, from the very first, as a Plebe, he was recognized as a young man unusually devoted to his career, determined to give his all towards achieving distinction as a cadet, and ultimately to graduate as high in his Class as possible.

Because of his military background and his fortunately long and intimate association with the Army, he realized early that his best route to success as a cadet lay in the special fields of Military Proficiency in its six components (Drill Regulations, Military Efficiency, Military Engineering, Ordnance and Gunnery, Military Hygiene, and Practical Military Engineering) and in Conduct. From plebe year on he ranked in the top ten in each of these subjects and was successively appointed corporal, first sergeant, and finally, third-ranking cadet captain. The records of the Academy show that he filled each of these positions with outstanding success. At graduation he ranked 36 in a class of 111.

Coupled with a desire for distinction in the normal curricular phases of Academy life, he was also determined to be useful to his Class and to the Academy in extracurricular activities. Immediately after he entered, he joined the YMCA, attended its meetings regularly, and, in his first-class year, became secretary and librarian. Endowed with a pleasing voice, he was a member of the Cadet Choir during

the entire four years and of the Hundredth Night Chorus in first-class year. In outdoor athletics he went out for baseball and took his turn as catcher, but his principal activity was in indoor athletics, as an outstanding competitor in the Indoor Meets during the four years, as one of the four members of the class gymnastic team.

Clyde enjoyed cadet life very much. As the son of a graduate whose old friends were assigned to the Academy command, staff, and faculty, Clyde's social life was enriched by the courtesies and hospitality extended to him in that part of the social life of the post available to cadets. He was courtly in his manners, a good dancer, and enjoyed very much assisting in the entertainment of the young lady visitors at the post.

As graduation approached Clyde became increasingly interested in his future career as an officer, and just as he had planned in advance the step-by-step program to insure his success as a well-rounded cadet, so did he plan a program which would best insure his success as an officer. Whatever other quali-



CLYDE LESLIE EASTMAN

ties Clyde had, ambition was surely one of the strongest.

As a first step, he chose the Infantry, his father's branch, and requested assignment to the 20th Infantry then on foreign service as a part of the Cuban Army of Pacification. From September 1907 to the end of 1908 he was on duty at Matangas, Cuba.

On 2 June 1908 Clyde married his cadet sweetheart, Mary Frances Holmes of Boston, who happily shared the nomadic life of the Army officer with him until her untimely death in 1944.

After his return from Cuba, Clyde served at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and with the Maneuver Division at San Antonio, and on both assignments recognized the increasing importance of signal communications in modern warfare. As a consequence, he applied for a detail in the Signal Corps as a further step in broadening his military experience. His request was approved, and the detail became effective on 12 July 1912. This move constituted a profound reorientation in his career and resulted in his ultimate, permanent affiliation with the Signal Corps.

During the next four years Clyde served with Signal Corps units in Alaska and in Texas and was a student at the Army Signal School. In 1916 he was relieved from his detail with the Signal Corps and was reassigned to the 20th Infantry, then stationed at

Fort Bliss, Texas. It was here that he organized and commanded the Army's first provisional motorcycle machine-gun company, a unit which was to render valuable service as part of the Border Patrol during the Mexican revolutionary troubles. That same year, 1916, Clyde was promoted to captain, and when the United States entered World War I, he became major, National Army.

Upon being assigned to the 88th Division he was, on the basis of his years of experience in the Signal Corps, appointed Chief Signal Officer of the division, a post he held until he was ordered, on detached service, to France. There he became Chief Signal Officer of the 5th Division. He served with this division throughout the remainder of the war in all of its front-line, Meuse-Argonne operations. After the Armistice he returned to the 88th Division which had, by this time, arrived in the battle zone in Army Reserve. He was again detailed as Division Signal Officer but soon moved up to VII Corps to become Chief Signal Officer there. Both the division and the corps were units of the American Forces in Germany at the time.

Upon returning to the States in 1919 he served for a year as an instructor at the Signal School, and then, in order to broaden his knowledge of other branches of the Army, he transferred to the Field Artillery, attended the Field Artillery School, and graduated in 1921. He served for a year as a battalion commander in the 1st Field Artillery and was then detailed with the Organized Reserves in the Boston area where he remained until 1926, consistently receiving "superior" ratings throughout the period.

It was during this period that he decided he could render better service to the Army in the Signal Corps. He therefore applied for transfer in 1925, was accepted, and remained in that Corps until retirement.

In 1927 Clyde graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth and during the next seven years served on various Signal Corps details, with troops and with supply agencies. In 1935 he graduated from the Army Industrial College and that same year was promoted to colonel, on 26 December.

After serving for three years as Chief Signal Officer, 5th Corps Area, he was detailed in July 1938 as deputy chief and executive officer to the Chief Signal Officer, U.S. Army. He held this highly responsible and exacting position for three years, his tour of duty coinciding with that of the outgoing Chief, Major General James O. Mauborgne. Clyde received another "superior" rating for this tour. The incoming Chief now offered Clyde his choice of three important assignments, each involving a move away from Washington. It was a difficult decision for Clyde, for his wife was suffering from a serious incapacitating illness and could not be moved. Rather than leave the Washington area, Clyde elected to retire, and, after four months of terminal leave, his retirement became effective on 28 February 1942.

At this time an opportunity presented itself to Clyde to take over the real estate business of a friend in nearby Falls Church, Virginia, who was going into the Service. Not only did he take it, but he quickly established himself as one of the leading real estate brokers in the state. Later, as president of the Virginia Real Estate Board, he devoted a considerable amount of his time to serving his community and his state.

After a long period as an invalid, Mary passed away in 1944. Three years later, on 4 October 1947, Clyde married Margaret Massey of Winchester, Virginia, a long-time family friend of both Mary and himself.

Retiring from the real estate business in 1953, Clyde and Margaret moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they purchased a lovely waterfront home on Paradise Island and there offered the gracious Eastman hospitality to classmates and other Army friends. A lover of outdoor sports, Clyde purchased a boat and spent much time fishing and cruising among the off-shore islands in the Gulf of Mexico. He was also an excellent gardener and enjoyed caring for the wide variety of trees and flowers he maintained on his property.

Clyde had been a long-time member of the Masonic Sojourners Club and throughout his life continued to take a deep interest in club affairs. In addition, while he was on duty in Washington he joined the Washington Chapter of the International Association of Torch Clubs and was for some years president of the local chapter. After retirement he was elected national vice-president of the Association and traveled extensively across the country on club affairs and attended conventions annually.

The world-wide Association, with its aim of fostering high standards of professional ethics among some twenty-five professions and in the general business affairs of the local communities, brightened Clyde's later years and made it possible for him to contribute to the nation's professional progress and ethical development. He was especially devoted to the Association's motto, taken from Plato: "Those having torches will pass them on to others."

Clyde enjoyed good health until about two years before his death, when he began to suffer a series of light strokes—in 1963 and 1964. In the fall of 1964 he was admitted to the Bay Pines Hospital in St. Petersburg, and five months later, on 15 January 1965, he died of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery near the grave of his father. Six classmates served as honorary pallbearers.

Those who knew Clyde intimately throughout his cadet, Army, and civilian careers—and I was one of these—will remember him as a man of the highest ideals and of strong moral fiber; stern in his military duties, yet fair and generous; of high ambition to be a good cadet, a good officer, and a good citizen of value to his community and to his country.

We of Nineteen Ought Seven revere this departed comrade and cherish his memory.

Tribute should also be paid to the love, devotion, and loyalty that Clyde lavished on all the members of his family throughout the years in many affectionate and helpful ways.

Clyde is survived by his widow Margaret, of 8239 26th Avenue, North, St. Petersburg, Florida; a brother Eugene; two sisters, Mrs. Pauline Lander and Miss Susan Eastman; one niece and several nephews; a step-daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Massey Schuck; and two step-sons, Charles and Walter Massey.

—Abbott Boone
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Walter Raymond Wheeler

NO. 4597 CLASS OF 1907

Died 5 September 1965 in St. Petersburg, Florida, aged 81 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

WALTER RAYMOND WHEELER WAS BORN at Oswego, New York, 29 November 1883, the son of Fred Dobbie and Ella M. Crippen Wheeler, and grandson of Miles Morgan

Wheeler of Oswego, owner of a fleet of Great Lakes sailing ships. He was educated in the Oswego public schools and entered the Military Academy in 1902, "surely the poorest prepared member of my Class," as he himself wrote. By dint of hard work and inflexible application he eventually graduated with the Class of 1907. His dedication to the study of the military art distinguished his entire career.

Walter's first assignment was with the 4th Infantry at Fort Mackenzie, Wyoming. Here he married Mildred Lenore Griffith, of Sheridan, in 1910, and soon thereafter took his bride to the Philippines. In 1912 he accompanied the China Expedition that left from Manila and commanded the mounted scouts of the 15th Infantry at Tientsin in 1913-14.

After returning from foreign service, he joined the 26th Infantry on the Mexican Border. In 1917 he accompanied his regiment to France as part of the 1st Division. He saw action in the St. Mihiel attack and won the Croix de Guerre w/palm. After duty as aide to General Robert Lee Bullard, the division commander, he attended the AEF General Staff College and the University of



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Toulouse. From 1919 to 1921 he attended the Ecole Supérieure de Guerre, earning his *brevet d'officier d'état-major*.

Back in the States, he was assigned to the Infantry Board. This was followed by tours as a student, first at Benning and then at the Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth, and after completing the latter course he was retained as an instructor. Walter translated Lemoine's *Tactique Générale*, the text used in both the Infantry School and the Command and General Staff School, and Daille's *Bataille de Montdidier*. His book *The Infantry Battalion in War* was a professional success in that the entire first edition was sold out. The Royal Norwegian Military Academy also used this book as a text in its tactical instruction.

During the period 1936-38 Colonel Wheeler was senior instructor of the Michigan National Guard. From there he left to command Fort George Wright and the 4th Infantry, his first regiment after graduation. In the amphibious maneuvers in Monterey Bay (California) in January 1940, Colonel Wheeler was shore force commander until the CP of the 3d Division was established on land. An officer who served under him at the time writes:

I can never forget Colonel Wheeler on the first morning of the landings. The

Navy, as usual, had tied things up, and the initial waves landed on the wrong beaches. The Colonel had collected as many unit commanders as he could find and was issuing orders to establish the beachhead, when a shiny, corps area Packard drove up, and Lt. Gen. John L. De Witt got out, obviously very much upset—either with the hour, or his breakfast, or the maneuver. He did not ask for any explanations but proceeded to chew Colonel Wheeler out, up one side and down the other, for five minutes, while we all stood at attention. Then he drove away, and the Colonel continued with his orders where he had left off. He never referred to our visitor nor did he betray by the least change in manner or inflection that there had been an interruption. There was a man!

In 1941 Walter went to the historical section of the Army War College, and after the outbreak of the war he commanded Camp Sutton, South Carolina, to include the replacement training center there. All the while he was eating his heart out for a combat command—but it was not to be.

Despite two recommendations for promotion, Colonel Wheeler was retired for disability in line of duty in December 1943, when he was sixty-one years old.

Still eager to contribute to the war effort in any way he could, Walter then worked at the Iowa Ordnance Plant as a civilian, with the title: Director of Plant Security and Safety. He filled this post until the plant was closed down in September 1945.

The final years of Walter Wheeler's life were clouded by increasing debility. He died at St. Petersburg, Florida, on 5 September 1965 and was buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va. He is survived by his widow Mildred, who lives at 6235—7th Avenue North, St. Petersburg; his daughter Mrs. Nanine Wheeler Allender of Jacksonville; a sister Mrs. Henry H. Pfeil of West-erly, R.I.; and two grandsons.

—George Brooke McReynolds
Class of November 1918

Gilbert Richard Cook

NO. 5073 CLASS OF 1912

Died 19 September 1963 at La Jolla, California, aged 73 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia

THIS IS A BELATED TRIBUTE to "Doc" Cook from some of us who knew him best and who loved and admired him. It is written by the only remaining one of the four Arkansas lads who entered West Point one snowy day in March 1908.

Gilbert Richard Cook, the son of Joseph E. Cook, attorney, and May Agnes Cook, was born in Texarkana on 30 December 1889. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Arkansas and entered on 2 March 1908. Tall, well-built, and a natural athlete, he made a name for himself in West Point athletics as a determined and capable competitor. His good humor, warm friendliness, common sense, and loyalty soon endeared him to his classmates.

Those were the days of the disputes over the claims of Dr. Cook of North Pole fame, and inevitably, in the wry, antithetic humor of cadets, young Gilbert Cook's innate modesty and native honesty led to his nickname of "Doc." And so he remained throughout his life in the Army.

As a member of the all-Class-of-1912 foot-

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ball team in 1911, Doc talked himself off the operating table in the cadet hospital while being prepared for an appendectomy and joined the squad on its way to Philadelphia where he and I played the ends in the Navy game. He was a determined and aggressive fighter and a great teammate—characteristics which he later displayed conspicuously in battle.

After graduation in 1912 Doc joined the 18th Infantry, then serving along the Mexican border. The Army in those days was in a period of doldrums, with small units, mostly under superannuated commanders, scattered about the country at small posts. Training was mainly a matter of close-order drills, ceremonies, and other routine formations. The energies, enthusiasms, and esprit of our troops were maintained and stimulated in large part by various athletic contests.

General A. V. Arnold, who served with Doc in the regiment, writes: "Doc's captain was a charming, if uninspiring, character of many years' service who was content to let Doc do everything except sign the morning report. In addition, Doc coached and played on the unit teams. He never spared himself nor his opponents and he was always their favorite target. I believe the injuries he received in those days were responsible for much of his later physical troubles. Aggressive, intelligent, and forward-thinking, he went all out to attain his objectives. Kindly, tolerant, and loyal, he was a fine friend—a great character."

As the war in Europe wore on and the threat to our own country became increasingly apparent, we belatedly and painfully sought to place our forces on a war footing. During most of this transitional period Doc was kept on routine duties, but in April 1918 he was ordered to the 58th Infantry of the 4th Division then being formed at Camp Greene, North Carolina, and he went to France with that regiment in May.

General Bolte has this to say of his own service as one of Doc's lieutenants in the 58th: "Doc had been hospitalized for an operation, but anxious as he was to get into the war, he walked out of the hospital and proceeded to take command of our company. He taught us many things, and he imbued us with some of his own fighting spirit. He was outstanding as a battlefield leader in the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne offensives." In those battles Doc twice received the Silver Star for "distinguished and exceptional gallantry." He was also promoted to lieutenant colonel.

"Back to normalcy" in 1919 meant, for the Army, a return to pre-war grades and habits, attempting to maintain some vestige of military strength on minimum budgets, and some military pride and spirit in a country sick of war and everything connected with it. Along with the rest of his classmates, Doc was made a major in 1920 and spent the next 15 years in that grade, serving as student and instructor at various service schools, and in a variety of staff assignments. He was a distinguished graduate of the Command and General Staff College, and he finished the War College course in 1932. Bolte, who knew Doc well in those days, writes of him: "There was no better trainer or instructor in our Army."

The attack on Pearl Harbor found Doc in command of the 21st Infantry in Hawaii. He remained there as Assistant Division Commander of the 25th Infantry Division until named to command the 104th Division which he activated and trained at Camp Adair, Oregon, in 1942. The following year he was assigned to head the newly formed XII Corps at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He trained

and readied the corps staff and corps troops and accompanied them to England that same year. There the corps was attached to Third Army, then being formed under George Patton. He enjoyed Patton's friendship and confidence and was named deputy commander, Third Army, in addition to his other duties.

After the breakthrough at Avranches, the XII Corps was brought into action on the south flank of the Third Army where I saw Doc on my way out of Brittany to Orleans. He seemed full of the old fire, but I did not realize that he had requested relief on account of the increasingly painful effects of a circulatory disease which kept him from moving about the way he thought he should. After moving through Orleans, I went back to take over the corps pending the arrival of a new commander and to bid Doc goodbye. His disappointment was great, but he knew he simply could not continue to meet his own high standards of command.

General Ralph Canine, Doc's chief of staff, recalls: "He was the greatest teacher I ever served under; those of us in the XII Corps often talked about it, and the feeling was unanimous." General Lentz, his artillery com-



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mander, writes of Doc: "His influence was incredible. He left an important imprint on all of us, and he carried with him our deepest affection and profound respect."

Doc's services were too valuable not to be used wherever possible. Until his retirement in 1946 he was assigned to the Army Ground Forces. For his work there as chief of its Planning Section and of its postwar Operations Division he received the Distinguished Service Medal. General Jacob L. Devers, who commanded the Ground Forces, paid him this tribute: "Doc Cook was one of the finest men I have ever known. He was sincere, had a fine imagination, and was always helpful. He was one of the great leaders." His classmate, General Wade H. Haislip, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, says of him: "Doc was an exceptional teacher and leader of soldiers—a great character, solid to the core."

After his retirement, Doc settled in La Jolla, California, where I often visited him. For a time he acted as a consultant with the Rand Corporation. It is a pity that some of his clear-sighted common sense did not rub off on the computerized neo- and pseudo-strategists of that agency.

The illnesses that had plagued him throughout his career began to weigh on him in his latter years, but no one ever heard him mention them. As General Charles C. Drake, a classmate who served in the same

regiment with him in France, wrote: "Doc was always cheerful and spontaneous in welcoming his friends; the warmth of his nature was communicated to all around him. I never saw him downhearted, and all through the mud and the battles in France he kept the morale of his men high."

Another of his classmates, General Bradford G. Chynoweth, recalled: "Doc was a great fighter—an idealist and perfectionist who detested all sham and pretense. He was a courageous thinker who scorned to hide behind tradition. He had the spirit and the traits of an explorer. When I heard of his death, I felt that we had lost one of our heroes."

Major General Gilbert R. Cook died in La Jolla on 19 September 1963, mourned by his family, his classmates, and many friends to whom his warm affection, tolerant good humor, and unswerving loyalty endeared him. His life and achievements should be a source of pride to members of the Corps of Cadets. He embodied the rugged American virtues and ideals that are our heritage. It is sad indeed that we have so few leaders of his type in the present era of transition, doubt, and deviation from the fundamental American principles that made our country great and maintained and sustained it for a century and three-quarters.

Doc married Doris Frederick, the daughter of Colonel D. A. Frederick, USA, at Fort Sam Houston in 1914. He is survived by his son, Gilbert Jr.; his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Haggard; a granddaughter, Mrs. John S. Stevens; and a great-grandson, John K. Stevens, in whom he took great pride and delight.

God rest you, Doc. We grieved at your passing and we mourn your loss.

—P. Wood

William Joseph Morrissey

NO. 5105 CLASS OF 1912

Died 2 April 1965 at Letterman General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, California, aged 77 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, California

FACED WITH THE unhappy assignment of recording the passing of this classmate, one recalls his keen sense of humor, his ability to make and keep friends, his never-failing warmth of character, and his enjoyment of life, even during the last few years, under the painful handicap of ill health. Effort is made herein not to overlook those traits while reporting on an outstanding career of military service.

Bill Morrissey was born in Philadelphia on 3 February 1888. Appointed to the Military Academy from the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, he entered on 2 March 1908 as a member of the Class of 1912, having prepared for the entrance exams at the famous Braden Academy in nearby Highland Falls. While there, he roomed with "Whitey" Whiteside and Tom Hayes. He is remembered as engaging, with these two, in many youthful peccadillos, resulting finally in a rather sudden departure from the staid confines of Miss Betts's Elite Boarding House for Students.

At West Point, Bill found himself rooming with Warner Day and Monk Lewis in Beast Barracks. It is remembered how mightily this threesome was "crawled" at the first for their singing, and how, afterwards, they had to regale members of the upper-class Beast Detail with such old favorites as "Down by the Old Mill Stream."

Upon assignment to companies at the end of Beast Barracks, this trio was broken up and Bill became a flanker. He was then known as "that tall, slender, handsome plebe in A Company." Another Classmate recalls his errorless play as a first baseman on the company baseball team. Because of his spare build, he soon acquired the nickname of "Slats." In later years, possibly because it was no longer applicable, he discarded this "handle" and preferred to be known as Bill.

During his cadet days, Bill engaged in many activities. He was promoted through the various cadet grades and wore the stripes of a lieutenant in his first class year. He was assistant cheer leader, manager of Camp Illumination, and a member of the HOWITZER Board. But he is perhaps best remembered for his sparkling performances in Hundredth Night Shows, first when he and Mike Kilner played a pair of Hotel Astor bellhops, and then as the second tenor in that famous quartet of Day-Morrissey-Crittenberger-Wood. Who will ever forget their "Couleur de Rose"?

As a Kaydet, Bill's keen sense of humor always shone through, and he enjoyed a



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high degree of popularity in his own and other classes. These characteristics were to serve him well throughout his life. His write-up in the HOWITZER included this statement: "We all have warm spots in our hearts for this genial Irishman. May success be his."

Following graduation, Bill was assigned to the Infantry and served first at Fort Ontario, N.Y. Then came a tour in Panama from 1914 to 1917 where he served close to John Lindt, who remembers him as always present at the many class parties at the Washington Hotel.

During World War I, Bill made an enviable record as a battalion commander in the 142d Infantry of the 36th Division. He came out of the war as a lieutenant colonel and with the Silver Star and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Soon after his return from overseas, he was assigned as PMS&T at Syracuse University. While serving there, he married Charlotte Farris whom he had first known in France in 1919 when she was singing under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. They remained at Syracuse until 1924.

From Syracuse, Bill went to the Command and General Staff School and graduated in 1925. He was one of the first members of the Class to complete this course. He was then assigned to National Guard duty at Madison, Wisconsin, a tour that lasted until 1930. Next came a tour at the Presidio of San Francisco

where he was assigned to the 30th Infantry until 1933.

Bill was then given a detail in the General Staff Corps with assignment to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. In 1936 Bill took an extended leave, and he and Charlotte made a trip around the world. When he returned, he was detailed to intelligence duty in his home "podunk" of Philadelphia until 1940, when he returned to Hawaii where he commanded the 35th Infantry of the 25th Division until 1942.

Bill was appointed Deputy G4 of the War Department in 1942 and served there with distinction alongside another classmate, Russell Maxwell, throughout World War II and after. He was promoted to brigadier general, AUS, in 1944. It was his last assignment before retirement.

During this well-rounded military career, in addition to those already mentioned, Bill's decorations included: the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, and Commendation Ribbon. He was also an Honorary Commander of the British Empire and was awarded the Croix de Guerre, with Star by the French government.

In 1947 Bill was retired for physical disability and settled in San Francisco where he and Charlotte lived until his death. With their talent for integrating themselves into the life of the community, the couple made many friends in the Bay Area. During his last few years, however, Bill's painful infirmity curtailed his activities and prevented him from doing much that he enjoyed.

Perhaps the feelings of those of us who were closely associated with Bill since the late 1940's are best expressed in the following tribute paid to Bill by Brad Chynoweth:

I had little contact with Bill Morrissey until he retired. We then discovered a common pictorial interest. He had talent in painting, but arthritis forced him to give it up. Later we were brought together again in political activity. I learned to know him as dedicated, forthright and rugged, and totally devoid of affectation or sham. I admired the courage with which he fought his final battle. It was a privilege to know him.

It should be added, that there never was a more loyal son of West Point, nor one who lived closer to its precepts. Bill can ill be spared from this troubled world. The loss suffered by his widow and other members of his family is shared by his classmates and his many other friends.

—H.B.L.

Hans Robert Wheat Herwig

NO. 5195 CLASS OF 1913

Died 16 August 1965 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Perryville, Maryland, aged 75 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

AFTER ALMOST TWO YEARS of increasingly poor health, Hans Robert Wheat Herwig died on 16 August 1965 at the Perryville, Maryland, Veterans Administration Hospital, which he had entered on 8 October 1964.

Hans was born on 25 August 1889 in Yokohama, Japan, the son of Lieutenant Commander Henry Herwig, Engineering Corps, U.S. Navy, and Mary Amelia Wheat. He received a presidential appointment to the Military Academy and entered with the Class of 1913 on 1 March 1909. After graduation he joined the 3d Infantry at Fort Ontario, New York, and was sent to Fort Logan H. Roots, Arkansas, in November 1915 as post commander and quartermaster, its garrison having gone to the border. Here he met his

bride and here began his interest in the Quartermaster Corps. Assigned in 1918 to the 52d Infantry, he took his battalion to France: the Armistice of 11 November 1918 found it in training in a defensive sector. After five months of general court-martial duty in Paris, Hans was sent to the General Supply Depot at the Brooklyn Army Base. Late in 1920 he transferred to the Quartermaster Corps and it was in that branch that he made his name.

Through the years there followed numerous assignments, including a year at Coblenz as assistant to the Chief Quartermaster, American Forces in Germany; and two and-a-half years in China. Herwig was a graduate of the Quartermaster School, the Command and General Staff School, the Army Industrial College, and the Army War College.

In June 1940, after almost four years as Quartermaster of the Engineer School and of Fort Belvoir, Hans was named Quartermaster of the GHQ Air Force at Langley Field, Virginia; in July 1941 he moved to Bolling Field, D.C., as Quartermaster of the Air Force Combat Command, and in March 1942 he was made Air Quartermaster of the Army



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Air Forces, an assignment he held until November 1944, earning for himself the Legion of Merit, awarded him in G.O. No. 57, 10 May 1946, Headquarters, AAF. To quote from the citation:

Colonel Hans R.W. Herwig, as Quartermaster GHQ Air Force and Air Force Combat Command, and Air Quartermaster, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, from July 1940 to November 1944, personally drew up the Tables of Organization for all QM Aviation Units, assisted materially in the development of the Army Air Forces Logistic System, and was responsible for the principles affecting Quartermaster Supply and Transportation. His outstanding qualities, exceptional organizational ability, attention to responsibilities, and the soundness and ingenuity of his planning are reflected in the present Quartermaster organization of the Army Air Forces.

After two months in the European Theatre, Hans was sent to the Pacific Theatre in May 1945, and after VJ-Day he was assigned as commanding officer, to the Tokyo QM Depot. In this assignment he organized, developed, and operated an efficient and flexible supply system for the Eighth Army in Japan. In October 1948, Herwig was hospitalized first in Japan and then at Walter Reed, but returned to Japan in March 1949 to become

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Deputy Quartermaster, GHQ, Far East Command. He was retired on 31 August 1949 by "operation of law," having attained his 60th birthday.

Hans was married on 17 February 1917 to Miss Adeline S. Moore of Little Rock, Arkansas. They had two sons, both born in Little Rock; both died in childhood on 13 October 1923, the result of a tragic accident. He is survived by his widow, Adeline M. Herwig of Chevy Chase, Maryland; two daughters: Betty Sue (Mrs. John D. Brennan of Huntington, Long Island, New York), and Virginia (Mrs. John W. Gibbs of Arlington, Virginia); three grandchildren; a brother, Major L.J.H. Herwig, U.S. Army, Retired, Washington, D.C.; and a sister, Mrs. Hildegarde H. Dutton, Upperville, Virginia.

He was buried with full military honors on 19 August 1965, with services in the Fort Myer Chapel and interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

We have good reason to be proud of Hans Herwig's accomplishments and of his devotion to duty. It can be said that he contributed in no small measure to the efficiency of the Army Air Forces in World War II.

May he rest in peace.

—Wm. Cooper Foote

Gooding Packard

NO. 5277 CLASS OF 1914

Died 22 October 1965 at El Paso, Texas, aged 75 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

THE CLASS OF 1914 has lost one of its most unforgettable members with the passing of Gooding Packard at his home in El Paso, Texas, where he had lived since retirement in 1944.

To his classmates, Goodie, as he was affectionately known, will always be remembered by his rich sense of humor. To us as cadets a "Goodie Grind," especially during wrights, evoked mirth to lift the sagging spirits equally as much as the daily rumor of early graduation by "Mike, the Sink Rat." With a sly preface, spoken in his inimitable lisp, he'd say: "I must have swallowed a spoon; I'm all stirred up," and we would gather 'round to hear the oracle orate wit with wisdom. His unfailing sense of humor always made Goodie good company, especially in the early years, and in later years it was to prove



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an invaluable asset when the shadows began to close in on him.

Gooding lived the motto of his Alma Mater. His devotion to *Duty*, his high sense of *Honor*, and his intense loyalty stamped him as a man of high character. Always trustworthy himself, he expected and exacted no less of others.

Appointed as he had been, from Madison, Wisconsin, where the winters were cold, Gooding decided on the Coast Artillery at graduation because it offered many mild-weather stations in the States and several tropical assignments overseas. It was more than any other branch of service offered at that time. Besides, we had just elected a President with the slogan: "He kept us out of war," so we could not, at that time, see World War I in the offing. Thus, some of our best laid plans were to "gang a'gley," as the poet, Scott, wrote.

After our "Inc" year at Fort Monroe, Goodie was assigned to the defenses of Puget Sound until he was sent overseas with the A.E.F. There he was assigned to the 53d heavy artillery, and later antiaircraft, which was then in its infancy. Gooding's battle record was impressive: Butte de Mesnil, Lorraine, Toul and Champagne Sectors, St. Mihiel, and the Argonne. When he returned from France a full-fledged combat veteran of six campaigns, the powers-that-be decided that he needed schooling to learn the fundamentals of war, so courses at Fort Monroe and Fort Leavenworth awaited him. Following this basic indoctrination he went into an orbit of east coast Artillery stations, two tours of duty in the Philippines, ORC duty in New York and New Orleans, and an ROTC detail at The Citadel. During the CCC days he was commanding officer of District E (Louisiana) from May 1933 to September 1934 and moved from there to the AAA Training Center at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he was chief of staff. From Fort Bliss, in April 1942, he was sent to California to serve as regimental commander of the newly formed 501st AAA Regiment.

Gooding was retired for physical disability on 30 November 1944 and made his home thereafter in El Paso, Texas.

Gooding was first married to Frances Stanton Rose in New York City on 3 June 1916. Their only child, Barbara Stanton, born 28 August 1918, married Captain Allen Bennett, son of an Army family. By this union Gooding had two lovely granddaughters.

But into each life some rain must fall, and in his latter years tragedy struck Gooding hard and often. First, he was bereaved of his beloved Frances. Then his only child, Barbara, was a victim of an auto accident that also crippled her husband and left him unable to care for their two daughters. Then he too died. The final blow was a disabling stroke from which Gooding never completely recovered.

The one bright spot in this dismal picture came before he was disabled—Gooding decided to remarry and chose as his helpmate the kind and capable Swannanoa who proved to be his comforter in sorrow and his ministering angel in suffering.

To quote one classmate: "Goodie's wisest action was to marry Swannanoa. She has taken the most wonderful care of him since his illness—almost 20 years. She is truly an unusual and lovable girl."

Gooding's immediate survivors are his devoted wife, Swannanoa Packard, whose address is 1112 Kelly Way, El Paso, Texas 79902, and his two granddaughters who make their home in Bradenton, Florida. The elder, Barbara Bennett, is a graduate of the University of South Florida and is now a volun-

teer worker with the Peace Corps on Leyte, Philippine Islands. The younger, Cynthia, is a junior at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

—Adam E. Potts '14

Robert Alston Willard

NO. 5785 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 21 November 1964 in Coral Gables, Florida, aged 69 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



ROBERT ALSTON WILLARD

BOB WAS BORN on 8 October 1895 in Carbonale, Illinois, and was appointed to the Military Academy from Illinois. Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Infantry and joined the 39th Infantry Regiment. He went overseas in April 1918, and participated in the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives. Between graduation and April 1921 Bob served as aide-de-camp to Brigadier General John S. Mallory, father of our classmate Jack Mallory, to Major General George H. Cameron and to General E.M. Lewis. Beginning in October 1921 he was a student for a year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology after which he was assigned to West Point as a chemistry instructor. Later, after transferring to the Signal Corps, he was sent as a student to the Signal Corps School and stayed on there after graduation as an instructor until March 1927, when he was ordered to the Philippines.

Upon his return to the United States, Bob was assigned again as an instructor at the Signal Corps School. In 1934 he became Signal Officer at West Point and remained in that post for five years. From West Point, Bob went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he served for a year as instructor of the Pennsylvania National Guard before being named Commanding Officer, Signal Corps Replacement Training Center, a position he held from 1941 to 1945. He then became Signal Officer of the First Airborne Army, and in 1946 he joined the Berlin Command, first as its Signal Officer and then as its commander, from 1946 to 1949.

This latter tour was made immeasurably more difficult and complicated by the Russian blockade and the tremendous problems generated by the Berlin Airlift.

After Berlin, Bob was promoted to brigadier general and was given command of the Signal Corps Training Center at Camp Gordon, the post he held when he was retired for physical disability in 1953.

Bob and his wife Forrest enjoyed uneventful retirement years at their home in Coral Gables, Florida, until October 1960 when Bob suffered a stroke. After a period of hospitalization in Coral Gables, he was moved to Walter Reed Army Hospital and Forrest took up residence in Washington.

In due course Bob and Forrest were able to return to Coral Gable where they re-established their warm relationships with their friends, but Bob's physical activities were greatly curtailed.

Early in the morning of 21 November 1964 Bob suffered another massive stroke which was fatal. He was laid to rest at West Point on 24 November 1964.

Bob was one of the most popular and well-liked members of our Class of 30 August 1917. He was a cadet captain during our all-too-short first-class year, served on the Camp Illumination detail, on the HOWITZER Board, and he was a member of the cadet choir. He had high ideals and standards to which he adhered strictly during his cadet days, and he clung tenaciously to them throughout his thirty-six years of commissioned service.

Bob loved his Alma Mater, and he lived the spirit of West Point—Duty, Honor, Country. Surely the words of our "Alma Mater" apply to him:

And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said, "Well done,
Be thou at peace."

Bob is survived by his wife Forrest of Coral Gables, Florida; by his son Robert Alston Willard Jr., of Raleigh, North Carolina; and by his sister, Mrs. Robert Waters of Falls Church, Virginia.

—W.W. Jenna

George William Richard Wilson

NO. 6752 CLASS OF 1920

Died 30 April 1962 in West Haven, Connecticut, aged 63 years.

Interment: Beaverdale Cemetery, Hamden, Connecticut



GEORGE WILLIAM RICHARD WILSON

BORN IN SOUTH BOSTON, Massachusetts, 7 September 1898, George won his appointment to West Point by competitive examination from the 12th Congressional District of that state. As a cadet he was quiet and serious but was possessed of a fine sense of humor. Even after each difficult day in "beast barracks" he could always find something amusing to bring laughter to his friends.

After graduation George first attended the Infantry School and then served in various Infantry assignments before being detailed as a student officer at the Signal School, Camp Alfred Vail, New Jersey, from 2 September 1922 to 15 June 1923. Thereafter, following short periods of duty at West Point and Fort Jay, New York, he resigned from the Army on 2 January 1924 to accept a management position with the New York Telephone Company in New York City.

There he was assigned initially to the construction and engineering division of the Plant Department and given experience in handling the many phases of the construction program. His demonstrated leadership and ability to get things done expeditiously, so essential to the communication business, soon led to his promotion to construction supervisor. This entailed not only leading and guiding large forces of men in completing large cable construction operations but also the maintenance of the existing cable plant.

After four years in construction work George was transferred to Plant Engineering as an engineer, a lateral move, and was assigned to the financial district in lower Manhattan. Here he had the responsibility for the design of all cable plants within the area, a function that frequently involved the expenditure of large sums of money. He also served as a consultant to engineering and architectural companies, advising them on the design of facilities for the concealment of cables and wires in the construction of new buildings.

George was not simply a "follow-the-leader" person but constantly sought new ideas and endeavored to develop new methods. His leadership and organizing ability often prompted his associates to suggest "Let George do it," for they all knew it would then be done well. He was constantly mindful of the welfare of others, took an active part in community affairs, and led get-togethers to promote good will and understanding. He loved the beauty of nature and took great pride in his rose gardens which always provided an exhibition worth viewing. George practiced a way of life of the highest loyalty and integrity which endeared him to his many associates and friends.

During World War II George obtained leave from the telephone company and was on active duty from 12 December 1942 to 26 November 1946. As a captain, Signal Corps, he served in the South Pacific Theatre and commanded the 333d Signal Company, Troop Carrier Wing, 5th Air Force, from 1943 to 1945. For his service in World War II he was awarded the American Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

Rejoining the New York Telephone Company immediately after the war he continued in the forefront of the development and maintenance of the largest and most complex telephone construction project in the world.

George retired from the telephone company under its compulsory pension plan on 22 January 1961 with a company-wide salute for a job well done. Shortly thereafter, he and his wife Marie moved to Los Angeles near Hollywood. Within a few months, after continuous medical attention, George realized he had cancer. He suffered great pain constantly, but he never complained and maintained his usual cheerful disposition throughout. In February 1962 the Wilsons returned to the east coast. George was admitted to the Veterans Administration Hospital, West Haven, Connecticut, on 25 April

1962. Here he passed away 30 April 1962. His remains are interred in the Beaverdale Cemetery, Hamden, Connecticut.

George is survived by his wife Marie, who lives in Florida; one son, Richard A.; and two grandchildren, Richard B. and Cindy, who live in Maryland.

—Friends

William Roe Brewster

NO. 6769 CLASS OF 1920

Died 21 June 1965 in his home in Atlanta, Georgia, aged 68 years.

Interment: Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia

WILLIAM ROE BREWSTER—just Bill to his classmates—was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on 15 August 1896. Bill attended the usual public elementary schools in his home state and upon completion of high school entered the University of Arkansas. After one year there Bill's father decided to take him out of the university because of his poor grades and put him to work. During this "working period" Bill became interested in West Point and applied to his congressman for an appointment which was granted in 1916. Bill then prevailed upon his father to send him to a prep school to better prepare him for the Academy. Marion Military Institute was the school selected, and Bill did successfully pass the March 1917 exam. He had not yet heard the results, however, when the U.S. became involved in World War I in April 1917. Bill, not knowing for sure whether he had passed the USMA entrance exam, decided to apply for the first Officers Training Camp at Fort Logan H. Roots in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was actually in training when the word came that he had successfully passed the entrance examinations to West Point. Release from the Officers Training Camp was quickly arranged, and Bill was admitted as a cadet in June 1917. However, Bill's educational troubles continued to hound him. As a consequence he was turned back,



WILLIAM ROE BREWSTER

was readmitted in June 1918, and graduated with the Class of 1920.

The Academy years were very pleasant for Bill, and he rose to the rank of cadet lieutenant. He was president of the Dialectic Society and manager of Camp Illumination and 100th Night. Bill may be remembered best by his classmates as tenor soloist in the Cadet Choir. Our classmate Charlie Gailey recalls in words that are clear and meaning-

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ful: "One of the most vivid and profound memories of West Point is Bill singing in the Cadet Choir. There is no one who could render our 'Alma Mater' as he did, and I can see him now, standing alone in the pulpit with the wonderful lights of the altar shining on a face that combined the great character of a soldier, a man, and a Christian, bringing forth those golden notes—profound and beautiful words of a great song. Bill Brewster brought happiness and wonderful thoughts to all of us."

At graduation Bill was assigned to the Infantry and ordered to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. It was during this period that he married Mildred Woodward, from College Park, Georgia, whom he had "dragged" to the hops at West Point. A son Bill Jr., and a daughter Lucille were born to this union, and each produced three grandchildren. Bill Jr., was the second godson of the Class of '20 and the first to graduate from one of the Service Academies; he graduated from the Naval Academy in 1941.

Upon completion of the course at Fort Benning, Bill was retained at the Infantry School as an instructor in the small arms department. In 1924 after three years of teaching, Bill was ordered to the 33d Infantry at Fort Clayton in Panama, and after one year there, he decided to resign from the Army.

After a short stint in the real estate business in Florida, Bill took a teaching position at Georgia Military Academy in College Park, Georgia. It is an old saying at the Point that "goats" always make the best teachers, and Bill was no exception to the rule—he was a fine one. He remained at G.M.A. for 35 years until his retirement in 1961 when he turned the reins over to his son Bill Jr., who is now a captain in the Naval Reserve. During his 35 years, Bill served as an instructor of history and mathematics, as commandant, as superintendent, and, in 1939, upon the death of his father-in-law, Colonel J.C. Woodward, he was elected president by the school's governing board.

As president of G.M.A., Bill Brewster organized and taught a preparatory course for the Service Academies and in this way prepared many G.M.A. graduates for West Point. One such graduate, W. C. Proctor, fondly recalls: "To me, as well as to all West Pointers who attended Georgia Military Academy, William Roe Brewster pointed the way for us to a greater and truer understanding of the United States Military Academy's motto 'Duty, Honor, Country.' By his instructions and examples, our transition from prep school life to cadet life at USMA was made much easier." One such graduate became a First Captain and a Distinguished Cadet (star man), and Bill was understandably proud of him.

In connection with his long service at G.M.A., Bill received many honors including the presidency of: the Mid-South Association of Private Schools, the Southern Association of Private Schools, and the National Association of Military Colleges and Schools. He was also very active in civic affairs and was a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club, the Athletic Club, and the Military Order of the World Wars. He was also quite proud of his item in *Who's Who*, where he was listed as an educator.

The honor which Bill considered as his greatest, however, was the naming of the new academic building at G.M.A. "Brewster Hall." This occurred after his retirement and shortly before his death. At the dedication of this building, Mr. James Colquitt, Chairman of the Governing Board of G.M.A., said in part: "In reflecting over the 30 years I

knew Colonel William R. Brewster Sr., I am positive I shall never be privileged to know a finer man. I am indeed proud the new academic building was named Brewster Hall in his honor, and it is my sincere hope that this magnificent structure will always stand in commemoration of him."

Bill gave something of himself to all with whom he came in contact. He was a fine gentleman of the old school who loved his country, his family, and his fellow man, and he did much to influence his fellow man toward a better life.

We who are left behind salute him, with love and admiration, as he joins the Long Gray Line.

—Crump Garvin '20

William Field Sadtler

NO. 6850 CLASS OF 1922
Died 14 August 1965 in Washington, D.C.,
aged 66 years.
Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,
Arlington, Virginia

OFFICER, TRAVELER, COLLECTOR, AND FRIEND probably best describes the life of William F. Sadtler who met an accidental death while showing his collection of rare Japanese samurai sword ornaments to his relatives.



WILLIAM FIELD SADTLER

Field, as he was best known to his classmates and friends, was born on 2 February 1899, the eldest son of an old Baltimore, Maryland, family. He attended Johns Hopkins University before entering West Point and while at the Academy distinguished himself militarily and academically. He was adjutant of the first battalion and graduated in the upper fourth of his Class.

Assigned to the Coast Artillery on graduation, Field soon found the technical services more to his liking and ability. He transferred first to the Signal Corps and later to the Ordnance Corps. As an Ordnance officer he was selected to attend the Ordnance Engineering Course at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a course of study that led to a master's degree.

Possessed of a keen, analytical mind, Field was always in demand, and it is a matter of record that he brought initiative, thoroughness, and brilliance to a long succession of assignments. I can still recall the comment of Major General Julian Hatcher, my wartime boss, who knew Field Sadtler well:

"Harold," he said to me, "everyone around here is claiming credit for the new field service system which is now working so well, but the real credit for the brainwork that conceived the idea should go to Colonel Field Sadtler." The General was Chief of the Ordnance Field Service Division at the time and was in a good position to know. It was not surprising then, that Field was the man chosen to head the Supply Standards Division, when the Secretary of Defense organized that office in 1948.

Field was Eighth Army Ordnance Officer, and soon after V-J Day was the commanding officer of the Kobe Ordnance Center in Japan. In the course of supervising the destruction of the Japanese samurai swords—one of the terms of the peace treaty—Field was attracted to the metal "figurines" on the sword hilts. When he learned that these decorations were directly related to Japanese family histories dating back hundreds of years, he decided to make a collection of them. Eventually the appreciative Japanese were to present him with some of the figures he needed to complete his collection. At Field's direction, the better part of this unusual collection has been entrusted to the M.H. DeYoung Memorial Museum in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park where it will be exhibited under his name.

After Field's wife of many years, the former Katherine Morgan, died on 26 May 1960, he married Madeleine Barrett Crawford, the sister of one classmate and widow of another. Thereafter, until Field's death, the two traveled widely in Europe and in the West Indies. Typically, Field's enthusiasm, interest, and engaging personality won many new friends for himself and his wife among the foreigners they encountered on these trips.

In addition to his widow, Madeleine, who continues to live at 3922 Albemarle Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Field is also survived by three brothers: L. R. Sadtler of Alexandria, Va., G. L. Sadtler of Ruxton, Md., and Samuel Sadtler of Towson, Md.

The Class of 1922 will miss Field Sadtler—officer, traveler, loving husband, and loyal friend. For Field it seems appropriate to misquote the famous Bard: "The good men do lives after them."

—Harold J. Conway
Class of 1921-22

Leslie Page Holcomb

NO. 7079 CLASS OF 1923
Died 19 November 1965 at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, aged 63 years.
Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

THE LONG GRAY LINE has just been reinforced by one of its staunchest, most loyal supporters: Colonel Leslie Page Holcomb, USAF, Retired, who joined it on 19 November 1965, just a month and a half before his sixty-fourth birthday. He spent his eighteen years of retirement only fifty miles from West Point, and during that time, he attended every one of his class reunions, and one could count on the fingers of one hand the home football games he missed. No cadet cheered louder for an ARMY victory nor felt defeat more deeply than did Les ("Just watch what we do to them next time!"), and he wouldn't stand to hear anyone, especially a fellow West Pointer, say anything derogatory about the ARMY team.

Born at Fort Logan, Colorado, on 30 December 1901, Les was every inch a soldier from the time he drew his first breath until his last. He was the first of four sons born to Colonel (then First Lieutenant) Freeborn

Page Holcomb and Cliffe Mumma Holcomb. A Cavalry "brat," he often said that he learned to ride before he could walk. He spent his childhood on various Cavalry posts in the United States and the Philippines, and when he was old enough, his father took him on maneuvers, treating him the same as any trooper—mount, equipment, and all. One incident that Les liked to recall happened when he was twelve years old. The family was at Fort Huachuca at the time, and Les's father, then commanding B Troop of the 10th Cavalry, was busy chasing Mexican bandits on the border. One day Les rode his horse to a hilltop and from that vantage point witnessed an entire skirmish between the mounted B Troop and a group of bandits. He saw the troop trumpeter gallop in front of a Mexican and take a bullet that was meant for his captain. Fortunately the trumpeter recovered and served for many years as the family striker and, later, as striker for Les's own family.

World War I found Les in the Philippines, going to Baguio School. It was one of his greatest disappointments that his age had kept him out of the war. In 1918 he went to Shad's prep school in Washington, D.C. He



LESLIE PAGE HOLCOMB

won an appointment and entered the Academy in 1919 as one of the youngest members of the Class of 1923. During his four years as a cadet in E Company, he excelled in polo, ice hockey, mathematics, dancing, and the saxophone (which he continued to play for the rest of his life). He met and fell in love with Marguerite Elise Droosten of New York during his second class year, and on Flag Day of 1923, Marge and Les were married, just three days after graduation.

Although Les loved horses and was a superb rider, he had an even stronger calling for the sky. His mother didn't share his enthusiasm, however, and asked him not to fly, so Les chose the Field Artillery, the only mounted branch offering overseas service at that time. After one year of watching the "birds" overhead, he could stand it no longer. Begging his mother's pardon, he entered flying school in 1924.

Wonderfully coordinated and a natural-born pilot, Les had found his true love. He graduated at the top of his flying class in 1925. His closest call came less than a year later when he was flying an old wooden DH on an artillery observation mission during maneuvers near Fort Sam Houston. The visibility was almost zero, and Les was the only pilot in his squadron who would fly the mission. As luck would have it, his plane hit a

tree on a hillside, crashed, and immediately started to burn. An officer on the ground nearby rushed into the wreckage and carried Les out just thirty seconds before the plane exploded (he was one of three men known to have survived a crack-up in a burning, wooden DH). With third degree burns on his hands and second degree burns on his face, Les went into the Fort Sam Houston Station Hospital where Marge was just going into labor with their first child, Les junior.

Despite his accident, flying had become an obsession with Les. He flew every chance he had, and during his twenty-three years on flying status (he liked to say that this period spanned the days of wooden ships and iron men to iron ships and wooden men) he logged more hours in the air than almost any other pilot in the air corps. He flew more than two hundred different types of aircraft, from the Jenny in which he learned to fly to the P-51 which he flew on the day he retired.

Marge and Les had hoped for a big family, but the complications Marge suffered in giving birth to Les junior ruled that out. However, eight years later, in 1934, to their joy, a second son, Edgar, was born at Scott Field, Illinois.

When World War II began, Les was stationed at Bolling Field where he was instrumental in organizing the original Army Air Forces Band. Shortly thereafter Les was transferred to India as an air base commander in the Air Service Command. His primary mission was servicing aircraft that were flying the Hump. After being serviced, each aircraft had to be test flown, and even though he was the commander, Les test-flew many of these planes himself.

By 1947, Les knew that his flying days were numbered, for he was getting more administrative type assignments; he was also told that he was too old to check out in jets. It was then that he decided to retire while he was still young enough to make his way in the business world, so he, Marge, and their younger son, Edgar, settled in Connecticut; Les junior was in his yearling year at the Academy at the time.

In 1958, Marge died after a long illness, and Les was left alone in Connecticut; Les junior was in the Army and Edgar was away at college. Always mechanically inclined, Les now developed a strong interest in sports cars, and his blue Porsche, with the "LPH" license plates, became a familiar sight at West Point on football weekends.

Les retired from his second career as a sales engineer in 1962 and devoted his time to traveling and to his sports-car hobby. Just last summer he decided to move out to California where he could be near his son Edgar, his grandchildren, and some of his old friends. He had been in California only a few weeks when he suffered the stroke that took him from us.

The courage and resilience that Les showed during the four serious illnesses he suffered in the last years of his life were sources of amazement to all who knew him.

A thorough gentleman with an unbridled enthusiasm for life and the things which to him were "right," one of his finest tributes came from a life-long friend who said, "You always knew that when Les spoke, he spoke straight; there was never any question, that was it."

Les was buried at West Point next to his first granddaughter, Daisy, on 4 February 1965 with full military honors. He is survived by his sons, Lt. Col. Leslie P. Holcomb Jr., USA (USMA '50), now in Vietnam, and Edgar W. D. Holcomb of San Francisco; and four grandchildren.

—L.P.H. Jr.

Charles Rogers Bonnett

NO. 7566

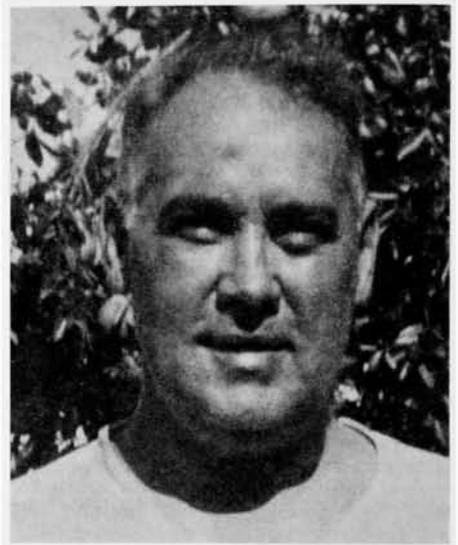
CLASS OF 1924

Died 30 November 1953 at St. Petersburg, Florida, aged 53 years.

Interment: Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Petersburg, Florida

CHARLES R. BONNETT WAS BORN in Port Huron, Michigan, 18 October 1900, the only child of Charles H. and Marchia Baldwin Bonnett.

"Baldy," as he was known to his classmates at West Point, was a product of the Port Huron school system having attended the Jackson-Tyler and Jefferson Grammar Schools and the local high school, graduating from the latter with a reputation as an outstanding athlete. At the time one newspaper said of him: "During his course in the local high school, Bonnett took a prominent part in all athletics of the school, and his all-around ability in sports garnered for him a praiseworthy reputation. His teammates honored him by electing him to the captaincy of their football, baseball, and basketball teams in the



CHARLES ROGERS BONNETT

different seasons. He also took part in the field and track meets, excelling in the discus throw and shotput. Although versatile in all sports, he showed exceptional ability and won greater honors in basketball. He was the backbone of the High quintet on the court and, at the state tournament in March 1919 at Lansing, was chosen as an all-State forward." Baldy was forced to withdraw from football, however, due to a knee injury that required surgery.

Bonnett entered the Academy from the 7th Michigan Congressional District, and from the first, he enjoyed a popularity among his classmates and associates that was to last throughout his lifetime. He was warm, friendly, outgoing, enthusiastic, loyal, and dependable. Above all, in spite of his athletic ability and his past successes in sports, he was modest. Seldom, if ever, did he mention them. His energy and his ready grin were contagious, and they were very much a part of him. Blessed with a fine sense of humor, Baldy's laughter was enjoyed by all—with gusto. Once, his cleverness backfired on him. He had convinced himself that if he could attend early Sunday morning services at the Catholic Chapel and assist in hand-pumping the organ, he could be out playing golf on the Plain earlier. His well-thought-out plan came to naught when, lo, the OD found him

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sleeping on a bench in the choir loft. As a result, Cadet Bonnett was dispatched to worship at Protestant services—at the 11 o'clock Chapel formation.

Baldy continued to excel in athletics as a cadet. He had no difficulty in making the varsity basketball and baseball teams as a Plebe. He played guard on the basketball squad for three years and was the regular catcher on the baseball team for two years until he was injured. Even then he was carried on the squad as a pinch-hitter and earned his "A" in baseball and basketball. Baldy also played on the I Company intramural basketball championship team in the spring of 1924. Not to be overlooked either was the fact that he was a member of the Academy's varsity swimming squad in his first-class year.

In June of 1921 he was a member of the thirteen-cadet delegation sent to the YMCA Conference at Silver Bay, Lake George, New York. Among his other extra-curricular activities Baldy was Ring Committee company representative, and he had a part in Camp Illumination as a First Classman. He was successively a Cadet Corporal and Cadet Sergeant, and he qualified as a sharpshooter with the rifle and the pistol.

At graduation, Baldy was commissioned a 2d lieutenant of Infantry and served with Company F, 2d Infantry at Fort Wayne, Michigan, from 12 September 1924 to 29 January 1925 at which time he resigned because of family responsibilities.

After leaving the Service, Baldy taught for a year in the Port Huron High School, and also coached the school's 1925 football team. His team not only won the state championship that year, with a record of ten victories and no losses, but it also scored 212 points while holding its opponents scoreless.

Baldy gave up coaching in 1926 to accept a position with a printing company, but left after a year to work in the corporate trust department of the Guaranty Trust Company. In 1928 he became associated with the Cadillac Motor Company in Detroit, as a sales promotion representative, and, in time, became a regional sales promotion manager. In November 1933 he transferred to the Oldsmobile Division where he was named district representative, and ultimately, assistant zone manager. In December 1944 Baldy became president and owner of the Bonnett Oldsmobile Company in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Baldy married Elvira Irene Bedinger on 8 April 1933. Their son, Charles Rogers "Chad" Bonnett Jr., born in October 1939, graduated from Lafayette College, and earned his master's degree in finance from Wayne State University, Detroit. Chad is married to the former Linda Ann Wessels of Birmingham, Michigan, and is currently employed by the Lincoln-Mercury Division of the Ford Motor Company.

The Bonnett household had a forewarning of tragedy in January 1953 when Baldy was hospitalized in Atlanta, Georgia, for the removal of a malignant tumor in his esophagus. The family learned then that the disease was too widespread to be controlled. Baldy gave up his brave fight just a few months later and taps were sounded for him on 30 November 1953. He was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Petersburg, Florida. He had sold his agency the previous June when he knew he could not continue in business. In June 1955 his widow and son moved to Birmingham, Michigan, where Elvira now resides at 2430 Fairway Drive.

An indication of the esteem that Baldy Bonnett's friends held for him, and the im-

pression he left as a man, is revealed in the following tributes:

"He was a very highly respected individual, and loved by sports fans in Port Huron."—"Brick" Fowler, Athletic Director, Port Huron High School.

"Baldy was popular and well liked by everyone here in Port Huron. He gave 100 percent in all his team plays."—Glenn Caulkett, a high school teammate.

"Mr. Bonnett was an outstanding man, not only as a coach but also as a builder of men. In coaching his boys he developed character among them and was well respected."—Port Huron *Times Herald*, 1 December 1953.

"He had a pleasing personality and was well liked by cadets of all Classes... He had a real competitive spirit, self-assurance, and all those other qualities that command the respect of officers and men."—Col. Charles P. Summerall Jr., USA Ret., roommate during yearling year.

"His death came as a great shock, for I had become a friend and admirer. He was a fine gentleman and enjoyed the admiration of all who were associated with him. As a fellow graduate I know that he carried on the traditions of the Academy in his personal life as well as in his business."—Brig. Gen. William E. Larned, USA Ret. USMA 1911.

"I knew 'Bonny,' or 'Charlie,' as a kaydet, and recall with pleasure his terrific energy and his ready grin. He did yeoman service for West Point in both basketball and baseball, and was a good file to know in everyday kaydet life. We shall surely miss him from the Long Gray Line."—Col. Raymond Stone Jr., Alumni Secretary, USMA.

"I chanced to be Commandant of Cadets during his first three years as a cadet, and I remember him well as a very fine young man."—Maj. Gen. R. M. Danford, West Point Alumni Foundation.

"It is true. I have never known anyone who was more sincerely loved and respected by all who knew him. Charles was a selfless man—always wondering how he could help someone else. He loved West Point and the friends he made there; it is too bad he could not have stayed in the Service... He was such a wonderful man and left something good and fine with everyone with whom he came in contact."—Elvira, his beloved wife.

Thus ends the trail of a very happy warrior—a man loved by all.

—Emil Pasolli Jr.
Class of 1924



VINCENT JOSEPH ESPOSITO

in night classes to study naval architecture at Cooper Union.

In late 1918 he began a very short tour as a member of the Student Army Training Corps prior to its disbanding in December of that same year. Four months later he reenlisted in the Regular Army and served with the Army of Occupation in Germany until the end of the year. Demonstrating characteristic qualities of leadership from the outset, he rose from private to battalion sergeant-major in seven months.

Back in the States, Sergeant-Major Esposito was assigned to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he served in turn with the 45th and the 23d Infantry Regiments. In June of 1921 his enlisted service was terminated by an appointment to the United States Military Academy.

Mike graduated 16th in the Class of 1925 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. A year later, after attending the primary flying school at Brooks Field, Texas, he decided to transfer to the Corps of Engineers.

For the next few years the young engineer officer served in a variety of troop and construction assignments which provided the background in practical engineering which would prove so professionally valuable to him thereafter. There was also the opportunity, which he took advantage of, to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

It was on 22 June 1932 that Lieutenant Esposito, Corps of Engineers, married Eleanor G. Vinyard, and thus began a marriage that was to be a notably devoted and happy one for 33 years.

Following an extremely challenging tour of duty with the St. Louis Engineer District, during which Mike played a prominent role in fighting the famous 1937 flood, he was selected to attend the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. After a year of study there, he was assigned to West Point as an instructor in the Department of Civil and Military Engineering. The outbreak of World War II found him an assistant professor in that same Department which he was later to head.

In January of 1943, Mike—now a colonel—left the Academy to assume command of an amphibious engineer regiment at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, but a change in plans at the War Department led to cancellation of the activation of his unit, and he was reassigned to duty on the War Department

Vincent Joseph Esposito

NO. 7641 CLASS OF 1925

Died 10 June 1965 at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 65 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

A GRAVESIDE SERVICE with military honors in the West Point Cemetery on 15 June 1965 closed the distinguished career of Brigadier General Vincent Joseph Esposito, USA, Ret. Ten days later his wife Eleanor was buried in the same historic location, her death having followed his by only twelve days. It was symbolic of their devotion to each other and to the Military Academy, and also of their long residence in this beloved community, that they were buried so closely together in time and place at West Point.

Known always to his classmates and throughout the Army as "Mike," Vincent Joseph Esposito was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1900. Graduating from Brooklyn's Commercial High School in 1918, he enrolled

General Staff. For the remainder of the war years he served with the Logistics Group of the Operations Division, War Department General Staff. In a succession of far-reaching staff actions Mike led the way in solving the complex logistics problems faced by the United States on two widely separated fronts during World War II. He was awarded the Legion of Merit twice and the Army Commendation Ribbon twice between 1943 and 1946.

Colonel Esposito also represented the War Department General Staff as logistics advisor at the key international conferences held between heads of state at Quebec, Malta, Yalta, and Potsdam. Promoted to brigadier general in 1945, he became the senior Army member of the Joint Logistics Plans Committee where he pioneered many of the joint planning concepts that are still being followed. In 1946 he was selected as one of the original members of the faculty of the National War College and served there until his appointment in 1947 as Professor and Deputy Head of the Department of Military Art and Engineering at the Military Academy.

He continued in this career as professor until his retirement in 1963—with the rank of brigadier general. During these sixteen years his activities as an author and speaker established him as the country's foremost educator in the field of military history. His *West Point Atlas of American Wars*, published in 1959, introduced a revolutionary new concept in the teaching of the history of the military art. This widely acclaimed work was followed by an equally successful text on the Napoleonic campaigns.

In 1956 Colonel Esposito was appointed Head of the Department of Military Art and Engineering. He will be remembered for his pioneering work in the development of teaching methods in military history, and for the part he played in bringing the course content of his department to a position of national prominence. His concepts of leadership and his teaching methods exerted profound influence on the professional development of thousands of cadets who were students during his tenure. His influence also extended well beyond the Military Academy, for, with his extensive knowledge and professional reputation, he was much in demand as a consultant and advisor in the defense Establishment and in academic circles throughout the United States.

Just how extensive these services were is revealed in the following extract from the general order published at West Point on 24 October 1963, announcing the retirement of Colonel Esposito and his placement on the retired list as brigadier general on 1 November 1963:

"While at the Military Academy, Colonel Esposito served as consultant for the Department of Defense Weapons Systems Evaluation Group; as a member of the President's Defense Study Group, of the National Defense Seminar at the Naval War College, and of the Secretary of the Army's Historical Advisory Committee. He has been Vice President of the West Point Alumni Association; member and trustee of the American Military Institute; advisory editor for *Military Affairs for Encyclopedia Americana*, *Collier's Encyclopedia*, and *The American College Dictionary*; member of the Society of American Military Engineers, of the Air Force Historical Foundation, and of the U.S. Naval Institute. He was the co-editor of *A Short Military History of World War I* and *A Military History of World War II*; chief editor of the *West Point Atlas of American Wars*, the *West Point Atlas of the Civil War*, and co-

author of *A General History and Atlas of the Napoleonic Wars*, now in process of publication. He has had articles published in the *Military Review*; *Military Affairs*; *The American Slavic and East-European Review*; *Ten Eventful Years*, (*Encyclopedia Britannica*), the *Encyclopedia Americana*, *World Book Encyclopedia*, and the *Proceedings* of the U.S. Naval Institute. He has lectured before the National War College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, Canadian National Defense College, American Military Institute, and the American Historical Society."

Upon his retirement, General Esposito was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his long years of service as Professor and Head of Department. The citation reads in part:

"His professional skill, scholarly efforts, significant accomplishments, and dedicated devotion to duty, contributed in great measure to the development of officers in all branches of the Service, materially enhanced the prestige of the United States Military Academy, and earned for him the high regard of all associated with him. Colonel Esposito's distinguished performance of duty represents outstanding achievement in the most honored and cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service."

After his retirement Mike and Eleanor lived in Milford, Delaware, until 1965 when the two died only 12 days apart. The couple is survived by three sons: Vincent J. Esposito Jr., '56; Lieutenant Curtis V. Esposito, USA, Armor, '63; Mr. Michael Esposito; and two grandchildren.

The distinguished pattern of Mike Esposito's professional career was balanced by a warmth of personality and a sense of humor that always endeared him to his classmates and his colleagues. He was gentle and self-effacing in manner, shrewd and quietly witty in comment, and always kind. Those of us who served with him on the Academic Board can recall how he would listen attentively until all had had their say, and then, in his own unassuming way, offer a penetrating analysis that was likely to come closest to the heart of the problem. We remember also his gift of "the light touch," his sympathetic humor, and his patient understanding. Beneath these appealing traits of personality was an exceptionally deep understanding of the objectives of the Military Academy, and a profound expertness in the art of educating young men to a career of selfless leadership and devotion to duty. He led by example.

—C.P.N.

John Charles Hayden

NO. 8940 CLASS OF 1930

Died 13 August 1965 at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 59 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

JOHN CHARLES HAYDEN JOINED the Class of 1930 in our second-class year after a losing battle in Spanish with the Language Department. His popularity in his new Class was soon established, and through the years no member of the Class of '30 had more close friends among his classmates, and none could have had a better friend.

Johnny was born at Tallmadge, Ohio, on 8 May 1906, to John T. and Ella May Mills Hayden. He received his early schooling in Ohio public schools. After matriculating at the University of Akron, he decided in favor

of a military career and was appointed to the United States Military Academy by the late Congressman Martin L. Davy of the 14th Ohio District. He graduated from the Academy on 11 June 1930, was commissioned in the Field Artillery, and was assigned to the 12th Field Artillery Regiment of the 2d Infantry Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Here, with several of his classmates who were to remain his close associates for the remainder of their service, he polished his horsemanship and learned the basic techniques and tactics of Field Artillery.

From Fort Sam Houston Johnny was transferred to the 11th Field Artillery then stationed at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii. It was here in 1933 that he met and married a former San Antonio girl, a tourist from the Mainland, Glen Collins. No man could have asked for a better or more charming wife and companion through the years. The Haydens's next station was Fort Sill Oklahoma, where Johnny's outstanding performance of duty and his gracious social charms marked him as one of the young crowd who was destined to go to the top in the military profession.



JOHN CHARLES HAYDEN

At the outbreak of World War II, Johnny was serving as aide-de-camp to the commanding general of the 60th Field Artillery Brigade. After attending a short course at Leavenworth, he joined the parent unit of the V Corps Artillery Headquarters and served it with distinction throughout the fighting in Europe. It was a measure of his loyalty that he elected to remain with his unit on two different occasions when transfer would have meant certain and early promotion.

It was between World War II and the Korean War, as Johnny once laughingly remarked, that he had his post-graduate course in combined assignments. These included staff assignments, service school assignments both as student and instructor, unit and post commands, and a year with the United States Navy as Fleet Intelligence Officer, First Task Force, United States Pacific Fleet.

The outbreak of the Korean War found the Haydens in Japan. As executive officer of the division artillery of the 1st Cavalry Division, Johnny was among the first in our Class to see action in Korea. He was also one of our first casualties in that war, being cut down by a virulent type of hepatitis in January of 1951. For the next few months Johnny waged a desperate battle with the Grim Reaper, but, great soldier that he was, he never stopped fighting, never lost his sense of

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humor. No doubt this long sickness had some bearing on his final illness.

The summer of 1951 found him on the mend and a natural selection for the Army War College. Completing the course there, he was detailed to the Army General Staff in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff G3 where his outstanding work as a high-level staff officer speeded his promotion to brigadier general in September of 1955. Johnny continued to serve with great distinction as a general officer, first as Commanding General, 2d Armored Division Artillery; then as Commanding General, V Corps Artillery; and then as Commanding General of Troops, United States Army Artillery and Missile Center at Fort Sill. He was in this latter post when he was selected to be Chief of Staff, Fourth U.S. Army. This was a happy period for the Haydens, for at Fort Sam Houston they were back with many old friends, and for Johnny there were many memories of bachelor lieutenant days in the old horse-drawn 12th Field Artillery.

Promotion to major general and assignment as Chief, ARMISH-MAAG Iran, with station in Tehran, brought a new challenge which Johnny met with characteristic enthusiasm and competence. The Haydens left a host of friends among the Iranians and in the Tehran foreign colony when they were reassigned to the States in November 1962. Johnny's next assignment, as deputy commanding general, First Army, was to be his last before his retirement on 31 May 1964. His many friends in the First Army and in New York City were as shocked as his classmates and his thousands of other friends throughout the world when they learned that his "course had been run" so soon after he bid farewell to the Service.

The foregoing covers the highlights of Johnny's career, a brief portrayal of his accomplishments as a soldier, but it tells all too little of the wonderful person we all knew Johnny to be. Johnny was an independent man. He was always willing to listen to advice but never willing to accept it unless it fitted in with his own philosophy. He had strong likes and just as strong dislikes. Ever the gentleman, courteous and kind, he was never one to side-step an issue, nor was he one to agree just for the sake of agreement. He was a man with a big heart and a friendly smile; a man who loved his country, his family, and his friends. When the Long Gray Line parted to make a place in ranks for Johnny, we lost for a time a great and loyal friend who lived, served, and died as a soldier's soldier.

Johnny's decorations include: the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster, the Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Air Medal. He was also decorated by the governments of France, Czechoslovakia, Luxembourg, and Korea.

He is survived by his wife Glen, a son John Lawrence, a daughter Sharon, and his mother Mrs. John T. Hayden, of Glendale, California.

Lawrence Robert St. John

NO. 10278 CLASS OF 1935

Died 2 December 1964 at Raleigh, North Carolina, aged 51 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia

LAWRENCE ROBERT ST. JOHN was born in Martinsville, Indiana, on 4 December 1912, the first son of Walter Robert and Glenna

Pearl St. John. His boyhood was a normal one in a small midwestern town of about 5,000 people, 30 miles from the state capital. His activities and achievements were certainly affected, but by no means curtailed, by the death of his father when he was seven years old. For a few months right after the father's death, Mrs. St. John took her two sons, the younger one then aged three, to live in Plant City, Florida. Except for that short period, Larry spent his entire boyhood and his teen years in Martinsville and grew up with the town. He had a newspaper route, operated a distributorship for home delivery of the popular magazines of those years, and served as general handyman at one of the town's two drugstores. Larry played the piano and during his high school years formed a dance orchestra, but there is no indication that the group ever got much beyond the practice stage. There being no Boy Scout troop in Martinsville, Larry discovered how he could affiliate as an individual "pioneer" Scout and some time thereafter succeeded in interesting enough of his own contemporaries and some adult friends to arrange for the sponsorship of a troop. He then proceeded to orga-



LAWRENCE ROBERT ST. JOHN

nize the first one in the town. Larry was then about 13, and, by the time he was 14, he had become the senior patrol leader.

Naturally inclined to be studious, Larry made extraordinarily good grades during all of his primary and secondary schooling. He was on the high school debating team and belonged to the Hi-Y club and the dramatic club. He played leading roles in several high school dramatic productions and always enjoyed both the rehearsals and the actual performances, so much so that he would experience a feeling of disappointment when they were finished. Martinsville High had no football team until Larry's senior year, but that year he was on the team.

Larry was a member of the National Honor Society in high school and was awarded a Rector Scholarship to DePauw University. He was a member of the First (and only) Presbyterian Church in Martinsville and was active in the young people's activities of the church.

From his earliest teen years, when he first learned of the U.S. Military Academy, Larry's driving ambition was to graduate from West Point and to follow an Army career. Through steadfast application toward this goal, by the time he was 17 he had secured a nomination from his congressman. There was a year's delay before he could enter the Academy because of some required dental work, but

Larry used that year to good advantage by attending DePauw on his scholarship. At the University, Larry became a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Larry St. John entered West Point on 1 July 1931 and so applied himself to his career program that he graduated 96th in a class of 277; he graduated and was commissioned a 2d lieutenant of Field Artillery on 12 June 1935. He first served in various battery officer positions at Fort Sheridan and then at Schofield Barracks. While at Schofield he joined the Masonic Lodge. He completed the course at Fort Sill early in 1940 and then commanded a battery for several months. In May 1940 Larry took a detail as post utilities officer at Fort Knox and spent over two years in this type of work. It was during this period that he was transferred to the Corps of Engineers—on 19 February 1942. It was also during this period that the population of Fort Knox grew from 5,000 to 25,000 with a projected growth to 60,000, and Larry's work force of 75 people grew to nearly 1,000 in order to man the tremendously expanded physical plant required for our greatly enlarged Army.

In July of 1942 Larry was transferred to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he commanded a company in the Engineer Replacement Training Center. At this time he was promoted to major, and in October 1942 he took command of the 6th Engineer Battalion, then on maneuvers in Tennessee, and held that command throughout the rest of the war years. When Larry took command of the outfit it was a "motorized" battalion—part of the 6th Motorized Division. In December the division moved to the Desert Training Center in California and in March 1943, to Camp San Luis Obispo. When the 6th Division was reorganized as an Infantry division, Larry's battalion was also reorganized—as a combat Engineer battalion. The battalion's five subordinate units were reduced to four of a somewhat different type, with differences in training and equipment, but with practically the same total strength. Since his was the only unit of its kind at the station, Larry had considerable latitude in developing the necessary retraining program for his battalion, and the results proved to be highly satisfactory.

The battalion proceeded to Hawaii with the 6th Infantry Division, moving by combat team echelons during the summer and early fall of 1943. Much work was to be done on construction of new beach defenses, new training aids, new concrete pillboxes and gun emplacements, as well as the housing and utilities required for the support of this new construction. Larry's battalion also exercised operational control over Oahu's major defensive demolitions. Jungle and amphibious training programs were also completed, in addition to battalion schooling in special Engineer subjects. Meanwhile, Larry's troops continued to gain on-the-job experience as they worked with heavy construction equipment that was not organic to a combat Engineer battalion. Some three years later, after the war had ended, Headquarters USARPAC rewarded Larry's efforts with the Legion of Merit.

In January 1944 Larry's battalion moved with the division to New Guinea. Starting at Milne Bay, they moved with the fighting to Toem, to Maffin Bay, and to Sansapor. It was in this campaign that Larry won his first bronze battle star. The last few weeks on New Guinea were spent in combat loading and amphibious landing rehearsals for the Philippine invasion. The day after Christmas, 1944, the division shipped out for the landings that were made at Lingayen Gulf on 9

January 1945. The 6th Infantry was one of the assault divisions of Sixth Army for this Luzon operation. For his services in the difficult months that followed, Larry was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Philippine Liberation Medal with bronze battle star, and a bronze arrowhead and bronze battle star for his Asiatic-Pacific ribbon. According to reports at the end of the war, the 6th Division was the most heavily engaged division in the entire U.S. Army.

Soon after the war ended, Larry moved his battalion, now greatly reduced in strength due to rotation of its combat veterans, to Korea, landing there on 20 October 1945. Larry's Engineers spent the winter repairing and constructing roads and other much-needed facilities, since the 6th Infantry was spread over a wide area covering four Korean provinces. By May 1946, when Larry returned to the States, he already had one of his companies working on the "permanent" battalion area in Pusan.

Larry was next assigned as a student to Iowa State University for work toward his master's degree in civil engineering. At age 33 Larry found himself the oldest of the 15 Engineer officers at Ames that year, and presumably the rustiest academically, but he managed to stand number three in the group, nevertheless.

Larry also married while he was at Iowa State. Having known and courted Katherine Emilie Baehr for some years, he finally found time during that school year to persuade her that they should be married. Kay is the daughter of the late General Carl Baehr who had been one of Larry's first commanding officers. They were married on 25 June 1947, at the Baehr home in Lexington, Kentucky.

From Ames, Larry went to Washington, D.C., as a branch chief in the Office, Chief of Engineers. There he was responsible for the planning and coordinating of the training of officers, enlisted personnel, and units of the Corps of Engineers including Reserve components.

In February 1950 Larry attended the 5-month course at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, after which he was reassigned to Europe, for duty in the Training Branch, AC/S G3, Headquarters U.S. Army Europe. Here he coordinated the activities of USAREUR's 10 technical schools which were providing a wide range of courses for both officers and enlisted men. He was also in charge of arrangements for attendance by students of all the other NATO countries at these schools.

Helen Louise St. John was born on her father's birthday in 1950; "a wonderful birthday present," Larry said.

In October 1952 Larry became Chief of the Design and Review Branch, Construction Division, Office of the Chief Engineer, USAREUR. In this position he also served as the Army representative on the construction standardization committee established by our European Command to insure uniformity of facilities for the three services.

In July 1953 Larry returned to Norfolk to join the faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College. He specialized in logistical planning, organization, and command relationship. He especially enjoyed this assignment and spent three happy years "on the platform," receiving several informal commendations for his work.

In July 1956 Larry took command of the 30th Engineer Topographic Group, one of the choicest assignments available for an Engineer colonel, located as it was adjacent to the Presidio of San Francisco, at Fort Winfield Scott. The Group was a highly technical outfit of about 1,500 men, with detachments on

mapping assignments in the Philippines, in Iran, and in Libya, and all working in close cooperation with the Army Map Service in Washington and its branch in Japan.

Larry returned to Korea in February 1958 to be Corps Engineer for I Corps. He was involved in planning, programming, and supervising the construction and maintenance of facilities, roads, and bridges required to support some 50,000 men. He was awarded the Order of Military Merit by the Korean government for his services on this tour.

September 1958 found Larry in command of the 2d Engineer Construction Group with headquarters near Seoul, Korea. This was a composite outfit of some 1,600 U.S. military personnel and some 3,000 Korean military and civilian personnel. Under command of Headquarters Eighth Army, it was engaged in all phases of engineer construction and maintenance over a wide area in Korea; Larry even had one unit doing airfield work in Taiwan. There were many more commendations from both U.S. and Korean officials for Larry's work with this Group.

On his return to the States in March 1959, Larry was named Chief, War Plans Branch, Plans Division, in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics. In this key position he supervised the preparation of the Army logistics portions of the war plans of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. After two years, Larry moved up to become Deputy Chief of the Plans Division. As the alter ego to the division chief he had full responsibility in the "chief's" absence. For his services in the Plans Division Larry was awarded the Army Commendation Medal at the time of his retirement on 31 August 1962.

Larry then decided to embark on a second career—as an educator. He enrolled at American University, taking courses leading to a master's degree in government. He completed this work during the winter of 1963-64 and received his degree at formal commencement exercises in June 1964.

Armed now with two master's degrees, Larry began his search for a job in his new career field, meanwhile taking a few more semester hours in those subjects which might lead eventually to a doctorate. He would have preferred a position in the vicinity of Washington, D.C., since he and Kay and Helen were comfortably situated in their home in Alexandria, but he finally decided to accept a position with the North Carolina State Board of Education which offered the best overall possibilities. Reluctantly, Larry discontinued his course work, relinquished his duties as a vestryman at St. Luke's Episcopal Church near his home, and turned over the orderly files he had kept as class historian, a duty he had performed so commendably for the five preceding years.

On 9 November 1964, Larry assumed his new position in Raleigh as Director of General Adult and Community Service Programs at the new industrial education center there.

It was planned that Kay and Helen would move down at the end of the school semester in January, and toward that end Kay visited Larry at Raleigh over the Thanksgiving weekend. Together they selected a house and started negotiations for purchase. Everything seemed to be moving along smoothly until the morning of 2 December when Larry arrived at his office complaining of chest pains. He was taken to a nearby hospital, but by noon the heart attack had taken him much further.

With an impressively large attendance of his loving family, friends, and classmates, Larry St. John was buried in Arlington Cemetery on 7 December 1964. We all miss this fine, considerate, congenial man who pursued

his appointed role in life so carefully and conscientiously and made so many friends along the way. We shall never forget Larry's ready smile, his firm handclasp, and his splendid exemplification of the principles by which we are all guided: Duty, Honor, Country.

—I.C.R.

Maxwell Morrison Kallman

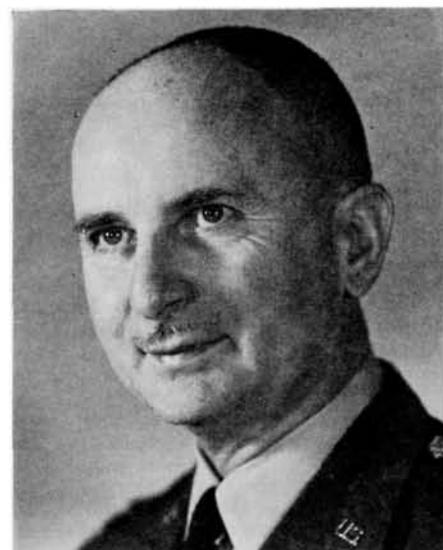
NO. 10530 CLASS OF 1936

Died 20 September 1965 in Fort Bliss, Texas, aged 53 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, Fort Bliss, Texas

WE ARE A LITTLE LESS than we were before Max answered "Here" to the last roll call on 20 September 1965. The view from here is a bit more somber since his cheerful personality no longer brightens our day. We mourn our loss.

The background of experience that Maxwell M. Kallman (Max) brought with him from the Army when he entered the Military Academy in 1932 gave weight to his helpful



MAXWELL MORRISON KALLMAN

advice to his classmates. His puckish wit combined with a brilliant mind made conversation with him a mind-sharpening experience. While one could allow his mind to idle when associating with Max, if he expected to maintain the pace and establish a rapport with him, one had to be alert and uninhibited mentally, for Max's brain seemed to operate without the usual restrictive inhibitions. Talking with him was a continuous "brain-storming" session, and, whether it was serious conversation or humorous banter, he was continuously ahead of the group.

Max was born in Oakland, California, on 13 April 1912. His parents moved East while he was a child, and he grew up in the New York area. He completed his high school education at Cushing Academy in Massachusetts in 1931 and immediately enlisted in the Army with the ultimate goal of entering the Military Academy. After studying at the West Point preparatory school at Fort Totten for a year Max won a competitive appointment to the Academy from the Army and entered as a cadet in July 1932.

At the Academy Max adapted easily to the routine, and plebe year passed with only normal encounters with the "system." Many a rainy Sunday afternoon was whiled away at the Chess Club. It was at the Academy,

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too. that we first learned of Max's talents as a tennis player. He played a superior game but only as a relaxing sport. He continued these two interests throughout his life, later adding bowling to his hobbies. He was a member of the U.S. Army Chess Team in 1964 and was a consistent champion in the senior group at tennis, advancing to the semi-finals in the Fourth Army tournament in 1964.

In commemoration of Max's continuing interest and participation in sports and other community activities, the new Maxwell M. Kallman Service Club was dedicated on 19 February 1966, at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he was stationed when he died. He was awarded, posthumously, an oak leaf cluster to the Legion of Merit for his work as Director of Instruction and Deputy Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Army Air Defense School. The award was presented to his wife at the Service Club dedication ceremonies.

Max was a dedicated and effective soldier. From his first duty at Fort Totten while awaiting a ship for Hawaii and his assignment to Battery G, 64th CA (AA), to his last duty as Deputy Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Army Air Defense School, he was closely associated with the evolution and growth of Army air defense. He was outspoken and eloquent in presenting his views, and he was vigorous in defending them. From the 75mm gun and the electro-mechanical director of 1936 to the sophisticated missile systems of 1965, Max contributed to the improvements of the existing air defense systems. To better prepare himself for this task he completed his work for a master's degree in electrical engineering at Johns Hopkins University in 1948. He served in Europe with distinction in World War II and in the Far East during the Korean conflict. For these services he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Legion of Merit, respectively.

The quality of all of Max's military service can be described by a quotation from the citation accompanying the award of the oak leaf cluster to the Legion of Merit. It reads: "Colonel Kallman's distinguished performance of duty represents outstanding achievement in the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects utmost credit upon himself and the military service." All of his duties were accomplished in keeping with the guiding principles of the Academy's motto: "Duty, Honor, Country."

Max bore his troubles and disappointments without comment. His thoughts were always for others and what he could do to help them. He liked people and was an energetic organizer of activities in either work or play. He liked to systematize procedures whether it had to do with the development of a training program or devising means for selecting the winners of the Quinella at the local race-track.

Max is survived by his wife Jane Richardson Kallman whom he married in 1936; two daughters, Mrs. Ronald B. Griffin, Bellevue, Washington, and Isabel (Kit) Kallman; a son Maxwell M. Kallman Jr.; his mother Mrs. Gladys Welch Kallman; and three grandchildren. Kit and Max Jr., now reside at 3907 Fort Boulevard St., El Paso, Texas.

Max was devoted to his family. He placed the interests of his wife and children first in his life. That his children grew into fine, worthwhile, and dependable citizens attests to his success as a parent. He set them a good example to follow, and they remember him with admiration and affection. His philosophy of life was best expressed in his teachings to his children. He said, "A fuller life is not so much a question of working harder but in

insuring that all you do has a purpose." He saw his relationship to God as a reflection of his inner self. That inner self is now at peace.

—Maxwell M. Kallman Jr.

Wendell Lapsley Clemenson Jr.

NO. 13180 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Killed in action, Germany, 6 November 1944,
aged 25 years.

Interment: American Military Cemetery,
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

WENDELL CLEMENSON WAS BORN in October 1919, the son of First Lieutenant Wendell L. Clemenson, of the 8th Infantry, and Florence Carey Clemenson, of San Francisco. His father, an Infantry officer, was serving in the Army of Occupation in Germany when Wendell was born, and Wendell spent his early years in the manner of many Infantry "Army brats." Changes of station over the years moved the family from post to post, and Wendell from school to school. In 1937, while his father was a student at the Army War



WENDELL LAPSLEY CLEMENSON JR.

College, Wendell graduated from Western High School in Washington, D.C. His greatest desire on graduation from Western was to enter West Point, and he immediately set about achieving this goal.

Those were days when intense competition for appointments led many of our Class through several years of trying for admission. In 1938 Wendell tried for a Presidential appointment but failed to win one of the few allocated spaces. He then enlisted in the 22d Infantry and spent a year soldiering as a means of qualifying for that small group of appointments reserved for Regular Army soldiers. Here success awaited him. On 1 June the commanding general of the Fourth Corps Area was ordered to have Private Clemenson report to West Point no later than 28 June "for discharge from the Army and for admission as a candidate."

Through the period of Beast Barracks in the old 6th New Cadet Company, Wendell's military experience stood him in good stead. One could recognize the mark of the "old soldier" as the rest of us counted steps in the old squad drill. Wendell went from there to L Company in the fall, and he was on his way to what would become a successful cadet career. During first-class year he was one of the key cadet sergeants, as the Corps broke into two regiments from one. Throughout his years at West Point Wendell was ex-

trêmement active in the behind-the-scenes work of the 100th Night Show. The carpentering, building, painting, and set shifting were vitally important to the ambitious musicals we put on. Wendell was always a tower of strength in the wild "flaps" which developed. The same was true through many seasons of "inter-murder" sports. By the time our Class slid down the hill to graduation in the blizzard, Wendell stood well above the middle of the Class.

After graduation and a 10-day leave, the small group of those who chose Infantry or Cavalry (Armor) set off for Fort Knox with the World War I tank insignia on our lapels. Here we lived in drafty, soot-filled barracks and started our special, 11-man course. There was no time to rest, for the Fort Knox training authorities threw the meat of the basic course and the meat of the advanced course at us in three short months. One member of the group acquired a car; another, a wife; and two, Howard Wehrle and Wendell, acquired mustaches.

Wendell and John Mitchell both arrived at Fort Knox wearing the patch of the 10th Armored Division; it was logical that they should room together. On the one weekend off during that course, Wendell managed to visit his family at Fort Benning where Colonel Clemenson was stationed. At the end of the course our little group broke up and scattered across the United States. Wendell and John reported in together to the 10th Armored at Fort Benning. Initially, each was sent to a tank battalion, but that lasted only until the return of the commanding general. At that point they were both called in and given the famous "Newgarden speech." The General compared his situation as a division commander to that of a blind man feeling his way in front of him. To complete the analogy, he told them that his reconnaissance battalion served as his fingertips; the two men would both be transferred and would start learning their trade in the Recon.

The 10th left Fort Benning in August 1943 for the Tennessee maneuvers. Wendell proved to be well adapted to the Cavalry, and classmates reported vigorous "Aggressor" actions led by Wendell and his recon platoon. It looked as though the division would be one of the few to have two classmates in the same squadron.

In December 1943 the authorities decided to break up the West Point twosome, and Wendell began a series of fast changes that began with Fort Meade and ended with his arrival in Scotland in February 1944. For several months he acted as plans and training officer at a camp in Scotland, only to leave for France nine days after D-Day. Once in France he immediately became a reconnaissance platoon leader in the reconnaissance company of the 67th Armored Regiment, 2d Armored Division, a tour that lasted until the end of July. From then until September he was in the hospital, but on the 21st of October he entered Belgium through the Third Replacement Depot and was assigned as a reconnaissance platoon leader in Troop B of the 4th Cavalry Squadron.

This final period in Wendell's life lasted only from 25 October, when he joined his troop in Germany, to 6 November when he was killed in action near Lammersdorf. While on patrol a small group from B Troop met and fired on a 3-man enemy patrol. Although wounded the Germans escaped to their own lines. Wendell and one trooper moved forward to find the route of escape. Although they knew that they were being observed by the enemy, the two men worked their way ahead over 500 yards and out of range of supporting small arms fire.

Over an hour later the patrol saw Wendell and his accompanying trooper coming back toward the friendly lines with four enemy prisoners. While still some 400 yards away, the six encountered an enemy patrol which fired on them and fatally wounded Wendell. For his courage, coolness, and devotion to duty, Wendell was awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry in action and disregard of personal safety." He was also awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

John C. MacDonald, who commanded the 4th Cavalry, wrote of Wendell: "He was respected by his associates as an officer of outstanding devotion to duty and courage. His loss is deeply felt and sincerely regretted."

There left us in that cold November in Germany a fine and dedicated classmate whose quiet and selfless service so well represents the tradition of West Point. The Silver Star and the Purple Heart bear mute witness to this, as do the memories of those of us who were privileged to know him. Wendell himself would have paid little attention to these honors; he would only have liked to know that he had merited the soldier's accolade: "Well done."

—W.A.K. & J.R.M.

James Edward Underwood

NO. 18642 CLASS OF 1952

Died 16 May 1965 at Bien Hoa Air Base, Vietnam, aged 39 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



JAMES EDWARD UNDERWOOD

"HE WAS OUR GREAT big lovable Jim!" "My husband!" "My only child!" "My only cousin!"

Jim spent all his adult years in the military service. He had served in World War II and Korea. Finally, an accident on an airfield in Vietnam claimed his life and the lives of 26 other American airmen when a chain of explosions destroyed several aircraft about to take off on a bombing mission.

Jim's wing commander wrote of him: "He gave his life for liberty and for our way of life, and we will try to take courage from him and continue the work he started so well. He was recognized as an outstanding officer, and we in turn have benefited tremendously from his tour with us. Jim displayed courage and professional excellence and coupled that with a pleasant personality, intelligence, and

common sense. In all respects he upheld the standards and traditions of the Air Force and the nation we serve."

At a ceremony at Chanute Field, Illinois, Jim received the following posthumous awards: the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 3d and 4th oak leaf clusters, and the Bronze Star. The Vietnamese government sent his wife the National Order, Fifth Class, and the Military Merit Medal.

Jim led a good, happy, and full life. Born in Everett, Washington, he spent his youth in Montana, attending schools in Conrad and Choteau. He was graduated from high school during World War II and immediately enlisted in the Air Corps, where he was trained as a navigator and eventually flew bombing missions over Germany and Austria.

Back home after World War II, Jim had just started college when his father passed away. The elder Underwood was a veteran of World War I, and, acting perhaps on what he thought his father would have him do, Jim reenlisted in the Air Corps. It wasn't long after that, that he took and passed the competitive exam to West Point. He graduated in 1952 and within a very short time was assigned to Korea.

Jim remained a bachelor until Sakae, a "little flower from Japan," stole his heart away. She and Jim lived five very happy years at Larson AFB, Washington, where Jim taught in the weapons school and logged many flying hours. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service from March 1961 to August 1964.

A major at his last station in the Philippines, he and Sakae had just settled in their new home. Sakae had become a naturalized U.S. citizen and loved the American way of life. Alone now, she is faced with the difficult decision of remaining in the United States or returning to her native Japan.

Visiting with Jim's mother, Mrs. Vivian T. Underwood, in Casey, Illinois, Sakae is a source of strength to the senior Mrs. Underwood, and together they mourn the loss of their beloved Jim.

—Ann S. Whittaker

Thomas Weller McCarthy

NO. 20351 CLASS OF 1955

Hostile death, Vietnam, 3 March 1964, aged 30 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



THOMAS WELLER MCCARTHY

*So moved they calmly to the field,
Thence never to return,
Save bearing back the Spartan shield,
Or on it proudly borne.*

FELICIA DOROTHEA HEMANS (1793-1835)

ON THE 3D OF MARCH 1964, in the Republic of Vietnam, a young senior advisor to the 1st Vietnamese Airborne Battalion who had imbued the spirit of these lines from *The Spartans' March* into his unit was, on this day, himself sadly but proudly, borne from the field of battle. His shield was a strong faith in God, a courage born in him as a soldier's son, and a determination to fight for and protect what he believed in. Such was the destiny of Thomas Weller McCarthy who lived as a soldier and died as a soldier.

Tom was born in the post hospital at Camp John Hay near Baguio in the mountains of Luzon on 30 April 1933. The camp, which had been designated as a rest center, was located in a pleasant mountain retreat where U.S. military personnel assigned in the Philippines could escape from the lowland heat.

The family lived there while Tom's dad was assigned to one of the two Igorote companies of the 45th Infantry (Philippine Scouts).

Tom's early years were spent in a number of locations, including Washington, D.C., during World War II, and Chile, from 1947 to 1950. In Chile, Tom was enrolled in St. George's College where the entire curriculum, except for American History, was taught in Spanish. The first six months were understandably difficult, but Tom quickly developed a working knowledge of the language and actually became quite fluent in it before the end of his dad's three-year tour.

The family returned to Washington in 1950, and Tom, aged 17, was enrolled in Sullivan's Prep with West Point as his goal. After the usual struggle for an appointment, he entered in July 1951 with the Class of 1955. As a cadet, Tom continued to develop the inborn qualities of moral courage and physical stamina that were to serve him so well throughout his short career, and to create lasting impressions of greatness on all who came in contact with him. He participated in many extracurricular activities including the Catholic Chapel choir and the USMA gymnastics team, and he was well known among his classmates for his keen wit, quick laugh, and rare sense of humor.

Tom was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry on 3 June 1955, and after completing the basic Infantry Officers Course, began his airborne training. This last was to become an intrinsic part of his life. Tom's first duty assignment was with the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was to serve almost half of his active service with this division. In 1958 Tom went

to Germany for duty with the 24th Infantry Division, was in Lebanon during the 1958 crisis, and returned in 1960 to the United States. While in Germany Tom met Lucille Berenice White, and upon his return to the States they were married, at Fort Benning, on 23 April 1960. Tom commanded Company C, 325th Airborne Battle Group, 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg from June 1961 to June 1962, at which time he joined Headquarters, XVIII Airborne Corps as Secretary of the General Staff.

In May 1963, Tom, in the tradition of many West Pointers before him, traveled half-way around the world to protect his own country and to assist an ally in need. He was assigned as senior advisor to the 1st Vietnamese Airborne Battalion of the Airborne Brigade. These were South Vietnam's "elite" troops, the trouble-shooters who were

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called upon when things got rough. On the 2d of March 1964, this battalion set out from its home station at Tan Son Nhut Air Base towards the flat valley of the Mekong River in Kien Phong province about 90 miles west of Saigon, a little more than a mile from the border of Cambodia. Early next morning, Tom's and another battalion continued to advance on their assigned objective. Without warning, entrenched Viet Cong regulars opened fire from three sides on the two advancing battalions, using automatic weapons, mortars, and recoilless rifles. When part of the Vietnamese unit began to falter, Tom unhesitatingly began to rally them and to urge them forward. After advancing across 75 yards of open ground, Tom was felled, mortally wounded. But as a result of his heroic actions, the Vietnamese troops continued to press forward forcing the VC to withdraw across the Cambodian border.

Captain Charles R. Johnson, a classmate serving with Tom in Vietnam, escorted his body back to the United States. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on 11 March 1964, just two months prior to his scheduled return to the States for attendance at the Command and General Staff College.

Eulogies and letters of condolence from many of Tom's friends helped to relieve the deep sorrow and loss suffered by Berenice and their three sons, Thomas Gerard, 3, Robert Weller, 2, and John Martin who was born after Tom left for Vietnam.

At Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Tom's Vietnamese unit and his U.S. contemporaries paid farewell homage to Tom at a plane-side ceremony. A grateful Vietnamese government also made the posthumous award of its Medal of Honor, first class, the highest decoration which could be presented to an American.

Tom was the first member of the Class of 1955 to become a casualty of the Vietnamese War. For his heroism he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, his own nation's second highest award for bravery. It was the first award of this decoration to an Academy graduate in the Vietnam action. Berenice accepted the award at ceremonies at Fort Bragg, North Carolina on 19 June 1964. Part of the accompanying citation reads:

As the casualties mounted rapidly and the friendly troops were thrown into confusion, Captain McCarthy displayed complete disregard for his own personal safety and unhesitatingly moved into the inferno of hostile gun fire to organize the troops and establish an effective base of operations. He then joined his counterpart with the lead element and continued his brave efforts to rally and encourage the troops until he was mortally wounded.

An indication of the impact that Tom's leadership left on men he commanded was the request by every man in the 82d Division who had served under him to attend his funeral at Arlington where they could pay their last personal tribute to him.

As a monument to Tom's memory, an amphitheater at the corner of Gruber Road and Bastogne Drive, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, has been named in his honor. The Infantry School at Fort Benning also honored him by naming the parachute training building at Lawton Field "McCarthy Hall."

Generals and soldiers alike were outspoken in their praise of Tom. Their feelings can best be summed up in the words of Major General Robert H. York, Commanding General of the 82d Airborne Division when he presented the Distinguished Service Cross to Tom's widow:

If the measure of a man's life can be based on the respect and esteem he has gained among his associates, seniors, subordinates, and peers, or on the contribution he makes to his country, rather than on a span of years, then Captain McCarthy lived a full and rich life.

It was a fitting tribute and to it I add this final salute to a gallant soldier and dear friend.

—H.W.M.

Richard Douglas Becker

NO. 20412 CLASS OF 1955

Died 22 August 1965 at Port Washington, New York, aged 33 years.

Interment: Nassau Knolls Memorial Park, Port Washington, New York

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, ADDRESSING the members of the Class of 1955 at their graduation, spoke earnestly of "...our personal responsibility to use every one of our individ-



RICHARD DOUGLAS BECKER

ual and collective talents for the better discharge of our lifetime missions." One who heard, understood, and faithfully practiced this responsibility in his own life was Richard Douglas Becker.

Dick was a doer, not a watcher, a fact that was immediately apparent to all who came to know him. He graduated from Miami Beach High School in 1950. To look through his yearbook is to learn a lot about Dick, for it is filled with inscriptions from classmates thanking him for the help he gave them and remarking how much his friendship had meant to them. Dick always gave a great deal of himself and gained in stature as he enriched the lives of others. Even as a student in high school his sense of obligation extended beyond personal friendships to public responsibilities. As a youth he was already serving—as class vice president, as a member of the student council and of a service organization, and as convention delegate for the Florida Junior Academy of Science. One of his teachers, in recommending him for West Point, remembered him as a "superior team-worker—public spirited." He also played football and was on the track team there, enjoying a love of sports that never waned.

Following a year at Sullivan's Preparatory School in Washington, Dick achieved his most cherished goal when he entered West Point.

His activities as a cadet were the same as those we always considered typical of him: his easy friendliness and confident manner made him an ideal hop manager; his love of competition and pride in physical fitness led to membership in the handball and weight-lifting clubs; and his positive and optimistic leadership resulted in his appointment as corporal as a Second Classman and lieutenant in his first-class year. His interest in and concern for other people cut across Classes, and Dick graduated from West Point with a multitude of warm friendships.

Dick's Army service was with the Artillery. Following the officers' basic course at Fort Sill and after completion of airborne training, he was assigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for duty with the 276th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, an element of School Troops of The Armor School. After a short time he was given command of Battery C of that same battalion and held that post until his departure from the Service. This battery was engaged primarily in demonstration firing. It was a formidable task for Dick, but under his guidance the battery did an outstanding job. It placed first in the battalion on the Army Training Tests for two successive years and won the St. Barbara award as well as several other honors. Dick's leadership was firm, fair, and decisive. He had boundless energy and curiosity and had to see for himself what was going on. He confronted every problem squarely, always preferring the most straightforward solution.

While performing this duty in such a professional manner, Dick also found time to attend evening courses at the nearby University of Louisville where he earned a certificate in production management with emphasis on operations research. It was while he was assigned at Fort Knox, too, that he married the former Virginia Mezey. It was an ideal marriage. Ginny quickly found her way into the hearts of all of Dick's friends, and the warmth and closeness of their family brought pleasure to all who knew them.

After three years Dick decided to enter the business world which he approached with the same thoroughness and enthusiasm that had marked his military service. He began as a computer programmer but quickly advanced to senior systems analyst. As always he lived an active life adding sailing and tennis to his outdoor activities, and more reading and study to an already busy program. He took great pleasure in his family and his home. His two sons, Doug and Tim, and his baby daughter, Susan, all brought him special delight.

Shortly after transferring to a responsible and far-ranging management position with a new firm, Dick was stricken by the cancer that was to take his life. Very few people knew of his illness or its seriousness. Only weeks before his death Dick and Ginny attended the 10th Reunion of his Class at West Point. It was a happy but nostalgic occasion. Dick participated fully in the entire program from picnic to concert to parade. He gave no hint that he knew it was probably his last visit to West Point. All those who knew him, especially in those last days, came away from the experience moved and somehow strengthened. His doctor, in a letter intended for Dick's children to read in later years, wrote: "Dick never let anybody feel sorry for him. ... When he died, a great many people felt very sad and sorry that they had been unable to help him more. ... I can feel proud of having known him, and I like to think we can share this good memory."

At his work, Dick pushed on with tremendous drive until the very end; the effort of will it must have cost him can only be

guessed at. His last afternoon at work he spent carefully briefing a colleague on a major project and how to get it approved. His employer said of him, "his pursuit of excellence continued to the very end."

At Dick's funeral four fellow graduates served as pallbearers. In addition to "The Corps" and "Alma Mater," the music included one of Dick's favorite hymns, "I Would Be True." It was a perfect selection, for in everything he did Dick was true to his beliefs and to his responsibilities.

It is hard to describe the sense of loss that his family and friends feel in Dick's passing. His potential was limitless, and it seems a tragic waste that he is gone so soon. But for those who were blessed with knowing him, the impress of his personality and character will never fade. Dick affirmed the meaning and value of life in his every act. There is no higher praise.

—L.S.S. III

Robert Howard Fuellhart Jr.

NO. 24324 CLASS OF 1962

Hostile death, Vietnam, 12 August 1965,
aged 26 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

"ALTHOUGH HE BECAME FAMOUS AS ARMY'S 'Lonesome End,' the gridiron was not the only field on which he excelled." In this thumbnail reference to Bob Fuellhart at graduation, the 1962 HOWITZER added, "We will always remember his ready laugh and good humor."

Three years later, war correspondent Jimmy Breslin reported from Vietnam: "Fuellhart, big-boned and well over six feet... was a known sports page name... but he never talked about football. He talked about being a soldier and going into action."

Born in Tionesta, Pennsylvania, on 12 January 1939, Bob, during his early schooling and through to his graduation at the Kiskiminetas Preparatory School, developed the



ROBERT HOWARD FUELLHART JR.

stamina, the sense of timing, and the dynamism for "hard-hitting" action, in short, the prowess and the mold of character which foreshadowed his impressive athletic record and his leadership accomplishments at the U. S. Military Academy.

Bracketed with these years of schooling and vigorous physical pursuits, the military service of Bob Fuellhart is in marked harmony with the philosophy of the Duke of Wellington's capsuled critique: "The battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton."

Bob did not live to wear the stars of a general officer as predicted in the 1962 HOWITZER. He was killed in the far south of Vietnam, as an advisor to a Vietnamese battalion, while directing an air strike in support of his group that was battling the Viet Cong at a place called Phong Hiep in the Mekong Delta area.

A memorial resolution, adopted by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, referred to Bob's last mission as "an inspiring

story of duty, courage, and devotion to country, in the highest traditions of the Army."

And behind this dedicated performance, there should be chronicled the serious bent of a mature, earnest young officer, with the athletic fields behind him as a distant memory, ever striving to deepen his knowledge and to strengthen his effectiveness as a leader of men in combat.

He elected to become and was accepted as a Ranger. He attended the Airborne, Jumpmaster, Ranger, and Special Warfare Schools, and he studied the Vietnamese language at the Defense Language Institute. After service with the 25th Division at Schofield Barracks, his final assignment was with the 44th Ranger Battalion, Can Tho, South Vietnam.

Recognition of his devoted service and outstanding military character came with a posthumous promotion to the rank of captain. He had also been awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star with "V," an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star, and the Silver Star by his own country, and from Vietnam, that country's Gallantry Cross with Palm Leaf, and National Order Medal, Fifth Class.

Beyond this story of an unusually creditable performance of a young combat officer, there lies a deeply touching feature.

Two hours before the fatal turn in Vietnam, back in the United States, a baby girl was born to Bob's young and pretty wife Jan, an Armed Service Junior, daughter of Colonel John A. Bell, U. S. Air Force. Due to jungle battle conditions, word never reached Bob.

However, to this daughter he has left a legacy, and to the Army, another stone in the great mound of high tradition, the memory of a brief but outstanding military career, of epic devotion to duty.

He was buried at the U. S. Military Academy with full military honors. His attachment to West Point was deep and abiding.

In addition to his wife Jan, and daughter Jami Lee, Captain Fuellhart is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Fuellhart Sr., of Tionesta, Pennsylvania, and by two sisters and two brothers.

—James Kepler Davis
Rear Admiral, USN, Ret.



Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received
since the publication of the Winter 1966 ASSEMBLY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
George W. Cocheu.....	1903.....	4 April	1966..... Washington, D.C.
Henry C. Pratt.....	1904.....	6 April	1966..... Washington, D.C.
Richard H. Jacob.....	1906.....	18 March	1966..... Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Allison B. Deans Jr.....	1908.....	13 March	1966..... Costa Mesa, California
Alexander L. James Jr.....	1908.....	16 January	1966..... Washington, D.C.
George A. Matile.....	1908.....	23 April	1966..... Plainfield, New Jersey
Frank A. Kimball.....	Ex-1913.....	31 May	1963..... Redlands, California
Leland S. Hobbs.....	1915.....	6 March	1966..... Washington, D.C.
John W. Kelley.....	Ex-Apr 1917.....	25 August	1965..... Canaan, Connecticut
Grayson C. Woodbury.....	Aug 1917.....	31 December	1965..... Havre de Grace, Maryland
Lewis E. Snell.....	Ex-Aug 1917.....	11 November	1965..... Morrisville, Vermont
John F. Lavagnino.....	1919.....	30 November	1965..... San Francisco, California
Dallas D. Swan.....	Ex-1919.....	30 March	1966..... Garden City, New York
Selby F. Little.....	1921.....	9 April	1966..... Orlando, Florida
Donald Q. Harris.....	14 Jun 1922.....	12 February	1966..... Chicago, Illinois
Allen W. Smith.....	1923.....	12 October	1965..... Honolulu, Hawaii
John C.L. Adams.....	1924.....	21 March	1966..... Corozal, Honduras
Eugene B. Ely.....	1924.....	16 February	1966..... Washington, D.C.
William H. Bigelow.....	1925.....	9 December	1965..... San Antonio, Texas
James R. Davidson.....	1926.....	15 March	1966..... Washington, D.C.
Edwin W. Chamberlain.....	1927.....	1 May	1966..... Fort Bliss, Texas
George E. Levings.....	1927.....	16 February	1966..... Las Vegas, Nevada
Wesley C. Wilson.....	1929.....	11 January	1966..... Bismarek, North Dakota
Loren B. Hillsinger.....	1932.....	5 March	1966..... Winter Park, Florida
Gene H. Tibbets.....	1934.....	4 February	1966..... Washington, D.C.
Albert B. Turner Jr.....	1936.....	11 July	1965..... Panama City, Florida
John M. Cone.....	1937.....	31 March	1966..... White Sands Msl Range, N.M.
James H.S. Rasmussen.....	1940.....	14 January	1966..... Langley AFB, Virginia
William H. Woodward.....	1941.....	10 April	1966..... Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Schuyler B. Brandt.....	1949.....	1 May	1966..... Titusville, Florida
William L. Richardson Jr.....	1951.....	2 April	1966..... Vietnam (hostile death)
Benjamin E. Tant Jr.....	1953.....	28 January	1966..... Tucson, Arizona
J. Gordon McCormack.....	1955.....	7 April	1966..... Washington, D.C.
Wayne D. Day.....	1958.....	11 March	1966..... Washington, D.C.
Ronald T. Shelton.....	1959.....	10 April	1966..... Vietnam (hostile death)
Richard L. Whitesides.....	1959.....	27 March	1964..... Vietnam (hostile death)
Lyell F. King.....	1960.....	18 February	1966..... Vietnam (hostile death)
Roger L. Cornelius.....	1961.....	29 March	1966..... Metairie, Louisiana
William A. Hoos Jr.....	1962.....	14 February	1966..... Vietnam (hostile death)
Lawrence A. Britten.....	1963.....	30 March	1966..... Vietnam (hostile death)
Burton K. McCord.....	1963.....	14 April	1966..... Vietnam (hostile death)
William A. Stacy Jr.....	1963.....	21 March	1966..... Vietnam (hostile death)



