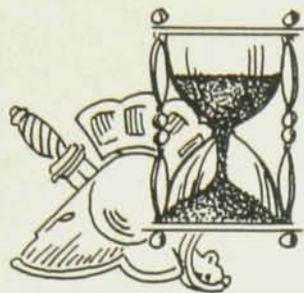


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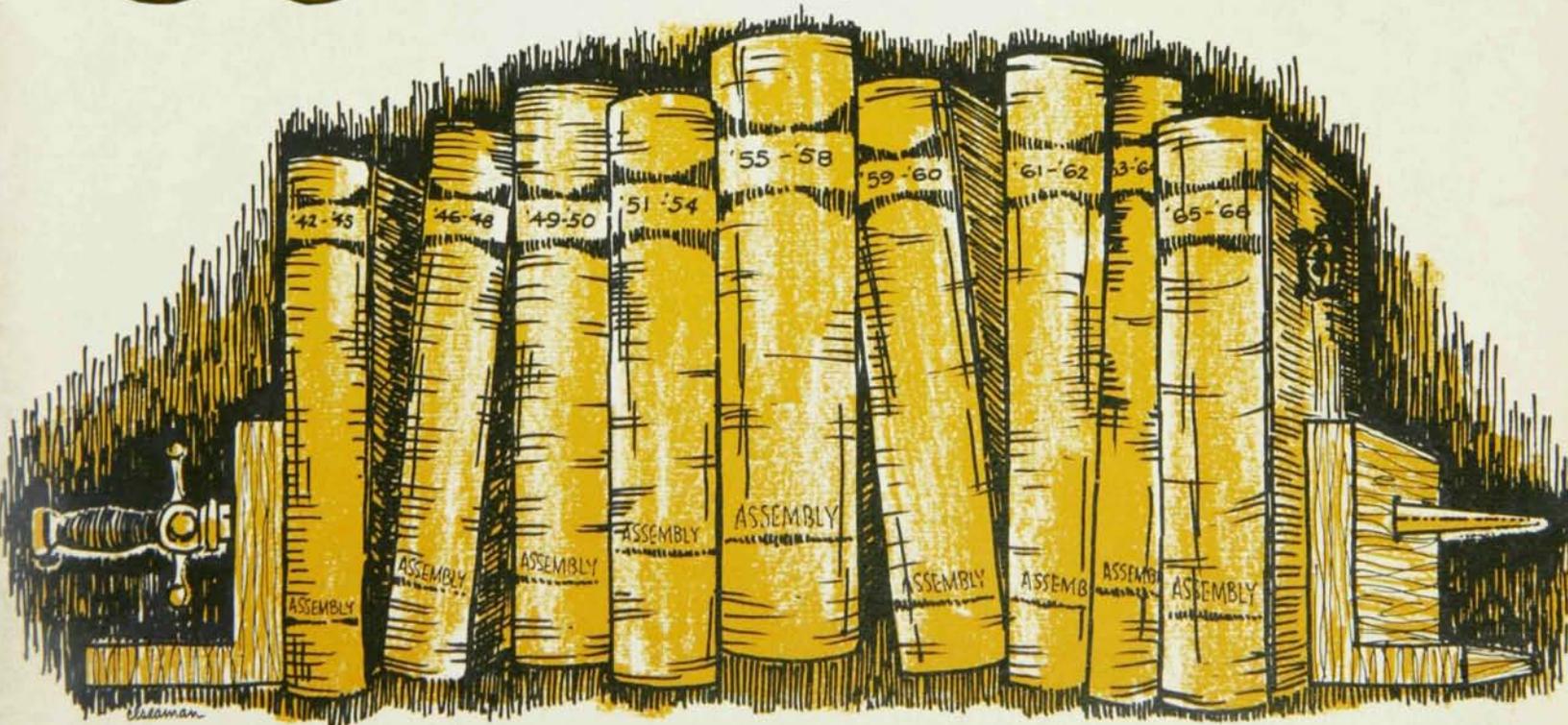
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Fellow Graduates:

The prospects for a continued orderly progression of the expansion of the Academy's facilities to support the approved increase in the size of the Corps to 4,417 cadets received a significant boost in January. At that time, the Department of Defense released previously authorized and funded construction projects which had been placed in a deferred status. Now we can proceed with the construction of the first 200 units of family housing in the Stony Lonesome area above Michie Stadium, the new hospital to be located near Washington Gate, some alterations and an addition to the gymnasium, an additional BOQ, and necessary shore protection work near North Dock. Hopefully, this year we will be able to obtain authorization and funding for additional portions of the total expansion program.

Part of the price we pay for this progress is the congestion and confusion necessarily caused in the Main Post area by the construction projects. For those who plan to return for reunions or visits, I would ask that you bear with us during this period, for we will be doing our best to carry on our normal operations around and between cement mixers and jackhammers.

We are continually striving to improve our admissions procedures. In this connection, we know that it is to the Academy's advantage to notify candidates of their acceptance as early as possible. Therefore, emphasis is being shifted from March candidate testing to January testing. Last year, we operated 14 testing stations in January. The number was increased to 27 this year. The new Class of 1971 is expected to consist of 1,050 outstanding young men from all parts of the country. We continue to need your help in our unending search for candidates of outstanding quality.

With the entry of the Class of 1971, the projected strength of the Corps will be 3,550. Because of this increased Corps strength, the number of cadet companies will be raised from 24 to 32 in the fall of 1967. With this growth of the Corps, and with the planned future increases, it is apparent to us here that we must solve the difficult problem of preserving the important fabric of cadet life. To do this, we will have to succeed in appropriately increasing, either through public or private funds, those facilities and services necessary to the wholeness of the cadet experience. This means that beyond the need for adequate barracks and academic buildings, we must provide such facilities as a cadet union building which we hope will have an auditorium large enough to seat the Corps, ballrooms, reception areas, a restau-

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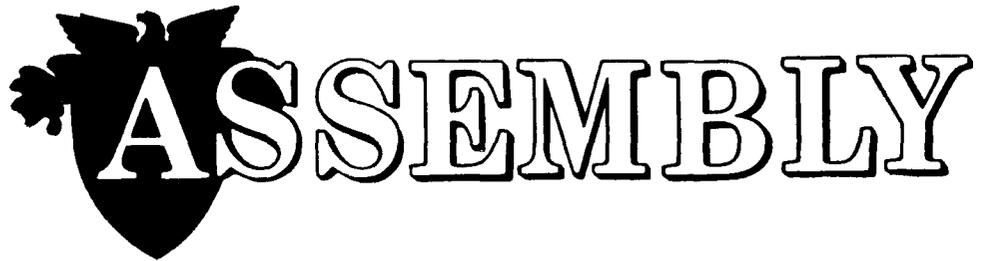
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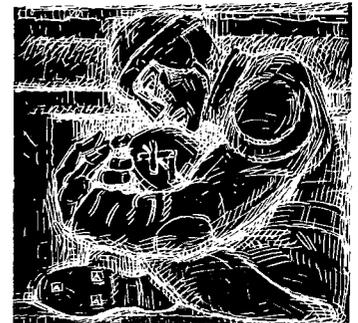
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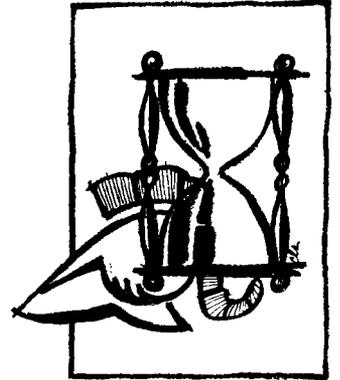
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About our covers...

ASSEMBLY marks a major milestone and proudly presents Coach Tom Cahill in the company of those First Classmen who helped to make the 1966 football season a memorable one for him and for all ARMY fans.

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QUARTER CENTURY



OF SERVICE

YOUR Association begins the 26th year of publication of the alumni magazine with a word of appreciation to Lt. Gen. Harry P. Storke '26, currently president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass. Five years ago, on ASSEMBLY's 20th Birthday, General Storke wrote, in an article that could hardly have revealed the volume of effort that went into the birth of ASSEMBLY:

"[ASSEMBLY], your birth was relatively easy. Many godfathers were interested in you and were glad to help in many ways to bring you up. . . I became . . . obsessed with the thought that West Point's virile, forward-marching tradition deserved more than those . . . terse and inconclusive sample reports of what West Point and its cadets and its alumni were doing. We needed a living, up-to-date journal. . . We had a simple objective, no lofty aspirations. We merely wanted to help all members of the West Point family to be better informed and thus to be bonded more closely together.

"Somehow, I can't visualize that the spring of interesting and important stories about West Point, past, present, or future, could ever run dry. It just needs a little priming now and then. Rephrased that means the editors of ASSEMBLY have to struggle and cajole to keep contributing pencils active.

"To name the magazine, a competition among officers on duty at West Point produced many interested and interesting suggestions. One day while we were sorting and considering them, Bill Wyman (Leslie H. Wyman '28) looked up, pursed his lips, and began whistling the bugle call 'Assembly.' We threw away the notes, and that was it.

"So, on 9 April 1942, the first issue of ASSEMBLY went into circulation." (ASSEMBLY Spring 1962.)

General Storke scrupulously included in his article the several men—and one woman—who helped him in the creation of this West Point tradition.

On this 25th anniversary, the Association acknowledges with thanks the editors who have nurtured General Storke's brainchild until today when it has the look of glowing good health.

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The Nation Mourns A Fallen Knight



Fellow astronauts (to right and left of casket) stand in salute as pallbearers carry the remains of Ed White to gravesite following services in the Old Cadet Chapel. Lt. James White, Ed's brother, stands with Mrs. White in the chapel doorway.

THE stunning announcement came out of Cape Kennedy Friday night, 27 January: three American astronauts had been killed while conducting a series of tests aboard their spacecraft. The three, Lt. Col. Virgil I. Grissom, Lt. Col. Edward H. White 2d, and Lt. Cmdr. Roger B. Chaffee, were to have been the crew aboard APOLLO 1, the first of a new family of spacecraft designed to land an American on the moon. Death came to the astronauts when a flash fire enveloped the interior of the spacecraft 218 feet above the APOLLO launching pad. At the time of the accident the crew was conducting a simulated flight test for a projected mission that was to have started on 21 February and lasted for as long as 14 days.

For West Pointer Ed White '52, selection as a member of this first APOLLO crew was high tribute to his status among the astronauts. As the partner of James McDivitt when the two made their highly successful GEMINI IV flight in June 1965, White thrilled his earth-bound fellow Americans as he stepped out of his spacecraft and for 21 minutes "walked" in space at the end of a "golden" tether. No other American had ever ventured into the raw environment of outer space before that memorable day.

A shocked and grieving nation, led by President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, mourned the passing of the three astronauts whose military funerals were held on Tuesday, 31 January. Grissom and Chaffee were buried at Arlington National Cemetery; White in the West Point Cemetery.

THE morning funeral services for Ed White were held in the Old Cadet Chapel located just inside the entrance to the cemetery. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson represented the President, who was attending the other two funerals in Washington. The Rev. Conrad Winborn Jr., of Seabrook Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, Ed White's pastor, read the eulogy, and USMA Chaplain James D. Ford recited the Cadet Prayer at the chapel services. The Rev. Winborn said the graveside prayers.

Major General Donald V. Bennett, USMA Superintendent, led the large group of the Academy's staff and faculty that attended the funeral services and the graveside rites that followed. Mrs. White, the astronaut's widow, was accompanied by Lt. James White, Air Force, Ed's younger brother, her children, Eddie and Bonnie, her mother, Mrs. Opal Finegan and a brother, Cliff. The funeral party also

included Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Edward H. White, Ed's parents, a large contingent of his classmates, and representatives of NASA, and all the Services. Fellow astronauts Conrad, Stafford, Aldrin '51, Armstrong, Lovell, and Borman '50, were honorary pallbearers. Astronaut James McDivitt attended Mrs. White during the services.

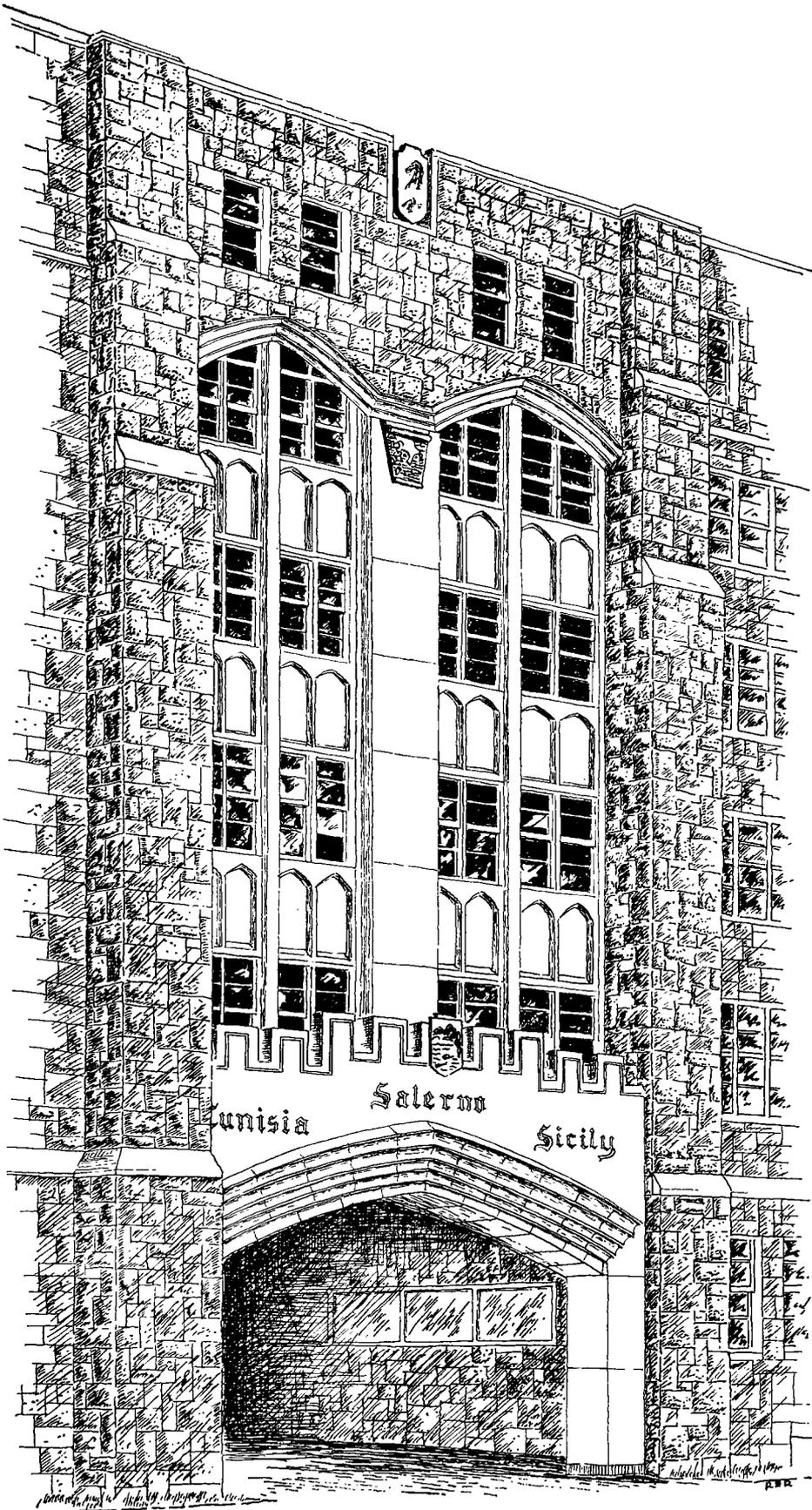
A choral group from the Cadet Glee Club sang at the funeral services in the chapel, and a cadet color guard represented the Corps at the graveside ceremony. The USMA Band and an honor guard from the 57th M.P. Company led the procession from the chapel to the burial site. Three jet aircraft flew low over the mourners in the traditional formation that leaves one space open in tribute to the departed comrade.

For his final resting place, in the bosom of his alma mater, Astronaut Ed White was buried between the late Maj. Gen. William D. Connor, USMA 1897, 36th Superintendent of the Academy, and Maj. Gen. George Washington Goethals, USMA 1880, builder of the Panama Canal. Thus he joins two of his distinguished predecessors in the Long Gray Line.

Ed's parents, General and Mrs. White, have asked the Association to acknowledge for them the thousands of letters and telegrams they have received from classmates and friends. They are deeply appreciative of these expressions of sympathy, but feel it will be several months before they can attend to all the answers personally.

At the time of his visit to the Academy in October 1965, Ed White gave the small flag and the medallion he carried with him on his GEMINI IV flight as mementos to his alma mater. Then First Captain Norman Fretwell accepted the gifts on behalf of the Academy.

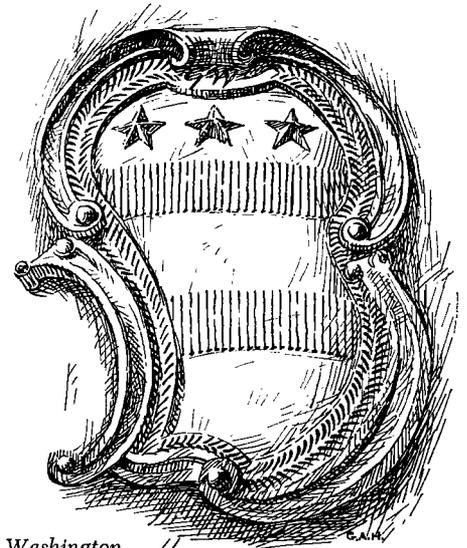




artist's rendering of Salerno sallyport



Salerno



Washington
Coat of Arms



Corregidor

Classic Symbols . . .



Normandy



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WILL ORNAMENT THE EXTERIOR OF THE NEW BARRACKS

by LIEUTENANT COLONEL VICTOR CUNEO

Illustrations by GLEN HEBERLING and ROBERT ROSENBERGER

GOING on concurrently with the work of construction on the new Washington Hall-Barracks complex is the design and installation of the many architectural embellishments that will give added meaning to this largest and most impressive of the Academy's new buildings.

The two barracks currently under construction will bear façade embellishments paying tribute to our soldiers who fought in Europe, Africa, and the Pacific during World War II and in Korea. Embellishments on the wing of barracks extending to the east toward the Clock Tower honor the officers and men who fought in Europe and Africa; those on the wing extending to the north honor those who fought in the Pacific and Korea.

No change is indicated in the designation of Washington Hall whose new exterior embellishments will continue to relate to the first President, the nation, and the Military Academy.

Retaining the architectural motif of the original section of the building, the new Washington Hall façade will feature a massive sculpture of the Great Seal of the United States at the top center. Beneath that will appear the classic Pallas Athena helmet and sword grouping, and still lower down, the Washington coat of arms. Encircling the latter will be six sculptures representing the genius of George Washington—as soldier, administrator, planter, surveyor, statesman, and diplomat. The Academy's motto, "Duty, Honor, Country" will be centered above the main entrance.

Arranged within the limestone arch over the main door will be sculptures of the flowers associated with the original thirteen colonies and the flowers of England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, and Holland, the countries from which most of the first colonists came to America in search of freedom. The colonial flowers will be repeated in the archways over the two doors leading into the side wings of the mess hall.

The words Washington Hall, incised into the limestone in gothic letters, will be located immediately above the front center doorway along with the dates 1925 and 1965, the former marking the date when construction began on the original Washington Hall, and the latter, the date when

construction on the new extension began. The dates 1778 and 1802 will be inscribed above the arches of the two front doors adjacent to the main entrance—1778 for the year West Point was first established as a fortified post, and 1802, the year the Academy was founded.

In keeping with long tradition at West Point and with utilitarian design, each of the barracks wings features sallyports, and it is around these that most of the barracks embellishments have been grouped. Each sallyport bears the name of a major battle or area of operations; the sallyports in the east wing, for example, have been designated Normandy, Bastogne, and Salerno; the three in the north wing, Corregidor, Leyte, and Inchon. In addition, two more significant place names are to be incised in each sallyport archway, e.g., Luzon and Bataan will be included with Corregidor; and Tunisia and Sicily will appear with Salerno.

FINALLY, the shoulder patches of SHAEF and GHQ will be featured in large limestone sculptures on the end walls of the east and north wings, respectively.

It is appropriate to note in this description of the ornamentation that will give added elegance to these buildings, that credit must go to many individuals and agencies for the help they gave in arriving at the final selections. As Director of the Expansion Planning and Control Office throughout the planning and construction stages, Col. C. R. Broshous had overall responsibility for coordinating the development of the embellishments. Others who contributed suggestions and ideas incorporated in the finally adopted plan of embellishments were the various members of the Staff and Faculty of the Academy, professional architects, and Brigadier General L. E. Schick, former Head of the Department of Military Topography and Graphics. The sculpture work is being done by Mr. Austin Purves.

While these new symbols will be clearly visible from the Plain, it is of special interest to note that the striking exterior ornamentation of the original section of Washington Hall will be retained. It will not be visible, however, except from inside the dining hall or from the newly created courtyard above it.



Looking north and west—
the new, forward section of
Washington Hall (left), and the north
wing of the new barracks.



Granite facing work
on the east wing of barracks
proceeds on schedule in
spite of adverse winter weather.

Sculpture and stonework is
on hand and ready for
installation in Salerno sallyport.



*expansion
file...*

Former A-2 file, John R. Shelter '54, emerges from his Montclair (N.J.) printing business from time to time to work on projects on behalf of a friend, a classmate, or his alma mater.

At its 6 December luncheon honoring the Academy's All-American football players the West Point Society of New York more than met its two objectives. It did something more—it raised \$8,000 for a worthy cause.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

by JOHN SHELTER '54



1. TO PROVIDE AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH GRADUATES AND FORMER CADETS MAY RENEW FRIENDSHIPS AND STRENGTHEN PREVIOUS TIES.

OBJECTIVES:

2. TO PROVIDE AN ORGANIZATION THROUGH WHICH GRADUATES AND FORMER CADETS MAY COOPERATE TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE AND PRINCIPLES OF THEIR ALMA MATER.

the ALL-AMERICA

Fund chairman Baughan '50 (standing) chats with Glenn Davis '47 while Felix Blanchard '47 (left) muses on "other days on other fields." The legendary Messrs. Inside & Outside started ARMY on its longest winning streak—25 victories spanning three seasons under Blaik, 1944-1946.



Two of ARMY's great centers, John J. McEwan Apr '17 (left) and Edgar W. Garbisch '25, contribute prized autographs.



Astronaut Aldrin '51 receives warm welcome. At left is master of ceremonies, Frank Gifford.



Merton Singer '38, president of the New York chapter, welcomes Astronaut Ed Aldrin '51.



Bennett '40 (right) catches up on the Far East situation with Carpenter '60 (left) and Pete Dawkins '59.

THE West Point Society of New York was host to over 500 alumni and friends at a special sports luncheon held at the Hotel Americana in Manhattan at noon on 6 December. The unusual event, centering around twenty of the Academy's gridiron stars of the last fifty years, attracted the attention of the news media in New York City and was featured on two of the City's major television networks.

Alumni from Danford '04 to Heiberg '61 converged on the city from all corners of the country and from as far away as Vietnam for the special luncheon. (See box for list of ARMY all-Americans attending.)

Also noteworthy was the wide range of the attending graduates' affiliations in the civilian community—from AVCO to Xerox, the New York State Athletic Commission, the *Reader's Digest*, Seton Hall University, and the Academy of Aeronautics. The unusually large luncheon group also included many who are on active duty in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Planning for this special affair was triggered by General C.V.R. Schuyler, President of the Association of Graduates, who had written to all West Point Societies:

"As you are well aware, there are many top-level young men who are motivated to attend the Military Academy. These men possess the necessary physical and leadership requisites to be outstanding cadets and officers, but they need additional academic work in order to meet the Academy's high entrance requirements, or to be able to cope with its demanding curriculum.

"To this end, the Delafield Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. was established in 1948.

"I am asking each West Point Society to assist in raising funds for this important cause . . . I would personally like to see each Society take upon itself the support of one or more boys each year."

Actually, the requirement outlined by General Schuyler was not a new one to the New York Society. As early as 5 January 1965, following a talk to the Society's Board of Governors by "Red" Reeder '26, explaining the purpose of the Fund, Merton Singer '38, president of the Society, appointed Baughan '50 chairman of the New York Chapter's Delafield Memorial Scholarship Committee.

But it was the more recent Schuyler letter that generated the idea of the fund-raising luncheon. Eisenhower '15, readily accepted an invitation to serve as honorary chairman, and further impetus to the planning came from Clay June '18, Blaik '20, and Saltzman '25, all of whom continue to be solidly behind the Delafield concept.

Because of the unusual status of the Service Academy—a federally supported institution—support for prospective students such as that provided by the Delafield Fund must be completely divorced from the Academy itself. Such a fund, however, does provide an ideal means through which interested alumni can enhance the prestige of their alma mater.

CBS sportscaster Frank Gifford served as master of ceremonies and established a quick and warm rapport with the luncheon guests. The inimitable Harry Hershfield provided entertainment, and Academy Superintendent, General Bennett '40, and Coach Tom Cahill spoke briefly.

ASSEMBLY

LUNCHEON



Monsignor Moore counsels Glenn Davis '47.



John O'Reilly of the Americana Hotel staff.



Y. A. Tucker '47 (left) Doug Kenna, Adair, and Reynoldson (all '45), talk over the list of guests.



Pete Dawkins (left) with Coach Tom Cahill.



All-Americans all, (l. to r.) guard Summerfelt '33, center Garbisch '25, end Charles Born '28, and tackle "Bud" Sprague '29.



Society secretary John Shelter '54 (right) picks up signed helmet from "lonely end" Carpenter. Helmets were sold at auction later.

A HIGHLIGHT of the luncheon was the showing of a series of film sequences featuring ARMY's all-Americans in action. Made available through the courtesy of Capka & Co. of West Point, the film was compiled from miles of footage long preserved in the AAA archives, and recalled many happy memories of ARMY grid victories over the years.

A surprise visitor, who only recently brought new fame to the Academy as one of the very few men in the world to "walk" in space, was Astronaut Ed Aldrin '51, partner in the last of the GEMINI flights. The fifth West Pointer to travel in space, the modest Aldrin spoke from personal experience about the importance of physical stamina to the leader and the role that athletics plays in developing that all-important quality.

The success of the New York Chapter's Delafield Program is due not only to the imagination of the Board of Governors but also to the wholehearted enthusiasm and support of the entire membership. The recent luncheon stands out as an example of what a small group of alumni can accomplish when they work together toward a common, worthwhile goal.

The present officers of the West Point Society of New York are: M. Singer '38, president; C.L. Reynoldson '45, treasurer; and J.R. Shelter '54, secretary. C.W. Clapsaddle '40, is membership chairman, Philip Toon '44, is chairman of the outstanding candidates committee, Harold Walker Jan '43, placement committee, John Roosma '26, resolution committee, Theodore F.G. Adair '45, program committee, and John J. Baughan '50, is chairman of the scholarship committee.

To date, the New York Society has raised almost \$10,000

GUESTS OF HONOR

Name	Pos.	Years	Home or Sta.
John McEwan '17	C	'14	New York City
Edgar Garbisch '25	C	'22, '24	New York City
Charles Born '28	E	'25	Dallas, Texas
Mortimer Sprague '29	T	'26, '27	New York City
Milton Summerfelt '33	G	'32	McLean, Va.
Felix Blanchard '47	FB	'44, '45, '46	Washington, D.C.
Glenn Davis '47	HB	'44, '45, '46	Los Angeles, Calif.
Edgar Kenna '45	QB	'44	New York City
Albert Nemetz '46	T	'45	Colo. Spgs., Colo.
Arnold Tucker '47	QB	'46	Kennedy S. C., Fla.
Joseph Steffy '49	G	'47	Newburgh, N. Y.
Arnold Galiffa '50	QB	'49	Chicago, Ill.
J. Daniel Foldberg '51	E	'50	West Point, N. Y.
Elmore Stout ex-'52	C	'50	South River, N. J.
Thomas Bell '55	HB	'54	Northford, Conn.
Ralph Chesnauskas '56	G	'54	Brockton, Mass.
Robert Anderson '60	HB	'57, '58	New York City
Peter Dawkins '59	HB	'58	West Point, N. Y.
Robert Novogratz '59	G	'58	Mt. Clemens, Mich.
William Carpenter '60	E	'59	Vietnam

for the Delafield Fund. The Society plans to make a formal presentation of the money to Blaik, chairman of the Delafield Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc., with appropriate ceremony at the Founders Day dinner to be held in New York City on 18 March.

Our latest man in orbit carries on the space tradition of White, Borman, Scott, and Collins.

USMA's 5th Spaceman on Final Gemini Flight



Aldrin, completely suited up, during docking exercises.

WHEN Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin '51 and his GEMINI 12 partner, Navy Captain Jim Lovell brought their spacecraft down within television camera range of the carrier *Wasp* on 15 November 1966, that signalled the end of the U.S. GEMINI program. It was the fifth time in the ten manned GEMINI flights that West Pointer-Astronauts had been members of the spacecraft crews.

The 4-day flight of GEMINI 12 that included a rendezvous and docking mission with an orbiting AGENA and a tethered-vehicle station-keeping exercise, also saw the establishment of another significant space record: in the course of the flight Aldrin had spent more than 5½ hours in the raw environment outside an orbiting spacecraft. He set this mark during the two periods when he stood in the open hatch and during his 2-hour and 9-minute "walk" at the end of his 25-foot tether. Especially noteworthy was Aldrin's accomplishment of his walk and his several assigned "outside" duties without experiencing the difficulties that had hampered his predecessors. Anticipating the tasks that future astronauts would have to perform outside their craft, the busy Aldrin completed a series of 17 assignments that included such practical functions as turning bolts, cutting cables, and plugging in electrical connections.

Among his other tasks "outside," were several picture-taking missions. During one of these, while passing 184 miles over the Space Center at Houston, cameraman Aldrin gave instructions to his ground communicator, "Get everybody smiling down there." His cooperative friend below quipped back, "We're smiling."

Throughout all of his extra-vehicular activities, Aldrin, who had written his doctoral dissertation on space technology while at M.I.T., rested frequently, a procedure which allowed him to carry out his assignments without the heavy sweating and fogging of his helmet vizor that had plagued other "walking" astronauts.

Less technical than his other "outside" missions was Aldrin's release into space of two nylon pennants: one reading "Nov. 11—Vet's Day" commemorated the day the flight began, and the other, "Go Army, Beat Navy" was the Army man's traditional pre-Navy game salute to his alma mater's football team.

The 37-year-old Aldrin is married to the former Joan Archer and has three children: James, 11, Janice, 9, and Andrew, 8. The family lives near the Manned Space Center in Houston.

A sixth West Pointer, Al Worden '55, has joined the newest group of astronauts.



The radiation dosimeter makes it possible for the astronauts to measure ultraviolet radiation from inside the spacecraft. Aldrin uses the dosimeter during pre-flight exercises at Kennedy Space Center.



GEMINI 12 pilot Edwin E. Aldrin (right) and command pilot James A. Lovell Jr., study flight plans at Kennedy Space Center.

There were many opportunities for students to put their questions personally to panel members. Professor Smithies clarifies a point for a coed conferee at an informal reception in Grant Hall following a panel session.



MAJOR THOMAS E. CARPENTER III, '58, was executive secretary for SCUSA XVIII. He teaches comparative political systems and international relations in the Department of Social Sciences. He received his M.A. and M.A.L.D. degrees at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and is currently a doctoral candidate at that institution.

SCUSA XVIII

A cadet reception committee was on hand to greet arriving delegates at the Thayer Hotel. There were special words of welcome for these midshipmen whose football team had bowed to ARMY in Philadelphia only five days before.



ON 30 November 200 young college men and women converged on West Point for what has come to be one of the most prestigious student conferences in the country. Well known in academic circles as West Point's Student Conference on United States Affairs, this annual 4-day event, often referred to simply as SCUSA, enjoys an ever-increasing reputation on the American collegiate scene. Ninety-six colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada were represented for this, the 18th annual conference, which focused its attention on "New Dimensions in Foreign Policy."

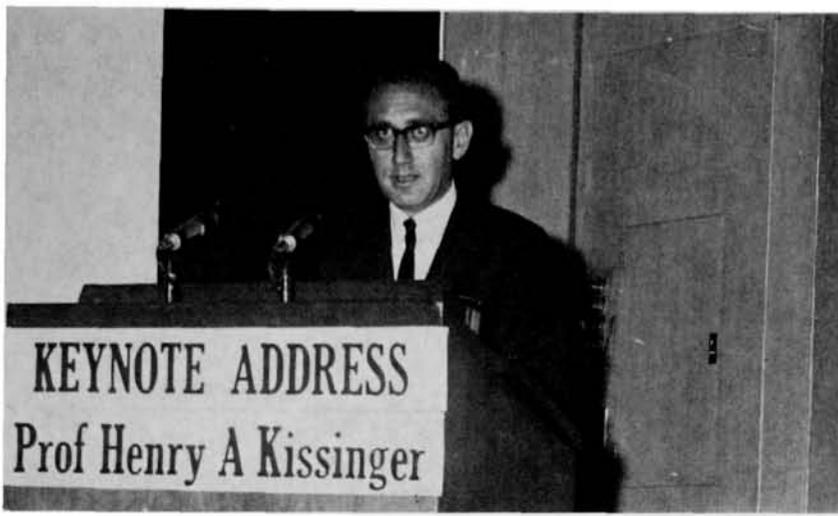
The purposes of the conference, unchanged since its inception in 1949, are: (1) to examine and discuss the national security policy of the U.S.; (2) to provide an outstanding group of college students with an appreciation of the complexities of government policy formulation; and (3) to broaden students' contacts with their contemporaries in an academic endeavor.

Setting the tone for SCUSA XVIII was the distinguished author and Harvard professor, Henry A. Kissinger, who delivered the keynote address on Wednesday evening, 30

November. With characteristic brilliance, Professor Kissinger contrasted the role of the policymaker with that of the critic who is happily free from responsibility for the consequences of his views.

"For the policymaker [in foreign affairs], the most anguishing problem is that truth or falsehood can be learned only after it is too late to make a decision."

The first of two panel discussions was held on Wednesday evening to delineate issues and to heighten student interest. This panel, chaired by Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, discussed "Challenges to United States Foreign Policy." Mrs. Elspeth D. Rostow, wife of presidential advisor Walt W. Rostow and herself a college professor, discussed the political challenges. Professor Arthur Smithies, Rhodes Scholar and Harvard economist, dealt with the economic challenges. And Major General D.V. Bennett, USMA Superintendent, addressed himself to the military challenges. It was the first time that an Academy Superintendent had accepted such a participating role in this annual conference.



Professor Kissinger set the tone for SCUSA XVIII.

focuses on new dimensions IN FOREIGN POLICY



Panelist Bennett was kept busy answering questions at a post-panel reception. Brig. Gen. Zais (left) was a Department of the Army observer at the conference. He has one son who is a Yearling in the Corps; another serving in Vietnam.

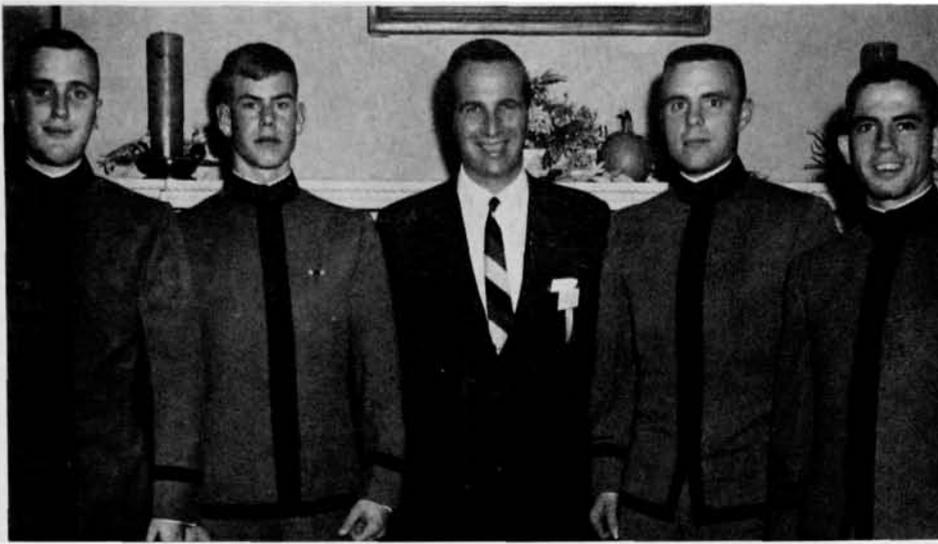
The second panel discussed "Problems in the Formulation and Execution of Policy" on Thursday evening. This group, under the chairmanship of Colonel George A. Lincoln, Professor and Head of the Academy's Department of Social Sciences, was composed of men who, by past and present experience, were well qualified to develop the complexities of the policy-making process. Mr. Ernest K. Lindley, special assistant to the Secretary of State, drew on his 45 years of experience as a journalist to discuss the panel topic from the perspective of the press and the public. Professor Charles Burton Marshall, research associate with the Washington Center of Foreign Policy Research, and one-time political advisor of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, developed the executive aspects of the topic. And Congressman Ogden R. Reid, the one man in Congress with ambassadorial experience, gave a thoughtful analysis of the role that Congress can play in the formulation and execution of U.S. foreign policy. In the course of the discussion generated by this panel there was often sharp disagreement on specific, current, policy questions, but the panel and the audience did seem to find agreement

on one fundamental concept: *the grim realities of today's international environment often make policymaking the search for and selection of the least undesirable of many undesirable alternatives.*

Conferees and guests gathered in the main ballroom of the officers club for a banquet on Friday evening, 2 December. The Honorable Lincoln Gordon, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, delivered the banquet address, focusing his remarks on the effectiveness of the Alliance for Progress programs in Latin America.

Entertainment was provided by the Cadet Glee Club, and the audience responded warmly to the group's program that included such traditional songs as "The Corps," "The Army Goes Rolling Along," and "America the Beautiful."

The heart of SCUSA, as always, was the round-table discussion group, where each student acted as a member of a committee charged with analyzing the problems and policies relating to one of the following critical areas of the world: Africa south of the Sahara, China-Southeast Asia, Latin America, South Asia, the North Atlantic, and the U.S.S.R.-Eastern Europe. Under the guidance of round-



Congressman Ogden Reid, of New York's Westchester County, took this opportunity to visit with his four appointees in the Corps. L. to r.: Siegesmund, R.O., Stall, C.M., Congressman Reid, Donaldson, J.M., and Cochran, J.H.

table chairmen and advisors, men and women invited from colleges, universities, and private or governmental agencies concerned with foreign policy, each such student committee produced a final report on its findings. At the luncheon which terminated the conference on Saturday, 3 December, students, representing one round-table on each of the geographical areas, presented oral summaries of the major findings of their groups. The high quality of these presentations—in content and in delivery—reflected the seriousness with which these young men and women approached their tasks.

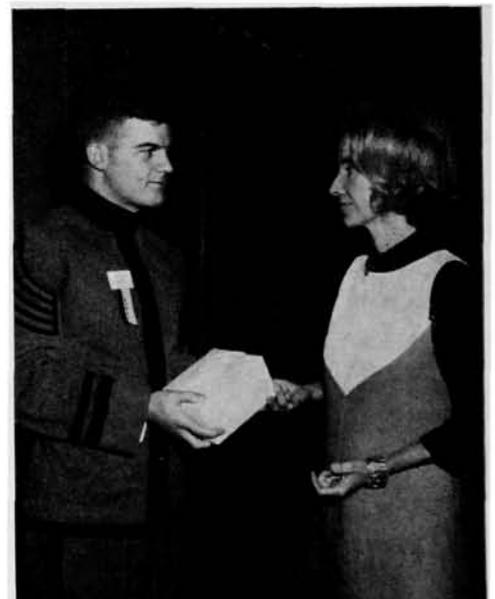
While this student conference continues to reflect favorably on the entire Military Academy, it is at the same time an important educational activity for a sizable group of cadets. More than 100 cadets engaged in the two-month series of seminars necessary for participation in the conference. Of these, 48 were selected to be conferees or recorders at the round-tables. Fifty more cadets gained valuable experience while working on the committees charged with administering the conference. Two of the cadet conferees subsequently appeared with five of the visiting students on the nationally televised program "Dorothy Gordon Youth Forum." For all participating cadets, SCUSA is probably the most stimulating and challenging educational experience they have encountered in their short careers.

The contribution of the three cadets in each round-table group and the skill of the cadet staff in organizing and conducting the conference was the subject of favorable comment by many of the distinguished guests and senior advisors.

For West Point and West Pointers, SCUSA brings a less definable but no less real dividend—it is a vehicle for the promotion of greater understanding and mutual respect between young people who are destined to work together as the country's military and civilian leaders.

“. . . One must admit that one of the important currencies of a major country is its reputation for reliability.”

KISSINGER

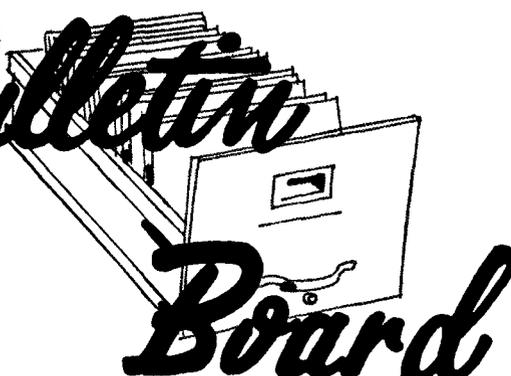


Mrs. Elspeth D. Rostow receives a memento of her appearance as a SCUSA panelist from Cadet Chairman Cates.

“To be sure, many papers get written projecting a 10-year vision, but most frequently what they do is project the familiar into the future.”

KISSINGER

Bulletin Board



AOG Salutes ARMY's Coach-of-the-Year

Voicing the universal opinion of the membership, the Association of Graduates anticipated the formal recognition of football coach Tom Cahill as Coach-of-the-Year by several weeks. West Pointers everywhere were outspoken in their praise of this man who spurred ARMY's 1966 squad to such a splendid effort.

As a lasting memento of his highly successful season, the Association features Coach Cahill on the cover of this issue. In keeping with his own wishes, he is surrounded by the young men he will be missing most as he makes his plans for the 1967 season—the players he will lose at graduation. Reading clockwise from the left they are: Thomas A. Schwartz, John D. Montanaro, Donald W. Dietz, Cahill, Claude P. Herman, Mark R. Hamilton, David P. Rivers, C. Robert Meyer, Henry M. Uberecken, Dean Hansen, David L. Baggett, Townsend S. Clarke, Michael J. Neuman, David D. Horton (left center), Robert J. Nolan.

New West Point Societies Formed

The Association is proud to report the formation of two more West Point Societies—in Venezuela and at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey—bringing the total to 62.

In his letter to Alumni Secretary Brown, Jose Joaquin Jimenez '33, president of the Venezuela Society, said that his small group included permanent residents of Venezuela as well as graduates on duty at the U.S. Embassy. Among the goals the Society sets for itself, President Jimenez outlines the primary one.

"We believe we can contribute to the mission of West Point by attempting to encourage well-qualified Venezuelan youths to be candidates for admission as foreign cadets. Venezuela, like all the other Latin American countries, has a quota of two foreign cadets at West Point but has been unable to fill the spaces for the past five or six years. We feel it is important that a few of the officers of the Venezuelan army be West Point graduates and thus be instilled with a strong sense of duty, honor, and dedication to democratic and constitutional government."

President Jimenez concludes: "Please be assured that we will constantly be striving to support West Point and the Association of Graduates, and to bring before the people and the armed forces of Venezuela, the ideals, standards, and dedication to duty that so typify the graduates of West Point."

Miguel A. Bethencourt '53 is vice president and Vance S. Brown Jr., '50 is secretary-treasurer of the Society. Jimenez gives as his address: Box 904, Caracas, Venezuela.

Under the broad designation "West Point Society of Central Jersey," the newly formed Fort Monmouth group brings together more than 60 graduates on active duty or retired and living in that general area.

Van Deusen G.L. '09, Houser G.M. '57, Callahan L.G.

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

the spring issue by — 27 March

the summer issue by — 15 June

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.

Jr., '44, and Kenny E.A. '30 are reported as being president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer respectively.

Graduates living in the area may establish contact with the Society through Col. Leslie G. Callahan Jr., 20 Carty Avenue, Fort Monmouth, N.J. 07703.

Get Well—By Orders!

Among the many well-wishers who sent words of encouragement to J. D. Billingsley '28, Professor and Head of the Department of Ordnance, during his recent hospitalization was one of the young instructors assigned to his department. The junior officer (unidentified) wrote:

"There are many more. . . .
parties to be attended, women to be enchanted,
spirits to be consumed, cadets to be educated,
officers to be trained, Supe's to be advised,
speeches to be made, plaques to be received,
articles to be written, meetings to be attended,
ARMY-Navy games to be won, and impertinent
youngsters to be admonished, so. . . .

Get Well

and

GET BACK ON THE JOB!"

Academy to Honor Deceased Instructor-Coaches

For the thousands of graduates to whom the names Pop Jenkins and Billy Cavanaugh bring warm memories, June Week 1967 will be a special occasion. In honor of their long-time services as Academy instructor-coaches, portraits of the two men will be hung in the gymnasium outside the "arenas" where so many learned the art of self-defense: Jenkins' near the wrestling room, and Cavanaugh's near the boxing room.

The formal acceptance of the head-and-shoulder portraits by artist Everett R. Kinstler culminates a project begun in 1961 when the Office of Physical Education established the Jenkins-Cavanaugh Memorial Fund. The contributions of hundreds of friends—and the West Point Superintendent's Fund—since that time made the commissioning of the two portraits possible.

It will be the rare graduate, exposed to the unique Jenkins' style during the period 1905-1948 when he "commanded" Academy wrestling, who will have forgotten the classic Jenkins' philosophy, summed up in his words "There ain't no holt that can't be broke."

Boxers and non-boxers among the graduates will also be reminded of their exposure to Billy Cavanaugh and his strident plebe boxing class command: "To the left." Billy was "king" of the Academy ring from 1918 to 1948. Some who passed through Billy's domain over that 30-year span may even be willing to admit they had some sense knocked into their heads during those morning sessions presided over by ring-wise and plebe-wise Billy.

Thomas Jenkins, of Bedford, Ohio, died on 19 June 1957; William J. Cavanaugh, of Lawrence, Mass., died on 7 August 1959.

Carhart '66 Commissioned in Infantry

In April First Classman Thomas M. Carhart III, looked death in the face and would have succumbed except for an heroic rescue. In December Infantry Lieutenant Carhart talks of an early assignment to Vietnam. Present for Carhart's postponed commissioning ceremony was the young, Mahopac, N.Y., volunteer fireman who saved his life eight months before. As a token of the occasion Lt. Carhart presented his cadet saber to 23-year-old Lawrence Susi, the man who made the day possible.



Mr. Lawrence Susi receives a cadet saber from Lt. Thomas M. Carhart '66 following Carhart's December commissioning ceremony. Susi, a native of Mahopac, N.Y., through quick and knowledgeable action, administered first aid at the scene of an automobile accident to save Carhart's life in April 1966.



Army Nurses Diane Williams (left) and Judy Svercheck, who cared for the injured Cadet Carhart during his months as a patient in the hospital at West Point, were on hand for the pinning-on-the-gold-bars ceremony when the fully recovered Carhart received his commission in December.

Carhart's and Susi's paths first crossed on a late April 1966 day when Carhart lay close to death following an automobile accident at Bear Mountain Bridge near West Point. At that moment, Susi, a member of the Mahopac rescue squad, happened to be passing, saw the injured Carhart, and through mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and first aid kept him alive until the doctor and ambulance arrived on the scene.

Hero Susi was invited to spend a day at West Point early in June as the guest of the Superintendent. In addition to lunching with the men of Carhart's company, Susi received a specially prepared Certificate of Citation from General Bennett who praised him for his "prompt analysis and expert action" that saved Carhart's life. Among the assembled guests for the June ceremony were Carhart's parents, Col. and Mrs. T. M. Carhart.

Cadet Exposure to Computers Expanded

Academic Year 1965-66 was a year of continuing explosive growth for computer use within the academic program. The number of problems solved tripled again, and for the first time exceeded 100,000 during the 9-month

academic year. The Computer Center's remote-terminal (time-sharing) system came into operation to make computer facilities available in any classroom or laboratory where a telephone line was available to connect a teletypewriter terminal back to the Computer Center. Academic departments outside the Math-Science-Engineering areas became increasingly interested in computer activities. The Department of English is involved in a major research project using the computer to prepare a concordance of the works of William Faulkner, and the Department of Social Sciences was the first department to use the remote terminals for in-class instruction.

The core curriculum coverage of computers was expanded and now includes FORTRAN language programming in the second semester of plebe year in addition to computer fundamentals taught in the first semester. Core curriculum requirements for computer programming and use in upperclass courses also increased dramatically.

Outside the core curriculum, a particularly significant new elective course, Computer Science Fundamentals, was introduced using as its text Macmillan & Gonzales *Systems Analysis—A Computer Approach to Decision-Making*.

A number of new staff and faculty courses were also initiated including use of both television and programmed instruction techniques.

Homecoming 1967

Homecoming 1967 will include all the essential ingredients of the most successful 1966 model, with one noteworthy exception: travel orders have been cut on the weatherman and they will be come effective 30 October if he can't produce a better Saturday than last year.

Homecoming Weekend will run from Friday, 27 October through Sunday, 29 October. The 5-year reunion classes will be '52, '57 and '62. ARMY's worthy gridiron opponent for the occasion will be Stanford University. May the best (ARMY) team win. A spirited win will help to add to the spirits afterward.

The schedule of events will closely parallel the 1966 program.

Friday	1200	Alumni Headquarters opens—1st floor, Cullum Hall.
27 October	1530	Football (150 lb.): ARMY vs. Columbia; ARMY Plebes vs. Syracuse freshmen.
	1600	Soccer: ARMY vs. Brown; ARMY Plebes vs. Bridgeport freshmen.
	1700	Reunion Class picnics and dinners.
	2030	Band Concert—South Auditorium, Thayer Hall.
	2130-2400	Old Grads' Night—Benny Havens Room, West Point Army Mess.
Saturday	0830-1030	Optional Open Houses and selected briefings.
28 October	0945	Board of Trustees Meeting—WPAM.
	1030	Assembly for march to Thayer Monument. (In case of rain, ceremony will be held in South Auditorium of Thayer Hall.)
	1100	Alumni Ceremony at Thayer Monument.
	1130	Alumni Review—the Plain.
	1200	Alumni Luncheon—WPAM. (Informal buffet).
	1400	Football: ARMY vs. Stanford at Michie Stadium.
	1700	Reunion Class cocktail parties.
	2000	Alumni Dinner followed by Superintendent's Reception and Alumni Dance—all at Washington Hall.
Sunday	0900-1200	Religious services.
29 October	1300	Class luncheons—WPAM.
	1600	Alumni Headquarters closes.

The West Point Superintendent's Fund

Contributions in amounts of \$1,000 or more to the West Point Superintendent's Fund have resulted in the addition of the following entries to the major donor plaque in the sallyport of the Administration Building:

EARL MCFARLAND '06

JOHN M. WEIKERT '23

DONALD A. PHELAN '35 In Memoriam

JAMES B. LAMPERT '36

JOHN R. WATSON '42

JOHN F. PHELAN Jan '43 In Memoriam

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A section of the major donor plaque has recently been reserved for the Corps of Cadets to accommodate those elements of the Corps wishing to make cash donations to the Fund. The first such cadet group to appear on the fund plaque is *The Pointer*, whose staff contributed from the publication's revenues to help purchase one of the rare original editions of a book of poems by one-time cadet, Edgar Allan Poe. Now on display in the USMA Library, the Poe book is tangible evidence of the Corps' interest in the fund and of its willingness to support the fund's objectives.

Physics and Chemistry Become Separate Departments

Departmental reorganizations, begun in 1965 for the purpose of consolidating all instruction in physics, were completed on 21 January 1967 with the formal creation of separate Physics and Chemistry Departments. So far as the cadets were concerned the change was administrative only for it involved no changes in the curriculum.

Col. Donald G. MacWilliams '44, former Head of the combined departments became Professor and Head of Chemistry; Col. Edward A. Saunders '46, was named Professor and Head of Physics.

Electricity Adds Motor-Generators

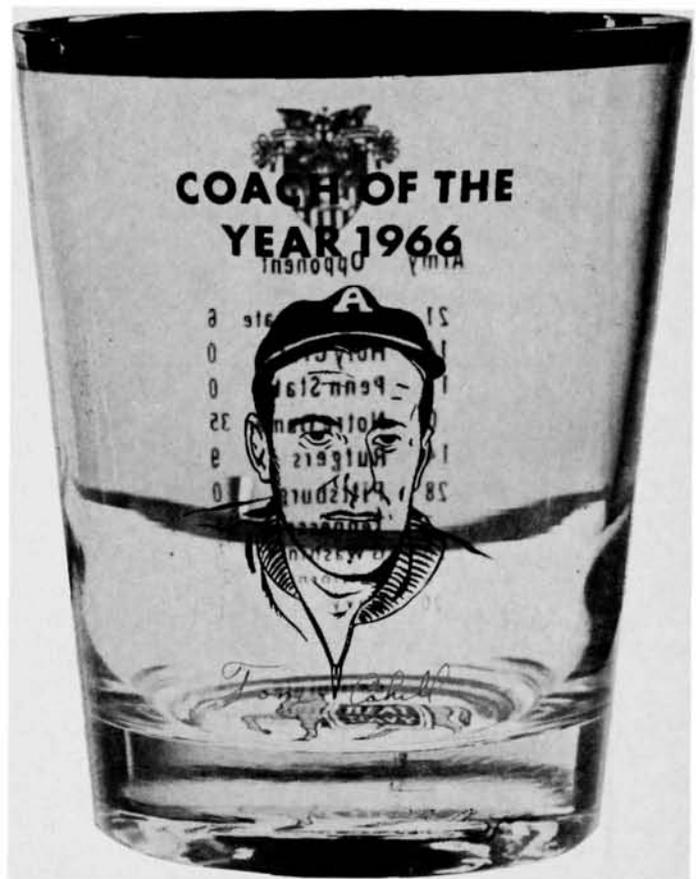
The Department of Electricity has secured two new motor-generators for use in its elective course, Electromechanical Energy Conversion. Incorporating a so-called "universal machine," the new equipment allows for all the standard electrical machine configurations as well as several new ones not previously available to cadets. Each of the new sets is mounted in a special table or bench designed by the Department and contains all the necessary auxiliary equipment that was previously distributed between two test tables and a separate resistive "stove." Now included as integral parts of the new table are: autotransformer, meter switches, starting resistors and boxes, field rheostats, variable load resistor, tachometer, strain-gauge torquemeter, and protective relay switches.

The new motor-generators now make it possible to use the more modern dynamometer method of conducting load tests instead of the old "water-throwing" Prony brake method familiar to generations of cadets. According to Col. Cutler, Head of the Department of Electricity, each of the new sets replaces three of the older machines and does so with increased efficiency.

WINTER 1967

SOUVENIR OF SUCCESS

the
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COACH
OF-THE-YEAR
glass



Designed especially for ARMY football fans who will want to recall with pleasure Tom Cahill's wonderfully successful first year as head coach at West Point. This large (15 oz.) gold-rimmed glass will handle a double anything—has a complete recap of the team's 1966 record on one side and a very good likeness of Cahill on the other. Look for the ARMY mule on the bottom.

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MA&E Offers Course For Professional Engineers

The Department of MA&E is again sponsoring a professional engineer refresher course for engineers of all branches stationed at or near West Point. Twelve men have elected to take the after-duty-hours course that will prepare them for the New York State professional engineer examinations held in February and July.

MA&E will also administer the Pennsylvania Engineer-in-Training examinations in May to interested First Classmen who are qualified.

Honors Course Cadets Face Testing Board

The comprehensive oral review before a board of officers, once a standard testing procedure at the Academy, has been reinstated for a small group of cadets in the Department of Military Art and Engineering. The 12 cadets involved, all enrolled in the Honors Course in civil engineering on a tutorial basis, appeared before the board in lieu of taking the written final review given to cadets enrolled in the standard Civil Engineering Course. Col. C.H. Schilling, Head of the Department of MA&E, prescribed the more demanding oral test in light of the greatly expanded program of study required of men in the Honors Course.

The dress gray uniform with hop shoes and white gloves, the traditional dress for the test ordeal in an earlier day, was not prescribed.

Cadet Wins Jump Trophy

One cadet horseman, representing the recently formed Cadet Riding Club, entered the fall horse show at nearby N. Y. Military Academy, and he won the blue ribbon.



Cadet Tom Watson (right) astride prize-winning jumper, Kaydet Grey.

Mounted on Kaydet Grey, Cadet Tom Watson '69, excelled in the Individual Military Jumping class in a competition that was limited to riders 18 years old and under. Watson's mount, one of seven on loan to the Riding Club, is owned by the Commandant of Cadets, Brig. Gen. R.P. Scott.

Since its organization in September 1966 as a recognized extracurricular cadet activity, membership in the club has risen to 84. Cadet John Hart '67 is the club president; Major David H. Runbough '53 is the officer in charge.

Four of the cadet debaters who teamed to win the RPI debate tournament meet with debate coach, Capt. Reginald Brown '61, for a critique of their award-winning presentation. Left to right: Cababa and Drower, winning affirmative team; Capt. Brown; Mulvey and Bussa, winning negative team. Trophies are indicative of the cadets' effectiveness at the tournament.



Cadet Debaters Excel in Tournament Competition

One of the highlights of the first half of the current collegiate debate tournament season was the *coup* scored by the USMA debating team at Troy, N. Y., in mid-December. Competing in the 7th annual Rensselaer Debate Tournament against teams from 22 other schools, the Academy's two 4-man teams won not only the tournament trophy but three individual speakers' awards as well.

Especially promising for the future, according to Major William J. Taylor, instructor in the Social Sciences Department and Director of Debate, was the fact that four of the award-winning cadets were Yearlings: Peter G. Drower, Robin R. Cababa, H.J. Von Kaenel, and Forrest Barnett. The other winners were: John J. Bussa and William L. Mulvey, both '68, and Hobart Pillsbury '67, president of the Debate Council.

In this as in all tournaments during the 1966-67 academic year, the cadets debated the national intercollegiate debate topic: "Resolved: that the U.S. should substantially reduce its foreign policy commitments." Required as they are to be fully informed on both sides of this timely national issue, cadets on the 36-man USMA Debate Council continue to win new honors for themselves and for the Academy in tournaments throughout the country.

AOG Fund Drive Alert

In April the Association of Graduates will send out its annual fund-raising letter. The letter will enlist your assistance in helping your Association to meet its annual operating expenses.

Your Association of Graduates has, during the past busy year, unstintingly supported activities of great benefit and satisfaction to alumni as well as to the Academy. To name a few:

On 16 May 1966, a bust of Sylvanus Thayer, the Father of the Military Academy, was unveiled in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans at New York University. The impressive ceremony took place in the presence of a large and distinguished group of military and civic leaders. This was the culmination of an effort by your Association which placed Thayer in the company of Lee, Grant, Jackson, and Sherman. Only 93 Americans hold this distinction.

Our annual June Week program, thanks in part to the usual perfect weather, was once more a great success. The program included the traditional Alumni ceremonies at the Thayer Monument, the Alumni Review, and the Annual Association meeting.

The presentation of the Association's annual Sylvanus Thayer Award was made in September to the Honorable Carl Vinson of Georgia, a distinguished legislator and a staunch supporter of the Army and of the Military Academy throughout his long service in the Congress.

In October a drenched but happy Homecoming crowd was on hand for class reunions and to watch an alert, well-coached ARMY team win a splendid game against Penn State—a success which foreshadowed our magnificent victory over Navy in November.

We now have 62 West Point Societies, 2 more than at this time last year. One of our new ones is in Venezuela where the organizational impetus was provided by Jimenez '33. It is gratifying to see this growing interest in our Societies. They serve to strengthen the ties among our graduates and to preserve the traditions we all cherish.

Your Association's magazine, ASSEMBLY, appeared its normal four times with continuing efforts being made to insure constant improvement. Over 100 Founders Day celebrations around the world received support; your gift shop continued to serve your needs; and there was, as always, the administrative support of Classes, class officers, and individual graduates.

All these activities require money. We tried diligently to operate on an extremely thin margin with minimum waste, and we believe we succeeded. Our gross receipts for the year: \$215,893; our gross disbursements: \$215,315.

It is our objective to continue to improve the Association's effectiveness. We can't do it without your continued support. Our aim this year is to spread our base to include the maximum number of contributors. West Pointers can surely improve on our record for calendar year 1966 when only 11.9% of our members responded with contributions. This falls far short of the average 22.7% membership response reported for 1964-65 by 1,278 colleges and universities throughout the country.

Watch for the April letter and let's 18,000-mule team this 1967 drive!

Georgia Society Assists Potential Cadet Candidates

In keeping with the Superintendent's request for assistance in identifying and assisting potential cadet candidates, the West Point Society of Fort Benning and Columbus, Ga., reports on the program that is proving to be effective in that area.

The Society president, P. E. Gallagher Jun'18, outlined his group's procedure in a letter to General Bennett.

Through one of the Society's members who is on the faculty of a local high school and through guidance counselors who have participated in USMA's Counselor Visit Program, the Society learns of prospective candidates who have demonstrated their potential to succeed as cadets. After meeting with the young men and their families the Society member asks the prospective candidate to complete a personal history questionnaire which is forwarded to the Admissions Division at West Point.

Meanwhile, a designated "appointment coordinator" within the Society advises the prospective candidate as to the procedures to be followed and the individuals to be contacted for the actual procurement of an appointment to the Academy. The Society feels it enjoys an advantage in that General Gallagher is also chairman of the West

Point Committee of the local chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army thereby providing additional opportunities for political contact for the young men seeking appointments.

Additionally, the Society benefits from its proximity to Fort Benning where a West Point Candidate Advisory Officer, with ready access to the USMA Admissions Division, is always available for advice and guidance.

BOOK REVIEW

The Story of the Spanish-American War

By Colonel Russell P. "Red" Reeder, USMA '26. Published by Duell, Sloan and Pearce, N. Y., 1966. 179 pages. Illustrations by Frederick T. Chapman. \$3.95.

Reviewed by T.E.P. BARBOUR '26, Col. USA Ret.

Lovers of dramatic episodes in American military history will rejoice over this new book by Colonel Red Reeder. This is the fourth book written by this distinguished author during 1966, an outstanding literary achievement in itself. The other three are entitled: *Three Pitchers on the Mound* (Garrard Publishing Co.), *Medal of Honor Heroes* (Random House), and *Born at Reveille* (Meredith Press).

As the bibliography reveals, intensive research has gone into this latest of Red's books, and the reader will remember not only the *Maine* but also such famous men as Lieutenant Rowan, USMA '81, and General Leonard Wood who began his professional life as a doctor, served as a contract surgeon in the West, and later became the physician at the White House. Wood is pictured as a born leader, one whose exploits won for him the Medal of Honor. Then there is General William R. Shafter, who, although he was an able and dedicated commander, learned too late not to antagonize the Fourth Estate. Told in detail are Admiral Schley's odd maneuvers and his bombardment of the escaping Spanish fleet. Teddy Roosevelt's methods of developing esprit in his Rough Riders are also revealed. Here one learns that TR had one prime concern: that his Rough Riders might be classed as second best. One also learns of Inspector General Reade's suppressed report and his exposé of the horrible conditions that existed in the U.S. Army after the campaign and on the way back to the States.

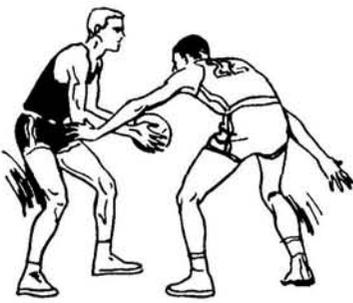
Among the other men and their stories that one will find in Red's latest book are: Major Walter Reed and the part he played in the successful fight against yellow fever; Admiral Dewey and his exploits in Manila Bay; Richmond Pearson Hobson's sinking of the collier *Merrimac* across the channel leading into Santiago Harbor; the aging but reckless, "Fighting Joe" Wheeler of Civil War fame; and many more.

With each succeeding chapter the reader gets the feeling that here is the definitive story of this controversial war supported as the incidents are by excerpts from letters and diaries to give added authenticity to each one. A readable, fast-paced account of the war.

William J. Morton Jr., former USMA Librarian, has commented on the simplicity of Colonel Reeder's language that appeals to the young as well as the adult reader. He also says of the author: "Reeder is a military and literary professional, and like every true professional he puts a tremendous amount of research and hard work into his product."

Frederick Chapman's illustrations and maps are not only excellent, but set the changing tone as events of the war unfold.

The Library Journal gives *The Story* a starred review and comments: "This [book] is . . . badly needed and well-written. . . ."



down the field...

by FRANK WALTER

THE concern expressed in this column as recently as 1963 over the declining ARMY fortunes in its sports encounters with Navy has at last been dispelled. The ARMY star is definitely on the rise.

Over the most recent 5-year period, cadets have met the midshipmen in a total of 86 contests in 17 sports—the extra event being the 1966 NCAA-sponsored post-season soccer game which ARMY won, 3-1.

In the 1963 review of the previous ten years of competition, it was noted that Navy dominated in ten of the 17 sports; ARMY had the edge in five; and two were even. That one-sided record has now been brought almost into balance as a result of ARMY's recent successes. For the 10-year period 1957-1966 the overall tally shows ARMY excelling in 5 sports, Navy excelling in 5, and 7, even.

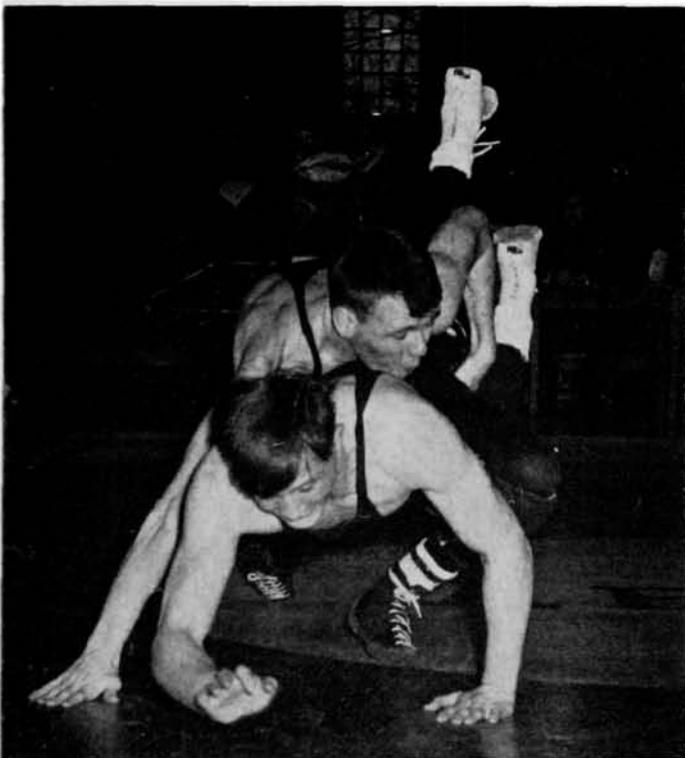
The year 1966 was an especially good year for ARMY sports—out of 18 contests (which include an extra one for the post-season soccer game) the cadets won 11, the midshipmen 6, and there was one tie.

Ten years ago (1956), when indoor track, wrestling, and 150-pound football were not yet on the program, the record read: 5 for ARMY, 8 for Navy, and one tie. The following is a summary of ARMY-Navy contests during that time:

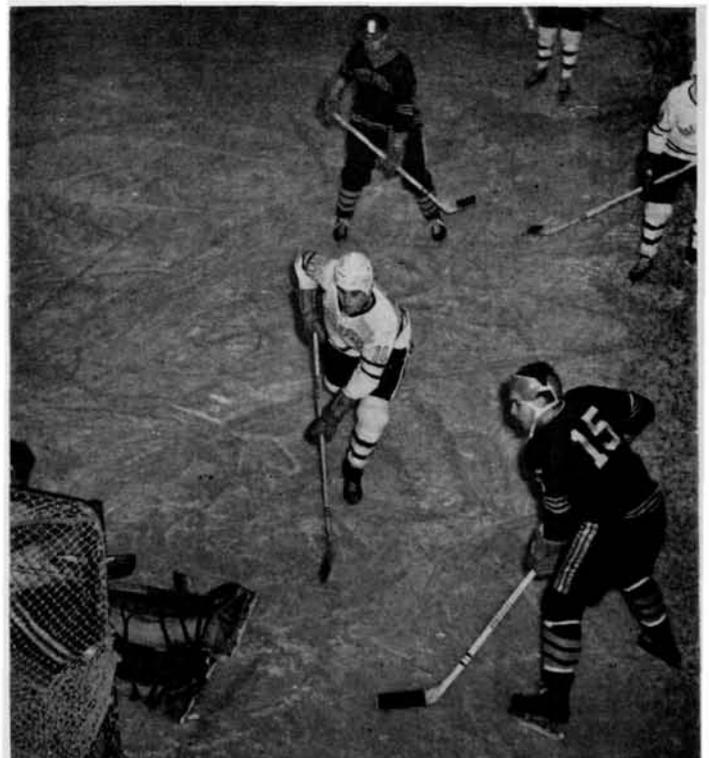
ARMY-Navy Sports Summary 1957-1966

Sport	Won by Army	Won by Navy	Tied
Basketball	5	5	
Baseball	5	5	
Cross Country	4	6	
Football, varsity	3	6	1
Football, 150-pound	5	5	
Golf	3	7	
Gymnastics	9	1	
Lacrosse	4	6	
Pistol	7	3	
Rifle	8	2	
Soccer	2	7	2
Squash	5	5	
Swimming	7	3	
Tennis	5	5	
*Track (Indoor)	6	1	
Track (Outdoor)	5	5	
Wrestling	4	4	2
Totals	87	76	5

* The two schools have only been competing since 1960.



Gary Fowler, ARMY 130-pounder (top), on the way to winning decision over Iowa's Bob Machacek. ARMY won the meet, 15-14.



Second-classman Ed Cutting (15) ARMY's leading scorer midway in the season, tallies in one-sided, 17-2 victory over Massachusetts.

Football Season a Success

The first report on 1966 football, written for the last issue, covered the first five games, after the *new* ARMY team had posted a 4-1 record. This second installment, so far as the record goes, reads the same: four wins in five games.

The two installments add up to the best ARMY grid season since 1958 when Coach Earl Blaik retired following an 8-0-1 year. The Cadets' showing for 1966 was good enough to bring Coach-of-the-Year honors to Coach Tom Cahill from three distinguished groups: the Football Writers of America, the Washington Touchdown Club, and the American Football Coaches' Association.

The team first achieved a nice degree of balance in its 28-0 win over Pittsburgh. While the offense carried the attack to the Panthers and saw to the scoring, the defense not only contained Pitt's passing and running game, but in doing so blocked a kick for a safety, intercepted three passes, and recovered a Pitt fumble. Forty-eight cadets saw action in this game.

The story of the game against Tennessee might be summed up in a few words: "too much speed and too much Dewey Warren, the Vol's great passing quarterback." ARMY came home from Memphis on the short end of a 38-7 score, but it was to be the last loss of the season.

THE 20-7 win over George Washington closed out the ARMY schedule at Michie Stadium. Quarterback Steve Lindell clicked on eight of 15 passes for 109 yards and two touchdowns. The equally effective defense limited the Colonials to ten yards rushing and 57 yards passing.

The team continued its winning ways at Berkeley where the Cadets dominated the first half, grabbed a 6-3 lead, and then spent the second half fighting off the favored Golden Bears. Again it was Lindell's passing that provided ARMY's offensive punch. He completed 16 of 21 for 190 yards, 13 out of 16 in the first half, with seven of the 13 going to his favorite target, split-end Terry Young.

The 20-7 victory over Navy in Philadelphia climaxed what had to be called a successful season. ARMY scored first on a 49-yard run by fullback Charley Jarvis only to have the Middies tie it up before the half ended. Then Lindell broke the game open with two "bombs" in the fourth quarter. The first—for 42 yards—went to Young, and the second—for 23 yards—to halfback Carl Woessner.

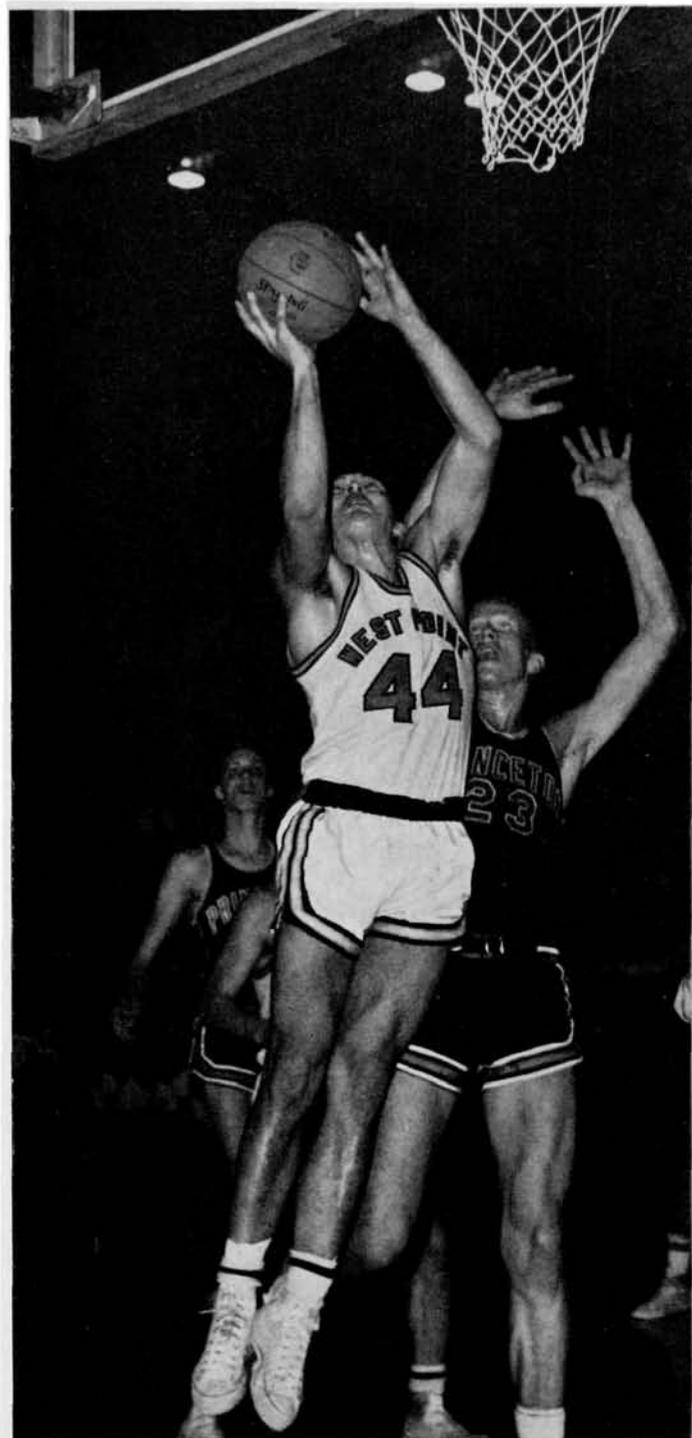
In three years of football the tables have now been completely turned. Where the men in the Corps of Cadets in 1963 had never seen their team beat Navy in football, when the 1967 season opens there won't be a cadet who has seen ARMY lose to the Middies.

THE Academy received its share of post-season honors. In addition to those tendered Cahill, linebacker-captain Townsend Clarke was picked on every all-America. Clarke and safety-man Don Dietz were named to the all-East first team, and captain-elect defensive end, Bud Neswiacheny, quarterback Lindell, and defensive tackle Tom Schwartz were named to the second team. Lindell was named the sophomore-of-the-year in eastern collegiate football, and the Associated Press's choice for back-of-the-week following his performance in the Navy game.

Soccer Goes to Nationals

For the fourth straight year, Coach Joe Palone and his soccer team fell just short of winning the national title. The Cadets went through the regular season with a 8-2-1 record, the tie coming in the final game against Navy, 1-1.

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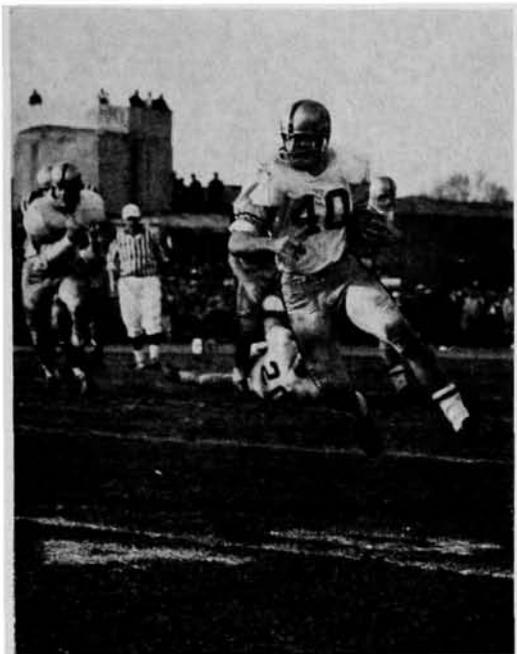
Bill Schutsky scores in game against Princeton. Tigers won, 67-63.

The record was enough for an invitation to the NCAA tournament—for the fourth successive year. In the regional elimination, ARMY beat Connecticut, 2-1, then topped Navy 3-1, two key wins, and the team traveled to Berkeley, Calif., scene of the national semi-finals. On a rainswept field, San Francisco eliminated the Cadets, 2-0, and then went on to win the title.

Still looking for its first national championship in soccer, ARMY continues to be numbered among the topflight teams in the country. Ed Milinski of Elkland, Pa., succeeds all-America Joe Casey as the soccer captain for 1967.

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1966 FALL SPORTS RESULTS



Fullback Mark Hamilton gets running room after taking a pass from Lindell in game against Navy. Final score: ARMY 20-Navy 7.

FOOTBALL

Won-8 Lost-2

	ARMY	
Kansas State	21	6
Holy Cross	14	0
Penn State	11	0
Notre Dame	0	35
Rutgers	14	9
Pittsburgh	28	0
Tennessee	7	38
George Washington	20	7
California	6	3
Navy	20	7

150-LB. FOOTBALL

Won-6 Lost-0

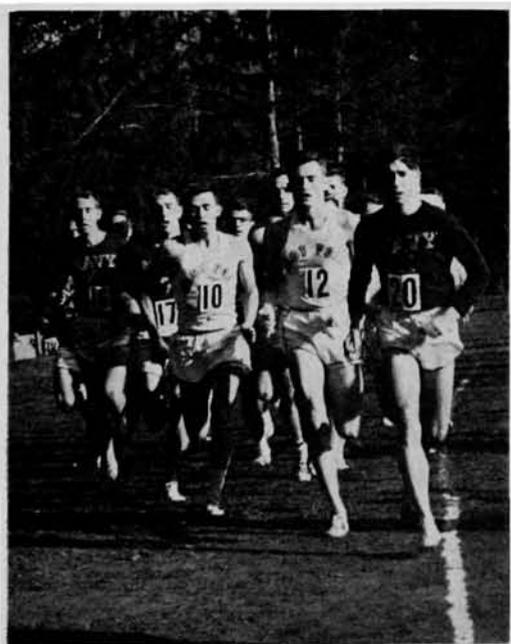
	ARMY	
Rutgers	4	0
Columbia	43	0
Navy	13	9
Cornell	25	7
Penn	48	0
Princeton	34	6

CROSS COUNTRY

Won-9 Lost-1

	ARMY	
Fairleigh-Dickinson	15	44
LeMoyne	17	44
Providence	25	34
Central Connecticut	17	42
St. John's	19	42
Manhattan	19	38
Syracuse	18	37
New York University	26	33
Cornell	20	43
Heptagonals	3d Place	
IC4A	6th Place	
Navy	33	23

Cadet and midshipman harriers are still bunched as cross-country meet gets under way at Howze Field. Navy men broke out of the pack to win, 23-33.

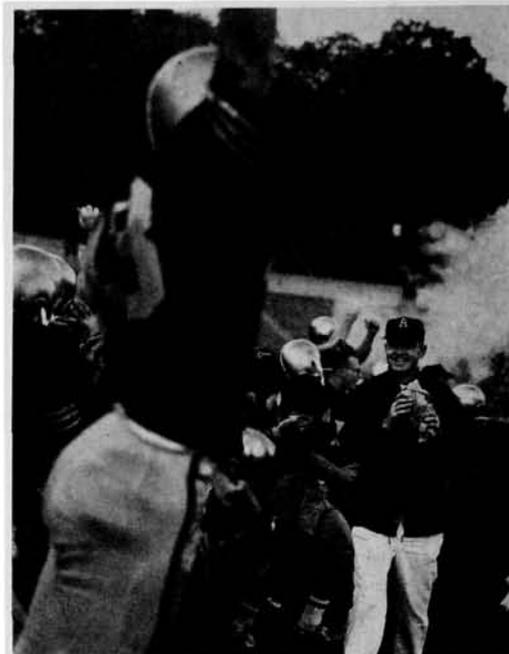


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Won-10 Lost-3 Tied-2

	ARMY	
Merchant Marine Acad.	9	0
Yale	2	2
Notre Dame	12	1
Coast Guard Acad.	10	0
Penn State	3	1
Hartwick	2	3
Brown	0	2
Seton Hall	8	0
West Chester	3	0
Maryland	6	0
Rutgers	9	1
Navy	1	1
°Connecticut	2	1
°Navy	3	1
°San Francisco	0	2

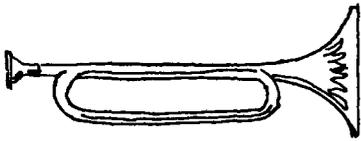
°NCAA Tournament



Smoke from cannon signals last minute score that gave ARMY 150-pound football squad a 13-9 come-from-behind victory over Navy at Michie Stadium.

ARMY's John Boretti (center, dark uniform) and John Fitzgerald (18) in action-packed game against Navy at West Point. Game ended in 1-1 tie. A week later, ARMY beat Navy 3-1 in NCAA regional contest.





REPORT



... from the
classes

'91

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following was submitted by Col. Wm. McC. Chapman who wrote from: 3000 Cormorant Rd., Pebble Beach, Calif. 93953.*

While the annual Bing Crosby National Pro-Am Golf Tournament and its accompanying stormy weather were taking place on the Monterey Peninsula, California, the following children of the Class of '91 gathered together on Friday, 20 January 1967 to honor old '91 and, particularly, Brigadier General William Jefferson Glasgow (b. 18 May 1866), now residing at 1120 Magoffin Ave., El Paso, Texas; General John Leonard Hines (b. 21 May 1868), 6200 Oregon Ave., Washington, D.C.; and the late Colonel Lewis Stone Sorley, who died last August 28th in his 100th year: Brig. Gen. George Douglas Wahl, USMA Apr '17, and his wife, Betty; Miss Gretchen Wahl; Brig. Gen. Harris Fulford Scherer, USMA '19, and his wife, Gretchen; Col. Karl Laurance Scherer, USMA '32, and his wife, Daisy; James and Barbara Mearns (he is the son of the late Brig. Gen. Robert Walter Mearns, USMA '92, who started out with '91 and was the roommate of the late Capt. William Henry Henley Chapman, USMA '91); Col. William McCaskey Chapman, USMA Aug '17, and his wife, Adaline.

Following cocktails at the Pebble Beach home of the Chapmans, the group had dinner at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club. It had been hoped that Capt. Thomas Murrell, USN Ret., and his wife, Elinor Hero, daughter of the late Maj. Gen. Andrew Hero Jr., USMA '91, could attend, but they had recently flown to Africa to visit their daughter.

Telegrams conveying cordial messages were sent to General Hines and General Glasgow, and prompt and appreciative acknowledgements came back by wire and letter.

General Hines's daughter, Mrs. Alice Hines Cleland wrote: "The telegram which came this morning from the children of '91 has pleased father more than anything that has happened to him for a long, long time. I can't remember how many times I have read it to him and each time he fairly glowed with happiness that you all thought of him and expressed it in such a lovely way. He just couldn't get over it. He says he is going to frame the telegram!" An equally happy telegram was received from General Glasgow.

'02

Col. Frederick D. Griffith Jr.
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Bell celebrated his ninetieth birthday in November. He is the first of our Class to

Our Association membership of 18,054 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

reach the magic circle. We hope to have him head the class delegation at our 65th Reunion in June.

Dockery recently made a very generous contribution to the West Point Superintendent's Fund in memory of the departed members of the Class of 1902. He still lives in his own home in Carmel, California.

Pegram left early in December for a winter in Spain. He expects to return to the United States about 8 March. He is still having trouble with his eyes and will have to have a cataract operation shortly after his return to this country.

'03

Col. Dorsey R. Rodney
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East Lansing, Mich. 48823

A note from Clark Lynn states that he has moved to a temporary home at 5101 Ridgefield Road, Bethesda, Md. 20016.

Turtle states that he and Maida spent the summer in San Antonio, which, according to him, was pleasant. I haven't the nerve to take issue with him on that! They attend concerts, lectures, and plays at Trinity University. Maida "set the record straight" by saying that she makes weekly broadcasts on the radio on national affairs, sponsored by the Patriotic Educational Committee.

John Franklin sends his regards to all the Class. He takes walks every day even though he finds distances get more tiresome as he gets older. How come? I wonder!

The Farnums flew by jet plane with their two married daughters from Boston on 19 Sept to Ireland, Edinburgh, Copenhagen, and London. They greatly enjoyed motoring and sightseeing in each country. They flew home on 10 October. They seem to really enjoy life.

Grant sounds cheerful and is full of good wishes to classmates. He gave a dinner in Washington, at which Howze was one of the guests. Max Tyler's son, Col. M.C. Tyler, Corps of Engineers, USMA 1941, retired, and on his way to Glens Falls, N.Y., for an important position, was killed in an automobile

accident. Max knows that he has the deep sympathy of all of 1903.

Colley wrote a brief note. However brief, his notes are always punctual and welcome.

Benny Ristine died on 1 Jan 1967 in the Veterans Hospital, Lake City, Fla. He had been visiting with his daughter when he suffered a severe stroke. He was buried in Crawfordsville, Ind. His daughter, Mrs. George W. Hughes, is his next of kin. She lives at 4617 Princess Anne Lane, Jacksonville, Fla. 32210.

Rodney spent Thanksgiving in Washington with his daughter, Mrs. A.F. Kleitz. While there he had lunch one day at the Army-Navy Club with Max Tyler. He and his daughter and two teenagers went to the ARMY-Navy football game in Philadelphia. The game, of course, was "tops," and the train trip from Washington to the game was the best ever—fast and clean.

There are 13 members of the Class still living, and brief notes were received from all but two of the survivors. This is a fine record, especially for us "Old Crocks." These grand old soldiers always seem cheerful and seem to "take things in their stride," which seems to bear out the old adage "The Lord tempers the wind to a shorn lamb." Not that these old guys are "shorn" nor are they "lambs," but the expression still seems apt.

'05

Brig. Gen. Arthur W. Lane
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Washington, D.C. 20008

It is still hard to get news about the Class of 1905, but yuletide messages have been helpful.

Seagrave says that his health remains good but that his eyes caused him to stay at his home in Saratoga, California, instead of making a trip East in 1966 as he had planned.

Walker has been to Europe during six of the last seven years. He plans to leave San Francisco in April for about a month in Europe and North Africa, followed by a few weeks in Provence.

Another nomad, Joe Barzynski, came to Washington shortly before Christmas for one of his periodic visits.

The card from Ned and Lucile Hanford says nothing that would indicate that their condition is other than good. I thank Ned for his complimentary reference to Class Letter Number 17.

Yank Upham's daughter Beth with her husband, the Reverend James Glassman, and two children went from their home in Laramie, Wyoming, to Dallas, Texas, for a 2-weeks' visit during the holiday season. Yank says that he is well except for arthritis of the legs but that Parkinson's disease makes it difficult for his wife to walk.

Bill Prosser says that he is having trouble in adjusting to the death of his wife which occurred at San Antonio on 14 Nov 1965,

Down the Field

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150-pounders — League Champions

An undefeated season brought ARMY the Eastern Intercollegiate Championship for the sixth time in the ten years that ARMY has been a member of the league. The big one, against Navy at Michie Stadium late in October, saw ARMY win, 13-9. Then came victories over Cornell, Penn, and Princeton, and ARMY reclaimed the trophy it relinquished in 1965.

Seven cadets were among the 22 selected for the all-League team. Linebacker and team captain, Gary Atkins, was an all-League choice during his three years of intercollegiate competition. Tackle John Throckmorton was named as the 1967 captain.

It was another big year for Coach Eric Tipton, whose baseball team had won the Eastern Intercollegiate title last spring. Tipton was also named to the Helms Foundation Football Hall of Fame for his all-America performance at Duke University in 1938.

Cross Country Has Good Season

A last-meet loss to Navy snapped a 21-meet victory string, and cross country finished the year with a 9-1 record. A healthy Jim Warner, who was sidelined during much of the season, was on hand for this critical meet but the Middies made the most of their depth. Warner led ARMY to a third place in the Heptagonals and a sixth place in the IC4A meet.

Paul DeCoursey, who also had physical problems during the 1966 season, was elected captain by his teammates although it is doubtful whether he will be available for action next fall.

Winter Program Off to Slow Start

By the end of December the nine winter teams had completed one-third of their schedules with varying success.

Coach Bob Knight is rebuilding his basketball squad after three seasons which saw ARMY reach the semi-finals of the National Invitational Tournament each year. Bill Schutsky, a Second Classman from Hillside, N.J., appears to be developing into a player of all-America caliber. The Cadets finished second in the Charlotte Invitation Tournament. They also lost in close decisions to Purdue, Ohio State, Cornell, Maryland, and Princeton. Just a few baskets in any of these games could have reversed the outcome. Basketball shows a 3-6 won-lost record at the end of the first month of competition.

Hockey started strong but ran into trouble at the St. Paul, Minn., tournament and ended the month with a 5-4 record.

but he does not plan to change his residence.

The death of Sherman Miles on 7 Oct 1966 at Beverly, Mass., was reported in the fall number of ASSEMBLY. After services at the Fort Myer chapel, interment was in the Miles mausoleum at Arlington Cemetery.

The Lanés were pleased to receive Christmas cards from: Gibson, Early, Shouse, the Rutherfords, Minna Ramsey, Anne West, Pauline McKay, and Margarethe Hotz.

'06

Col. Charles G. Mettler
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Augusta, Ga. 30904

A little while ago, before I began these Notes, I witnessed the beginning of 1967 from my window in the Miramar Hotel in Miami. The pre-dawn glow of gorgeous shining gold reached from the Atlantic horizon to the zenith. Then the great orb rose slowly out of the Gulf Stream to illuminate the cluster of lovely tropical cities that border Biscayne Bay, and now it is shining on a great mass of humanity en route to the yearly Orange Bowl spectacle and the football game. Only a small percentage of the folks pay much attention to the game, but all are eager to see and to be seen as a part of the multitude that makes the affair brilliant and colorful.

The Christmas season has filled the screen in our living room with more than a hundred cards, letters, telegrams, and pictures from classmates, widows, children's children, and friends. There isn't enough space to record their wonderful messages, but these are the highlights:

Skinny De Armond reports from his San Antonio home, where he has lived these past 18 years since his beloved Peggy died, that his son and wife live not so far away in Dallas, Texas, with their three children—an easy flight; and that daughter Barbara Ann, with her Air Force husband and three children, have been living in Southern California where Skinny also visits by air, none of them worrying about his accumulated years.

Max Elser and family wax enthusiastic about the new political atmosphere in their Diamond State, Arkansas.

Hap Pennell returned from Barbados—way out there by itself in the Atlantic—after helping it to become a new nation.

Florence Ardery flew into Washington for Christmas to see son Ted and family of two boys, and hoping that one of them, at least, will try for West Point. Anne Ardery's son, now 24, is married and will be visited.

Gene Riley is still beaming over the 60th Reunion, but mostly over that great-granddaughter who has captured the family. Daughter Betty has started a new dress shop, called Cricket Corner, at East Hadden, Conn., and is making a hit. More power to you, Betty.

DeRussy Hoyle, busy shoveling snow in Hamden, Conn., tells us that Christine has had a bad fall, breaking a pelvis bone, that will keep her un-ambulatory for some time. How sorry we are for her and her ruined holiday season. Do get well soon, Christine.

Ann Mathews is happy that so many were pleased with her gift of the plaques to the West Point Library in memory of brother Philip—and such a fine memorial it is, too! Remember how long Phil handled the athletic program for us there.

Mick Daley is still traveling daily to his old office at the Albany (N.Y.) armory, keeping up his interest in Veterans affairs and taking time out to work on his Russian language. He got a start on it when he was out there with the Haskell mission. One of Don's

sons is now at Lehigh University. Koehler's son, Mick or Mike, a major of Infantry, has had his tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam. Jack's son Mick or Mike, has finished work on his master's degree at Tulane and is stationed at Alamo, N.Mex. A married granddaughter is at Fort Sill. Mick visits them all by telephone on special occasions.

Bill Knowlton, Dick Burleson's stepson, recently had a star pinned on each side of his shirtcollar by Gen. Westmoreland in Vietnam. Dick would be proud of him.

We were deeply shocked to hear from Plupy Shute that wife Marjorie had passed away and was buried at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Their daughter, Mrs. Spaulding, is with Plupy in San Antonio. Another daughter, Mrs. Wm. B. Chase, is with her husband and two children in Honolulu. Daughter Marjorie Dukes and daughter Victoria are in Santa Monica, Calif. Joe King and John Merrill attended the funeral and sent in information about it. Our deep sympathy goes to Plupy and the children.

A pretty winter picture of his favorite quail, looking down the MOPAC tracks, came in from Bob White, who still remembers pleasantly the old Class in its early West Point days.

Bisbee Dootson, daughter of Dawson Olmstead, sends in a photo of the Taj Mahal in India, one of the stops she and her husband made in their wide world travels this last year.

Josephine Johnson, from Greenwich, Conn., and Elizabeth Parker from Boston, send in their greetings to all of us who cling to the traditions of 1906.

Bill Akin from the Akin Sonoma, Calif., home inclosed a fine article by an unknown author in praise of West Point that appeared in the *San Francisco Call and Examiner*. The article points out what West Point has done to lead this nation through its many troubles.

McKew Parr attended an interesting ceremony at the Bridgeport, Conn., Colon Collection in honor of an important anniversary of the son of Christopher Columbus, Hernando. The ceremony honored the discoverer, his family, and his great adventures.

And what do you think of that new coach and that ARMY team at Philadelphia last fall? What a thriller! How sweet it is! Congratulations to coach, team, and Corps, and our thanks for a great ARMY day.

A late card from Christine Morrow tells of the move she and George made to a nursing home where they are quite delighted with the change. And George is much improved. They are at St. Martin-in-the-Pines, just outside Birmingham, Ala.

Also a pleasant note from Henry Finch in his Southern California home, bragging about his Christmas season with the children and grandchildren almost next door.

As for your Scribe and his Elizabeth, having gained a bit over the difficulties of last June, they motored to the Cloister on Sea Island, Ga., for a family gathering of four fun-filled days, thence, via the Florida dual highways and the sunshine parkway, to this semi-tropical botanical garden and hotel, Miramar, stopping en route the afternoons and nights as paying guests of Howard Johnson at Daytona Beach and at Vero Beach.

Before we left Georgia, we were trying to elect a smart young graduate of West Point to be our new governor, but Georgia politics got tangled up in its ramifications, and nobody knows yet who will take over the Atlanta mansion in 1967. "Bo" Callaway got the most votes, but that doesn't settle anything in Georgia.

We will be back in February to watch the spring come blooming into Augusta. We join with the dozen surviving octogenarians of 1906 in wishing a great 1967 for West Point and all its cadets and graduates. And BEAT NAVY—again!

'07

Col. John S. Sullivan
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Washington, D.C. 20008

From time to time someone mentions doing something for the Wagners more than the usual thank-you notes. In December they acted. The Class sent as a Christmas present a sterling silver tray by Gorham. It was circular, 12 inches in diameter with a gadroon edge. Hand engraved in old English script in the center of the tray is the following:

HANS AND BETTY WAGNER
IN APPRECIATION OF
THEIR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY
AT OUR REUNIONS
THE WEST POINT CLASS OF 1907

W. H. Sterling Wright '30, Lt. Gen. Ret., wrote the exceptionally fine obituary of Ben Castle. Freddie Castle '30, our Class Godson and winner of the Medal of Honor, was a classmate and roommate of Wright who is President of the West Point Society of the District of Columbia. Wright announced at the September luncheon a Ben F. Castle Memorial Award to be given by the West Point Society of DC to the graduate who, during the past year has most distinguished himself in exemplifying ideals of West Point in a civilian or military capacity. The selection of the graduate to be so honored will be made by a committee of members of the Society. It is contemplated that the recipient will be a younger man normally outside the zone of consideration for such senior awards as the Sylvanus Thayer Award. The presentation will take place at the Founders Day dinner. The award will consist of a suitably engraved silver bowl. A beautiful and well deserved tribute to Ben.

General Cortlandt Van R. Schuyler '22, President of the Association of Graduates, delivered a splendid address at the local West Point Society's September luncheon. He mentioned the Delafield Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc., designed to help top-level young men prepare for West Point who might not, without such financial aid, be able to prepare or whose preparatory schooling, for reasons beyond their control, has been inadequate. Certain preparatory schools cooperate by offering scholarships, so that about \$500 will, on the average, see a boy through a year of such preparation. The fund needs about \$35,000. The West Point Society of DC has sent \$1,000 to this fund. He also mentioned the Endowment Fund of the Association of Graduates and urged us all to make bequests or lifetime gifts to the fund. It is used to further the work of the West Point Alumni Association. The last program mentioned by Gen. Schuyler was the Superintendent's Fund for which donations from graduates are needed. The fund is used by the Superintendent to undertake projects for the Military Academy for which appropriated government funds are not available. As donations build up, the advice of the Superintendent is sought and the projects he recommends are placed for review before a policy committee of senior alumni. Since its founding in 1961 the fund has contributed toward, among other things, the installation of two ski lifts and the rehabilitation of the old Ord-

nance compound as a reception center for First Classmen. Projects now contemplated include a cadet outdoor recreation center, a sailing marina, and an athletic complex in the vicinity of the cemetery.

Gen. Schuyler also called attention to the improved ASSEMBLY, which, he said, is due to having two editors now instead of one. Congratulations to Keleher '41, Lt. Col. Ret., the additional editor. Many thanks to Sterling Wright for the September luncheon notes.

Mildred Wheeler, widow of Walter, died in St. Petersburg on 26 July. Burial was in Arlington. She left a daughter, Mrs. Nanine W. Allender, 6235 7th Avenue N., St. Petersburg, Fla., 2 grandchildren, and a brother, Vernon Griffith. The Class extends its deepest sympathy to Nanine, Vernon, and Mildred's other relatives. Walter left us in September 1965 and Mildred, in July 1966. That is sorrow compounded.

Tom Spencer was an overnight guest of the Sullivans. At a home dinner the other guests were Oliver Wood and Enrique White. A birthday cake for Enrique gave him a surprise.

Glen E. Edgerton '08 has joined 1907 at their luncheon meetings; a great pleasure for the local group.

Dan'l Boone writes that Grace's health has improved considerably during the past year, but she is still unable to do much traveling. However, he hopes she will be able to accompany him to the 60th Reunion. He adds that he, himself, is becoming somewhat weary of being the only member of the Class attending recent reunions and that he would like to see every classmate in ranks for the 60th, including far-away "El Greco" Dick Park and those "Reagan Californians" Eddie Householder, Charlie Wyman, and Tom Spencer. Tom is back in his native Florida—P.O. Box 58, Vacation Village, Fla. 33071.

Hans Wagner writes: "After spending several months as an invalid I am now at least able to get about in a wheelchair, and, thanks to TV, I have been able to see the more important football games and to keep posted with the outside world." Hans sent thanks to the Class for his birthday cake and card.

Paul Larned died on 17 Jan and was buried in the cemetery at West Point. Paul's widow lives at 1406 So. Walter Reed Dr., Arlington, Va. Jesse Drain spent the Christmas holidays with his granddaughter and her family in South Carolina. Enrique White spent part of December-January with his son C.H. Jr., '34 and family. C.H. Jr., is in the investment business (not an advertisement). After San Antonio, Enrique visited a nephew in Clearwater, Fla.

Leland Wadsworth had a birthday on 28 Sept. A birthday card was mailed to him 25 Sept. Two days later the card was returned to the sender, stamped 6¢ postage due. Mail to a foreign country costs 11¢ an ounce. Kansas has been restored to the Union.

Enrique White received a letter from his son in San Antonio: "I saw Col. Hill on TV the other day. They were raising a banner on the clock tower at Fort Sam Houston that read 'Beat Navy,' and he was on hand as one who was supposed to be the oldest living former West Point football captain. He still looks strong and rugged."

Jean James (Mrs. Stanley L.) 231 Brahan Blvd., San Antonio, Texas 78215, sent her daughter a clipping from a local paper showing Ray Hill in front of the tower mentioned above. The daughter is Betty, wife of Col. Paul R. Walters '33, 9019 Charles Augustine Drive, Alexandria, Va. 22308. Walters is retired and with Avco.

Mildred Yount, a violinist of note, went to

Gymnastics was undefeated after three meets, the highlight of the young season coming when team captain Jack Ouellette won in an outstanding performance in the still rings to give ARMY a victory over Massachusetts.

Pistol and rifle were both undefeated and each broke the Academy record on their respective ranges. Coach Herb Roberts' charges appear to be on their way to a fifth straight national pistol title. The win over West Virginia at Morgantown, W. Va., could bring Coach Alfred O'Neill's marksmen the national crown, an honor the rifle team won in 1965 but lost to the Mountaineers last year.

Victories over Cornell and Princeton established ARMY's squash team as a contender in the eastern circuit, but a December loss to Harvard put a damper on the Cadets' chances. Once again Coach Bill Cullen has produced a winning squad using players who had never seen the game played until they came to West Point.

Swimming opened with three wins and then ran into always-powerful Yale, still smarting from a 1966 loss to the Cadets. With several Olympic champions swimming for the Blue, 1967 promises to be Yale's year. Coach Jack Ryan looks to his four all-America swimmers: Landgraf, O'Hara, Trainor, and Williams to keep ARMY high in eastern swim rankings.

Help from last year's Plebes and depth in the field events got the indoor track season off to an impressive start. Coach Carleton Crowell's team snapped Harvard's 29-meet victory string in the opener, 61-48, then followed with a 68-41 win at Cornell. Second Classman Greg Camp set a new Barton Hall standard at Cornell when he ran the 1,000 yards in 1:12.3.

The wrestling team placed third in the Coast Guard tournament at New London and then battled to a tie with Maryland in the first dual meet. An easy win over Columbia closed out the month. Coach Leroy Alitz expects that strength in the middle and heavier weights will overcome a possible weakness in the lighter weights this year.

CAPSULE SPORTS

Joe Casey, ARMY's all-America soccer player and 1966 team captain, was named the top collegiate athlete in the state of New Jersey for 1966 by the Boys' Clubs of Newark. Joe's home is in Trenton. He's the first soccer player ever to win this honor. . . . Tackle Mike Neuman played for the winning Blue team in the Blue-Gray game at Montgomery, Ala., while linebacker Dean Hansen and defensive back Don Dietz were on the winning North team in the North-South Shrine game in Miami. All three brought added prestige to the Academy. . . . Coach Jack Ryan coached the winning Red team in the East-West

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meet at the annual Swimming Hall of Fame competition during the Christmas holidays at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. . . . Ryan took Jay Williams, Kerry O'Hara, Barry Kerr, Warren Trainor, and Gary Wilkins from his ARMY squad to help produce the win. . . . Ed Pillings, head athletic trainer, will be one of the trainers for the U.S. team in the Pan-American games to be held next July in Winnipeg, Canada. . . . Notre Dame named linebacker Townsend Clarke on its all-opponent team. . . . Holy Cross named seven cadets on their all-opponent team: tackle Mike Neuman, guard John Nerdahl, tackle Tom Schwartz, middle guard Al Mente, Clarke, and defensive backs Don Dietz and Hank Uberecken. . . . Navy announced that quarterback Steve Lindell and end Terry Young were the best they faced in 1966. . . . Former USMA athletic director and football captain Colonel Raymond P. Murphy received the "Sports Illustrated" Silver Anniversary Award, given annually to selected gridgers who closed their college careers 25 years ago. . . . ARMY has had nine men named in the past 11 years for this highly selective award. . . . The defensive side of the football coaching staff has left for new assignments, Bob Ward to become head coach at Maryland and Ralph Hawkins to be one of his assistants. Leon Cross completed his active duty tour and has returned to the University of Oklahoma. . . . Bill Parcels, older brother of former ARMY back, Don Parcels '65, will replace Cross as defensive interior line coach. Parcels played at Wichita and also coached there. Previously he had played on the River Dell, N. J., high school team when Tom Cahill coached that team.

Spring Football

With spring football practice slated to begin on 1 April and end with the intrasquad game under the lights at Michie Stadium on 29 April, Coach Tom Cahill is busy trying to complete his coaching staff. He lost all of his defensive coaches after the successful 1966 season. The new defensive coach will be Richard Lyon, former head coach at Ithaca College, and a winner in all of his nine seasons at that school. Bill Parcels, whose brother Don was an ARMY halfback from 1962 through 1964, comes to West Point from a defensive assignment at Wichita University. He played for Coach Cahill at River Dell High School in New Jersey. Another newcomer is Jack Hecker from Miami of Ohio where he was on the offensive staff. Hecker played for Cahill at Manlius School. He played as a collegian at Bowling Green. Hecker's brother, Norb, is head coach of the Atlanta Falcons of the National Football League.

the Malboro Music Festival in Vermont for three weeks and declared it was a great privilege to be an auditor for the weeks Pablo Casals was there. Phyllis Clark (Mrs. Bruce E.) spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter Gretchen and family in Orlando, Florida.

Earl and Edith McFarland spent several delightful days in Roanoke as guests of Louisa Booth. Lucian and Louisa lived at "Lone Oak" for several years. The old home, spacious grounds, stately trees, and beautiful gardens were a constant source of pleasure. At the entrance, a bronze tablet bears the following inscription: "Until it was razed in 1964, 'Lone Oak' was the oldest residence in Roanoke and the oldest brick house in this section of Virginia. Built in 1767 by Thomas Tosh as 'Rock of Ages,' it remained in the Tosh and Lewis families until 1901 when it passed into the hands of Mrs. Lawrence S. Davis. Mrs. Davis restored the grounds and made 'Lone Oak,' as it was renamed in 1917, into a garden center of western Virginia. In 1944, the house was purchased by Colonel Lucian Dent Booth (1883-1960), a 1907 graduate of the United States Military Academy and a former commanding officer of Radford Ordnance Works. Presented by Mrs. Lucian Dent Booth, April 2, 1966." Many thanks, Earl, for an interesting historical item.

Anne Marley (Mrs. James P.), 504-B Bellevue Place, Austin, Texas 78705, won ten awards at the Austin Poetry Society annual award party. She received 4 firsts, 2 seconds, and 4 honorable mentions. She has another book of poems ready for publication. Congratulations, Anne.

From the A.P. wire: "A year ago he was the unknown coach of a freshman football team. Now he is the head man, chosen as coach-of-the-year by the Football Writers Association. He is Tom Cahill of ARMY." Congratulations to a fine coach, his able assistants, and a superb football team. Not often lately has ARMY had such a completely satisfying Navy game. The soccer team also made a name for itself. More congratulations.

"It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." Chinese Proverb.

'08

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Owen "Med" Meredith reports from his home in Pebble Beach, California, that he is in good enough health to lead a pleasant, quiet life. He had a phone conversation with Mrs. Harvey D. Higley who seemed to be "in her usual lively and pleasant spirits." She continues to live in the home in Carmel that she and Harvey occupied before his death on 16 February 1963. Her son Harvey and daughter Madelaine live with her, and Harvey, who is a talented portrait painter, has his studio in the yard. They are a happy family.

Mrs. R.E. "Bunny" Cummins spent Christmas with her son Col. W.K. Cummins, USMA 1941, who lives at 3115 Twigg Lane, Bowie, Maryland. Mrs. Cummins lives at 255 Crocker Ave., Pacific Grove, California.

E.S. "P.D." Miller writes from his home in Honolulu in answer to an inquiry about his condition and circumstances. He replies allegorically, without supporting detail, to the effect that things could be worse and probably will be. We hope that that probability is not realized, P.D. His address is P.O. Box 2833, Honolulu, Hawaii 96803.

Mrs. William W. (Eleanor Cutrer) Jones of 111 Via Jucar, Newport Beach, California,

is American heritage chairman of her D.A.R. chapter this year. Spigot Ayres is her godfather, but she is not responsible for that. Her son Brice, an Air Force pilot, has recently returned from Vietnam to Luke Air Force Base, where he is training with newer and faster planes than those now in regular operational service.

Jack Curry reports that although he does not move around as well as he used to, he is still able to go where he wants to. For example, he and Eleanor have made successfully a trip to visit relatives and friends in California. Their daughter Sheila (Mrs. Duane Dekalb) lives in Newport Beach. She has two children, Duane and Becky, who are, Jack says, objectively, "the finest grandchildren born this century." It shows that they are under 67 years of age. The younger daughter, Joan Curry, lives in San Francisco and operates the San Francisco Travel Service. Eleanor Curry's mother, Mrs. C.F. Montgomery, lives in San Mateo. She is 91 and in good health "for her age," as they say about most of us nowadays, if they mention us at all.

The sad news has been received of the sudden death in Danville, California, on 25 October 1966, of Blaine A. Dixon Jr., the only child of Blaine and Olive Dixon. Blaine Jr. was a very competent and successful chemical engineer with a brilliant career in prospect. He was married and had three children.

Mrs. Lawrence C. Ricker has moved to the West Coast to be with her son Dr. Francis C. Ricker, who was installed in November as the minister of Emerson Unitarian Church of Canoga Park, California. Her new address is: 22283 Cass Ave., Woodland Hills, California.

'09

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We regret to record the death of Horace Fuller, 18 Sept 1966, on the Isle of Man, United Kingdom. Betty Fuller, who has returned to their home at Old Spout Farm, Lusby, Maryland, has kindly furnished the following details: "We had arrived on holiday in England on 6 Sept. Everything went well until the night of 16 Sept, when Horace became ill. The doctor promptly sent him to a hospital, where he died on the afternoon of the 18th from an aneurism of the aorta and gastric intestinal hemorrhage. Everything possible was done. My consolation is that he was spared much suffering and went quickly and peaceably, as he would have chosen. The funeral service and cremation were on 23 Sept, and his ashes are at present in a columbarium in London. The whole thing was so dreadfully sudden and unexpected; it was quite unbelievable. You ask my plans. At the moment I have none except the hope of returning to London next year. All my thanks to my friends for their offers of help."

Forrest and Eleanor Harding: "In June we visited with our son Davis and his family in New Haven. Spent several days with the Philoons in Brunswick, Maine; neither in the best of health. We had a cozy time talking over old days. On an October visit to Washington we met Elinore and Jim and had a fine time renewing old ties with Army friends. Lin and Carlota Herkness, in Westtown, Pa., were preparing for their usual trip to Florida."

A Xmas greeting from the Class Sage, Lin Herkness: The Navy game reminded me somehow of our upset of Navy in 1908. I was glad to see the cadets playing the mid-

shipmen rather than Blank's "Chinese Bandits" playing someone's "Champions."

"Cope" Philoon follows up on Harding's notes with the following in a Xmas message: "We are pretty well but don't get around much. As usual, I provided four Bowdoin students with tickets for what seemed to me a very satisfactory Navy game."

From Caesar Roberts, 6 Dec: "Am sending short notes to those who I hope will send you news. Elsa and I had a nice, short visit in San Francisco. Had pleasant visits with Partridge and Sears and heard some opera. I 'overdid' and was in a hospital for two weeks, but am home now. We had a lovely visit from Irene Ord and took her to the airport en route for Denver."

Bill Simpson: "Had intestinal flu for 10 days before Xmas. Am OK now. 'Admiral' Plassmeyer is spending the winter here at the Menger Hotel. We had Xmas dinner with him. He is the first '09 classmate we have seen here in several years. Am looking forward to our next reunion."

A few welcome comments on '09ers from Major Wm. E. Haas (USMA '55), now a West Point instructor: "During a recent stay at Walter Reed I had the pleasure of rooming near your classmate, Gen. Stearns. We spent many pleasant hours in conversation. Mrs. Stearns was staying in the guest house; she kept us supplied with delicious cookies and entertained with delightful conversation. As a taskmaster she was more demanding than the doctors on insisting we take our medication, get the proper amount of rest, etc. Both were keenly alert. I learned from them that their two Hutton grandsons are soon to report to West Point for instructor duty."

From Claude Thummel, who is most helpful in "following up" our Washington delegation: "Johnny Johnson's grandson, Charles Edward Brown Jr., USMA '65, was killed in Vietnam and buried in Arlington in November. Mrs. Johnson lives at the Distaff House but I have been unable to reach her. We took a short trip to Rhode Island in September and stopped at West Point to see ARMY's first football game with Kansas State, of which I was also an alumnus, Class of '05. Dorothy and I are sorry we will miss you at the Navy game, but it is so much more comfortable to watch it on TV."

George and Effie Van Deusen: We must admit being enthusiastically non-neutral at the aforesaid game, although I must confess I didn't solicit any bets between halves. Of course, winning as our gang did was reward enough, but there was also a strong undercurrent in my mind, so ably expressed above by Lin Herkness.

'10

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The Class of 1910 was proud to note last December that our first Class Son, Lt. Gen. James Hilliard Polk, who had been serving in the Pentagon as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, was ordered to duty in Europe as the Commanding General of the Seventh U.S. Army. Gen. Polk was decorated with the Knight Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany on 20 October 1966, by Minister Lilienfeld of the Federal Republic of Germany. The ceremony was attended by Gen. Polk's wife, mother, and close personal friends. In addition, a luncheon followed in Gen. Polk's honor, hosted by Minister Lilienfeld.

Winter hit Washington early and hard this year, causing all of us to think of winter vacations in pleasanter places—and some to go to them. Hazel and Tony Frank departed Washington on 12 January to spend the balance of the winter at their favorite resort, Lakeside Inn, Mount Dora, Florida.

Gwladys Leonard sailed from New York on 25 January aboard the *Rotterdam* for an 80-day cruise around the world. Gwladys had been carefully planning this trip for about a year and took with her the very best wishes of her large host of friends for a most enjoyable winter vacation.

1910 had two of its members in attendance at the fine ARMY-Navy football game in Philadelphia last fall: Sammy Edelman, who is fortunate enough to live in Philadelphia, and Bob Dunlop, who went over in one of the special trains from Washington. These two worthy octogenarians of 1910 reported a grand time was certainly had by the ARMY with wonderful weather and a perfect score.

We regret to report the passing of another classmate, Brig. Gen. Charles Hines, who died at his home, 2800 Quebec Street, NW., in Washington, on Monday, 17 October 1966, after a heart attack. Chick was an outstanding coast artilleryman and commanded the anti-aircraft of Patton's Third Army in France during World War II. Services were held in the Fort Myer Chapel on Friday, 21 October with burial in the Arlington National Cemetery. His classmates served as honorary pallbearers. Lowella is continuing to live in their home in Washington.

I recently had a long, interesting letter from Parker Kalloch who continues to live happily in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with his attractive wife, Eunice, who was recently elected a director of the Chamber of Commerce of Albuquerque. They have lived there a great many years (21 to be exact), have many good friends there, and really are rooters for that enjoyable "southwest country."

Kay and Bo Lewis drove up to New York at the end of last November to welcome home Bo Jr., and Dotty with their three children after three years with the Military Mission in Argentina.

Jane Drake sent a Christmas card from California reporting "all's well" with her growing family and extending best holiday wishes to all of 1910.

A Christmas note from Hortense Chapman said she had been spending some time with her daughter Jane in Long Lake, Minnesota, while granddaughter Kathie is recovering from an automobile accident.

The Class of 1910 was honored to have one of our class sons, Lt. Gen. Jim Lampert join us for our December luncheon at the Army-Navy Club in Washington.

Fred Carrithers writes his regular Christmas letter from Manitou Springs, Colorado, extending best wishes for the holidays to all members of 1910. Gertrude and Fred are not as active as they used to be, but are very much interested in the younger members of the family. Granddaughter Cathy (daughter of youngest son, Dick) was married last fall in Tucson. Fred said he is the senior graduate from a service academy among several hundreds now living in the area.

From Boston, Mass., came best wishes for a happy holiday season to 1910 from John Booton's family.

Ducky Reinhardt reports that all members of 1910 in the San Antonio area are getting along fine, including his good self. They all joined in wishing a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 1967 to all of 1910.

'11

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In a 1911 Washington circular dated 25 Nov 1935, the following list of Class Sons at West Point appeared:

"First Class (1936): Carroll K. Bagby, Howell M. Estes Jr., Charles L. Simpson, James R. Weaver.

"Second Class: Parker Calvert, Robert C. Gildart Jr., Alexander D. Surles Jr.

"Third Class: Gregory Hoisington Jr.

"Fourth Class: Thomas J.J. Christian Jr."

Another son of 1911, Col. McGlachlin Hatch Jan '43, retired recently and is now with the Polaroid Co. in Boston. His father comments that he never expected a member of the Hatch family to be living that close to Harvard.

Lt. Richard A. Bagby, USMC, Jake's grandnephew, and his wife Marty were at the class gathering hosted by the Bagbys in October prior to leaving for Oregon. On the 28th, Marty wrote describing an interesting visit they had with John and Jean Beatty at the Beattys' home in Seaside. John wrote later telling how he enjoyed the call and providing first-hand news of California classmates.

Dave Cowles, at the time of his 81st birthday on 14 Oct, received felicitations from the Gilbreaths. Edna and Fred are well but take life quietly in their Texas home. Buddie and Karl Bradford spent a summer month at Rye Beach, N.H. They enjoyed Thanksgiving at her daughter's in Massachusetts.

Mildred Franke was greatly disappointed last summer when doctor's orders kept her home from the reunion, but she has thoroughly enjoyed news and pictures of that festive occasion. She wrote in December that Gustav Franke 3d, was in OCS at Belvoir. Two other grandnephews now left are Clinton McKee Kerrison and Henry Franke Hamburger. Both are ham radio operators and both, "for some strange reason," want to take their military training in the Marines.

Jo Hoisington has had an interesting year, seven months of it away from home visiting her children: son Perry USMA '39, Maj. Gen. USAF Ret, is with Executive Jet Aviation in Switzerland; daughter Elizabeth, as we know, is in Washington, a colonel and Director of the WAC; daughter Mary Jo, with her husband Lt. Col. James E. Maertens and family, is in Germany; son Robert USMA '50, is a Lt. Col. of Inf at Fort Leonard Wood; and daughter Nancy Eleanor, with her husband Lt. Col. Charles R. Smith Jr., USMA '50, and family, is in Washington. Her oldest son, Gregory Jr., USMA '38, died in 1941. What a wonderful family our Gregory left! Jo now has 18 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

On 11 Oct, just prior to leaving the Kutz summering place in Waynesville, N.C., Jack was hit by an oil truck that was making a right turn into the street that he was crossing with the green light. Although he was greatly shocked and bruised, extensive checks showed no serious injury, and, after six days in the hospital, he returned with Kitty to Florida. They then flew to Puerto Rico on 23 Oct for a week of relaxation, where, in San Juan, Jack attended the National Convention of Military Order of World Wars. Their next jaunt was to Washington in January for Kitty to visit relatives and Jack to attend the mid-winter meeting of the national officers of the Sojourners. We can appreciate his rugged constitution and Kitty's loving care.

Pliny and Mary McBride, who still live on their Iowa ranch near Council Bluffs despite having given up stock raising, wrote in December: "Not much snow but lots of fog. I have been able to stay out of the Omaha Veterans' Hospital for over a year now. We did not have as good a year with our garden and fruit; getting too old to care for it right. Had to quit our poultry and livestock, and now we are down to two turkeys, a nice collie dog, and a pet Thomas cat. Does not seem right to have hen houses and barns and sheds empty."

The following note from Joe McNeal is appreciated: "You'll never know how much it has meant to me to have been kept in touch with 1911 through your bulletins. I saw the ARMY-Navy game on TV alone, but I knew that all Pointers were watching it with me. Big win! Had Thanksgiving dinner with cousins, and if the weather is good will repeat Xmas. Best to you and Gerta for the holidays. Say hello to the Bagbys and to Florence (Ladd)."

The November gathering of the S.F. Bay Area classmates was with the Nicholoses in Belvedere, north of the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County. After elbow-bending at the lagoon home, the 10 oldtimers went to the "Windjammer," looking south over the Bay to S.F. from the town of Tiburon, for a cheery DT lunch. On hand were the Bagbys, Lockwoods, Weavers, Florence Ladd, and Helen Shekerjian. Bug and Dave Cowles couldn't quite make it that day.

On 21 Dec, the Washington group, with Speck, Karl, Bluntie, Jim Mooney, and Bill Morris present, enjoyed a class lunch at the Army-Navy Club, where they endeavored, said Bill, to settle before Christmas all critical affairs of state. Just prior to that occasion, the Morris, Wheeler, and Blunt families were dinner guests of the Bradfords, at which time Buddie was treated to her first hearing of the unique 1911 class yell.

Although Speck Wheeler writes that he and Virginia now spend much of their time in their recently completed West Virginia home, the letter came from his Washington address. Their new house is near Romney, some 50 miles west of Harper's Ferry. Speck spent several weeks last summer in British Columbia as a member of the review commission on dams covered by treaty between the U.S. and Canada. At the first of the year he and Virginia were considering another trip to Cambodia and Laos in February. Instead, there might have been a second excursion to British Columbia.

Remembering that Mac keeps in touch with his classmates through these Notes for ASSEMBLY, all of you come in with news for the issues to come. Thirty for tonight, friends.

'12

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My July warning notice for the August 15th deadline ultimately received 53% reply, which was tremendous. Very few used the stamped postcards which I sent out, so what the hell, Bill!

No more free cards.

This bulletin contains what few crumbs of info have been fed me, minus any crumbs that I have forgotten. In his last letter to me Red Crawford claimed to be growing old and accused me of being young. Dad gum it all, Red. I am losing ground in hearing, eyesight, memory, appetite, capacity for hard likker, etc. Etc. ETC., and gaining aches

and pains and downright irascibility and plumb meanness. I refuse to be counted out of this grim march up the hill towards the Great Divide. "Hup! Hup! Keep moving, Old Man!" (Charlie Drake will recall.)

I am not laboring hard on this bulletin because I do not know if Johnny Hauser will use it for ASSEMBLY. Last year he omitted the winter ASSEMBLY.

55th Reunion: Tentative plans to attend, as of 10 Oct note from JNH: a. He and She: Anderson, Arnold, Bennion, Deuel, Hauser, Wilbur. b. He only: Chamberlin, Drake, DuBois, Flynn, Greenwald, Haislip, Lindt, Rose, Snow, Whiteside. Total: 17 men, 6 ladies. When the time comes, there will be others, I hope. JNH requested a block of rooms at the Thayer. As a stag, I would prefer Cullum or barracks to avoid the need for bus or taxi service. You cannot drive your own car, they say.

Bennion: I sent Hard a photo I shot of Oakland Mormon Temple. He replied that his relative designed it, Marian's cousin built it, and he had helped dedicate it. You just can't get ahead of those gol' durned Mormons! All I did was shoot it.

Chamberlin: New address for Steve and Sarah: 678 A, Via Alhambra, Laguna Hills, Calif. 92653.

Chynoweth: Grace and I are stepping high. Tomorrow I go to see ARMY vs. Cal with three grandchildren. Tonight to annual Sports Dinner at Presidio. My only playmates nowadays are grandchildren and/or dawgs.

Deuel: Thorne and Nora's son Bill was killed in Vietnam and buried at West Point. Johnny Hauser's son, stationed at West Point, attended. The *Illinois State Journal* published a beautiful letter written by Bill to his wife, a few days before his death, in which he expressed all-out dedication to his Country and his God.

Drake: Attended Homecoming at West Point with Colonel Snow and Johnny Hauser.

Gatchell: Buried at West Point, where he served so long and faithfully.

Greenwald: Dropped by in August, en route to Canada. Karl, Buddy Rose, and I had lunch together. Heck! I reported this in my August bulletin!

Hauser: Johnny is plugging along, doing the needful chores, catching hell from various directions (which is the common lot of all class officers). Nearly every time he writes me I slam back a big disapproval just to keep him on his toes.

Kirk: My last bulletin evoked a card from Giant! When he retired, after living in large cities, he sought the rural life and likes it. The air, says he, is fresh. (I didn't know that there was any fresh air left on this planet.) Hope he comes to our 55th in June 1967.

Lewis J.E.: Ike Spalding has been working with Cornelia on his obit. She will remain in Boulder, Colorado. Jack had some historical files of value which Ike says will probably go to the West Point Museum.

Rose: Buddy and I went to a special meeting of West Point Society in October. Hope to see him at the ARMY-Cal football game, tomorrow.

Snow: Reports getting red-carpet treatment at West Point Homecoming. Reports six classmates and three sons now buried at W.P. Hopes to see all, June 1967.

Spalding: Faithful class reporter! Notes that 1914 is divided into four groups, who are supposed to report automatically for the four quarterly ASSEMBLY reports. Doubt if 1912 would function automatically.

Weaver W.G.: I tried to tell Bill that California politics would go better if I stayed out. I stayed out. My candidates won. QED!

Wilbur: Reported on classmates in Washington but "not for publication." Said nice things about all of them. Was coming here, but was halted for an emergency operation in October. No news since. Thumbs up, Bill!

Wood: Abigail going East after selling house in Reno.

'13

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The Class of 1913 seems to have encountered a streak of hard luck. In addition to the ten classmates and wives of classmates whose deaths were reported in the Christmas Letter of 1966, we lost three between 21 December 1966 and 14 January 1967.

On 21 December Adelene Moore Herwig died at her home in Chevy Chase, Md. She was buried beside Hans in Arlington Cemetery on 27 December 1966.

Jim Gillespie died at his home in Clemson, S.C., and was buried in Old Stone Church Cemetery at Clemson on 8 January 1967.

On 19 December the writer saw Cooper Foote and Pink Crane having lunch together in the Army-Navy Club. Cooper was in excellent spirits, for his son Morris C., who graduated from the Naval Academy in 1966, was just back from Vietnam. Ensign Foote is assigned to a destroyer that has had to put in at Norfolk, Va., for overhaul. Everything seemed to be breaking well for Cooper: his health was good, his morale fine, and his son was home during the Christmas season. Cooper returned home—apparently in the best of spirits—but late that afternoon he suffered a serious stroke. He was taken to Walter Reed Hospital but never regained consciousness and died on 14 January 1967. He was buried alongside his father in Arlington Cemetery, 18 January 1967. The honorary pallbearers were Craig, Crane, Crittenberger, Davidson, Englehart, Johnson, and Viner.

Your Scribe is trying to fill in for Cooper until the Class can be canvassed to determine who should be his successor. In the meantime, please send me any items of news you can glean and I will prepare them for publication in ASSEMBLY.

The following is an extract from the "All Hands Bulletin for Classmates and Widows of Classmates 1913 USNA," a publication put out by Paul Sleeper who was Cooper's opposite number in the 1913 Navy class. I am sure that all will appreciate the wonderful write-up given Cooper by Paul Sleeper:

"Another real loss to N'13 has just occurred: Col. William Cooper Foote, USA Ret, died at Walter Reed Hospital, DC, on 14 Jan 1967. Services were offered at the Fort Myer Chapel on 18 Jan, with interment at Arlington National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife Harriet Todd Foote of their home, 3408 Lowell St., NW., D.C., and his son Ens. Morris C. Foote, USN, who graduated from the Naval Academy in June 1966.

"Col. Foote was an expert on and a former instructor in coast defenses. He had a distinguished Army career and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. He was president of the West Point Class of 1913 and was known as their 'Scribe,' as he wrote the class news for their alumni publication, ASSEMBLY, which is similar to our *Shipmate*.

"Quite a few years ago N'13 and A'13 got together here in DC and started inviting

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each other to our separate monthly lunches. Later, A'13 elected *all* of N'13 as honorary members of their Class, and we of DC elected *them* honorary members of N'13. We have since been attending each others' monthly luncheons whenever we can.

"Col. Foote has been attending most of our luncheons, and we had the pleasure of having his son with us shortly after his graduation from NA last June.

"'Cooper,' as we fondly called him, was a real man of fine character, and a valued friend to those who had the good fortune to know him. We have been proud to have him as an honorary member of 1913 USNA.

"Our Class blue and gold ribbon and flower arrangement was sent to his funeral services. Those of N'13 attending were Abbott, Glenn and Marguerite Davis, Helmick, and Paul and Frances Sleeper."

'14

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This class letter is being started on 3 January of the New Year, in order to meet my fast approaching deadline. Maybe one or two more letters will come before I have to mail this, so they can be included; but, as of now, it's clear that this will not be as long as my last ASSEMBLY letter, which broke all previous records for length. Of course, this is easy to understand. The Christmas to New Year season and the weeks prior to Christmas are so happily busy, it is hard to find time to write a letter to the Class.

The first letter to be quoted came from Eleanor Forbes. As I reported in my last letter, Fritz Forbes, who had been in very poor health for a number of years, passed away in Los Gatos, Calif., on 21 June. Bill Ryan is Eleanor's Special Classmate. I wrote Eleanor a personal letter of sympathy, and in it I mentioned that Fritz had been in the group asked to write letters to the Class for this issue of ASSEMBLY, and said I hoped she would feel able to take his place and write as a class widow. I think it was very sweet and courageous of her to do so, and this shows how much 1914 has meant to her as well as to Fritz. She wrote: "Nearly five months have passed since Fritz left us, and I have been gradually getting over the shock. It is true that he had been sick for a long time, but it seemed probable that his serious condition would continue for quite a while.

"Except for a week in Belvedere (in the San Francisco Bay Area), and later another week in San Francisco with our son, David, and his family, and a day spent with Mary and Bill Ryan, I have been staying at home getting the house in order. The house has been newly painted, the garage has a new roof, and many other things have been done that had to be deferred while Fritz was so miserable."

Right here, I must mention that Eleanor and Fritz were blessed in having four very fine, outstanding, and successful sons, all in or close to Los Gatos. Eleanor's letter continued:

"Francis Jr., lives at home with me, and has a responsible job with Lockheed; Chatham is Public Relations and Information Officer for Santa Clara County, and lives in Los Gatos with his family; David is an Episcopal priest and vice-dean of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, also Headmaster of the Cathedral School for Boys; and John lives in Los Angeles, where he is an escrow officer of the United Bank of California. There are nine grandchildren in various stages of school or

college, except for the oldest one, who is in the Marine Corps, and in Vietnam.

"I especially want to thank the Class for the gift to the West Point Alumni Foundation in Fritz's memory. His years at the Academy and his classmates were very close to his heart. It was unfortunate that he was not able to see more of his classmates during the last years of his life.

"Thank you all for your letters. I send my best wishes to you and all members of 1914 for a good year in 1967. I would love to see any of you who get down this way. As you know it is on the way to Monterey, and I am in the telephone book."

The first letter received for this issue of ASSEMBLY came from Elmer Adler, and was dated 28 July; his promptness clearly shows his interest in 1914, which was also shown by his making the long trip from San Antonio to our 50th Reunion in spite of his physical infirmities. Here is his letter:

"Nothing unusual has happened as far as I am concerned. My health remains fairly good, but I go to the hospital weekly for a check-up. The cardiac clinic seems to feel that as I get a little older my heart is getting a little weaker, but they still think I will survive for a little while yet. In spite of this handicap, I play or practice golf two or three times a week—not for competition, but for companionship and exercise. I find this very enjoyable and good as a weight reducer.

"I take ASSEMBLY regularly and enjoy reading it as a source of information about many classmates and friends in other classes. However, it is sad to note that as time goes on, more of them appear in the obituary columns than in the news columns—this is a factor of our increasing age, and must be expected. I am also a contributor to the West Point Foundation, and hope my small contributions help along in that great endeavor.

"As you know, we in San Antonio do not have many visiting classmates. This seems to be off the beaten path for those who travel. As a result, I have not seen anyone of the Class in recent months; and as our representation here is small, we meet at the Founders Day dinner once a year, and that is about the extent of our getting together. I still recall with great pleasure our 50th Reunion, and I am hoping that when the 55th rolls around I will still be able to travel, and be there. It was so pleasant seeing the classmates who attended, and to applaud, particularly, the work of Charlie Gross in making our reunion such a wonderful one. It was the first time I had seen Johnny Markoe in a long, long time, and it was a great pleasure to greet him again.

"My family interests now are extended to Bebe, who is in fairly good health, although she had a severe operation a few years ago, from which she has apparently recovered. My son David has recently been promoted to the grade of captain in the Navy Reserve. He is a member of the firm of the Hawaiian Telephone Company, and lives in Honolulu. His son Jay graduated from the Naval Academy, Class of 1961, and is on duty with the fleet in the Pacific. He is a naval aviator, a lieutenant senior grade, flying off one of the carriers, so I know his life must be interesting and exciting. He has a wife and two children, living in San Diego.

"I am still associated with Dittmar and Company, investment bankers, but am now on a semi-retired status. I go down to the office two or three times every week, to keep in touch with what is going on, and this keeps up my interest in the financial world.

"This makes the rounds, I think, and tells

the whole story. I know this letter will meet your deadline and hope it will be a suitable contribution to the class letter. Regards to all."

This letter came from Jens Doe: "There was no interesting tripping for us this year because our activities were curtailed by my being in the hospital for nine weeks. I had marvelous surgery, which saved my right leg. The recovery was so excellent that in September I was able to attend a reunion of the 163d Infantry Regiment, at Great Falls, Montana. This regiment was my first command in the 41st Division, which I later commanded. While on the trip I got in some fine fishing at Flathead Lake.

"Betty and I went to the ARMY-California football game with about 35 graduates and their wives. It was a beautiful day and a very good game.

"Camilla's husband (U.S. Navy officer) has returned from Vietnam, and we will have them with us for a gala Christmas. Betty and I send our very best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year to all classmates and class widows. Skoal."

Xen Price writes from Washington: "A sunny Christmas Day with seven inches of snow having just passed, I wish all who read this a very Happy New Year.

"This past year has been a busy and interesting one for me. After spending the winter months of 1966 in Washington, I drove early in April, to Augusta, Ga., to see the Masters' Golf Tournament, then on to New Orleans to visit my daughter and her family. I then returned home via St. Louis and Kentucky. My daughter, with her husband and their four children, spent the entire summer with me at Eagles Mere, Pa.

"My son is one of the five nuclear physics engineers working for Stanford University on the design and construction at Palo Alto of a big, 5-disc radio telescope.

"As to future plans, in a few days I will drive, via Florida, to New Orleans to turn over to my daughter the automobile I have been driving. I have a new one which has just been delivered. A good note on which to close. Didn't ARMY have a wonderful football season! Best regards to all."

Xen's last remark reminds me to mention how gratifying it must have been to Tom Cahill to learn on Christmas Day that he had been named Coach-of-the-Year by the Football Writers Association of America. This was a well-deserved honor. He had to take over the ARMY squad after Paul Dietzel left for South Carolina, just before ARMY was to start spring practice; he had to quickly round up a coaching staff, because a number of the key coaches went with Dietzel; and starting with a young team, he led it to its best season since Earl Blaik's last year. Think of it, the ARMY team racked up an 8-2 record, losing only to Notre Dame and Tennessee, and overwhelmingly defeated Navy 20-7! Cahill should have a very good season next year. ARMY is losing three starters from the offensive team, and five from the defensive team, but 28 lettermen will be back, including the three key Yearlings of the 1966 team: quarterback Steve Lindell, end Gary Steele, and halfback Charley Jarvis. Also, there are some very good men coming up from the plebe team.

This year 1914 met for the game at the home of Lilian and Ike Gill. They have a new color TV set, which brought the game in beautifully. The guests were: Jack and Ella Heard '10 (Jack is Amy Rees's brother), Gen. Tingay (a neighbor) and Cecile Clark, Amy and Tim Rees, and Earl and me. What a delightful afternoon, in every respect!

Skimp Brand writes that the monthly 1914 meeting in Washington has been changed to 12:00 noon in the tap room at the Army-Navy Club. He didn't say so, but I'm sure it's on the first Wednesday of each month, as usual.

Cecile Clark's fine and promising son Cuyler Jr., USMA '40, who graduated from the National War College and was appointed a brigadier general after a very distinguished career, had to be retired in 1966 for a physical disability, cutting short what many of his superiors said would have been a wonderful career of service to the Nation. He is living in Washington with his wife and family. He was recently invited to attend a 1914 class luncheon as the guest of Andy Anderson who is a close friend of Cecile Clark. Her son Cuyler later told Cecile how greatly he enjoyed attending the class luncheon and how friendly all the classmates were to him. After all, he's a classmate's son, and we are very proud to claim him.

Now to resume the letters. Tom Lanphier writes: "First, Elsa and I wish all of you a Happy New Year!

"We have been living in LaJolla, Calif., for the past 12 years. The only other classmate living here has been Mose Brannan. I called him to invite him to see the ARMY-Navy game on TV, but the telephone operator said he has moved to Birmingham.

"Elsa and I went to the ARMY-California game, where we met Vera and Bruz Waddell and Eleanor and Jim Cress. We went together to the game and of course enjoyed ARMY's close victory. At the game we saw Dad and Mrs. Herrick. The ARMY team showed great potential even with the large number of Yearlings on the team. That potential made the victory over Navy no surprise to me.

"My oldest son, Tom Jr., is a colonel USAF, retired, and lives in LaJolla, Calif., with his family, including five daughters. The youngest son, James, lives in Hollywood. If you don't like the climate where you live, come out here. It's wonderful to read your letters in ASSEMBLY."

If you have the December, 1966 issue of *Reader's Digest*, or can get a copy, don't fail to read the article, "I Shot Down Yamamoto" by Tom Lanphier Jr. It's a most interesting and exciting story of one of the greatest aerial exploits of WWII and was given a "Reader's Digest First Person Award." This thrilling story is told in Tom Jr.'s own words, and since Yamamoto was Commander in Chief of the Japanese Navy, the shooting down of the bomber on which he was traveling, resulting in his death, was an important turning point in the war. Our Tom Lanphier didn't mention it in his letter, but Tom Jr., did in the article. Besides the two sons, Tom Jr., and James, there was another son, Charlie, who was a Marine fighter pilot in the Pacific Theatre. Just two months after the death of Yamamoto, Charlie, with four Zeros to his credit, was shot down while taking part in a strafing raid. He survived, but was captured and sent to a Japanese prison camp, where he died only two weeks before the Marines liberated the prison. His remains were later interred in the Arlington National Cemetery.

This letter came from Pink Ward: "I have always subscribed to ASSEMBLY, and look forward to it each quarter. In 1966 Edith and I spent a fine summer at Grand Lake. Two of our Spalding grandchildren, Sidney Jr., 14, and Lydia, 8, were with us. Our cousin Nancy Hawkins and other guests added to the fun.

"The Spaldings have two girls in college: Mary, a senior at Pembroke, and Susan, a

junior at Bates. Another will enter Pembroke next year.

"The four Yates boys, also our grandchildren, are in Harvard, Mass., with their parents, Kenneth and our daughter Robin.

"This year we saw no classmates going through Denver. Hope to have better luck in 1967. Our best to you all."

Another short but good letter came from Frank Kerr: "It's good to read the class Notes as you have gathered them together. For the Kerrs, 1966 has been much the same as 1965—the usual quiet, uneventful life in the southern New England countryside, interrupted only by two visits to Walter Reed Hospital for check-ups. On one trip, I saw the Brands in the Walter Reed Post Exchange. Skimp has found some sort of wonder drug for his arthritis, and seemed much better.

"We are off the beaten path, and have few opportunities to see our old friends. Both our sons and their families are coming along well, and Marion and I are weathering the years, I guess not too badly. Our best to all in the Class."

Turning back to Washington, this letter came from Dabney Elliott: "You may remember the old saying: 'Happy are the people whose annals are brief.' If this be true, then 1966 has been kind to Betty and me, for we have nothing startling or significant to report. We remained in Washington for the greater part of the year, except for about six weeks which we spent in New England and the Canadian Maritimes.

"We traveled eastward as far as Cape Breton Island and Halifax, and were tempted to take the sea ferry to Newfoundland. Fortunately, I remembered touching down at Gander Air Field a couple of times during WWII, and voted against the idea. If we had gone on to Newfoundland we would have been temporarily marooned there by an abortive seamen's strike. In Halifax, we experienced a thrilling moment when a gay young joker picked midnight as the time to turn in a false alarm on our hotel fire alarm system.

"Our health remains as good as may be expected at this time of life. Of course, we both have a touch of arthritis (who does not?), but we manage to live with it with little real discomfort. So we count ourselves most fortunate, and are looking forward with keen anticipation to our 55th Reunion—only two years and a butt to go!

"With affectionate good wishes to Earl and you and to all classmates, class widows and their descendants. As ever, Betty and Dabney."

In early October, I received a telephone call from Agnes Royce, who was in San Antonio making a brief visit with her close friends, General and Mrs. Burton M. Hovey. I was sorry I was unable to see her, but she was leaving the next morning. She did say that she had about decided to sell her home in Coral Gables and get an apartment in the Washington area. However, we received a Christmas card from Agnes postmarked Coral Gables, so I do not know what the final decision will be.

After the two heart attacks Pete Bullard had in Tampa, one in January, and another in June which put him in the McDill AFB Hospital, he finally moved with the help of his son Bob and Bob's wife Libby to Atlanta where he leased an apartment. He had a third, somewhat milder heart attack in November and entered the Fort McPherson Hospital. In all he had to spend 56 days in the two hospitals, but he is now back in his apartment. He wrote that he is "weak and wobbly still, feeling OK, but not physically

energetic." I know it is a comfort to have his son and daughter-in-law in Atlanta. Pete's address is: Apt. G-4, Plaza Apts., 1871 Plaza Lane, SW., Atlanta, Ga. 30311. Please put this down and drop him a line.

Actually, I'm scheduled for a letter this time, but wrote my letter in the last issue of ASSEMBLY telling of the trip Earl and I made to the San Francisco Bay Area in July to visit two of our daughters and their families; and of the delightful visits we had with Eleanor and Jim Cress, Mary and Bill Ryan, and Betty and Jens Doe. There really isn't much to add except to say we had a very happy Christmas, and join in wishing all of you a very Happy New Year.

As usual Ella and Charlie Cross sent us a beautiful West Point Christmas card on which Charlie had written the following poem: "Only 886 days until we 'reune,' after 55 years this third coming June, so strive to survive thru the fifty-five, to rise and shine anew in sixty-nine."

This brilliant poetic effort produced responses from classmates, and Charlie sent me two in time to be included in this letter.

One was from Henry Holcombe who responded with: "We hope to survive, we'll do our best, 'spite of Mammy's arthritis and Pappy's bum chest." The other response was from Pink Ward: "Your cards, dear friends, did bring us cheer,/ To hear from you, and in that year/ When classmates will again entwine/ Their hands and hearts in 69/ To celebrate years 55/ We'll join you all, if still alive."

So it looks mighty like we will have our 55th Reunion, and I hope many of us will be able to attend.

The last mail before this letter is finished just came. It contained a letter from Johnnie Markoe, which I want to quote. He wrote: "Dear John, your kind, encouraging note and Christmas greetings are deeply appreciated.

"Just last Thursday (29 Dec) I was released from the hospital, weak and tired, after a stay of four weeks. It was impossible for me to send Christmas greetings to anyone. Now I am home trying to recuperate.

"On 15 and 16 February, my friends insist on noting my Golden Jubilee as a Jesuit. A special Mass is planned for the 15th, and a public dinner on the 16th. I hope to be well enough by that time to be present at both affairs. I wish the whole Class could join me, but I know they will be with me in spirit."

How I wish this issue of ASSEMBLY could reach you prior to 15 February so you could send a little message to Johnnie, but it never is mailed out that quickly.

As time marches on it becomes more and more often, my duty, before ending one of these class letters, to announce the passing from our midst of loved ones: sometimes classmates, sometimes wives of classmates, sometimes class widows. Each such loss is a wrench at our heart—a real personal cause for sadness, coupled with recollections of past associations with those who have departed.

This time I must report the death on 6 November 1966, of Susanne Byron. She had one of the apartments in the Army Distaff Hall in Washington. I visited her there several years ago and enjoyed seeing her very much. She had a very comfortable apartment and said she enjoyed living there—especially because her two daughters and son lived in the Washington area—and she enjoyed seeing them and her grandchildren often.

Skimp Brand's letter of condolence in the name of the Class of 1914 was sent to one of Susanne's daughters, Mrs. Vernon N. Simmons, 1216 Priscilla Lane, Alexandria, Va. 22308. Sorry I do not know the names or

addresses of the other two children. Susanne was a very sweet and gentle woman, the loving and devoted wife of our Joe Byron until his death in 1951.

Then, only two days ago, I got a postcard dated 29 Dec 1966, from the Secretary of the Association of Graduates, USMA, stating that he had received notification of the death of Louis T. Byrne, which occurred at his home town, Clarence, N.Y. on 16 Dec 1966, and that he was buried at the West Point Cemetery.

For many years Louis devoted himself to getting fine young men, particularly athletes, to enter the Military Academy, and a large number did so due to his efforts. I have no details as to the cause of his death, only the date and place of burial.

This completes all the letters and news that I have received. Earll joins me in affectionate greetings to you all, and every good wish for 1967.

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Maj. Gen. John B. Wogan
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Queridos Amigos:

These Notes are being written while 1967 is emerging from the eggs laid in 1966. Some of these still smell; others were not so bad. At any rate they were good for the ARMY team and good for the Republican Party. I hope many were good for you all also and will bring you health and the continued enjoyment of the good life during 1967. My sincere thanks for the many Christmas cards and messages of good cheer you sent your Scribe.

Because of deadline it was not possible to report on the Homecoming, so at the risk of being a bit boring I'll indulge in some ancient history. I joined the usual Cullum Hall squad for our trip from Washington, D.C., to West Point. Blister Evans, chauffeur, Jack Davis, back seat driver (blow your horn, Blister), Dutch Hess, the quiet passenger, and Wogan, the efficient treasurer who declared a capital gains dividend at the end of the trip. We were joined by Dick Richards, Squire Taylor, and Mason Young at West Point.

Mason was my roommate, but I didn't see very much of him because he was very busy trying to satisfy the appetite of his plebe grandson, Mason J. III, with T-bone steaks at the Thayer Hotel. Mason discovered that the young Young was really a human dispose-all as far as steaks were concerned.

We enjoyed several bull sessions during which many old stories and jokes were told. One joke had so many whiskers that Squire smiled weakly and allowed as how he laughed so hard and so long when he first heard it that the tears ran down his bib.

Our gang arrived at West Point Friday afternoon in time to see the plebe football game. The Plebes lost. The weather was fair and mild, but Saturday morning the rains came (no doubt in response to a chorus of Missouri Nationals). The review was called off and the Alumni Exercises were held in Thayer Hall. Several of the Classes were holding their reunions and were duly recognized during the Exercises.

In spite of the rain, which poured on players and spectators all afternoon, the game was most enjoyable. The ARMY team put up a spirited offense and beat Penn State decisively. It was worth getting soaked just to see the team exhibiting the old fight.

The new construction seems to be progressing according to schedule. The road

where we used to form for meals and parade no longer exists, and Diagonal Walk is a thing of the past. Such is progress. The architecture of the new buildings will blend nicely with the old. All in all it was a most enjoyable trip—saw many old friends and returned home with the feeling that the "Spirit of Old West Point" is still very much alive at Hell-on-the-Hudson.

Dutch Aurand writes: "Our big event of the year was the wedding of our granddaughter Margaret Lucille to Terence Keith Young on 3 September at Fairfax, Virginia. The Youngs reside in Galeta, near Santa Barbara, California. Rear Admiral E. P. Aurand, the father of the bride, is taking Antisubmarine Warfare Group One to the Western Pacific. Patty, the mother of the bride, is following his flagship, the *Bennington*, to Singapore where Pete will be re-assigned. Then together they will journey westward around the world, returning to Washington around April."

Among Dutch's activities is the presidency of the George Olmsted Foundation. The Foundation was started and financed by Maj. Gen. Geo. H. Olmsted, Ret., USMA '22, for the purpose of broadening the education of selected graduates of the Military, Naval, and Air Force Academies on a scholarship basis. If you are interested, contact Dutch who will be happy to send you a brochure of information.

On 5 December Henry sent the following report: "In connection with the Foundation, which has supported the Student Conference on U. S. Affairs at West Point for the last six years, I have just returned from attendance at SCUSA XVIII. I had a wonderful three days at West Point observing the round-tables and listening to the panels and speakers. I can report that the two new barracks which are being constructed have now reached their maximum height and the covering of the exterior with the appropriate stone has begun on one of them."

Tex Avent recently married Mrs. Renee Duffy, a widow, and now lives at Packridge Farm, Rt. 1, Taylors, S.C. (Taylors is near Greenville, S.C.) Tex and his bride came to Asheville last November. He phoned while I was out so I didn't see him nor meet her. Mac invited them over for a quick one, but he declined explaining that "him and her" were Christmas shopping and had no time for fringe benefits. Mac says that Tex sounded in good fettle and happy. Congratulations, young lovers.

Alfred Balsam reports with his usual cheerfulness that he is getting used to his contact lenses and glasses following a cataract operation. That guy never gripes, and his handwriting is still legible.

Laura Brownell reports that her 5th great-grandchild arrived in October. (Great day in the morning!!) "A darling little girl," beams great-grandma (just think what you started, Laura, old dear).

I'm sure your respective chests swelled with pride (and no doubt with no little difficulty) at the complimentary letter from President Freddy. We appreciate the well-deserved tribute, Mr. Pres.

The consensus of all those who attended Kitty and Omar Bradley's class party on 9 December, for those living in the Washington area, is that it was a most enjoyable party, a very attractive bride, and that a good time was had by all.

John Henry Cochran writes late in September that Betty Thompson was in MacDill Hospital for removal of a cataract on the other eye. He evidently lost contact because I have no later report. John also sent us a

"Nerry Moel" card depicting old Santa completely crooked and passed out under the punch table. John's comment: "Having been slowed down by age, the sentiments expressed hereon are a little extreme. However, I hope this finds you as it leaves us, mobile and vocal."

Nan Chapin spent Christmas at Hickam AFB with her son and his family.

The telephone rang in the Davis chateau. "Gen. Davis speaking."

Voice: "Gen. Davis, this is Sgt. Nelson, Sir. I'm just passing through Washington and would like to know if I can see you, Sir. For old time's sake, Sir."

Jack (scratching his dome, wondering who in hell is Sgt. Nelson): "How are you, Sergeant? It's mighty nice to hear your voice. I'd love to see you, but right now I'm all tied up and don't know when I could arrange to see you."

Sgt. Nelson: "Ah, you're not so d---d tied up, and this is not Sgt. Nelson. This is Henry Saylor" (Maj. Gen. H. B. Saylor, USMA 1915).

Our compliments to Ike for getting rid of his *gallstone* so easily and successfully. Speaking of Ike, I recommend you read his article in the January *Reader's Digest* entitled, "Let's make Government Better." His suggestions make plenty of sense.

The Ellises' son-in-law, Lt. Col. Tracy E. Mulligan Jr., Q.M.C. is on duty in Vietnam. His wife Laura and their two sons live only a short distance from the Ellises. Both Det and Laura Senior are enjoying the family.

Do you want to know the truth? Blister Evans is a collector of poems—we-e-e-l, maybe not poems exactly, but at least they rhyme, they have cadence, and they are amusing. Lack of space and the ASSEMBLY Editor's tabu prevents my quoting the long ones, but here's a short one you retired plutocrats might enjoy:

MAÑANA

Mañana is a lovely word

We all would like to borrow.

It means 'Dond skeen no wolfs today

Wheech you dond shoot tomorrow.

An eef you got some job to do,

Of wheech yo do no wanna.

Go 'head and take siesta now,

Tomorrow ees mañana.

Gibby Gibson states his eyes are not doing too well, but if you want a job done and done superbly, contact Gibby. Mac and I had one of those passing brainstorms when we planned to spend the Christmas holidays with our daughter Patsy and her family in the land of bikinis and alligators. So says I to Mac, says I: "I'll write to Gibby and see what he can line up for us." In a few days we were swamped with invitations from chambers of commerce, motels, hotels, air lines, bus lines, and what have you. Unfortunately, and for many and varied reasons, our plans didn't jell, and we had to give up the idea. Our thanks to Gibby who did a bang-up job in spite of his handicap. (Southern Florida, anyone?)

"The only class news I have," writes Jody Haw, "is that John McDermott's oldest son, John, graduated from Notre Dame last spring and is entering law school in California, and that Ria and I visited Mexico last winter, and, this summer we drove 4,600 miles, visited my son in Minneapolis, and took in the Grand Canyon, Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone Park, and the Grand Tetons. This year I am editor of *Crackers*, the little paper of the Cosmopolitan Club here, a luncheon club of retired business and professional men who meet twice a month. It has 275 members."

Jody sent me two editions of *Crackers*

which I perused thoroughly, and from the way Jody slings the bull in those bulletins, I came to two conclusions: a. Jody would make an ideal class Scribe because he handles the English language with such smoothness and grace, and b. they do more than meet for lunch in that club. Yes, sir, they have a social hour around a punchbowl before partaking of solid food, and they play bridge, and they have picnics, and evidently they have a lot of fun. Jody says that what he writes is mostly cracker crumbs.

Lucy Hobbs sold her house and is now at "The Towers," Apt. 1116W, 4201 Cathedral Ave., Washington, D.C. Helen Howard will be at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in January and plans to take a cruise to South America in March. (Bon voyage, Helen.)

Hooks Howell ignored my plea that he send a report of his travel in Spain to include his conquests of sundry senioritas. A note with his Christmas card states: "This is to prove to you that there is nothing wrong with my writing arm. I can also use it for hoisting a small glass." I say hoist two small glasses, Hooks, and make it a longer note next time.

Because of conflicts between deadlines and events, and between deadlines and actual publication of ASSEMBLY, errors in reports sometime appear. In the fall ASSEMBLY (deadline: 7 September) there was an account of the visit to Asheville of Oiseau and Chick King. In late October Oiseau died in Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, where he had been taken for an operation. It was too late then to make any change. I ardently wish the fall report could still be a factual one. Oiseau was one of the eight Squirrels of 1915 who, during our first-class year, lived on the 3d floor of the 6th Div. The eight, by roommates, were: Doodle Harmon and Buddy Cronkrite, Oiseau King and Ralph Cousins, Geo. Stratmeyer and Izzy Miller, Ed McGuire and Johnny Wogan. Strat and Wogan are the only surviving Squirrels, and both mourn the loss of a beloved and devoted friend and classmate. Deepest sympathy to Chick from the Class.

Mary and Tom Larkin, forever in orbit, spent most of last summer in England and Ireland, but visited Berlin for a week. At present writing they are in San Antonio visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Lt. Col. Rochfort, USAF, and three "grands." In February the Larkins fly to Newport Beach, California, to spend a month with Tom Jr., and his wife Netty. Tom says, "I've been boning up on modern math so I can tutor my grandson in his high school algebra and trig. Sure is complicated."

The John Leonards are still at 21 Black Skimmer Road, Hilton Head Island, S.C., and enjoying the southern exposure. Drop him a line. You might even get a reply. Peg Lindner spent the holidays with her son Brester in Colorado Springs. She plans to visit the Lake Chapala area in Mexico during the winter.

Reinold Melberg keeps your Scribe *au courant* with some of the events in the far west. He recently made a tour and reports Earl Price improving slowly. He phoned the McDermotts, but they had just gotten up from a sick bed, so he didn't see them. Jody Haw was out, but he talked with Ria and learned that both are well. Further dependent sayeth not.

Ray Marsh left in October for Turkey to visit his son Ray Jr., a Lt. Col., Ord, who is on duty there. Jake Meneely sold his brick business and is now unemployed. He moved from Coeymans, N.Y., where he and Sally

had lived for 46 years, to Albany, which he says is his new and permanent address.

Farmer Peabody is now a firm believer in the weather predictions of the *Farmers' Almanac*. Before his conversion he paid little heed to it, and he and Elinor planned a party for 18 on Christmas Day, in spite of the *Almanac's* warning that the last week in December would be stormy. And believe me, it was. Heavy snows and high drifts blocked driveways, garage doors, and froze cars. Guests called informing Hume they were snowed in. Hume called off the party and cancelled the hired help. Then the snow plows began working and guests called again saying, "We're plowed out now, can we come?" And come they came, 11 of them, most of whom left in a dazed condition brought on by the kick of old man Peabody's special punch.

Harry Pendleton reports his cattle doing fine. I assume he is, too, since he is piping our 1970 Reunion. (Don't speed the clock, Harry. Tempus is fugiting fast enough as it is.)

A letter from Earl Price, typed by his one good hand, gives the following news: "I had a stroke nine months ago today and am none too mobile. The left side and the center line are unchanged. I see, hear, eat, drink, look out the window, and damn the politicians just as well as ever, but the right arm and hand are of no use (although not painful), and the right leg is of limited use, but that use is vital. I do get around on it and the good leg with the help of various aids like assorted canes (I will not use the word crutch until and unless I have to), rolling tables, a long staff, a sort of tricycle, and ropes stretched between trees. I can make almost a mile a day and have some time to spare, and I am improving. A part-time housekeeper takes care of me, but I get my own breakfast. Help is really scarce in this state as welfare pays better than working. My left hand is tiring; I have had to write all of this with one wing. The sun sinks low. The shadows grow long. Thoughts of you and other men whom I saw so often when we were young come trooping through my mind, and I hope that God will be kind to every one of you for the rest of our tour on this planet and for the great assignment that is to follow." The letter was quite long, but I felt sure you would like to read this excerpt written by a very courageous gentleman.

And this from John N. Robinson: "We have been in considerable turmoil during the past six months, selling one house, making alterations in the other, and moving from one to the other. The details appear endless, but the results are most encouraging. We can report that we are most happy and as healthy as those looking back on 'middle age' can expect to be—or perhaps even better than that.

"I am sorry that some of our classmates are showing signs of age, and was perturbed about Jack Davis reporting his symptoms in your last report, i.e., softening of the brain and hardening of the arteries. It seems to me I had some of the same symptoms awhile back but I shook 'em off. Perhaps more of the Class should learn about this 'Fun-in-the-Sun' stuff and stop freezing themselves for three or four months of every year. Meat out of the deep-freeze never seems as tasty as the fresh article."

Doc Ryder's son Charles W. Jr., USMA '42, is on the list for promotion to brigadier general, and his son (Doc's grandson) Charles W. III, is a Plebe at West Point. Quite a record.

Henry B. Saylor (alias Sgt. Nelson) has

this to say: "Living the humdrum life of an 'also-ran,' there has been little of interest to contribute to the class Notes, but I believe I may now have a class first. Last November Henry Jr. (Class of Jan '43) was elected to the Florida State Senate on the Republican ticket by a sizable majority. He got a fine boost from Ike prior to the election in the form of a letter which the newspapers published. Of course, our main interest centers around our children and nine grandchildren and now one great-granddaughter (another classmate on the list of "greats").

Horace Perlmutter Stringfellow sends best wishes to classmates for a Happy New Year and continued progress toward the goal of Oldest Living Graduate. (Thanks, Pal.) He and May are sailing on the *Queen Mary* in April for Paris, England, Portugal, and Spain. (All hail to our class plutocrat.)

Midge and Bob Strong took a Scandinavian cruise last summer and loved it. They also visited Leningrad, Moscow, Denmark, and the low countries. Bob says: "We are beginning to feel that these things should be done before we are too blind, too deaf, or too lame." (Whadayamean *too*, Bob?)

The Squire Taylors spent the holidays in Texas and then drove down to Mexico for a spell. Squire is quite enamored of the Bee poem quoted in a recent issue. He says, "Any time I'm in a crowd I ask this riddle—'Why are there so many sons of bees in the world?' Then I tell them about the bees, their sex, the busy mother bee, and always get a laugh. After reciting the bee poem the other day I got the following return story: 'A bunch of bees had just swarmed and were looking for a new home. As they flew over a service station one of the bees said, "Let's stop here, get some water, and freshen up." Another bee said, "There's an Esso station down the road a piece. Let's stop there instead." Which goes to show you might find an Esso bee in any group.' " (Quick, Watson, the needle.)

Tenney has been on the go all year long. Two weeks in Hawaii in the spring, a month in Wisconsin in the summer, several trips to Dallas and Phoenix, and to Tucson for a football game, and a visit of a few days with the Strongs. "This fall," writes Clesen, "my daughter Ruth and I went to Blacksburg, Virginia, for the 30th Reunion of 'my class' at V.P.I., where I had a real ball. From there we flew to Newark to visit friends, and while passing through DC phoned a few classmates. After the first of the year I expect to stay put for a bit."

Woody reports that he and Alice are as well as can be expected and that Mike Davis is a great deal better.

Mason Young is following his usual routine. In the spring, summer, and fall he takes care of his home and his apple orchard. His apple crop pays his taxes. In the winter he visits his four families. His older boy, Jim, is in Vietnam as XO of the 23d Arty Group. His daughter Agatha Ann's oldest son is an ensign in the Navy on duty in the Mediterranean. "This past winter and spring," writes Mason, "I visited my younger son, Bill, a Foreign Service Officer stationed in Paris. From Paris I went to Vienna, Budapest, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Roumania, a most interesting trip. Belgrade and Bucharest are certainly booming in the matter of construction. Sophia is lagging and Budapest is getting the hard side of the Russian hand, obviously because of the 1956 rebellion. Hungarian cooking is good, but variety under the Russian control is limited. In one of the top hotels, in one meal, I had potatoes cooked four different ways. I'm going back to Paris

in January to see Bill and probably go on to London again, which is always interesting in winter."

And this, gents, concludes my report for 1966. As many wives tell many husbands: "I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant." Anyhoo, my best wishes to y'all for the New Year, and don't forget to take your copaiiba.

Toutes mes amities, mes camarades.

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Their tour of the Holy Land and the Near East in September, Babe Weyand writes, was a wonderful experience. He and Marie took boat rides on the Sea of Galilee and on the Bosphorus, and cruised for several days among the Greek Islands. They spent a night in an Arab tent within sight of the Pyramids of Giza, Babe rode a camel in the Sahara, and Marie waded in the Dead Sea. They saw all the ruins, visited all the holy places, and ended up in Rome with an audience with Pope Paul. It was a strenuous schedule for a couple who had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 26 August. On that occasion their four children threw a dinner party for them at the WPAM, and President and Mrs. Johnson and Eisenhower sent congratulations—also Dwight Johns. A friend of Dwight's had sent him a clipping from the Newburgh paper.

Speaking of 50th wedding anniversaries, your Scribe will have to take back the Oscar awarded Maurice and Nola Miller in the last ASSEMBLY for having been the first in the Class to marry. We find the award goes to Dick and Marquenita Levy who were married on 13 June 1916. One of the two taxicabs operating at West Point in those days carried Marquenita from the old hotel to the chapel where she became Mrs. Levy one hour after Dick's graduation. They also captured another "first" when their son John won The Cup for the first-born Class Son.

After the surgeons finally released Maurice Miller from post-operative check-ups, he and Nola took off in October, motoring to Tucson, Arizona, where they spent a month at the Ghost Ranch Lodge. They were pleasantly surprised while eating dinner one evening to look out of the window and see Blanche and Roland Shugg stopping for dinner on their way to spend six weeks in Mazatlan and Mexico City. While in Tucson the Millers had lunch with the Tom Martins on the last day of the World Series, and they all watched the game on the Martins' color TV. The Martins' daughter Cynthia has bought a house a short distance from her parents. Her husband, Gen. Cone, who was commanding the White Sands Proving Ground, had died suddenly about six months previously. He suffered a heart attack while helping someone stranded along the road change a tire.

The ARMY-Navy game was the happy occasion for some class TV parties. In Piedmont, Dwight and Laura Johns entertained the Woody Woodwards, Roland Shuggs, Carl Doneys, Bob McBrides, and the Willy Wilsons, who were in that area visiting their daughter Dolly Jr., and her husband, Gen. Ellis E. Wilhoyt Jr. In Washington, the Gallaghers were hosts to the Scotts, Scofield's, Bill Hoge, who was visiting in Washington at that time, the Walshes, DeWitts, Bobbie O'Hare, and the Blisses. All reports describe a swinging good time at both parties. The ARMY team got plenty of support.

Delp Styer writes that he and Doe had their annual ARMY-Navy game party for about 50 of their local friends and neighbors who are mostly Navy people. He said: "The ARMY cheering section consisted of Doe and me and one other couple. It was a great day for the ARMY, and we let our Navy friends know it." Doe, who is getting along well now, has graduated from a wheelchair and crutches to a cane. She had not sufficiently recovered, however, to make the visit they had planned for last summer with their son George and his family in Frankfurt, West Germany, where he is Chief of Staff of the 3d Armored Division. "Maybe next summer," Delp says.

The Brittons, on a trip to Florida, stopped over in Winter Park to enjoy lunch and the ARMY-Navy game with the Charlie Gerharts, whom DZ had not seen since the 1926 game. I wonder how many of our classmates know that in 1965 DZ was honored at the ARMY-Tennessee game by a "Bill Britton Day" when the President of the university presented DZ with a new set of golf clubs as well as all the electrical equipment and some furniture for the Brittons' new summer home in Highlands, North Carolina. Between the halves Gen. Lampert presented the University of Tennessee with a plaque for their hall of fame commemorating the part played in intercollegiate athletics at West Point and Tennessee by Gen. Neyland, Col. Britton, and Col. Parker.

The Finleys are building a new house in Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, and hope it will be completed by June. Tom says the old one was too big. Bob and Nell Whitson made a trip in October to visit relatives in Tennessee. We hear that the Whitsons have decided to sell their house in Kingston. Irene McBride has sold her house in the country and has taken an apartment not far from the Craigie Krayenbuhls in Winter Park. Her address: 305 Sutton Place South, Winter Park, Florida 32789. She says she sees Martha and Craigie often and watched the ARMY-Navy game with them.

Dick Dorer writes that he is trying to complete a second book in addition to lecturing, promoting two major conservation programs, and working on a new mortar and method of using aiming points. It makes a 10-hour work schedule!

Duke and Maurine Townsend are back home after a world cruise on the *Bergensfjord*, which sounds like the same trip taken by the Scofields year before last on the same ship. Dick and Elizabeth Birmingham left on 3 January to drive to New Orleans where they planned to embark on a trip to the Barbados, Rio de Janeiro, and Montevideo. Dick had attended the ARMY-Navy game and wrote that he had not seen any other classmates, but did see Nygaard and Swanton who had also been at West Point for Homecoming Week.

We regret to report that Caroline Walsh was taken seriously ill about the middle of December and at the time of this writing is still in the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Edith Cabell's grandson, Wilmer K. Benson, now a lieutenant, is back from Vietnam where Edith says he received the first battlefield commission in the Infantry. Boots and Bill Spence motored to West Point last fall to visit their son Craig, now stationed there. Helen Inglis spent most of the summer at her cottage in the Jackson Hole country. Lucian Berry, of Santa Barbara, went to Berkeley for the ARMY-California game. Since Marge Cockrill died in May, McFarland's sister has been living with him at his home in San Antonio.

Hearse Henderson writes he has to work on the job of maintaining health but is getting good results. He was sorry to miss our 50th Reunion but said maybe he and Lucille would make our 55th. Since the Reinharts' happy family gathering in Qtrs 13 at West Point during reunion, Stanley and Jeannette have journeyed to Des Moines to see their daughter and her family in their new home there.

Jess Tarpley, who has been so ill for several years, is having to undergo frequent tests and examinations at the hospital. Myrtle has taken complete and wonderful care of Jess throughout his long siege.

On 4 January Fay Prickett and Brig Bliss had a brief visit with Ray Moses in Washington when he and Marjorie stopped between visits to Spartanburg, S.C., and Alexandria, Va. One of their two granddaughters, Marjorie's namesake, was presented at the Assembly debutante ball in Spartanburg, and Ray and Marjorie had gone down for the occasion. They were on their way back to visit their son John and his family now at Fort Belvoir after a 3½-year tour in London.

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'17

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As most of you have read in Kewp Yuill's December letter, excellent planning has been and is being done for our 50th Reunion in June. Here are some extracts from Kewp's letter: "Plans are being made for a joint party with August '17 on Thursday evening, 1 June, and the class dinner is now scheduled for Saturday, 3 June. This dinner caps the festivities of our reunion. The reunion committee wants to know by 1 April who is going to the reunion and time of arrival. This information will be consolidated by Kewp Yuill, who will call on Bill Heavey for accurate facts and figures to present to Freddy Irving, our reunion chairman. Come one! Come all! Let's have a ball!"

Quoting further from Kewp's letter: "It is with deep sympathy that it is announced that Renie Clark is no longer with us.

"Recent information from New Orleans is that Malcolm Helm is a well-recognized portrait painter there.

"Mark Clark has been made chairman of a military pay study for Congressman Mendel Rivers and is expected to be in Washington the first of the year to begin the study.

"Dan Noce has sold his farm, Laurel Hills, and is now settled in his new house on a smaller farm, Covington Farm, Sperryville, Va. Millie will be announcing a picnic-inspection date for some time next summer. The last squeal on the old farm was from a pig destined for Sam Smith's freezer.

"In the DC area Bill Heavey says that the April class luncheon is scheduled for 20 April, with ladies, in the North Sky Room, 8th floor, Army-Navy Club."

The death of Renie Clark is mentioned above in Kewp Yuill's notes. The members of the Class extend their sincere sympathy to Mark, who through the years has shared his many honors with Renie.

Here in Washington our 27 Oct class luncheon, to which wives were invited, was probably the largest group we have gathered in many years. Thirty-two showed up at the Army-Navy Club for the occasion. Henly Frier, Mary, and two of their charming daughters were there. Henly, with his background of wide experience in civilian life, gave a very encouraging talk on "The Military

Mind." Sam Smith was there, well recovered from a recent illness. Bill Cowgill was away on a visit to the Virgin Islands.

At the September class luncheon in Washington an interesting note from Clarke Fales was read. Clarke sent his regrets from Paris, where his son is Deputy Commander, NATO Air Force. Before returning to the States in late October, he and Jesse toured Austria, Italy, and the Greek Islands.

In an interesting Christmas message, Gladys and Joe Collins wrote: "Again our children and 17 grandchildren are scattered around the globe.

"Jerry is commanding a battalion of the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam; Gladdie and Jerome Stenger and their family have just gone out to Tokyo where Jerry is on duty with our embassy; and the Nancy and Michael Rubinos are still in Brussels. While Jerry is away, Caroline and their trio are enjoying their stay with Caroline's mother in Lewiston, Idaho.

"With all the children abroad, we are joining the Rubinos in Brussels for the Christmas holidays. Since we are leaving early in December, our seasons greetings will come to you by mental telepathy, as may yours to us. May the blessings of Christmas remain with you throughout the New Year."

As usual, the Jim Haydens had a very active year in 66. Besides dinners, parties, concerts, theaters, and guests, Laddie acted as a nurse's aide at the local VA hospital once a week, and Jim had many fishing and duck-and-pheasant-hunting expeditions. Bobette started the year nearby, and others of the clan arrived for several family get-togethers. In August Bobette sailed on the *Lurline* for Honolulu to welcome her husband, Bob (Lt. Col. Thomas Robert Watson) when he flew back from Korea for duty at Hq USARPAC at Fort Shafter. Buster (Lt. Col. James Lloyd Hayden) began the year on duty in the Pentagon, but later moved with his family to "a small part of Heaven" at the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Pete and Dorothy, "The Hastings Haydens," had a busy year. Pete spent some time in Mexico again, and recently did quite a bit of decorating in the new model community of Reston, Va. Dorothy's new book, *Bid Better, Play Better*, has turned out to be a tremendous success and is already in its fourth printing.

AUG

'17

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Our Class has suffered two grievous losses. Leo Smith, with whom we had been so happily reunited each year at the November luncheon, died on October 3d. Carlisle Wilson passed on on December 15th after a brief bout with pneumonia. His funeral was at Arlington, and classmates were pallbearers. We are both saddened and weakened by the departure of these fine men. Our sympathy goes out to the widows and children.

Turning from sad tidings to the farther end of the age spectrum, we find the Class carrying on brilliantly. Your Scribe recently bemoaned the shock of becoming a great-great-uncle. The wind was taken out of his sails at a delightful dinner hosted by the Bill Chapmans that included as guests the Bill Bringham, Willie and Inez Wilson, the honeymooning Reeder, and Anne Williamson. The last named confided that she had just come from celebrating the first birthday of her great-grandson. This was capped by

Teddy Buechler who wrote: "Classmates fortunate enough to travel across Nebraska may find in our living room the photograph of a beautiful strawberry blonde, our great-granddaughter, born 28 August 1964."

Teddy wrote further in nostalgic vein. Mary and he had just returned from a sentimental journey to Fort Sill and Big Spring, Texas. Your Scribe assumed that the honeymoon route was being retraced until he read more carefully. "Forty years ago, almost to the month" didn't jibe with widely accepted facts, and a little later it came out that on the earlier journey, now being repeated, Mary and Ted were accompanied by Peachy, aged about four and Bruce about one. It then became clear that the initial trip was *circa* 1926 when Teddy was headed for the Battery Officers course. Major changes in Fort Sill are reported. Forty years later they encountered the biggest traffic jam in thousands of motoring miles. The only immediately identifiable landmarks were Signal Mountain and Medicine Bluffs (1 to 4). An hour's search was needed to find Snow Hall and the white stone quarters of the Old Post. Nor was Lawton any more familiar; they never did find the apartment where they once lived. The state of Oklahoma is negligent in not having put a plaque on the site. The attraction at Big Spring: Bruce, Wanda, Gracie, Robin, and Betsy live there. Peachy's (Mary II) son and daughter are married and living a continent apart: vicinities of New York and San Francisco.

We may as well continue with travel notes which will inevitably include some miscellany. Your Scribe and his fortunate bride had a marvelous month in the West, where the pleasures ranged from seeing the last day of the Pendleton Roundup to a chatty luncheon with Pablo and Laura Cole. (The Kernans and Moores were out of town.) Pablo and Laura were poised for flight to Europe. Since then Pablo has reported a splendid sojourn abroad and gives Portugal an accolade. The Coles were with the Wilsons and Chapmans before and after the ARMY-Cal game; a fine time was had by all. He (they) also expected to see Alston Deas at the latter's sister's in Palo Alto. Restless souls, Pablo and Laura. They spent Christmas in Las Vegas—not gambling, mind you, for if they did that they couldn't afford to travel so much. The taciturn Deas was not only on the West Coast but also briefly in Washington in October. He saw his son off to Vietnam on January 15th. Alston and Allen are planning next summer in Europe. We hope they will use the 50th as a springboard.

In a reverse travel note, Tracy Dickson tells of a family reunion at his home to which the progeny traveled from as far away as Longview, Washington. He and Betty are in a class by themselves, as you will see from his tabulation of the attendance: "10 grandchildren, 8 adults, and ourselves." Note: no great-grandchildren. Come on, Tracy!

Your Scribe didn't get far enough south to see Bob Bringham and had to be content with a telephone conversation. Bob is pretty well tied down with arthritis, but that doesn't affect his chest which swells with pride as he contemplates his four boys and eleven grandchildren. I inspected one, Bill, and feel that Bob is justified.

Doc Faust and Mimi have been at their Beaulieu home since October and will remain until April. It must be nice to evade the unpleasant months so comfortably. Doc thinks that June will be warm enough so that they can positively attend the 50th. Another semi-expatriate is Parry Lewis. For the past four years he has taken Isabelle to spend the sum-

mer months at Garmisch. Parry has given up skiing, but his picture window looks directly out at the Zugspitze. Munching raspberry shortcake of an afternoon, he can exercise vicariously by watching the climbers on the mountain. I'm sure that Parry will be at the 50th. Remind me to check on his yodeling.

The girls bounce about, too. Anne Counts came to Washington in mid-December to be with her daughter and to await the 50th. Loessa Coffey went to St. Paul to spend Christmas with her son. Diddy joined them. Loessa, ex-maniac that she is, found the weather too severe and sat with her knitting by a radiator the whole time. Alice O'Keefe had a summer in Europe; Margaret Barber is in California. Margaret Hall and son Richard went to Caracas for Christmas with her daughter Ruth and family. As Tommy Jenkins once said to Mrs. Jenkins, "Woman, ain't you got no home?"

With all this peregrination, we have great luck. The Skinny Sharps were bumped by a fellow motorist, but the only human damage was a lump on Skinny's head. No bigger than Ellanor might justifiably put there. Kit Carson has escaped violence of another sort. Before his students could engage in a sit-in and knock-down, he retired as an emeritus. Freed of the bondage of classes, he and Helen were setting out for the Air Force Academy to spend the holidays with their daughter and her family. Here a new wrinkle appears—progress again. Maj. Beauchamp, their son-in-law, is an exchange tac at the AF Academy. Kit claims that once the trip was decided on, Helen overloaded the car with packages. Let us hope that the experience will not sour Kit on travel, and that they will be at the 50th.

Heading the roster of other restless souls are Biff and Elizabeth. It's the South Pacific and Far East—this time from 5 January to 8 April. A recent bowl game furnished good reason for getting away from it all. However, Biff leaves partially content, having seen Larry in eagles. The Connors ran up to Fort Totten for Christmas, and the Wagners head for Florida in February (apples are self-tending in that season). Miles and Anne Cowles combined business with pleasure. Walter Reed cleared them for another year of fun, whereupon they went on to visit Nancy in New York. Earlier they had spent four months in Africa and Europe. The Jack Johnsons are giving South America the once over. Barbara DeCamp went up to the Point for a visit with son Bill.

Speaking of Bill DeCamp brings us to the 50th. Sam Ringsdorf was in town the other day, and a conference lunch with him revealed the magnificent job he and Bill are doing to pave the way for a successful reunion. Biff's conscientious committeemen will furnish you details.

The heterosexual luncheon, as I like to call it, was grand. The roster of those present: Victoria Almquist, Emily Bingham and her mother, Loessa Coffey, Joe and Bessie Cohen with Henri and Betty Hoge, Leo and Miriam Conner, Cotstick and Florence Courture, Red Durfee solo, Hi and Rae Ely, Marguerite Eyster, Jack and Lucile Fye with Lucile's mother and colonel-expectant Robert W. Fye with wife Lei, Bob and Marjorie Hasbrouck, Horace and Mary Harding, May Heavey, Lew Griffith, Sammy and Sallie (nee Mal-lory) Homan, Dorothy Huff, Biff and Elizabeth Jones with the Larry Joneses, Parry Lewis, John Martin, Anne (Counts) Minor, Bill and Louise Paca with a pair from the next generation (Bill and Louise have both had hospital bouts since the luncheon but recovered enough to send your Scribe a

Christmas greeting—he was more thankful for the recovery than for the greeting), Pete and Gertrude Purvis, Bill and the blushing Gracie Reeder, Sam Ringsdorf, the lovely younger Sharps, Honus and Dorothy Wagner, and Red and Dorothy Warner. Doc Faust sent four beautiful fleurs-de-lis to be distributed by lot. The lucky ones were Lucile Fye, Victoria Almquist, Grace Reeder, and someone else. John Martin brought a heavy load of gold-edged Haviland china from the Astor and gave each family a piece by which to remember the old Astor—and John, bless him.

Luncheons at the seat of government drew well. Making all three were: Conner, Durfee, Griffith, Hasbrouck, Jones, Fred Sharp Jr., and Warner. Reeder and Rising made the last two. Single attendances were scored by Hook Almquist, Bill Chapman, and Sam Homan. The ladies met in September, October, and December. Three stalwarts, Loessa Coffey, Dorothy Huff, and Elizabeth Jones had a perfect record. They were joined in both October and December by Margaret Bellinger, Miriam Conner, and Alice O'Keefe. Marguerite Eyster made the first two; Marjorie Hasbrouck, and Lois Stamps gave up after September. Gertrude Purvis and Dorothy Warner skipped October but attended the other two. Singles were Victoria Almquist and Harriet Rising in October, and Emily Bingham and Mrs. Kutz in December.

The list of donations to the class fund is imposing—the affluent society: Margaret Rose, Gus Hoffman, John Fye, Tracy Dickson, George Herbert, Red Shaffer, Red Durfee, Bill Jenna, Harry Wood, Jack Johnson, Red Warner, Margaret Barber, Eddie House, Sam Ringsdorf, Bill Chapman, Harry Rising, Henry Demuth, Cotstick Courture, Marguerite Eyster, Lois Stamps, Henry Gantt, Anne Counts, Frankie Carr, Teddy Buechler, Willie Wilson, and Biff Jones. Thanks.

The accomplishments of our intermediate generation continue to merit praise. Young Bob Hasbrouck has been a vice president of Chase National the past 10 months. Harriet Eyster, widow of Col. George Jr., and daughter of the late Col. LaRoche (who healed many of us), is now a cadet hostess at West Point. G3, viz., Gordon G. Heiner III, now a doctor after being associate editor of *Newsweek*, married another doctor while in Rome, Italy. The couple is back in Baltimore where G3 is research associate in the Institute of International Medicine at the University of Maryland. A year from now they will both go to Pakistan for two years' work in the tropical diseases center there. Anne Heiner, who took over the duties of a mother so successfully for G3, can be duly proud.

Back to the aging. George Herbert is still consulting, as he has been for the past seven years, for the Department of Airports in Los Angeles. Dad Riley has eased much of the burden of his flourishing real estate business onto the shoulders of his son and thus gained more time to cultivate rapport with his horses. Eddie House reports that an arthritic hip has curtailed his activities in golf, water skiing, and the watusi. He can, however, still dine in such excellent company as the Days and the Rolfes, and on both New Year's and the Fourth set off fireworks in defiance of the law. We are counting on the whole Florida contingent for the 50th. That includes Frank and Mary Meade who have been uncommunicative lately. Dutch and Teddy Gerhardt missed the co-ed luncheon, but have promised to reunite without fail. I know Dutch had a wonderful time making charts of the ARMY-Navy game.

Biff Jones has attained one of the highest

credit ratings in Washington. Having paid his bill promptly at the Army-Navy Club for 50 years, he has become a Knight of the Golden Circle. Your Scribe has earned a less resounding title. He has had three marriages and with each, a career. From the first he became a major general, retired; the second ended as professor emeritus. In his third one, Gracie must continue working so as to get a favorable retirement from civil service. Thus, your Scribe, when queried as to his occupation, answers, "househusband." Selah.

JUN
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With our quarterly letter of 12 Dec 66 we enclosed a new class address list, complete with ZIP code numbers, to start off the new year. Some of you folks will find it necessary to use the ZIP code if you want mail in 1967. You will find your ZIP code number on this list. To economize on postage I sent both the quarterly letter and address list via fourth-class mail. Fourth-class mail is not forwarded to new addresses, so, if you did not receive the letter with address list, drop me a line and I'll send a replacement. I know contact was made with all classmates as the envelopes contained a printed notice guaranteeing return postage by me. However, I ran out of these envelopes for some of the widows, and if your address changed, you may not have received it.

Once again Scip Axelson made the first change on the new list. "Just moving as usual," wrote Scip. His new address is 6016 Kantor St., San Diego, Calif. 92122. The Axelsons sent holiday greetings.

Seasons greetings came from Wilma Achatz of Army Distaff Hall in DC, and Agnes Bell in Gallatin, Tenn. Agnes says her community also is full of good neighborliness. That I well know, as the Bell family, headed by Clyde, affectionately called the "Colonel" by young and old, spent much effort on community affairs.

Heine Baish drove to Florida for the winter. Spent the holidays with daughter Sheila Johns in Orlando and then made the rounds of classmates in that area before returning to Washington.

In their holiday greetings and letter to the Class, the Barths wrote they were both well but slowing down a bit. (Aren't we all!) Bit said the plans for our 50th sound fine, and he and Mary will certainly be on hand, barring sickness.

The Blanchards report a marvelous trip to Europe. Their daughter and family met them in London. They visited many interesting places in England and then settled down in a lovely villa on a beach on the Brittany coast where Eve and Charlie, through the connivance of their French cook, started to put on the poundage. Then by air to Ireland for a delightful week visiting Eve's relatives, and more good food—this time in a medieval castle. Back to the U.S.A. in time for the Homecoming game and later ARMY-Navy game where Charlie picked up a bit of loose change from some of the Navy files.

Greetings from Lib and Kitty Boineau down South Carolina way, and from Meyer Casman who reported the City of Brotherly Love did its share to celebrate our ARMY-Navy game victory. At the game Cas saw Peg and Connie Jadwin, Ann and Leo Kreber, and Barbara and Robbie Robinson.

The Casey family holiday dinner took place

during the Thanksgiving season at Newport News with son Keith and family. On 19 Dec Dot and Pat headed for their Vermont home to spend a white Christmas in New England. As you North Country folks know, it almost turned out to be a green one. But—ah—on Xmas Eve and all day Xmas we had a beautiful snowfall, followed by several others during the week. And, as Pat said, they were in a beautiful white fairyland. The folks in Bradford and across the river at Orford, N.H., kept them in a whirl with a succession of holiday parties. Back to N.Y.C. went the Caseys on 3 Jan to rest up for their cruise starting the latter part of January up and down both coasts of South America. In late spring they will again be at their summer home in Vermont for the summer-fall season, when we hope to see them.

Nell Cobb has done it again. Her new book, *A First by Freighter*, was released by the Harlo Press, 16721 Hamilton Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48203 in December 1966. The cost is \$2.25. Your Scribe has a copy and from his early experiences, including an around-the-world trip, sometimes as a passenger but more often as a member of the crew, he can vouch for it being plumb full of information on the why and how of planning such trips, as well as a lively account of shipboard and shore activities. If any of you should desire a copy, I suggest ordering it from Nell, as she will autograph it for you.

The Fosters, in their holiday greeting note, expressed delight with the way Growley is shaping up our 50th Reunion. The good Squire added that "a good neighbor begets good neighbors" and that we have almost persuaded him to move to New Hampshire until he remembers that winter of 1940-41 at Plattsburg Barracks. True, Squire, except for two things. First, we no longer try to conquer the whole great outdoors, and second, we have more comforts and conveniences today.

Greetings from Peggy Francis of Virginia, Frances and Paul George of New Hampshire, and Helen and Jack Grant of Connecticut. Jack said he and Helen will be at the 50th.

Phil Gallagher reports on one of our sons of June '18, young James S. Timothy, Class of '42, eldest son of Veron and Pat. Young Tim, now a brigadier general, has been assigned as the Asst Commandant at the Inf School at Fort Benning. This assignment goes only to top soldiers, and young Timothy, who has many decorations awarded for combat in both Korea and Vietnam, is just that. Veron and Pat were in Columbus for young Tim's welcoming ceremonies, Pat looking fine and distinguished and Veron as lovely and vivacious as always. The Gallaghers had not seen them since the early Twenties when Pat was teaching, Phil was a Tac, and young Tim was just small fry. Later, young Tim as a Kaydet had Phil for Commandant. And, at the dinner the Gallaghers gave for the Timothys, I'm sure a few buttons popped off in their pride of this son of June '18.

Since retiring from college teaching the Grenatas have been very busy on their country place in Virginia. April saw the completion of their timber cutting which took Mike to the woods every day regardless of weather. That has a familiar ring to me. I claim I do it to keep healthy. Mike finished just in time to make out his income tax form and then hie for South Carolina. To play, I guess, on the money made on the farm. Missed the Townsleys who had headed for their New Hampshire home, but had a delightful time with the Siberts and their son and family. Also visited The Citadel and the Phil Gorges, Class of '24, before returning to Leesburg.

**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.**

Civic projects, including occasional flings into improving local politics, keep Mike busy in his spare time. In between, at 6:30 a.m. daily, Mike listens to his sunrise education programs which he has been doing for the past 11 years. This semester his subjects include: "Styles in Writing" and "Philosophical Analysis." Xmas was spent with daughter Michaela and family (Ken McIntyre '49). "Keep busy and be happy" is a good slogan for the Grenatas.

Greetings from Steve and Growley Gruhn with a note. "No more dope" on our 50th (from what was contained in my quarterly letter). Some of you who have written "see you at the Fiftieth," I know are not yet on Growley's list, so get the dope back to him.

On Birdie Hewitt's Xmas card she said: "I hope I can attend the class reunion; want to very much." Several others expressed their intentions of attending: Jack Grant: "I must let Growley know that Helen and I will be there;" Lucy and Breezy Hudson: "See you in '68"; and Lane Holman: "Have advised Growley I'll be there for the 50th."

These are sweet words to your Scribe's ears and I haven't passed the H's yet.

After a postcard from Hong Kong picturing a Chinese junk which Bob Horr claimed was his new home-away-from-home, we received holiday greetings and best wishes from California with a note, "you owe me a letter." I could invent a story of where he'd been and even some exciting sideline events. I once threatened a classmate in this vein and really got some authentic news for the next issue. Who knows, this may work on Bob.

From Charlie Hoffman's greeting: "Hi, Anna Mary. Chin up! After all, I am approaching the biblical three score and ten, and I surely don't dance all night anymore and still beg for more." In January the Hoffmans discontinued their hibernation on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and holed up in Baltimore for the balance of the winter. Have a hunch the end of the duck hunting season and not the weather had a lot to do with this decision.

Lane Holman feels that my comments about Growley's and Steve's picnics are really an understatement, having sampled some of their picnics during his visits to Cornwall the past three years. After a couple of bouts in Brooke Gen. Hosp. in 1962 and 1963, Lane feels in good shape and does quite a bit of traveling, and prescribes it for Anna Mary.

Off to the Mediterranean go Lola and Paul Hurt during March and April, visiting 41 ports with shore trips through the Holy Land, Egypt, Russia, Roumania, and Yugoslavia. Daughter Betty is with them.

Holiday greetings and a newsy letter from the Krebers. Leo retired from active management of his company last August and is now serving as chairman of the board with a bit more free time. Football occupied a lot of their spare time. All six home games of Ohio State were attended. A drive to South Bend for the ARMY-Notre Dame game where they met the new Supe. A full week to Philly for the ARMY-Navy game, which was much to their liking. Xmas was spent at Peoria with Ann's family and then on to West Palm Beach, Fla., for the month of January. Leo's

P.S. is a masterpiece: "I keep promoting the 50th Reunion whenever I can—on cards, in letters, and in personal messages."

Frances Lewis spent several months at Mt. Vernon, N.Y. with her father and stepmother. On 12 Oct her father celebrated his 100th birthday.

The Lorences have been living quietly these last few months while Anna Mary has been recovering her strength and learning new tricks to replace old ones. Your Scribe became quite experienced along these lines after his serious operation back in 1957. For example, one of the great pleasures in life is to be able to scratch your back. When my arm wouldn't reach, I learned to stand in an open doorway and rub my back on the door jamb. Now AM has that problem, and when I'm not around to do the job she also uses the door jamb. Ain't nature wonderful? By these means new forces, new muscles, and new ingenuity are brought into play overcoming and taking the place of old habits of half a century. Doesn't sound too exciting as news, but it is satisfying to know that AM, now almost on full time, has insisted on helping to shovel our way to the highway after the last three snowstorms. Wish you could see the three of us out in the snow (Sindy, our Tiger-Persian cat is the third member). I spend a lot of time making useless paths and tunnels for Sindy. But it's a joy to watch him frolic up and down these paths showing off to us. Brings tears of joy and laughter to the bright, crisp, snowy landscape. We are most grateful for everything.

Louise and Dick McKee are looking forward to the reunion and mentioned in their holiday greeting that Savvy Cruse hopes to see us all there. Dick says that after reading my descriptions of our North-Country winters and our obvious enjoyment of them, he can now read the newspaper accounts of snowstorms and blizzards without any feeling of guilt for being in sunny southern California; and then adds: "To each his own."

At Fort Bragg the Mewshaws spent the holidays with daughter June and family where her husband Col. Harry E. Ruhsam commands the 82d FA. Granddaughter Joey is training and showing a nice Arabian hunter and has won the Alfred McClay trophy at the Southern Pines Show. Grandpa Harry is giving grandson Harry some dubious advice on how to get along in the Service. Grandson Harry has enlisted to become a helicopter pilot and is on his way to Fort Polk for training.

Maurine Mielenz has been renominated to the National Board of Music Clubs from Georgia. She has been of great assistance to this fine musical organization which does so much to help and promote the musical youth of America. She is thinking seriously of attending the 50th Reunion. At first she didn't think she could, but as time goes by she now believes that's what Lloyd would want her to do. And so do we, Maurine. Lloyd Jr., was promoted to lieutenant colonel last summer and is now stationed at Colorado Springs.

From Washington comes holiday greetings from Fenie and Bud Miley and Helen Newman. And from Rockland, Maine, the joys of the season from Jo Rice. To hear from you and know that all is well is also a joy to all members of June '18.

Last August Tex Mussil accidentally fell out of the second story of his garage and sustained a skull fracture. Three weeks in the hospital and five weeks of convalescence was the penalty. But, and this is the payoff, Tex winds up his holiday message with: "However, I can report now that I have finally recovered and am eagerly looking forward to

June 1968." I'm sure Grace had a lot to do with both the recovery and the decision.

"An interesting year for me," writes Andy Moore. "A month in Mexico in mid-winter (below the snow line), the three summer months in the British Isles and France, September and October with Marian Jr., in northern New York where the fall foliage was especially brilliant and beautiful, a week in Washington, and back to Miami just after the hurricane season." Andy's P.S. is: "Am piping our 50th."

"For a radical change," writes Bob Offley, "Eleanor and I will spend Christmas week in Las Vegas. Hope to return with our pockets jingling with coins of the realm to defray expenses for the trip to our 50th."

Greetings from Chebeague Island, Maine, from Page and Dick Richardson. From Marion Ross in Missouri, best wishes for 1967. And from the Robinsons, admonishment to keep AM from going too fast. Again, it's good to know that all goes well from these quarters.

Bee Rundell says Earle was glad that I added "of the Class" in the last column when I stated that he was the oldest living graduate. For a minute, he was a little alarmed. Heine Baish and daughter Sheila stopped by for a chat. On New Year's Day the famous annual Rundell southern-cornbread-and-ham Open House took place. And Earle's good egg nog occupied a place of honor where it couldn't be missed. Earle attends his Thursday Stag Club (no speeches allowed) and Univ. Club activities, but still "leaves this report up to me," says Bee, "so I try." And a good job you do, Bee.

Greetings on a card purchased in Yokohama especially for the Lorences because of the snow and ice shown thereon and posted on arrival at Manila, P.I.: "Here we are," wrote Laura and Eddie Sibert, "just a couple of rube tourists on a freighter from Charleston to New York via the Panama Canal and the Suez." Their main concerns seem to be: restraint at the table and restraint in bargain hunting in Hong Kong. What a long way to go to get from Charleston to New York! But what a wonderful way to go shopping and have dinner afterwards.

From Phoenix comes greetings from Peggy and Bob Sutton. Now who could they be? A glance at the bottom of the note to the signature, Peggy Deylitz Sutton. What a pleasant surprise. Peggy was married last June, and she and Bob (a nice retired chap) drove East last summer stopping at WP and also visiting the Gruhns; then on to Boston with plans for a visit to Canada and a hello to the Lorences on the way, but reports of a cold spell back in the Southwest changed their plans and they hurried back to look after the citrus trees. Welcome to our June '18 family, Bob. Peggy's new address: Mrs. Robert E. Sutton, 3818 No. 50th St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85018.

Shifting from New Hampshire to Charleston, the Townsleys made the switch into winter quarters without a hitch. But the duties of class president continue unabated as we move into high gear during 1967 for our 50th Reunion. Clarry's sister and some friends visited during January to break the lush routine, and the Siberts should be back from their wanderings soon to give them another break. Ho hum. What a tough life!

The Wards spent Thanksgiving at Cape Cod with the Clays where they had that wonderful experience of watching ARMY score over Navy as they kept marching down the line. Then to Kansas City for a few weeks before shoving off in January for the Canary Islands, Italy, Paris, and London, returning home in mid-April.

A heart-warming message from Ann and Joe Zak. He and Scip Axelson met on the train from Chicago to WP back in June 1915, and, while in and out of the hospitals the past few years, they still visit together and talk over the old times on the Hudson at WP.

We have received many other personal messages from the Class during the past holiday season including the Agnews, the Shermans, the Smiths, the Tanseys, the Wards, the Whitakers, and others, all of whom wish AM a rapid recovery. How could she do otherwise, when, like our friendly neighbor kindnesses, are added the heart-warming wishes of the June '18 family. Thanks a lot, everybody.

On 13 January 1967, a week after the closing date for our winter column, an air mail letter was received from Geoffrey Keyes, '13, enclosing a clipping telling of the death of our beloved classmate, Addie Adcock, on 9 Jan in Veterans Hospital following a 3-month illness. I, personally, have lost a wonderful friend, faithful since I first met him as a cadet. I can express no greater tribute than that contained in Geoffrey Keyes's letter to me, "through you may I express my condolences to the Class of June 1918 on their loss of one of their most outstanding members. For the past 10 years we have been neighbors and close friends. He was one of the finest fellows I have ever known."

We of the Class of June '18 thank you, Geoffrey, both for your letter and your tribute to Addie.

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Roger Wicks has appointed Willard Holbrook to be chairman of a committee to organize and run our 50th Reunion. He has co-opted Badger, Barnes, Conrad, Groves, and Peckham to serve on the committee. They will meet soon, and Hunk will circularize the Class shortly to get your views on details for the reunion.

On 1 November, the anniversary of our eviction from those cold, gray walls, was suitably celebrated in Washington. The ladies of the Class entertained the gents within reach at dinner at the Fort McNair Mess. Howard Peckham's report reads: "It was a good party: good refreshments, pretty tables, excellent food, fine wine, unexcelled companionship (of 50-years' standing) beautiful and gracious women, and a fine toastmaster! Thanks very much, Bryan, you presided with distinction. The couples who attended were: Badgers, Barmeses, Conrads, Evanses, Fellers, Groveses, Gullatts, Holbrooks, Jewells, Lees, Mosses, Peckhams, Twichells, Valentines, and Whelchels. The singles were: Kester Hastings, Mike Kelly, Mary McCone, Millie Stice, and Jess Norman. Total: 35."

Arch Colwell and Sally were all set to fly to Washington for the 1 November party; tickets bought, reservations made, bags packed, guitar packed and ready to go, along with the Plebe Bible with the songs. Man proposes; God disposed. Arch was down again with diverticulitis so they had to miss the party. Arch vows to be on hand for the reunion in good voice. Sally and Arch returned from Europe on 24 October. They took their younger daughter and her husband on a trip that was part business but mostly pleasure. He was in the Seventh Army under Gen. Patch. They found two places still intact where he had been billeted, where his mortar battery had been set up

at Rohrbach and the places around Bitche in Alsace; where his division crossed the Rhine at Mannheim, and on down the Neckar River to Bad Wimpfen, and the spot where they crossed the Neckar under fire. He had had pictures taken at several spots, and now, after 20 years, took more pictures at the same spots.

Sally and Arch spent Thanksgiving in Delray. Mike and Barbara Jenkins came up from Pompano Beach, and they all watched the ARMY-Navy game. They got a great kick out of seeing underdog ARMY (I don't know why) win. Mike is fine and his golf course is doing exceptionally well. Arch also saw Harvey Kyle, June '19, who lives at Boca Raton.

Barbara Jenkins writes of Mike's and her week in Delray with the Colwells, and of a busy summer visiting parts of Florida new to them. They also have had two grandsons visiting, which entailed some further sight-seeing.

Monk and Eleanor Dickson send "annual, non-commercial greetings and the fact that the year's biggest retail sales are synchronous is purely coincidental. Any response should omit flowers, Xmas cards, or other tokens of Mammon. The year 1966 was good to us. On 19 November Colin married a superb assemblage of molecules, both corporeal and cranial, and we are delighted with our new daughter-in-law, Janice Lind. Colin is pursuing his Ph.D., and Bill is teaching at Episcopal Academy. With that crack about 'an evil tree cannot bring forth good fruit' the Bible is widening its own credibility gap."

The Van Voorsts spent Christmas week at the Lake Shore Club of Chicago and saw many of Alicia's old friends in and around Northside, Lake Forest, and Libertyville. Alicia reports that everyone admired Van. He held his own among the civilian crème and learned how badly spoiled, from the onset, his helpmate has been.

Bill Blair writes: "I do pretty well on business letters, but seem to be terrible about social ones to my friends. The farm and cattle business keeps me more and more on the jump. Will try to bring you somewhat up-to-date later on our activities. In regard to our reunion, I might lean a little toward June over the autumn homecoming, but that is probably occasioned by nostalgic habit. Hope our reunion can be the same time as the June '18 Class."

Tiny Schow writes of their flower garden and the uphill fight against the drought last summer. Their son is about due to return from Vietnam, which gives them great pleasure. Tiny and Bob got up to Arlington at Christmas time to see their grandchildren.

Gerry O'Grady writes: "Every time ASSEMBLY arrives there's a race to see who will read it first. We are so interested in the class report that we promise ourselves we'll write and thank you for being class Scribe, but we never do. So this is my thanks. At last telling we were not given credit for enough grandchildren, so here's a thumbnail sketch: Jerry Jr., our older boy, is rector of Christ Church, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Mich. He has four children. Jaff, who graduated from Williams College last June and from OCS (Navy!) last week, goes to sea in March on a destroyer. Steve is at Camp Dix, and Louise and Margaret attend Kingswood School, Cranbrook. The girls both ride well (have won some ribbons) and are excellent musicians. David, our second son, is assistant superintendent of schools in Wayne, N.J. He, too, has four children; David 10, Michael 7, Tommy 5, and Jane 2. All very precious!"

Flo writes: "Gerry had a coronary two years ago but is fine now. He never misses a day at his office in Paterson, N.J. Being a good sport he follows doctors' orders to the letter—no smoking, no drinking, much sleep. He's healthier and handsomer than he was 20 years ago."

Ginnie and Jack Winn haven't gotten far from Carmel this past year. Two losses in the family and what Ginnie calls their "nuisance ailments" have prevented much travel, so they have seen few classmates except those present at Drex Dana's party at Morro Bay last May.

Pansy and Sam Walker from the same old stand in New Orleans send greetings. Ruth and Allison Miller went down to San Diego, visiting both boys en route, later to Salt Lake City to a National Sojourner's convention, followed by a brief stay on the north rim of the Grand Canyon, and a few days with friends in the mountains at Prescott, Ariz. In the spring the house was repainted—much chaos with books, furniture, and pictures in big piles in the center of each room. Al, as president of the Peninsula Retired Officers Club of nearly 1,400, has spent practically all his time on club work and correspondence with members of Congress on behalf of military retirees. Ruth, in a weak moment, agreed to be regent of the Los Altos DAR. That was her mistake—heading the Daughters is much more of a job than she realized! They enjoyed seeing a number of classmates at the ARMY-Cal game and subsequent class dinner. Tom and Corky and their four, plus Carl and Tim, gathered 'round for Thanksgiving turkey and the weekend. Everyone missed Donald and Esther, who couldn't get away. For Christmas they all assembled with Tom and family in Woodland Hills. A few days later Ruth and Al drove over to Scottsdale, Ariz., for a week or so.

From Helen and Willard Holbrook came a color photo of Maj. and Mrs. Willard A. Holbrook III, a very self-satisfied, handsome young giant with his arm around his most glamorous spouse. They were scarcely married when Willard III was off to Haiti with his regiment. Hunk continues: "Introducing the new daughter-in-law. This was the 'continuating' honeymoon after a delay of over a year. We hope that you look forward to 1967 with the feeling that we do—with the thought that we can throw a leg over a horse or hit a golf ball."

Corinne and Lark Gilland report their normal routine and satisfactory health continues with little change. Fred Butler reports that Philippi, now getting around without a cane, is making slow but steady progress after her break. But that was before Christmas, so surely she is dancing now.

From Connie and John Fonvielle: "We were glad as usual to have the Conrads' annual report and to learn that by and large things are going well in your menage. The picture of the three horseback riders is very impressive. Your young son has really grown rapidly. If I remember correctly you won (permanent?) possession of the Caboose Cup with his arrival! We had it for a while with young Ricky, but he is now 17 years old (last week). Our older boy is now doing his second hitch in Vietnam waters on the carrier *Kitty Hawk*. We don't expect that ship back in San Diego until next June."

Harry Krieger's Christmas card was an original woodcut by Harry, himself; a very attractive one, too. Helen Williamson writes from Augusta: "I enjoy reading the class Notes. You do us all a real service by this work. I expect to be with Alice in Zermatt where they will be skiing. Vee lives near

Annapolis so I don't get into Washington often. I am still president of the Churchwomen of the Diocese of Georgia. It has been a wonderful experience and kept me busy. It has been a real blessing."

A nice note on the Fred Stevenses' Christmas card from Dunedin, Florida, extended a most cordial invitation. If this winter gets as bad as it appears to threaten, they may find us at their door. Marie continues: "Helen Gibney is president of the Army Relief Society in Clearwater. Lew and Helen are flying to Hawaii to spend Christmas with their son and family (Lew Jr., lieutenant colonel, USMC). Maj. Jack Gibney, USMA '52, is still in Vietnam.

Laura Belle and Bill Badger write: "The Badgers have again been on the move during 1966: Florida in January and February, the Holy Land and Italy in late June and early July, and at their cottage at Rehoboth Beach, Del., for the remainder of the summer (31 guests). Our Fred has moved to West Point where he will be deputy director of Expansion Plans and Control. Bob is still there finishing his third year as instructor in the Department of ES&GS. Bill Jr., is with Koppers Co. in Baltimore while he maintains his residence in Woodbury, N.J. Our oldest grandson's wife presented him with a daughter in September, so we are now great-grandparents." Great-grandma and great-grandpa are now in Florida.

Fred Pearson writes: "I noted the following classmates at the ARMY-Navy game: Badger, Bergman, Binder, Canan, Fasnacht, Fellers, Groves, Lodge, and Valentine. Possibly others were there, but I didn't see them. Jim Keasler tries to make it an annual pilgrimage from El Paso but said that health was not up to standard this year so he didn't make it.

"The Dunklebergs' son is studying for his doctorate at Vanderbilt and expects to finish in June of 1967. Duke said Harrison Shaler came through here some months ago, but I didn't see him. The Chris Knudsens are in excellent shape. Their son, a student at M.I.T., and his family flew to San Antonio in September for a visit. Their son-in-law, Maj. David H. Leavitt, is now stationed at Stewart Field. Chris and his wife expect to take a trip this spring to see all their family in the east.

"Howell and Tula Cocke are spending the Christmas holidays in Los Angeles with her son and family. Their twin granddaughters, aged 2½, often appear on the TV show 'Bewitched.' Charley and Cora Moore are back on their feet. Charley only reports to the hospital for a check-up once in six months. Jack and Henrietta Freeman's son David is on duty in Vietnam. They plan on spending the Christmas holidays with a son and family in Houston.

"The Babbitts wrote that they have sold their home in Orlando and have moved into an apartment at 1952 Lanier Court, Winter Park, Fla. 32789. Both are in good health. I had a nice note from 'Seldom' and Vera Works, telling me that Seldom has completely recovered from his severe illness of last summer and again plays golf daily, weather permitting. He didn't say whether he plays against Vera or not—she is one of the ladies champions in that area.

"Our daughter is returning from an around-the-world tour on 20 December. She will pick up a car in New York and drive from there to Little Rock AFB to be with our son and family for Christmas. The old folks have also been invited. We expect to have a joyous holiday season. Our son, who is a pilot

in SAC, has just received word that he is on the list for promotion to major. He has had a number of tours in the Far East, including Vietnam, but his schedule calls for him to be at home for Christmas."

Swede Ericson writes from Oakland, Calif.: "The ARMY-California game, in addition to giving us a happy look at this year's scrappy ARMY team, served as a get-together for some of us here on the West Coast. About a score of us enjoyed the game, and most of us assembled in the Nimitz Club at Treasure Island for drinks and dinner afterward. Dean and Virginia Dickey, Pop and Isobel Gildart, Charlie and Ruth Morrison, and my daughter, Betsy Bly, made the long trek from the Los Angeles area. Drex and Rose Dana came up from Bakersfield and also used the occasion for a sort of family reunion. Those attending the game from the Bay Area were: Al and Ruth Miller, Mike and Esther Gillespie, 'Maud' and Frances Muller, Lawrence and Ruby Bixby, Mac and Helen Monroe, Johnny and Marion Stokes, and Swede and Coral Ericson. Fred and Philippi Butler came to dinner but missed the game as Philippi felt that climbing up the stands would not be wise, but I am happy to report that her broken hip is mending nicely. Johnny and Mona Hughes had planned to come, but at the last minute Johnny's arthritis kicked up. We missed them sorely.

"There was some discussion about 'graduation' versus 'Homecoming game' as the time for our 50th Reunion. While no formal vote was taken, the consensus seemed to favor graduation time.

"As you know, V. J. Conrad is no longer with us. We all missed him this year. Wendel Trower has been gravely ill in Letterman Hospital for almost a year, and his condition at this time is critical."

George Keyser writes: "Did you see that piece of writing I furnished Lorence for the June '18 column in ASSEMBLY? I would do the same for you if I had something to report. Elsie and I did go to the ARMY-Tennessee game at Memphis. Where were all of the classmates?"

Well, George, next time give us ample warning that you and Elsie are planning a foray. Some of the boys and girls will turn up.

Frank Stoner died in Costa Mesa, Calif., on 27 October. R. A. Hicks died on 5 December at Walter Reed. He was buried at Arlington the following Thursday, 8 December. The Evanses, the Fellers, the Valentines, Barneses, Hastingses, Hixon, Johnson D.T., and Peckham were present. Hendrick was fatally injured when struck by a car in Santa Barbara, on 3 December 1966.

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Mike Brannon has received a note of appreciation from Ruth Cookson for the flowers sent in the name of the Class on the sad occasion of the funeral in November of our classmate and friend, Forrest. He is interred in Clemson, S.C., where he had lived since his retirement in 1954.

We lost another well-loved member of the Class last fall. George Price died in Gainesville, Florida, on 24 October. Funeral services, held in Arlington on 28 October, were attended by a large number of classmates and friends. Bobs died some years ago.

An interesting Christmas letter from Bob Carter tells of his activities since he last wrote

in the summer. He and Helene seem to be spending most of their time commuting between France and New England. They were in Boston in November, went back to Paris for Christmas, and plan another trip stateside in February. Bob has worked for years on his project, *Time*. He now has more than 1,400 inscribed covers including those of Einstein, Churchill, Eisenhower, MacArthur, Alanbrook, Hoover, Schweitzer, Truman, Franco, and Ky. Bob's letter includes some observations on present-day France. He reports that French trains are fast and run on time, but that telephone service leaves much to be desired. He applied for service in 1963 and has yet to receive it.

Mary and Harry Rex are now in Amman, the capital of Jordan, where his firm is providing engineering services to the Ministry of Public Works. They expect to be there for the next two years and will welcome any classmates who happen to pass by.

Walter Winn brought his bride of 18 months, the former Marjorie Haskell Peterson, to Washington recently from their home in Bradenton, Florida. Their visit was too brief to get in touch with classmates in the area. Gretchen and Harris Scherer departed from Washington in October on an extended motor trip which took them west by easy stages to San Francisco to be with their daughter for Christmas. They had the pleasure of a short visit with Glasgow, '91, in El Paso and report that the Oldest Living Graduate was in fine fettle. They plan to go to Mexico in February and to Sarasota, Florida, in April before returning home in July.

Count Wilson passed along the news of San Francisco and vicinity in a recent letter. The ARMY-California football game on 12 November was preceded by a West Point Society dinner at the Presidio Officers Mess the night before. About 185 attended the dinner including the Superintendent, USMA, and the Dean of the Academic Board. Among those from the Class who attended the game were Bill Barton from Mt. Shasta, the Armstrongs from Palo Alto, the Brobergs from Altadena, Fred Drury from Santa Rosa, the Moores from Los Gatos, the Ruths from Piedmont, the Ritchies and Wilsons of San Francisco, and the Vances from Corte Madera. Hobart Hewett was in Letterman Hospital for an intestinal operation in October.

Willie Palmer gave a Hunt Breakfast October 30th at the Army-Navy Club in Washington to mark the 48th anniversary of our graduation. Invited were all classmates in the vicinity, their wives, widows of classmates, and children as well. Willie wrote (these Notes are being assembled in December in San Francisco): "The party was very successful. The weather was gorgeous and out-of-towners appeared from all over. The attendance was 76, including 8 widows, 11 children, and 4 spouses of children." All the Washington contingent hope that this most enjoyable party will become an annual event.

Mike Brannon reports that Al Gruenther is making a fine recovery from his two hip operations. Bob and Rhoda Springer have temporarily forsaken San Antonio and are staying in Alexandria, Virginia, so as to be near Bob Jr., who is on duty at the Pentagon, and his family. The John Hardins had a group in for the ARMY-Navy game on TV at their home on the Eastern Shore, "Pot Pie Farm." Those present included: Opie and Doc Loper, Marion and Joe Phelps, Marje and Mike Brannon, and Joe Tate.

The combined-classes luncheons at the Army-Navy Club in Washington continue to

be well attended. During the fall the following came to one or more luncheons: Barden, Brannon, Cranston, Crichlow, Ferenbaugh, Flory, Gruenther, Hammond, Jones, H.M., McAuliffe, Murphy, Odell, Ovenshine, Palmer, Scherer, Wedemeyer, and Young. Out-of-town visitors at the luncheons were Eddie Starr, from Columbus, Ohio, and Jim Phillips, from Monterey, California.

The Class was also represented at the fall luncheon of the West Point Society of the District of Columbia at which Cort Schuyler, the President of the Association of Graduates, was the speaker. Our table included Brannon, Crichlow, Jones H.M., Martin, McAuliffe, Ovenshine, and Scherer.

Skelton was among the pallbearers at the funeral of Eunice Fay who died in Columbus, Georgia, in September.

"As I sit here," writes Gus Broberg, "trolling for the wily Kokinee salmon on a lake above the 7,000 ft. level, gazing up into the crystal clear air at the roughest peaks in the high Sierras above me, balancing a typewriter on my knees, the slender rod in one hand and a tinkling drink in the other, it's difficult to remember any news of classmates. In short, who cares? However, here are a few items.

"Ralph and Mary Bassett, whose son is now a Yearling at West Point, took off for a short trip to Utah this summer and wound up at Lake Louise, Jasper, Vancouver, and Victoria, British Columbia, covering some 5,000 miles by car en route. They looked for Henry Nichols who is now back in the States again. All they found was his former home on Vancouver Island. These people sure travel around.

Alex Kirby is another student in our Class, having just completed his thesis for an M.A. in history. He's just now looking for a teacher's job. Mary Francis is back home after a session in the Navy hospital. Alex Jr., is a Navy pilot in the Mediterranean, and Nancy's husband is the submarine officer of the 7th Fleet.

"Fred Marlow says he will continue to work as long as he can make a buck. He's not only chopping up Southern California into sub-divisions, but has now gone into the mobile home park business. His son is helping him. Daughter Victoria is just entering college and Pamela is back from Spain for more college in California.

"John Denny, Asst City Attorney for Los Angeles, has still a year to do before he retires. He says that there are quite a few graduates practicing law in Los Angeles, and that he recently tried a case before one who is a judge. One son is a professor at University of California, and their daughter's husband is one of the "brains" at Stanford Research. The Dennys are planning a vacation in Mexico this winter."

George Elms sends a letter of appreciation for the flowers sent in the name of the Class to Bessie's funeral services at Arlington in September. He writes that Vivian and Adna Hamilton are back in El Paso after some time at their summer home in New Mexico. Gerry Mickle's season's greetings from Alabama inform that Nonie Morgan has returned from a siege in the hospital at San Antonio where Gard and Collier visited her. Gerry's oldest grandson, Gerry 3d, is on a fellowship, teaching zoology at Oregon U. while doing undergraduate work; the next oldest is a freshman at the same college. The Mickles have been kept close to home for the past few months because of Celes' ill health.

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The class governing committee furnished the following notes: Since the publication of the fall 1966 issue of ASSEMBLY, the Class of 1920 has completed the formalization of its organization. During the years when we had classmates on active duty at West Point, and active in business in New York and vicinity, we relied upon them to carry on the class business and to serve as class officers.

Late in 1965 a number of us perceived a need for bylaws and for an orderly succession of class officers elected by class-wide vote. Starting in December 1965: bylaws were formulated and submitted to the Class on 28 April 1966; the bylaws were overwhelmingly adopted in a class vote on 16 May; under the bylaws, the Class, acting as a nominating-committee-of-the-whole, with polls closing 30 June, nominated 22 candidates for election to the 10-member governing committee; with the polls closing 31 August, the Class elected the 10 members of the governing committee, five to serve two years, and five to serve one year.

On 27 September the elected governing committee met and elected and appointed the several class officials for the year 30 September 1966 to 1 October 1967. The governing committee is composed of: Byers, Farrell (secretary), Hinds, Holle (president), Honnen (vice president), Lanahan, McGaw, McNulty, Rehm (treasurer), and L.S. Smith. The class Scribe is J.D. Mitchell, and the retired pay representative, Merritt.

During October and November Anne and Charles Holle motored from Washington to San Diego and back. While in San Diego they attended the annual meeting of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association of which Charles is the president and Jack Seybold the vice president. En route they visited or telephoned classmates. Their itinerary: in Kerrville, Texas, they visited Bunky and Bill Withers, and talked on the telephone to Art McCullough in Hunt, Texas; in San Antonio, talked by telephone to Molly Williams, O.R. Johnston, Phyllis Pierson (Millard was away from home), but could not reach others by telephone; in Tucson, telephoned Joe Langevin, who was in good health, and Ruth Schabacker (Schabby was incommunicado because of a serious virus infection added to his emphysema), and learned that Freddie Hamilton is in poor health; in La Mesa, California, visited Rhoda and Charley Adams (both in good health), but in San Diego were unable to reach Bob Watt from whom they have since received

a note; in Albuquerque, dined with Rosalie and George Doolittle, and talked on the telephone with Bertha and Henry Hannis; and in St. Louis, visited Alice and Robby Robinson. Mary and Jack Seybold also motored to the West Coast for the Association's annual meeting.

Last December 12th saw a record turnout at the monthly, second-Monday, class luncheon at the Army-Navy Club in Washington: 14 graduates, 2 ex-20's, and one son. This, even with the absence of such regulars as Freddy Harris (under the weather) and Sid Hinds (wintering in California). Out-of-town classmates are urged to remember the second Monday of each month when visiting in or near DC. All are welcome and may, but need not, call Wilmer Merritt beforehand.

Word came from Gainer Jones and John McNulty of the death of George Krause on 23 October 1966 at Colorado Springs, where he had been a leading businessman. He is survived by his widow Kathryn and two children. George and John were roommates. Gainer Jones is still a vice president of the Texas National Bank of Commerce, Houston.

Charlie West wrote from Gainesville, Fla. of the death of John English Nelson on 14 October 1966. His widow, Mary J. Nelson, lives at Winter Park, Florida. Charlie says that Edmonson and Lichtenwalter also live in Gainesville.

The largest category of news this quarter concerns Academy football. Bill Bessell reports attendance at the Homecoming game: the Bessells, Byerses, Casgrains, Fisher "P.D.", Rehm, Sturman, and Tully, all at the game and dinner, and the J.K. Mitchells who were at the game, but left before the dinner. Frank Farrell reported seeing Gloomy Hasbrouck and Duke Lanahan at the Pittsburgh game.

Sid Hinds, who is spending the winter in Pleasanton, Calif., sends the accompanying snapshot and writes of the California game: "There was a good turnout, and aside from those pictured—Sand A.C., Schick (in glasses), Watt, McGaw and Plank—Swartz, Leehey, Howard, Taylor, Bartlett (W.H.), Culleton and Hinds were present. Frank Roberts had to cancel because of ticker trouble. Herb Reuter didn't make it back from his upstate hill farm. The West Coast gang was pretty well present and accounted for."

Jack Goff reports from Tacoma, Washington, that he and R.O. Welch enjoyed the game by portable radio from the McChord Field golf course.

On 30 November Chitterling wrote: "Last Sunday morning at breakfast at the Ben Franklin Hotel, Bill Bessell asked me to write the list of classmates at the Navy game last Saturday. Clovis Byers and Bill Bessell were



1920: At the California game in Berkeley. L. to r.: A.G. Sand, Schick, Watt, McGaw, and Plank.

in the official party; W.W. McMillan, Terry Tully, and Reierson were in the row behind me. Bill Wood's son, who sat beside me, told me that Bill has moved from Beloit, Wisconsin, to Florida. While not many were there, we were a happy crowd when the final whistle sounded!"

All probably noted that on 6 December, at the annual Football Hall of Fame banquet in New York, Red Blaik received the National Football Foundation's Gold Medal for long and meritorious service to the sport.

Jack Goff further reported that he and Alma were visiting in the east and in Florida this winter, and that Don and Jerry Leehey were also on a trip east. He told of J.P. Barney still suffering from injuries sustained in a Korean land mine explosion. Barney recently returned to his home in Steilacoom, Wash., after a facial operation at Madigan General Hospital.

Bill Holder, who spends his spare time raising avocados in Santa Barbara, tells of seeing Clendenen recently. The latter has written a book and is now doing historical research at the Hoover Institute, Stanford University, where he is Curator of Special Collections.

Rhu Taylor wrote to Leland Smith last summer, too late for inclusion in earlier Notes, that he had graduated from law to the theater, was now a full-fledged actor carrying a union card in the Actors' Equity Association, and had made his debut in San Francisco on 17 June 1966, in a play titled "Once Over Nightly." Bugs Raymond reported that he and Mildred had spent five weeks in Europe last summer on one of the tours sponsored by the Retired Officers Association, and while in Paris, had cocktails with Kay and Lem Lemnitzer in their quarters outside Paris. He said that Lem and Kay looked fine, and that with all of Lem's problems, he was as unruffled as ever. A recent press photograph, which many must have seen, bears this out so far as the youthful appearance of Lem, the last of the Class on active duty, is concerned.

Jim Stratton wrote on 17 October: "I plan to retire on 31 December 1966, from the firm Tippetts-Abbett-McCarthy-Stratton, Consulting Engineers and Architects, New York, in which I have served as a partner since I joined more than 17 years ago after retirement from the Army. The firm was founded by our classmate, Ted Knappen, in 1943; Ted passed away in early 1951. We are still undecided where we will settle in full retirement. It will be in the northeastern part of the U.S. in any case. This because of proximity of our children and for several other reasons, most of which would be quite inexplicable to Floridians and Californians. Jim Cullum retired from his partnership in Eastman Dillon-Union Securities a few months ago. The Cullums are in Europe right now."

We were too busy to visit the class tree as a group during the 45th Reunion. Bessell says that it still stands and is in excellent position now for viewing ceremonies, since the Corps faces northeast and the reviewing stand faces southwest.

Dick Singer writes from San Antonio: "My wife Nena and I are leaving Friday, October 21st, via Eastern Air Lines for San Juan, Puerto Rico, to attend the national convention of the Military Order of the World Wars to be held there from October 24 to 28. I have served as the San Antonio Chapter Adjutant, Junior and Senior Vice Cmdr, and Cmdr for the years 1959-63. I highly recommend the M.O.W.W. as a fine organization to which all world wars officers would find satisfaction in belonging.

"I am building manager of the USAA building, the company you probably have your car insurance with. Have been with them since 1954 when I left Texas Military Institute as commandant after a year following retirement."

Alex Sand, who sent 45th Reunion pictures with identification key to all classmates of known address, says "I am overwhelmed by the fervor of the acknowledgments." The consensus among several local classmates is that the following additional identifications are correct: 52. Mrs. C.W. Smith, 54. Mary Blanche Lunn, 66. Margaret McMillan, 76. Donna Hill, 77. Betty Kreuter, and 85. Ruth Chitterling.

This winter, many classmates are traveling to far places. Among those not already mentioned are Gloomy and Lou Hasbrouck, leaving in January for a visit in the Southwest followed by two months in the Orient; the Bob Trimbles to Panama to visit an Army captain son; and Joe Dillon, also slated to winter in a milder climate than Washington, D.C.

It is genuinely hoped that all will enjoy their peregrinations and faithfully report all items of interest to classmates to ye Scribe, who gratefully acknowledges the help received during the past quarter and fervently hopes that these and other willing and helpful correspondents will keep the news coming in.

Happy New Year!

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The original version of these class Notes ended with the word that John Uncles was in Walter Reed, making a normal recovery after a slight coronary. We regret to have to modify them and report that John died of a stroke. It was a great shock to us all. John was buried at Arlington on 24 Jan. The Washington Orioles were honorary pallbearers at the impressive—and crowded—services. Very few men could say—as John could—that they started their Service careers as a private and ended as a lieutenant general. Fewer men have had as many friends and admirers as John.

The Uncles' daughter, Marka, wife of Brig. Gen. Burnside Huffman USMA '41, came on from Korea for the funeral. John leaves three granddaughters and a grandson who was named for him. Elizabeth plans to remain in their apartment in Washington.

Last November we had a fine letter from Harry Bodine, the first in several years, and from a new address: Cherokee Village, Arkansas 72542: "As you can see, we have a change of address since I retired from National Lead last June 1st. We bought a little old house down here, which I have been working over to some extent, and we hope before long to build another on a lot we have owned for some time. You may say, 'but why Arkansas?' After years of living in big cities and traveling all the time, the peace and quiet of the country sounded good to us. The main attractions here are a beautiful golf course, some wonderful people, and, as of 8 Nov, a Republican governor. I am not interested in fishing, but there are plenty of opportunities nearby. With Bud in Portland, Ore., Mary in Las Vegas, Alice in Oklahoma City, and Helen in Chicago, there was no central place, and we do like the four seasons.

"We have just completed a new Episcopal church, much of the work done by volunteers. Due to my paint background, you can

imagine where my labors were directed. Among other things, we refinished some 100-year-old pews. There are only about 25 communicants, so we had to stretch our dollars. I chairmanned a glaucoma clinic for our local Lions Club, and we examined over 400 people from the county. There is no shortage of civic projects, and you can get a game of bridge or gin via a phone call any time. 'Happy hour' is at 5 p.m. daily, even though the nearest liquor store is 20 miles away over the Missouri line. We went over to see the ARMY-Tennessee game and saw the Douglasses, and Rummy and his wife. Bob is at Eden Isle, some 75 miles southwest of here, and Rummy is in Dallas. Both looked fine. I doubt if we can make reunion this year, but we'll be there next time."

There had been a rumor about Pat Strong having been in Walter Reed again, and we were delighted to have good news from him in November: "I was discharged from Walter Reed on 10 August after two months' radiation treatment for throat cancer. I've had three check-ups since then—all good—so I think I caught the pesky thing in time. As Mary remarked, 'The devil won't have me.' Between her trouble last summer (before last) and mine this summer, it was truly 'The Year of the Dog.' Holmes Ficklen and Hebe turned up suddenly two weeks ago. They had just returned from a short European trip via MATS. Holmes looked amazingly well, considering what he has been through."

Katherine and Ham Meyer have a new address: 754 Second Street East, Sonoma, Calif. 95476, but they won't be there this winter. He wrote Orval Cook that they were to leave on 1 October for Japan to 'look, listen, and smell' and in all probability will be in Europe again in the spring.

As for Orval Cook, himself, he and Minna spent last Christmas with the son and family in Dayton. On 27 December, while still in Ohio, their car was sideswiped by a panel truck. Minna was uninjured, but Orval's left shoulder was broken, and they would have both been badly injured if they had not had their seat belts fastened. He was in the hospital for a week, and, as of mid-January, was wearing a heavy harness over both shoulders and neck.

Francis B. Kane III, is a Pfc Green Beret in Thailand. His paternal grandpappy says he is the first class grandson in the Service. Any arguments?

Jim Mudgett wrote Matty Mathewson that he had had a coronary last fall, but we have no up-to-date news of him since then.

The Leonards came through Washington en route to that wonder Navy game last fall, the first Navy game that Marian had ever seen. What a starter!

There was a rumor that Granger Anderson's wife had died, so I wrote to Spud Spalding about it. (They have been winter neighbors in Florida.) He replied: "We just returned before Christmas from a 10,000-mile auto trip to California and most points in between. I know only that Granger lost his wife some time back, and I will keep you informed. We have a house full of grandchildren for about three weeks after which we plan to take a real rest, just enjoying this wonderful living here. We are planning a 4-month trip to Europe in late 1967."

A good, breezy letter from Murphy indicates that he expected to get together with Spud and Dorothy again soon. Murph is still spending the summers in Fall River, his old home in Massachusetts, and each fall he leaves May there and takes a cruise ship to Miami to spend the winter teaching math to

high school boys. One daughter lives in Fall River, another in Washington, D.C., and the oldest in Lewiston, Idaho. May flew out to Lewiston last fall to baby-sit while that daughter was in Seattle with her husband who had an operation for pancreatitis.

In mid-December, at a very impressive ceremony, a memorial window in the Chapel of the Centurion was dedicated to Perry McCoy Smith. Marge and Bill Lawton represented our Class in a crowded chapel and at the reception which Meps Smith gave afterwards. Young Perry, now an Air Force Lt. col., brought his family from Colorado Springs where he instructs at the Academy. He read the lesson at the service. Georgiana was without her husband who is stationed in Germany. Bill reported that it was a beautiful occasion, and urges any classmates who are in that vicinity to stop by and see this remembrance to our well-loved classmate. Bill also adds that grandson Perry McCoy looks just like his namesake.

Frank Greene is another of our "long-time-no-hear-froms," but he has finally come across with a modest report. "I retired from business on 1 May 1965 and have been busy ever since. Marcia and I ski, play tennis, and sail—three very time-consuming activities. The rest of the time we try to keep our affairs in order and plan for the next activity. We seem to have great fun getting acquainted again after the better part of a lifetime of business first for me and civics-charity for her. The only trouble is the lack of time to do all the things that interest us! However, we are doing our best to cover the ground. We live about three miles east of Poughkeepsie, very easy to reach, and we would be most happy to put up any traveling classmates who come this way. From 15 June to 15 Sept we can be located at Harborside, Maine, on the coast of Penobscot Bay. Not too easy to find, but still very comfortable and worth searching for. Again, a welcome. No, we don't go south in the winter. Normally we head north—for skiing."

Last August the Slator Millers returned from a 4½-month trip that took them to the Orient, Europe (Italy to Sweden to Suez), Australia (where they visited one daughter-in-law's parents), New Zealand, and a number of the South Sea islands. It was "a wonderful trip with no snafus or any sickness. Now we plan to leave Honolulu for Los Angeles in mid-January, sending the car ahead. We shall drive to New York along the southern route and hope to avoid winter storms. Then we will store the car while we take the Moore-MacCormack Line 'Sea Safari' cruise which will take us through the Caribbean, along the east coast of South America, across to Africa, and up the east coast and thru the Suez. Then the eastern Mediterranean including visits to Lebanon, Syria, Greece, Italy, Balearic Isles, Spain, and Portugal, and return to New York. While in Africa we will leave the ship at Durban and take an inland safari thru the interior to Nairobi and rejoin the ship at Mombasa.

"If our plans can be fulfilled we hope then to come down to Washington for a stay of some three or four weeks. We will drive west with the spring. Because we have to be home by the first of June we will have to miss this year's Reunion. I keep very busy when we are at home, with the East-West Center where I am chairing a committee with the Chancellor. I also continue active in the Chamber of Commerce of which I was president and worked hard for the Republicans during the last campaign."

If any Orioles want to read other travelogues with descriptions of safaris and wild

animal hunting I suggest that they write to Johnny R.H. for a copy of his latest. Most of us can only read about them.

Cort Schuyler had to come to Washington for the annual reunion dinner of SHAPE headquarters in November, and we snagged him for a class luncheon. He was an attraction to draw a record attendance, and we all had a great time. Max Taylor may have shown his lack of recent practice when he lost at poker dice and had to sign the chit for the drinks.

We'll see you all at the 45th Reunion!

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Class Matters

At our November luncheon at Myer we welcomed Phil Enslow, visiting from Staunton, and Bill Biddle, newly settled in this area.

In the absence of Wendell Johnson, D'Espinosa chaired the meeting (as nearly as anyone can chair a meeting of 1923's). We put Biddle to work right away by pressuring him into managing the 45th Reunion. You will hear more on this in special bulletins. We also put the arm on Timberman to arrange for a mixed class party in the late spring. Our luncheon schedule this past year was pretty well messed up by the many things that are set up in this area for military people. We will discuss this at a future meeting with the idea of seeing whether we can establish a reasonably firm schedule of meetings and get the word around to the Class.

No matter what we come up with, I suppose it will always be best for any of you coming to Washington as part of a protest march, or some other popular national sport, to get in touch with one of us in advance to see if you can arrange to come to one of these affairs. As I have noted before, now that so many of us are really retired, the sessions are more relaxed and more enjoyable.

Torrence reported that contributions to the class fund are still trickling in. Don't hold back because you think you might be too late! We had an extended discussion on the various fund drives related to USMA. We may have something for you to consider at a later time.

Phrases From Fritz

"Though this ASSEMBLY reaches you after Christmas and New Year's Day, I want to express my hope that each of you had a joyful Christmas and that the new year will bring you happiness and good health.



1923: Trooper Price, the Mathew Brady of West Coast '23, with Loriena, his wife.

"I am delighted that Bill Biddle has accepted the assignment to run the 45th Reunion. We all know that Bill will do a fine job and will leave no stone unturned to help produce our biggest turnout for this important occasion. I trust that any of you who are asked to help will give Bill your full support. It may scare us to think of the number of years represented by this reunion, but it should warm our hearts to anticipate the happy time we can all have in June of 1968.

"From the brochure recently sent to you, you know that I accepted Ed Garbisch's invitation to be one of the group to further the MacArthur Memorial. I am sure I was asked to serve on the committee because our Class was at West Point with MacArthur for a longer time than any other. By the time you read this you will probably have received a letter from me asking your support of this worthy project. I hope that the response from 1923 will be generous and thus help the campaign to succeed in full measure."

I can testify that Fritz puts in lots of time and effort on class matters. He never fails to give an encouraging word to those who do various stints for 1923. One of his saddest tasks is to write letters on our behalf to families when one of our Class finds his "final resting place." These letters are always written with warm feeling and usually evoke touching replies.

Despite this and his gainful occupation, Fritz and Roma found time to do a lot of fishing this summer and fall, including a trip to Canada.

The California Game

Not long after it was generally known that ARMY would play California on the West Coast, we began to hear of plans for a class party on that occasion. As the season wore on and encouraging reports came from most of the games, the fever rose. The program included a brunch, bus transportation to the game, and a dinner at Fort Mason. Jazz Harmony seems to have been the general supervisor, with Pinky Palmer and Jeff Binns as the special and general staff all rolled into two. A most important contribution was made by Trooper Price in the form of the photos included in this report. The great amount of time, effort, and resources that Trooper puts into these pictures are appreciated by the West Coast locals and, I trust, by the rest of the Class, too.

The pictures show who was there and reveal that they came from all parts of California. They also show that wives, relatives, and members of '22 participated. This last may be an idea that could be usefully applied elsewhere when either our own contingent or that of a Class of about our time is rather small. From the many comments I have had on the doings, the organization and the follow-through must have been very well done. The way the game was played changed our hopes into restrained expectations.

You'll Be A Man My Son

At the time that applications for Navy game tickets had to go in, many of us were doubtful if ARMY would be a match against a Navy team that was supposed to have great potential and actually did have an accomplished and orally free-wheeling coach. As noted above, however, hopes were really up after the California game. The fact that Washington sportswriters gave Navy a 3-point advantage helped those hopes even though our West Coast reps told us that ARMY was a 7-point favorite out there! As the game unfolded on the TV at a fine party given by

the Timbers, I couldn't help feeling that Kipling's poem, "If," was most relevant. You may recall that the poem was in the 1919-20 Plebe Bible. It begins with "If," then describes a number of tests of courage and character, and winds up with the quotation above. My own observations and the comments of those who were there gave ample evidence that the ARMY team truly was "a man my son." I'm sure you all share my gratitude to the coaches and the Corps for producing a team and a game representative of the finest USMA tradition. In addition to those shown in the accompanying pictures, the following were at Philadelphia: Serig, Birney Morse and wife, Cunkle's daughter and her husband, and Scheetz who was being the East Coast Trooper Price and taking the pictures.

Vietnam Strikes Home!

So far as I have been able to find out, no members of the Class have been in the Vietnam combat area since the fighting took on major proportions. However, the sons of many of the Class have been there. With information gathered only from letters and other notes coming to my attention in the preparation of this column, I gather that sons of the following either are or have been so involved: Beckley, Rex Chandler, Tully, Roper, Vincent, Pierce, Hartnell, Torrence, Joe Smith, Carnes, and Ken Webber whose son was wounded and inspired the following paragraph in Ken's Christmas letter:

Filial Son Ken, "the Squeaker,"
Home from war, leg in sleeper,
Got it chasing small Red rat,
Keep world safe for Democrat.

When one adds the sons-in-law to the list, and allowing for those I haven't heard about, it is clear that this war is a vital personal matter to our Class. It makes the thoughtless and stupid "protests" about the war even more repulsive than an "objective" consideration of them produces. I would like to give you a more accurate report on the number of our sons involved. I can only do so if you or your friends will let me know if you have a son who is, or has "been there, Charlie." How about giving me the dope before you forget?

Taps

It was only after the submission of the Notes for the last ASSEMBLY that we learned of the deaths in October of G.F. Williams and Bill Winter. Mike Buckley happened to read about Winter's death in a San Jose paper. In cooperation with Harmony he got the word around and arranged for a class floral tribute. A bad cold prevented Mike, who lived with Bill when we were cadets, from attending the service. Ann Porch died at San Antonio in November. You will recall that Paul died there in September.

Special Attention

If you have not read the biographic sketch on Guy Stubbs on page 89 of the last ASSEMBLY, I commend it to you. It includes a section written by Guy on some of his experiences in the Death March. It is well worth your attention, for it reveals Guy's courage and sense of humor and contains a moving tribute to Plute Lindsay.

Who, What, Where, And When

Notes on Christmas cards, comments included with contributions to the class fund,

and letters written directly to me always show that our Class is pretty much on the go. And even when we are relatively well-put we are doing or are involved in interesting activities. Here are some samples.

Pooper Grove is busy as executive director of a United Fund Drive, continues as an official of the Lychee Association, was clerk of the polls during the recent elections, and followed that with jury duty. Betty, bless her heart, reported these facts. Last summer their daughter Madge beat off a serious illness. She is now working on a newspaper in Sarasota.

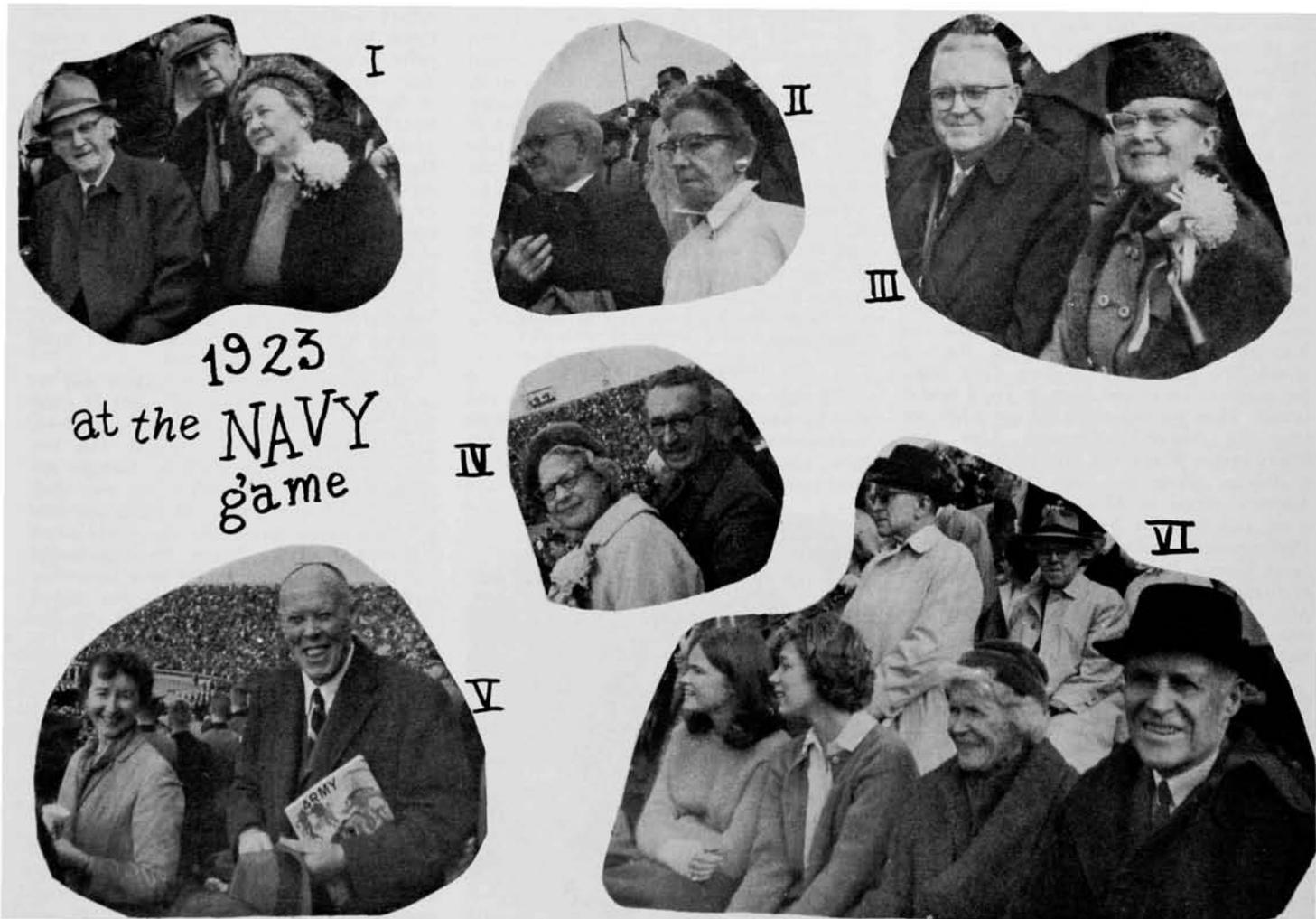
As some of you learned, Herb Enderton is so busy writing a book on a branch of his family that Marian had to do their Christmas letter. Even so, he seems to find time to do mosaic art work in competition with Marian.

After returning from a golfing trip to Europe, Opie Newman ran into a heart problem, but because of what Muriel describes as superb treatment in Army facilities, he was home before Christmas and making good progress.

John Kennedy has also had hospital treatment, but for a different ailment. He has been to Walter Reed twice in the last year on the seriously ill list for infections on his face. He is now undergoing regular treatment at Womack Hospital.

Dottie Oliver went to San Antonio to spend the Christmas season with friends there. She says she is feeling fine.

Via Larry Barroll we learn that Bunny Burnett had a lumbar sympathectomy on his right leg more than a year ago, and there was danger that he might lose the leg. Current reports, however, have it that: "he can't



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at the NAVY
game

1923: At the Navy game. #1 Dwyer with Bruce and Marie Tully. #2 Roy and Gladys Foster. #3 Jim and Naomi Carnes. #4 Nell and Bruce King. #5 Frances and J.C. King. #6 Foreground (r. to l.): Bill Biddle, Bill's sister, Bill's sister's daughter, Bill's daughter. Rear: Carroll (left) and Tredennick.



1923: Lou Marshall's son, Richard, now USAF Ret.

run a mile or walk any great distance, but then who does in this day and time?"

Among other things, Schlatter reported that Jamison, Lawrence, and Chic White were on a fishing trip over the Thanksgiving weekend. There were no comments on the fishing, but depending on who was talking, the gin rummy was viewed as excellent or lousy. After arranging for a class tribute and alerting the San Antonio contingent to the death of Porch, Schlatts and Berbie visited their daughter, married to a son of Cook '22, and now at the Air Force Academy. Back home again, Schlatts arranged for a tribute to Ann Porch when she died.

Crawford, A.R. has seldom been mentioned in this column, so I am pleased to pass on the following from him: "Since my military service, generally speaking, was at stations with few classmates, and since there are few, if any, close to where I now live on the northern shore of Long Island, I am unable to pass on information of them or they of me.

"However, as to myself, I am still married to my original wife, who ages more gracefully than I. We have two children. Our daughter is in New York City, has three daughters, and is a buyer of ladies' evening wear. Our son is working in Buenos Aires. He was married last year to a Belgian girl. Virginia, Joan, and I attended their wedding in Europe.

"My last three years of active service were spent in Germany, and after returning to the States we promptly returned to Europe with a U.S. aviation firm which was establishing European sources of spare parts supply for its product, which was in wide use in the NATO countries. After spending five years equally between Switzerland and France, we again returned to the States to an engineering VP position with the company. At the end of a little more than five years, we retired for the second time.

"I was somewhat concerned that I would be bored without some form of gainful employment, but this did not prove to be the case. In fact, I am so busy that I sometimes wonder how I ever found the time for work! Our home is in a lovely shore area of Long Island where we have made many friends and enjoy the facilities of an excellent country club.

"We have spent part of some winters in Florida, but, as of now, have no intention of making a permanent change. This fall we had planned to visit our son in the Argentine, but had to postpone the trip because of my gall bladder surgery. We hope to make it next year.

"I have always regretted that my service assignments failed to bring us into contact with many classmates. We greatly enjoy hearing of them and their families, mainly through ASSEMBLY. For this, the class Scribes, representatives, and class officers are due the sincere thanks of all us drones.

"We did enjoy the 40th Reunion and definitely plan on being present at the 45th."

Ailine Phillips gave me the sad news that Freddie is in the hospital again with a brain condition that leaves him quite helpless. His situation, I am sad to note, appears to be identical with my wife, Agnes's, condition.

Ken and Laura Sweany inform us that their daughter Jean was married on 25 June to Mr. Wm. Nekola who is with the Crown Cork and Seal Co. They live at 1307 Aintree Road, Towson, Md. 21204.

Barney Tormey tells us that his son, James H., is the third youngest student in his National War College class.

Bill Hardy had a "pacemaker" implanted by the Chelsea Naval Hospital in September. In October he stopped briefly here in Washington en route to his home and reported that he is feeling fine. He invites all of '23 who get to the Maitland, Florida, area to come visit with him.

While he was on the staff at Pennsylvania Military College, Bill Biddle worked toward a master's degree in political science. He has recently been informed that he passed the comprehensive examination and that the University of Pennsylvania has awarded him the degree. Welcome to the club, Bill!

H.J.P. Harding reports he finally got his belongings out of storage where he had placed them when his wife died about three years ago. He sorted out a lot of stuff for the Salvation Army and Good Will Industries, then put the rest back into storage in preparation for going back to New England for the winter. There his address will be: c/o R.C. Johnson, Sawmill Road, RFD #1, Litchfield, Conn. 06759.

Schaffer tells us that before he entered USMA he was always known as Harold, but there he became Schaffer, W.H., and many of us called him Bill. Complications ensued after Schaefer, W.H. entered USMA and the Army, so our Schaffer had his name changed to: W. Harold about 1927. He wants us to use the new handle. I've assured him we will change our records accordingly.

Harry Scheetz always keeps us well informed of the classmates in his domain. Much of the information and all of the pictures in the report on the Navy game came from him. One of his most unique contributions for this issue is the following:



1923: At the Navy game. John Grombach (right), Olga (left) and nephews.

GROMBACH GRADUATES

Success finally crowned John V. "Frenchy" Grombach's long campaign when the Army Adjutant General informed him in January that his military records would be corrected to show that he graduated from the Academy on 12 June 1923 and received his diploma and B.S. degree conferred retroactively.

Frenchy asks that ASSEMBLY pass along to his classmates and others his sincere thanks for the help and the good wishes he has received from them.

"You remember Peter Hurd in our Class, an artist? He resigned during plebe year. I attended his wedding at Chadds Ford, Pa., in the late twenties or early thirties, to the daughter of N.C. Wyeth, a renowned artist and illustrator. I've seen some of Pete's work this summer in *Time*—one of Lyndon Johnson and a cover of the president of T.W.A. In reply to my letter of congratulations, Pete gave me his present address (Sentinel Ranch, San Patricio, N.Mex.), and added: 'As you know I'm a West Point buff and have had many fine contacts with the military through the years. I'm just back from Saudi Arabia where I've been on a fascinating assignment for *Time*.'" Just after I read this, I learned that Hurd was not in our Class, but in '25 and '26, and that the President has taken a dim view of Pete's portrait of him.

Ray and Mary Pierce had the privilege of welcoming their two sons home from service overseas this year. Dick came back from Thailand and went to West Point to the Post Engineer's office; Bill, back from Vietnam, went to Fort Sill on the staff and faculty where his father was once employed. In the fall, the Pierces made two extensive trips in the West Coast area, and then in December they started on a 'round-the-world trip that will take them to Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Bangkok, Delhi, Teheran, Beirut, Athens, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, England, Scotland—and West Point by July. They have given up their home in San Francisco and stored their belongings until they return and decide where to hang their hats and pajamas.

Jazz Harmony does a yeoman's job on class matters in the San Francisco area. He keeps Fritz and us informed of what gives, welcomes visiting '23 Elks, represents the Class in emergencies, and gets other guys to do what he can't do. Many of the facts and ideas he sent in are included in other parts of these Notes. Here I wish merely to pass



First Platoon

Front row (l. to r.): Rosenberg, Marcus '22, Mary Pierce, Marian Enderton, Beadle, G.H. Palmer, Mary Garrecht. Middle row: Binns, Pierce, Garrecht, Louise Rosenberg, Ann Garrecht (Art's sister), Connie Marcus, Elizabeth Palmer. Rear row: Marian Beadle, Dunne, Gjelsteen, Genevieve Gjelsteen, Robinson, Dot Robinson, Jesse Binns, Caroline Garrecht (Art's sister), Enderton.

on his reports that John Pitzer was a favorite patient at Fort Ord hospital but is now home doing very well, and that Mike Buckley, Pinky Palmer, Garrecht, and he (Jazz) kept the class bed at Letterman warm—Mike for major surgery, Pinky and Jazz in the minors, and Art merely getting a tryout. He also reported visits to the area by Larry and Kay Skinner, and Gene and Carla Harrison. He's mad at Robinson for not informing him in advance when Robbie's wife, Doty, entered Letterman.

The Rosenbergs were comfortably settled in their new home in San Diego well before Christmas. New address: 12221 Rios Road, San Diego, Calif. 92128.

The retirement of Pat Timberlake and Woggy Towle early in January was announced by the Northrop Corp. in big press releases in December. Pat has been in Europe most of the time and missed our recent reunions. He and Emily are building a home in Terrell Hills, San Antonio, where they expect to join the class contingent in the spring. Woggy has been the corporation's senior officer here in Washington and has his home here. Both he and Pat will still be on a consultant basis with Northrop.

From the north country of Sackets Harbor, N.Y., Budge and Sidney Smith report: "This has been the year of the plague for us. Budge had a couple of bouts with a bad virus. I've been very sick and ended with an ear infection that left me with difficulty in keeping my balance. Our daughter Sydney II had to have an operation. Her son Ricky was in an oxygen tent with pneumonia for a week and had chicken pox when he got over that." Sydney adds that Budge has had a greenhouse constructed this fall but that she is not 100% for the project because it is just one more thing that requires care! Shortly before Christmas their son Hale was marooned in a snow storm on his way to visit the Smiths, so he deferred the visit to air travel during the holidays.

Speaking of the Smiths reminds me that I urged you all to read *Dear Belle* which is based on letters written by Tully McCrea USMA 1862, while he was a cadet and subsequently an officer in the "War Between the States" (I'm housebroken). McCrea's daugh-

ter, wife of Tshappat '96, was Sydney's aunt and custodian of the letters. I have just glanced through copies of them which I am returning to Sydney. I am again convinced that you will be glad, if you did so, that you read *Dear Belle*, edited by Catherine Cray and published by the Wesleyan Press.

Craigie is piping the 45th Reunion and laments that there are not more chances for our contingent in the southern California area to get together. He, like a lot of others, reported getting a big bang out of the California game party.

Charlie Gettys, who is whipper-in for our Class in the Florida area, found time, even while moving from an apartment which the Air Force took over in Tampa, to give us the following notes on some of his tribe.

Lou Marshall supplemented Getty's notes to inform us that eye surgery has left him

with impairment of sight to the extent that he no longer drives. He also filled in details on the career of his son Richard who influenced two of his prep school classmates to go to USMA rather than the other military trade school, but himself enlisted in the Air Corps, as WWII was then on. Part of his service was in Charlie Lawrence's Fifth Air Div. He later took pilot training and was commissioned. He did three years of night college and later qualified for Bill Craigie's Institute of Technology and earned a B.S. in electronics. He was subsequently awarded a Legion of Merit as a major, working on the F-102A and the Falcon missile weapons system. He worked on other missiles before his retirement last year. He is now a wheel with Douglas Aircraft as an assistant director in their APOLLO program under NASA. Dick, who is 6-feet tall and was an all-state lacrosse player at prep school, has a 15-year-old son at Sanford Naval Academy. At 6'3" and 170 lbs, the boy sounds like the kind of material we like to get into USMA, Dick!

Allan Raymond is as cheerful as ever in spite of personal immobility. He is the unchallenged class champion grandfather. The 25th, a boy, arrived 11 August, close on the heels of number 24, born 20 May. Seventeen of the 25 are grandsons and eight of them are on active duty with the Air Force! The Washington group champ Gramp seems to be Guevara with 12. He reported that dealing with nine of them who are here is fun, but somewhat trying at our age.

Skip and Mary Vincent recently returned from a Pacific tour including Hong Kong and other Far-Eastern places. Arthritis has slowed Skip down a bit but hasn't dampened his interest in his sons, Robert '51 and Joseph '55, and classmates like Horton, Evans R.B., and Burnside, who, he tells us, are busy fishing, golfing and/or gardening.

Gettys himself is still working as a stock broker. He and Lela are piping a trip to Hong Kong to visit their daughter Peggy, now Mrs. (Lt.Col.) John E. Coon, and their grandson. He tells us that beside himself and Lela, the John Chambers, George Buell, and Hall, R.H. represented '23 at the St. Petersburg A-N game party.

George and Frances (a retired WAC)

Second Platoon

1923 Front row (l. to r.): Loriena Price, Pat (Buckley) Pope, Mrs. and Mr. Hartauer, Sally (Harmony) Sullivan. Middle row: Buckley, Rutte, Craigie, Elinor Buckley, A.L. Price '22, J.H. White, Tom Buckley, Price. Rear row: Lucille Tudor, Virginia Craigie, John Pope, Mrs. A.L. Price, Marge Fitzmaurice, Fitzmaurice, Virginia Post, Marian Harmony, Kay Reid, Reid, A.D. Sullivan (Harmony's son-in-law), Harmony.



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Buell report that they made a "space-available" trip to the Canal Zone last April and then went to Fran's family reunion. About that latter event, George said: "It was held from 30 April to 2 May at the old plantation home at Hampton, S.C. There were about 60 in all, from as far away as California, Connecticut, and Florida. It was the first time that Fran, six sisters and a brother had been together in 11 years. It is a closely knit family, and it gave me a thrill to see Fran so ecstatically happy. They are all musical, but it was when they sang those beautiful old Negro spirituals that they really reached up. They grew up on the plantation, so they all knew the spirituals."

During the summer the Buells visited in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Those of you who like to think about trailer travel will be interested in their comments: "While up north we bought a brand new 1966% Avion with all the accessories and are now set to join the Avion travelcade on their Eastern Mexico safari, 5 February to 26 March. Trailering is not new to us. In 1961 we bought a self-contained Kenskill, towed it across the continent three times and to Canada four times, with many shorter trips. Trailering with congenial people is lots of fun. The Avion is much bigger and has many more conveniences, for, as we grow older, we find the 'roughing it' days easy to shed." They add that their home at Lady Lake, Florida, has plenty of room for guests and that the latchstring is out for '23.

Henry Workman is looking forward to retiring from teaching in Atlanta this June. After that he hopes to be able to do more with his half acre of land, to get in on some of our reunions, and to visit his son who is on duty in the Pentagon.

Dave Fowler attended the 50th Reunion of his high school class last spring and then went on to visit his daughter in Washington and, as an ex-trackman, glory in watching ARMY beat Navy in the meet at Annapolis. He is still active in his church job, and, in conjunction with that, had an opportunity to present some anti-pacifist views at an inter-faith center at the new University of California, Irvine. Like so many of the rest of us, he finds it difficult to be sympathetic with people who are ready to believe every criticism of the U.S. and who dismiss every explanation of our policies with cynicism. More power to you, Dave, in your efforts to counter these discouraging attitudes.

Lucille Tudor has established two awards in memory of Ralph. One goes to the officer who ranks No. 1 in the basic course at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir. Ralph was No. 1 in the course in 1926. The other goes to a civilian engineer who is under 35 years of age and a member of the Society of Military Engineers.

Tully attended the Rutgers game along with Timberman, Wilder, and Serig. His son, W.B.T. Jr., '59, returned from Vietnam in July, got married in August, and is now at Fort Knox awaiting the gold leaves for which he qualified some time ago.

Farrow reported seeing the Ed Loves at the Notre Dame game.

We heard indirectly from George Stewart that Jean was not well last October. We have no details.

The Wendell Johnsons had a hard time getting into their new home in Leisure World here in Maryland because of construction delays. They made good use of the waiting time by visiting friends and relatives between the time they left Maine and 30 December when they finally got the keys to

their home. The next day they had a serious plumbing problem!

W.H. Weber notes that he is so busy that several issues of ASSEMBLY pile up before he gets to read them. He added that he did, however, get to read the Bible. He recommended I read Isaiah 4:10 and John 5:2-9. I did. Chief, we used to be able to call you, "Won Horse Power" because of your initials, W.H.P. How come you spoiled that by dropping the "Pfrommer"?

Epilogue

In preparing these Notes I sought to consolidate information by subject in some cases. Consequently, I have included some items you sent me in places other than under your name. I did this for what I hoped would help the story and to save space as the editors ask us to do. I want to give special thanks to the gals who have written a goodly number of the items reported here. I hope that their tribe, like that of Abou Ben Adam, may increase! I would also like to encourage all of you to lessen the load on your Christmas card writing by sending in a note at one or more other times during the year. Finally, one very special suggestion. How about writing to one or more of our contingent who is not well? I can assure you that I have adequate evidence that such an act is genuinely appreciated.

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It is with great regret that we announce the deaths of William O. Eareckson, Ovid T. Forman, Lewis C. Barkes, Mrs. Frank E. Kidwell, John Archer Stewart, and Charles M. Reading. Eric, who had been seriously ill for two years, died on 24 October, and was buried in Arlington. Tom also had been ill for several months. He died in the hospital at MacDill AFB on 2 November en route to Walter Reed. Burial was at West Point. Lew, who had not been in the best of health for years, died at Mount Vernon, N.Y., on 16 December. He was also buried at West Point. The New York-New Jersey members of the "Herd" represented the Class. While few knew it, John Archer had been seriously ill for several years. He had an operation early in November and died in the hospital 14 December. He was buried at the Presidio of San Francisco. The Bay Area Herd attended the funeral. Jo Kidwell died on 15 November in Florida and was buried at West Point. Charlie Reading died on 21 December and was buried in Forest Lawn, Los Angeles. Briant Wells and Sandy Goodman represented the Class.

The annual meeting was held at the Army-Navy Club on 15 October 1966. The officers elected for the year 1966-67 are: president, Clyde D. Eddleman; first vice-president, Cleland C. Sibley; second vice-president, Noah M. Brinson; and secretary-treasurer, Charles H. Royce.

The following committees were appointed by the president to act during the coming year (in all cases, first man named is chairman): Ways and Means—Van Way, Hincke, Pyne; Entertainment—Evans, Pope, Peterson; Personal Service—Hill, Reynolds, Landon; Correspondence—Royce, MacCloskey, Glasgow; and Contact—Royce, MacCloskey, Lee.

A total of 91 classmates, wives, and widows attended the cocktail-buffet which preceded and followed the meeting. Of these, 25 were from out of town, some coming from as far away as California, Michigan, and Florida.

Si Simon received the Samuel S. Wilks

Award for 1966 from the American Statistical Association.

Pat Pasolli was very busy the last few months of 66 on the Olympic Committee raising funds for the 1968 Games. He was ably assisted by Benz, McLamb, and Stevenson who brought in two Army "subway alumni," Bill and Frank Doutney, to help.

The Bay Area Herd had a big "do" before the ARMY-Cal game. There was a dinner at Fort Scott on Friday night, and Tom Malin and Carol Lloyd threw a brunch Saturday morning at the Malins' and from there a bus to the game and back. About 30 classmates and wives attended, including Sandy and Josie Goodman from Los Angeles and Sam Strohecker from Seattle.

Red Booth writes from Athens that, while providing water for two million people keeps him busy, he still finds time to play a little golf. Kirk Kirkendall spends a lot of his time in the Keesler AFB hospital but hopes to get out long enough to make his daughter's debut. Doug and Kitty Smith sold their house in Sarasota, Florida, and have moved to Washington with a new address: 2101 Connecticut Avenue.

Harry and Jenny Bertsch will again house-sit for the Rodiecks in Clearwater while Rod and Gladys cruise to Australia stopping at various ports en route. Ray and Betty Beurket spent three months in Europe traveling extensively all over the continent. The highlight of the trip, however, was their visit with their son Ray junior in Heidelberg and meeting their new grandson, Ray Beurket III.

Bob Harper has withdrawn from his law firm which gives him more time to travel. He and Peggie recently visited their son who is attending the Air War College.

Pat Dugan writes that the Reardons are now settled in El Paso; that Frank Thompson's horse won another race, and that he is still doing OK with the ponies.

More than a hundred people attended a program at Sayville, L.I., called "The Mickey Marcus Story." Emma Marcus and Charlie and Mair Stevenson were on the program.

Quite a few are retiring, some for the second or more times. Tom Allen plans to build a house on a lake near Gettysburg as soon as he can sell his farm. He and Helen increased their lead in the "grandchild derby" with the arrival of the 26th! Benny Bennett expects to leave Chile during 1967 and plans to settle in Florida. Logan Berry, having retired twice, has now taken a job with Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Noah Brinson has again retired, this time as vice-president of American Presidents Line. To insure that he won't take another job, he and Thelma sailed on an around-the-world cruise on January 12th. Windson Davis is retiring as a representative of a group of Dutch companies but will still remain as an advisor. Ed Ebersole is retiring as vice-president of a bank in Iowa, but his continuing interest in civic affairs and athletics will keep him busy. Russ Moses retired as commandant of cadets of the N.R. Crozier Tech High School and is now working for a Wall Street firm. Dick Nugent retires from Pan Am World Airways in May. He and Helen plan to continue to live in Florida. Tommy Ryan has called it quits after 42 years with the duPont Co. He and Alberta have sold their house, and after they are settled in an apartment will spend several months in Florida. Finally, Karl Woltersdorf has retired as general manager of Huntsville, Alabama, Utilities but couldn't stand leisure so is now working harder than ever as president of an Investment Co., director of a bank, and member of the Third Army Advisory Committee.

From Russ Finn, who is due here for a visit this January, and from Colby Myers we learn that Sam Dickson has been located in San Diego. Sam's mail has been sent to Alabama without being returned for over two years, so we deduce that he has been doubling on his addresses. Therefore, we ask that our area correspondents report arrivals to us in addition to departures.

Toms, still luxuriating in that remarkable home he has restored in the suburbs of London and despite failing health, still manages to commute to work with the 90-110 m.p.h. traffic. They greatly enjoyed a visit from the Roberts last summer and extend invitations to all touring classmates.

Carl Holcomb has finally stirred from the quiet life long enough to drive down to visit Violet and Jerry Kelley. They tried to contact the Gillmores, who live just across the street and also the Mattesons, but both families were away. Carl admired the Kelley home and lauded Jerry's landscape alterations which provided a wonderful view of the Carmel Valley.

Maurice and Pep Peploe are happy to have their son-in-law back from VN to join Betty and the children at their new station, Fort Carson. Martha and Ed McLaughlin are still looking back with pleasure to their interesting week here in the DC area last summer. Sam Lansing continues to spend his summers in the North, but is busy building a new house in Florida. He planned to visit his mother, frail but still alert at 94, in Miami during the holidays.

The Cabells are back in town after successfully negotiating an extended trip this fall. Helen and Mike Geraghty are happy in their nice Eastern-Shore home and glad to have daughter Joan nearby. They report good progress on their history research.

Mildred Smith went to Puerto Rico for the holidays with son Carl who is due for VN in May. Son Bob is reported en route to VN on 27 Dec with the Green Berets. Wayne Jr., is still at UNH. Versa and Swede Underwood were delighted at the arrival of their first grandson, and Versa flew to England to spend three weeks with daughter Joyce and family. While there Versa enjoyed visiting many famous old English places under expert guidance, since son-in-law John's parents live there. Back home Versa and Swede checked on their Hampton, Virginia, home where they will move in April. Joyce and tiny son were here for a short visit in the fall while John went to Colombia, South America, on business.

The Grayebs report that George Jr., is now assistant secretary at the Infantry School, and son Jim will be assigned to the AFB at Altus, Oklahoma, upon his return from Taiwan. Liz and Hubert Cole are kept pretty busy here since Hubert has a full schedule at the University, and it is a struggle to get away to visit daughter, son, grandson, and in-laws.

The Tulleys greatly enjoyed having the Carl Meyers as guests several days last summer. Dave and Carl caught plenty of fish while Alice and Louise admired the scenery around Aspen. Dave is keeping in shape to challenge Van Brunt, Barnett, and Nutter at golf when the Tulleys come through this spring en route to Europe. Buddy and Leif Neprud planned to spend the holidays with daughter Barbara and children at Albuquerque—son-in-law is in VN. They spent most of the summer casing San Diego, where they

are thinking of migrating. The Bradfords report that after three years' service on destroyers, son Bill will report to Pensacola for flight training.

Paul Seleen enjoyed a wonderful trip by car around Europe (Denmark, Holland, and northern Germany) with daughter Penny and her family last summer. Paul is back again with them for the holidays; this time a family trip to London.

The Carolyn (P) Christiansen families report life as one continuous ball with alternating visits between some four pairs of children and sixteen grandchildren. In addition to visiting the Walkers, Kleins, Boltés, and other Christiansens, they journeyed to the West Coast to visit a sister of Jim's at Portland, Oregon.

The Westphalingers finally moved into new quarters at the Glenwood School, then made a sentimental journey back to France. They spent 10 days in Paris where they contacted Bernice and Ed Garbisch and Paulette and John Haskell. This fall they were busy in adjusting and correcting various items about their new house, plus sorting accumulated plunder, a problem we all have. Loni and Ernie Holmes are still thrilled with their Hawaiian home, but Ernie says he misses the DC gang and expects to come back for a visit. Son Vic is still on duty at Fort Rucker. Bill Wright is back in San Francisco after his extended trip to the Senegal. He plans Hawaii as a semi-permanent R&R hideaway. We will expect him to report on Dell and Red Hall (and others there) after his arrival.

Ruth (Mrs. C.H.) Smith tired of apartment living and bought a house quite some time ago and has enjoyed fixing it up. She sees the Bradfords often, gets around to see other friends, and reports that San Antonio is busy getting set for the 1968 Hemisphere Town celebration.

From south of the border Wilmer Gullette sends a beautiful color picture of four of his nine grandchildren. They have a daughter and family in Caracas, but the others are within easy visiting distance. Dorothy has made quite a success as a pipe organist, and, with the Organist Guild, has given several concerts, to include an appearance in the National Auditorium in Mexico City. Wilmer's diesel engine business (Cummins) is now in its new, double-sized building and is apparently doing very well since Dorothy and Wilmer plan another tour of the Mediterranean area right after the first of the year.

Frank Steer writes proudly of his family: two daughters in Oklahoma State, the youngest active in high school, and Toots is completing her second semester of tailoring at the adult institute. Frank's weight increased materially following retirement, and he resorted to the customary 1,000-calorie diet with some success. Like other retirees he learned quickly that "there is too much of the month left after the money runs out."

Pat Henn reported on some surgery early last year, but says she is getting along fine. Nothing exciting about the Henn house. Jean and Soap Suttles off to the Orient again for the holidays—to Tokyo, Taiwan, and Manila.

Ann Damas reports son Stephen majoring in engineering at the University of Rhode Island. Ann is a housemother at Vernon Court Junior College in Newport. She loves her work and is quite charmed with the college buildings and accommodations which originated some four years ago with the conversion of a group of summer mansions into dormitories and classrooms.

The Gillmores put in their usually crowded year, starting off with golf, then rocketing up and down the West Coast in a new In-

ternational and air-conditioned "Travel-all." After ten days of fishing in British Columbia they were off and driving for Alaska, via Dawson Creek and White Horse, then a boat trip up the Yukon. They reported fabulous roads, beautiful flowers, and the unusual sight of a caribou migration. After several days at Copper Center and the Chilkout area, back to British Columbia for more fishing, home to Carmel for the dove season, then to Red Mountain for deer. They visited family and friends prior to the goose-hunting at Tule Lake, enjoyed New Year's in Las Vegas, then were off to Honolulu, New Zealand, and Australia in 67.

Ralph Sears visited DC a short time this fall but rushed home to harvest soybeans. Apparently he still "brokers" for the investment firm, but he has found the production of beans to be a lucrative "moonlight" operation. Benny Bennett is now completely retired, but he is busier than ever taking care of house, yard, garden, and 3½ acres of pasture. Daughter Mary is in LSU, little Mike in 2d grade, and the middle three are sandwiched in, in appropriate school grades.

Charlotte and Litt Roberts visited son Paul and family in Germany last summer. Paul graduated from Florida State, was commissioned, got married, and left for Europe. Charlotte and Litt spent three months there, and both families enjoyed trips together. In addition to Germany they made Austria, Denmark, Italy, the French Riviera, Spain, and Switzerland. They reported that the number of autos, Americans, and Europeans traveling was simply fantastic.

Kay (W) Burns loves their fine old home in Maine and sent a picture showing improvements. They vacationed in Nova Scotia, and temporarily have their families (except one) back in the States. Pete Liwski has proudly published Henrietta's new book, "The Counterpane," which is a delightful story for children 3 to 6 years of age, and is marketed by the Vantage Press.

We are very sorry to report that Godwin Ordway passed away at Walter Reed on 25 November after a very long and painful illness. He was buried in Arlington with full military honors. Many classmates and family friends were present.

We are also sorry to report that Ted Baldwin passed away as the result of a heart attack at the Fort Meade Hospital on 23 December. Interment was at Arlington with many classmates present.

Don Mitchell, who was here on Christmas Day last year for the birth of a grandchild, was back again for the same reason last week. It seems that the family practices planned parenthood aimed at a tax exemption each holiday season, but they will have to carry this one over into the new year. In connection with our list of daughters and sons, Ed Garbisch wrote that daughter Gwynne is in Newton Square, Pa., and Edgar Jr., is located in Minneapolis. Liwski reports 11 grandchildren—nine boys for a baseball team, and two girls for cheerleaders.

Marie Dunn, who works in the Nutter division of the Pentagon complex, tells us that son Russ, former marine, is now with a law firm in Anchorage, Alaska. He and his bride made the transfer up there last summer by way of a new Volvo, complete with camping equipment and two large dogs. The motels en route were so good that they did not unpack their camping equipment, but they did enjoy fishing on the way. There are lots of young people with them in Anchorage, and they say the inhabitants grow fresh vegetables with the help of heat piped under the soil.

The Northwest and the far North seem to have become very attractive. The Zed Emersons were up in British Columbia, and the Johnsons covered the Canadian Inside Passage to Alaska, and then the Trans-Canada Highway.

The Renfros enjoy short drives of about 100 miles a day, stopping at antique shops and "flea markets" en route.

We missed Gus Farwick at the football games this fall, but assume he was there and that we failed to see him in the crowds. We trust that many of you who have been busy lately will find time to write us during the next few weeks so we will have news for the spring issue. The deadline for that issue is at the end of March.

Having been a frequent and regular visitor at West Point over the years, we feel obliged to remark that the Old School seems to have been most fortunate in its choice of superintendents (and staff), instructors, and coaches. In our humble opinion it has met every challenge of our changing world, and the curriculum has been upgraded to keep up with, or ahead of, leading educational institutions.

If the great Sylvanus Thayer, like the legendary Rip Van Winkle, could but return to the valley of the Hudson, he would be proud.

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Fortieth Reunion

With pride and devotion, sixty-one members of the Class of 1926 returned to pay tribute to their Alma Mater. Included with them were 50 wives, one sister, and one daughter. For some of us this 40th Reunion was the first time we had seen each other in 20, 30, or 40 years. Others had been stationed together before, but for all of us there was that happy togetherness that comes only through the Spirit of West Point.

We missed those of you who could not be with us to recall past events, but if you would be filled in with the poop, sit down in your favorite chair and come along for a whirlwind tour of the '26 reunion activities.

It all started at the Thayer (not the Astor!) on Thursday, 29 Sept. They came from the north, south, east, and west, arriving by plane, train, car, and what have you, and here they are: Anky and Connie Ankenbrandt, Sparky and Jean Baird, Tep Barbour, Keith Barney, Herx and Sally Baxter, Bill and Hazel Bayer, Paul Black, Don Booth, Bill and Betty Bowen, Bob and Mimi Broadhurst, Pinky and Lucy Burns, Pick and Ada Collins, Greasy and Ruth Condon, Red and Virginia Corderman, Bill Dean, Tommie and Babe de Shazo, Trooper and Polly Doyle, the Johnnie Elliots and daughter, Ed and Estelita Feather, the Ed Foehls, Hal Forde, Boone and Adelaide Gross, Mal and Louise Harvell, Bill and Louise Hawthorne, Al and Lou Heidner, Roy and Elsie Herte, Harry and Polly Johnson, Leon and Lucille Johnson, Mal and Louise Kammerer, John Harvey and Estelle Kane, Bill and Wilma Laidlaw, Ray and Bertha Maude, Dick and Northa Mayo, Ed and Kay McDaniel, Johnnie McFarland, Marvin and Peggy McKinney, Dick and Jane McMaster, Ken and Beth McNaughton (and Ken's sister), Bill and Rosita Mills, Freddie and Elsie Munson, Spud and Gen Murphy, Nellie and Lucille Nelson, Liz and Sibil Plummer, Red and Dort Reeder, Bo and Eileen Riggs, Skinny and Wave Ringle, Johnny and Marge Roosma, Hank Ross, Jack Ryan, Alex and Ruth Sewall, Admiral and Carlene Sims, Chin and Emmy Sloane, Rodney and Ethel Smith, Stan and Louisa Stanton, Harry Storke, Strick and Flossie Strickler, Ludy and Hazel Toftoy, Jim Wheaton, Tommy and Edwina White, Walt and Thora Young, and last but not least, Vald and Evelyn Heiberg, to whom we shall always be grateful for their help in making this reunion such a smashing success.

A surprising number of early-bird pairs (at least 18) and 2 or 3 loners arrived on

Thursday to find that Vald had arranged a Dutch-treat "warmer-upper" party in a private area in the Thayer, complete with cocktails, dinner, and dancing. The party proved to be a very pleasant beginning, and everyone got to bed sooner or later (mostly the latter via the downstairs bar) in a most happy mood!

Friday was a beautiful day and a perfect one for the big event, the picnic in the late afternoon. The crispy fall air was invigorating, and tinted color foliage dotted the woods as we traveled by buses up the hills along the ever-winding, never-ending horseshoe curves to Round Pond, west of Crow's Nest. The picnic was held in the fine, spacious wooden lodge, complete with bar, fireplace, and food. It commenced in daylight which gave us a chance to see how much more our old buddies had aged than we had! Once over the initial shock, however, we began relaxing and having a great time reminiscing, etc. We drank toasts to our missing ones, to our boys in SE Asia, and to our Alma Mater. After good and bad stories, songs, and the fine roast beef dinner, all before a huge roaring fireplace which added both beauty and a bit of needed warmth, we returned on a wing and a prayer by bus to the Thayer.

Before leaving, all the men assembled in the building next door for a brief business meeting of sorts. Accounts of this "meeting" vary widely, depending on who is relating them. There is general agreement, however, that Vald Heiberg made an excellent report on class affairs and read various greetings from some of those unable to attend; that our president, John Harvey Kane, addressed us on many subjects in his inimitable style; that Freddie Munson talked briefly about ASSEMBLY Notes; and that our one and only Trooper Doyle then closed the meeting with an impassioned talk about the glories of Texas and other related (?) matters.

Saturday dawned with a cold, drenching rain that continued without interruption until late that night. This, of course, caused many



1926: Our 1966 homecoming group is handsome enough to show a second time.

changes in plans, but on the whole failed to dampen the spirits for Alumni and Homecoming Day Exercises, the big football game, and the Alumni Dinner-Dance in Washington Hall that night.

The class picture-taking formation was moved indoors to Thayer Hall (the old riding hall), and most of those present managed to get there on time. A few did not! The Alumni Exercises (also in Thayer Hall) followed with the sounding of Taps as our old Com, Gen. Robert Danford, placed the wreath, and the singing of "The Corps" by the choir in the traditional but shortened ceremony.

Then came the dash through the rain to the beautiful, rebuilt officers club next door, the sojourn in the crowded Benny Havens Room, the mixing with old and new grads, the cheers and songs, and the fine buffet luncheon before the game.

Next came the great separation of the men from the boys—the decision as to whether or not to sit in the rain and watch ARMY outplay and beat—by 11-0—a fine Penn State team. While no checklist was kept, it appeared that the cold and drenched hardier half made the buses for the stadium and cheered ARMY on to victory, while the other cozy, warm, and relaxed half "chickened out" and listened to the game on radio! In any case, it was one of ARMY's best games, and the results cheered the hearts of all ARMY rooters wherever they were.

The two other events on Saturday were great, and not at all bothered by the weather. The first, shortly after the game, was a perfectly beautiful class cocktail party in the lovely Heiberg quarters on Professor's Row, with picture windows looking north over the majestic Hudson and the mountains on each side. The party was great and, if possible, even surpassed the view. There was plenty of everything there, including a whole row of unused football tickets lined up on the fireplace mantle. The Heibergs and their house guests were hard-pushed to get rid of the gang so that we could all get dressed and back to the Supe's Reception and Alumni Dinner-Dance in Washington Hall (the mess hall) before it was too late.

This last event was a fitting climax to the reunion events. The candlelight on the tables was just right for showing off the ladies in their glamorous gowns and jewels, the men all in blazers with '26 gold crests, and the pretty black, gray, and gold boxes with gifts for all. It was indeed a night to remember, with much dancing to the excellent orchestra music and the chance to move from table to table—not only '26 tables but other class tables as well, catching up with many old friends whom we literally had not seen in years. It was still raining when the buses took us back to the Thayer, but I'm sure no one cared—or even took much note!

Sunday dawned bright and sunny again, and informal groups gathered for breakfast, chapel, pictures on the beautiful Thayer Terrace overlooking the Hudson, and *au revoirs*, as the gang packed up and left for their various destinations—some for Europe, others to visit relatives or friends in the East or South, and all ultimately for their homes, carrying with them the memories of a great reunion, all the fun and excitement, and each one mindful of our great heritage and devotion to the ideals of West Point. Plans are already underway for the 45th in 1971, and in due course you will be hearing of them for another memorable occasion.

A Pleasant Postscript

A completely spontaneous action took place during the reunion which was not widely

known by the Class at the time but which now can be reported, and with great pleasure.

The men who were present during the reunion festivities solicited contributions which purchased a fine gift for Vald and Evelyn Heiberg in grateful appreciation of all of their efforts in making the reunion such a successful affair. Anky Ankenbrandt found himself the fund raiser, and Marvin and Peggy McKinney and Red and Dort Reeder became a committee of four for the selection of an appropriate memento and for its presentation at a suitable ceremony. The ceremony took place in the Reeder's quarters at West Point on Sunday afternoon, 20 November. The engraving on the beautiful sterling silver tray reads:

VALD AND EVELYN HEIBERG
FROM
MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1926
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
ATTENDING THE 40th REUNION
AT WEST POINT
1 OCTOBER 1966

A letter from Vald Heiberg describes the event very well: "Last week, the Reeder's invited Evelyn and me to their quarters for 'cocktails.' When we arrived we found the McKinneys there, and we all had a drink. Shortly afterwards, in walked Vald Jr., with his wife, followed by our other two children, Dorethe and Bill. We had just left the latter at home with the belief that they were leaving shortly to return to their respective colleges. Before Evelyn and I had time to ask, 'What's going on around here?', Marvin got up, gave a very fine little speech and then presented us with the beautiful silver tray with the engraved inscription from the Class to Evelyn and me. Many thanks to all who took part in contributing to and arranging for this very touching—and undeserved—tribute to us."

West Coast Report by Sewell

Just received a postcard from Spud Murphy from Spain where he and Gen are enjoying the sun and sand of that country. He was not sure when they would get home and asked that I drop a line so that you would know that the San Francisco branch was still functioning, so here goes with what little I have.

First thing is to ask that you put a plug in for Vald for the wonderful job that he did at Homecoming. Bill Hawthorne and I are the only ones here now who were there, and we think that he did a wonderful job and that the party they threw for all of us was one of the highlights of our visit. On our return, Ruth had Nourse and Kirchoff in for drinks, which gave us a chance to tell them what they had missed. Then last Sunday Bill and Louise had a group to their place for another little gathering. No need to go into detail, but both parties were very satisfying. The next big thing here is the Cal game next week, and I think everyone will be there. We all have hopes of seeing Red Reeder and Heiberg at that time.

It was great seeing all of you and having a chance to get to know some of the Class that we had not seen in such a long time. We are still talking about how wet some of us got at the game. Another thing that might be of interest is that the Eddie Watsons are coming down for the Cal game and are having a brunch on Sunday, as they did last year when we had a grand ball. Speaking of eating, they are having a dinner at our club on Friday night before the Cal game where I am sure there will be someone whom

I should have mentioned here, but I can't think who it will be. I know that there is a bus coming up from the Monterey area, but I don't know who'll be on it.

Miscellany

Red Reeder went to Worcester Polytechnic Institute to be a guest speaker at the fall Sports Award Banquet. Red was visibly impressed not only by the high quality of the students and the splendid buildings, but by the high regard in which Harry Storke is held by the students, the trainer, the professors, and the deans. Well done, Harry, and you will have our support when you run for governor.

Bob McDonough paid a visit to Washington in December. He was visiting his mother and sister Alice, Mrs. J.S. Nesbitt ('29). Bob says Doc Jones is the only other classmate in the Atlanta area.

Most of us received a note from Chin and Emmy Sloane indicating that the highlight of their 1966 was the reunion with friends and classmates at West Point. It was good to see them again, and I am sure all of us who attended agree with them.

Marv McKinney, the New York Area class Scribe, wrote Fred Munson complaining that no one in his area responded to his appeal by postcard for further class news. Maybe he'll have better luck next time, especially if he makes a few phone calls to remind the lazy ones!

I received a letter from Harry Storke in Worcester, Mass., and an excerpt from it is worthy of including, since I'm sure we are all interested in his thoughts: "This attempts to describe briefly the recent visit which the most distinguished author of '26 (or just about any other Class, for that matter) made to Worcester Polytechnic Institute (that fine engineering and scientific college in Worcester) on the occasion of the annual Worcester Tech fall sports banquet. Red Reeder was our main speaker, and he was, of course, a great success. When you hear of Worcester Tech performing in the Sugar Bowl one of these days, you'll know whose motivating influence made that feasible. Red's talk was not only most inspiring for the athletic minded but he also gave out much good advice from the standpoint of good sound leadership principles. As you well recall, it's a real treat to listen to Red at the rostrum. Many students have since expressed to me their interest in him and what he's done; just another solid attest to Red's impact upon young men."

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Coke Carter on 7 January 1967 at his winter home in Naples, Florida. Just before Christmas, in a very cheerful letter, he wrote, "I am sorry I missed the 40th Reunion, but I am saving up for the 50th." His heart, however, was not strong enough to enable him to realize this goal. Coke was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington on the 11th of January. Baird, Connolly, Ennis, Leon Johnson, Fred Munson and Nelson served as honorary pallbearers. The Class extends its heartfelt sympathy to his wife Dottie.

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This is the last appearance of this column before the Fabulous Fortieth.

Therefore, let us advance first in presentation that Great Expectation of reuniting a multitude of us for a few—too, too few—short days of rejuvenation on the Plain and of

circulation between Bear Mountain Inn, Ladycliff, and barracks. As you learned statistically from Woody Burgess's Christmas card to the Gang, many of the Class had not by then given an indication of their June intentions. However, as of this reading, doubtless all have responded, and we shall have that big turnout we anticipate.

The photograph accompanying this column, coming via Ray Bell, is offered in the spirit of nostalgia, recalling to us our yearling summer camp and suggesting the reunion mood, it is hoped. In forwarding it, Ray commented: "Joe Vincent, of Boston, sent me the enclosed snapshot of Stan Meloy and Moe Daly. We were tentmates during yearling summer, and the sail which you see in the picture was used on a canoe which Moe and Stan rigged up. The sail and canoe almost caused us to miss parade one afternoon, because, after sailing up to Bannerman's Island with the wind, it then died down, and at 3:30 p.m. we had to start paddling back to West Point. Since it is over three miles from the island, we got back to the boathouse two minutes before First Call and had to scamper up Flirtation Walk, change uniforms, and make the formation. We made it, but did most of our dressing in ranks. Fortunately we were not 'skinned' by the First Classmen." The last sentence perhaps contains a belated note of appreciation which should be brought to the attention of '25.

Ray was a generally fine source for this issue. He and Ray Jr., "pulled a son-and-father act" last summer, by both attending the summer school at Middlebury Language School, the son completing studies on his M.A. in German and father getting a substantial leg-up on a long-desired M.A. in Spanish. Ray says he will have some more to do before the degree, but it has been a long-time ambition which he will hopefully achieve one of these years. Regarding another venture, a visit to the Middle East, Ray is probably just returning to Cornwall-on-the-Hudson from his planned 3-months' journey there, staggling it, for Mary is "perfectly content to remain with her books, the snow, and the invigorating weather."

Now below the reunion for interest, being of the November past instead of the June future, is that "latest and grandest" Navy game. From several sources came counts of '27 in attendance, hence the following listing should be authentic: Bix and Ev Bixel, Bob and Kay Perrine, Ham and Bell Hunter, Tulio Segarra, Woody and Jean Burgess, Chick Harding, Hal Jordan, Mac and Jean Miller, and Jimmy and Marion Collins, the latter as guests of the Superintendent. As one reporter put it: "It was a beautiful and most rewarding day. It was wonderful to see us wallop Navy!" Another recognized that the afternoon had started under favorable auspices: "Before the game got started the loudspeaker announced the news of ARMY's defeat of Navy in soccer. What a roar went up from the cadets!" Perhaps the best omen for next fall is that Lindell and Jarvis are only Yearlings, and that they and their stalwart colleagues remaining will do their utmost for splendid Coach Cahill, that Coach-of-the-Year for 1966.

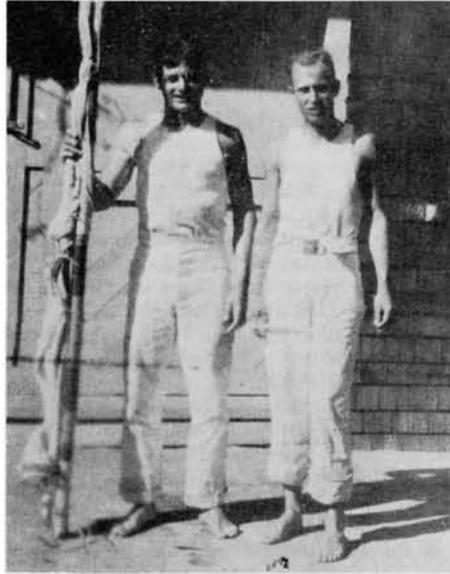
In connection with the ARMY-California game, Ray Bell on a November trip to the West Coast, reported seeing a sizable class contingent at Tom and Marg McManus's pre-game luncheon. Among those present were: Gar and Verone Davidson, Milt Towner and grandson, Nelly Fooks and daughter, the Sid Parsells, Paul and Mary Berrigan, the H.G. Douglasses, and the Woody Hockers. Ray had previously seen Milt Towner and Roy

Axup in Los Altos, Woody and Betty Hocker in Hillsborough (remarking upon "Betty's green thumb and Woody's outdoor heated swimming pool"), and Chubby Roth in San Francisco.

Our Doug Douglas, Sausalito, Calif., came forward for this issue. Of especial November interest—"the biggest news in the Douglas family"—was the arrival of a new granddaughter, the child of H.G. Jr., (also Doug to his friends) and his lovely wife, Doug reported, too, "as a nice affair," the McManuses' luncheon cited above.

Perhaps this may be the appropriate place to insert another new-granddaughter note, announcing proudly the arrival on 25 September at Walter Reed of lovely Amy Alice Miller, fourth daughter of Maj. Richard A. Miller, Armor, USMA '53, and wife Jane Lillard Miller. This small girl thus becomes the fourth granddaughter of your Scribe and his pleased spouse, Lucile. Grandfather and grandmother are both doing well, too!

Mac and Helen McKinney reported around Christmas a short visit with Dot and Blair Garland, en route to Pompano Beach from their new house "with a gorgeous view



1927: All aboard for the 40th. Moe Daly (left) and Stan Meloy in 1924 as they prepared to set sail for Vailima, Reykjavik, or Bannerman's Island.

of the Shrewsbury River, at the foot of Bellevue Ave., Rumson, N.J., close to Fort Monmouth." Both were reported as "fine." Other newsy names, a few hastily picked from Mac's many, included: Dick and Gwen Dickerson, with Dick working in a local bank in Fort Lauderdale; Barney and Eubie Daughtry, with Barney still teaching math at U. of Ga.; Linda and George Bender, at the ARMY-Tennessee game; Thelma McNamee, Tampa area, who reported Freddy and Margery Day and Scoon and Chris Gardner thereabout; Janet Ham, living with youngest son, David, in Clearwater, Fla., reported Lewis Jr., in the Pentagon, and her own plans for a trip to Ireland. The McKinneys' son, Bud, went to Vietnam in January, his family remaining in quarters in Alaska; daughter Nancy and husband Bernie (Asst Prof of speech and drama at Ill. U.) go on sabbatical this year—here and abroad.

Possibly repetitive to many recipients will be extracts of bits and pieces that came with the Christmas season: Paul Berrigan has joined the educational members of '27, teaching construction engineering three days a week at U. of Calif., Berkeley. Dot and Blair Garland's son, Jake, reported to Vietnam in

November. Ed and Betty Mechling are houseboating the winter away from Merritt Island, Fla. Uppie and Sally Upthegrove spent a good, active, peregrinating year: Uppie "quit smoking," Sally sold pictures, Uppie shot a record set of elk horn, and both seem to have driven 'round North America—some 12,500 miles.

Kathy and Bob Lowe are still enjoying Korea, with their young ones "widely scattered" in Germany and Missouri. Esther and Hutch Hutchison of Honolulu are delighted with another daughter-in-law with the marriage of Charles Jr., to Ann Hale of Atlanta. They are now "100% probable" for the Fortieth, for son Joe, Capt., Arty., USMA '60, upon completion in January of his advisor tour in Vietnam, is ordered to West Point and the Tactical Dept. They saw the Davidsons in Honolulu and Marty and Art Solem while visiting El Paso.

Donnie and Dutch Holland reported visiting Curacao and Puerto Rico; saw the Segarras—Tulio and his new bride—whom he married on 14 December—"a lovely lady from San Juan." (Class congratulations and much happiness!)

Larry and Ethel Kuter had a big year—too much so for quick summation—opening with them on 31 Dec 65 at the Mamounia Hotel in Marrakech. Most interesting was Larry's Polar flight of 2 Jan, London to Seattle, with takeoff at 12 noon GMT, sunset over Iceland, sunrise west of Greenland, and landing at 2 p.m. PST the same day; much "domestic travel" this year because of Larry's work with 747 Superjet and U.S. Supersonic Transport; but saw Kabul in May, plus three young grandsons for Ethel to guide in June for "fun and history" up and down the East Coast, with her "recovery accomplished in July."

Betty Lovell, leaving "my government work" at the end of December, planned to visit the oldest son's family in Honolulu before going "on to the Far East." Mary Kyster spent Christmas "with the children at Fort Totten."

This does it again, for worse or better. Let us all take to heart Lowell's famous question "And what is so rare as a day in June?" And especially let us apply that to the June that is not now far off—that June of 40 years a-blooming!

'28

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The Class has suffered the loss of two classmates since the last issue of ASSEMBLY. Dave Heiman passed away at Rolla, Missouri, on 18 September. He had been hospitalized since 1 June 1966. At the time of death, Dave was serving as Director of the University of Missouri at Rolla Industrial Research Center. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 September. Paul Gavan and Skip Seeman reported that six classmates served as honorary pallbearers, and that there were six or eight others present. Our sympathy is extended to Dave's widow Mib and his son Charles, USMA '61, an Ordnance Corps captain who is currently a student at Arizona State University.

The other loss was the death of Frank Falkner at the end of November in Hawaii. His death, along with other news, was reported by Tom Wells as follows: "The contingent in Hawaii was saddened by the death of Frank Falkner from a heart attack. He was buried in the Punchbowl Memorial Cemetery here in Honolulu. His son Chuck came

out to be with Betty for the services. All the '28 members here, consisting of Bill and Jean Browning, Paul and Beth MacLaughlin, Verdi and Jean Barnes, and Anne and myself, went to the graveside services. Also present was Marge Seeman, who was here for a visit. Betty's address, for those wishing to contact her, is: 2015 Alawai Boulevard, Honolulu. Sorry I have to pass on sad events to you, but as James Thurber used to say, "They are always posting the wrong obituaries."

"I mentioned that Marge Seeman was here, but I'll let Skip's letter explain:"

"Tom Wells, Bill Browning, Frank Falkner, and Paul MacLaughlin with their wives were at a party a while back, and we all had a fine time. A fine time, that is, considering all the circumstances. Verdi Barnes could not be there because of the pressures of his 'banking' business. I noted at the time that Frank was not his usual perky self that we have all known over the years, but thought undoubtedly it was due to reports I'd heard that his heart attacks had been pretty serious and he was taking it easy. It was not long after that that Frank passed on. Marge tells me that Betty said he died in his sleep after a pleasant day of golf and some time at the beach.

"We got to Hawaii last month because I had taken on a consultant job for a congressional committee for the purpose of taking a looksee at the construction effort in SE Asia. Since Marge had never been to Honolulu, I persuaded her to go that far with me. It was a little touchy considering her physical problems, but we knew a nurse there who had been with us at the hospital at Fort Leonard Wood, so it worked out all right. I was there but three nights prior to moving on to Asia, but Marge stayed on for a couple of weeks more then went home by way of the grandchildren in Texas City.

"Bill Browning is a bit stove up after a recent auto accident which, while no more than shaking him up, was just short of fatal.

"Of the classmates in Hawaii, I think only Bill Browning and Verdi are still working. We all drank a toast to the Hudson Hilton and set sights on the Fortieth for 1968."

Walt and Ruth Simon report enjoying life at Oceanide, California, since March. They are only seven miles from Camp Pendleton. Walt spends most of his time on the golf course.

Skip Seeman, who now lives at 3147 N. Pollard St., Arlington, Va. 22207, writes that there were only two '28ers at the September alumni luncheon in Washington, and Paul Gavan reports little class activity in Washington area. Everybody seems to be occupied with his own job or fancy, and any continuing interest is hard to whip up.

Blondie Saunders reports as of 2 December that he and Jo have both been well and that they were leaving on the 5th for Fort Huachuca, Ariz., to take care of the four grandchildren. Their son Rich had R&R leave from VN in Hawaii, and his wife was to meet him there. Rich is now a major, Signal Corps, and has his master's degree in EE from U. of Minn. Blondie says he was glad to see ARMY take Navy (weren't we all) since they had been down to the AF Academy to see the AF-Navy game. Saw some of the oldtimers.

Preceding Paul's retirement, Paul and Mabel Adams were given a round of parties and teas that included being honored at the 82d annual dinner of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce and at a dinner given by the Military Order of the World Wars of Tampa, Bradenton, Sarasota, and St. Petersburg. Paul retired on 31 Oct, leaving only

Bob Fleming, Governor of Panama, and Billingsley on active duty. Paul was also named America's outstanding veteran of 1966 during the 20th annual National Veterans Day program in Birmingham, Ala. He received the Distinguished National Veteran's Award.

Jim and Bernice Lamont write that they are still enjoying Asheville after five years, and report that Web and Virginia Anderson who moved there last year have added much lustre to the local scene.

After attending Homecoming, Eph and Betty McLemore wrote: "In October, Betty and I are going into DC for a cocktail party at Jack Oakes'. Verdi is coming in from Hawaii on banking business. Don't know who else will be there. In fact, Maury Crallé is the only other classmate I am certain is in the DC Area. I don't keep up very well." Shame on you; see 35th Reunion Book.

Tom Sherburne reports from Pebble Beach, California: "Writing this in the plane headed home from DC where the annual Army Assn gathered. At least seven of our classmates showed up: Tommy Van Natta from Santa Barbara, getting caught up for his planning duties with GE (TEMPO); Paul Adams from Tampa and STRIKE, who said he was retiring soon. Already seemed relaxed. Verdi Barnes was vacationing from his Honolulu bank, and they both looked very chipper. The last day I noted the back of a tall, lantern-jawed, affluent looking attendee, familiar looking except that he was Air Force. But it was old Nosebag, Charlie Born. No change. Just as hearty. Solid as ever. With Texas Instruments as for years, and has a big title meaning 'Defense Relationships'.

"Another visitor I didn't see until the final affair, was Sam Myers, retired, now living near Fort Knox, Ky. Like Fred Anderson in Palo Alto, he was filled with pride for his kids and grandchildren.

"Finally, but not least because he was one of our principal hosts, Paul Gavan, who doesn't seem one bit different from cadet days in looks or buoyant personality.

"As we broke up, P.D. Adams commented that it was the largest '28 assembly he had seen for some time. In addition, he had seen Paul Johnson there. Somehow I missed him.

"So much for the Washington visit. The only other classmate I've seen recently, other than Jack Hinrichs, is Jerry Smyser. He and his attractive wife came through Monterey last month headed for Portland and relatives. Jerry, riding the crest, is the St. Louis 'Post Authority' in person, enjoying life."

Forrest and Patty Allen have moved to Orange, California. Pat O'Brien is still at Penn State. Norm and Jane Reid Webb have moved to LaJolla, California. They write that they see the Jack Millises, Howard Bunkers, Bob Taylors, and Pinky Browns.

Del Spivey will retire as Superintendent of Culver Military Academy on 31 August 1967, a position he has held for 10 years. Carl Sturies sent in a clipping from the 11 Dec Chicago *Tribune*: "The Culver Military Academy and its Superintendent, Major General Delmar T. Spivey, were honored last night at the 52d annual dinner of the Indiana Society of Chicago in the Conrad Hilton Hotel. More than 1,000 Chicagoans who are natives of Indiana, along with 200 residents of the Hoosier State, gathered to pay tribute to Gen. Spivey."

The 40th Reunion fund now totals \$1,890 with 48 contributors.

I have spent the holidays from 18 December to 10 January in the hospital. Fully recovered now and looking forward to the 40th.

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From our principal West Coast correspondent, Johnny Theimer, comes news of the San Francisco Bay Area contingent and, particularly, a good report on Doc Kearney, who had his larynx removed last fall. Johnny had just talked to Doc on the telephone at his home in Saratoga and found him making amazing speech progress with an electronic larynx and speech therapy. Doc was in fine spirits and hoped to attend a February class luncheon in San Francisco. (Our congratulations on the progress, Doc, and we're all pulling for you.) Harriet Kearney had gotten a new Cadillac for Christmas, and both the Kearneys send their best to '29.

Ducky Hail had had a brief session at Letterman in the fall, but emerged hale ("How else?" says Theimer) and hearty. Larry Brownlee continues to combine church work with fencing and is now an official in both the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Amateur Fencers League of America.

The San Francisco group maintains its traveling activities. But Mac and Patsy McKenzie got enough traveling to suit them on their lengthy New Zealand and Australia tour and decided to forego their proposed winter in Europe and return to San Francisco. They flew to Boston for the holidays with children and grandchildren. Ernie and Davie Heidland toured South America last year, and Ernie's Spanish—a mixture of pig Latin, English, and Cadet "Spic," according to Theimer—proved more than adequate for mastering South American plumbing and politics. George and Lois Carey cruised the Caribbean in the fall and were surprised more than somewhat, in Theimer's Damon Runyon phrase, to find the deckchairs next to them occupied by Jim and Marge Sladen (of whom more anon). Dave and Charm Angluin departed the San Francisco Area last summer for Germany, where Dave has a 2-year assignment with ComZ at Zweibrücken.

More or less local travelers from the Bay Area over the past holidays were the Gearys, to Los Alamos, Mexico; the Heidlands, to Los Angeles; Chick Cooper, to Squaw Valley for skiing; the Samuelsons, on a fishing trip; and the Coolidges, to Pasadena to see children and grandchildren.

Theimer himself flew to Washington in the fall for the annual AUSA meeting and a



1929: L. to r.: Jan and Bat Carns and daughter Mary; Adam and Mrs. O'Donnell and son.

visit with his daughter and son-in-law, Lt. Col. C.B. Lee '49, and grandchildren. Johnny couldn't make the Washington group's fall luncheon held at the same time as the AUSA meeting, nor could Joe Colby, who also attended the AUSA sessions, but Paul Freeman, our other out-of-town attendee, was a welcome addition to the luncheon, as were Roger Browne from New York and Bo Hubbard from Baltimore. Both of these latter had attended Homecoming Weekend at West Point in early October, as had Freddie Chaffee and Joe Colby. At the luncheon we were also happy to greet Jack Person, a recent addition to the Washington group, who is executive director for a trade association on rivers and harbors. Others attending were: Buchanan, Ghormley, Graul, Jones S.W., Lindsey, McKee, McNally, Milwit, Smith F. H. Jr., Stubbs, Thompson W.J., Vander Heide, and Vittrup.

Slim and Muriel Vittrup have, as extended house guests, their daughter and grandchildren while their son-in-law is in Vietnam. The Vittrups journeyed to the Navy game in Philadelphia, as did Herb and Ida Milwit, who made quite a family group of it, taking with them their twin sons, the two daughters-in-law, and their daughter and her date. "Since we had practically a bus-load of our own, we went by bus," says Herb, "and we found it a most comfortable way to get to and from the stadium." The Vittrups and the Milwits were highly pleased with the game and its outcome, just as were all of us stay-at-home TV viewers.

Bat and Jan Carns and daughter Mary, wife of Comdr. A.P. Ismay USN, celebrated the Navy game uniquely by viewing it from the midst of a friendly-enemy camp—as guests of Adm. Jerry O'Donnell USNA '29, Commandant of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, at a large gathering of Navy classmates, their wives, and children. In commenting on a picture of the group, Bat remarks that you can tell it's a pre-game photograph by the beaming Navy faces. Bat thoroughly enjoyed being the ARMY representative on this particular occasion.

At the Pittsburgh game at West Point Abe Lincoln glimpsed briefly Joe and Margaret Colby, who attended in connection with ceremonies for the new upper-class lounge in Benét Hall (the old Ordnance Compound to us) recently refurbished by the Rockwell Manufacturing Co. The Lincolns had also had a recent visit with Phil Draper, at West Point to see his son-in-law (instructor in Abe's department), daughter, and grandchildren. Jupe Lindsey visited West Point in the fall on Army Distaff Hall business, and he and Abe had a fine meeting. Freddie Lincoln went to Germany to see a new grandchild last year, and Abe had a convenient conference in England, which he followed by joining Freddie and at the same time "taking a look at the wire and mines on the Iron Curtain."

Abe's latest trip was to the Far East with a small group headed by his brother, Lt. Gen. L.J. Lincoln '33, DCSLOG DA. They visited Vietnam, Thailand, Korea, and Japan. From this trip, and especially from Vietnam and Southeast Asia, Lincoln brought back many cogent observations bearing on USMA, its curriculum, and its end-product; he found the latter to be doing very well indeed in combat in Vietnam.

Also in the West Point area, George McAneny, based at Cornwall, saw Paul Elias, George Wilde, and Tommy Sands briefly at the Pittsburgh game. McAneny gave up his high school teaching job this past year ("too confining"), but then—in a weak

moment, he says—he took on the job of coaching the Cornwall High School soccer team, starting a new team from scratch with only two men who had even handled a soccer ball before. He had a totally unsuccessful season, he says (quite a contrast to his ARMY soccer teams of the Forties, which beat Navy two out of three tries), but he is undaunted: "Next year we should have something!"

In Detroit, Larry Bork, as president of the Economic Club, was particularly proud of one of his September luncheon meetings, which was outstanding for its speaker and subject—Bozo McKee on "Looking to the Future in Civil Aviation—and for the reception accorded both by the members. Present at the speaker's table was Nichols K.D., in Detroit on business for his various directorships. McKee was also featured prominently on the cover and in a major article on civil transport and the supersonic plane in an October issue of *Business Week* magazine. And, at the turn of the year, who could miss the final decision on the selection of the companies to develop the supersonic transport, announced by McKee as Federal Aviation Administrator.

From Shalimar, Fla., Fred Dent writes that Lu Rowell ex-'29, retires as an AF colonel at the end of April, thereby removing the last known member the Class can claim on the AF active list. The Dents had seen Mish and Martha Roth in their area on a visit with son Bill, Capt. AF, '55, in training at Hurlburt AFB before going to Vietnam in January. The Roths arrived in their new Cadillac Fleetwood with the normal and equitable division of luggage space, Fred says: Mish had the glove compartment and Martha the rest. Dent had seen Weary Wilson in Mobile in the late fall and found Weary deep in both civic and business activities but keeping up his golf.

Weary himself says that their household now consists of seven: himself, Jeanne, two younger children attending the U. of Alabama and living at home, and the older daughter, wife of Capt. Amos, who is in Vietnam, and her two children. W.K. Wilson III, Capt. USA, '60, is now an instructor at Fort Belvoir. Daughter Margaret is making her debut in Mobile, which was to involve Weary and Jeanne in attendance at some 15 debutante balls before Mardi Gras. Weary had recently seen Jim and Molly Winn at a Fort Belvoir party for him and Jeanne, and Rennie and Eileen Renshaw at a Military Engineers ball at the Waldorf in New York. Weary appears to be very much on the ball (circuit).

New grandchildren have arrived for the

Connors and the Lindseys. Pinky and Marion Conner have their first grandchild, a daughter born to son George and wife. "She has violet eyes and golden hair," says Marion. "She needs police protection!" (Now where could that golden hair have come from?) The Connors spent the holidays in Jamaica and said the rum was strong, the breezes gentle, and the beach delightful. Jupe and Judy Lindsey's daughter Anne provided their third grandchild and second granddaughter last fall. The Lindseys went to Chicago for the event.

Don and Maggie Graul flew west in the fall to visit daughter Margie and family in Sheridan, Wyo., Maggie's brother, Maj. Gen. John T. Honeycutt '33, at his station in Albuquerque, N. Mex., and the Roths in Aurora, Ill. The Roths had just gotten their new Fleetwood, and Don and Mish devoted much attention to testing its new constant-leveling device. Also traveling in the fall were Freddie and Martha Smith, who flew to Europe (France, Germany, and Italy) partly for pleasure and partly on business in connection with Freddie's consulting job with Ryan Aviation.

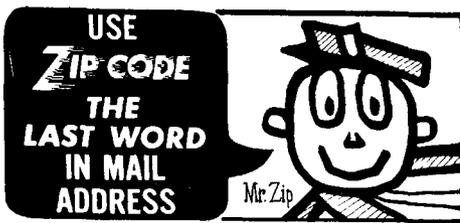
Paul and Della Caraway drove east from Heber Springs, Ark., to the Washington area in November, visiting her family here, attending to some business, and seeing friends. They were both in fine form and delighted with their Heber Springs location and Paul's law practice there. They say if any of you get as close to them as Memphis, come on to Heber Springs, or at least phone. Doby and Marty Kraft had done just that recently, phoning them from Memphis for a long conversation en route from Indianapolis to a Florida vacation.

Jim and Marge Sladen spent the holidays in the Washington area visiting daughter Pat and son-in-law Lt. Col. J.E. Crow '52, and grandchildren. The Sladens didn't get to see many friends because the whole family came down with the virus over the holidays. Jim and Marge had had a wonderful trip, however, beginning with the cruise ship on which they encountered the Careys. Dutch and Betty Kraus saw them off at San Francisco, and they visited Panama, Jamaica, Nassau, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico, ending up at New York. They headed back for their Tacoma, Wash., base soon after the turn of the year.

One of the highlights of the Washington group's Christmas cocktail-buffet was the presence of Bonnie Mackintosh, who came with Nel and Trude Lynde in Mac's absence in Boston. The Mackintoshes had a splendid Far East and European tour and plan now to settle in the Petersburg, Va., area. It was



1929: At the Crary wedding. L. to r.: The Crarys, Mays, Costellos, and Renshaws.



also fine to have Senta Bell, Gee Chard, and Georgie Ostrand with us. Fama Maulsby was in California for Christmas with her brother, but a note sent best wishes to all. The party was a gay and pleasant affair. Others attending were C.G. and Marian Calloway, Paul and Marion Elias, Don and Maggie Graul, Bill and Marge Ghormley, Jupe and Judy Lindsey, Herb and Ida Milwit, Nick and Jackie Nichols, Wayland and Marion Parr, George and Betty Reilly, Jack and Allie Seward, Ralph and Bobbie Strauss, Marshall and Harriet Stubbs, Fen and Linda Sykes, Bill and Nell Thompson, Herb and Dottie Vander Heide and Dottie's sister Marie Dunn, Slim and Muriel Vittrup, and Dick and Isabel Wentworth.

Some items from all over, garnered from holiday greetings:

We were sorry to learn that Dudley Wiegand had had a heart attack, fortunately mild, last year, which has somewhat slowed down but not eliminated his golf, fishing, bowling, and bridge. He keeps active, is secretary to the Planning and Zoning Board of Fort Collins, and does some teaching in freshman English at the university. Betty is working in the Office of Admissions and Registrar at the university and finds this interesting and pleasant.

Jack and Virginia Horton and sons Wilmot and John toured Europe last summer in grand style—by private motorcoach, chauffeur (and a special guide and interpreter, as far as I can make out). They covered 11 countries and 6,300 miles in 45 days—from England to Portugal and all points in between. The turn of the year found them back in Austin and seeing the New Year's Day football games with the Norm Poiniers, the Dave Browns, and the Chris Clarkes ('30 and ex-'29). The Hortons had also had a brief visit from the Roths on their way to Florida.

Also in Texas, Jim and Doris Hannigan moved to a new house in Bryan just before Christmas, had plebe son Tom with them for his Christmas leave, and were looking forward to son Jim's being assigned to West Point to teach electronics and computers when he completes his course at Fort Monmouth this June.

Moving east to Tennessee, in Chattanooga Army and DeeDee Armstrong had had a surprise visit from Bill and Missy Bullock who were on their way to Florida after their Far-Eastern tour. The Armstrongs themselves were to spend the pre-holidays with son Alan and family at Fort Benning, then pick up son Peter in Washington and spend the holidays with the Hoyle family in Connecticut. Army had had the McCallie School yearbook dedicated to him last year, and DeeDee is currently president of the staff and faculty Woman's Club. They love the school and their life there.

Moving on to North Carolina, in Raleigh John and Sara Phillips saw their youngest offspring, Richard, married last year. He has been stationed at Fort Bragg, where they got to see him and his bride occasionally; he was due to leave for Korea in January. Son David is in Vietnam. The two new grandchildren—David's and daughter Margaret's in California—arrived in good shape while the

grandparents were on hand to greet them last summer.

Continuing east to Delaware, in Newark Dan and Ruth Sundt have their youngest, Danny, as a freshman at Brown U. and their second youngest, Karen, now graduated from the U. of Delaware and teaching school while living at home. Daughter Christine and husband, John Siczka, are now in Wilmington where John's work has taken him, and this brings the young family and the one grandchild, 3-year-old Sharon, conveniently near the Sundts.

Moving south to Florida, Larry and Billie Guyer send an all's-well message from their home in the sun in St. Petersburg. Tom and Marion McDonald in Maitland had a fine visit from son Randy and his wife, and were celebrating the promotion of their older son T.B. III, '57, to major, USA. Bill and Dot McCulla in Largo were spending their first winter in their new house and loving the Florida weather. They will still operate their Cape Cod inn during the summers. Bill has been traveling a lot as a consultant on small arms production for the Army Munitions Command, so Dot has been doubly glad to have daughter Jean and two grandchildren with her while son-in-law, David Riggs '62, is in Korea.

And finally, in our southernmost state, Hawaii, Chan and Jo Chandler in Honolulu welcomed home for the holidays son Hap, now a teaching assistant at the U. of California at Riverside. With work completed for his master's degree in history, Hap is about to become a candidate for a Ph.D. Chan and Jo spent a week on the big island of Hawaii and stayed at Kilauea Military Camp, by the volcano, in what appeared to be the same cabin they spent their honeymoon in.

Just as this was going to press we had the sad news of the death of Edwin M. Van Bibber. Ed died on 17 Jan at his home, "Tattoo," in Bozman, Md., after a heart attack. Funeral services were held on 19 Jan at Christ Episcopal Church, St. Michael, Md., with interment in the family plot near Edgewood. Flowers were sent on behalf of the Class. Ed and Renata had spent the summer and late fall in their Frankfurt, Germany, place, as was their custom, and had then returned to Bozman. Our deep sympathy and heartfelt condolences are extended to Renata and to Ed's children.

We are indebted to the combined efforts of Rennie Renshaw and Jack Crary's sister, Sally (Mrs. R.C. Hoffman of Detroit), for the picture of the Crary wedding party, and we wish to thank them again for their productive results.

The next Washington group get-together will be a stag luncheon at the Army-Navy Town Club on Thursday, 20 Apr. Out-of-towners, try to schedule your Washington trip accordingly.

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Our dwindling active list dwindled again when Al Watson retired at the end of October. The use of the word "retired" is hardly applicable, however, inasmuch as Al reported for duty the following day as the new Governor of the Soldiers Home, succeeding that grand old warrior, General Ham Haislip (USMA '12), who had held the post for 15 years. It goes without saying that we Washingtonians are greatly pleased to have Al and Anne join our segment of "The Gang" and

only hope that theirs will equal or surpass the Haislips' tenure. There was, of course, the customary impressive retirement ceremony at Fort Myer; no matter how often those troops go through the routine of a retirement parade their performance is always flawless and exciting. Al's "farewell address" to the Army was poignantly good, and the reception that followed the parade was military entertaining at its best, the fine blend of dignity, color, and vigor that is the hallmark of our trade. Dolly and I were able to snare Al and Anne for an informal shindig at our menage where we were joined by some 35 other cheery souls—all experts at ringing welkins and similar pursuits. It was noisy and cheerful, and, as far as we could tell, did the Watsons no lasting damage.

Speaking of parties, one of the most enjoyable in recent months was the lunch that Roy and Alice Lindquist laid out in early October at their hideaway near Front Royal. And "hideaway" is the word! It is nearly 2-hours' drive from Washington in the Shenandoah Valley, and the last half mile is a pretty steep climb through magnificently wooded hills into what is practically a private club called High Knob. The house is so nearly hidden from the road that if you didn't have complete directions you could easily miss it. But when you find it, it's well worth the drive. The house is a 2-level structure of intriguing design that snugs into the hillside in a stand of tall pines and hardwoods as though it had grown there. The interior is exceptionally attractive, and the view down the valley from the second-floor sun-deck is superb.

Our hosts picked one of those fabulous Indian summer Saturdays when the sun is warm on your skin but the air is as cool and clean as spring water, and the forest foliage is at its riotous best—an altogether perfect setting for their generous hospitality. They assembled practically everyone of the local contingent and treated us to liberal portions of good liquor and excellent chow, the latter served *al fresco* at long tables set out on the spacious patio.

Among others holding forth in the relaxed atmosphere was Fred Ammerman, who had a group of us virtually spellbound by his account of his first experience in practical politics, i.e., running on the Republican ticket for a seat in the Maryland House of Delegates. He had won the primary and was working hard toward the general election. His enthusiasm and sincerity were obvious and persuasive. I'm sorry to report that just a month later he learned that he ran a good race but came in second. Nevertheless, I suspect he'll continue to be politically active, which will be to the good of his community and the state as a whole. If all our legislative bodies were made up of men of Fred's caliber we'd live in a helluva lot better world.

Also present were Ned and Vivian Moore who had played host to Hank Royall when he came to Washington for the American Legion's annual convention. Hank was appointed to the Americanism Committee, certainly a most appropriate assignment for that staunch old soldier.

Bob and Connie Booth went to Homecoming this year, partly to make a personal reconnaissance of the two-and-a-half-year reunion concept mentioned in my Notes in the last issue. Other classmates present at Homecoming included Jim Brett, Johnny Guthrie, Joe Haskell, Jim and Mary Louise Herbert, and Johnny Murrell. Apparently the classes that have experimented with the idea of an intermediate reunion between regularly scheduled 5-year ones have found it very

satisfactory and heartily supported by Academy officials. I would still like to have individual comments pro or con. Connie also reported that Mac and Polly McCoy have built a new house in Linstead-on-Severn, Severna Park, Maryland, and that their youngest son, Hugh, is a Youngster at USNA.

I commented in a previous issue that we had only one Class Son currently at the Point, young Dan Taylor of '68. It is a pleasure to report another inductee in the person of Jimmy James's son, Anthony, who matriculated this past summer with the Class of 1970. Let's hope he makes the grade; it would be fine to have that extra something to celebrate in connection with our 40th Reunion.

A good letter from Jo Jo Carrithers tells of his election as president of the California State Horsemen's Association, an honor that most appropriately caps Jo Jo's years of dedicated and constructive work in this field. Since the Association is comprised of over 6,000 members in some 200 groups—like Jo Jo's own Contra Costa Trail Riding Association, for example—he will be busier than ever and doing a lot of traveling. But it's the thing nearest his heart, and, typically, he is embracing the new responsibilities with energy and enthusiasm. He also reported on '30's attendance at festivities in connection with the ARMY-California game: in addition to Jo Jo and Beth, there were the Roy Bartletts, Ed Berrys, Jim Bretts, Bob Crons, Jim Herberts, Bob Lancefields, Mandy Mandelbaums, Bob Portses, Jim Richardsons, Win Sissons, and Joe Twymans. Bob Ports is still somewhat troubled with emphysema, but under periodic medication he continues to chug along pretty well.

Those of us who managed the trek to Philadelphia on 26 November saw a spirited and exciting game with a highly satisfactory outcome. Maybe it was not the most expert football you ever saw played, but even the mistakes had a certain glamour and élan about them, and there was something potentially disastrous going on most of the time; a refreshing contrast to that dull 7-7 affair of last year.

I can't certify that I saw all the classmates who attended, but in our immediate area there were: Dave Baker, Beau Beauchamp, Bob and Connie Booth with young Connie and her husband, Ray and Charlotte Brisach, Catherine Eckert (without Spike, who had just returned from supervising the Dodger tour of Japan and was detained on business in New York), Fergy and Pat Ferguson, Carl Fernstrom, the Ted Kimptons, Jim and Natalie Lunn, Mac and Polly McCoy, Red and Sue Timothy, Al and Anne Watson with their handsome son John and his wife, Fritz and Kate Weber, and Phil and Eloise Wehle.

When Dolly and I reached our seats we found ourselves, by happy coincidence, sitting directly in front of the Watsons and side-by-side with the Fergusons—the first time in 36 years that we three first-class roommates have been so seated! It gave a special fillip to an already cheery occasion.

At the game I was distressed to hear from Kate Weber that they lost their oldest son this past summer. We have all reached that stage in life when the passing of contemporaries is no longer shocking, but we grieve all the more when the young ones go. I know I speak for all in extending our deepest sympathy to Fritz and Kate.

Also, I have just received a card from Lou Heath reporting Wini's death on 13 November. For those of you who may not have received one, I quote in part from its content: "We were visiting our daughter Alison

in Corona Del Mar when Wini was struck by a fatal heart attack. Her remains have been cremated and returned to Tucson for interment in a private ceremony, as was her wish." Our heartfelt condolences to Lou and his two daughters in their sad loss.

The Christmas season brought letters from, among others, the Ewbanks and Wehles. Wank was in the hospital for a month last spring, and, by way of recuperating, he and Reba joined three other couples in the charter of a 90-foot boat, complete with crew, for a leisurely two weeks in the Bahamas. They report the food wonderful and the rum good, inexpensive, and plentiful. They then spent two months "back at the ranch" in Indiana before returning to Florida. Their son John left the Ford Motor Company in August for a better job with Allis-Chalmers in Cedar Rapids, where he and Marcia are now happily established.

The Wehles, from their happy haven in Reston, tell of a pleasantly varied life. Big Phil has his daily stint with Research Analysis Corporation, only a short drive from Reston, to occupy his considerable talents in, as he puts it, "the solving of stimulating problems." Eloise runs their attractive home and sees young Cleve and Terry off to the local school each day. Phil Junior is a second lieutenant at Fort Benning and is due to go from there to the Intelligence School at Fort Holabird, for which he would seem to be most aptly qualified by virtue of having achieved a master's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Affairs. Jennifer has her own job, shares an apartment with two other girls, and also pursues courses in French at Georgetown. Brenda is a junior and Stephanie a sophomore in college—both home only during vacation periods. All in all, to quote Phil: "Our life is good and we have much to be grateful for."

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Since this is being written on New Year's Day 1967, I hereby make a resolution to get myself better organized this year so I won't always be looking for the note or letter that I am sure one of you sent in. On second thought, that way might not be as much fun, so I'll probably just continue along in the same stumbling way, and you keep sending in the news.

On the local scene, Johnny Davis has received a well-deserved third star and is now working with the Disarmament Agency. Our congratulations to Johnny and, in all seriousness, may we all join in a New Year's wish that Johnny may accomplish much good in this job even as he has in his other assignments. The Class had a dinner at Fort Myer in October with about 30 of us, including wives, in attendance. Further details on that later. Jake Smart has accepted a position with NASA and from all I can gather will be dividing his time between here and his other estate in South (or is it North?) Carolina.

I received a very quick reply from Bill Chandler saying that I had made a slight error in his address; the proper street number is 2200, not 220. By the way, does anybody know the whereabouts of George Hartman or Charlie Baldwin these days? Letters to both of them have been returned as undeliverable. I would appreciate any news of them.

I've gleaned the following from notes recently received and from the questionnaires of last fall: Phineas Adair writes from Sagi-

naw, Mich., that it didn't seem like a year since he last wrote, but a search of his faultless records showed that it was indeed September of a year ago that he had done so, so he was only too glad to respond again. Frank Bogart, who moved away from the hustle of Washington, "way out to Camp Springs, Md., says that his present job with NASA keeps him pretty busy. Tick and Alice Bonesteel, now in Korea, report things in good shape there. Civilization around Tucson has apparently caught up with Forrest and Betty Caraway, since they now have only a street address without a route or box number; even less exercise now without that hike to the mailbox every day. Bill Cassidy keeps busy pinning stars on relatives; his brother Richard '40, was just promoted to major general. Bill and Betty Chandler's boy, Bill, has been studying Vietnamese for a tour where that language is spoken. The Chandlers, senior, have moved into a "high rise" in San Francisco with a beautiful view—and a rent to go along with the highness of the rise.

Cal and Virginia Coolidge are planning a second retirement from Cal's job as assistant city manager of Santa Clara. It was most pleasant to have a nice note from Ben and Ginnie Turpin about the enjoyable time they both had at the reunion. OZ Tyler keeps busy at his bank, but Allison found time to take a trip to Cairo, Beirut, and Rome last spring. Speaking of banks, Jim Stroker writes that he is a "banker," not a "baker," as I apparently dubbed him in one of the columns. I'm sure that Herb Mansfield could do something with such a statement, but the best I can come up on short notice is: what's the real difference, they are both concerned with dough? Peter Otey Ward is still continuing his education, taking a course in industrial development at the University of Oklahoma. He has invited all of us to be present for his graduation in 1968. Maybe we could make that an interim reunion.

Don Webber, who is somewhat familiar with Spain, says that Sitges, where Pumpelly and family are now residing, is a very lovely resort and fairly swanky. We should take Pump at his word and go visit him. Gus Wirak said he had to miss the reunion this time because he was busy planning for next year's classes. I should just like to take this opportunity to remind him to start early enough in '69 so that he and Alice can make it in '71. Bill and Fran Dick sent aloha from Izmir. Alohas from Turkey? Charlie Duff took time off from rocking his retirement chair to write a real Chamber of Commerce letter on the beauties of life in Colorado. I wouldn't be surprised but what he may be right, with the Bill Hamptons, Merv Magees, Doc Strothers, Bob Hacketts, and the Bob Lees all settling in that area. By the way, did you know that Merv is the only one in the Class who abbreviates it "Gen'l"?

Ernie and Nancy Easterbrook report enjoying life at the Presidio until such time as he has to retire. I had a note from Walt Ellis saying that he has been married to a doctor for some time. Mim was awarded her doctorate in 64 and is now an assistant professor at the U. of Arkansas. Jergen Olson, another one of our school teachers, enjoys a unique distinction: his wife, Marguerite, is the principal of the school where he teaches. Jergen reports that she is a tough and most demanding boss. Charlie Hoy paid a visit to Glenn Farris this past summer and they took an afternoon off to go to a baseball game. As I remember it, Charlie used to play the game pretty well and like most of us still enjoys watching others play. Johnny Hagood sent a very short note from South America, saying

only, "98° in the shade." I couldn't tell whether he was complaining or boasting.

I really booted a couple this last time I sent out the letters. I sent Pas **Passarella's** letter to Texas, but since I had the correct ZIP code, the letter was finally delivered to Arlington where Pas still is. I also sent Merle **Fisher's** letter to San Antonio rather than Austin. In addition to admitting to my own mistakes, I would also like to make a plea for those of you who haven't done so, to send in your ZIP codes. They do help.

Dick Lawson is now teaching at Christopher Newport College, Newport News, Va., and reports seeing **Andy Adams** on the golf course at Fort Eustis last July. Sam and **Muggsy Smellow** have a good crop of weeds growing in south Jersey. If anyone is particularly anxious to get hold of some good weeds, I suggest getting in touch with Sam. Jim and Naomi are, or were, suffering from a common malady that attacks those of our age—a house full of echoes after the children and grandchildren depart for a new station. They do have the remedy, though: drive out to see them all on a grandchild's birthday. Steve and **Birdie Hanmer** were supposed to have been in the Washington area around about 1 Nov, but since I have had no confirmation, I assume Steve is back administrating at RFE, helping **Chet Ott**. Chet, by the way, has just been appointed Director of RFE, succeeding **Rodney Smith**. Our congratulations, Chet, on assuming a post with all that responsibility. We are all sure that RFE will continue to do an excellent job in telling the truth to the other side.

Jack "Lone Star" Gordon wrote a nice letter with the San Antonio news. The San Antonio crowd is looking for an excuse to have a get-together, so anyone having a reason, good or bad, for being in that vicinity need only notify Jack to be sure of a warm welcome. **Chet Landaker** weighed in with the observation that, "I just can't believe that '31 is so old and decrepit that none of them ever gets to Las Vegas." I can speak for myself in saying that his reasoning is not quite correct, but I do have an explanation. So many of us are math teachers and have studied the laws of probability that we know better. Anyway, if any of you do get there, be sure to give Chet and Mary a ring. **Larry and Buddie Talcott** have left Philadelphia after Larry retired from Sears and have settled in Fort Lauderdale. They would like to hear from anyone in the vicinity. **Pablo and Gracie Mayo** have moved into a house and have all the appurtenances thereunto appertaining, including a swimming pool. Y'all come on down and have a swim.

I am pleased to clear up one mystery that I feel sure has been bothering many of you for some time. The *pièce de résistance* served by **Mike Irvine** for the **Hunters** (see column in last issue for clarification) was "the lemon can take a rib." Everybody clear on that point? or, as we teachers say, "Any questions?"

Caye Reed writes that **Howard** is to be congratulated on being elected president of the State of Massachusetts City Managers Association. Quite a title, but they picked a good man for the job. **Caye** also reports that **Sherwood Reed**, the class godson, has received an award for "Meritorious Engineering Achievement" from the CRERL (Cold Regions Engineering Research Lab).

Jerry Rodenhauser, finally separated from the Air Force, with a well-deserved DSM, has left the Washington area and is now with **Mitre Corporation** in Bedford, Mass. **Moppy Perry** sends in a report on the inhumanity of classmates. **Les Kunish**, passing

through East Lansing, turned down an invitation to help paint **Moppy's** garage, even though the invitation included some liquid other than the paint as an added inducement. I am happy to add a final note to the above—the garage is now painted, so it is safe to visit the **Perry** family and enjoy the "liquid other than paint." **Scott Dickson** sent me a very fancy brochure of a management course that is given at Southern Cal where our own **Johnny Cave** is one of the instructors.

Herewith, with some deletions for various reasons, is the latest from **Deac Roller**, written in October after he had just departed from **Ding Carter's** place: **Deac** and **Ding** went down to Sarasota and saw **Danny** and **Ida Workizer**; from there to Fort Lauderdale to see **Joe** and **Deena Brady**, with the two former roommates, **Joe** and **Ding**, really having a ball after having not seen each other for 35 years. On the way back, **Deac** and **Ding** stopped in to see **Ted** and **Amy Hickey**, in Key West, and also talked with **Walt Gallup** on the Ameche. They stopped by to see **Gen. Ed Timberlake**, **Ted's** oldest brother and our ex-Tac, but discovered that the General was away on a hunting trip. A few miles further north, a visit with **Lou** and **Laird Cron**—both well and comfy and planning to see us all at the 40th. **Ding** and **Deac** also visited **Charlie** and **Martha Hoy** and talked with **J.D. Sams** from **Charlie's** house, but were unable to raise **Gus Wirak**. **Deac** also talked with **Virginia Dickey** who would be pleased to hear from any classmates who pass through or near Cedar Key. **Deac** further reported having dinner with **Virginia** and **Ben Turpin** in New Jersey, attending **Shorty Rothrock Junior's** wedding and stopping at the **W.A. Davis** estate in Virginia Beach where he had a nice visit with **Bill** and **Beale**. These all took place sequentially, not concurrently. I guess that winds up **Deac's** safari. It's real nice to have correspondents like **Deac**; they sure do lighten the load.

Once more I regretfully close with sad news. **Tom Stayton** died at **Walter Reed** on Thanksgiving morning. **Tom** had suffered a heart attack about 3 weeks previously when he was in Washington on Tdy. He seemed to be progressing satisfactorily, but complications set in and he passed away suddenly. **Tom** was buried at **Fort Bliss**, where he had spent so much of his service. **Ruth** is still in Colorado Springs and I am sure would be pleased to hear from you.

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I write from an ancient French town embraced by the Alps and skirted by the winding Isere. It's called Grenoble. The University of Grenoble was founded in 1336. Without a campus, the buildings are scattered throughout the town, some a mile or two apart. A new campus has been established on the outskirts of town. It is, perhaps, the largest campus in the world, a mile on a side. At the very foot of the Alps, a dozen or more structures are in the building process with the result that the new university will be completed in one fell swoop. The buildings are modern in structure, well built, and with extremely modern interiors. Physically, at least, Grenoble will perhaps be the largest university in Europe.

A course for foreigners has been conducted here since the early Twenties, its purpose to instruct foreign students in French composition, oral language, and literature. Students,

worldwide, attend. The predominance is in English, American, German, and Scandinavian peoples. All are young. Most are dividing their 4-year college course in half with this as an intervening year. Although I have a few companions of my era, I seem to be, in fact, the grandfather of the class. I am enjoying my privileged position.

More specifically, to you younger fathers and mothers, a year here will be worth a minimum of two years for French majors. The cost of room, board, and tuition is about \$1,500—for the full academic year. The intensive course ends on 15 Feb; this course stresses speech and composition and costs about \$800.

A word about the trip over. **Young Bill's** classmate at **Culver Military Academy** invited me to the **Redskins' Game-of-the-Year** with a prior brunch at **Columbia Country Club** in Chevy Chase. At the time, I was on call for "space available." I had hardly finished the brunch when **Dossi** telephoned with instructions to report to **Andrews AFB**. On arrival there we saw a huge Constellation labeled "United States of America." It was a presidential plane that had been sent to pick up **Ambassador Duke** for a Washington conference. This plane arrived at the outskirts of **Madrid** in a matter of hours. Meanwhile, **Bill's** ship, the U.S.S. *Albany*, was due to arrive at **Palma, Majorca**, at about that time. So, off to **Majorca** where, at the **Victoria Hotel**, I met the naval attaché who invited me to accompany him the next morning to board the *Albany* on the admiral's barge. The fleet admiral was having a conference on the *Albany!* When I boarded the ship and called **Bill** to the afterdeck on the ship's telephone, **Bill** was a bit surprised! He had been in the Mediterranean for 7 months. We spent 3 days ashore together. The **Victoria** is quite palatial. Food and room averages about \$12 per person per day (off season).

As for **Grenoble**, the weather here at this time of year is abominable. I haven't had time to tour the town except on weekends. I did spend 4 days of the Christmas vacation at a resort called "The Two Alps," altitude 5,000 feet. A quaint village, cold yet comfortable. Skiing is universal. The slopes of the mountains give the impression of being huge ant hills with the ants climbing and descending. Skating is a very minor sport. There is a small rink, about 200 feet on a side, where only about 20 people at most try their skill. **Davidson** took a try at this and fell only twice, in a vain attempt to show off a skill once attained but long lost. As a center, there are innumerable excursions to all sorts of vacation places at reasonable prices. In addition, there are the usual guided tours of 1- or 2-days' duration. I lived at the hotel **Les Trois Dauphines** at about \$8, European style. Across the street the tourist information bureau is available. So much for **La Belle France**.

The first news item that comes to mind concerns coed **Barbara Cowan**, **Gerry's** daughter. From high school she went first to the University of **Madrid**. She has contacted **Todd Slade**, an active citizen of the town who still follows an academic career. **Barbara** speaks Spanish well and is fast becoming fluent in French.

To my surprise, the local paper here published an item on **Benny Webster's** retirement in Italy. I find that **Benny** and I are both from **New Haven, Conn.** I received a postcard from **Joslin Morris** in November dispatched from **Copenhagen** where she was visiting relatives. She has picked up the cigar habit, not because she particularly likes them, but rather to try to draw **Luke** away from

the scag habit. Jostin looks quite dignified wearing a cigar.

An old piece of news, still newsworthy but too late for the last column: Eleanor McCormack was supposed to accompany Jim on a world-wide business trip. At Hong Kong, the emergency bell rang and Jim took off for Australia, pronto. Several days later a wire instructed Eleanor to go to Thailand and await hubby there. She stayed with the Kambhus for a pleasant week or so, or until another wire from Washington told her to come home. Eleanor's family trip turned out to be solo, but she says she had a great time anyway. An article from the *Bangkok Post* traced Johnny Kambhu's life beginning with his royal birth in 1909 to the present day and his position as chairman of the organizing committee of the First Asian Trade Fair and Director General, Economic Relations Department. The McCormack's son, Jimmy, is in Vietnam, and his young bride is living in Wheaton, Md.

Before I left for France, we attended El Davis's retirement review and reception at Belvoir. Believe me, Brother Cassidy turned out the post! El received a DSM at an impressive review. The reception later at the officers club turned out all the Engineers and ex-Engineers in the area. We saw "Little Abe" Lincoln for the first time since graduation. Handsome, curly-haired Dick Meyer '33, and a large assortment of retired engineers and civilians filled the club house. Jim McCormack sent Eleanor in his chauffeured limousine. Eleanor rode in it as though it were a perfectly normal arrangement. Riding along with her was Lil Powers. (Bill Powers made it down on the shuttle just in time for the reception at the club. He was about to take up his new duties on 1 Oct.) Also present: Aggie and Jim Woolnough, Mary and Frank Britton, Horace Bigelow, and John Keating. El and Lil live at 3915 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, La. 70115.

A news release from the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts states that Bill Powers, who supervised the planning and building of Lincoln Center, was given the first annual Construction Achievement Award of the Metropolitan Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The award was presented at a dinner held at the United Engineering Center in New York City in late September 1966. Bill was then vice-president for engineering at Lincoln Center and had directed engineering and construction operations since April 1959. He has recently become executive director of engineering for the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Lil and Bill Powers were planning a reception following the January wedding of Mary Kumpe in honor of the bride and bridegroom. May we add our felicitations to the daughter of George and Francetta Kumpe.

A letter from Ash Manhart written after 7 months in Ankara relates that Helen and he saw the John Bowens in Paris in September and earlier saw George Mather in Wiesbaden. Until his retirement they saw Benny Webster frequently. Ash says they are housed comfortably and his job involves some interesting travel.

Jim Woolnough sent along a recent letter from El Davis which carried the sad news of the death of Roger Derby on 18 Nov. This was quite a shock to El who had seen him just a few weeks previously at a reception. Roger had been a very active promoter for the development of Jefferson Parish (County) adjacent to New Orleans. An operation two weeks before death revealed cancer of the liver. Ed Howarth sent a check to be presented to Dr. Robert G. Heath, Tulane Uni-

versity School of Medicine, as a donation to cancer research in Roger's memory.

El is managing director of two privately financed organizations: the Bureau of Governmental Research, and the Metropolitan Area Committees, whose work is to conduct research and to take action on projects for the improvement of the city of New Orleans. This news was followed a short time later by another very sad note. Jim Woolnough's office related the unfortunate news that Lil and El's son, Pfc. Ellsworth I. Davis Jr., United States Marine Corps, was killed in action in Vietnam on 9 Dec. Our heartfelt sympathies go to Lil and El.

Ed Howarth sent along some communiques received with dues—from Alan Gerhardt telling about having the McCormacks and Descheneaux at Totten for the Homecoming Weekend. At the game at West Point they saw the Landon Heads, Ken and Pat Zitzman, and Helen and Dick Hunt. Coffey sends a note excusing his tardy payment with the news of a vacation trip that brought him in touch with Bill Call and Larry Hillberg in Seattle and Dan Gilmer in San Francisco. Word from Ruth and Larry Babcock that they are enjoying retirement and travel-trailering. Their son, Larry Jr., is at Cape Kennedy, and daughter, Gale, is at West Point with her instructor husband, Major Robertson. Gale has been appointed to be Class '32 contact representative at West Point in the event of any classmate's funeral. Gale was the chaplain's assistant for all kaydet weddings conducted at the Cadet Chapel last June. The Babcocks expect to make the 35th at West Point in June.

Dave Schorr expected to see Pop Duncan at the ARMY-Tennessee game at Memphis the end of October. Honey Whalen mentions his daughter's wedding taking place last fall. Another marriage coming up in January is that of Joan Frances Davis, better known as El and Lil Davis's daughter, "Chipsy." The wedding will be held in New Orleans.

Christmas messages included a note from Dot and Rush Lincoln saying there is "no place like Boston" and that can and does have two connotations! Pat and Ken Zitzman are coming back into the fold when Ken becomes head of the International Development Division of COMSAT in Washington sometime in January. The Couttses' 1966 chronicle gives glad and sad news. First, daughter Mary eloped to Las Vegas in July and married Peter Beck, son of Lt. Col. (USAF) and Mrs. Harold Beck. After a month in Mexico, they settled in Los Angeles, but after barely two months there, Peter was accepted into the Air Force Officer Training School at Medina Base, Tex. He will be commissioned on 4 Jan 1967. Mary will fly down for the ceremony. Son Jim has been in Vietnam since January 1966 with the Marines from the *Valley Forge*. He is now a lance corporal (at 20) and had high hopes of getting home for Christmas. Daughter Kathy is living in Fairfax, Va., near the Davidson abode. Kathy suffered the tragic loss of her young husband, Lt. (j.g.) Jon Shaffer, when his Navy patrol plane from Moffett Field crashed into the ocean 190 miles off the coast of San Diego while on a training mission. Mary helped Kathy pack up her home and pick up the pieces of her life. She decided to move to the Washington area. Dossi is trying to keep a foster parental eye on Kathy.

When Bill returned from the Mediterranean at the end of October he was greeted by his mother at Norfolk. In November, when he was on leave, Dossi invited about 30 of his friends for a Greek-type dinner, cocktails,

**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.**

and dancing. Kathy was invited, and everyone enjoyed meeting her.

Del and Helen Pryor's Christmas note tells more than I like to report. "The year 1966 has had its ups and downs for the Pryors. Helen's father passed away in August, and shortly thereafter Helen was stricken with cancer. As of now, she looks and feels well and we are hoping and praying for her complete recovery. Both Phil and Ralph have been reunited with their families after having served a year in Vietnam. Lynda has been able to be here with Helen for the past 6 months while her husband, Jerry, is serving in the National Guard. Del has a job working for the State of Pennsylvania. After a family reunion in Florida at Christmas time, we plan to sell our house in Orlando and move to Harrisburg, Pa."

(In a later note, the Association was informed that Helen Pryor died on the evening of 31 Jan. She was to have been buried in Winter Park, Fla. . . Editor)

The Don Hardys wrote that they were leaving on a 45-day trip on a freighter bound for the Mediterranean in January.

Gen. and Mrs. C.M. Baer have reported the engagement of their daughter Esther Sandra "Debby" to Mr. Anthony F. Behof Jr. Debby is a 1964 graduate of Georgetown U. School of Nursing and received her M.S. in psychiatric nursing from Catholic U. in 1966. Mr. Behof graduated from DePaul U., Chicago, and received his Ph.D. in physics from Notre Dame. He is now doing post-doctorate work at the Naval Research Labs in Washington, D.C. They plan an April wedding.

The notice from our ASSEMBLY editors states that they have been known to err. That notation makes it easier to report another error regarding Whitey Manlove. It seems that my sometime secretary, Dossi, is guilty of having mailed in a correction (see last issue) that was not completely correct. It was brought to our attention that Whitey had been placed in the Class of '33 instead of his rightful place in '34. All I can add is that Whitey is getting a lot of coverage in the '32 column. Our apologies again, Whitey.

FROM: KENNETH F. ZITZMAN

Dear Classmates:

With Bill Davidson out of the country for a year, I rowelled myself into more activity than usual to write this, particularly to include live events (and apparently there were no dead ones).

For two-thirds of the time during Homecoming Weekend, namely Friday and Sunday, the weather was as nice as it can be only at West Point in early fall—brilliant sunshine on a crisp day, foliage on the hills a tapestry by Gaugin out of Rembrandt, weather clear, and track fast for both fun and games.

Saturday it came up a cold rain from dawn till the drive back to Holiday Inn after the dinner-dance at Washington Hall. As the saying goes, however, the price was right: ARMY 11-Penn State 0.

Also, as they sing in "Oklahoma" with more vehemence than elegance, the vittles we et, were good, you bet. The company was the

same. At the game, George Descheneaux not only had Betty with him (always a delightful dish) but a two-compartment job featuring hot spiced bouillon on the right side and very cold martini on the left. Jim McCormack brought Eleanor for company, and Bloody Mary as an antidote for the announcer who kept saying with monotonous regularity: "that last Penn State tackle was made by Jim McCormick (sic)." Our Jim loftily dismissed these with the comment that the guy was from a different school entirely, and besides, he couldn't even spell his own name right.

With us all the way were Al and Nora Gerhardt, Dick and Helen Hunt, and Landon and Liz Head with attractive daughter, Lynda. Lynda is a high school senior and plans to spend next summer in France before going to college.

Also learned at the same time that young Dick Head USMA '56, was the first one in his Class to be promoted to major in the Air Force. Liz told me he is a funny kind of guy who thinks you ought to do things instead of talking about them, and would really be furious if I wrote that he flew 200 combat missions in Vietnam. Inasmuch as Dick is a few years younger and much healthier than I, I wouldn't dare mention it. The only news about him is that he's now with a tactical fighter squadron in Spain.

Another bit of intelligence gleaned during the heavy rainfall, which fortunately did not penetrate the ceiling of the Benny Havens Room, was about Jerry and Jeannette Epley and progeny. (Jerry is with the Los Angeles City Traffic Division and they live in Pacific Palisades, Calif.) Starting from top to bottom: Jerry Jr., USMA '58, returned from Vietnam in August to go to the advanced class at Benning. Daughter Sue is married to Capt. Wm. Carroll USMA '57, and young John, a Plebe as of this date, happened to be walking the Area on the day of the Penn State game. (Look on the happy side, John, your bottom was probably drier than mine, despite the felicitous help of your Uncles Jim and Desch.) Bill, the youngest of all Epleys (may they never cease) is really a terror on the gridiron according to Bob Quackenbush who passed on this info. Bill is now a high school junior, was voted "Player-of-the-Year" last year in his area as a sophomore and has already received cordial invitations from Stanford and our own Yousmay to mangle innocent opponents who are guilty of nothing more than the desire to prevent a score.

The annual 3-day AUSA meeting in Washington, to which most of us brought wives, was another attraction which drew in the out-of-towners: Harvey and Dort Fischer from Fort Monroe, Al and Nora Gerhardt from Totten, Eddie Hartshorn with Pat and me from Detroit. Incidentally, I can verify that Harvey's ear-to-ear grin is not an optical illusion. At the banquet, I was sitting at the next table but could see only his left ear and the back of his head. Whenever the rest of his table burst out laughing, I could see definite laugh wrinkles on the small portion of his face that was visible.

Frank Besson, whose annual AMC budget is a cool \$12,000,000,000, opened the business meetings with his talk on "Logistic Support in Vietnam." Dwight Beach, new CG, U.S. Army Pacific, was present photographically as part of a mural portraying the top Army command, and, on the way out after the convention was over, I noted with satisfaction that the award of Best All-Around Chapter of the AUSA for the year was given to the Gen. Bogardus S. Cairns Chapter. This last was just the way it would have turned out if Bugs were around to run it himself.

On the basis that business in Washington can be done just as well on Thursday when there's a '32 luncheon, as on any other day of the week—maybe better—I timed a couple of business trips accordingly and reaped some rich (literary) rewards. Honey (now referred to as "Grover") Whalen had just been elected a Maryland State delegate (Republican) from rich and influential Montgomery County for a full 4-year term. In this, his first campaign, he drew a very substantial vote to rank third among 14 candidates. To be tillanted further on this, ask him about his "piece of elephant" story which won't go through the U.S. mails. Honey still retains his silent partnership in the investment firm of Sade & Co., but other than running the State of Maryland, takes it easy on his lovely Burning Tree estate.

It does anyone's heart good these days to talk to Joe Kelly who goes to his General Dynamics office every day, as he airily puts it, "on the way to the golf course." I phoned Dinny about a month after his larynx operation to find out how he was doing, but on that occasion he snatched the phone away from her to tell me himself. The medics had told him that three months was par for the course to learn to speak again, but Joe didn't have time for that kind of nonsense. He was completely articulate then as now, and it was nice to talk to him in the flesh and see that the sparkle, the cornball jokes, and the general well-being are as good as ever.

Bill Powers was there too, having just moved to Washington. A couple years ago when Bill showed Pat and me through the fabulous Lincoln Center in New York City, opening the door to every building, auditorium, and dressing room, with that same golden key, I thought the guy was out of this world. He earned it by being vice-president in complete charge of the construction from the beginning. Most of the Center was then already in use, and when it was completed, Bill would be in charge of operating and maintaining the plant with casual access at any time for himself, Lil, and friends, to the finest entertainment in the world, for his lifetime or until the year 2100, whichever occurred earlier.

So here he is in Washington, in charge of building the Kennedy Memorial Center from scratch. This itself is no small assignment as the history of Western culture is measured, but the curious couldn't help asking, "Bill, why did you give up the Lincoln Center gold key, the nice home in Princeton, the little summer place on the island in the river, to start a new set of foundations, literally and figuratively, at this stage of the game?"

Bill's response was prompt, precise, and powerfully Powers: "The Lincoln Center," he said, "has been built."

Danny Campbell gave the news that upon retirement, Benny Webster went from his job as Commander, Allied Air Forces Southern Europe, and his lovely villa on the Bay of Naples, to his new position as Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii, undoubtedly in a lovely beach house with a view of Diamond Head. I suppose that into each life some rain must fall, but I just can't see it in this case, and it couldn't fail to fall on a nicer guy.

Frank Besson closed out the lunch by saying our 35th Reunion plans are going well—good response—and he has reserved a block of 60 rooms at the Holiday Inn in Newburgh. Pat and I stayed there for the Homecoming football game and thought it fine. With the whole mob there at once it will be more than delightful.

Betty Lavigne, with son Jimmy, has moved to a small, more conveniently located house

in Detroit proper. The new address is 5934 Whittier, Detroit.

I am now in the process of preparing Chip's memorial article for ASSEMBLY. While I was close to him up to WWII and saw him here just before he died, there are long gaps in the Service, and I would appreciate your sending me any highlights you may have to offer.

The lines about Dick Head above were written in a light vein, but believe me, there was nothing light in the way Dick laid it on the line 200 times. And after this item was finished but before I mailed it, Honey Whalen phoned to say El and Lil Davis's son laid it on the line in Vietnam but didn't pick up any chips the last time around. He was killed in action and buried in New Orleans on Sunday, 18 Dec 1966. The deepest sympathy of the entire Class goes to El and Lil.

Honey also said that Horace Bigelow just retired for the second time with an oak leaf cluster for his DSM. Horace had been recalled to active duty about a year ago for a special logistics study group.

During a quick business trip to Europe, called on John Bowen, C/S U.S. EUCOM, in his office in the outskirts of Paris, and followed with a visit to his lovely Reina at their chateau in St. Germain-en-Laye. While Reina is less than enchanted at the prospect of leaving her native Paris when EUCOM moves to Stuttgart, you must admit that she accomplished what a parade of last section French P's couldn't do in 1928-29. I heard her loving husband talking to her in French, and over a French telephone, yet.

And as long as we're talking about moves, we may as well mention one coming up for the dubious scrivener, Zitzman. By the time this blossoms into print, Pat and I will have returned to Washington where I'll earn the honest buck with Communications Satellite Corp. (COMSAT) as Director of the International Development Division. For 18 years (1947-65) before moving to Detroit last year, we lived in either Washington or Paris, so for us this is a real homecoming.

But the real blockbuster, one to make an H-bomb test sound like a strong man's hiccup, was caused, as usual, by guys and dolls. On 18 Oct 1966, 50% of the oldest established, permanent floating, bachelors in our Class caved in when Tom Darcy married the former Marjorie Mary Ractliffe at Holy Trinity Chapel at West Point.

They make their home on Tom's yacht, *Cavu*, sailing in southern waters, mailing address: Municipal Yacht Basin, Daytona Beach, Fla. Welcome to the club, Marjorie, which one would define as friendly, if non-reg.

And then there was one! Step right up, Jim Churchill, to be awarded the "Puc Ssalc 23."

That's "32 Class Cup" spelled backwards.

Yours in fun,
K.Z.

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Our only member of USMA '67 is Michael G. Parr. Mary Jane and Ivan will be on hand for the graduation. He writes: "Kurt, our youngest, is now a sophomore at North Georgia College and is hoping for a military career after graduation. Ivan III is a captain stationed at Fort Lewis; he's quite busy making me feel older. He has three children; it is good to know they are healthy and living on a post. I am executive secretary of the Home Builders Association of Fort Worth



1933: Maj. Gen. Herbert G. Sparrow.

and Tarrant County. We look forward to seeing or hearing from any of '33 who might visit this area." Class sons, in addition to Parr, who are USMA cadets are: Lamar C. Ratcliffe Jr., '68, a Distinguished Cadet last year, and Lawrence K. White Jr., '70.

Billy Harris was presented a DSM, to add to his DSC, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Silver Star, Air Medal, Croix de Guerre, Belgium Croix de Guerre with Palm, Greek Cross of the Royal Order of the Phoenix, and the Combat Infantry Badge, prior to the retirement ceremonies held for him at Fort Sam. This award was for service since March 57, including command of the XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery, V Corps Artillery, and Seventh Army Artillery. In the review were: 3,000 soldiers, plus horses from the pentathlon training group, and an artillery horse-drawn caisson. Sam Donnelly and his staff were responsible for the success of our last party, at Bolling on 3 Dec. Sixty were there, including six of our class widows. Giffin recently became the owner of a 20-foot sailboat which he keeps at Annapolis; Sid made the purchase from, of course, Bing Downing.

Zierath writes of some classmates on the West Coast: Ethan Allen Chapman (reported last time, sir); Van Way consistently shoots par on the Presidio golf course "with clubs that belong in the Smithsonian." At the California game, 12 Nov, Fred saw slim-and-trim Boswell, "plebe-skin fit"; Hadley Richardson, "shipshape and effervescent"; Lonning "was subdued—hoarse from cheering"; and Kaesser, "happy with his teaching career." Clarke, busy at RAC Hq here, says that daughter Dorothy Linden is in her third year at Drew U. and expects to be married next summer. President Sparrow reports that of the 30 members of '33 now on active duty, 11 were present at the Pentagon for the Army Commanders' Conference, 28-30 Nov: Johnson, Conway, Harrell, Engler, Lincoln, Polk, Gee, Hurlbut, Lane, Meyer (RJ), and Sparrow.

Broshous writes that son Charles Jr., USMA '62, has been in almost continuous action since joining the 8th Engr Bn, 1st Air Cav Div in Vietnam. He adds: "Daughter Barbara is extremely happy as a freshman at Centenary College for Women, Hackettstown, N.J. Last spring, Pat and Rita Guiney donated around \$20,000 to the Town of Highland Falls to build a swimming pool in Roe Park for the children of the community. It was built during the summer and opened in August. I am certain that this has done much

to cement good relations between the Academy and Highland Falls. A sad note: Buck and Kitty Pohl's son-in-law, Capt. Monte Sloan USMA '61, left for Vietnam in Aug 66 and was killed in action on 10 Dec. His wife, Carolyn, and their two small children are staying with Buck and Kitty."

Polk succeeds Conway who succeeded Quinn as CG of the Seventh Army. Gilbert says the state may take his land for use by an institution for mentally retarded children. Doug and Mich continue their teaching careers; Curt is a student at the U. of Richmond; Randy still works for the government; Doug Jr., has a light plane pilot's license and is being sent by Braniff to California for pilot instruction; Raine is working for a Ph.D. in nuclear physics at Catholic U.

Guiney writes: "I am now in my 10th year of teaching math in the Highland Falls High School and have enjoyed every minute of it. Our daughter, Margaret, is a freshman at St. Mary's School for Girls at Peekskill, and Patrick III is in the third grade in our local grammar school. During the summer of 65 we visited Rita's family in Holland—took our station wagon along and drove all over western Europe. Last fall we saw Red White, Bear Eyley, and Johnny Cleveland at some of the football games. Red seemed a bit reluctant to admit he had a son so young as to be a Plebe until he learned I had one in the third grade! If any classmate visits West Point please give me a ring at HI 6-3463 so we can get together and swap lies."

Bob Thompson works at Belvoir with CORG (Combat Operations Research Group); he and Lucy Lee plan to move later this year to a house in the Annandale-Mount Vernon area. Wynne has accepted the position of Director of the Woonsocket Hospital at 115 Cass Ave., Woonsocket, R.I. 02895. Charlie writes: "Ed Hale is probably the only classmate I see around this part of the country. We saw the last two ARMY-Navy games together. I am keeping a small Shangri-la in Newton, Conn., for just this sort of thing." Fields was a member of the committee selecting the West Point Douglas MacArthur Memorial. Totten's present address is: 2138 Pheasant Place, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80909. Bob's son, Robert G., USMA '60, got an M.A. at UCLA before taking command of an Engineer Co. in Vietnam. "My daughter is married to Maj. C.A. Sellack Jr., USMA '52, who is in the office of our classmate, H. K. Johnson. My daughter, Jean, is a sophomore at Colorado State U."

A letter from Welling says: "I have been with Fred Thorlin at one gathering. He is with Continental Motors. As vice-president of Wyandotte Chemicals, I head up Research & Engineering and am free to do any research or engineering that you may want." At Fort Meade on 21 Nov there was a '33 golf tournament ("old golfers never die, they merely...") with these results: 1st hour gross, Pope; 2d hour gross, Solomon; 1st hour net, Ryan; 2d hour net, Ray.

Our annual pre-game luncheon this year was at the Washington Navy Yard. 21 of us and 17 of Crabtown '33 each put \$2 in the kitty and that, added to last year's tie-game pot, sweetened our class treasury by over \$100. Conway has been appointed as CinC, U.S. Strike Command and CinC Middle East/Southern Asia and Africa. Ted joins Gab Disosway and Johnny Johnson at the 4-star elevation. So much has been written of the Army C/S and the fine job he's doing that remarks here about Johnny would be repetitious. One passage from a speech he recently gave at Fort Sam shows his grasp of the depth of the Vietnam situation: "I would

only reiterate that the men do express a concern sometimes as to the understanding of the people at home of the nature of the fight and the determination and patience required to gain our objective."

Betsy Damon, who sent news items about Billy Harris and Johnny Johnson, tells of a '33 party in San Antonio last summer at which there were about 30 and of the reception given for Billy and his replacement, Chet Dahlen, and the party for Billy and Harriet by Bob and Ann Blanchard, with most of his classmates in the area attending. Bill and Ann Calhoun had a dinner party for them. Carver's son, George Jr., is now at Bragg. Son-in-law Bill Schneider and Barbee are at Sill prior to Leavenworth. Helen Chapman says that son Don returned from Vietnam in time for Christmas; he is ordered to ROTC duty at Western State College, Westminster, Md.

At Myer on 21 Oct, Bert Sparrow addressed over 500 retired Army people on current manpower problems and how retired personnel can be of help. Jane and Slugger Douglas have moved to Fredericksburg where he is the manager of the Fredericksburg Country Club. Their address is: Box 492, Fredericksburg, Va. Tyson is back in Georgia after a tour in St. Louis in connection with a Vietnam crash program. In September, McClelland's daughter, Mary Vance, married Mr. Carl E. Bohls, in San Antonio.

Bill Travis writes: "Elsie and I visited our younger daughter, Cecilia, in Denver and Elsie's sister in Bozeman, then up to Glacier National—7,000 miles! Cecilia is an intermediate geologist with Pan Am Oil. The older daughter is in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, and is about to finish her thesis for a Ph.D. They have a 5-year-old boy and a 7-year-old girl and plan to visit us at Christmas time. We are enjoying living on Shipyard Crick, hearing porpoises at night, or maybe the gurgling of rivulets out of the marshes, mullet jumping or mussells spitting. We have added a swimming pool to make our home more attractive, with underwater lights and lanterns around the wall. My former job as head of the Technical Institute here folded, and since that time I have been busier than ever trying to keep this place up, running a family trust, and selling timber or anything to help pay the taxes. We had a swell visit from the Summerfelts, see the Art Tysons once in a while, and also Frank Henley."

Johnny and Nancy Breit's son, Bill, USMA '60, and his family were with them for



1933: Brig. Gen. Frederick O. Hartel.

Christmas; Bill recently transferred from AF to Army; he has been assigned to Fort Sill with quarters on the post! Lyle and Kay Bernard have six grandchildren and another on the way; their daughter, Betsy, is at Washington and Lee High in Alexandria. Blanche Bellican spent Christmas with Pete in Saigon; they'll take a trip to Hong Kong, and she'll fly back around the middle of January. Blanche bought a ticket, from Pan Am, to Saigon almost as readily as if she'd been going to Chicago or any U.S. city. Bill Baumer has been promoted to 2-star rank in the Reserve; Bill is the 48th member of '33 to be made a major general, and one of the very few West Pointers to attain that rank in the USAR.

On 30 Sept, Hartel retired at Fort Meade. Twenty-one '33ers, including June Sparrow, Ruth Carroll, and Wag Kleitz, were ushered into the VIP part of the reviewing stand. Dot was there nearby in a special car. Afterward, one of the best attended receptions in Fort Meade history was held for Fritz and Dot. Bill and Marge Ryan's son, Bill Jr., is exec officer of an Arty Bn in the 4th Inf Div. Eddie and Louise Bastion will build a new home on their property on Hilton Head Island, S.C.; they have been living there in a country club villa. Leading the cheering at the ARMY-Navy game were: Bodeau, Parker, Ryan, Haskin, Carver, Otto, Eyer, Lutz, Longley, and Blandford, and Posie Neely helped Dorothy and Johnny Johnson send noise from the C/S's box.

Gab and Dottie Disosway visited Oscar and Ruth Senter when the Daedalian Society (WW I pilots, their heirs, and a limited number of selected individuals) met on 6 Dec. Neely's corrected address is: Box R, APO New York 09080. Bob and Posie were here on leave from Boeing-Vertol in Germany; they were with us for a few days, visited the Johnsons at Myer, and flew to Idaho to spend Christmas with their boys.

The Mullinses drove out from London to visit Bob Rayburn at his home in Faringdon; the first time they'd gotten together since graduation. Bob's 13-year-old Rosalie and 11-year-old Bob are in boarding school. Bob writes: "He comes home Saturday noon and goes back on Monday morning. Both of us ride with the Old Berkshire Hounds on Saturdays." Roy and Eleanor Reynolds went by plane to Paris, Madrid, and London. Roy says they visited no cathedrals and saw no classmates. Chase has transferred from Fontainebleau to the USAREUR staff in Heidelberg. Starbird says his son, Edward A., commands an Engineer Combat Co. in Vietnam. He graduated from USMA in 62 and has had only 6 months of stateside duty since. Bert and June Sparrow's children were all here for Christmas: Skipper and Virginia and their families, and Cathy who is the pianist for the U. of Miami Glee Club and plans to study in France next year.

Charlotte and Kay Kaesser's daughter is to be married in June to a co-worker in the Los Angeles Space Systems Div. Pritchard likes his insurance business; Claire and Seuss had their children and grandchildren with them for Christmas. Cairns continues part-time teaching; Lil plans to be with their Mimie to help with the arrival of her second baby. Don and Molly Cubbison's Donnie was with them for a short time while on leave from Vietnam; he had to start back on the 25th! Marion Madison has an "interesting job at the Colorado Medical Center. David is still at Fitzsimons and John is here, so I'll have them (with six grandchildren) here for Christmas."

Polly and Hurly Hurlbut are in "a lovely

set of quarters on Palm Circle, Fort Shafter. The Old Grouch, now an expert bikini watcher, is almost a proverbial circuit rider (all over the Far East)." Suzy is a sophomore at Queens College in Charlotte; Sal, a freshman at the U. of Arizona; Sandy is a junior at St. Andrews in Honolulu; Steve is in seventh heaven as halfback and captain of his little league team. Mother is happy with a nice 9-hole golf course not too far from the back door. Hurly has seen the Chapmans, Jean Engler, Duncan Hallock, and Eddie Doleman. He says, "Sometimes I wish I'd never heard the word logistics. Better to be a bald-headed flyer like Neely!"

Dunn writes that he enjoys his work as chairman of the board of Moutry & Associates, Management Consultants, in Oklahoma City. Mo and Ruth Edwards's Sue was with them for a year while her husband was in Vietnam. Dick continues on ROTC duty in Vermont. They now have six grandchildren. George and Tenny Powers are "having a marvelous time with our (Penney's) two granddaughters. Jim departed Bliss last month with his bride for Stewart and air training." Paul Gillon writes: "Kay was in Europe for 3 months last summer. She put 11,000 miles on her car (a Volvo she got in Sweden). She and Teresa used Munich as their base since Teresa has an apartment there; she has been in Munich for 3 years now."

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Young Mike Brigrance, whose picture was featured in the '33 column in the fall issue, was erroneously identified as the great-great-grandson of Charles King USMA 1866. Grandfather Harry '33 asked that ASSEMBLY make the correction—young Brigrance is no kin to King, USMA 1866.*

'34

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Loretta and I took a motor vacation down East and into Canada during September. We had a brief but pleasant visit with Bill Tank in Northfield, Vt. Bill is head of the Math Department at Norwich University. Bill Voehl writes that late in August he, Carolyn, and daughter, Valerie, drove from Davis to Claremore, Okla., for a visit with the Jack Smollers and Dick Webers. John is president and Dick is commandant of cadets of Oklahoma Military Academy.

Russ and Helen Volckmann were recent guests at a dinner at the White House honoring the president of the Republic of the Philippines.

There was a very small turnout at the September class luncheon at Arlington Hall Station. Those attending were: Barnes, Edson, Stevens, and MacDonnell. Bill Kern (civilian logistician with Hq, AMC) visited Vietnam in September. He and Jack Seaman had a brief but enjoyable reunion there.



1934: Jack Seaman with Tirso Fajardo in front of II Field Force Hq, Vietnam.

In spite of a steady rain all day Sat., 1 Oct, Homecoming was a great occasion, although saddened by the fact that Ruth and Jack Renfroe had to miss it because of the death of Jack's father. Even so, the Renfroes insisted we go ahead with previous plans and gather at their quarters after the game for a drink or two or three before going to the Homecoming reception and dance that night in Washington Hall. Hal Edson got things well organized while the game-watchers got dried out. Hal had taken the easy way and listened to the game in the warmth of the Renfroes' living room. Since the great and hard-driving ARMY team had taken Penn State by 11-0, it was a happy and boisterous gang that told each other how it had happened.

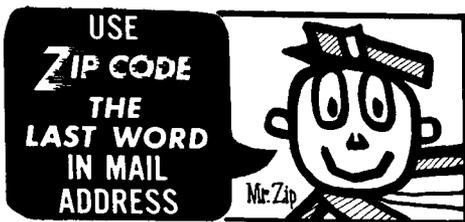
We had planned a special ceremony to present to Jack and Ruth a beautiful silver tray, appropriately engraved with the USMA 1934 crest, as a token of thanks from the Class for all the chores the Renfroes had done for us over the years as sole class representatives at West Point. We had to settle for just leaving it for them to be found in the dining room on their return from the funeral. You will all get to see it when we assemble in June 1969, for the 35th—and best—reunion. Present during Homecoming, either at the Renfroes' or the game or the reception and dinner, were the following: Kathleen and Ace Brookhart; Ruth and Ralph Bucknam with their daughter, Joan (Mrs. Charles E. Brown Jr.); Betty Anne and Murray Cheston, with their daughter, Sally (who was being escorted by Cadet Jim Mullen); Faith and Hal Edson; Jeanne and Bob Finkenaur with their daughter, Jeanne Marie; Frances and Si Gilman; Eddrea and Harry Hillyard; Tammy (Weber) Purcell; Louise and Jim Snee with Louise's sister, Mrs. Selby; Francie and Johnnie Stevens; Jan and Jim Wells; Charlie Wood; and Pat and Cy Betts with their daughter, Lynn.

On a recent trip to Fort Benning, Cy Betts called JoJo Howard to learn that he and Peggy are still comfortably settled and enjoying retired life in Columbus, Ga. On 15 Oct, Dale Smith's new book, *The Eagle's Talons*, was released by his publisher. Autographed copies are now available. Frank Norvell reports that on 1 July 1966 he became the city manager of Harker Heights, Tex. (just outside Fort Hood). He indicates that hunting and fishing are outstanding in his area and invites all to visit him. Bill Craig (EUCOM) was seen in Washington on 19 Oct.

Present at the October class luncheon at Arlington Hall Station were: Beazley, Barnes, Betts, Corrigan, Edson, Foote, Fuller, Higgins, Kern, Lewis, MacDonnell, O'Hara, Schaefer, Dale Smith, Stevens, and Tyson.

Kermit Davis was assigned as CG, Second Army Air Defense Command, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Missouri 64031, effective 1 Nov. Bob MacDonnell left the Washington area for Vicksburg, Miss., on 1 Dec. His new duties: president, Mississippi River Commission and Division Engineer, Lower Mississippi Valley. Address: P.O. Box 80, Vicksburg, Miss. 39180. Dave and Helen Routh left the Washington area last July. Their new address is Apt. 2H, Georgetown Apartments, 501 Bridge St., Hampton, Va. 23369.

Sorrow has come again to our Class. On 3 Nov 1966, Dick Moorman's wife, June, passed away at William Beaumont Hospital, El Paso, Tex., after a long illness. On 2 Nov 1966, Charlie Brown's son, 1st Lt. Charles Jr., USMA '65 was killed in Vietnam; funeral services were held at West Point on 11 Nov.



Alex Stuart writes from El Paso that his oldest son, Alex III, USMA '61, with wife and two children are now stationed at Fort Sill and that Mim has a great time grandmother-ing. Son, Doug, is a special agent for the ONI in Oklahoma City, and daughter, Suzy, who is home, has been selected to be a princess for the Sun Carnival. Alex also indicated that Joe Piram is recovering nicely from surgery on his throat and is back teaching; that Charlie and Polly Elliott are busy in local politics; and that Dick Moorman's daughter, Sandy, is with him in El Paso, taking courses at one of the local colleges. Dick is teaching math in a high school there.

Monte Canterbury has retired from Lockheed for a more leisurely life at 5821 Box Canyon Road, LaJolla, Calif. 92037.

Earlier I reported the visit of the Voehls with the Jack Smollers and Dick Webers in Claremore, Okla. Jack also writes of this visit and added that he now has two sons attending Oklahoma Military Academy, both of whom have their eyes on USMA. His daughter lives in Japan and has three children: two sons and a daughter. Jack is taking evening courses at the University of Tulsa, and he and Sue are busy in several community activities. He indicated that Dick and Ginny Weber are also busy. Dick Jr., is stationed at Fort Belvoir and is single; oldest daughter, Nancy, is married and lives in Denver—has one child and is expecting.

T. J. Ice reports a new address: 1223 St. Andrews Road, Bellevue, Nebr. 68005. Bill Wise, who retired last September, now has a permanent address, 24 Dekker Drive, Golden, Colo. 80401. Charlie Johnson recently returned from India and is now with Hq, First Army, Fort Meade, Maryland 20075. Another reunion reported: Neilson's Orchards, McAllen, Tex.—Bill Gross, Dale Smith, and Hank Neilson attending.

Lee Miller writes that he and Julie are now settled in Flagstaff and enjoying the Southwest. The weather is fine; hunting and fishing are great.

The annual Army and Navy luncheon was held at Arlington Hall Station, Va., on 17 Nov 1966, USMA '34 serving as host. Attending were 16 members of USNA '34—Bob Kyser (Orleans, France), and the following from the Washington area: Barnes, Betts, Bunker, Corrigan, Edson, Foote, Fuller, Gerhart, Charlie Johnson, Higgins, Kern, Lewis, MacDonnell, O'Hara, Schaefer, Tyson, and Walsh. The group was entertained by the "Soldiers of Song," a chorus from the U.S.A. Field Band.

Lou Walsh wrote of his motor trip to Panama last summer. His account follows: "Call this a happy note on retirement benefits. For all its pitfalls, some of the better points of retirement are beginning to show up. Recently I returned from one of those 'once-in-a-lifetime' trips, a drive through Central America to Panama. It is something I have always wanted to do, and this time, I did! Score one for retirement benefits that I was free to go. In that happy process I met some fine classmates, enjoyed the countryside, had fun with people, visited old friends, fished for the big ones, and to top it all, my young son, Trooper, flew down to join

me in the Canal Zone. Together we hunted snakes in the rain forest, fished off the Pearles Isles, and best of all, we had time to get to know one another. I never had that chance before I retired, so score two for retirement benefits.

"The trip actually began at Phoenix, Ariz., and I got a fine start there. I called Big Jim Hutchison whom I hadn't seen since happy hunting days in Korea. He and Sara Lou had me to their lovely home for a barbecue. It was a fine evening, given to eating good food, toasting old friends, reminiscing about the pheasant hunts that Hutch organized on Cheju-Do (Bob Elliott and John Lawlor, please note), toasting new friends, my trying futilely to explain the difference between a marlin and a sailfish to Mike (who is Hutch and Sara Lou's sharp four-year-old), and finally, having run out of friends to toast, both old and new, we just toasted. It was a fine start. Hutch plans to open a business consultant office soon in Phoenix. I am sure it will be a success, but after that visit, the opening date may well be postponed slightly.

"The trip along the west coast of Mexico and through Central America was a pleasure all the way. The roads were good, except for a part of Costa Rica, the accommodations were excellent (AAA Guide Book was most helpful), and 10 days, 3 tires, and 4,067 miles later, I arrived in Panama. There I stayed about a month, making my headquarters the BOQ at Quarry Heights.

"Of special interest was a happy visit with Bey Arosemena and his exciting family. Rosie, for all the world a true Spanish grandee, has developed a most successful business enterprise in Panama. The children are all doing well, combining study with work, and Chicha still manages to stay as young and vivacious as ever while she bustles about seeking—and finding—historical curios that grace their lovely home, while she is ever companion, wife, mother, and doting grandmother. Rosie and Chicha couldn't make our 30th Reunion, but have promised to get to the 35th. It will be a better one if they do!

"I'd used up all my retirement benefits when I tried to fly home 'space-available.' There just wasn't any and, after giving it a noble try, I settled for commercial air. Oh, well, it was worth it. Should anyone want travel details, I kept a detailed log."

The home of Faith and Hal Edson, Arlington, Va., was the scene of a pre-ARMY-Navy game luncheon on 26 Nov. The game was watched later on TV and the victory celebrated. Present were Pat and Cy Betts and their daughter Lynn; Tete and Charlie Brown; Betty Anne and Murray Cheston and their son, Lt. Murray IV (Navy); Foss and Tom Foote; Nancy and Bob Fuller; Anne and Bill Kern; Loretta and Emory Lewis and their house guests, Vivian and Noel Menard ('37); Ginny and Dale Smith; and Lou Walsh.

George Dany is reported to have left Travis AFB last August for assignment as Chief of Staff, U.S. Southern Command, Quarry Heights, CZ. Johnny Franklin writes that he is still the U.S. Commander in Berlin and that in November, Dottie and he had dinner with the Billy Craigs at their home in Paris; the Craigs will be moving to Stuttgart soon. Johnny also indicated that in October he saw Bob Kyser at a meeting in Heidelberg.

The last monthly class luncheon for 1966 was held at the Officers Club, Arlington Hall Station, Virginia, 15 Dec. This was Ladies Day. The following attended: Rosa and Fred Barnes, Pat and Cy Betts, Ceil

and Percy Brown, Hope and Gene Corrigan, Faith and Hal Edson, Foss and Tom Foote, Nancy and Bob Fuller, Sallye and George Gerhart, Anne and Bill Kern, Eleanor and Jim O'Hara, Ceil and Jack Schaefer, Fran and Bert Spivy, Francie and Johnnie Stevens, Lil and Bob Tyson, Louise and Lou Walsh, Evelyn and Pete Ward (up from Hampton, Va.), Lou Beazley, and Edie Kenrick.

The following items were gleaned from Allene and Pat Mossman's Christmas letter: Daughter, Li, completed her student teaching at Dominican College last May and on 19 Nov was married to Herbert Redd Volin Jr. Son, Al, graduated from St. Mary's College last June, receiving a degree in chemistry. Another special event was the birth of a daughter to Al and Guillermina on 15 Jan 1966.

A worldwide class roster was mailed the last of October. If anyone failed to receive a copy, write or call your Scribe.

'35

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Last December George Eckhardt marched ashore at Vangtau leading his 9th Infantry Div in the traditional style of the "Old Reliables." Later he reported via Christmas card that he was planning a reunion with Breakefield and Grieves who are both with AID in Vietnam. George says, "This is a fascinating country if you don't mind some pretty hostile natives." Meg Eckhardt is now addressed: c/o Gen. H.D. Jay, Box 723, Fallbrook, Calif. 92028.

Moving east a big jump to Honolulu, we find Tommy Clarkin with Rosemary and the family at 49 Akilolo, which is just beside a golf course and between Diamond Head and Koko Head. Their telephone number is 32210 in case you get out that way. Tommy was in Washington last fall on his way to Annapolis where their eldest son, Thomas Robert Jr., (18) is a Plebe. Four other children still at home are: Mary Carol 16½, Brian Braden 15½, Anne Kristin 12, and Christopher John 10. I hope no one is offended by these ages becoming passé by the time this is printed. Tommy is with World Wide Investors in Honolulu.

From California Burnis Kelly reports that he enjoyed watching ARMY beat Cal last November. Others he saw attending the game were: the Bergquists, Springs, Wheelers, Armogidias, Showers, Krauses, Stantons, Millers, and the Gillises. Connie and Burnis congratulate themselves on selling their newspaper last July, since it seemed to require two or three 24-hour working days each week before the paper got out, but they are both still busy. Burnis is president of the California City Chamber of Commerce and is also a social worker for the Kern County Welfare Department. His office is in Mojave. Connie is librarian at the elementary school in the same town, so they drive to work together. Their Christmas letter, which was itself a small newspaper, also reported that Burnis had taken off 30 pounds with 15 more as a goal, and is controlling his diabetes condition with daily pills.

Jack and Lucie Rhoades report from 2502 Gaye Drive, Roswell, N. Mex. 88201, that the nicest part of Christmas was having Rick ('68) home from West Point and Sudi home from U. of N. Mex., where she entered last fall. Stanley is the only "child" left at home, but he almost fails to so qualify, having

joined the football and barbell and guitar group.

Ralph and Sally Haines write from 6799 Patton Drive, Fort Hood, Tex. 76544, that Suzanne Cherry of San Antonio joined them at Christmas, bringing her daughter Suzanne, who is a freshman at Southwest Texas State. The Haineses' elder son, Palmer, is flying Army aircraft in Vietnam, and Bill Haines is Class of '67 at West Point. Ralph and Sally are hoping to attend his graduation in June although they can't be sure where Ralph will be by then, as that will be over 2 years since his assumption of command of the III Corps.

Bun and Routh Wilby of 4042 Bluebonnet, Houston, Tex. 77025, also have a son, Bill, in the West Point Class of '67. Three other children are: Mary, who is graduating from high school in Houston 5 days before Bill graduates at W.P., thereby tightening the Wilby schedule; Elizabeth 9; and Tom 4. Routh says they have many years of PTA ahead. It comes to mind that Tom Wilby may be the youngest class son. Is there any competition?

Other class sons in W.P. '67 are John Allen Frink and Kent Edward Kraus.

Herb and Ruth Gee, of 311 Westminster Place, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33405, report the wedding last August of son, Phil, to lovely Pamela Ann Emerson of Decorah, Iowa. Phil has a couple of semesters' work left for his engineering degree and now commutes to Iowa City from their home in Cedar Rapids, where they live and where Pam works for WMT-TV as promotion director. Pam was graduated from the U. of Iowa last June with honors as the outstanding senior in the advertising field. Nancy Gee is 18 and was presented by proud Herb at the Palm Beach Opera Ball on 29 Dec 1966. Herb's engineering firm has been doing work for the Florida Disneyworld for over a year with more yet to be done, and although everyone is crushed at the death of the founder, they find things so well organized that the project will go right ahead. Herb, Ruth, and Nancy had a wonderful, red-carpet tour of the California enterprises as guests of Walt and Roy Disney last summer.

Last Thanksgiving Somers Dick pinned second lieutenant's bars on his daughter, Priscilla, and she was sworn in by her grandfather, General Gross '14. She will graduate from Boston U. in June for further assignment in the Army Nurse Corps.

Milt and Irene Taylor, of 6015 Jennings Lane, Springfield, Va. 22150, have a son, Ron, who is a first lieutenant MSC (RA) and in his third year in medical school. Last June, Ron and his wife Sara promoted Milt and Irene to be grandparents of a 5 lb. 8 oz. girl. Daughter, Connie, received her Ph.D. in psychology last May and is on the faculty at Duquesne University where her husband is an associate professor of psychology. Presumably they use it on each other. Milt is in his third year teaching high school math and is also taking courses at night.

Walt Simpson, of 4914 Heritage Court, Annandale, Va. 22003, was the only "new" face at the Washington area '35 luncheon at the Pentagon on 7 Oct 1966. There were 23 present. At the 23 Nov luncheon at Fort McNair we were able to round up only 18, and 2 of those were "new" faces: Casey Boys of the Annapolis area and Kim Brown, who now lives at 1800 "R" St., NW., Apt. 708, Washington, D.C. 20009.

Last fall Jim Totten came back from Brazil to have a very serious bout with the medics at Walter Reed and at last report was on sick leave at the family home in East

Hamilton, Mass. A note from the Zeiglers in Charleston reports that Clyde is doing all right and has gained a little weight. The entire Class joins in wishing both these fine gentlemen speedy recovery.

'36

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For the first time in our group acquaintance, the largest number of us is no longer working actively in the profession of arms. However, this not-so-startling fact has in no way decreased the bulk of news information being supplied by this very famous assemblage of West Pointers, their wives, and offspring.

As we have done so frequently before at this time of beginning a new calendar, we offer expressions and prayers and hopes for an end to war, killing, and general unfriendliness throughout our planet. Even with our whole military effort in the field almost entirely in the hands of tremendous classmates like Westy and Johnny and Abe, we still paid a heavy toll last year with two of our sons making the supreme sacrifice, and many more putting their lives daily in full jeopardy. Somehow, it doesn't seem wrong to expect 1967 to bring more meaning to the words: "peace on earth, good will to all men."

Bob Albro retired in October and from his residence in Arlington was looking for a second career. Gordie Austin left the Service the next month; he and Joyce are basing around Washington. They also brag of a Georgian Bay summer home and have a picture to prove it. The Bodines are out and have a home overlooking the water in Annapolis. In October they took a 6-month trip to Hawaii. Bernie Bess retired, too—in November. The Buynoskis sent in their permanent address as 136 Brentwood Ave., San Francisco, and outline extensive plans for working in their "own" home and later traveling.

Dick and Muriel Carmichael are still in Washington, even though I thought I heard they might move farther south. They've been seeing the Austins and Twaddells. Dotty Cato wrote about a wonderful reunion at A-N game with: Palmers, Jim Landrum, Holdernesses, Oswalds, Tetleys, Clyde Layne, and O'Briens present. She recounted that son, Richard (USMA '60), was wounded in Vietnam in November and received a Silver Star. Dotty will join Ray in Florida in January, but they haven't decided on a permanent place to live yet. She said the Lamperts' November party for the Class was great. Betty and Dave Chaffin think Beirut is very fine; sounds like they may be returning in 1971. In the meantime they suggest as an address: c/o American Embassy, APO N.Y. 09694. The Chappellears are still "selling California" (and why not?). Lucy Chiles wrote from Chicago that the children were all home for Xmas. Lucylee is now a breadwinner with a Master's in art. She said Myra and Bill Hay had a classmate party in their charming Elgin, Ill., home. Present were: the Normans, Bob Burnett, Joyces, Turnages, and Chiles.

Carolyn Clark wrote that some of the children were home for the holidays; Pat got his wings; and Mary presented the Clarks' fifth grandchild. The Powells and Clarks have been together on occasion. Roy Cole sent warm greetings from his beautiful Mescalero Ranch. Cec Combs is acting dean of Engineer and Science College at Rochester (N.Y.) U. They have moved to 146 Kilbourn Rd.,

Rochester, have a grandson, and like their city and job despite winter blizzards. The Connors have bought a restored (1737) Charleston home—51 Tradd St. Young Bill may be out of the hospital (Tripler) by Easter. I gave the Cordeses the wrong address; should be: Route 6, Box 252, Olympia, Wash. They have 2½ grandchildren by their two gorgeous daughters. Rick is a junior in college. The Currans sent greetings from Bradenton. Claude Crawford is teaching international law at a college near the U. of Va.; he hopes to finish work on his doctorate this summer and return to Europe by the end of the year. Oldest son, Bob, was married at Christmas—has good job at IBM. Youngest, Dick, graduates with honors at U. of Va. in June.

Hap Dalton wrote in October that he was honcho-ing a City of Cleveland "Big Wig" day at which Jim Lampert was guest speaker. Jack and Nan Daly are situated at Ventura Keys, Calif. He is a civilian employee with the Navy at Port Hueneme. Oldest, Charlie, 19, is in his second year at Stanford—on honor list. Tom Davis wrote that he went to summer school with Fred Bell, which gives rise to conjecture that he may plan to teach, too. The Dawalts sang their praises of our 30th Reunion. They said they'd visited with the Holdernesses, inquired about retirement possibilities of Atlanta (Atlanta C. of C., please note). Randy Dickens is "going" for his Master's in math at Duke. Skip Beard and Henry Katz in the same class.

A very complete report from a top '36 family came in: Capt. Gilbert N. Dorland USMA '59, decorated at Fort Hood by classmate J.E. Kelly, is off to duty with the Iranian Govt.; Capt. John Dorland USMA '63, returned from Vietnam with 2 Bronze Stars; Peter is a junior at Amherst; and Ricky, 20, is a volunteer 'chopper gunner at Fort Benning. Papa and Mama, Gil and Lynn, are just sorta gaping bystanders at their joint results (and the daughter and grandchildren haven't even been reported upon!).

Heard from the Drains in Indianapolis. Josh and Hazel Finkel reported from Newton, Mass. Don't see him like I used to before he became an insurance competitor. A report from Art Fowler was welcome news from Dallas where he lives.

On Friday 18 Nov, the mortal remains of one "whose parents we were privileged to be," were laid to rest at Arlington in view of the Kennedy Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, by Foster and Grace Furphy. Kent, the precious, adopted son of our classmate, was killed in combat in Vietnam on 12 Nov. There *must* be a better heritage that we can leave to those we have helped bring up in this world! Three of our sons dead in 1966!!

Jim and Mary Ann Goodwin retired in July and are staying in Albuquerque until the right employment turns up. Rus Grohs still at Randolph AFB, Tex. Ev Hahney retired in September—now a banker: Security Bank and Trust, Lawton, Okla. An early December wedding in Bronxville, N.Y., for recently graduated Lt. Bill Haneke who has been having knee trouble. His first assignment was Fort Riley where he was met by his beauteous blond sister, WAC Lt. Margaret Haneke. In October, classmate, father, Bill, attended an Assn of U.S. Army meeting. Also there: Ace Miller, Bev Powell, Jim Lampert, Mike Michaelis, Bruce Palmer, Bob Fergusson, Bill Yarborough, and Abe, the latter making one of the principle speeches. Bill says that T.C. Rogers has "hit the road" and is traveling around in a trailer.

Since September, Will and Gen Hendrick-

son have been in Trinidad, Colo. He's a senior Army instructor, ROTC, teaching several math courses. Trish provided the first granddaughter in July. I was blessed with 1, 2, and 3 letters from Club 50 bar designer, Helen Carter Hess. She and Whitey took a space-available trip to Puerto Rico this summer. Wright Hiatt wrote from Portland, Oreg. Hopes to come south before too long. Hiesters wrote. May retire in spring of 67 and try Maryland area for settling. Said Bernie Bess was trying teaching in Fort Myers, Fla. Steve and Elsie Holderness retired in July. On the way back from Japan they saw the Ripples in Hawaii and the Wort Williamsses in Wenatchee, Wash. They promise to travel south in the spring. Received even more news from son, Steve Jr., and Betty who are in Germany. Steve still remembers the great father's Class of 1936 and reminds us that the Holdernesses have yet another West Pointer, Second Classman Jerry.

Heard from Red and Polly Holton who are in real estate biz in Columbus, Ga. From their home in Shalimar, Fla., professor Clark and Lyn Hosmer write. They attended M.I.T. courses after our 30th Reunion; visited with several families; despair of having to move from their bayou-side home this June; look forward to greeting Brad's second child, but not to say good-bye to theirs and the Air Force Academy's "first" when he goes soon to F-100's in Vietnam. Got warm greetings from Jim and Betty Illig. Eleanor Jones reports fine visiting with the Chappellears (natch!) and that son, Capt. Brice Jones (USFA '61), has returned safely from Vietnam with umteen decorations.

A card from Duke relayed greetings from students Henry and Elisabeth Katz. Bee Kelly married Ed Suarez (USMA '32) in May—has 4 grandchildren. Mike was best man. Mike is on track scholarship at F.S.U. and also on the dean's list. Says the Arnolds and Barretts are watching after him. The Kieffers report that young Pete will be returning from Vietnam in May (he's USNA '61). Heidi is a student at Agnes Scott College, Atlanta. Dette and Bill Kimball extended their warmest greetings. Bill Kinard is teaching his son, Capt. WHK III, (USMA '62) at the Military Assistance Institute prior to his departure for Saudi Arabia. Chris, Ohio State '65, is traveling in Europe for his firm, American International Oil Co. Eldest son, Ariail, still in Monterey. Ralph and Ruth King have moved into a new home at 1095 Trinity Dr., Menlo Park, Calif. They visited daughter in Germany the past summer.

Jack Kling said we were out of date on his address. Should be: 10333 Wayne Ave. (Sorry 'bout that, Chief!) He also said he was upset about not getting to the 30th. Larry Laurion wrote with regrets about missing the June Week events because of attending Larry Jr.'s wedding to a beautiful Venezuelan girl. He and Peg visited Caracas, and, in addition, the Virgin Islands, Jamaica, and New Orleans. Larry's title is Vice-President in Charge of Problems for the construction firm he represents. Grace Layne wrote of Clyde's good connection with General Electric and of their nice home near the Potomac. Garnett Lee sends in a retired address at 104 49th St., Virginia Beach, Va. Jim Billy says Al McCormick is president of the WP Society in Minnesota. He and Al Peck were retired in July by Mike and Ben Turnage; went duck and goose hunting in Dakota with Ken Madsen. Bill and Janny Longley, wrote to say how sorry they were to miss being with us at the Point last sum-

mer, but have souvenirs in form of the '36 glasses, cuff links, and pictures.

The McCormicks left the frozen north to spend Christmas in New Orleans and Texas, visiting their children there. Heard from the McElhenys in Florida. The address list had it in for Mike; there were umteen mistakes. But it really didn't matter because he didn't court-martial me, and he's too well known to have the list fool anybody. Jean and Ace Miller wrote from Connecticut. A newsy report came in from Mohleres in Huntsville, Ala., where he retired last March and is working in Marshall Space Flight Center, at getting better transportation for our moon journeys. Nancy recently parlayed the purchase of a wig into the acquisition of a color TV. (A wig could supply only one head, but a TV could serve many!) Daughter, Melinda, is at Beirut College for Women. (Dave and Betty Chaffin please note.) Mike's in college, while Dick is a platoon leader with the 1st Division in Vietnam. Helen and Joe Nazzaro are still at SAC Hq and sent greetings from Nebraska. Jane Neff still keeps in touch from Blue Bonnet in San Antone. Our busy and brilliant Bruce Palmer



1936: Patricia Vincent, "Miss Wool of Texas."

was in Atlanta in December, but I did not see him. The Partridges are in Clarence, N.Y., and lament missing our gathering last summer. The Persons are still at Colorado Springs. The Holdernesses stopped by on their way back from Japan. Virginia says they bought some of Wort Williams's apple land in Washington. The Quinns report that son, Rob, got married on his way from Germany to Vietnam, and I have a picture to prove that she's a "doll"! Bob is busy with museum and historical work; of particular historical significance is a four-bladed knife which Rob is carrying with him to the 173d Brigade. The knife was first carried in the Civil War by a great-grandfather, then by a grandfather in WW I, and thirdly by our Bob in WW II. (They must have had stainless steel longer than I imagined.) Charles Redman sent his Xmas message from Kennett, Mo. The Ryders celebrated their first "civilian" Christmas. The Saffords were reunited at Fort Bliss, where Bob returned from Korea and now commands the Training Center; the children appeared too.

Bill Shuler has been doing a terrific job as class president and secy in Washington and generally keeping a firm hand on our affairs in the capital. His choice (and acceptance) for our interests was a most fortunate one. At the September luncheon there was a fine turnout of 16 classmates. Bill re-

ported that Ned Norris was going to Europe. Ted Clifton had visited the Ripples in their new home in Honolulu. Sandy and Betty McCorkle are retired and are moving to Honolulu. Freddie Terrell was in Andrews Hospital for hip surgery in October; haven't heard of him since. Chick Childs is no longer with Virginia Roads Commission; future activities unknown.

Following a suggestion at reunion by Bill Ryder, it has been arranged that when Phil Gage gets "too old" or dies, The Book will be accepted by the USMA Library.

We actually have three classmates in Vietnam; the third is a civilian, Tom Lawlor. Kerk Kerkering's son, Ken, returned from Vietnam after 100 missions in F-109's. Son, Chuck, is marrying, the first child in family to do so. Fred Terrell's operation was successful. His daughter presented him with a granddaughter in October. The Monteiths' daughter and her children are together while son-in-law is flying RF-101's down Main Street, Hanoi. There's a possibility that Bernie Bess may join Ed Beggs at Brevard Junior College, Cocoa, Fla., where Ed is finance officer. Bob Joerg had a cyst removed from his throat at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Jim Lampert made a recent inspection at West Point and reported that from the apparent number of footprints in the gravel, the Class of 1936 Memorial Fountain is being well used. Hank Benson is to be congratulated for coming all the way from Fort Hayes to attend a '36 luncheon. Fourteen classmates attended the Furphy funeral at Arlington, 18 Nov. Bernie Bess has a temporary address: 14 Lindy Lane, Lincroft, N.J. There were 39 at the Lamperts' party; Betty Illig and Barbara O'Brien assisted Gerrie.

Bill submitted a list of active and retired class generals: 39 Army and 19 Air Force. If we add Casey Vincent and Ollie Haywood, there is a grand total of 60. Since there has been occasional reference to which Class has the largest percentage of stars, here are some statistics: 1915-57 generals out of 164 graduating—34.6%; 1933-84 out of 347—24.2%; 1936-60 out of 276—21.8%.

Bill Sibert reports that young Bill flew his helicopter in Operation Attleboro, VN, and is in the 1st Div there. This makes the fourth generation USMA graduate in the family and the fourth to serve in the 1st Division which grandfather Sibert activated in WWI. Bill says enrollment is booming at the U. of Va., Richmond Center. He is now Asst professor of Government and Foreign Affairs. Then a note from the Class Baby himself: George wrote from combat saying he already had 200 "combat" hrs. in his 'chopper and that he'd been near Dick Cato in Attleboro when he was wounded. It's anybody's guess as to how many sons and sons-in-law we have over there now.

Glenn and Dorothy Sikes write from Key West. Glenn is going to sell real estate as well as life insurance; Dorothy is a "pay-roll manager." The Howie Snyders are not much longer for Atlanta (unfortunately). Howie has become the business administrator for the Bradley Center, 1327 Warren Williams Rd., Columbus, Ga. This is a new medical center taking shape in that city; Lo and he will move back to the southern city about February. Bill and Elizabeth Steele are building a new home on Bainbridge Island and are looking forward to some exploring. Charlie Stewart, the Cordeses and the Wort Williamsses are all up in Washington. The Swains wrote from their tri-state corner home near El Paso. Steve and Mike were probably home for Christmas, but all four boys are in the Army. Heard from the Tettleys in New

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.

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Jersey. The Edgar Thompsons retired at Battle Monument where we all received our commissions so many years ago. He claims to be one of the last colonels to retire, and expresses an ambition to become a fiction writer (but "gad," no editor could read his typing!).

John and Missie Torrey wrote from Dallas saying they'd soon have their brokerage license and would be selling securities. Clint True is relaxing at Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Ben Turnage said Mike gave a reception when Jack and Lucy Chiles arrived at Fifth Army. The Turnages, Hays, Normans, and Joyces were there. The Twaddells delivered son, Jim, to West Point on 1 July as a member of Class of '70. Then big Jim retired the last of June and all came to Washington where father has a position with Air America Inc. Eunice Tyler said Charlie had had knee surgery, then retired at the end of July. They had a wonderful trip to Mexico City. Russ Grohs and Charlie continue to play a lot of golf.

Peggy Vincent wrote of a series of 1966 activities longer than there's space to tell, such as: VP Air Force Assn Chapter, Hostess for Nightfighters Convention, and others. She claims her modeling business also prospered last year. Young Casey did not go back to college, but joined the Navy and is on the U.S.S. *Norfolk*. Perhaps the best event was Pat's crowning as Miss Wool of Texas. As usual, our old friend, Ed Wallnau, wrote from Boyton Beach where he's extremely active doing things for people. Betty and Chuck Waters say they think laying pipelines and living on the bayou is great.

Westy and Kitsy sent greetings and thanked all for their thoughts and support. Mimi and Ben Whipple are in the Washington area keeping an eye open for job possibilities. The Wort Williamses believe they are really living. They are living in the gorgeous Columbia River Valley, will move into a new home in February, are learning the apple growing biz from the bottom. Son, Ralph, is a Plebe at The Citadel. The Tim Willis report continued success with the bridge studio. Also, young Tim is in a NASA co-op program, and Sophia, after two college years, is working for a health studio.

Now a bit of Scribe news: after reunion, the family spent a week visiting around Washington with Phil III. In September, back to Washington for Phil's second vows. A week later, Liz and Phil made an easterly trip and visited: wartime friends in England; some long-time-thought-about places in Greece including the shrines at Delphi and Eleusis; the holy city on the Tiber, visiting niece Bettie, the Marist mother house, etc.; back 41 years to school and villas I lived in as a boy in Cannes; re-looking at the largest walled city, Carcassonne; and then a glorious weekend in a Portuguese palace. College sophomore Ellen stayed at home and baby-sat, then finished out the year working at a new Atlanta Sears. It seemed that every member of the household worked for pay this year except Liz and Ginger; the man with the most "take home" was paper boy, Jimbo. Mother and Dad were with us for Christmas, and Betty was in town, also.

Dotty and I journeyed to Philadelphia to see ARMY take another one from Navy. It was a perfect day and an excellent game. The third quarter was a tough one, but ARMY really got started in the fourth with a pair of perfect passes that produced the 2-touchdown margin. Helping ARMY with a few groans and plenty of cheers were Dotty and Harvey Dorney, Stu and Kate O'Malley, Harry Wilson, Jack Polk, Molly and Chester Johnson, the Paul Cullens, Nancy and Wilbur Davis, and John and Phoebe Cromelin.

Providing plenty of long distance support were: Ruth and Bud Zehner who had the Chabots, A.O. Connors, Ham and Mildred Fish, the Gildarts, Martin Greens, Scotty and Ann Hall, Hoskas, Bob and Jean Palmer, Jim and Virginia Pearsall, Gus Prentiss, Scherrers, Seedlocks, Shives, Betty Spengler, and the Stumpfs in their home in Arlington to watch the game on TV.

Parker Calvert dropped me a note saying that he is now living in St. Petersburg, Fla., P.O. Box 268, and viewed the game with Jack Van Vliet (Clearwater, Fla.), at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

Cecil Himes, Deputy Corps Commander, IV Army Corps, informs me that on 9 Dec the Colin Purdie Memorial Gymnasium of North Florida Junior College, Madison, Fla., was dedicated in honor of our classmate, Colin Kelly. Madison was Colin's home town and the dedication was exactly 25 years to the day after Colin's successful attack on a Japanese battleship off the Philippines. Jack Tolson (soon to head for Vietnam), Bill Higgs (Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio), and Cecil attended the ceremonies, with Bill making the principal address. Colin P. Kelly III (now a captain, USA), was present. It is hard to believe that it has been 25 years since we were all stunned by Colin's death. By sacrificing his life in those early and desperate days, Colin provided a prompt and glorious answer to the challenge thrown at his country, and he will be long remembered by each of his classmates. Giles Evans of the Canal Authority of the State of Florida, and residing in Jacksonville, also sent me a newspaper clipping on the dedication services. He also said Eph and Dottie Graham came through Jacksonville recently for a short visit.

Just received a note from Randy Hines, now living at 60 Hasell St., Charleston, S.C., who passed me a note from Elmer Blaha. Elmer writes that he and Bud Hines are now with the New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, N. Mex. Sam Agee is the Superintendent, Elmer is the public relations officer, and Bud teaches math and physics. Sam and Ida, with their two daughters, came through Washington en route to Charlottesville, Va., where they spent Christmas with some of Ida's relatives. Didn't get to see Sam but we talked over the telephone. They were traveling by train and the railroad left some of their luggage in Chicago. Sam was having a devil of a time trying to find it. To make things worse, Sam got here with the worst snow storm of the winter. He was really having problems! Elmer also reports that Jim and Liz Posey are at Kirtland AFB, N. Mex., and visited in Roswell. Elmer's son, Bill, is a lieutenant in the Marine Corps and his son, John, is a lieutenant in the Air Force. Randy said that his son, Peter, West Point '66, has completed Ranger and airborne training and is on his way to the 24th Engr Bn in Germany. Daughter, Bunny, is

working at Fort Meade, and Carolyn is a freshman, on a scholarship, at Briarcliff.

The West Point Society of D.C. has established the Benjamin F. Castle Memorial Award to be presented annually to the graduate who has most distinguished himself in exemplifying the ideals of West Point in either a military or civilian capacity. After some discussion among your classmates here in Washington, it was voted to submit the name of Bruce Holloway, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, as the Class of '37 nomination. I feel that we have a good chance with Bruce as our candidate to grab the first award.

Rae and George McDowell write from 5306 Yarwell Drive, Houston, Tex., that 1966 has been a busy year for them. George, in addition to being fully occupied with his real estate business, is now teaching real estate management and investment one night a week at the U. of Houston Night School and has just completed a year as president of the Houston West Point Society. Son, Larry, is now a second lieutenant at Fort Hood, Linda is an instructor in the U. of Texas School of Nursing, and Ted, Linda's husband, is in his senior year in medical school. George also reported that John Erikson had spent a few days with them when he visited the NASA installation in Houston in September. John reported he will be heading west when he retires next summer. George had also been to San Antonio where he talked with George Holcomb, still at Trinity College; he said that he had seen Frank Harrison, Render Denson, and Phil Brandt. And then, to cap off his epistle about his doings, George said he was now a Certified Property Manager of the National Board of Realtors—there are only 2,300 in the country and only 16 others were ever awarded in Houston. So all you who want to buy property, see George. This is an unpaid plug for George's good work.

Walt Lawson, DCS/OPS, First Army, just received his master's degree in personnel administration at the U. of Maryland. Good work, Walt, we know that that means a lot of hard work. Dave Griffin is now a professor of chemistry at Severna School, Severna Park, Md., and lives at 106 Evergreen Road.

Received a lot of news from Bob Seedlock. He writes so well, I will just put it in quotes: "Saw Jim Skeldon in Korea recently. He is running the MAAG in a great big way, receiving plaudits on all sides for the splendid posture of the ROK Divisions now fighting in Vietnam. Elaine is quite the artist; I couldn't tell the difference between her work in Oriental bamboo brushwork and her teacher's. Danny Richards looked real sharp in 'Frisco where he is Will Wilhojt's deputy for the Corps of Engineers' South Pacific Division. Had a glimpse of Eddie Ingmire at USARPAC Hq and later saw Woody Dunlop at a NASA meeting in Cleveland. Woody reports that he is quite the sailor now, having acquired a cabin cruiser for use near Boston where his office is. As for us (Bob still talking), Tense has acquired a 1937 Plymouth coupe (the same year and model we started with). It's in beautiful shape and the plan is to drive it to our 30th—complete with 1937 luggage, 1937 clothes, and 1937 people!"

Tense reported that on 12 Oct, the Ladies of '37, whose president is Betty Spengler, gathered in the Army-Navy Club. Out-of-towners were Mary Sloan, who came with George from St. Louis where they are retired, and Merece Postlewait, who drove up from Bragg with Ed, who is now on duty

at the Pentagon. Missed were the Inter-American Defense College girls who couldn't come because of a Latin celebration: Dotty Donohew, Madeleine Cain, and Trixie Zehner. Welcomed back to Washington were: Bonnie Chabot, Fran Holloway, Ann Hall, Joyce Scherrer, Louise Lutes, and Molly Johnson. Other gals present were: Betty Spengler, Jean Palmer, Chuckie Bissell, Florence Hoska, Isabel Clarke, Dotty Dorney, Ginny Pearsall, Sunny Campbell, Peggy Oden, Pat Frazier, Fran Shive, Mary Ann Robbins, Milli Fish, Tug Stevenson, Kay Neier, Kittie Green, and Maggie Williams.

You gals contact Tense Seedlock, Qtrs No. 60, Fort Belvoir, Va., whenever you come to town since Tense reports the group meets as regularly as they can find suckers to be hostesses. Who knows, they may have a get-together while you are visiting Washington.

Just had a note from Curt and Bobby Low. They are now retired and are looking for a place to settle down. They returned in November from 2 months in Europe visiting the fleshpots and recovering from his last tour, which was in the Pentagon. I still have some of his things in storage in my house if anyone is setting up light housekeeping in this area.

Bill Easton is the new legal beagle for the U.S. Army Electronics Proving Ground. The Eastons have seven children. One son is a cadet, Class of '68, another son is in the Navy, two daughters (Katherine and Carol) are married, and one son and two daughters are with them at Fort Huachuca.

Chester and Molly Johnson are now our neighbors here at Fort McNair. Johnny is deputy Asst C/S, Intelligence, and we viewed the bowl games on TV together on 2 Jan. Son, Peter, is a Warrant Officer pilot (USA) in Vietnam, and Tracy is a senior in high school in Colorado Springs. Johnny's misspelt youth is now showing up in his competency on his new pool table (Christmas present from Molly, but selected by Johnny) in his basement. Don't drop by until you have sharpened up your game, or don't take any bets. In any case, get a full explanation on the rules of the game before the game starts. The Don Ostrandars are now retired and living in Lewiston Heights, N.Y. He writes that his golf game is improving, so I guess life is good.

Don Shive and Bud Zehner should have mailed to each of you, sometime in mid-January, a new roster of our Class with the most current addresses we have available and some information on our 30th Reunion in June. If you do not have this package in hand by the time you get this ASSEMBLY, please write me immediately (including your address, in case we have an incorrect one), and I shall see that you are sent the papers immediately. Please keep me informed, too, when you change your address, and please respond to Don Shive as soon as possible, giving your intentions as to our reunion. June will be here before you know it, and this should be our best reunion yet if all those who have said they are going really get there.

Keep the news on your activities flowing, and I'll see that you get your name in this column.

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Members of the Class of '38 hold a near monopoly of key jobs in the personnel field in both the USAF and USA. Names and

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assignments are: Bert Harrison, Director of Manpower and Organization, USAF; Bill Kieffer, Assistant DC/S for Personnel, USAF; Frank Norris, Director of Personnel Policy, USA; Frank Izenour, Director of Personnel Procurement and Distribution, USA; Bill Beverley, Deputy Chief, OPO, USA; and Ken Mearns, Director of Enlisted Personnel, OPO, USA. Closely allied, of course, is Ken Wickham, The Adjutant General, USA.

Promotions during the reporting period include: Greg Lynn to major general, Bill Latta to major general, and Frank Izenour to major general.

You will be glad to learn that Al D'Arezzo, who has had several bouts with the medics, has returned to full-time duty.

Based on rumor and service publications, current assignments in Vietnam are: Johnny Tillson, J3 MACV; Frank Miller, DC/S, Plans and Operations, USARV; Bob Ashworth, CG Hq Area Command; G.G. O'Connor and Dave Byars, ADC's, 4th Inf Div. Other assignments during the period: Vince Elmore, Dpty Asst Commandant, Fort Sill; Willie Langford, C/S 1st Region, ARADCOM; Ed Machen, IG, USA.

Junie Lotz was awarded the DSC; George Abert, a Legion of Merit; and Rollin Durbin and Greg Lynn, 1st OLC's to their Legions of Merit.

Bob York gave daughter Gail Andrea in marriage to 1st Lt. Henry J. St. Germain in the main post chapel, Fort Benning, on 25 Nov 1966. Bill O'Connor, USMA '66, will marry Linda A. Kirchner at Fort Sill in January 1967.

Neil D. Van Sickle has just published the third edition of the "Airman's Bible," *Modern Airmanship*, D. Van Nostrand, Princeton, N.J., \$9.95. The October issue of *Army R&D Newsmagazine* carries an article entitled "Anticipation—The Mother of Invention" by R.B. Anderson.

Jack Ryan, CinC SAC, addressed the ICAF class at Fort McNair on 7 Nov. At Bob York's invitation, Ken Wickham made the address to the OCS graduating class at Benning on 27 Jan.

Chuck Jackson writes from Hawaii that reports of his retirement are premature. He plans to go for 30, but he and Dottie have purchased a lovely condominium on the slopes of Punch Bowl where they expect to live until and after retirement. Chuck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Jackson, and Dot's parents, Col. (Ret) and Mrs. B.D. Butler, have already visited them. Many gorgeous sunsets to you, Dottie and Chuck!

A dinner party given at Fort Shafter in early October by the Hutchins reunited the Irvins, Becks, Jacksons, Mary Barbour Smith, and Ginny Tillson. The Irvins christened their new Shafter quarters in mid-October. The guest list included the Jacksons, Becks, and Tillsons (both Tillsons this time because Johnny was in Hawaii on business).

Wilbur C. Strand has retired and is teaching math at the Portwood Junior High School in San Antonio. Ed York, a Doolittle Tokyo Raider, has retired and is attending graduate school at the University of Texas.

The Washington contingent held a coed luncheon at Bolling on 28 Sept and a stag luncheon on 18 Nov in the Pentagon. Both were well attended. At the former the following members were elected: president—Wickham; secy-treas—D. Brown; entertainment—Chavasse; coordination—Adams. Please send news items to the latter at 11308 South Shore Road, Reston, Va. 22070.

Late flash! Ken Wickham swore Art Collins in as Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, with 3 stars, on 7 Jan 1967.

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Though my plea for more information drew some response, there are still many I haven't heard from. Please spread the word and get those who have not been heard from into print this year.

In the Washington area we have had two lunches recently. The first on 26 Oct was attended by: Art Allen, Cleverly, Jimmy Collins, Dobson, Duke, Dziuban, Ewell, Farrell, FitzGerald, Goodpaster, Goodwin, Hamilton, Hudgins, Kingsley, Kunzig, Lerette, Lilly, P.J. Long, McDowell, Merrell, Morrison, Olson, Bill Smith, and Teeters. This lunch, thanks to Art Allen, was in the Secretary of the Army's dining room. Our December lunch was held at McNair and, because of the time of the year, very lightly attended. Those present were: Cleverly, FitzGerald, Higginson, Kinnard, Kunzig, Lennhoff, Morrison, Olson, Pickett, and Teeters.

Frank Kobes in following the ARMY football team around the country has provided a wealth of information on retired classmates. At the Notre Dame game he met Bill Atwell and his wife. Bill is selling life insurance in Chicago. At Memphis he had dinner with Elsie and Homer Barber. Homer is plant manager for an ammunition company in Milan, Tenn. At the California game he saw Bobby John Rogers, who is a sales engineer for the Burns Detective Agency; Dick Reeves, who is working for Litton Industries in Carmel Valley; the "Bo" McCutcheons; the Ben Millers; the Dick Wolfes; and the Charlie Brombachs. All are retired, but Frank did not list retired professions of the last four. (Will subjects please let me know so I can pass the word?) Keep traveling and reporting, Frank.

Other retirees: Ed McConnell is now in Charlotte, N.C., after a physical retirement. "No immediate plans; never liked to work very hard," says Ed. Moe Boylan is working for the Great Society as assistant director, Hawaiian Job Corps, in Honolulu. (Any vacancies, Moe?) Joe Bowman is reported to be working for a firm in the Boston area. (How about more specifics, Joe?)

On the still-active side of the ledger, Ralph Hanchin became Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen, in early November. Charlie Duke, who has been Commissioner of the District of Columbia since 1963, is now en route to Vietnam. (That should be an easier war than the Washington one.)

We were all saddened by two losses late



1939: Carpenter, Commander of Air University; Knapp, C/S SAC; and Fraser, president, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology meet at Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, S.Dak., during first off-campus graduation exercises ever held by Ohio State University.

last year. Roland Boughton died at Orlando AFB, Fla., on 1 Dec, and Kay Rippert died in France in mid-November. Our deepest sympathies to the families of both. At Kay's request the Class contributed to the Cancer Fund rather than sending flowers.

The now 30-year book is being worked on by our USMA contingent headed by Kobes. Latest word is that the price may go above the original \$15, but the difference will be met by tapping the class fund.

On behalf of the Class, Seth Hudgins has circularized all Army members in a campaign to raise funds for the Army Distaff Foundation. As of 15 Dec, 15 classmates have responded and the fund now exceeds \$100. Contributions will be appreciated.

Recent visitors to Washington were Herb Price from Europe and Joel Thomason. The latter, just returned from MAAG Belgium, has retired and will settle in either Washington or South Carolina.

Just heard that Bobby Spragins has retired and is settling in Huntsville, Ala.

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Stark drama takes center stage for this issue, and I am proud to present "Hostwoy!" from the pen of that gifted author, one Mr. Anthony Louis Paul Wermuth, Esq. For those who may be concerned that it was necessary to dip into the class fund to pay this gifted writer, may I assure you that such was not the case. Mr. Wermuth has penned "Hostwoy" just for us, and as an old pen pal of the author (circa Fortress Monroe 1934) I have been able to prevail upon him to decline his usual \$1 per word stipend. Curtain!

HOSTWOY!

Home of selection and completion of travel within one year is authorized.

Scene—Army vestibule, festooned with question marks. Three doors, one leading in from winding corridor almost 33 years long. Two doors lead out, one to a post-chamber, in which can be seen a BarcaLounger facing a television set. Third door is closed, but beyond it can be heard howling winds. Snow seeps in, over the sill. Obviously, the great white cold walk abroad beyond that door, for it leads to THE OUTSIDE.

Enter: A doddering old colonel attempting

to sheathe a rusting sabre, trips, then salutes—just in case. He squints toward the third door, shivers, shakes his silver mane, then staggers toward second doorway. As he is about to cross its threshold, three out-of-breath figures enter from the corridor—a mother and two children, three whom custom has not staled.

MOTHER. Just in the nick of time! Remember, wherever you go, we go with you! And it's not fair to fill our only TV screen with football games!

CHILDREN. It isn't fair. Besides (says Tony), I'm only twelve. And I (says Manya), am only nine. Our tiny feet are not yet strong enough to break trail over the great white cold toward the rainbow over the horizon!

MOTHER JUDY. I agree with everything that's been said. And I'm only twenty-nine.

COLONEL. (Old gaffer inadvertently has his hearing aid turned on, and so cannot ignore pleas. He straightens himself up, which causes him to fall over backwards, recovers, clutches his little family, and presses them out the third door, cackling). Jolly good show! And at the foot of that rainbow, there are two TV screens! Make haste! (He is about to close the door on them from the inside when three pairs of hands reach in and yank him through. As the door slowly closes against the lashing snow, footsteps fade away, and hautboys can be heard, blowing ever and ever more faintly that final flourish: HOSTWOY! HOSTWOY! HOSTWOY!)

In other words, Tony has retired and is a member of a "think group" associated with the Westinghouse Corporation. Home address is: 55 Livermore Road, Wellesley Hills, Mass. 02181. Tony awarded the DSM by General Wheeler 18 Oct 1966.

Now for the "Col. Zilch to Camp Cupcake" department. Dick Abbey back to Washington from Vietnam with AC/S Reserve Forces. Art Barry at University of Denver in Law Office; Mike Bavaro with Resident Study Group ADFSCOM in Europe. Jim Bonham is C/S at Fort Polk, La. Brousseau at 602 Vanderberg, Biloxi, Miss. Lee Cagwin in Quarters #1 at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Dick Cassidy double starred in Washington. Bill Clark retired and living at 5115 Dalecarlia Drive in Washington, D.C. Ray Clock working on that Ph.D. at University of Florida at Gainesville. Allan Crockett planning to sail plastic sloop through the Caribbean. Paul Deems retired, living in Versailles, France. Leo Dunham no more a prexy at the University of Maine but Slump Test Specialist

in soils for the state of Pennsylvania. Dale Epley at 3511 Jamaica Drive, Augusta, Ga. Christmas card from Fairlamb postmarked Pompano Beach, although last address I have is Cundys Harbor, Maine.

George Aubrey retired and with North American Aviation in Washington, D.C. Charlie Brice with Project Cloud Cap in Washington, D.C. Andy Delia our man in TV—Channel 26 WETA-TV. Bryce Denno retired and Director of Instruction and Research, Mil Asst Inst at Arlington Towers, Va. Dick Free back from Dallas and Deputy Dir Development CRD, AMC. Ray Goodrich retired and with Communications Satellite Corporation. Len Haseman with Autometric/Raytheon Corp. in Alexandria, Va. Ed Hendrickson DCSOT at Meade. Bill Kasper, retired and with General Dynamics Corp, Washington, D.C. Jim Maedler at DCSLOG, DA in the Pentagon. McDonald with ROTC Div, DA. Lou Mendez still with Inter-American Defense Board. Jim Milner to retire soon or is retired. Bidwell Moore retired and with Van Dorn Associates. Sam Patten, my faithful news bird, with ACSI, Army. Paul Phillips retired.

Charlie Shauneseey out of Richmond and in Office of Spt Services in Pentagon. "Bardolph" Vanderhoef with Research Analysis Corp. in McLean, Va. Zero Zaboroski retired. Walt Gunster with U.S.A. Civil Affairs Agency at Fort Gordon. The Hamelins have antelopes grazing on their lawn in Afghanistan. Vic Hobson retired. Oz Leahy takes over Rod Wetherill's job at Fort Bragg while Rod takes 24th Inf Div in Europe. Lanny Witt is C/S at Fort Bliss. Son is No. 1 golfer on Citadel plebe team. JK Taylor also at Bliss. Bob Strong C/S 8th AF at Westover AFB. Len Orman at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill. Chuck Oglesby Army attaché to India. Roy Nelson at Travis AFB, Calif. Tom Monroe in El Salvador, and Bill Francisco in Nicaragua. Jim "Rat" Moore in Thailand.

Bill Roedy with U.S.A. Engr Div Mediterranean. Larry Legere retired and with the Center of International Studies at M.I.T. Ted Davis retired and living at 227 East Dilido Drive, Miami Beach, Fla. Dave Guy from Monmouth to FPO SF 96601. Nils Bengtson named head of R&D Directorate, Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Crown retired. Linda Price Addington engaged to Robert John Stewart. Al Thayer to Korea from Natick, Mass. Mac Lemley to USDAO in Ottawa, Canada. Chuck Noble back in U.S. from Korea. Charley Banks from Europe to Engr School at Belvoir. Mel Rosen from Japan to Belvoir, and Sal Rizza from Utah to USAAMC at Sill. Kenney is CG of I Corps (GP) Arty in Korea. Delaney from Holabird to Europe. Ahmajan from Belvoir to KMAC, Korea. Bob Brewer retired. Stu McKenney returns with star from India to DIA. O'Brien, JA to Sandia Base. Corbly from Monmouth to Hq MDW, D.C.

Ed Wynne writes that his son Pat, graduate of USAFA in 1963, is missing in action in Vietnam. Pat was the first of our sons to graduate from a Service Academy and received the first tray from the Class.

Barbara Joan Rasmussen, Jim's daughter, married Raymond Hill Jr. George Mayo from NWC to office of R&D, Army. Herb Bowlby to USAWC, Carlisle Barracks. Page Smith from Europe to Ent AFB, Colo. Paul Cullen to Saigon.

Wondering what to give anyone for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, or Arbor Day?? What about a copy of the 25th Anniversary HOWITZER? Upon receipt of your check for \$15, made out to Class Fund 1940, will mail copy of book to any address desired.



1940: Admiring family looks on proudly as Tony Wermuth receives D.S.M. from Chairman, JCS, Wheeler.

The Class of '41's candidate for Man-of-the-Year would probably be Will Vaughan's Rumbo. He'd be shown as he appeared on the reunion button—marching at the head of the '41 column in the Old Grad's Parade. It was Rumbo who captured the great spirit of the reunion; Rumbo was with the hard-nosed members of the Class standing at the ramparts in SVN; and Rumbo was waving a black, grey, & gold banner in Philadelphia in the late fall. 1966, our Silver Anniversary, was a year much like the 29 before it: a year of challenge, a year of achievement. Well done, '41.

Participation in the Christmas Letter was excellent, considering the logistics involved. A typist in Switzerland, an artist in Heidelberg, an Addressograph at West Point, and input from the four corners propelled by a retroactive deadline. What a wonderful thing is the APO!

Tom Fisher has a new job: Asst for Northern Europe OSD/ISA. Others with a new sign on the door are: Spec Powell, Dpty Dir of Army Aviation; Pete Tanous a medium-to-large sized panjandrum at Philco/Ford; Dick Levy in Civ Service at Fort Lee; Horace Brown, as most of you know, is the Alumni Secretary; P.C. Root to Chief, OP&T Div, CORC, DA; Jim Sykes to Houston, 623 Hunters Grove Lane, 70024; Buck Miller is ADCSINTEL, Fourth Army; Pat Tansey is retired and a Sales Engr for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline. New address: 10424 England Drive, Overland Park, Kans. 66212; Frank Linnell, CG U.S. Army Tng Ctr, Bragg 28307; Curt Chapman has planted his new red flag in the JCS; Charlie Fletcher on the faculty at AWC; Ben Mayo "elected to Board of Dir"; Bill Starr retired, going with Spindletop Research in Lexington, Ky., as a senior engr; Bill Gurnee is back as Asst to the president, address: % Northrop Corp, 9744 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif.; Fox Rhynard is Cmdr 26th Air Div, Adair AF Station, Oreg. 97330; Jack Camp, Chief, Military History, at 5425 Walton Ave., SE., Washington, D.C. 20023; Pooge Curtis, Manager, Electronic Warfare Systems Programs with RCA at 5301 Balboa Blvd., Encino, Calif. 91316; Ben West teaching business law at U. of Southern Mississippi, P.O. Box 465, Southern Station, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Don McMillan a research Engr with Boeing, 2909 Callalee Road, Huntsville, Ala. 35801; Paul Monson at 1058 East Foothill, Apt. P, Glendora, Calif. 91740; Paul Pigue is Deputy for Engrs at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio—1334 Eastview Drive, Fairborn, Ohio 45324; Bob Dixon is C/S VI Corps, same address; Jim King, Commandant, School of Americas, Fort Gulick, C.Z., APO 09837; Mike Greene on special fellowship with Council of Foreign Relations, 401-A, Murray Ave., Fort Totten, N.Y. 11359; Ben McCaffery retired to 5742 Bounty St., San Diego, Calif. 92120; Charlie Murrah promoted to vice president of MONY for manpower and merchandising; Jack Christensen is a VP with Stanford Research Inst., new address: 25071 Tapa Way, Los Altos Hills, Calif. 94022; Joe Knowlton retired to Dir of Development, Science Park, Boston, Mass. 02114; John Burtchaell retired; new address: Rt. 4, Box 282B, Blairsville, Ga. 30512; George Pittman, Chief Ground-Com-Elect Maint, ADC at 4209 Anitra Canyon, Colorado Springs 80907; Bill Roton, SAA (USAR) PR at U.S.A. Advisor Gp (USAR) P.R., APO N.Y. 09851; Bob Coakley returned

from VN to OCINFO, DA; Mills Hatfield retired to Pacific Architects and Engrs, 1st Log Comd Engrs APO S.F. 96307; George Stalnaker, Dpty Comdr, Base Sv at 1316-2 Vandenberg Dr., Andrews AFB, D.C. 20331; John Redmon to Redstone Arsenal; Vince Carlson joined Westinghouse Electric at 25666 Chapin Rd., Los Altos Hills, Calif. 94022; Perk Perkin, Comdr Mil Acft Stor & Disp Center, 6426 Printer Undell Rd., Tucson 85710; Norm Coker manufacturing electronics components at 6617 Avenida De Las Pascas, La Jolla, 92037; Ted Brown, Vice Comdr, Arnold Engr and Dev Ctr, Hq AEDC, Tullahoma, Tenn. 37388.

Your Washington correspondent, Julie Easton, came through with a bundle of news just in time for deadline. The Credibility Gapsville Chapter had a class party on 3 Dec which featured visitors Jo and Dan Danforth from Virginia Beach and Tom Corbin from Eglin. (Since then Old Tom has gotten his picture in the papers trying to explain why one of his missiles decided to avenge the Bay of Pigs.)

Walt Woolwine had a gang in to help him dunk his star on 1 Jan, and Ralph and Ruth Freese had a party just to dunk. Beryl Pickett had a hen party, but signals got crossed and John Easton wound up as the only bull in the cow pasture. John & Julie sent a wonderful family picture with the two kids.

John Henschke and Dottie, 6194 Cherrywood Circle, Littleton, Colo. 80120, sent a card saying they had seen the Bob Kramers. The Kramers' card (PMS Colorado School of Mines, 2455 Lee St., Denver) said to make Denver a stopping place, one and all.

Betty and George McIntyre, J3 MAC-THAI, said they'd like to trade a few of their b.t.u.'s for anyone's surplus "cool." Walt Mather reported to MACV on 1 Dec. Midge will teach in Virginia and hopes that the personnel computer will program Walt a trip to WP in June to see Walt Jr., toss his cap in the air.

Renee and Bill Linton, Fort Leonard Wood, report No.1 son en route to OCS, and No.2 (age 4) running a refresher course for mom & pop. Potter Campbell boasts his own air force and a fighting one it is. He notes '41 continuing to set the pace with Norton, Seneff, deSausure, Boatwright, et al.

Lyman and Jane Faulkner report they are grandson-sitting while son-in-law is in VN. A later note from Lyman states, "On first day of Christmas holidays at Mammoth, after running all the expert slopes, I was skiing down a bunny run, missed a turn, and broke a femur on a non-resilient tree. Found out yesterday, the hip bone is also broken which

will keep me here until June and an extra 6 months in a cast. Lessons learned: 1. 25 years of skiing does not make up for 5 seconds of non-concentration. 2. U.S. medics are great. 3. Don't give up skiing. I'll be back in 68."

Harry and Nancy Harvey report Randy in Saigon and Peter doing well in college. Rip and Ray Collins report Ben Kercheval "on the mend, here." (This is all we know; hope it's nothing serious.) The picture of the "Brier" Patch was mailed from March AFB, Calif., where Bill is DAS, 15th AF. Son John joined them on Xmas leave from USAFA (Class of '70). Ralph and Betty Upton see the Dixons in Battle Creek and happily watched the vertical deployment of the Severnites in Philly.

Arn and Lib Phillips report a near-miss on a trip to Bern but assure us a visit soon. A postcard from Lake Tahoe said, "Happy New Year from two aged classmates trying to recapture the wine of vanished youth. Ski Heill... Walt Mullane and Ray Schnittke." Johnny and Jane Brooks got a second cluster on their tutu ribbon with the arrival of Jonathan David in November (both Betty's), and son Johnny is a fire control technician in the U.S. (pardon the expression) Navy.

Mike and Ann Cochran are the only classmates in the bullfighter set. They and their five picadors love their apartment in sunny Madrid: Velayos 24, Apt. 3A, Madrid 20, Spain. The Heidelberg beer drinking and dueling fraternity is one of the largest. Zeke Edger claims a new class first: working for Will Vaughan who works for Ed Rowny. Bob Borman owns all the oil in the Log Div; Roy Kelley is deputy engineer; Bill Purdy is in the Ops Div; and the most recent arrival is Bob Salisbury, Intelligence Div.

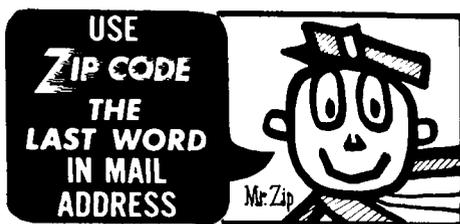
Jack and Lucy Millikin corrected my last output, Jack's mother, *not* Lucy, had the surgery at the time of Sperry's wedding; all fine now. Carmen and Wendy Knowles celebrating a poles-apart Xmas (DC & VN) and sweating out Wendy's February home leave.

Julie Easton relayed the very sad news that Max Tyler died on 13 Dec of injuries resulting from an automobile accident near Newburgh, N.Y. En route to their retirement home in upstate N.Y., Max and Judy were in a 2-car convoy when a truck dropped an improperly secured timber into Max's path. Judy can probably be reached in care of the new home they had bought: Box 97, Hartford, N.Y. 12838.

The last issue of ASSEMBLY reported that Bob Samz has become an Asst Professor in the USMA Ordnance Department, bringing



1941: Star men and star men-to-be during Pentagon session as guests of the C/S. Standing (l. to r.): Chapman, Jones, Atteberry, Larry Greene, Foster. Seated: Woolwine, Linnell, Yates.



the WP chapter back up to a strength of five.

A new contingent is headed for VN: Bill Gleason to Dpty J4 MACV; Walt Mather to MACV; Al Moody to chopper school, then to Dpty CG, 1st Cav; Joe Grygiel, Dpty Comdr, 18th Engr Bde.

New grandparents and in-laws Dept: Rastetter—first grandchild, Sean McGuire; son, Richard, married in September at Redstone. Carroll—Mary Lou married in June. Ellis H.V.—daughter, Barbara, married in May. Lee L.C.—first grandson, Sean Charles Thompson, arrived in the same town and same status as his grandfather—San Diego, as a “Navy brat.” Root—new Lt. Root married to Ann Burton in June 66. Brown J.T.—daughter, Sandra Jo, married 3 Sept. Atkinson—new grandson, John Scott Kirschner, 2 Nov, Sherry’s second. Lanigan—Linda married Lt. Tom Anthony, Class of ’64. Murray—first grandchild, Charles E. Davis IV, 14 Oct 66. Petre—elder daughter wed in December. Ramey—second grandchild, Melissa Tonachel. Woods—first grandson, James E. Prater, arrived 16 June. Grace—joined the grandfather ranks. Green JOG—Cheryl Ann married D.M. Van der Veer on 19 July at Redstone Chapel. Heaton—new Lt. Heaton married to a live wire “Air Force brat.” Troup—Brian married Susan Shephert at Fort Smith. Detwiler—new grandson, R.J. Stone III; new son-in-law, F.J. Whitecotton. Gerig—daughter Marti married Ronald Keene 24 Oct.

New general nominees, Elmer Yates and Larry Greene, are standing by awaiting new assignments. John Robinson took the PE exam on 21 Jan. George Welles is still trying to keep up with the NMMI cadets. Dick Travis called from Davos during a Christmas ski trip. Wray White has found out that they really are “all good horses.” Al Jensen reports, “Acquired a new wife named Alicia. Please come meet her when you are in the area.” Butch Rising is about to complete his M.S. in Pub Admin at BYU. George Johnson is “still comptroller-ing in Germany.” Jim Roy says, “All you need to make money on the outside is a large bottle of tranquilizers.” Lemoyne Michels: Teaching means less money, more living.

As more and more of the stalwart ’41er’s ride off into the sunset, the blank files are being ably filled by a second generation of guys who have said they would “well and faithfully discharge the duties, etc.” The academies: USMA ’67—Kline, Mather, and Fowler; ’68—Canella and Grygiel; ’69—Armstrong, Hendrickson, and Lawson T.R.; and ’70—Norton J., Von Schrittz, Stainback, and Snider. At USAFA ’69—Andrus and ’70—Brier, Trimble, and O’Connor, and at USNA ’70—Shadday.

Navy Lt. Bill Salisbury is on his way back to VN with a UDT team. AF 1st Lt. John Easton to Taiwan. Lt. Dick Levy is in VN. Lt. Root, USMA ’66, to Ranger Tng, then Fort Ord, later to Stanford for graduate work. Lt. Steve Mayo, USAFA ’64, getting a Ph.D. in economics at Harvard. Steve Woods, USMC, wounded in action in VN on 16 May. Lt. Mike Rhynard, USAFA ’66, in flying school. Lt. Greene (L.V.) in command of Co.

C, 1st Bn (M) 54th Inf. Lt. Joe Knowlton, FA, just completed OCS. Lt. Brian Troup also recently completed OCS and jump training. Johnny Brooks is in the Navy taking electronics training.

Others sending Xmas greetings to the Class are: Anderson W.T., Gurfein, Reed, Cleary, Clark H.W., Brown G.S., Deane, Peddie, Lawson T.R., Dalby, Briggs, Molesky, Johnson R.P., Forsyth, Hershenow, Neumeister, Schilling, Thompson A.G., Tidmarsh, Ascani, Strain, Scott, Corbin, Rosenbaum, Dillard, McCool, King R.S., Callaway, Barrow, Harper, Irwin, Reilly, Buttery, McIntyre J.C., Thompson G.A., Hewitt, Goddard, Gauvreau, Armstrong, Ball, Campana, Maynard, Richards, Cox, Kisiel, Dilts, Adjemian, Torgerson, Avery, Huffman, Rossell, Hoebek, Magruder, Kuzell, Muzyk, Gould, Marsh.

From you-know-where comes the Xmas greeting from our No. 1 soldier, Jack Norton: “Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! Big 67! and win in Vietnam or wherever you are.”

Good words.
EDITOR’S NOTE: Right about deadline time Curt Chapman provided the accompanying photograph, taken “when the C/S had about 60 people on the latest B.G. list into the Pentagon for a 3-day ‘school.’” Curt arranged for the photo, explaining that Boatright, an invitee to the session, was absent, VN.

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When this reaches you, time will be of the essence. If there’s anything you haven’t done for reunion planning, hitch up your girdle, cast aside you pills, and MOVE OUT smartly! As chairman Jack Watson puts it, “Next June and the Big Reune are closer than you think. Ecc Cutler’s December report was that 32 classmates had already signified their intention to return. We’ve heard noises of good intent from a lot of other guys, so hustle-bustle, get your poopsheet in to Ecc pronto in order that we can plan for a really stupendous turnout. Holiday Inn in Newburgh is the place to make your reservations for the ‘orgy’—which it promises to be.” As of this writing, we’re almost one-third of the way to our dollar goal. If you ain’t kicked in yet, do it now. A fair share of angels, bless ’em, have emerged, and I must mention Pappy Garvin for his \$19.42! Does that give anyone else any good ideas?

Good tidings of great joy reached John Ely and Bob Kates just before Xmas when they found their names on the new Army colonels’ list—and now comes the word that Bob retired on 1 Jan! What’s up, Bob?

Orders and moves bring George Allin here to OJCS after his fun and games in Vietnam. George was pictured in the 3 Dec *Journal* as he ascended from deputy to commander of the II Field Force VN Arty, but as happens, Crit came back from a short tour in the embassy and resumed command. Don Bolton has moved up to be Asst Div commander of the 25th Inf Div in VN. Bunny Bonasso is at Hq, USAREUR. Don Connolly leaves us for ARADCOM at Ent AFB. John Ely to JUSMAG, APO San Francisco 96346 when we’ve just found him at Belvoir! Ed Farrington joins the DC contingent in Army DCSPER. Bill Ford moved to Post Deputy Commander of Song Vinh Post, APO San Francisco 96491. But more importantly, Bill not only made it here on R&R for Xmas but also found time to pre-empt the Fort Myer Chapel on 22 Dec for his marriage to Peggy Flood, known in DC circles as the secretary

to the Deputy Postmaster General, but hereafter as a ’42 femme.

Unexpected word that Duke Grimshaw retired on 1 Jan, to what or where we don’t know. Chuck Howe is now in Vietnam. Hank Ivey has orders there, thus assuring legal counsel for any of our impressionable young classmates who may be led astray by the temptations of Saigon. Stan Josephson has joined the Aberdeen group. Ted Marks leaves us for the I Field Force “over there.” Lee Marshall left George Rew all alone in the bachelor ranks (if feeble memory serves) by uniting forces with Helen Murset. New address: 810 Kings Road, Newport Beach, Calif. 92660, for those with any pearls of wisdom to pass along.

Butch Offley departed precipitously to become C/S of II Field Force in late November. His reports are glowing, influenced perhaps by his visits with George Allin, Ink Gates, Dan Raymond, Stan Josephson, Jack Deane, and the two named next. Bud Ryder and George Rehkopf as CO and deputy took the well-trained 199th Light Inf Brigade (Opn Canary Spt Cmd, 1st Inf Div, APO San Francisco 96345) over thataway and were said to be “hot to trot.” George made a class luncheon while here on leave just prior to departure. Helene awaits at 2909 Luckie Street, Columbus, Ga. 31903. Bunky Scofield has been caught and is on orders to Hq USAF as special assistant for Counterinsurgency Activities. Pat Timothy received with his star an assignment as assistant comdt at The Inf School. Hopefully, your Scribe will have the opportunity to check his dignity and aplomb in mid-February. Carl Ulsaker has found the path to Vietnam to be the best solution to a graceful exit from CINFO’s realm and leaves us in April to be Senior Advisor to the Vietnamese 2d Div. Rip Young is now in Heidelberg at USAREUR Engineer Command, APO New York 09757.

“Lates” for the Newsletter from John Matina: Hq 24th Engr Gp, APO New York 09227. “We arrived in Germany in August—our first tour in Europe after India, Burma, Alaska, and Korea. I have command of the 24th Engr Gp. Nell is recuperating well from major surgery and allied problems of last year and is enjoying Germany immensely. She is busy looking at places and things that others have so often spoken about. Our only regret is that we had to leave son Johnnie back in the States to complete college on a tri-mester basis. We join all our classmates in warm congratulations to the general officers already promoted and recently selected for promotion from the Class.”

Al Scullen, 17106 Lisette St., Granada Hills, Calif. 91344: “Dodgers, Rams, Trojans, Rose Bowl-bound UCLA Bruins ably replace ‘Brave Old ARMY Team.’ Besides sports, horse ranch keeps family riders busy with miles of trails, even though San Fernando Valley is built up. Employment comes from state via college, minutes away. Decided in 1942, after first assignment, California was ripe for me. After we get to the moon, Pentagon will move to Far West. Will plan ‘FURLO ’67’ for early June. Still elementary, junior high, senior high PTA.”

Bob Short, 856 McClelland Drive, MacDill AFB, Fla. 33621, reports card late in catching up; Al Thompson, 533A Miller Drive, Fort McPherson, Ga., ditto. And while in this vein, if your address on the Newsletter was incorrect, or if you have moved, don’t wait until next Xmas to let us know, please.

Barbara accompanied me to Monmouth in late September, and we were guests of the commandant of the Signal School and his

wife. We left precipitously because the way the Rienzis treat their guests could become habit forming! Ben and Beth Hill joined for dinner one night to add to the occasion, and it was fun! On to USMA for Homecoming and the RAIN! Since we won, it was undoubtedly wetter on the Penn State side of the field! Cutlers were nice enough to host the Class for cocktails before the dinner-dance, but I'm still too awed by full Professors to track mud and water across a P's living room, and so we missed the fun.

The annual meeting of AUSA brought Hank Urrutia, Phil Riedel, and Tom Rienzi from foreign parts. Bob Claggett, Butch Offley, Hal Rice, and Dave Rowland were locals in attendance and enjoying the chance for junior reunions.

Various informants reported the following in attendance at Philadelphia on that great Saturday in November (we stayed home so ARMY would win): Bortell, Cage, Cutler, Hays, Josendale, King, Koster, Marks, Ray Murphy, Rienzi, Rog Russell, Sheffey, Jerry Snow, Terry (on R&R from Vietnam), Ulsaker, Wachendorf, Watkin, and Watson. Most were accompanied by "spice," and many by at least a sampling of the offspring.

The local press carried pictures of Ink Gates on the occasion of his promotion. Bill Kraft and Don Bolton should be getting the blessing soon, while Frank Clay, Ray Murphy, and Hal Rice are exhibiting understandable patience—with small, happy, irrepressible smiles! For any who might have missed it, Ray was chosen as one of 25 outstanding footballers for *Sports Illustrated's* Silver Anniversary Awards on the 25th anniversary of his last split lip, stitched eyebrow, cleat-marked sternum, etc. Well-merited, need we say? And the Hal Rices also had a big event when they wedded daughter Helen to a Carolinian in early November.

Recent research has revealed that West Point rosters with such names as George Allin, Jim Bartholomees, Ed Clapp, Al Reinert, and Charles Ryder are not passé. The reference is not to the old folks but to a group of young stalwarts in the Class of '70. The Air Force Academy also has a couple of our representatives in young George Hughes and Jere Retzer.

Various issues of the *Journal* have advised that: Mrs. Eugene L. Weeks hosted the Army STRATCOM Wives' Club luncheon; that Mrs. W.D. Crittenberger is 1st Veep of the Fort Myer OWC; that the Lawson Army Aviation Command has its own OWC and that Mrs. Zimmerman had welcomed newcomers and gifted departees at a coffee. An article on the Air Force's Research and Technology Division pictured George Buck in connection with the Flight Dynamics Lab at Wright-Patt which he directs, and Dick House who heads the Weapons Lab at Kirtland. Ink Gates was portrayed at the time he took command of the Cam Ranh Bay Depot (U.S. Army Support Command, Cam Ranh Bay, APO San Francisco 96312), and Mrs. John D. Crowley was dittoed at a joint tea given in her honor by the Fort Mason and Oakland Army Base Women's Clubs. Apparently some of our gals who married older men have slipped from the "welcoming" to the "welcomed" side of these affairs.

Bill Shedd was back for a conference at CONARC and found time to bring his mother by for a brief hello. Fort Ord is not out of reunion range as far as present plans are concerned. Jack Deane was back on R&R, and I missed his visit by five minutes. I've heard rumors of a DSC and the 173d Abn for a new command, either or both of

which call for our heartiest congratulations. Crit was also back on the same happy vacation. Don't know who has seen him other than Ted and Millie Marks who were lost one night, stopped at the Crits' to phone for directions—and found him there!

Sam Hays has had his share of press coverage of late. *Army Times* showed him at the new USMA behavioral science lab. Other coverage from his attendance at the National Conference on the Draft reported him against a lottery and pictured him with Anthropologist Margaret Mead! What a picture to show Betty when she asks what he did in Chicago.

Jim Cockrell arranged a dinner-dance at the Bethesda club in mid-November and then left Garrard Foster holding the bag while he took off on a trip. Attendance was marked by quality, if not quantity, including Marcie Bringham down from Carlisle, plus Pat and Joan Thompson down from Ridgewood, N.J. Carl Ulsaker had arranged for some of our kind of music so it was a very fine evening. The Thompsons had to leave early to get home for an affair the next day at which their scholar-leader-athlete son was



1942: Lu Flanagan receives award from Gen. Scott, Commandant, USCC, for work in operations office, USCC.

being honored, and Pat's chest was at least A Co. size! Our Class godson, Lt. Jay Jaynes, USAF, took unto himself a bride on 31 Dec. A memento was sent in our names. Whether the kids received it, or whether it was short-stopped at his parents' address in '42 fashion is as yet unknown!

Dick Reinbold and Bob Beers have had recent sessions in the hospital. Bob's problems have defied the AF and Navy medics and are requiring more poking, prodding, and testing, but Dick is stitched back together and seemingly as bad as new.

A visit with Bob Spilman at Carlisle in December was reassuring as to what can be done in Vietnam. He looks like the vigorous "Bull Moose" he was nicknamed over there, and if that ain't as sexy as "Tiger," it's not bad at 39-plus.

Early December was highlighted by an exhibition of Charlotte Robinson's paintings—with champagne yet. How that little bitty gal does so much work of such fine quality (and teaches, too), not to mention coping with Floyd I., is beyond me, but her presence has certainly helped to brighten the local scene. (So you've added a little bit, too, Floyd!)

Notes from: Ralph Cadwallader of Jan '43 advising that William F. Smith, III, our Nig's son, was commissioned from Marine Corps OCS in mid-December. Molly is rightfully proud of this young'un. A heart badly damaged by rheumatic fever in childhood prevented him from engaging in athletics or trying for a Service Academy but couldn't

keep young Bill from achieving this rugged goal despite the odds against him. We're happy for you both, Molly. Tom Hanley commenting on the pleasure he and Elma are having at being with the Harrells at Misawa in Japan where Tom's 6921st Security Wing is a tenant of Bill's 39th Air Div. A visit by Carl Stapleton was in the offing. Bob Rawls suggesting that he be dropped from the DC luncheon roster in view of his Fort Lauderdale address!

Grant Jones reporting on a visit with Jerry Snow when Jerry was out his way; Rollin Steinmetz in Okinawa, Bob Terry and George O'Neal in Saigon, and Bud Roecker in Korea. Grant suggested a listing of retired classmates and the companies or agencies for which they work. Sounds good and is under consideration by your leaders!

Caldy Ryder, 1043 Northbridge Drive, Charleston, S.C. 29407, bewailing the curtailment of their 3 years at The Citadel to 2½ months. The last of the furniture arrived on 6 Oct, and Bud got a 24-hour notice on the 13th! Mom Ryder presently on a 3-month tour of the Orient by freighter as a result of her and her sister's request to the travel bureau for reservations "for any freighter going anywhere"! May we all retain such zing!

The official contributions advise: that Jim McAdam was awarded the U.S. Joint Service Commendation Medal for his NATO work in improving airfields and building weapons facilities while construction branch chief for the Log Div; and that Dick Gaspard was similarly decorated for his service here with the Defense Intelligence Agency. Congratulations to you both.

Lu Flanagan is pictured shining up our image at the alma mater as he receives an Outstanding Rating Award from the Com. Lu has, in fact, been a steady hand on the tiller in USCC operations for fifteen years, and we're proud to see this recognition.

And as '66 was a good year for so many of the Class individually, let's make '67 a good year for the Class collectively. Don't find reasons why you can't make the June Reune. Because of the many who will have the valid excuse of being across the water, the rest of us must "try harder."

See you there!

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Col. Stewart C. Meyer
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Of first concern are the men on the fighting front, so a rundown on those in Vietnam on whom we have news is our first order of business. Bill Knowlton has been promoted to BG and now bears the distinguished title of Director of Pacification Support on Gen. Westmoreland's staff. His job is important, but we can't tell you about it. He does send useful notes on classmates in Vietnam, however, which are most appreciated.

The Washington *Evening Star* of 3 Jan carried a 4-column front-page photo of Brig. Gen. Ed McGough, Director of Combat Operations on the Air Staff at Tan Son Nhut Air Base. Ed was shown conversing with Robin Olds, June '43, as the latter described how his wing had shot down seven Commie MIG's over North Vietnam. At last report, Ken Buell was in MACV Hq running the training centers for the Vietnamese Army; Sam Karrick was a big man in embassy circles traveling over much of the country on ambassadorial missions; George Weart was CO of the 366th Tac Fighter Wing at Phan Rang; and Bill Neale commanded a Military

**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.**

Intelligence Group in the Capital Region. Bill Starnes is CO of the 35th Engineer Construction Group at Cam Ranh Bay. Mary D. reports that Bill's group converted a pile of sand surrounded by deep ocean to the "finest port in SE Asia," with eight deep-water berths, a depot complex, and barracks for 20,000!

Tote Talbott, having been promoted out of his job as Wing CO, is now at Tan Son Nhut with the job of furnishing explanations when a bomb falls where the press thinks it shouldn't. As of October, and Bill Knowlton's last letter, St. John was chief of the J3 Element of MACV Operations Center, dazzling 'em with his fabulous platform presentations; Ed Murray was excelling in the G3 Section of U.S. Army Vietnam; and Wes Curtis was CO of Long Binh and the big USARV complex there. Pete Grimm is deputy of the Support Command at Cam Ranh Bay, and reportedly has his hands full checking on curricular and extra-curricular activities of civilian construction crews.

The Christmas mail brought word on many other classmates. Tut Frakes writes from Maxwell, where he is ensconced with the secretariat of the Air War College, and much news he had! He advises that Sonny Pitts, now retired, is in Rome with Northrup; Jim Dempsey is Director of AVCO-Huntsville; John Buckner is commandant of the Squadron Officers School at Maxwell; Tom Beeson is vice commander of the 14th Air Force at Gunter; Rex Dettre commands an air defense wing at Perrin, and Chet Butcher a Flight Training Wing at Webb; Bill Hovde has been Air attaché in Mexico City, returning in time to miss the 68 Olympics; Bart Yount is en route from Spain to Maxwell; Lee James continues to excel in his civilian career as Program Manager of Saturn 1B; and Bill Pitts is on Taiwan lending his dignity and prestige to the Nationalist Chinese Air Force.

Jane Anne Edwards writes that she, Ben, and family are thoroughly enjoying the Essex countryside, where, as reported in the last column, Ben commands the 20th TF Wing at RAF Wethersfield.

T.Q. Donaldson reports that he expects to leave his command, a brigade of the 8th Div in Germany, for an assignment to JCS. He and Mara have been overseas a year and a half and, we suspect, are reluctant to return so soon to the Washington area.

Bill Lewis advises that he is still scrambling for the buck with the Western Development Laboratory of Philco/Ford at Palo Alto. He saw Roger Fisher at the ARMY-California game.

A letter from Bill DeGruchy at USAFE reports that Jim Hackler, George Sykes, and Cleo Bishop were there with him. Bish was due for reassignment and Jim Hackler has been promoted, so they undoubtedly have left by now.

Marie and Bob Muldrow are now at Holloman, where, thanks to Marie's letter, it is disclosed that Bob is vice commander. They saw Pete Pavick at a reunion at El Paso. Their son, Bob, graduates from the AF Academy in June and expects to wed his OAO in August.

Frank Kajencki is winding up an 18-month course at the U. of Wisconsin and expects to get his Master's in journalism. After that, he's off to Izmir, Turkey, for assignment to the NATO headquarters.

The press reported in September that Walt Hogrefe was in command of the Eastern France Depot Complex and was working feverishly to move equipment off deCaulle's property. Don't forget to leave town yourself, Walt!

Howard Linn was presented the USAF Commendation Medal in August for service at Torrejon AB, Spain. He is continuing his good work in SAC at Offutt.

Patricia Ann McDermott, daughter of Alice and McD, was married in September to Pierre Beynet. The couple will live in Minneapolis. Congratulations! How the years do fly! It was but yesterday that Patty was a bouncing baby in Frankfurt, Germany, where Alice had come to join McD.

A thoughtful card from Marti and Cris Crissman '64, announces the birth last July of their son, Douglas, first grandchild of Louise and Don Wilbourn. More congratulations!

Frank Camm and Jim Kelleher just completed the 13-week course in advanced management at Harvard. Frank says they saw Mac Hatch, who's retired and with Polaroid, and Lowell Wilkes, who's been with Kingbridge Thermionics quite some time.

Bob Fiss, who was on Tdy in Washington, entertained new brigadiers Flywheel Flanagan and Flip Fenili in his sumptuous bachelor digs when they were here in December. Your Scribe is pleased to report that all were well-behaved and of sober demeanor. Virginia and Bob Fiss are now stationed at Sill. Son Dick is preparing to graduate from Princeton, and Sue is interested in going to Oklahoma U. at Norman next year.

We have a large group in Washington, numbering over 60 when those at Belvoir are included. Latest additions are Caroline and Gray Wheelock. Gray will shortly be a BG and holds down a key desk in the upper reaches of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. Your Scribe departs for Vietnam in late February. Henceforth, please send your poop to: Col. John J. Norris, 7436 Grace St., Springfield, Va. 22150.

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Col. Marvin E. Childs
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During this time of year, of course, news of the Class is rather limited because everybody is involved in holiday activities. No matter how limited the news, I am sure I express the sentiments of all in hoping that 1967 will be prosperous and productive for all the classmates and their families.

Robin Olds now commands a fighter wing in Southeast Asia, and I am sure that most of you read the fine write-up on him in a recent issue of the *Air Force Times*. Our best wishes to him in this new command.

Jonas Blank has assumed the position of Chief of the Procurement and Comptroller Div in the IG activity for the AF at Norton AFB, Calif. "Lemon's" move to California had been previously reported, and now I am able to give you his actual duty assignment. Our best to him and Katie on this one.

Charlie Jones has been appointed Director of Planning of General Telephone and Electronics International, Inc. Before Charlie's re-

tirement he was here in Washington on the JCS. Our best to him in his new civilian career.

Col. Bill Moore has taken over as DCS Opns, Headquarters Command, Bolling AFB. Bill and I see a lot of each other; he can be reached at Bolling, as he now lives on the base there.

Jess Fishback reports that Duane Tenney (Nov 66) has gone to the Defense Supply Agency. Fred Proctor (Jan 67) to the 9th Log Command, Thailand, from Norfolk. Bill McKenzie (Jan 67) from Thailand to the Omaha District Engineers Office. Keith Pigg (Oct 66) from Washington to ARMISH, Argentina. Hi Fuller (Dec 66) from Washington to Vietnam. Art Surkamp from USSTRICOM to Vietnam (Dec 66). Norm Pehrson (Jan 67) from Washington to Los Angeles District Engineer. Rollo and Jan Brandt spent Thanksgiving with the Fishbacks prior to going to the British Defense College.

Bill Glasgow has been designated the new Assistant Commander of the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, and Bob Mathe has been appointed as Engineer Commissioner here in Washington. Bernie Rogers has left Washington and is now C/S, 1st Cav. Al Burdett is in Washington on the U.S. Army General Staff. Our congratulations to all of them again on their promotions, and our best wishes for success in their new jobs.

The classmates in the Washington area have had two get-togethers since the last issue. The Mattoxes hosted one on 24 Sept at the "Country Squire." It was attended by the following couples: Metts, Tanseys, Hagens, Malones, Blacks, Galases, Hardys, Brakes, Parkers, Childses, Peakes, Cains, Pehrsons, Steeles, Bensons, Winfields, Tomlinsons, Burrs, Otts, Hills, Sembachs, McGees, Watkinses, Hallenbecks, Bob Clarks, Davenportes, Gordys, Cocrofts, Mattoxes. Singles attending were: Frank McMullin, J.C. Miller, Howie Wickert, and Cobe Hurley. The following wives, whose husbands are now overseas, were able to join: Claire McKenzie, Cecile Cover, and Lynn Jones.

The other party was hosted by the Burrs and Gordys at Fort Belvoir on 16 Dec. Have not had a report of the full listing of people who attended the last party, but suffice it to say we all had a good time.

The following is Phase II of the vital statistics I promised previously. The third (and last) phase will appear in the next issue.

Col. John H. Cochran Jr., and his wife, Teri, are residing at 1625 N. Inglewood St., Arlington, Va. 22205, along with their children: Gregory 17, Gabrielle 12, and Mary Alex 5. He is assigned to ODCSLOG, Hq DA.

Col. Howard B. Coffman Jr., is the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Rock Island, Ill. His wife, Carolyn, and children, Elizabeth 17, and Ann 15, are with him there.

Col. Caleb A. Cole is assigned as Chief, Organization and Training Division, Directorate of Combat Intelligence (DCI), OACSI, DA. He, his wife Ruth, and their daughter Leslie, 6, are living at 3309 Nevius St., Falls Church, Va. Their daughter Bonita, 22, is married and is the mother of two, Anita Robinson, 18 months, and Carolyn Robinson, 8 months. Their second daughter, Barbara, 18, is a freshman at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S.C.

Col. Roger L. Conarty and his wife, Anna, are living at 2428A-24th Loop, Sandia Base, N. Mex., with their children: Helene 9, Micaela Ann 8, Murray 3, and David 2. Their oldest daughter, Sharon Lee, is now Mrs. Thomas Miller.

Col. Edward H. Connor was assigned to MACV Hq, Vietnam, at the time he wrote his card. He noted that he was reporting to Hamilton AFB in September as Director of Safety, 4th Air Force. We trust by the time you read this he is "safely" in place! His wife, Emily, and children will be with him: Ed 16, Cathy 15, Mike 13, Mark 12, Steve 11, Ann 9, Emily 8, Alice 6, Suzanne 4, Carol 2, David 6 months.

Ed Costello and his wife, Jo, are living at 4914-116th Place, SE., Bellevue, Washington. Children: Mike 21 (University of Washington), Rob 17, Jim 15, and Betsy 9.

Col. William W. Cover, former Scribe for this column, is now with G2, I Field Forces V, Vietnam. His wife Cecile, and sons Robert 16, John 14, and David 10, have remained in their home at 3514 Country Hill Drive, Fairfax, Va.

Col. Ernest T. Cragg and wife, Helen, are at Reese AFB, Tex. He is assigned to the 3500th Pilot Training Wing located at Reese. Their children are Edward, 20, now a student at Rice University, Houston, Tex., and Peter, 15.

Charles L. Crane is an engineer with the General Electric Company. He lives at 221 Bayou View Drive, Seabrook, Tex., with wife Katharine (Katy). His children are: Kathy 22, Charles Jr., 20 (a student at San Jacinto College, Tex.), John 14, Nancy 9, Susan 8, and James 5.

William J. Daner, Marj, and Mike 17, Dan 13, and Mary Jo 10, are living in Bismarck, N. Dak. He is a lawyer with his own firm of Wheeler and Daner, Attorneys, P. O. Box 1438, Bismarck, N. Dak. Now you know who to call the next time you need some expert legal advice!

Lt. Col. Donald S. Dargue, USAF Ret (as of 31 Mar 1966), is now working as a real estate broker in the New Hampshire seacoast area. He, his wife Garnet, and daughter Marilyn, 16, are living at 219 Atlantic Ave., North Hampton, N.H. 03862. Don added a note to his card that he would like to see a locator in ASSEMBLY, perhaps spread over the next several issues, which was exactly what we had in mind in asking everyone to send back the cards. So, here 'tis, Don.

I must interject a comment here about the line on these cards reading: "grandchildren." Some of the more interesting comments extracted from this line: Ha!! You must be kidding! Not yet! Not that I know of! You'll notice there's always an exclamation point included, as though this couldn't be happening to us, but there are many (you can tell by the listing of grandchildren so far) who take this business of being grandparents seriously. So, don't the rest of you, who got a late start, be so smug about the possibility. It's coming sooner than you think (exclamation point).

Col. Jack T. Davis and his wife, Dotty, are living at 850 Beech Drive, Grand Forks AFB, N. Dak. 58201. Their children are: Louis 20 (Class of '68), and Jim 17.

Mike B. Davis and his wife, Andriana, are living in Paoli, Pa., where he is manager of the Facilities Department, Burroughs Corp. Their children are: Michael Kim (who graduated from Yale U. and is now a private at Fort Jackson in preparation for OCS), Andriana, and Mark.

Douglas L. Deal and wife Mary are living at 207 Oakmont Drive, De Witt, N.Y. 13214, along with children: Barbara 16, Patricia 14, Nancy 13, and Richard 4. Their oldest daughter, Dorothy, 20, is attending Indiana U.

James F. Deatherage and Geraldine, his wife, along with sons Jimmy 17, Billy 15,



Jun'43: The Hamblen family assembled in the Commandant's office in December for the award of the Legion of Merit to Arch for his service with USCC. Arch was on a month's leave after a year as senior advisor to the I Corps VN commander at Danang. Hamblen left in mid-January for another 6-month tour in Vietnam. L. to r.: Jeffrey, Arch III, Rundy, Stacy, Arch, Brig. Gen. Scott, Jean, Katie, and Jill.

and Raymond 9, are living at 1041 Hedgerow Circle, Wayne, Pa. His two oldest sons are now in prep school; he is working for GE.

Col. William P. DeBrocke and Virginia, his wife, are now at Fort Benning, Ga. He is Chief of the Advanced Studies and Programs Division, CDC INF Agency. Their address is 604 1st Division Road, Fort Benning. They have one youngster, daughter Anne, who is 20 and a junior at the U. of Tenn.

William C. and Marian Deekle show their address as P. O. Box 181, Paoli, Pa. They have two sons, Peter 20, a junior at the U. of Pa., and Lawrence 17.

Col. Harold H. Dunwoody is assigned to Chairman, JCS Special Study Group, OJCS, Pentagon. He and Betty, his wife, live at 6145 North 12th Road, Arlington, Va. 22205, along with their children Susan 16, Ann 13, Jacqueline 12, and Billy 10. Their oldest son, Harold Jr., 17, entered USMA this July, the fourth consecutive Dunwoody to go to the Point. There's a record to be proud of!

Preston W. (Shadrach) Easley (Lt. Col., Ret) and his family: Ann, his wife, Preston Jr., 14, Paige 12, and Ann 10, live at 1920 Delasonde Drive, San Pedro, Calif. 90732. He is Project Engineer with North American Aviation. He writes: "We are trying to set up a party get-together for June '43 here in L.A., and I trust we may have some news for you then." Sure hope so.

Lt. Col. Clyde T. Earnest lists his youngsters as Barbara 19 (who is attending California State College at Long Beach), and Herbert L. II, 9. He shows his address as Hq USA ECM AFCENT (Staff Officer, Log Div), APO New York 09011, and comments that his rotation date is July '67 "due to 'French initiative'-family may go earlier."

Bernard J. Dyla sends a card postmarked Detroit, Mich., but I can't pass along his address because he says I have it. Of course, the only address I had I pasted on the card in order to mail it to him, so you'll have to catch up with him as best you can! He lists his youngsters as Patt 17, Ken 16, and Tom 14.

Col. R.J. Davenport is now in the Pentagon (SecDef Office) after returning in August from a tour of duty in Korea. Am sure his wife, Mary, and children David (22, graduated from Mount St. Mary '65 and G.W. Law School '66), Kevin (18, attending William and Mary), and Brian 15, are glad to have him back at home: 7815 Baxter Court, Annandale, Va.

Joseph and Juanita Eastmead live at 403 Woodcrest Drive, San Antonio, Tex. He is working at the AF Military Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Tex.; says he has been with Civil Service for over 2½ years and has no changes pending. Their children are: Joan

and Juanita 22, Donald 14, Jeff 11, and Lenore 6.

Bethell Edrington Jr. (he says, "Just call me Mr. Ed," but that sounds like a horse!), retired 1 Sept 1965 and is now the Director of Public Relations at Columbus College. He and his wife, Joan, and daughter Joan 9, are living at 2818 Meadowview Drive, Columbus, Ga. 31906. He says he is happy as can be in the new role. Also says he was the ASSEMBLY Scribe in 1948 and that he "knows the problems." Sure am glad somebody does!

Lt. Col. Mayo J. Elliott is a student in the Defense Language Institute East Coast (Foreign Service Institute, U.S. State Department) here in the Washington area. He lists his family as: wife, Theressa and children: Cathy 20 (second year Georgia Tech-architecture), Bill 18 (entering Young Harris, pre-vet), Jack 10, and Melissa 8.

Albert M. Ellis dropped a card from Aberdeen, Md., calling himself "Mr." and showing that he is with Civil Service. He lists his wife, Lavinia (Bunny), and five youngsters in the family: Thomas 21, Lavinia 18, Donald 16, David 16, and Gail 14.

Thomas W. and Lucille Essen live at 216 Michelle Road, Palm Springs, Calif. He is the Director of Public Works, City of Palm Springs. Their one child, daughter Sandra, 18, is attending the U. of California at Riverside.

Col. Clare F. Farley is entering his third year as District Engineer, Alaska. He and his wife, Jane, are located in Anchorage. Their children are: Patrick (a senior at Spring Hill College), Brian (sophomore at Southern Illinois U.), Ellen (freshman attending U. of Missouri), and Kieran (high school student).

Col. Henry M. Fletcher Jr., and his wife, Rebecca, are living at 3117 Waterside Lane, Alexandria, Va. 22309. He is the Director of Procurement at Hq AFSC, Andrews AFB, D.C. Their children are: Henry M. III, 21 and attending Prince Georges Community College, Rebecca, 19 and a student at the U. of Maryland, and James 11.

Mary Jan and Tom B. Foulk Jr. (he's a colonel working as Special Asst to the Director, Def Communications Agency) are living at 5918 Lowell Ave., Alexandria, Va., along with their two younger children, Judy 9, and Julie 7. Their two older offspring are: Susan 22, who will graduate from West Virginia U. in '67, and Tom III, 19, a sophomore at West Virginia U.

Seth R. Frear, Maj., (Ret) is working as an attorney these days. He, his wife Marguerite, and daughter Maureen 9, are living at 1320 Ave. Alegriano, Coral Gables, Fla. 33146.

Col. Edgar J. and Ora Ethel (Lee) Fredericks are living at 6550 North 24th St.,

Arlington, Va. 22213. When he sent his card in he was with DIA, but noted that he expected to move in September to be in Political-Military Affairs, NEA/NR Department of State. Their children are: Scott Charles 16, and Gregory Neal 12.

Col. Hiram G. Fuller is with Constr Div, DCSLOG, DA, Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Doty, have four offspring: Jim 18, a student at U. of Illinois, Anne 17, Nancy 9, and William 7.

Robert G. Gadd is working as Traffic Engineer, County of Santa Clara, Calif. He listed an address for himself, Marjorie, his wife, and the rest of the family (children: Randall 21, Robert 17—freshman at the U. of California, Berkeley—and George 9), but said they would be moving in the middle of September to 559 Suisse Drive, San Jose, Calif. 95120. Hope they are settled by the time this gets into print.

Col. David E. Galas is currently assigned with FAA, Director of Supersonic Transport, Washington, D.C., and expects to be reassigned in June 1967. He lists the address for the family as 6034 Corland Court, McLean, Va. 22101, where his wife, Catherine (Kay), and the children make it "home" for him. Children are: David 22, attending U. of California at Berkeley, Cynthia 18, a student at Immaculata, Washington, D.C., Cathleen 13, Stephen 7, and Debra 6.

Marceline and Thomas S. Garrett III, are living at 8450 Broadway, San Antonio, Tex. He is working in that area as a builder-developer. They have two daughters, Lisa 15, and Suzanne 13.

Lt. Col. Harold W. Gingrich (Ret) is currently employed as assistant professor of electrical technology, Westchester Community College, Valhalla, N.Y. He, Helen, his wife, and the youngsters are living in Ondaora Park, Highland Falls, N.Y. The children are: Judith 21, James 19 (Orange County Community College), and Therese 14.

Col. Stephen E. Gordy and his wife, Edith, are in the Washington area, where he is assigned as a member, Chairman, JCS, Special Studies Group, Pentagon. He expects to be on that job until the summer of 1967. Their children are: Nancy 19 (La Grange College, La Grange, Ga.), Carolyn 17, and Steve 11.

Lt. Col. James F. Greene Jr., is G3 Advisor, U.S. Army Section, USMTM to Saudi Arabia, APO N.Y. 09616; he noted on his card that he expected to return to ZI in November 1966 but had no orders as yet (this was written in August, of course). His wife is Edna Mae, children: James 19, Carol 18, John 16, and Dolores 15. He also lists a granddaughter, one month old.

Grace and Thorpe C. (Tony) Grice (he's retired) live at 2390 SW. 27 Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and say they'd be happy to have any classmates visit or call (phone 587-4816) at any time. Their children are: Joan 21, John 13, James 11, Joe 9, Jerry 7.

Allen W. and Barbara Gullion are living at 4409 Dresden St., Kensington, Md. He retired on 31 July 1966, and has a position with Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. They have two sons: Allen III, 20 (American U.), and Curtice 15.

Col. Dale Hagen and wife, Georgene, are living at 4844 Kingston Drive, Annandale, Va. 22003, with their youngsters: Tim 15, and Joan 10. He is working in the Pentagon, Directorate of Supply and Services, Hq USAF.

Col. Ralph J. and Tody Hallenbeck, with son Lane 11, live in Apt. 716-S, 2111 Jefferson-Davis Highway, Arlington, Va. He is working in JCS as the deputy secretary, Rm 2E925, Pentagon. Believe they have set

a record for the history books by having had three sons in the U.S. Air Force Academy at the same time: Don 21, who graduated June 1966, Ted 19, Class of 1968, and Rudy (Greg) 18, Class of '69.

Robert Hanna is working for North American Aviation (market analyst) in Downey, Calif. He, his wife Leona, and sons Michael 23, Jeffrey 19, and David 16, live at 6760 Coachella Ave., Long Beach, Calif. Michael is attending Long Beach State College, and Jeffrey is a student at Long Beach City College.

Col. Leslie B. Hardy is assigned to the Ops Directorate (J3) OJCS. He and Betty, his wife, are living at 4821 Kingston Drive, Annandale, Va. 22003. Children: Joyce 24, Les 21 (senior at U. of Florida), Linda 18 (freshman at Marshall U.), and Bill 9.

Col. Teague G. Harris Jr., and wife Virginia (Ginny) are living at 1613 Adobe Drive, Amarillo AFB, Tex., with their two sons: Timmy 13, and John 11. He is commander of the 3320th Technical School, Amarillo AFB.

Col. F. Jim Harrold lists his address as Chief, JSPC, APO San Francisco 96331; he, "will be in Okinawa from Sept 66 for 30 months; have been in Hawaii for 3 months." His wife is Dar; children are: Jill 20 (U. of Texas), Glenn 18 (U. of Hawaii), and Mike 15.

Dorothy and Leo V. Hayes (he's retired) are living at 14 Loren Lane, Westport, Conn., with their son John, 11. Their two oldest daughters are away from home: Patricia 22 (mother of two: 2 years old, and one month), and Diane 19 (student at Dumbarton College, Washington, D.C.).

Harold S. Head retired on 30 June 66 from an ROTC assignment at Virginia Military Institute to move "next door" to a civilian job as Registrar, Washington and Lee U., Lexington, Va. 24450. He and his wife, Helen, are building a home and said they would love to see any classmates who might find themselves in Shenandoah. Children: David 22 (graduated from Washington and Lee U. June 66 and will attend Duke Medical School in September), Ronald 19 (sophomore at Washington and Lee), Eileen 13.

Col. Warren R. Hecker is assigned as Chief, DIA XX3. He and his wife, Josephine, and sons, Gary 15 and Robert 18, are living at 8616 Bluedale St., Alexandria, Va.

Col. Richard T. and Winifred Hemsley are living at 1202 Ortego Drive, Fairborn, Ohio 45324. He is Director, AF Aeropropulsion Laboratory. Their children are: Anne 17, Dixie 15, and Vickie 10.

Edward J. Hertel, Col., USAF (Ret 1 June 1966) is now working with Boeing Commercial Aircraft Division as an industrial engineer. His family is residing at 7239-91st Ave., SE., Mercer Island, Washington. Wife, Syble; children: Mary Kay 17, Jerry 15, Sharon 14, Kenneth 13, and Cynthia 10.

Ernest Hinds, Maj., Ret, is alumni and admissions director, Texas Military Institute, San Antonio. He lists his home address as: 800 College Boulevard, San Antonio, Tex. 78209. His children are: Mrs. Richard Sohmer 21, Nick 17 (student at Texas Military Institute), and Jo 15.

Col. Robert W. and Helen Hoffman are living at 621 Aspen St., Vandenberg AFB, Calif., where he is vice commander of the 6595th ATW, at Vandenberg. Children are: Robert W. II, Nancy Jo Beutler, Barbara Ann, and William. Grandchildren: Barbara J. (1 yr.) and Elizabeth (1 month).

Brig. Gen. Lee Hogan and his wife, Anne, are located at Minot AFB, N. Dak., where he is Comdr of the 810th Strategic Aerospace



Div. Their children are: Robin 21 (senior at U. of North Dakota), Chris 17, Jim 13, Patty 9, and Beth 7.

Robert M. and Jane Holmes, Lt. Col., Ret, list their address as P.O. Box 255, Pebble Beach, Calif. 93953. Children are: Jim 17, Bob 16, Betty 16.

Col. John B. Hudson is assigned to DCS/Personnel, Hq AFSC, Andrews AFB, Md. His wife is Myla; children are: Ann 20 (attending Marymount College at Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.), Davis 16, Laura 13, and Leila 5.

Col. Ullin L. and Elizabeth (Lib) Hudson are living in Oxen Hill, Md. He is assigned to Directorate of Manpower and Organization, Hq USAF in Washington, D.C. Their children: Frank 19 (Ohio State University), Walter 17, Marianne 11, and Melinda 7.

Joseph H. Huau Jr., Col., USAF Ret, is a mathematics teacher in the Dade County secondary schools. He and his wife, Carthelle, are living at 27545 SW. 166 Ave., Homestead, Fla. Children are: Joseph 20, a junior at Florida State U., and Patrick 13.

Blayne and John B. Hull, Maj., Ret, are living at High Point Farms, Orange, Va., where he is farming the land. Their children: John 14, Katherine 12.

Lt. Col. Walter J. Hutchin, Ret, is now Chief, Inspection and Review Section, Projects Analysis Div, InterAmerican Development Bank, 808-17th St., NW., D.C. His wife is Iyllis; children are: Iyllis Elizabeth 19 (who completed two years at U. of Florida and planned to be married on 9 Sep 66 to Robert H. Bache, son and grandson of USMA graduates, Classes of '33 and '11), Nancy Lee 17, and James W. 11.

Col. Glenn P. Ingwersen is assigned as Engineer, Hq, USAR CON THAI, APO 96249. He notes that his wife, Pat, and the children are living at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii while he's on hardship tour in SE Asia. The youngsters are: Paul 13, Robert 12, Steven 9, and Betty Jean 5.

Col. Clare T. Ireland Jr., and his wife, Frances, are located in California where he is DCS/Operations of the 22d Air Force, Travis AFB, Calif. 94535. His children are: Anne 22 (who is the mother of 1-year-old Jill), Lynn 19 (a student at Colorado Women's College, Denver), and Jane 14.

Jeanie and Page Spencer Jackson are living at 7500-10th Ave., North, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33710. He is working as Pinellas County Attorney. Children are: Barbara 18, and Patricia 14. Barbara is attending the U. of South Florida at Tampa.

Lt. Col. T.T. Jackson (Ret 31 Mar 1966) is working as a research engineer at Lockheed. He and his wife, Vonnice, and daughter Jill 5, are living at 5450 Ora, San Jose, Calif.

Col. Donald J. Jalbert was assigned to OASD(PA), Pentagon, at the time he completed his card in August, but noted that he was being reassigned to the Army Advisory Group for the Rhode Island National Guard, Providence, R.I., effective 15 Aug 1966. We trust that he, Mary, his wife, and the youngsters (Michele age 6, Kristen age 3) are settled by this time.

Col. Bobbie A. and Ardythe Griffin are living at 2425 North Tukahoe St., Arlington,

Va., with their tribe, consisting of: Marc 14, Tim 13, Robert 11, Paula 9, and Becky 4. He is assigned as Chief, Nike X-Space Div, OCRD, DA.

Earle A. Johnson Jr., says he and the family are living it up in Honolulu and Wai-iki. His wife is Dorothy; the children: Patricia 12, Janet 10, Earle III 8, Jeanne 6, and Kathy 4. His address is listed as Staff, CINCPAC, Box 20, FPO San Francisco 96601.

Col. Alan W. Jones Jr., and wife Lynn are living at 2500 N. Van Dorn St., Apt. 428, Alexandria, Va. 22302. He is assigned to Hq 3d Brigade, 2d Inf Div. They have all three of their youngsters in college: Nan 21, attending Ripon College, Alan III 19, is at Lehigh, and Steve 17, is a student at Tufts.

Charles M. and Dorothy C. Jones are living at 87 Oxford St., Glen Ridge, N.J. 07028, with their children: Charles M. III, 16, Susan 15, Carolyn 14, and Christine 12. He is a civilian now, working as Acting Director of Planning, General Telephone & Electronics International, 730 Third Avenue, N.Y., N.Y.

Col. Ralph K. Jones is a member of the staff and faculty, USAWC, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. He and his wife, Evelyn, attended the graduation of their eldest, Patrick 21, from U. of Illinois on 18 June 66—he's now employed with IBM in St. Louis, Mo. Their other two children are Michael 19, attending U. of Illinois, and Nancy 17.

Felix A. Kalinski is VP Planning, CBS, Inc., at 51 West 52nd St., N.Y. 10019. His wife is Barbara; the youngsters are: Nancy (20), and now Mrs. Horace A. Fultz Jr.—attending Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh), Carole 16, Felisa 13, Felix, Jr. 5.

Col. James M. and Bobbie Keck write: "Puerto Rico is great." He is Comdr, 72d Bomb Wing (SAC). Their address is: F.O. #1 Cliff Road, APO N.Y. 09845. Their family is scattered: Bonnie is married and is now Mrs. Richard E. Gardner; Tom (20) is at USAFA; Sunny (19) is at Tennessee.

Col. Norman J. Keefer is assigned to Hq Space Systems Division (AFSC), Los Angeles, Calif., as Director of Research and Technology. His home address is 4528 Don Tonito Drive, Los Angeles 90008. He says that Dick Wheeler was due there around the end of August 66—to the MOL program; he and Steve Sherrill were holding the fort in the meantime.

Lt. Col. John J. Kelly Jr., Ret, is now working at NASA Hq. He and Rita, his wife, are living at 8507 Crowley Place, Alexandria, Va. 22308. Their children are: Pamela 20 (attending College of Notre Dame, Baltimore, Md.), Patrick 18 (student at Northern Virginia Tech), and John 13.

L.F. Kengle Jr., Lt. Col., Ret, and his wife, Dorothy, are living at 2-2695 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060, with their four youngsters: L.F.K. III, Robert D., Clarissa Anne, and Kim Kealoha.

Col. Harold Ferguson Knowles is the Asst for colonels' assignments, DCS/Personnel, Hq USAF. He says that both of his sons, Jeffrey 21 and Gregory 19, have enlisted in the USAF. How's that for an Air Force family? He and his wife, Mercedes, and their two younger daughters (Constance 16, Judith 8) are living at 4030-24th Road, North, Arlington, Va.

Col. William J. and Patti Kilpatrick are living at 101 Andrews Drive, Lubbock, Tex. They have four children: Bill 18, Tim 15, Kevyn (13—and that's a girl), and Peter 10. He is Deputy Commander for Materiel, 3500th Pilot Training Wing, Reese AFB.

Lt. Col. Edward A. Kreml is assigned as Asst Army attaché, OARMA, American Em-

bassy, 3000 Bern, Switzerland. His wife is Rosanne; children are: Rosanne M. 19, a student at Marymount College, Tarrytown, N.Y., Edward 18, attending U. of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., and Claudia Jean 13.

Col. John R. Kullman is now Deputy Director, Alaskan Region, FAA, 632-6th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99504. His wife is Anne; children are Peter 13 and Kathleen 12.

Harriette and Jack P. Loughman, Lt. Col., Ret, are living at 338 Main St., Osterville, Mass. He is president of Northeast Audionics Co. Their children are: Kevin 18 (U. of Pittsburgh), Kathleen 15, Denise 14, and Brian 7.

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More Army silver eagles to report since the last issue; recently promoted: Daly, Harris, McKeever, Drake, Howland, W.S. Scott, Jim White, Knoll, and Mitchell. Recent Air Force promotions to colonel: Deakin, George Hoffman, Susott. The latest Army promotion list to colonel shows the following selected: Boyles, J.W. Brown, Buzzett, Carlson, Bob Cowherd, Dancy, Dart, Desmond, Di Silvio, Gruenther, Guild, S.A. Jackson, Lerch, K.O. Lindell, Carl Peterson, Petrone, Ed Samuell, Selton, Silver, Sims, R.A. Smith, Spalding, Staser, Tully, M.J. Young. Congratulations, one and all!

Received notes this time from Nels Parson, Roy Bahls, Connie Marshall, and Curley Jackson. Connie reports that Max is at the U. of Missouri teaching journalism and working on his Ph.D. Max's book *The Story of the U.S. Army Signal Corps* was published in 1965. (Max retired in 1964.)

Roy informs us that the following classmates are listed in the Los Angeles West Point Association: Ingram—Pacific Palisades; Jenks—San Pedro; Mahon—Ojai; Mickle—Santa Barbara; Murray—Encino; Myslinski—George AFB; Al McCoy—Pacific Palisades; Wald—Palos Verdes; Allison—Ridgecrest; Andrews—Santa Monica; Boutwell—Redlands; Bill Bradley—Culver City; Callan—El Segundo; Forthoffer—Glendale; Gilson—Los Angeles; Glick—March AFB; Gordon—Whittier; Hinkey—Santa Ana; and Bartz—Los Angeles. Roy saw Muller, Wolfinger, and Bressler at the GW game at WP. McGlothlin, recently back from Vietnam, was in Washington to pick up Peggy en route to a new assignment at Reese AFB, Lubbock, Tex. (DCO of a training wing). Desmond and Kincaid are newly arrived in the Pentagon; Desmond with J3 and Kincaid with Air Staff. Johnny Johnson was in town for a language course prior to going overseas.

Nels writes from Europe that O'Donnell is CO, 37th Engr Gp; Steel—CO 39th Engr Gp; Selton—CO 3d Bn 36th Inf; George Brown—CO 4th Armd Divarty; Cabaness—CO 36th Arty Gp; Rod Lindell—ExO, V Corps Arty; Roy Marshall also in Germany; Staser—CO Inf Bn, 8th Div; and Nels is CO, 3d Armd Divarty.

Curley reports from Vietnam: Blanchard—ADC, 1st Cav; Adamson—Senior Advisor, 23d ARVN Div, soon to command 2d Bde, 4th Div; Silver—Dpty Senior Advisor, 23d ARVN Div; Cutrona—CO, 4th Divarty; Daniel—CO, 3d Bde, 1st Cav; Ott—ExO, II Field Forces Arty, may soon be CO 25th Divarty; Dart—Hq USARV; Kinnard—Hq MACV; Ware—Dpty G1 USARV, soon to be ExO I Field Forces Arty. Curley has been CO, 2d Bn, 9th Arty, 25th Div, S3 and ExO I Field Forces Arty and will soon leave for an assign-

ment in OCRD, Washington. We'll be looking for you, Curley!

Word from PACAF is that Tom Mahoney may retire soon and settle down in Honolulu. Tom has joined the sailing elite. Also in Honolulu, Joe Shelton is assistant manager of the Kahala Hilton Hotel and would be delighted if his classmates would drop in.

C.F. Whiting recently retired from the AF and has been appointed assistant Dean for Administration in the College of Engineering and Applied Science, U. of Rochester (N.Y.).

In September Jack Pollin was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service as ExO, I Field Force Arty in Vietnam Aug 65-Mar 66. Jack is working on his Ph.D. at the U. of Arizona and will become a math "P" at WP. Dave Fitton is recently assigned as DCS for Personnel, Hq 14th AF, Gunter AFB, Ala. R.A. Smith was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding work as Asst DCS for Logistics at WP.

Kern Pitts, now in DCSPER, will soon leave for the Language School and thence to the Union of South Africa as an attaché. Ace Edmunds and Phil McAuliffe have joined Bob Ginsburgh in the chairman's office, JCS. C.C. Martin with Douglas on the West Coast; Bob Rodden with Stanford Research Institute, and Lee Smith, pilot trainer, have been recent visitors in Washington. Laurie and John Sanders have moved to Mobile, Ala., where John is with Continental Motors Corp. McElvey retired from USAF in Oct 66 at Andrews AFB and received an OLC to the USAF Commendation Ribbon from Lt. Gen. Davis.

George Hoffman sponsored a class party at the Bolling AFB club in December that was a resounding success. Attending: Fred and Harriet Black, John and Jane Boning, Bob and Bea Brotherton, the Bahlses, John and Jane Calhoun, Don and Eleanor Carter, Geoff and Peggie Cheadle, Larry and Jean Clayton, Ken and Barbara Cooper, Frenchie and Betty Cyr, Bob and Marie Daly, Charlie and Dos Davis, Hal and Betty DeArment, Dick and Bette Erlenkotter, Steve and Jean Farris, Tommy and Casey Flynn, Spike and Patty Geltz, Bob and Gail Ginsburgh, Ernie and Nancy Graves, Don and Brigitta Gruenther, George and Barbara Hayman, Bill and Bette Henderson, Jack and Mary Hennessey, George and Anne Hoffman, Bob and Illi Hurst, Charles and Frances Johnson, Andy and Ann Keller, Alex and Betty Maish, John and Silvia McElvey, the Mitchells down from USMA, Frank and Helen Moore, Tommy and Shirley Moore, Red and Sally Morrison, Lou and Joan Norman, Ollie and Anne Patton, Carl and Vi Peterson, Bill Peugh, Kern and Ginks Pitts, Fred and Joan Porter, Dusty Rivers, Robby and Jean Robinson, Sam and Margaret Samuel, Doc and Pat Schardt, Scottie and Ruthie Scott, the Reeveses, Bill and Mазzie Steger, John and Anne Tkacik, Curly and Carolyn Walters, Marion White.

The response to our request for funds to support our class project has resulted in lots of news. Specifically, Barbara Brown (daughter of Geo. B.) gave her club and Nuremberg, Germany, their first national swimming champion in 15 years. Shirey is a research intelligence analyst with Herb-Singer Inc. at State College, Pa. Mike Molloy has the 1st Brigade at Fort Dix. Jim Campbell recently moved to the Washington area and is with the Cornell Aeronautical Lab. Bob Conant at Fort Mason, MTMTS. Steve Mulkey teaching at West Georgia College. The Mickles just returned from an 8-week South Pacific trip. Bob Mummey, retired, is the Christian Science Chaplain in the WP area.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Phil Toon on

the death of Lee. Our thoughts and prayers are with Phil and the children.

Work on the class mural has been completed and arrangements are now underway for hanging the mural and for a presentation ceremony. The artist, Mr. Prescott, has done a beautiful job, and many thanks are due to Bob Day and Scottie for the legwork in setting up the project. Fred Black reports he has received \$1,280 from 70 classmates in response to the class-wide fund-raising letter. Let's see if we can't do better than that!

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Bill McMurray, still at sea with the Seventh Fleet, really enjoyed the ARMY-Navy game but advises that being selected as a liaison officer with a fleet has its disadvantages. Would you believe 18 months at sea in a 2-year tour?

Bob Hayes assumed command of the 3d Brigade in the Training Center at Fort Knox back in October and received his eagles shortly thereafter. Bob had been at Fort Ord previously.

Having retired on 1 Aug 1966, Don Henderson writes that he is now the manager for construction for the Fibers Division of the Allied Chemical Corp. He likes the work, and he and Dot extend a friendly welcome to all to visit them at 3230 West Grove Ave. in Chester, Va.

After completing the National War College last June, Bill Vinson joined the 1st Cav Div where he commands the 2d Bn, 19th Arty. Margaret and the children are awaiting his return in Alexandria, Va. Incidentally, Bill was awarded the Legion of Merit for the fine job that he did in OCRD as a project manager prior to going to the NWC.

Smith Chamberlain, assigned to the Fort Lewis Training Center, supervised the building of the mock Vietnamese village at the Center which provided a realistic training ground for 4th Div soldiers. Smitty and his troops received a front-page write-up in the *Seattle Times*.

There was a tribute to our own Ernie Lane in the Jan 67 issue of *Army Digest*. I quote the item for those who may not have been aware of Ernie's stature in Vietnam.

"Despite untold obstacles, a new major supply port has been completed at Vung Ro on the South China Sea in Vietnam. Designed to aid in handling tonnage shipped into Tuy Hoa area, the port was built by the 39th Engineer Battalion and other units of the 18th Engineer Brigade. The port consists of a barge off-loading facility, two LST unloading ramps, a 9,000 square meter stand area, a 200-man billeting area, a petroleum pipeline and tanker unloading facility. Lt. Col. Ernest E. Lane, former CO of the 39th, was fatally wounded by enemy ground fire while making a reconnaissance flight over the area. The facility has been named Port Lane as a memorial to him."

Ky Murphy has moved from France to warmer climes (sunny Spain) and is looking for a permanent residence in or around Madrid. He reports that Pat Powers, Joe McCarthy, Phil Lansing, Jim Patchell, and Jack Rhett all expect to move to Belgium with SHAPE in the next month or two. I saw Jim at SHAPE Hq in November; he serves there as a member of Gen. Lemnitzer's "brain trust." He reported all the above-named SHAPE delegation as gainfully employed.

Bill Collins joined the faculty of Purdue as an assistant professor of history in October and the Boilermakers were selected soon thereafter to play in the Rose Bowl for the first time. (And they won!) Knowing Bill, there must be some connection there. Congrats on your continued success, Bill. Chuck Knudsen has also joined the academic ranks. He is teaching science and math at Howey Academy, a private coed college prep school in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. Sounds like a good deal, Chuck. Tell us more.

Since the last edition, Don Nelson, Al Blue, and Boots Blesse have been promoted to colonel, along with several other "men-of-blue" whose names I've missed. In addition, all Army classmates who were selected in the outstanding zone on the early 1966 list have now been promoted to colonel. The new Army selection-to-colonel list, published in December, shows that the Class hit for about 75%, as compared with a 35% pick-up rate, Armywide. With a few exceptions, most of those selected have not rushed out to buy new insignia, as the promotions are still a few seasons away.

The Washington group held another gala before the holidays under the able supervision of Jim Munson and Bob Fye. Larry Jones, the present prexy, has a fine program outlined for the year and encourages those of you who come into the Washington area for a visit, however brief, to make contact. We might be having a "blast" almost any time!

Although my secretary (who has been with me almost 22 years) thinks short, pithy columns are the best, I would like to have more news to include in forthcoming issues. While you are thinking about it, please drop me a line and give me the latest news of you, the family, job, assignment, or any other appropriate subject.

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Another deadline is fast approaching, it is New Year's Day, I'm sobering up on ginger ale, and there are so many things that made 1966 a year for us to remember, I don't know where to begin.

The fall issue of ASSEMBLY carried a number of highlights of our 20th Reunion, not the least of which was Hal Horne right smack on the front cover cheering on the Black Knights. It is pointless to talk about



1946: Commander Beatty, U.S. Navy Ret (left), wearing George Devens's uniform—aftermath of the 1966 ARMY-Navy football game. George (right) and Beatty are on the staff at Norwich University.

the football team; you all know the results now, capped off by Tom Cahill being voted Coach-of-the-Year. However, I can still feel the rain of that Penn State game seeping right down to my underwear. I, like many others, stayed right up to the "Long Corps" for the team.

Friday night of that memorable weekend, the Class had a cocktail party that allowed many to renew old acquaintances. What remains in my mind most is talking to some of our classmates' cadet sons. Those that I remember seeing were Max Minor's twins and Stew Harper's boy. Obviously things have changed since our days, what with Plebes having such visiting privileges and upper-classmen having hops. Saturday morning many of us had late breakfast and missed the class photo—this includes Ethel and me. The rain discouraged us from getting started that early. Besides, for me, getting to games has always been a rat race of up early and traffic jams, so a took advantage of being so close to the scene.

After the game we had a lively cocktail party prior to the Alumni Dinner-Dance, which was very enjoyable. The Association made available to each of us a gift as a memento of the occasion.

On Sunday, after Alumni Services in the Cadet Chapel, the Class got together at Popolopen for brunch, beer, music, and farewells. Although it was warm outside, Barth Hall was not yet comfortable, because of Saturday's rain, so little dancing took place, if any. I think we were all sad that the reunion went so quickly, but we will all cherish the memories. For those interested in statistics, 172 classmates, most with their wives, made the reunion. In addition, Betty Elsaesser, Ann Gilham, Pat Riedel, and Bob Wayne's wife joined the group. I have a roster of the crowd, but since it is a rather long list, I do not believe it would mean anything if I left it out.

I believe everyone who could be reached by mail was made aware of the formation of a committee, which in turn prepared a class constitution to set up shop, so to speak, in the Washington DC area. I have not received a communication to indicate that same was ratified, but would assume that it has. Accordingly, this April or May, elections will be held to fulfill the requirements of the constitution, i.e., to set up the initial group of officers and the class committee. The results of said elections will be published in the summer issue of ASSEMBLY. If for some reason you did not receive a copy of the proposed constitution, may I suggest you write Dick Gruenther, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope, so that he might mail you a copy. His address: Lt. Col. R.L. Gruenther, 3933 North Dumbarton St., Arlington, Va. 22207. The DC group has planned four evening functions for the 66-67 season, the last to be held on 5 May. If you are interested in attending, contact the chairman for the affair: Lt. Col. Harrison Lobdell, 2765 South Ives St., Arlington, Va. 22202. There are 196 classmates listed on the latest roster in the DC area, of whom 13 are colonels.

In addition, the men in Washington have a very informal luncheon on the second Tuesday of each month in the back portion of the Executive Dining Room in the Pentagon (3d floor, tenth corridor). Time of assembly is 1315. If you would like to attend, should you be in the area, call either J.T. Jones at OX5-2540, or Dick Gruenther at OX7-2844.

A number of classmates are in Vietnam in various command positions. Kibbey Horne has a squadron in the 11th Armd Cav Regt;



1946: Celebrating the 20th Reunion in Garmisch, Germany, in October. Left to right: Frank and Joan Palmatier, John and Jane Perkins III, and David and Mary Baker.

his address: Lt. Col. K.M. Home 028057, Hq 2d Sqdn, 11th ACR, APO S.F. 96257. The Hornes moved from Alexandria to Fort Meade in Feb 66 at which time Kibbey joined the squadron which then totaled 10 men. From then until Aug 66 he built up and trained the squadron for combat. Peggy and their daughter Jeannette are now in California at 930 Remington Drive, Apt. 14B, Sunnyvale 94087. Jeannette is a sophomore at Stanford. Before they left Alexandria, Kibbey received his Ph.D. in German and linguistics from Georgetown U. The university also published the first three chapters of his dissertation as a paperbound manual for beginning linguistic students.

Twil Newell is commander of the 352d Tactical Fighter Squadron at Phan Rang AB, Vietnam, flying F-100 Super Sabres. He has been there since Aug 66. Twil finds these combat missions not unlike the 101 he flew in the Korean War. He wears the DFC with oak leaf, the Air Medal with eight oak leaves, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Lee Parmly arrived in early Aug 66 to take command of Detachment C-2, 5th Special Forces Group (APO SF 96295). His Hq is Pleiku. Bill Simpson is deputy group commander for counterinsurgency; Tom Huddleston is commander of C-3 to Lee's south; Charlie FitzGerald is G3 advisor to the II Corps Staff; Reed Wallis is sector advisor, MACV, at Dalat; and Will Schug is SJA, 4th Div.

Shown in a photo with the column are Simpson, Deatrick, and Parmly who were engaged in action together. Bill and Lee flew with Gene on a dawn mission in support of Special Forces. Several days later, Gene led 10 Skyraiders to Lee's rescue when his small force was surrounded by elements of an NVA battalion 3 kms. from the Cambodian border. Gene's tour should be over by the time you read this, but Bill and Lee will remain till summer. The last issue of ASSEMBLY related another of Gene's rescue efforts in spotting Navy pilot Dieter Dengler.

As a result of the above operation Bill Simpson came down with a bad attack of dengue fever complicated with pneumonia; Lee had a severe case of malaria with complications; and Gene went to visit them in the hospital. Also as a result of the above combat action, Premier Ky awarded both Parmly and Deatrick the Cross for Gallantry with Gold Star (equivalent to our Silver Star). These awards were made along with others that Ky personally presented to the

4th Inf Div at Pleiku for Operation Paul Revere IV. Neither Gene nor Lee belong to the 4th, but they were operating in support of the division.

Mention of the 4th Div brings to mind several classmates, beside Schug, who are members of same. Dave Peters is commander, 3d Bn, 12th Inf whose base camp is in Guy Hoa, north of Saigon. Dave returned to Vietnam last summer after only 10 months at Fort Lewis. He had previously served 16 months in Vietnam. Joan and the children are waiting for his return in Hawaii where they are staying with his family. (Address: 549 Kawaihae St., Honolulu 96821.) With the Peterses at Fort Lewis were June and Will Schug, Joan and Bill Richards, and Fran and Pat Crizer. The men, of course, went with the division when it was shipped over as a unit.

With the Military Assistance Command we find John Callaghan who is assigned to Advisor Team 22 as deputy senior advisor to the 22d Inf Div, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. John works out of Qui Nhon and covers 3 of the 12 provinces making up the II Corps tactical zone. Before coming to Vietnam, John was stationed with Hq U.S. Forces Japan, Fuchu Air Station. Virginia Callaghan is waiting for John's return in Silver Spring, Md.

Down in Montgomery, Ala., at the Air War College, are Marion Richards and Ed Lembeck, both having entered the latest 10-month course. Richards received an M.S. degree in 1963 from the U. of Colorado. Ed has done graduate work at the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB.



1946: In Vietnam, Nov 1966. Left to right: Bill Simpson, Gene Deatrick, Lee Parmly.

Newest entrants into the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair are Bert Stringer and Merl Hutto. Bert was a research and development director for the Defense Atomic Support Agency in Washington, and Merl was chief of command and control for the same agency. Stringer received his M.B.A. degree in 1964 from the U. of Chicago.

Promotions and retirements: John Bartholf to colonel, and presently undergoing combat crew training at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., in preparation for reassignment to SE Asia. Phil Farris has retired and is now engaged in public relations work in Washington, D.C. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding initiative, etc., in the performance of his duties, which included management of the national advertising and publicity program for Army recruiting, and publication of the *Recruiting & Career Counseling Journal*. Bob Gorman was awarded the USAF Commendation Medal at his retirement ceremony at Los Angeles AF Station, Calif. The award was for service as a project officer at the station in the organization of a contractor-Air Force team that developed and completed a complex sub-system of high accuracy. This is Bob's second such medal.

Charlie Jaco retired 1 Aug 66 and by now should be somewhat settled in Pittsburgh, where he has joined the Dravo Corp. The Jacos' address: 412 Gaywood Circle, Trotwood, Upper St. Clair, Pittsburgh 34. He and Jay missed the 20th because of a delay in his retirement date. Charlie, a chemical and ordnance engineer, is in engineering management in the R&D department. Among the many items produced by Dravo are a few which are competition for The Wing Co., one of the firms I represent. Charlie spent many years in various rocket programs and was Ordnance officer with the Army Task Force which assisted in the 1954 explosion of our largest nuclear device. A few years back, he was a military attaché at the embassy in Switzerland. His last assignment was as a battalion commander with the 1st Armd Div.

As a result of the A-N game, George Devens won a bet which required Comdr. W.F. Beatty, USN (Ret), Asst professor of business administration at Norwich U., Northfield, Vt., to wear one of George's uniforms for the entire day. George, as you know, is Deputy Commandant of Cadets at Norwich.

In England, as commander of the 91st Tactical Fighter Squadron at Bentwaters RAF Station, is Louie Creveling. Also, with NATO in G3 Plans, Allied Land Forces Southeastern Europe, is Bob Richmond. Joe Finley is the secretary to the General Staff, and Cornelius McMillan is with SIXATAF in Izmir, Turkey. Richmond's daughter, Lynn (19), is a sopho-

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.

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more at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo.; his son, Rob (15), is a sophomore at K.M.I. in Kentucky; and his son, Blair (17), is a senior in HS in Turkey. Bob's address: Lt. Col. R.T. Richmond, U.S. Army Element, ACFSEE, Box 7, APO N.Y. 09224.

From El Paso, Tex., I received word about the doings of Hunch Faires and his family. He is Chief of the Missile Science Division, Command and Staff Department, Air Defense School. His address: 7355 Aero Vista Blvd. He handles the instruction of the Guided Missile Staff Officers Course, which is very interesting. Faires returned from Seventh Army Arty, Stuttgart, Germany, in March 66, leaving his daughter Laura behind to finish up high school. She joined the family at Fort Bliss this past summer. Laura was selected by the Surgeon General to participate in the Walter Reed Institute of Nursing, which will help greatly to defray college expenses, plus the fact that she will draw Pfc pay during the period. Hunch had the unusual pleasure of swearing her in to the Woman's Reserve. Any other classmates with a daughter in the Army?

More daughters in the news! Jeannette Adams sent information regarding Norton AFB debutantes making their bow at a Presentation Ball held at the officers club on 29 Dec 66. (Randy is an inspector at the base.) They are: Ed Brechwald's daughter Jayne; Roger Lengnick's daughter Cynthia Anne; and Barbara, daughter of Earl Poytress (deceased). Also at Norton are Phil Safford and Jim Chatfield. The Adamses' son, Ranald, is a freshman at Dartmouth. By the way, Adams and Lengnick are colonels. Also, the Adamses reside at 1527 West Crescent Ave., Redlands, Calif. 92373. Roger is deputy chief, Space and Missile Branch, in the 1002d IG Group. Jayne Brechwald is attending San Bernardino Valley College; Cynthia Anne Lengnick is at the U. of Calif., Los Angeles; and Barbara Poytress is at Oklahoma College.

As a final note on reunion, I have included a photo of a group of classmates celebrating same in Germany. Palmatier is with Hqs Seventh Army, Stuttgart (moving to Hqs USAREUR, Heidelberg). Perkins is CO, 24th Engineer Bn, Nuremberg, and Baker is with U.S. Army School Europe, Oberammergau, (moving to Hqs Defense Atomic Support Agency, Washington, D.C.). Happy New Year!



1946: Ed Saunders accepts help from USMA Superintendent, Gen. Bennett, and Lois Saunders on the occasion of his promotion to colonel.

Much water has passed under the bridge since the last column, so I'll proceed forthwith—first with a status report on reunion preparations.

Bill Reckmeyer tells me the response traffic has slowed somewhat, but in general things appear to be going well. So far, it seems we can be sure of about 90 classmates, plus wives, with hopes of turning out more. We have a motel near Newburgh set up to handle those who will need some sort of accommodations, so that should not be a problem for anyone who can otherwise make it. Tom Hayes is preparing all sorts of entertaining shenanigans, including: a picnic with a special "awards" ceremony, an open (?) golf tournament, and a farewell whiskey sour party (farewell to what, Tom—surely not to whiskey sours?!), all of which are to be sandwiched between some of the more sedate goings-on of June Week. The more the merrier, so if you know of someone who is still on the fence, kick him off and get him to WP in June. Remember—the 20th Reunion only happens once, so make your plans now and don't miss it!

Turning now to the mailbox, an AF press release informs us that Roger Bate received his Ph.D. in aeronautical and astronautical engineering from Stanford. The old professor was also elected to Sigma Xi for his achievements in science and engineering. Jack Ray has also been a-schooling—Jack recently graduated with the "golden 50th" Advanced Management Program class of the Harvard Business School. The program is strictly high-powered, designed for top-level personnel in both business and government. Congratulations to both of you!

Had a brief note from Ace Dunham who is flying C-130's in support of PACAF. Ace's wife and four children are residing in El Segundo while he hangs his hat on Taiwan. During one of his trips, Ace ran into Wink Scoville in Japan. Wink is with a C-124 outfit based in Hawaii.

'47 was pretty well represented at the Homecoming game and subsequent dinner-dance. In case you don't remember, it rained that day, and we all nearly drowned watching ARMY swim past Penn State. At the game I saw: Dick Allen, Goose Gossett, Don Burton, Ted Bielicki, and Jake Jacobson from the WP contingent (John Mastin was out with a bad cold); also Bob Haldane (just back from Vietnam then), Hal Tavzel, Jack Dunham, and Ron Heiser from DC; Tom Hayes, Bill West, Pete Karter, Jim Coolbaugh, Bob Baer, Mike Maloney, and Bill Webb from assorted locations. Most of these worthies were accompanied by their wives and most stayed on for the Alumni Dinner. There, too, '47 did OK, winning 3 of the door prizes (winners were Gossett, Lynn, and Allen).

Bill Brown wrote a nice letter describing his more recent doings... such as leaving Leavenworth for Korea, then returning to Hawaii for duty with the 25th (as a Bn CO), only to depart after a relatively short time when the 25th moved to Vietnam. Bill arrived there in April, still with his battalion, but later moved to become the division IG (with a Legion of Merit for solace). Bill doesn't know where the next stop will be, but he fears it will be Washington. Meanwhile, Dee and the family are safely ensconced in quarters in good old Hawaii.

Frank and Barbara Boerger write from

California that they went to the ARMY-Calif. game where they saw the Dells and the Greenbergs. Frank is enjoying his assignment as District Engr in San Francisco, and the family is enjoying country living (complete with pool and horse) in San Anselmo. Barb adds a note that Pete's son, Tom, made the swimming team at the U. of Missouri.

The ARMY-Navy game was a thriller and a joy to behold! Saw many classmates there and hope I can remember all of them. Those present included: Gerrity, Faith, Rogers, Haldane, Webb, Baer, Conger, Salisbury, Biggs, Gainey, Veaudry, Little, Hayes, Odell, Coghill, Wright, Lerohl, Sargent, Keck, Beckelman, Robertson, Ellis, Dunham, Coolbaugh, and Tavzel—and if I missed anybody, it's not because I didn't look around. We ran into many of the same crowd at the old QM Depot (now DSA), and there found that Perry Gainey is now living and working in Texas. Also, Buford Biggs retired in August and is now a veep with American Flyers Airlines.

About a week later, the DC group had its 2d party of the social season—this one at the Army-Navy Club in town. Social Chairman Jimmy Johnson was ably assisted in the arrangements by the Dunhams, McAdoos, and Rachmellers. Needless to say, it was a fine show!

Dick Steinborn wrote from Hawaii and brought us up to date on classmates there. In addition to those mentioned in the last column, Jim Bushnell is at Fort Shafter with the ICP, Bob Koch in J2, and Wink Scoville at Hickam. Including a few wives whose husbands are in Vietnam, there are 13 classmates now in the Islands, and these had a party in November at the Makalapa Officers Mess, a Navy club, no less.

Over in Germany, the Geracis and the Haskins manage to keep in touch. If memory serves me correctly, the Geracis are about due to rotate back.

Before I forget—congratulations to all those who made the new colonel's list. By my count we had 25, 12 of whom were "below the zone." I am sure all the Army files know who made the list, but for the edification of the others, we have as new promotables: Bob Baer, Frank Boerger, Bill Brown, Don Burton, Bill Conger, John Culin, Gordon Duquemin, John Gerrity, Al Haig, Bob Haldane, Ken Hatch, Ron Heiser, Jake Jacobson, Al Lembers, John Miller, Bob Montague, Bill Nairn, Tom Perkins, Tom Rogers, Bud Salisbury, Jack Schuder, Ike Snyder, Wally Veaudry, Bill Webb, and Meade Wildrick.

Congratulations also to the Littlestones and the Hollanders, both of whom have new baby boys!

Duke Duquemin writes from Vietnam, where he is currently a battalion commander with the 4th Div. Duke recently moved up from G3, and he is really impressed—especially by their motivation and professionalism. Patt is back in Newport (R.I.) with the kids and hopes to make a trip out to Hawaii or Hong Kong to meet Duke on an R&R. Have a happy, kids!

Finally, on the local scene, Ron Heiser expects to leave the Joint Staff and go to Vietnam this spring, while Jay Bleiman has recently left ODCSOPS for a job in OSD (ISA).

That's all for this time. One last reminder on the 20th—advertise it in your part of the world, and if at all possible, plan to come and join us. Notify Bill Reckmeyer or me, and we'll take care of the rest.

The holidays brought several cards and letters from afar, and we certainly enjoyed hearing from each of you. Although you read this around Easter, I am sure the Christmas tidings will still be of interest.

What a fine Navy game that was! The evening before we saw Sarah and Dave Mallett, up from Asheville, N.C., at his brother Todd's house. They all went to the game next day, along with younger brother, Wink. Dave is still with Merrill-Lynch (whose account executives enjoy a median salary of \$18,000 per year, I read recently in *Business Week*). The Washington group had a Dutch-treat affair hosted by Bob Cushing and Jay Josephs in their apartment building's party rooms. Needless to say, the game's outcome brought on noisy and disorderly conduct from all. Betty and John Sternburg, visiting the Cushings, were most welcome guests.

Christmas came 2 months early to 6 of our Air Force classmates. Congratulations on promotion to colonel go to: Arnold Braswell, Bill Burrows, Carl Anderson, Fred Chanatry, Bob Mathis, and Irv Schoenberg. Also in October came a pair of eagles for Carter Clarke, and to him we also extend our heartfelt congratulations.

The new colonels' list for the Army had 17 '48 names on it, about evenly split between within and below the zone. Congratulations to: Reuben Anderson (who is now here), Jack Brennan, Harry Buckley, Frank Cancelliere, Jack Chitty, Phil Day, Jack Doody, Gene Forrester, Tom Hoffman, Sam Holliday, Larry Hoyt, Jack Osteen, Bill Patch, Willard Scott, Donn Starry, Bob Ward, and Ennis Whitehead. For those keeping score we are now blessed with 32 eagles, 10 in the Air Force and the balance Army (most of whom are Infantry, I add through the courtesy of Bob Petersen's pointing this fact out to me).

My two weeks at USMA in October found things about as usual these days—all torn up because of the expansion plan. If you haven't been there in the last 5 or 10 years, get a map from the MP at the gate. You'll need it. Gerry and Margie Medsger are now living on Thayer Road in a large Old English double above the PX-commissary complex. Gerry spent some time in Walter Reed last fall, and they turned him back to duty looking very fit. Joyce and Merle Sheffield lucked into one of the handsomely re-done old brick doubles near the hotel. They took



1948: Lake Churchill receives the Joint Service Commendation Medal from Gen. Close, CG, JTF-2.

me square dancing at the very fine new clubhouse at the golf course.

Jean and Frank Cancelliere expect an addition to their family momentarily. They drew into one of the huge triples overlooking the Cavalry Plain area (I still call it that, anyway). Frank is Asst DCSLOG. Marie and Jack Capps still live near Lee Gate in North area. I found Jack putting together their very original and good-looking Christmas card. Barbara and Al Cerow I failed to see. Al has his Cadet Store scattered all over the place now because of construction, and this keeps him busy.

Bob Mathis called to report the birth of son Donald Henry on 21 October 1966, which coincided with Bob's promotion to colonel. And, Bill Travis tells me that Nancy gave birth to Chip on 30 October 1966. Although my notes don't show it, I believe Bill was the one who told me of watching a show on Channel 20, here in Washington, on polo. The subject that night was the Myopia Polo Club up in New England, and our own Neil Ayer was interviewed on the program. How about elaborating, Neil?

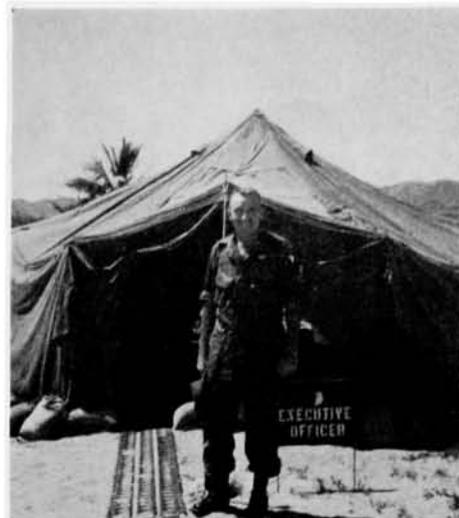
The Washington Daily News for 27



1948: Joe Kiernan and Sid Berry in Vietnam.

October 1966 carried a story about the transition from GEMINI to APOLLO at NASA. Half the article is devoted to an interview with deputy GEMINI director John Edwards who tells me he goes to APOLLO now. The October 1966 issue of the "Defense Industry Bulletin" contains a very erudite article entitled, "An Overview of Air Force Procurement," by Jake Pompan who is now at the Air War College at Maxwell, Ala.

Recent orders for 3 of the AF boys, two in school and the third in the Pacific, bring Bill Burrows back to Hq, USAF, in DCS/P&O; Otis Moore moves to Hq, USAF, in DCS/R&D; and Irv Schoenberg goes back to his former office in the next chair up as Executive Asst to the Under Secy of the Air Force. If things stay as they are now, Bob Pomeroy will be working with Irv as deputy executive Asst, Irv's former position which Bob took over last summer. Incidentally, if my calculations are correct, at the end of this tour Irv will have been continuously assigned in and around this area longer than anyone except Senator Carl Hayden of Arizona!



1948: Harry Buckley at Tuy Hoa, Vietnam, in October 1966.

Joe Huey has moved from Dobbins AFB, Ga., to the Hq of the Seventh Air Force, APO San Francisco 96307. Carla and the children have remained at: 405 Scott Drive in Marietta, Ga. All you '48ers ought to have a reunion over there in the Far East.

The Army R&D magazine for 9 October 1966 carried a picture of Jack Doody and the information that he was going to ICAF. I couldn't tell whether they were proud or relieved.

A copy of the Enderles' Christmas letter came into my hands recently. They are in Prüm, Germany, which is in the Eiffel/Ardennes Forest area near the Luxembourg-Belgium borders. Woe is CO of the 447th Signal Bn which is scattered from Bremerhaven to Darmstadt and from Brussels to Wurzburg. They have been extended until December 1967, so have time to travel to the places they have missed so far. Trips to Scotland and England seem to have been enjoyed the most, with Greece and Egypt on the agenda yet. The post they live in is small and new and sounds great to any Washingtonian. The children go to school in Bitburg, a 2-hour bus ride away, and the commissary at Prüm is supplied from there. Talk about getting away from it all! Although, I suppose a steady diet might get a little old.

Claron Robertson arrived in the Washington area in March 1966, although I didn't learn of it until we received a Christmas card from them. He is with the Research Analysis Corporation in McLean, Va., on an assignment for the Army. Bill Caldwell left here on Tdy to Benning and thence to the 1st Division, APO SF 96345.

Ben Eakins' current address is: 8308 Loyola, Los Angeles, Calif. 90045. I believe this may have been printed a year ago, too. Bill Buckner dropped me a card from Kansas City, Mo., 6526 Penn. He tells me that Oscar Kochtitzky and wife Jean live at 6900 W. Markham in Little Rock, Ark. Oscar is in the real estate business there and doing very well. Glad to hear even indirectly about the redhead.

Sylvia and Jim Dingeman are expecting to return home in June 1967. Jim commands the 2d Battalion, 36th Inf (Rangers), in the 3d Armd Div, at Butzbach, Germany. Son Bill is now 4, and daughter Linda was 1 year old on January 24th. Roger Conover writes that he and Bobby made it back for Homecoming and saw Paul Weaver, Gene Bierer, Jim and Bev Hall, and Jane and Bob Taylor there in addition to the on-campus



1948: Three one-time company commanders in 1st Engineers. L. to r.: Jim Hall, Joe Kiernan, John Egbert—in Vietnam.

people. He also saw Hugh Perry last summer at Fort Dix where they were taking their 2 weeks of summer field training. Hugh had Barbara and children along.

Roger sent me a clipping from the *New York Times* of 3 October 1966. It concerns Sid Berry as one of the youngest Bde commanders in Vietnam. The columnist describes Sid as an almost flawlessly competent military intellectual (what's with this "almost" bit?). And, as I was driving to work on 1 December 1966, the newscast had the story of Sid singlehandedly killing 10 Viet Cong with a machine gun aboard his helicopter. The *Washington Daily News* carried the same story that day, but failed to give Sid credit.

Bill Chandler, whom the Army members will recall from Fort Riley (he was more recently at USMA in the "Juice" Dept) when he and Marian joined the officers basic course with us, sends me a color shot of Harry Buckley taken in October 1966, at Tuy Hoa where the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div was located. Harry is exec. About 3km behind Harry, a brisk, platoon-sized fire fight was going on, Bill writes, but Harry looks unperturbed. Bill Chandler's address is: Hq, 54th Signal Bn (Corps), APO SF 96350.

The executive committee voted to give the Dent children a modest sum (\$100) in order to make their Christmas less bleak. Their grandmother and guardian wrote Grim a touching letter in reply to thank the Class. This is not an automatically renewing gift but must be evaluated each year on its merits.

Rick Berry has moved to the Pacific and is stationed at Naha AB on Okinawa. He and Dorothy were previously at Norton AFB, Calif.

We have our first professor and department head. Blaine Butler was named to that (or should it be those?) position(s) in the Dept of Aeronautics at the AF Academy. Congratulations, Blaine. He has a Ph.D. from Purdue. His dissertation, which sounds more like speech therapy to me, was entitled, "The Stuttering Problem Considered from an Automatic Control Point of View."

I believe the column previously indicated Don Swenholt off to the Naval War College at Newport, R.I. Apparently a last minute change in orders shifted him to ICAF. As you can see, the proximity of some 80 of us does nothing to dispell the problem of communications among us.

Lake Churchill is shown receiving the Joint Services Commendation Medal from MG

Winton R. Close, Commander of Joint Task Force II. The commendation cited Lake for "outstanding achievement as a staff officer" and for "thorough knowledge of Army Air Defense . . . as applies to the JTF II mission." Lake has now moved to Fort Bliss, Texas, to command an antiaircraft weapons battalion. Well done!

Bill and Donna Cook are getting their new home at: 12012 Theta Road, Santa Ana, Calif. 92705, in shape after a year. Bill has disc problems sustained on the golf course. Borg-Warner isn't keeping him busy enough. Donna got her M.A. in psychology last June. And, Billy and Kathy sound like they're as busy as their parents. Bill and Maria Smith reported in from Wiesbaden where Bill is in DCS/O, Hq USAFE, APO N.Y. 09633.

Phil and Ginny Day live at: 8 Adams St., Fort Bragg, N.C. 28307, and miss everything about Washington but the prices. Phil commands the 1st Bn, 504th Inf (Abn).

When last we heard from Jack Miller, they were negotiating the Khyber Pass. Tomi now writes from Highland Falls where she, Susan, and Jennifer live in Apt. E-4, Regency Arms. The ZIP is 10928, and the state, of course, is N.Y. Jack is in Pleiku, Vietnam. To bring us up to date on their travels Tomi says they did get back to Pakistan for Christmas last year, left there in February, spent a week in Madrid, thence back to the Hudson Valley. Jack is sector advisor in Pleiku. Mary Virginia Doty reports that Monk is G1 of USARV. So, take your personnel problems to him.

For those who are as disorganized as I and have lost addresses, Lou Haskell commands the 2d Howitzer Bn, 35th Arty (155mm SP), in Xuan Loc, Vietnam, 30 miles north-east of Saigon, APO SF 96257. Becky remains at Goodgame Apts. #13, Aberdeen, Miss. 39370. A card from John and Connie McEnery finds them still with the MAAG in Madrid, APO N.Y. 09285.

Lee and Johnsie Doyle really moved around in 1966. Leaving Norfolk they headed for Fort Stewart, Ga., where Lee commanded the 4th Bn, 68th Armd. Then in August they moved to Fort Knox, Ky. 40121, where they live at 4359 Walsh St. The Reynoldses and the Nelsons are also at Knox, which makes life more enjoyable for them.

Joe Kiernan sends 2 pictures taken in Vietnam. Joe sees Sid Berry every day as evidenced by one photo. The threesome are all former company commanders in the 1st Engrs: Joe in the middle, John Egbert on

the right, and, right, that's Jim Hall on the left! He still hasn't explained whether he was on a business trip or has been drafted. Joe's address is: Hq 1st Engr, 1st Inf Div, APO SF 96345. He sent me a copy of a memo to his troops entitled, "1st Engineer Actions in Operation Battle Creek," which was the 1st Inf Div's part in Attleboro. My home town immortalized by the Big Red ONE!

Bill and Casey Burns write that they and theirs are fine, and that young Master Burns is just like his father, except that he has a full head of hair. My two boys shine in that department, too. Their address is: USRO/DEF/NATO, APO, N.Y. 09777. Sam and Joan White have moved to: 6 Salem Road, Westport, Conn. 06880. Their Laura is going to be even cuter than her mother, if that's possible.

Tom and Joan Tyree are enjoying Carlisle's relaxed atmosphere this year. Looks like, with Tommy, Billy, and Johnny, they are well on the way to a family basketball team. Jim and Bev Hall extend greetings from: 35 Uplands Drive, West Hartford, Conn., and enjoy New England very much. What with the Fair in Montreal, they may have visitors coming out their ears this year.

Ben and Barbara Jacobellis are at: 2424 North St., Fairfield, Conn. I saw Ben recently here in DCA, and civilian life appears to agree with him. Oldest son, Nick, is in the seminary now and is very happy. Ben Jr., was the only freshman to make the varsity football team and wants to go to USMA. Tom Cahill, please note. He's a half-back. Jim has been burning up the academic world and, with that A+ in chemistry, sounds like a scientist. I recall his doing some "formula" mixing a couple of years ago at a Christmas party at the Jacobellis' which went down very smoothly.

Dusty and Scotty were down recently from Carlisle with all their offspring to visit the Meyers, Joe having returned from his studies in Monterey. Daughter Mary is in college now for those of you who still have illusions about your youthful appearance. Glenn and Kit Wilhide are in their final months in Heidelberg where Glenn is in the personnel division. Their address is: Hq USAREUR, Pers Div, APO N.Y. 09403. They see the Footes on occasion and hear from the McCrays. Jim and Pickle Barnett have a roomy set of quarters, #14, at Fort Carson, Colo. 80913. They can house guests, too, so they say, "y'all come." Jim has a battalion there.

All for this time. If you like to see your name in print, or someone else's name, I don't have to tell you how to do it. And, keep the pictures coming. They're great!

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It's always nice to be able to start off the New Year and this column with good news. So the first order of business is to offer—

Congratulations

To Bo Callaway for having been chosen as chairman of the trustees of the Freedoms Foundation, succeeding former President Eisenhower. To Al Hale, Homer Long, Bob Rose, and Tom Moses for their appearance on the new Army colonels' promotion list. To Ross Johnson in belated (by this column) recognition of his outstanding contribution to the profession as editor of *Infantry* magazine. To Chuck Adams, Dick Bundy, Dick Connell, John Costa, Hal Lombard, George

ASSEMBLY



1949: Stansberry exhorts the crowd at Navy game party, Sandia Base.

Tracy, and Dan Williamson on their selection to attend the Army War College; Doc De Correvont, Lee Surut, and Ed Townsley to the National War College; John Chandler, Al Hale, Ken McIntyre, and Bob Noco to the Industrial College; Ernie Roberts and Al Turner who are going to the Naval War College; and to those fly-boy schoolboy types whose names I couldn't get in time to meet the column deadline.

Correspondence

While here and in a happy mood at the post-Pitt game party, Bill Moore agreed to act as the AWC correspondent for the Carlisle contingent. He responded with amazing promptness (for which I credit wife Jane) in providing a report of a fall class "sociable" in the quarters of hosts Ralph and Jeannie Puckett. Reported as present besides the Moores and Pucketts were: Craig and Fran Betts, Clay and Clara Buckingham, Hillman and Nancy Dickinson, Jack and Pat Forrest, Gilbert and Pat Kirby, Amos and Barbara Mathews, John and Marge Maurer, John and Betty McArdle, Collier and Ann Ross, Dick and Evelyn Tallman, and Murray and Beth Williams. According to Bill it was a real blast from which some may recover in time for graduation.

From the southland the Ed Caves report that they are settled in their new Atlanta home (551 Chateaugay Lane, NE.), and Ed is enjoying his work as systems engineer with Xerox. Out West the class contingent at Albuquerque appears to have staged a coup in the local West Point Society. Their new president is Jim Stansberry—shown in his most natural (100th night) form by the photo taken at the Sandia Base Club, Navy game party last November—and the vice president is John Rust, who hopefully will provide the sobering influence.

Out of Vietnam came word from Kirby Lamar who has the Heavy Const Sig Bn in those climes. He reports having rowed over on the boat with Ted Swett and has so far run into Joe Eagers, area Engr at Cam Ranh Bay; Tiger Howell, commanding a tank Bn; Lou Baumann and Bob O'Brien in the Big Red ONE; and Bill Lowery, at Nha Trang.

A bit to the north, in "Frozen Chosen," Boyd Allen and Dave Freeman have returned "to the scene of their previous triumphs" (quote from Jim Coghlan). John Krasko is back with KMAC after having made an emergency run home last fall due to his mother's illness. I understand, and hope it's true, that she has recovered.

Other bad news that has also taken a turn

for the better comes from Leavenworth where Keith Sickafosse underwent major surgery in October but is now reported to be recuperating nicely with the prospect of returning soon to full duty.

Local News

Back home we find the local clan in the throes of Gloom Period and given to reminiscing over the ball that was had by all during the 66 football season. To add to the obvious pleasure of having a winner on our hands was the increase in the number of classmates who journeyed here to attend both the games and the post-game festivities. The local drownees during the Homecoming deluge and the party at Pat and Jane Donohoe's quarters were reinforced by: George Crall, Art Driscoll, Stan Ellerthorpe, Gil Kirby, Bill Marfuggi, Gene Mechling, Walt Milliken, and Joe Steffy with spouses. Some of them returned for the Pitt game and were further augmented by Bill and Jane Moore, Tom and Penney Moses. And then there was the Navy game, a delightful change from the past that was witnessed and celebrated by a real class turnout. It was a good season.

The final note of year 66 comes from Jack Madison who reports having run into Gene Marder and family on the West Point ski slope (figuratively, I hope) on New Year's Eve.

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Congratulations to Jim Lee and Al Griebing whose names have just come out on the "outstanding" list for promotion to colonel! We're proud of you, and the recognition is well deserved.

The man in the picture appearing with this column is, of course, Paul Gorman receiving the DSC from President Johnson at Cam Ranh Bay in Oct 66. When elements of the Big Red ONE became locked in a fierce battle with a VC Bn, Paul assumed command of pieces of 3 battalions, a result of battle casualties and troops separated from their commanders. "His presence," the citation reads in part, "became the unifying force which transformed the divergent efforts of all these companies into a strong and unified command." Paul is now in G3 of the 1st Div. We have Lou Dixon to thank for the picture, as well as news of other classmates in VN. In addition, Reg Lombard, Denny Roush, Herb Underwood, and Jack Hendry sent letters telling of '50ers they'd seen or heard of. I'll combine them all with thanks to all 5 of you.

Lou brought the 73d Sig Bn over from Bragg, after commanding the 36th Sig Bn for a year; Elaine and the children remained in the Fort Bragg area. Reg has the 2d Bn, 5th Cav, but expects to return to Fort Monroe in January as Gen. Freeman's aide; Sally and *kinder* have waited out the year in California. Denny is XO of the Rev Dev Div of MACV J3. Jack has been CO of the 3/4th Cav Sqdn but is rotating to Hawaii in Feb 67 to G3 Sec, USARPAC; Gen and the children have been in Hawaii except for a 6-week period when they traveled to Japan, Okinawa, Taipei, and Hong Kong, meeting Jack in Hong Kong where he had a week's leave. News of Herb later...

Lounsbury, Jackley, and Wheaton are at Nha Trang with FFFVN... Tom Fife is CO of 1/4 Cav... Jim Lynch is with the Const directorate... Bill Gearan is CO of 223d

Combat Spt Avn Bn... Jere Sharp is with the 25th Div but no word on his job... Boyd Bashore is Sp Asst to CG, 25th Inf Div, for Rev Dev, soon to rotate... Ruppel took Detherow's job as sector advisor, Binh Dinh province... Kuckhahn is G4, 4th Inf Div, at Qui Nhon... Eshelman is Chief, Policy Branch, of SJS... Jim Kelly has the 577th Engr Bn... Boylan is CO of 588th Engr Bn (Spt), 25th Div... Brandes has the 14th Engr Bn (Combat) in 35th Gp... Phil Samsy is in G3 Sec, Hq USARV... Frank Sailer is with Hq and Log Comd, soon to rotate... Ray Hansen has the 864th Engr Bn, and I understand he's tearing up telephone cable every other day... Joe Elliott with COC... Norm Hubbard is Opns officer of 21st Sig Gp at Nha Trang... Drew Rutherford is province advisor... Bill Read is CO of 15th Engr Bn, 9th Div... Don Cruziger is also a province advisor... Bill McDowell is CO of an Avn Bn... Graham Sibbles is CO of the 8th Spt Bn... Nutting is CO of 2/10th Cav, 4th Div; Jane is in Maine for the duration... Dick Trefry should be in VN soon and will be followed by Austin, Rufe Smith, Jake Allen, and Bruce Petree, the latter after 3 years in Panama.

I was happy to lend my Supply Warrant to Eddie Ramos who is with the Philippine contingent in VN, tho' I was glad to get him back to this shorthanded Bn. At this point my total service exceeds that of all my officers put together.

Visited Roy Easley in Seoul where he is the chief of Budget and Fiscal for the Eighth Army comptroller. Leiser, who heads the Engr R&U office, joined us for dinner. During the tour of the post, Roy made a point of showing me the Trent Gymnasium, named for Johnny Trent, our football captain who was killed early in the Korean War. Lin Mather is over here, too; he's CO of the 1st Bn, 73d Armor.

In spite of the downpour which resulted in many of the *wives* missing the game at Homecoming, ARMY won 11-0. The Picks, Grosecloses, and Brandeses, among others, drove up from DC and had a great time seeing all the '50ites at a party after the game. Consensus of the weekend: *wet* and wonderful.

There was a big gathering of the clan at a class party at Andrews AFB in November, with Mike DeArmond and Ward Hemenway making the arrangements. Out-of-town visitors were: the Veleys, Byerses, and Jake Allens from Pa.; Seymour Fishbein came down from N.Y. where he is with Sperry Gyroscope Co. of Great Neck, L.I. There are over 150 classmates in the DC area, and it continues to be an active group. With 3 or 4 parties a year, couples bridge (which meets every month that there is not a party), and the wives group which meets for luncheon or coffee every month, people really see each other in that spread-out area.

Betty Jane Veley and Jack Magee sent in the rundown on our beating Navy 20-7. Before passing on the news, I think we all owe a huge vote of thanks to the Veleys for setting up the dinner for '50 after the game. Some of you knuckleheads don't realize how much preparation it takes, but it can be an annual affair if you want it. A busload went up from DC taking the Vinsons, Tandler, Bennie Davises, Leavitts, Jim Fooshe and his *then* fiancée and *now* wife, Macon Carter, Dunbars, Steinbergs, Scholls, Streits, Lungers, and Magees. I understand it was a pretty noisy group going up but returned home on the quiet side. Others seen at the game and dinner were: Byers, Jake Allens, Pintos, Len Garrett, Faurers, Bargers,

Habermans, Werners, Glenns, Gabriels, Donovans, Ferns, Austins, Petersons, Bud Whites, Pigmans, Burke Lees, Jim Lees, Griebblings, Hutchesons, Muellers, Hugheses, Hannas, Grahams, McDaniels, Smithers, Steffensens, Clements, Heits, Dugginses, and Dielens. If I've left anyone out, or put anyone in who didn't go, sorry about that, Chief. There were 60 at the dinner afterward, and everyone had a great time catching up on the others. Here's to another victory in 67 when Robin and I hope to join you in celebration.

On 1 Oct Lou Genuario joined the select few of our classmates who have retired, the first one to do so since just after the Korean War. Lou is the project Engr in charge of the highway tunnel complex under Capitol Hill, working for the Engr Commissioner of the DC government. After more than 20 years in and around the Army, serving from France to Korea, Lou will find it hard to lay aside the uniform, but we all wish him the best of luck in his endeavor.

News notes from all over: Ed Batchelor has completed the Air War College correspondence course. Ed is an Opns staff officer at SAC's 2d AF Hq, Barksdale AFB, La. Don Novak has received his Master's in aerospace engineering under the AFIT education program at Malmstrom AFB, Mont. Frank Thompson was decorated with the AF Commendation Medal at Charleston AFB, S.C., "for meritorious service as chief of the engineering division in the space systems division at Los Angeles." Ty Goodman recently completed his 103d combat mission over North VN; he's assigned to Danang AB, as an F-4C Phantom II aircraft commander. Tom Tullidge was sworn in as judge of the 4th Regional Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Staunton, Va., 31 Aug 1966; the presiding judge called the new type court "a landmark in the treatment of a most important field of jurisprudence." Frank Borman was one of 4 astronauts named as 66 winners of the Harmon International Aviation Trophy. I understand that back in September the society page of the *Washington Post* listed Frank as one of the dinner guests at the White House when Pres. Marcos of the Philippines was visiting. At the November K-2 party at Dave Pettit's apartment in Arlington were: Baish, Chapman, Pick, Hemenway, Liechty, Gabriel, Earnhart, Magee, Schnoor, and Nel Thompson. In the fall squash tournament at the Pentagon, Magee aced out Love and Monihan. Andy Pick, one of '50's best squash players, is new to the group and should be a threat to all those eager beavers. Bob and Marion Whiting have finished their stint with the Royal AF War College; now they are looking forward to 2½ more years in England. After a short short tour in the DR, Jim Irons is at Bragg, exec of the 1st Bde, due to get a Bn in Jan 67. Ding and Johanna Price have big Qtrs at Fort Lewis (with 35 windows!); Ding has an Engr Bn there. Jack Wagner goes from Sandia to Hanover, N.H., where he'll be CO. Jane and DS Wilson came through Washington in the fall and are now at Sill.

In addition to Jim Fooshe who has finally joined the ranks of the married, Pete Abbruzese married Louise Kinney on 14 Jan 1967. How do the rest of you guys hold out? Seriously, we send heartiest congratulations to you newlyweds.

Newcomers to DC: Barry, Durst, Greer, Johnson (Dick), Lungers, Monsons, Sampsons, Tandlers, Bates, and Spences.

From Christmas cards: the Gallaghers arrived in the Philippines in July; they live in a compound off base, with armed Filipino guards all around. Nate has the 8th Tac

Bomber Sqdn (B-57 Canberra jets) and deploys to VN for 60 days. Boe says she feels like a mother hen with all the young wives; she works as a Red Cross volunteer with the Air Evac that comes to Clark.

Jean Harper writes that she and Phil saw Stu Wood early in 66 before he left for the AF Academy. They had hoped to see the Cappas in Teheran, but their trip was cancelled; Joe went to VN in Dec 66, and Judy returned to the States. Jean says Ira Kimes is down in Adana.

Marilyn Romaneski says she's still carrying and lifting all items over 5 pounds since Leo's operation in August for 2 slipped discs. She says he's embarrassed when they're out and she's loaded down; other men come up to offer help, giving Leo dirty looks. (I know that guy. I bet he loves that life of ease!)

Terry Parsons is the Asst C/S G4 of the Yukon Command; he's chairman for the Founders Day dinner for interior Alaska, to be held there at Fort Wainwright. Their son Tarlton has been on several Alaskan moose hunts which he has thoroughly enjoyed.

Lee Franklin writes that she and Ross are enjoying Paris. She says her French class,



1950: Gorman receives DSC from President Johnson at Cam Ranh Bay awards ceremony.

which she attends 2 hours a day, is a little U.N. with students from all nations. Mary Ann Read is at Riley where she and the children are staying while Bill is in VN. She says the Hunts have orders to DC. All the Read girls are in school now, so Mary Ann is taking Nurses' Aide training at Kansas State U. hospital. The Bolducs and Flynn's are also at Riley.

Gail and Ardath Wilson are at Norfolk after 3 years in Germany. Gail says now that McNamara has seen how he can foul up the Army, he'll give him a chance with the Navy, AF, and Marines. Helen Koehler says Jack leaves his Bn at Hood in April, after 18 mos. of a "busy and enjoyable life." Where to next, Jack?

Maureen Doughtie writes from Colorado Springs that it's like old home week out there. Tom and Bev Ball are there, but Tom leaves for VN in February. They were to spend Christmas in El Paso with Barbara and Clark Martin who have recently returned from Belgium; C. has a HAWK Bn at Bliss. The Detherows are at Fort Carson and the Smalls with NORAD. Po Cornay was out for a conference a couple of months ago. The Doughties leave for Ohio in February where Claude will have a Bn.

John Howard is at Fort Hood, SGS of corps and post. He says every position in his office has turned over in the past year not less than twice and fortunately not more than 12 times. The Eeks have exchanged Alaska's 30-below-zero weather for the warm

sunshine at Hood, where Laurie is G3 for the 1st AD. Others at Hood: Ron Snoke is CO of the 589th Engr Bn; Sam Stapleton is CO of 4/3d Arty; Paul Roach is XO of 2d Bde, 1st AD.

Anne and Gray Tate will soon be coming to DC from Sill, and Gray came to house-hunt in December. After several years, Monty Coffin will leave Livermore, Calif., next summer to join the Math Dept at the AF Academy. The Bolducs have acquired 2 dogs, a horse, and 2 hamsters; Blackie decided Mary isn't busy enough with 9 children and the activities of a CO's wife; they're at Riley with the 9th Div.

Sid Steele is in his last quarter at D.S.U. and will go to Carson in March upon completion of his work for his M.S.B.A. It is with deep sadness that I pass on to you the news of young Priscilla Steele's death in November; I know the entire Class sends its heartfelt sympathy to Jeanie and Sid.

Fred and Joan Nickerson love southern California, and Fred does a fair amount of traveling, still on the CENTAUR. I still love to tell the story of the night at Purdue back in 53 when Fred was my bridge partner: we bid and made 6 diamonds, and I didn't have a diamond in my hand. The Banisters are in Orange, Calif. Grady is manager of the Programming Sciences Dept of Planning Research Corp which is concerned with programming computers for various space and defense applications. They have seven children and have recently moved to a large Spanish style home. John Irwin's job with Lockheed has taken him to Sunnyvale, Calif., but the family is still down south in Claremont until they sell the house. Tom and Bonnie Sharp are in La Quinta, Calif., where Tom sells real estate; they're crazy about the desert. With three children under 5, they find life a little disorganized at times!

Herb Underwood is at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., expecting re-assignment in 67. He made an extended trip to VN recently, traveling all over the country giving instruction on the M-16 rifle. Florence still plays in every duplicate bridge tournament she can get to but finds time to be a loyal '50 ASSEMBLY column reporter. The Viskochils can be found on the golf course at Leavenworth (unless it's snowing). Ralph has the Admin office of the Dept of Joint Combined and Special Opns; Joy is learning to play the piano in between putts. Bob and Sue O'Connell are short-timers in Heidelberg where Bob is with the IG Div. Sounds like they're doing lots of traveling.

Walt and Shirley Adams have settled in Bangkok "in a lovely small house with banana trees and coconut trees in our yard." They find it terribly hot, even in the cool season. The Crittenbergers are also in Thailand, and Pookie presented Jack with their fourth boy on Christmas Eve!

A long letter from Pat Zabel locates him in Woodland Hills, Calif. He and Martha have two girls, and Pat works for the Marquardt Corp., on aircraft and space vehicle control systems and components.

Carl and Dottie Stone are at Grand Forks AFB, N. Dak., where the thermometer recently registered -18 degrees! Carl received his master navigator wings in May, is busy with Boy Scouts, and is working for his M.S. at the U. of N. Dak.

The two Lee families at Carlisle sound busy—buried in thesis and essay work. They have a good group of classmates there—for get-togethers. A newsy letter from Jane Price told of how they like Stillwater, Okla., where Walt is PMS at O.S.U.; Pat Samsey is there teaching while Phil is in VN. Phil was

doing graduate work there before he left. Lis and Ray McCauley are still in the Canal Zone. They rented a plane in June and flew to Guatemala for "ten wonderful action-packed days." They are both SCUBA divers, as is 15-year-old Steve, and they've had several weekends of diving and resting. What a life!

We had no babies to report in the last issue, but this time, in addition to the Crittenbergers' boy, and incidentally this is their eighth child, I'm also happy to tell you about Tobin Marshall Sharp, Tom and Bonnie's third child, 2d boy, born 9 Nov 66. Bill and Elaine Ward had a girl, Suzanne Marie, on 26 Sept. Ann Howard presented John with their third girl, fourth child, on 3 Oct—her name is Susan Leigh. Bud and Jean Blank's little girl, Amy, was born on 17 Oct.

That about does it for this time. When you get this, Gloom Period will be over, and spring should be at hand. Get inspired and jot me a note with the latest poop, keeping in mind those magic dates of: 1 March, 1 June, 1 Sept, and 1 Dec for deadlines!

'51

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In November 1966, two of the Class of '51 gave their lives for their country.

William Chauncey Barott, serving as commander, 2d Bn, 27th Inf, 2d Bde, 25th Inf Div, died in hostile ground action in Vietnam. He is survived by his wife Pat; his children: William, John, Madeline, Cynthia, and Suzan; and by his mother, Mrs. Madeline M. Barott. Bill had fought in Korea, served at the Berlin Wall and in the Dominican Republic conflict, before Vietnam.

Dain William Milliman Jr., died flying an F-105 Thunderchief fighter-bomber on a Vietnam combat mission. He is survived by his wife Charlotte; his children: Christine, Dain III, Pamela, Cynthia, and Richard; and by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dain Milliman. Dain had completed 95 missions in Korea and more than 50 missions over Vietnam. A few days before he died Dain wrote on Vietnam in a letter:

Too many good men have died here for anything but a settlement on our terms. We are winning this campaign, make no mistake, and would already have won it were it not for the political factors involved. This is not a dirty little war in a far-off place. This is the central arena where the gladiators of communism and capitalism are met face to face. And in the galleries are all the spectators of the new-torn and neutralist countries. We fight with one hand tied and a leg tethered and still we are winning. Do not give away at the bargaining table what has been purchased so dearly on the battlefield. I realize that many Americans do not realize the significance of this conflict or the area itself for that matter, but you are both better educated than I and better informed. You must support us if we are to do our job. We don't expect everyone to give up their butter for guns, but we would appreciate some voluble moral support for our operations.

We pay tribute to Bill Barott and to Dain Milliman who served their country with highest courage and honor, and to their families who shared in their service and in their sacrifice. We thank Lt. Col. Jerry Morse (Class of '51 of U. of Maine) who, being assigned

as PMS at Manlius School in Syracuse, made arrangements for the funeral of Bill Barott.

Our astronaut, Buzz Aldrin, did a magnificent job on his first space flight. Congratulations and best wishes on each mission to follow.

Here at West Point, Marcie and Harry Lombard had a boy, and Mitzi and Bill Thomas had a girl in recent months.

The following were reported seen at the ARMY-Navy game in Philadelphia: Rockwell, Sheridan, Horgan, Lewis, Foldberg, Keesling, Peifer, Sines, Herte, Elmblad, Woodley, Lombard, Lew Robinson, Roscoe Robinson, Williams, Simpson, Evans, Rupp, Luger, Galligan, Fleming, Stannard, Yerks—and the ARMY team!

Dave and Sabra Carter are at Leavenworth; they have a horse. Al Esser and John Cousins were at Leavenworth too; Al had orders for Vietnam; John is now in a C.E. assignment in Norfolk.

Bruce and Sue Robertson, Bill and Audrey Malouche, and Harlan and Darlene Johnson are reported in Paris. Bill Vandenberg is near there, too. Bill and Alice Stockdale are in Germany. Jerry Carlson lectured in Paris, and Ed and Barbara Van Keuren and Walt and Judy Johnson visited there. Walt and Judy live in Heidelberg.

Pete and Marie Foss are in Wisconsin. Pete is studying journalism and public relations at the university.

George McChristian was listed for AFSC. Gerry Dingman is stationed in Vietnam. Bucky Harris was awarded an oak leaf cluster to his Legion of Merit. Harry Lombard departs West Point this month for Vietnam. Dick and Marian Szymczyk are in Berlin. George Harman and Hank Otten are in Saigon. Saul and Arlene Jacobs are in Washington, D.C.

'52

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Homecoming 1966 was wet but wonderful. Fortunately, the rain on the Plain fell mainly on Penn State, and '52 celebrated with a gigantic huddle at Dela Puddle. A total of 70 classmates, wives, and friends braved the elements for the victory celebration, and remarkably enough, although there were a few close calls, no one was permanently drowned. The event was only a warm-up for next year's, however, as the 15th Reunion of the Sesquicentennial Class promises to be the highlight of 1967 at USMA. Bob Ackerson and Clyde Earnest (both in the MA&E Dept) are co-chairmen. They have selected the period of 27-29 Oct for the reunion, and they have already arranged for the Corps of Cadets to hold a review in our honor and



1952: Gerry Carey receives AF Commendation Medal at AFSC.

for a football team from Stanford U. to visit Michie Stadium on Saturday. Bob and Clyde promise fair skies for the entire weekend and are busy arranging other events to make the reunion memorable, fitting, and enjoyable. They would welcome any suggestions you might have, but most of all they would like you to plan to attend. They are trying to contact each member of the Class individually; if you have not heard from them by the time you read this, something has gone wrong—please scream, and we will fill you in on the poop. As of this writing we are missing some addresses—if you have stumbled across any of the following classmates in recent months and know under which rock they are currently hiding, please let us know: Allen, FA; Bowman, GW; Conner, M; Craig, ME; Dana, WH; Dunmire, TS; Durie, RE; Eachus, DA; Gordon, WD; Finn, WG; Grossman, LF; Harvey, CV; Hegberg, DE; Horan, EP; King, RB; Korchek, RL; McLemore, JR; Meikle, CE; Milner, JE; Mitchell, WL; Mueller, JW; Palmer, GH; Pendleton, FL; Pereyra, JR; Ray, RB; Robinson, JF; Rogers, RJ; Rule, CL; Russell, RL; Russomano, RJ; Simon, JS; Smyth, RT; Truax, RH; Walter, JN; Webster, AL; Williams, LA; Wright, RE.

Ed and Mary Reinhalter and Bill and Puss Myers returned to USMA for the Pittsburgh game, spent the evening renewing old acquaintances at the officers club, and promised to be on hand for the 15th. Ed is an investment counselor, assistant to the president of Loomis, Sayles & Co., Inc., in Boston. Bill spends much time touring Europe in behalf of the Mahaffy & Harder Engineering Co. Bill has built a beautiful new home in Greenwich, Conn., at which he and Puss royally entertained a few classmates not long ago—on hand were Clyde and Jerry Earnest, Wayne and Ardelle Elliott, Al and Joan Gorby, and your Scribe. Thanks to the graciousness of the host and hostess, a gala time was had by all, and even Al Gorby was made to feel at home among all the skyscrapers (M-2 type).

The Saturday before the Navy game the local Class gathered for a rally at a nearby restaurant. Bob Ward, ARMY's defensive coach and an associate classmate, showed films of the Navy team and helped prepare us for the big victory the next week. Bob has recently accepted the head coaching job at Maryland U., and we all wish him many victories and happy alumni after his most successful year here. Bob Carlone was in charge of the shindig. He and Rita have since departed USMA for the AFSC in Norfolk. The Niblocks, having completed their tour at Patrick AFB, have joined the Carlones at AFSC.

'52 was well represented at the Navy game. I'm sure I missed some names, but among those cheering the victory were: Bill Duncan, Don Swygert, Dennie Mullane, Jim Sullivan, Bill Britton, Karl Woltersdorf, John Bart, Dexter Smith, Gil Scott, Bill Myers, Bill Boyles, Al Crehan, Warren Hayford, Vince Bailey, Tom Murphy, Tom Rehm, Craig Alderman, Charlie Sell, John Garver, Al Gorby, Warren Eisenhart, Ralph Cline, Tom Leggett, Dick Baker, Bill Waldrop, Deryle Whipple, Jay Hogan, Ashley Speir, Otis Moran, and Wayne White.

The '52 Tidewater contingent held a victory celebration on 3 Dec, right in the heart of enemy territory—the Breezy Point Club, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va. George and Florie Tronsrue report it was a fine party with the last cup turned upside down at 0230. Among the celebrants were: Chuck and Jan Luther, Joe and Pat Bulger, Will



1952: Warren Hayford, head of new department at Continental Can Co.

and Barbara Ross, John and Ann Hill, Gar and Gloria Weed, John and Marie Kenney, George and Winnie Relyea, Don and Suzie Weinert, Dick and Donna Larkin. Many of those attending were students at AFSC and were scheduled to move on in January: the Relyeas, Larkins, and Tronsrues have joined the mob in Washington; the Weinerts are off to the 79th Engr Bn in Ulm, Germany; Joe Bulger is on his way to Bien Hoa in Vietnam by way of Luke AFB, Ariz. (Pat and children expect to remain in the Phoenix area); Chuck Luther is also on his way to Vietnam after a short stay in Tucson; Will Ross expects to join the 1st Inf Div in Vietnam while Barbara and children spend the year in Columbus, Ga. The Hills and Weeds are at Hq, USCONARC, and the Kenneys remain at Hq, CINCLANT. Two AFSC students unable to attend the party were Tom Fitzpatrick and Gerry Carey—Tom will leave his family in Virginia Beach while he tours Vietnam; Gerry will shortly be flying F-4C's in SE Asia after a brief stay at MacDill (Joan and four children will return to DC). Before leaving Norfolk Gerry received the AF Commendation Medal for his meritorious service as an aeronautical engineer at AF Systems Command Hq, Andrews AFB.

Swede Erickson and Ray Wallace have recently joined the ES&GS Dept at USMA—Swede from Korea, and Ray from the short course at Leavenworth. Ray reports that 7 other classmates graduated at the same time he did: Jim Day has gone to III Corps at Fort Hood, Don Gray to Hq USAREUR, Pete Hains to MACV in Vietnam, Fred Stevens to Belvoir. Len Sluga remained at Leavenworth, and Gil Burns and Dick Richards returned to Washington, D.C. By the way, according to the latest Raiford census, the Washington contingent now numbers 69 and is still growing.

Congratulations to Warren Hayford on being named general manager of the market and product planning department of the Continental Can Co. Among recent civilian visitors to USMA were Jim Spell and Frank Boyer. Jim makes his home in Dallas and was in this part of the country on a business trip. Frank was on a PCS from Iowa to Massachusetts. He has accepted a new job as vice president of engineering with the National Co., Inc., in Malden, Mass. Bill Sadler checked into the mail net to report he would enjoy hearing from and seeing classmates. Bill is refining technical manager for Humble Oil's Bayway Refinery in Linden,

N.J. He, Evelyn, and two sons live at 440 Manor Ave., Crawford, N.J.

Paul and Judy Child recently became parents for the sixth time—Anne Bernadette was born on 23 Nov. Paul will be leaving USMA for C&GSC this summer. John Garver, on one of his numerous rock-hunting expeditions this past fall, unearthed an extremely large, almost perfectly round specimen, buried in the side of a local mountain. With much diligent effort and with the aid of unsuspecting weekend guests, he managed to roll the boulder all the way home, only to discover it to be a 425 lb., 16-inch cannonball of Civil War vintage. It now rests in the Garver backyard, and steps are being taken to identify the spot on future copies of the guide map issued to USMA visitors.

Ralph Garver (no relation to Cannonball Garver) reports that he is enjoying his tour as Chief, Engr Sec, Operations and Schools Unit, G3, U.S. Army Element, Joint U.S. Military Mission for aid to Turkey. Better known as the Engr Opns and Tng advisor, Ralph's duties include advising the Turkish Ground Forces Engr School in Istanbul, the Engineer Recruit Tng Center in Izmir, and the Chief of Engrs at Ground Forces Command Hq in Ankara. Ralph saw Don Sells (Iran) and Ed Gilbert (Ethiopia) at an engineer conference, and he frequently sees Clyde Snodgrass in Istanbul.

Ed Eckert has completed his tour in Saigon. He returned stateside for a short leave and then packed the family off to Heidelberg for his new assignment. Lou and Ann Arnold remain at Heidelberg with the 11th Engr Gp, but the Bracys' tour there has been curtailed, and Al has been reassigned to Fort Lee. Al insists he is not the club officer at Lee, but a combined arms instructor. Speaking of curtailments, the Peltons completed their 6th move in one year and returned much earlier than expected from Panama. Nickie and family have settled in Hampton, Va., while John is a Bn XO (2/27) in Vietnam. Earlier, Tom Dowler's Panama tour was also curtailed so that he might visit beautiful Cam Ranh Bay with the 577th Engr Const Bn. Tom has served as S3 and XO of the battalion and will be a welcome addition to the Math Dept at USMA this summer. Tom reports that Harry Roper commands a "Huey" Aslt Co. and spends most of his time scrounging goodies all over the countryside in exchange for transportation.

Tom Nelson moved from Taiwan to Saigon last October. Mary Ann and the five children are remaining in Taipei for the year as '52's sole representatives there. If you're in the neighborhood on R&R, give her a call (94-4817). Tom is working with Bill Horn in the construction management division of MACV's construction directorate, and both of them enjoy occasional trips away from the paperwork and into the boonies. Tom saw Drake Wilson, Al Lawrence, and Jack Burkheimer before they rotated and, more recently, has run into Tom Cole, Charlie Watkins, Paul Brown, and Harry Wilson. According to Tom, necessary equipment for his tour consists of a tennis racket and a Honda. War is hell!!!

Gordon Pahre is a navigator on an AC-47 Dragon Ship flying out of Binh Tuy Air Base in the Mekong Delta. He was recently commended for his part in a night mission that rained 7.62mm cannon fire on the Viet Cong and thereby saved a Vietnamese outpost that was under heavy enemy mortar attack. Dick McCoy has completed his tour in SE Asia and is currently serving as assistant operations officer at Bentwaters RAF Station,

England. Bob Kelley is now at USAFA where they have recently established an academic award in memory of Ted Loeschner. Bob Day has been graduated from the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks AFB.

Bill Ritter has become CO of the 2d Bn, 35th Arty, in Xuan Loc, Vietnam. Mary Ann, spending the year at White Sands, has added a dog and a rabbit to the family. Art Elmore is province representative for Kien Tuong province in Vietnam for USAID. Joan and children are living in Manila and hope to arrange leave so they can attend the 15th. Doug Ludlam, the all-time champion of Pentagon jargon, is now happily situated at Sandia Base, N. Mex. Despite the fact that he spent 6 weeks this past fall on a nuclear test exercise in the Pacific, he devotes much time and effort to furthering the worthwhile causes of the local PTA under the watchful guidance of president Warren Spaulding. Ivan King, on ROTC duty at Missouri U., is pursuing his master's degree in history and is still not reconciled to being the father of four. Ivan claims he was just practicing.

Harry Van Trees's long-awaited treatise on electrical engineering is still growing and has now become a 2-volume work. Harry's productivity, however, has been challenged by, of all people, Scott Shipe. Scott, admitting some help from Rosalie, claims seven children (a tie with Harry), and he steadfastly maintains that his Ph.D. dissertation entitled, *The American Legation in Bolivia: 1848-1879*, will surpass Harry's book in wordiness. Scott's only concern about the dissertation, which he hopes to complete this fall, is that his committee at St. Louis U. may not accept it as a serious work. He is not really worried, however, for he is confident it will sell as a paperback. After all, it features plenty of sex, violence, and some of Jimmy Rivera's ancestors. Of course, the latter were the good guys—they all wore white sombreros. Scott reports that Jimmy Rivera, who turned up this year in the far fringes of the Washington area (Annapolis), has left him a shaken man insofar as the intellectual purity of the "goats" is concerned. By the time Jimmy got his U.S. citizenship and a reserve commission as an Infantry officer, the Korean War was over, and he was faced with the prospect of working for a living. He has since compiled an enviable record in combat with the scientific and engineering world and is now a technical consultant at ARINC Research. Jimmy had to remind Scott that West Point had not trained "goats" to be experts at engineering



1952: Joe Bulger, recent AFSC graduate.

or science, but rather to give gifted people in those fields the leadership and direction they need.

The Class was saddened to learn of the death of Oscar Morales Duvall last October in a plane crash in Guatemala. Oscar had recently completed a highly successful 3-year tour as Air Attaché in Washington, D.C., and had returned home in August to assume the post of deputy chief of the Guatemalan Air Force. His untimely death ended a brilliant career, but his friendly, unpretentious manner has left an indelible mark on his classmates. The heartfelt sympathies of the entire Class have been extended to his wife Isabel and their five children.

Congratulations to all those who have recently silvered their leaves. Dick Wiles has kindly been keeping me posted from his Pentagon office, but I hesitate to mention any names for fear of missing someone. Don't forget the 15th Reunion, 27-29 Oct 1967. Mark your calendars now and do plan to attend.

'53

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The campus is growing up. The new barracks have just about reached their desired height. However, it is mother nature who has set the scene at West Point. The snow-covered grounds and the Jack Frost windows make one take a step back to appreciate the picture card tableau. As some might not be aware of the fact, let me say that there are no cadets at West Point during the holidays, and the tranquillity gives us a moment to think of our friends away from here.

Our ranks at West Point are declining in number, and Ray Eineigl called a special meeting to resolve a few points. The class headquarters will not move this year to Washington, D.C. This was decided by a close vote. We now have about 50 classmates in the DC area. Bob Bartlett, Secy of the State Dept of Highways, Pa., and Bernie Hughes, who received the Legion of Merit for his work at the Lawrence Radiation Lab were nominated by us for a recognition award given by the Washington, D.C., West Point Society.

Ray Schroder dropped a line from Vietnam where he is flying F-100's. Ray, sorry about the spelling error. For the new year I am checking all the names in the REGISTER, regardless of the source. Ray has made quite a few moves lately: Alaska, Florida, and now Vietnam—since Oct 65. Hope you are out of your tent and into your new quarters soon.

From Chicago, Frank Mleko writes that Norm Birchler is with the Morton Salt Co. and has moved into Chicago. Cliff Worthy was in town on Tdy and saw Frank. Cliff is on an Air Defense project. Sorry about the Notre Dame game, Frank, but as we say here, "Wait till next year!"

Louise and Ray Eineigl received word that Marcia and Howard Thompson are in Amman, Jordan. He is Asst military attaché. They recommend swimming in the Dead Sea and shopping in the local markets, but only after building up immunities to everything. Marcia likes to shop and prefers the locally produced copper plates and rugs.

Bill Horton informs us that after a year with MAAG, Dominican Republic, he requested a change to Vietnam. He arrived there in October and is S3 of an Engr Const Bn. Things are "a-building," he says, from hospitals to storage areas. Jo and the chil-

dren are in El Paso, Tex. He wrote that Bill Miotke and Bob Daly, also in Vietnam, have their wives in El Paso. Bob Nutter and Earl Chambers are pursuing civilian interests in the El Paso area.

Bernie Hughes dropped a note with some news of our classmates in Vietnam. Bernie is with Hq, MACV, J4, as an advisor to the Vietnamese DCSLOC. Wayne Alch is with the Engr Advisory Div. Max Noah is the deputy chief of Opns, 18th Engr Bde. Rod Smith is XO, 1st Engr Bn, with the Big Red ONE. Bob Carter works with the Free World Military Assistance Office. Bud Zimmer is with the Defense Communications Agency. Dick Fischer is G4 advisor for a sub-sector. And, Norm Delbridge is with the Opns Sec, Engr Div, with Field Force I.

Received a lovely Christmas card from Bill and Pat Sifford with a picture of their family. They are at Leavenworth and are staying busy. They mention that there are 32 of our classmates there.

Judy Purcell dispatched a note saying that Hank was a senior advisor to a Vietnamese Regt. After much work on his part in restoring morale and confidence, she continues,



1953: Bernie Hughes receives Legion of Merit from Gen. J.D. Crowley for work at Lawrence Radiation Lab, Calif.

the unit was in successful engagements. Hank received the Cross of Gallantry with silver star (corps level), a Vietnamese citation for valor. Hank is now advising in the G3 section at corps Hq.

From Texas, June Arnheim writes that Rolfe is XO for the 1/7 Cav, 1st Air Cav Div. From one of his letters, she states that the following classmates are assigned to the Air Cav Div: Larry Davis, Dan Rickard, Bob Thomas, Stu McLennan, Gene Currier, and Dyke McCarty (AF). June flew out to Hawaii in August to meet Rolfe on R&R. She highly recommends this for anyone who can do it. While there they lived like kings at the Royal Hawaiian. The report from Hawaii is that the natives are friendly. In any event, Rolfe is due back in February.

Bob Boxell dropped a line from the Presidio of San Francisco. At the ARMY-California game he saw Bill Campbell and Jerry O'Malley. Both of them are flying airplanes. Steve Vogel was also at the game. Bob said that Jim Loedding, John Toman, and Jim Appleton are all in the California area. Bob welcomes company; give him a call at 561 05258.

Jim Donahue forwarded a letter from Dan Rickard who is XO of the 2/12 Cav at An Khe, Vietnam. Dan informs us that Bob Thomas is XO of a Bn, Gene Currier is at Bde Hq, and Larry Davis is S3 of a chopper Bn. Stu McLennan and Don Brown are with

the Artillery. Dan mentions running into Rolfe Arnheim. As for the technical questions on the "slump test" for cement, Dan, I refer you to the Engineers.

Congratulations to Jane and Whitey Miller. Amy Alice Miller arrived on 25 Sept 1966 at Walter Reed General Hospital. Her three sisters welcomed her with joy. Whitey moved from Armor Branch in July and is now in War Plans Div, ODCSOPS.

Here are some of my notes taken during Homecoming. At the game were Ray and Mary Conder from Fort Dix, N.J. Dick Hoyt came in from Watertown, Conn., as did Dot and Jack Johnson who are now living in Old Tappan, N.J. Larry and Nancy Crevoiserat were there getting wet in the rain. Larry is the director of nuclear operations for Allied Crossroads Nuclear Corp. They are living in Darien, Conn. Barb Sullivan said that Sully was in Nha Trang, Vietnam. Ed and Pat Reed drove 410 miles for the game. He is Signal instructor at the Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, Va. From West Point and also getting doused were the: Vander Meers, Piggs, Martins, Nolls, and Rumboughs.

After the game the cocktail party drew many who did not get to the cold, wet (but enjoyable—we won) game. Lou Andrews, en route to Asia from France where he flew F-4C's, was there. Bets Andrews will stay in the AF Academy area in Colorado. Bill and Jean Jolin were in from Topsfield, Mass., en route to Washington, D.C. Bill is with computers for Honeywell. Al Paulekas was there explaining football to the wives. He and Elaine are in Orange, Conn., with their two sons. Al is still with the truck and trailer distributorship. Jim and Ginney Currie live in Old Saybrook, Conn. Jim is administrative manager with the Electric Boat Div of General Dynamics Corp. in New London, Conn. Dick Hoyt stayed until the end of the party. Dick's family is in Watertown, Conn. Don and Connie Schmidt drove up from Princeton. They now have four sons. Don just changed positions and is with Conn. General Life Insurance. Abbie McLennan, Jane Dierdorff, and the rest of the West Point group were there.

On 28 Dec our contingent had a get-together, "Hot Chili on a Cold Winter's Night," at the golf club. Seen at the party on the "twister mats" were the Heibergs, Rumboughs, and the Weirs. On the toboggan run—Oh my back!—bounced the Eineigls, Fran Ramsay, Vald Heiberg, and your Sarge. At the fire were the organizers Bob Zargan and Nick Andre, as well as the Martins, Zlotskys, Early Rush, Winky Fitzsimmons, and the Vander Meers.

Looking back over the column I see that our Class is represented all over the world and in force in Vietnam. Europe appears to be neglected. Please note that the delay in a quarterly magazine can be three months, and my next deadline is 27 March. If you are in the vicinity, give me a call. Off-post: 914 938 2694, or during duty hours: 4143. Good Luck!

'54

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I know the entire Class joins with me in extending deepest sympathy to Chris and Al Richards, whose daughter Sylvia died recently in El Paso, Tex., after an illness caused by a severe virus infection.

Box 54 came through with a comparative flood of letters this quarter. The extra impetus of holiday socializing precipitated an un-

precedented number of communiqués. First, an egregious blooper must be (blush!) rectified: Don McKnight II, youngest child and the only boy in a family of six, was born to the Don Larsons, not, as erroneously spelled in the last issue, Carlson.

The Homecoming hoe-down at Bonneville Cabin, organized by Bob Badger, attracted nearly 100 members and associates, after the victory over Penn State, which epitomized a great football season. Among notes of those present were these: Bill and Anne Welsh, with daughters, Lyn, Margaret, and Elizabeth, now live in Acton, Mass., where Bill works in R&D for Dynatech Corp. in the helicopter and short-haul aircraft field. Bill Haskell and Cissy journeyed all the way from Garrison, where they live with Joe, Tony, Helen, Ward, and Gordon. Bill works in the stock exchange. George and Pat McMillan, now with New York Life, live in Cornwall with Elizabeth, Kay, Leigh, and George. George announces, "space available—drop in."

Gus Freyer, in the process of completing a Ph.D. in physics at Penn State, is headed for a tour as instructor at the AF Academy. Jack Sulik, looking exceptionally well traveled, was there with Priscilla. They had just returned with Joanne, Wendy, and Lisa, from a truncated tour in Germany, Jack having a delay en route to VN, his 4th o'seas tour. Japan and Iran were the previous ports of call. Can you top 4? Maureen and Max Janairo came up from the National Military Command Center at OJCS. Max mentioned that Virl Haas and Kerly Barrant are at CDCC, Fort Belvoir, and Lou Mentillo is located at Lawrence Radiation Lab in Livermore, Calif. Ken Bailey came back for his first visit from DCS/Personnel. He and Gloria now reside in Chevy Chase, Md., with Melanie and Chris, having previously lived in India, where Ken was assigned to the U.S. Mission at the Indian Staff College.

U.S. At Large: A recent letter from Phil, informs that husband Yale Weatherby is a peregrinating marketing manager for Philco-Ford in Palo Alto, Calif. "The welcome mat is always out" at Wasatch Drive, in Mountain View. While cramming for his exams at U. of Pa., Roger Brown spied, clipped, and forwarded a squib from the *Wall Street Journal* on the activities of Ronnie Lee, who has been secured by General (as he is correctly termed) O'Brien to help solve U.S. postal problems through systems analysis. From Vacaville, Calif., the Spike Briggses announce the birth of Susan, on 16 July 66, to join Elizabeth and Courtney. Spike flies MATS from Travis AFB to SEA, and "itinerant friends are always welcome."

John Bard submits the following report on Class No. 40 of the AFSC. Dick Youngflesh, who returned from 4 years in Japan and the Philippines, will move with Prue and their two daughters to DC where Dick will work in DCS/Plans and Operations. Lief Erickson, off an Okinawa tour as a C-130 pilot, goes to Deputy Director of Plans. Jean and their son will accompany Lief to Washington. John Poteat recently returned from a stint of construction jobs in Turkey and is headed from DCSLOG, DA. John joins the mid-winter migration to Washington, with OPO, DA, as his destination. He joined Marge and the children last summer after a VN tour as sector advisor, XO, and then CO of a Bn of the Big Red ONE.

A card from Walt and Renate Evans, in the bottom of last quarter's mail pouch, announces the arrival of John Humphrey, 9lbs., 10oz., on 18 Aug 66. President of his own business, Walt has established contact in 75

foreign countries. Is it THRUSH, SMERSH, UNCLE, CHAOS, or MONEY, Walt?

From Venezuela, Jim and Bobbi Williams send notice of a tour (Army attaché) that is expensive but charming—\$500 a month for quarters, but great climate! In another communiqué from Caracas, Ramon Aguilar sends general greetings to '54. He has been employed professionally in the hinterlands but is now commanding a staff desk.

John and Niki Wesner report on an AF hardship tour in the Pacific paradise. Their children, Valerie, Adrienne, and John Jr., flourish apace in the Hawaiian climate. Also in Hawaii (as of 15 Oct 66) are Bud and Gail Gurney, Shirley and Vip Vipraio, and Brook and Dick Bentz. Carl Crews and Phil Vollmann departed last summer.

Vietnam: Russ Parker assures us that he is gainfully employed in Vietnam; he has been Asst S3 Divarty, AFS Coord, and is now XO of a 105 Bn. He reports seeing Jim Moore and Dick Renfro in the area. Headed for the Math Dept after C&GSC, Russ will re-join Ann and the children in Oxnard, Calif. Another Christmas card from Dick Sugg announces that he, Howie Hunter, and Paul Miller are now Bn XO's. Len Fuller is now Asst S3 at I FFV Arty. John D'Aura is Asst G3 Air I FFV, and Fred Bowling is advisor to the Ranger task force at Pleiku. John Gilboux was Bn XO in the 101st, and Bob Anthis was G1 advisor to the 22d ARVN Div.

The '54 Air arm continues to make its presence felt in VN: A recent AF release announced that George Kronsbein has won the DFC for his heroic action in support of ground forces. His A-1E Skyraider damaged by ground fire when he answered the distress signal of a friendly outpost under attack by a VC Regt, George nursed his plane back to base, crash-landed, appropriated another plane, and returned to the outpost, where he inflicted heavy casualties on the attacking force. He accomplished this in bad weather while negotiating close support maneuvers in mountainous terrain. George is presently stationed at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Otherwhere in the Air Force, Phil and Evelyn Brewster are now at Maxwell AFB, Ala., while Phil attends AF Command & Staff College. Bill and Carol Boyd are at the Air University, where Bill Liby is assigned as a staff officer.

Frank Ianni sent pictures of a recent joint studies seminar at Leavenworth but the Editor said they wouldn't survive the printing process; Norm Bedell and John Young will attend the spring associate course; Milt Aitken is in a current associate course. Frank will cheerfully answer any and all questions from those due to attend the next course. Write him at: 319-3 Pope, Fort Leavenworth.

The receipts at Box 54 have been most encouraging. Keep writing!

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The service school lists are being published for the coming year. Unofficial reports, generally confirmed by other sources, reflect the following. To C&GSC at Leavenworth go: Andrews, Camp, Chapman, De Long, Drummond, Fralen, Cliff Jones, Paul Parks, Patterson, Bliss, Zaborowski, John Brown, Burrus, Jeter, Katzenbrink, Moses, Ordway, Robinson, Dave Young, Hagedorn, McKinney, Meekison, Waterstrat, Strati, Warren Jones, Raymond, Schick, Sydenham, and Olvey. Don is due to be permanently as-



1955: Orphans at Sanctuary de Phu My, Saigon, receive food packages from Turner whose squadron co-sponsors the institution. Sanctuary cares for 1,500 children and adults.

signed to the Social Science Dept at West Point.

To AFSC go: Cardillo, Vincent, Ralls, and Bunden. Jim Fleeger is going to the Indian Defense Services Staff College. We are assured that the kind of Indian course Custer went through was not the same. Jim will be able to take his family with him for this 6-month course. Dave Gilpatrick is going to the Australian Army Staff College. Ted and Nancy Bishop are already in Australia where Ted is an instructor at the Australian School of Military Engineering. The Bishops helped stage President Johnson's barbecue in Canberra. Don Hilbert is going to the French Staff College. Joe Skaff is going to the Naval Command and Staff College where he will have ample opportunity to clean up on the next ARMY-Navy game. This opportunity was undoubtedly scored upon by Bob and Nancy Meisenheimer who are currently there along with Ted Gay. Ted got married in December to Mary Carolyn Gay, a Florida girl.

Gerry Samos writes that our Class is well represented at the current course of the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AB. At a party to start the students off in the proper spirit last October were: Bill and Ronnie McWilliams, Gerry and Bobbie Samos, Bud and Marcia Hall, Bob and Ann Pfeiff, Bill and Adelaide Hock, Ken Wilson, Bob and Rosie Wray, Tony and Oddie Hansell, John and Leslie Hardy. Also present were: Derf McJoynt and Bill Carrington, who are on the staff of the Air University, and Mike Stevenson who is with the Army at Gunter AB nearby.

Some news from Vietnam where the action is: Tom Turner has made news from Tan Son Nhut Air Base where he is an air operations officer. Tom has appealed all the way back to the U.S. for help in making his unit's sponsorship of a Saigon sanctuary for Vietnamese refugees a success. Tom has already gotten encouraging response from 8 state governors! Robby Robertson writes from Qui Nhon where it looks like he has achieved a class first. He is a battalion commander. Robby commands the 98th Supply and Service Bn which consists of 8 companies: 2 Ord, 1 Engr, 1 guard, and 4 QM. The battalion supports the ROK Tiger Div as well as our own 25th and 4th Inf and 1st Cav Divs. It provides forward area support for

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such operations as: "Masher," "Thayer," "North" and "South Carolina," etc. Robby notes that Charlie Gersitz is CO of an Ord Co. in An Khe, and John Feagin is a doctor with the 85th Evacuation Hospital. Bill Terrio just left, having done a fine job as Hq Commandant of the Spt Cmd. Robby saw Dick Hoeferkamp who is a Bde S2 in the 4th Inf Div.

Fred Bliss writes from Vietnam that he is a task force advisor with the Abn Div advisory Det which consists of 3 task forces. He explains that these task forces are used as the control Hq for operations which use 2 or more Abn Bns in the field as in many of the large operations we read about in the papers. During operations, Fred reports he spotted: Rex Perkins, XO of a 1st Cav Bn; Jim Ryan, S1 of the 1st Cav's 3d Bde; Dan Dienst, a subsector advisor at Binh Khe; Jim Darrah, a UH1C pilot for the famed aerial rocket Arty Bn of the 1st Cav (they make themselves very unpopular with the Viet Cong, it seems); Mike Gallup, reassigned from the 1st Cav Engrs to the 101st Abn Div at Fort Campbell after 18 months in Vietnam at the end of November; Bob Chapman, with the G3 section of II Corps in Pleiku; and Mike Brown, with the G1 section of II Field Force.

Another of our classmates has returned from Vietnam to make his last trip to West Point. Death occurred in Vietnam on 20 Oct for Chris Miller. Chris was buried at West Point on 28 Oct with full military honors. Pallbearers and escort were: DeMaris, LaFrenz, Livesay, Jim Strickland, Todd Graham, Parsons, and Andrews. Many other members of our Class were present, as well as the Superintendent of the Academy, Maj. Gen. D. V. Bennett. Chris is survived by his wife Margaret and their three children. The family will reside in Willow Grove, Md. To Margaret we extend our deepest sympathy.

The largest contingent of the Class still seems to be at West Point. Dick Bean asks that it be noted that a regular class luncheon is held at West Point on the first Wednesday of each month. Dick hopes that this custom will be carried on elsewhere as the bulk of the Class builds up in other areas. Bill May is worried that these sumptuous luncheons are already causing the Class to build up too much bulk in another area. While on a trip through Indiana and Michigan on Admissions business, Dick Bean reports that he saw John Lovell who is tentatively planning a 1-year stay in Korea accompanied by Joanne. This would be in conjunction with his research as an Asst Professor in the Political Science Dept of Indiana U.

Seen during the delightful ARMY-Navy weekend were: E.J. O'Brien and Doris. E. J. (ex-'55) lives at Newport Beach, Calif. Dell Jacobs flew in from Florida for the game leaving his wife behind. Shirley gets a consolation trip to Miami. Noted rooting at the game: Les and Ginny Pruitt; Jim and Betty Heye; Bill and Kathleen Graham, he is an Army test pilot in Maryland; Ray Cunderson, working in OPO in Washington; Bob and Nancy Meisenheimer; Pete and Ruth Walton, he is currently attending AFSC; Will Holbrook, still at Bragg; Joe Thomer, an engineer in the New York City area; Rod Vitty, "mayor" of Philadelphia.

Over our coffee at the last luncheon, it was reported that Ken Ikeda switched from Arty to Finance, but it was noted that we can't hope for special deals until Ken gets familiar with the setup. Ken left Hawaii last July to attend the Naval Postgraduate School

at Monterey. He and Bob Brown are taking the 2-year operational analysis course there while Bob Soper is finishing up the nuclear effects course next June. It seems we can still learn something from the Navy! And speaking of courses, Marty McNamee has been in Kaiserslautern, Germany, for 2 years with the 32d Air Defense Command where he is completing his master's degree in aerospace management (a wide open field, it seems) through a program sponsored by the U.S.C. at Ramstein AB.

Jim Napier is stationed at Fort Rucker. Dick and Renate McCarthy send greetings from Orange, Conn., as does Fred Woerner from Guatemala where he is with the U.S. Military Gp (Civic Action Officer) after having completed the year of his FAST training in Colombia. When Fred and Ginny have lunch together, they can boast a class function attended by all of the Class present in Guatemala!

Dave McNerney visited Walt and Edie Landers who are enjoying civilian life in Parsippany, N.J. Frank and Judy Schlotter were also there. Frank came down from Penn State College where he is on the ROTC staff.



1955: Pool party at Maxwell.

Our luncheon club was happy to welcome Bill Haas back after he successfully weathered a series of examinations at Walter Reed. It seems he was having trouble with a malfunctioning transistor or something. While in Walter Reed, Bill learned that the 10-year-old boy in the room next to his is Stump Joseph's brother-in-law. Bill also saw Paul Lenio, but not before a 5-minute dissertation from the head nurse of the surgical ward on how great a doctor Paul is. It seems he is a highly respected member of the medical team at Reed.

After the luncheon we heard a fascinating talk by Colonel Day, Director of Admissions, on the Academy's admissions program. We also heard from Bill May that he was visited by Cadet Terry Young, the football team's fine end, who gave Bill a note from Jim and Sue Seay. The note said that Jim would be happy to fly his old roommate to Vietnam when his tour came up. Jim is flying C-123's out of Travis AFB while awaiting the big thaw in AF promotions to major in 1967.

Finally, Dave Pemberton remarked as the luncheon adjourned that Jessie Chikalla visited Chik in Hawaii over Christmas. Chik was taking an R&R from Vietnam where he is the S3 of the 1st Inf Div's 3d Bde. Dave wants to know how many of the Class are involved in politics (civilian, that is). He reports that Ben Johnston (ex-'55) is now a state senator from Louisiana. Maybe we will all be working for Bimbo one of these days!

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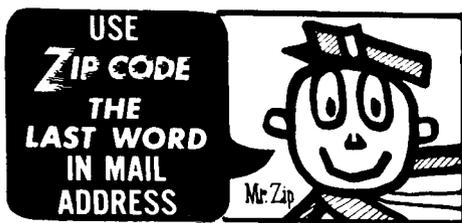
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My special thanks to all of you who sent me letters, cards, and notes this past holiday season. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and makes my job as editor of this report much, much easier.

First I want to pass along the circumstances of Terry Creighton's death as reported in the last issue of the ASSEMBLY. As is sometimes the case, I was apparently the last one to know; however, Terry's father, Col. Stanley R. Stewart, USAF, Ret, Class of '32, came to my rescue and has provided me with all information I could have wished. Terry was assigned as Asst Professor of Aerospace Studies in the AF ROTC program at East Texas State U. According to the report of the accident board, he was on a routine flight from Corpus Christi to Perrin AFB, flying on instruments at night. In the back seat of the T-33 was a student pilot from the California National Guard who was at Perrin getting checked out in jets. No definite cause was determined, but the best guess seems to be that as they were nearing the end of the flight, Terry was doing the navigation from the front cockpit, and the student in the rear was actually at the controls. It was found that the attitude gyro in the rear of the plane indicated level flight when, in fact, the plane was in a shallow dive. It is believed that the student simply flew the plane into the ground without either of them realizing what was happening. This belief is substantiated by the fact that Terry's belt was not fastened, and neither man made any attempt to eject. Terry is survived by his widow the former Jo Ann Carlton, of San Angelo, and two children: Terri Ann 6, and Susan 2. Jo Ann and children are now living with her parents at 121 Arlington, San Angelo, Tex. Terry was the Class of '32's godson. In addition to other members of his family, he is survived by a half-brother, Cadet Kirk Stewart, now attending the AF Academy. Apparently, Terry was buried in Texas, his pallbearers being East Texas State U. cadets. Terry had 463 combat missions and 521 hours of combat flying time in Vietnam and had been presented with numerous medals for his heroism during that period. At East Texas State he made a lasting impression on the cadets, the faculty, and the townspeople—the same fine impression he left with all who were privileged to know him. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

Congratulations are certainly in order to Ward Le Hardy, Bob Beyer, and all the others who put together what I consider to be an outstanding class 10-year book. We all appreciate your labor, and I know that the book will be treasured by all who were fortunate enough to order copies. By the way, Ward and Judy have now added a third son to their clan: Peter Kingsley was born on 29 Nov 1966. Obviously, '66 was a busy and productive year for the Le Hardys.

Turning to the bulging mail bag, I am happy to share the following holiday notes and information with all of you. Bill McClung has announced his resignation from the AF. Bill, Eva Jo, Mary Ellen 9, Jeff 7, and James 5, are temporarily living in Covington, Ky., until they can get settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. Bill is teaching electronics in high school in a suburb of Cincinnati and hopes to teach math and science soon. Apparently Bill and Eva Jo had a rather rough year from a medical standpoint. Bill spent 6 weeks in February and March of 1966 at the AF Acad-



emy hospital having the meniscus cartilage removed from his left knee. While he was thus confined, Eva Jo was in bed with erythema nodosa (whatever that is!). At any rate, they are happy and in good health at this writing.

Bill McPeck is currently teaching navigation to the AF Academy cadets, lecturing in the Academy planetarium, and serving as Asst AOC for one of the cadet squadrons. He has also been decorated with the AF Commendation Medal for his meritorious service as director of training for the Eighth AF NCO Academy at Westover AFB, Mass. Barbara is a den mother, sings in the Officers Wives' Club chorale, and is a member of the garden club. Scott is a 4th grader active in Cub Scouts, judo, and swimming, and Jeff is in the 1st grade.

Paul and Nancy Merola are enjoying their home in Alexandria, Va., following Paul's tour with the 1st Cav Div in Vietnam. Paul was an Aslt Helicopter Sec Comdr and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, and 17 Air Medals (2 of which were with Valor). Currently Paul has a much quieter assignment under the chief of R&D as military advisor at the Research Analysis Corp. In addition, he expects to receive an M.A. in management from George Washington U. The Merolas and their children, Tres and Heather, hope to remain in the DC area for at least 2 more years.

The Hulls—Bob, Frankie, David 8, Lianne 12, Robin 4, and Helen 3—are still enjoying their stay at West Point to the fullest. Bob finished 1966 as a Tac of Co. B-3 and this year is adjutant of the 3d Regt. Frankie is on the board of directors of the post Child Care Center and is a den mother. Their Christmas card pictures David, Lianne, Robin, and Helen astride Buckshot, one of the ARMY mules, and as you can guess, they seem to have become well integrated into the West Point life and tradition.

Jesse Blackwell was able to shed the uniform (and role) of Army purchasing agent at St. Louis and is now enrolled in the graduate school of Public and International Affairs at the U. of Pittsburgh. One of the blessings this brings is the promise of 2 Christmases in one place for the Blackwells.

Neale Luft is assigned to the 311th Air Commando Sqdn in Danang, Vietnam. He says the duty is good and keeps him busy. He claims he has seen more classmates in 2 months in Vietnam than he has seen in the last 10 years. He's seen Joe Dougherty, Bill Robertson, Larry Stebleton, Nick Mavrotheris, Bob Sorley, Whit Coats, and Porter Medley, among others. Bonnie and their seven children are living at her father's home, 25 miles from West Point.

Bob and Marlene Schuler expect to return to the States in June after a fabulous tour with the military attaché's office in Brazil. They have had enough experiences to fill this entire column. One of the most significant: serving as escort to Astronaut and Mrs. Neil Armstrong during a good-will trip to South America. Their daughter Kristin started kindergarten last year and is already an accom-

plished swimmer and pianist for her age. Marlene has kept quite busy in the social whirl of the attaché's office but has found time to teach English once a week to wives of officers at the Brazilian C&GSC.

You may be certain that Mike and Janet Esposito had a joyous New Year. Their third child, a son they named Bruce Ward, was born on, you guessed it, 1 Jan 1967. Mike recently resigned from the Service and is now working for Bellcomm in Washington, D.C., on its APOLLO activities. Janet talked with June Winter recently and learned that Tom is back from Vietnam and will be in the DC area for a while. The Espositos also report that Jim Paradise is attending language school in DC prior to going to Spain for his new assignment.

Nancy Patrick reports that their daughter, little Nancy, became a professional model during Farrell's absence in Vietnam. After 7 months in Saigon, Farrell has apparently been transferred to Pleiku. According to Nancy he seems to be enjoying his job in spite of the rain and the mud.

Carolyn Cannon writes that Ray's new flight instructor assignments in San Antonio and, later, Selma, Ala., may be great, but she's not at all certain where they and their two girls, Janice and Donna Ray, will live. Apparently base housing at both locations is almost non-existent, and the waiting list would make a payroll line look short by comparison. At any rate, Carolyn and the girls enjoyed visiting with her folks in Florida over the holidays while Ray got some flight instructor training in Texas.

Harry and Kitty Crandall are still in Germany but expect to return to the States in June. Harry's assignment near Gmünd, Germany, entails a good deal of travel to the far-flung PERSHING Bns and the various European Hq, but Kitty has been able to accompany him on many of these trips. The Crandalls and their daughter Kate are enchanted with the little-town atmosphere and old-time friendliness of Gmünd. Their big trip for 1966 was back to the States for 2 weeks to introduce Kate to her native land and to her grandparents. This opportunity was handed to them when Harry was sent Tdy to a PERSHING training conference in Washington, D.C.

Carl Coulter reports that he is now a registered professional engineer in Texas and has about a year and a half to go at Texas A&M before he will be eligible for his Ph.D. He is teaching half-time. Carl and Jayne seem to be thriving on their Texas rancho and their twins, Kip and Devon, were three years of age this past December.

Gene Dewey left the Pentagon last June to become ADC to General Frank S. Besson Jr., head of the Army Materiel Command. In this assignment Gene has had an excellent opportunity to learn the ropes of logistics by sitting in on General Besson's briefings, making trips with the General, and participating in the operational aspects of the command's logistics mission. The No. 1 attraction for Gene and Priscilla at their home in Fairfax, Va., is their pert 2-year-old, Elisabeth. Priscilla enjoys the domesticity of Washington's suburbia and has had a chance to spread out their antique collection in their new, 2-story colonial home and to dabble in such favorite pursuits as needlepoint.

Dick Parker reports that the '56 contingent at Fort Leavenworth attending the Army C&GSC is growing by leaps and bounds. Current attendees include: Bob Hammond, Charlie Poole, Bill Crites, Chuck Kottich, Woody De Leuil, Don Holleder, John Wall, John Oakes, Bob Bacon, Roger Blunt, Arv

West, Jim Bolin, Bill Roll, John Scholz, and Frank Smith in addition to Dick Parker. They had an ARMY-Navy party at the local club, and, as you might have guessed, not one of those #*?! future generals thought to bring a camera!

In addition to the above notes and letters, I received many fine cards from all over the country. Among these are greetings from Fred and Cindy Rall, Raoul, and their new twins, Jeff and Mitch, from San Luis Obispo, Calif. The Bonnarens family remembered us from Fort Rucker, and Gerry and Barby Richardson and their three sent their best wishes from West Point. Irene and Bob Bacon sent a fine picture from Fort Leavenworth of themselves and their three sons, Robin, Bruce, and Bill. Dick and Mary Crews sent German holiday greetings as did Jim and Joan Lane. Received a fine card from the Greg Wold family. Greg has remarried, and his wife's name is Margie. Greg, Margie, and their daughters Vicki and Becky live in Livonia, Mich. Don, Toby, Barbara, and David Fisch remembered us from their current home in Champaign, Ill.

Recently I received a West Point Society bulletin naming all of the elected officers in the Societies around the country. I was quite impressed with the representation of '56 in this group, so have decided to give special recognition to our classmates serving in this capacity. Don Schanep is president of the West Point Society of Phoenix. Chuck Kottich recently served as treasurer of the Chapter in the San Francisco area. Ernie Ruffner is treasurer of the West Point Society of the District of Columbia. Jesse Blackwell has recently been secretary of the St. Louis Society, and Larry Wange is currently serving as president of the West Point Society of Wisconsin.

The following newsworthy items were received through our AOG information center. Joe Waters and George Lynch are both attending one of the most exclusive flying schools in the world—the AF Aerospace Research Pilot School at Edwards AFB, Calif. As many of you may know, selections for future astronaut crew training with NASA are made from the Edwards school graduates. Since a total of only 14 students was selected for this stiff, 6-month course of experimental test and space research pilot training, '56 is very well represented. I am certain that Joe Waters' wife, Billie, and George Lynch's wife, Gail, are very proud of their husbands.

John Shaud is attending a 10-month course at the AF Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Ala., in management, environment, and employment. Don Ernst is a section commander at the Sqdn Officer School at Maxwell AFB. In addition, Don has earned his M.S. degree from the George Washington U. center at Maxwell. Elsewhere in the AF, Bruce Wallace is now an instructor in the Dept of Political Science at the AF Academy.

Norm Schwarzkopf, in addition to achieving the position of Asst professor in the Dept of Mechanics at West Point, was recently decorated by Maj. Gen. Donald V. Bennett, Superintendent of the Academy, for his gallantry in action in Vietnam. Norm received the oak leaf cluster (2d award) to the Silver Star, and his 3d award of the Army Commendation Medal with "V" (for valor) for heroism while serving as an advisor to Task Force Alpha, Abn Div, Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

From Los Angeles came a fine letter from Bob Brown bringing me up to date on his activities. Bob and Patsy live in Torrance, Calif., and they boast of four offspring: Stephanie 9, Hubert 7, Susan 5, and David, almost 2. After spending 3 years at Yokota,

Japan, with the last 6 months of that tour on Tdy to Clark AFB in the Philippines and Vietnam, with later stop-overs at Forbes AFB, Kans., and Nashville, Tenn., Bob was ready to settle down for some AFIT training toward an M.S. in R&D management at U.S.C. Bob is enjoying our mild climate and has been promised he will be here at least until September. Don't know too much of the Roger Root family activities, but we received a card from them, and we know they are still living in Walnut, Calif.

We had sort of an informal gathering of the '56 clan at a West Point Society dinner-dance last fall, and a pleasant time was had by all. Bill Beck and his wife Sylvia had a special cause for celebration that evening because it was their 3d wedding anniversary. Ted Dayharsh, Bill's partner in a real estate management and consultant firm, was also in attendance with his wife Fay. The Dayharshes have two girls. Gerry Grinstead and his wife Maria were there. Gerry is an Army project officer for helicopters and is assigned to Hughes Aircraft here in LA. The Grinsteads, by the way, are expecting in March. George Leonard and his wife Phyllis attended, as did Irv and Judy Mayer. Both George and Irv are with the AF Space Systems Div here in Los Angeles. My wife Betty and Phyllis Leonard have a great deal in common since they are both teachers in LA city. We have gotten together with Irv and Judy Mayer. They have four girls: Deborah, Karen, Janet, and Nancy and live in Gardena, Calif. The only note of sadness for the evening was our bidding farewell to Ray and Carolyn Cannon who will be transferred to Selma, Ala., as indicated earlier in this report.

Your letters, notes, and cards are greatly appreciated, and your accomplishments, while expected, are still a source of real joy and inspiration to the Wilkers. Please write or call on us when you are in this area. Our phone is 377-7780, and the address of our new home is indicated at the head of this column. Until next time, good luck, and may God bless all of you as you so richly deserve.

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by THOMAS J. McANIFF

One or two of you probably noticed that this annex did not appear in the last ASSEMBLY. Thank you for noticing, and let's move on.

Our strength is down to 52, with the usual complement of wives, children, and other domestic pets. Here are the departmental assignments.

Tactics (11): RE Adams, RC Beyer, CA Glenn, RL Hull, PW Lash, WM Le Hardy, JW Nicholson, CP Saint, MS Sirkis, G Stapleton, WL Weihl.

Mathematics (6): MJ Conrad, PG Eliot, WR Johansen, CJ McRee, HJ Skidmore, E Valence.

Office of Physical Education (3): JL Anderson, JJ Burcham, CJ Garvey.

Social Sciences (4): Z Bradford, HW Johnson, GR Phillips, H Twichell.

English (4): HB Bynell, WC Haponski, TJ McAniff, JT Munsey.

Foreign Languages (2): WF Cody, GL Richardson.

Office of Military Instruction (2): EE Cross, AM Harris.

Electricity (2): FL Day, RT Goodwyn.

ES&GS (I don't know what the initials stand for) (4): GZ Demers, ES Diez, MD Schoonmaker, L Smith.

Mechanics (4): JL Dozier, GU Loffert, N Schwarzkopf, JK Strozier.

Ordnance (1): JH Huff.

Post Engineer (1): RP Pierce.

Computer Center (1): JR Parker.

Military Art & Engineering (3): CT Ogren, D Palmer, JW Woodmansee.

Military Psychology & Leadership (2): CR Russell, EB Wilson.

Physics & Chemistry (1): G Wien.

1st Infantry (1): J Keutmann.

Our compliments to Ward Le Hardy and his staff (Bob Beyer and Al Thelin) for the 10-year book. Since everyone in the Class responded immediately to Ward's questionnaire, his task was not particularly difficult. However, he did manage to collate most of his material correctly, and I'm sure all of us are proud of the result. The testimonial to Ward found on page 105 is well-deserved and provides but one indication of our editor's far-ranging interests and abilities. Ward sends along the following message. The year-books have been mailed to either your known present address or your permanent home address. We have raised the price to \$5 to handle mailing costs. Please send your payment to Maj. W.M. Le Hardy, Qtrs 548A, West Point, N.Y. (Ward cannot clear post until the printing bill is liquidated—and the Tactical Department does not offer tenure.)

The official 10-Year Reunion, held over the Homecoming Weekend, was even more successful than our June Week festival. Classmates of all shapes, sizes, and conditions of deterioration came home to see if it is true that no one has changed after all. Even Jack Munsey's heart was stirred by the prospect of seeing his "classmates and competitors." By the way, Jack's refusal to buy the year-book unless the price drops to \$3.50, places him in serious contention for the class Fidelity Award.

The high point of the weekend was the dinner-dance held at the Golf Club. According to Gerry Demers's tally sheet, a total of 196 attended, and 177 paid for their meals, but it was nice to see them anyway. The out-of-towners were: Sam Alward, Reid Barrett, Nick Beal, Mark Binstein, Steve Canby, Alice Celeste, Dick Chase, Chester Chesnauskas, Jack Conklin, Bill Devoto, Jim Ellis, Chuck Gorkinski, Butch Harbold, Jack Hayes (ex-'56), Bob Hewitt, Joan Hutchison, John Kamm, Dick Keating, Sam Kem, Harry Kotellos, Sam Lemmon, Roy Lindquist, Mike Lion, Buck Loggins, Dirk Lueders, Gene Lynch, Mike McGrath, Don Morelli, Mario Nicolais, Jim Paradise, Jack Polickoski, Ernie Ruffner, Barbara Rensvold, Luciano Salamone, Bill Schrage, Jim Skidmore, Stainton Smith, Jim Stanley, Jim Stoope, Leroy Sudath, Bert Tucker, Pat Uebel, Ed Van Der-vort, Joe Villanos, Larry Wange, George Ward, and George Woods.

We have been in the habit of holding monthly class luncheons in order to discuss: the service at the club, our jobs, the obvious decline of the Corps, class projects, and other vital interests. One project that came off quite well was our Christmas party. It was held on 9 December, and Stan Diez's flyer indicated a well-balanced evening: cocktails from 1800-2000, dinner from 2000-2015, and then dancing. The desired lubrication level was achieved early in the evening, and when Ernie Wilson began proposing toasts to each member of the Long Gray Line from its inception to the present, we knew we were on our way. This was followed by Ed and Sally Davis's joint announcement of their forthcoming divorce and their intention to accept sealed bids on their four children either individually or by lot. The response to date has been quite gratifying.

Later in the month we were permitted to vote on a slate of candidates for the various

positions in our chapter hierarchy. Mike Conrad chose to run unopposed for president, and he was re-elected by the predicted landslide. Dave Palmer is our new vice president, Barry Bynell is secretary (although he doesn't know it), and Ward Le Hardy will remain the treasurer until the printing bill is paid.

Bill Cody received a letter from Dick Rinker. When Dick was in Bangkok on R&R recently, he met Joe Dougherty who was throwing "a glad-to-be-alive party with 100 bottles of champagne." Joe had been shot down while flying a defoliating mission outside of Saigon, but he and his crew managed to walk away from it. Dick feels that Joe should receive the Distinguished Flying Cross or some other appropriate recognition for either the crash or the party.

Awards—Bill Baxter received the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in Vietnam. This is not recent, but it still may be news to some. Norm Schwarzkopf received his second Silver Star here at West Point, but I assume it was awarded for something he did in Vietnam. That portion of the Class assigned here will be decorated *en masse* by the Superintendent this June with the West Point "Stayback Medal." Those on 4-year tours will receive an oak leaf cluster at the same time.

Nick Bruno wrote to Mike Conrad recently and expressed his deep appreciation for the interest so many classmates have shown in his status. Nick received a medical discharge from the Air Force in 1964 and has undergone several tours of hospitalization. He is, however, well, on his feet, and working for Johnson & Johnson in Chicago. The West Point group sends its best, and I'm sure Nick would like to hear from his many friends. His address is: 1307 N. 23d Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois.

This column ends with the saddening news that C.W. (Bill) Robertson has been killed in Vietnam while flying a close support mission for ground troops. In August 1966, Bill received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroism in conducting the same type of mission that cost him his life so recently. He was buried in Arlington with military honors on 17 January 1967, and the Class was represented by Kamm, Grinstead, Sharkey, Sudath, Bahnsen, Muntz, McNulty, Devoto, and Phillips. Bill is survived by his wife Anne and two children, and I'm certain that all of us share a part of their loss because he also belonged to us.

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Tragedy has come suddenly upon us again. Butch Neukamm died in the air crash of a commercial air taxi on 5 Jan. Butch was en route to Kennedy Airport when the accident occurred. John Barbazette came up to West Point from his aide job in Washington to be the class escort for Anne Neukamm. Butch was buried here at West Point on 9 Jan. Pallbearers were: Bruce Stout, Bob Vermilion, Mike Sirkis ('56), Glen Swindler, Jack Sobraske, and Ed Soyster. Though we recognize how inadequate such expressions are, we extend to Anne and the children our most profound sympathy.

Nor was this the extent of our burden. The infant daughter of Brian and Moura Kennedy died of a heart affliction on 18 Dec. I know that we all share the Kennedys' sorrow. Brian's address is: 1101 Wall Road, Spring Lake Heights, N.J. 07762.

Happier news is the miraculous recovery

of Joe Tedeschi after a near-fatal Caribou crash in VN. Joe, according to Wally Summers, has confounded all his doctors by walking on crutches months before they thought it possible. He is being treated at Chelsea Hospital in Boston. '57 bids you a heart-felt, "Get well, Joe."

George O'Grady paid us a brief visit from Rucker in the fall after his mother suffered a severe heart attack and was hospitalized at USMA. Mrs. O'Grady has since recovered nicely, I am happy to report.

"Swifter than a weaver's shuttle" these 10 years have gone, and with them 11 fallen classmates. It is fitting that we should dedicate a class monument to these fallen comrades as a part of our 10th Reunion year activities. By now the Reunion Alert Order should have reached you. In brief, the official reunion will be 27-29 Oct 67. In the course of the weekend we plan to sing and dance in the streets and... Beat the Hell out of Stanford! It has been suggested that the whole blooming ceremony commence with that immortal command, "Pass In Review!"... but that didn't work the first time. For those who can't come in October, June 67 will be celebrated in a manner befitting such an historic commemoration—that is to say, unofficially. So, if you can't come in October, come for the grand reenactment 2-4 June. Bob Stevens and Art Johnson, reunion chairmen, guarantee a blast either time.

Lately I have been in constant communication with Bill Golden (Well, would you believe 2 letters? both Bill's?) who is at U. of Chicago studying in the "Center for Social Organization." If that's not enough of a losing fight, Bill, in his sociological wisdom, is going to write a paper on us—yes, little ole us, the ever-loving, blue-eyed, Class of 1957, alias Black '57! Thus we have, temporarily, a full-time, underpaid class historian, who threatens to bring order out of chaos once and for all. You have by now, I'm sure, received Bill's questionnaire. Who is that guy who wrote "abysmal" in answer to "level of wife's education?" Enough! Cooperate with Bill. His project will: (1) get him an M.A. in sociology and a position with MP&L at USMA; (2) give us a highly interesting 10th Anniversary report; (3) get a lot of obscure addresses and rare autographs; and (4) perhaps lend cohesion to what otherwise would certainly be... etc., etc. Incidentally, our best continuing historian is the Association of Graduates, so *always* send them a change of address card.

News from Vietnam

Tom Adcock, S3 of the 54th Sig Bn rounded up the smiling faces for the photo in November. Lenny Marrella is the XO of the same battalion. Rudy Pataro, Bob Dru-dik, and Don Seitz are all in the Plans and Operations Office of I FFV, at Nha Trang. Stan Jensen was there with the AF Air Commandos but has now rotated.

News from the II FFV Hq area comes from Rod McConnell, who writes that Sid Britt is with II FFV G2, and that Jim Cherrault is with G4. Skip Perrine and Ken Simila are in G3, USARV, and Carl Vuono is XO of the 1/7 Arty, 1st Div. Jim Edgar just told me that Leon Bieri, S3 of 1/12 Inf, had been wounded, evacuated to Japan, and will soon be sent home to the U.S. for recovery. Jim Pocoek, according to Whit Hall, is in an MI Bn somewhere in VN.

Gerry Galloway, S3 of the Engr Gp at Qui Nhon, has located a host of classmates in VN as follows: In the 1/101 in the Tuy Hoa-Kontum area are Ron Gooding, Bn surgeon; Al Ensign, Hq commandant; John McDon-

1957: Pre-Navy game party at AF Academy.



1957: L. to r.: (All Air Force) Fred and Judy Freathy, Bob and Barbara Markham, Mary and John Schafer, Kay and Don Rowland.



1957: L. to r.: (All Air Force) Laura and Dave Bernd, Miriam and Archie Barrett, Gail and Hop Keeler, Shirley and Bill Carter, Jean and Ben Waller, Cynthia and Dick White.



1957: L. to r.: (All Air Force) Judy and Mike Keating, Nina and Jack Farris, Joan and Ed Quill, Sunny and Bob Gadd, Shirley and Jerry Meyers.



1957: L. to r.: (All Army) Jce and Sue House, Toddy and Ted Voorhees, Missy and Wade Shaddock.



1957: L. to r.: (Civilians) Ray and Judy Karsian, Bill and Kay Liakos, Charly and Les Tate. (Air Force) Judy and Bill Page, Joyce and Dick Mollicone, Barbara and Joe O'Neil.

ald, S3; and Jerry Scott, with Spt Bn at Phan Rang. Phebe Gooding writes that Ron will start residency (neuro-surgery, I believe) at Walter Reed this September. Bill Yates is in the area with the 10th Combat Avn, and Chuck Lea is at Tuy Hoa as a medical clearing Co. CO and surgeon. Gerry also located fellow Engrs Charlie Cooper, now Engr officer with the 18th Engr Bn; Kerry Gates, Engr Sec of USARV G4; Dick Pastore, S3 of 299th Engr Bn; and John Burt, Jack Vickers, and Cliff Goodson, all in Qui Nhon. Bruce Glen is in Qui Nhon, also in the Spt Cmd. Dick Stephenson is XO of a helicopter Co. in Pleiku. An informant said that Steve recently tried to swim his helicopter while recovering a downed L-19. Don Whalen is also in Pleiku as S3 of the 6/14 Arty. Another S3 is Bobby Christy, with the 2/7th Cav.

Bill Ellis and Guy Wallace are flying out of Tan Son Nhut, Bud Langworthy out of Bien Hoa, and Stan Cass is flying a gun ship for Divarty/1st Cav—"the world's finest job," according to Stan. John Ramsden reports that he and Bill Meyerholt are still supporting the AF's VN effort from Okinawa. Brad Bradley (AF) should be with the 6406th TAC Recon Sqdn at Tahkli, Thailand, by now. Brad left Mather AFB in California at the first of the year after a tour as an instructor in electronics warfare there. 'Bout time you wrote, Brad!

Lori Radler says Chuck is now at Dalat as the American advisor to the Vietnamese Military Academy and is very pleased with the job. Joe Newman is somewhere in VN with the 1st Div, according to Bill Golden, and Stan (Ted) Johnson is in the same category. Tom Kehoe is a Bde S3 for the 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div. Tom says Ed Szvetez and Don Ley are also in the Div, and that Johnny Hocker is in the 1st Cav Div and scheduled for USMA this summer. Jerry Patterson, lately CO of a 368-man Ord Co. in Europe, wrote in to say he is joining the J4 Sec, MACV, in VN. Charlie Sprague and Homer Johnstone are loose somewhere in the same glorious area, Charlie with Hq, MAC-DC, wherever that is. Ed Cutler is SGS on the staff of the CG, 1st Log Cmd, according to Don Winters, who is flying with the 25th Avn Bn, 25th Inf Div; Don rotates in March—to Alaska.

Bill Seely writes that Ted Pearson is with the J3 Sec Hq, MACV, in Saigon. Bill came back from VN in October. He had been S3 of 2d Bn, Abn, 8th Cav. Jim Britton wrote from sunny SETAF that he is on the way to VN, 1st Inf Div, and that Steve Quatanens, who had been the post Engr at Camp Darby in Pisa, Italy, is also headed for VN—leaving the tower as was. Pat Peckham wrote from Eugene, Oreg., to say that John is in the planning Sec, JUS Public Affairs Office in Saigon. I didn't count the names, but it's apparent that '57 has plenty of able men where the action is. Note the number of S3's we have over there. Would you believe a guy like Baga Stein could vanish without a trace in a country as small as South Vietnam?

News from Europe

The ranks are thinning in Europe, but a few hangers-on still remain. Bob and Claudia Westerfeldt are in Heidelberg (Color me green!) where Bob works in USAREUR's Tech Intel Center. Bob says he saw Bob Leard in London recently.

Something turned Bob Tener on! He wrote me a 5lb. letter from Frankfurt; he suspects Bill Golden is really writing a novel about '57 à la Mary McCarthy's *The Group*. Bob expects to go to VN this summer but mean-



1957: At Nha Trang (l. to r.): Trent Rose, Rudy Pataro, Bob Drudik, Tom Adcock, Don Seitz, and Lenny Marrella. Not available when photo was taken: Stan Jensen.

while is design project officer in Frankfurt, a job much like stateside CE district work. The big item in Bob's letter was news of Dick (Snake) Christensen's wedding on 19 Nov at Ramstein AFB, to Mary Hansen, a Texas lass. Bob was best man at what he describes as a real NATO affair. The honeymoon was in London and Kitzbühl. What a way to go! Bob says my old roommate, Herk Carroll, is down the hall from him in USAREUR's Engr Cmd. Sorry your writing hand is still in a cast, Herk.

Other classmates in Europe are: Larry MacKusick, in Frankfurt with the 15th Ord Bn; Carl Burgdorf, at Darmstadt in V Corps Arty; Jack Crater, in Seventh Army Hq, Heidelberg; Gary Stemley, ComZ Hq near Kaiserslautern; and Jerry Dwyer at USAFE Hq in Wiesbaden.

And then there's Mike Stein. Brings a tear to the eye. Mike and Eunice have been suffering for over a year now in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Mike wrote at Christmas: "From our balcony we have a magnificent view of the Zugspitze... now covered with a thick blanket of snow. Below me, lovely Alpine meadows, etc., etc." Mike, Baby, you make me sick. Write again when you break your leg. But that's not all! Mike, who claims to be working on Russian, got promoted while riding the Trans-Siberian RR—promotion party at Khbarovsk with vodka, caviar, etc. And—you guessed it! New assignment: Stuttgart!

Here's another in the "dirty, rotten deals" department. Chris Christenson is going off to the British War College in January 68. Chris is at Leavenworth now, I believe. By the way, Joe Bishop says that our bunch in India, the Martin Carsons, escaped without injury when their house caught fire recently.

U.S. and A.

Max Kovel came through with some bona fide poop from Belvoir, even though Lou Circeo beat him to it. Lou, just back from Thailand, is in the nuclear weapons branch of the Engr School now. Max, ex-West Point "P," complains about Belvoir's obsession for giving writs. Ralph Luther is also there in the career course. He and Edie have three children now. Larry McCoy is head of the geodetic section of the Topo Dept there. Bill Murphy is Asst commandant of the USMA Prep School at Belvoir, and Bob McCoy (AF) is somewhere (Ravenwood?) in the area. Max reports. Lou Circeo adds that Charlie Coates is with CDC at Belvoir, and that Max and Ralph have orders to VN after

EDCC. Lou and Gitta extend a welcome to DC area visitors at: 4600 Ferry Landing Rd., Alexandria, Va.

Strangely enough, ROTC tours are fairly extensive these days. Jim Smith is still at the U. of Miami, shaping up 1,000 cadets, but he expects VN orders this summer. He and Ethel invite Coral Gables visitors to drop by. Bill and Cory Bailey are enjoying Newark, Del., where Bill is S3 and an instructor with the U. of Delaware ROTC group. Jim Taylor is in Greenville, S.C., with Furman University's ROTC instructor group. Jim writes that Jack Adams is the Asst PMS at U. of Tennessee, Martin Branch, Martin, Tenn. Frank Hanigan is teaching ROTC cadets at the U. of Rhode Island, Kingsport. I saw Frank and Peggy here at USMA walking down Chapel Hill after the Homecoming game, but I couldn't get out of the bus to talk to them. Finally, Tom Lindholm complains that he is in exile as Asst PMS at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell. Sorry about that, Tom.

The new C&GS list is out, but I haven't seen it yet. I hear USMA will send Hank Hatch and Champ Buck, however. See the picture for the current group there.

Four (?) classmates, Moon Mullins, Bill Webb, Jack Slaney, and Dave Gibbs, are attending the AF C&S College at Maxwell AFB now, I understand. The big news from the men-in-blue is that '57 has hit the AF "outstanding" list. I've not seen the list, so forgive any oversights—I know that Jim Murphy, Moon Mullins, Bill Webb, and Don Kutyna are on it and expect to be promoted in June. Congratulations to you all! You can see from the pictures of the AF Academy crew, however, that no one has lost a lot of weight waiting. The group—civilian, Army, and otherwise—around the AF Academy now numbers 25, by the way. DA sent Joe House, Ted Voorhees, and Wade Shaddock out there to keep the junior Service in line.

Wayne and Sally Nicoll sent a Christmas letter from Fort Gordon, Ga., where Nick is in the MP officers career course, expecting orders to you-know-where, but looking ahead to graduate work in police science afterwards at Washington State U. Tommy and Janet Thompson sent along an improbable report. Tommy insists he played Father Hans in the Christmas pageant at Fort Benjamin Harrison, where he is attending the Defense Information School. John Follansbee and wife Pat are in Washington now, where John recently began a residency in psychiatry at Walter

Reed. Jack Cooper sent in a crank letter—admits his name is Cooper, but that everything else I printed about him last time was a pack of lies. You're right, Jack, I can't, now that I think about it, picture you as a pilot. The straight poop is that Jack and Joan are in Winthrop, Mass. (Boston area). Jack is studying mechanical engineering (that's not so easy to picture either) in preparation for returning to ES&GS at USMA this summer.

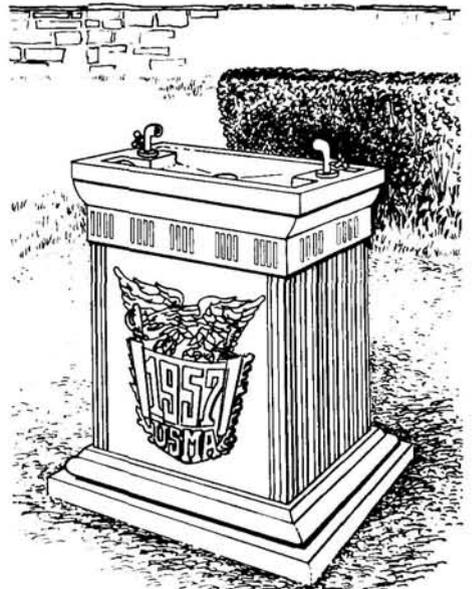
Other graduate students are lurking about as well. Bill Seely, long-time lurker, is at the U. of Texas preparing a triumphant return to MP&L in mid-1968. Credentials will include an M.A. in social psychology. Aren't you running a personal hazard among all those bug doctors, Bill? Seely, Golden, Cortez, and Erickson will all be in MP&L by 68—get any psychological insights from that lineup?

Did I mention Alaska? Dave Nottingham is there, at Fort Greely, stoking a nuclear reactor. Mac McCullom is there, studying snowflakes, I presume. Mac got his M.S. in meteorology at the U. of Utah, I hear. Jim Maloney is at Fort Wainwright, near Fairbanks, with Hq, 2d Bn, 15th Arty, and Don Winters, of course, is going up, too. What's up there that we don't know about, gang?

Jon Dunning is back from VN and is now at Sharpe Depot near Stockton, Calif., making like a big contractor. John's little big buddy, Tom Dayton, is flying jets at Homestead AFB, Fla.

And from the Real World...

This is a civilian address mind you: G.D. Landry, Manager, Products Marketing, N.Y. P.T.G.S.D., Ingersoll-Rand Co., 11 Broadway, N.Y., N.Y. 10004. Couldn't resist, Des. See you at reunion. Ric Tonda wrote in to say that P.K. Morrill is still single, working for DA—Design Branch of Corps of Engineers in San Francisco. Ric is a sales rep for Shell Chemical in San Francisco. Jack Solomon was up from Atlanta recently for the IBM "career course" at Poughkeepsie. Bern Basse is gloating over GE's SST engine design award. Bern and Elise are in Cincinnati now, along with two children. Bill Huckabee,



1957: Artist's drawing of proposed Class of '57 Monument to be located at entrance to West Point Cemetery. Stone will be black marble. Not shown are three wood and marble benches to be placed about the monument.



1957: Navy game party at Leavenworth. Front row (l. to r.): Betty Olson, Margaret Hanawald, Linda Keefe. Middle row: Kay Wells, Carolyn Ogden, Pat Robinson, Alexandra Apperson. Rear row: Nick Robinson, Mort Roth, Leo Keefe, Len Hanawald, Don Wells, Jack Apperson, Leigh Ogden. Taking the picture: Dick "Ole" Olson. Not present for photo: Vel and Card Varner and Jim and Jane Dunn.

"some-time politician and full-time lumber tycoon," writes "business as usual." Says that he and Bridget expect to adopt a Korean-Caucasian child in the spring. Bill was just recovering from a study of Hop Keeler's doctoral dissertation when Waxy Gordon made one of his notorious wee hour phone calls.

Beebe McDonough and Arcade Boivin have just joined OPE and ES&GS, respectively, here at USMA, and Jim Cortez should be along any minute. Otherwise, news from USMA is pretty slim. I went to the Social Science Dept to see if I could get Roller to rat on Mead or vice versa, but they've clammed up on me. I did find out that Wally Summers is buying an Oldsmobile: Vistacruiser with AM-FM-SW radio, heater, teletype, reclining bucket seats, white sidewalls, etc., etc.—and, *standard shift*. Figure that one out! My source demands anonymity, of course.

Jim Murphy, however, went off to Paris last summer as a member of the OASD/Int'l Security Affairs NATO delegation to the NATO Defense Ministers' meeting in Paris, along with Gen. Wheeler, Mr. John T. McNaughton, and a lot of other high-priced talent.

Mirror, mirror, on the wall, what the hell have you done lately? Makes you feel sort of inadequate, you know.

Births

To Ed and Marianne Soyster: Karin Marie, 15 Dec.

To Bill and Margie Echevarria: Marisa, 18 Dec.

To Charlie and Pris Quinn: Priscilla Jane, 7 Oct.

To Max and Bernice Kovel: Rebecca Lyn, 28 Sept.



1957: Homecoming party at USMA. Wouldja look at the beautiful nose on that guy in the sweater!

To Ed and Julia Hildreth: E. III, February.
To Bob and Eleanor Vermillion: Meredith Lee, 19 Sept.

To Sid and Jerre Britt: Albert Sidney IV, November.

Random Notes

Bill Golden needs an address for Bill Koch. The class constitution was overwhelmingly approved; the education fund is passé; and the collection for the class monument is still below the 50% mark. Send your \$10, or more, to Bruce Stout, c/o Math Dept. Make checks payable to: Class Fund, Class of 1957. Tony Bullotta has, incidentally, made an extra contribution in memory of Joe Mack.

Don't forget Bill Golden and his list of impertinent questions; don't forget the reunion; and don't forget to write.

Hey, how about the Sentry-Box Six for the reunion? And how about the golden voices of Seely, Mullins, Webb, and McKillop?

Well, Gang, that's it. See you on the Plain.

'58

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It is with deep regret that I begin this article with the news of another death in the ranks of the Class, the 14th loss we have suffered since graduation. Chuck Normington was killed as a result of a jet aircraft accident on 18 Nov in Mascoutah Township, Ill. Chuck, who was attending post-graduate school at the U. of Michigan, was on the final approach to landing when his plane suffered a flame-out. Chuck is survived by his wife Joan and five children. Burial took place here at West Point on 23 Nov.

Armor: Received a note that John Schneider is in Pleiku as S3 Air of the 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div, APO SF 96355. His wife Frances and their children John and Elizabeth are living with her parents at: 101 Foxhall Ave., Kingston, N.Y. Bill Graf is in the same unit commanding the Cav Trp. George and Barbara Yurick are stationed with the ROTC instructor group at Gettysburg. George's previous tour with the 1/68th Armor in Baumholder, Germany, was cut short after 2 years. October saw the addition of a fourth child, Eric James, a heavyweight at 9 lbs., 11 oz. The Yurick's address is: 252 Baltimore St., Gettysburg, Pa. 17325.

Artillery: Tom Kelly, after spending the past 2 years earning an M.S. in nuclear physics, finds himself in Vietnam as S3 of the 2d Bn, 320th Arty, 1st Bde, 101st Abn, APO SF 96347. His wife Jean and their four sons are living at: 15 Martha St., Freeport, N.Y. 11520. George Lancaster is in the same battalion as Tom and reportedly doing a bang-up job. Ron "Swede" Olson was briefly in the unit before joining the G3 plans division at I Field Force in Nha Trang. Ron is reportedly living in the Conrad Hilton of the hinterland, a villa with running water and a roof that doesn't leak!

Dan Charlton, who recently returned from an unaccompanied tour in Greece, is about to debark on another unaccompanied tour, this time to Vietnam. The Charltons had been at Fort Riley for a brief 4-month period. Pat and their children Bill, Danica, and Scot will be living at 98 Shore Dr., Northshore Gardens, Peabody, Mass. 01960. Roger Waddell, however, wants to claim the shortest time in the States between complete unaccompanied tours of an involuntary nature—136 days. Recently returned from Korea, Roger departed for Vietnam from Tacoma on 8

Sept. He and Laurelei purchased a house in Tacoma, the address of which I do not have. Roger's address is: HHB, 4th Inf Divarty, APO SF 96262.

Corky Henninger is still on Taiwan with the Office of the Chief of MAAG, Republic of China, APO SF 96263. He and Ann are due to return to the U.S. this summer. Corky writes: "The biggest news was Buck Griffin's marriage here on Taiwan on 22 Sept. Buck came here from Vietnam where he is flying helicopters, and Charlotte flew here from the States. They had a very nice wedding at our chapel and spent their honeymoon in Hong Kong. Buck returned to Vietnam for about 5 more months, and Charlotte returned to her work with Braniff Airlines."

Buz Bruzina has orders to the AFSC for the term beginning in Jan 68. I do not know his present address other than that he is in Vietnam. Chuck Teeter, "Towney" Van Fleet, and yours truly, Frank Waskowicz, are on orders to C&GS at Leavenworth this June. We are preceded there by Bill Ganey who began the course last June. Bill and his wife Angela live at: 112 Maple Ave. in the town of Leavenworth.

Bin Barta returned from Korea in August. Jan met him in Hawaii, where they enjoyed a week or so before journeying to the West Coast and weaving a crooked path thru many states visiting friends while en route to Fort Sill. Bin is presently there with the command and staff division of the Tactics and Combined Arms Dept. Vince DeBoeser paid a quick visit to USMA in late 1966. He and Ann are stationed at Sandia Base where Vince is with the development and evaluation Cp of Field Command, DASA.

Joe DiTommaso has refuted my insinuations that he is no longer in the Service by returning to active duty in June of last year, after 21 months as a civilian. Joe, who began working in a family business and later joined the Worthington Corp. in New Jersey, is presently in the Tactics Dept at Fort Sill, where he hopes to remain for another year. He and Adrienne are living at: 625 Lauman, Fort Sill. Paul Haushill is reported in the Divarty of the 82d Abn at Bragg.

John Raymond, who left Fort Riley in the summer of 65 for Vietnam, has returned and is presently studying geography at Syracuse U. He will probably join the Dept of Earth, Space, and Graphic Sciences at USMA upon completion of his courses. I understand that Bill Shepard has received his degree in nuclear physics from Tulane.

Chemical Corps: Received a letter from Ed Weckel at: 5512 Inverchapel, Springfield, Va. 22150. He has recently received his M.S. in financial management from George Washington U. Ed has a port call for Vietnam in April. Ed mentioned that the Kelly Robinsons had their fourth child, Katherine Deanna, on 26 Sept. Kelly is still at Los Alamos. He and Mary live at: 2163 A 37th St. Pete Hidalgo has orders to C&GS at Leavenworth in June.

Engineers: The Jim Halls added a second boy to their family on 1 Nov, Michael David. Jim is with the Dept of Physics and Chemistry. Noted in a January issue of the *Army Times* that Jim Peck and Troy Chappell both have orders to APO 96243, which I assume is Vietnam. Jim just completed the Engr career course, while Troy's orders were from Fort Eustis. Bob Dey and John Devens are both on orders to C&GS at Leavenworth.

Infantry: Bob and Sylvia Clark announced the birth of Camille Langham on 25 Oct, at West Point. Bob, who is an Asst Professor in the Math Dept, is due for reassignment this June.

1958: Recent award winners



Joe Schwar
1st OLC to ACM.



Tom Cameron
Army Commendation Medal.



Bob Dey
Army Commendation Medal.



Bill Cooper
Bronze Star Medal.



Paul Johnson
AF Commendation Medal.

Ben Crosby is in Pleiku as S1 of the 3d Bde, 25th Inf. Chuck Densford is in Vietnam with the 4th Inf Div. Dave Swanson is in Vietnam near Bong Son with 1/7 Cav, 1st Air Cav Div, APO 96490. Dave's wife Sharon writes that while "days pass quickly, the months seem to drag." She, the children, and their schnauzer pup are living at: 934 Parkview Rd., Galesburg, Ill.

Joe Stanton has orders to the AF C&GS at Maxwell AFB, Ala., in June. Butch Ordway and Wes Loffert will be going to the AFSC in August. John Bradley, Claude Fernandez, and Joe Shea will be attending the Army C&GS, the course running from Aug 67 to June 68.

Pete and Dannie Bahnsen are with the U.S. Mission in La Paz, Bolivia, for a 2-year tour. Pete is a program officer, apparently sees a great deal of the Bolivian army and Bolivia itself. Dannie is "suffering" under the hardship of a full-time resident maid who cooks, babysits, etc. Their address is: USARMIS to Bolivia, Box 32, APO N.Y. 09339.

Phil Pryor is the Asst G1 of the 82d Abn Div at Bragg. He and Sally are living at: 10 Essen Place, Fort Bragg, N.C. 28307. Phil mentioned in a recent note that Pete Kullavanijaya visited Bragg last summer. Pete has the S3 section of the Thai Special Warfare program.

At West Point, the Commandant presented Joe Schwar with the 1st oak leaf cluster to his Commendation Medal. The award was for meritorious service from July 65 to Dec 65 while serving as commander of Co. B, and from Jan 66 to Jun 66 while serving as Opns officer, 1st Bn, 32d Inf, 7th Inf Div, Korea. **Ordnance:** John Palmer is in Vietnam as an advisor to a Vietnamese rebuild depot some 10 miles outside of Saigon. His address is: Hq USARV G4 Ord Div, APO SF 96307. Barbara is living in Robertsdale, Ala., which is John's home town.

Tom Cameron received the ACM during ceremonies at the U.S.A. Spt Cmd in Saigon in November. It was awarded for meritorious service as Opns officer of the 9th Ord Co., and as commander of the 4th Ord Co. in Niesau, Germany, from March 1964 to June 1966. Appears that Tom's turn-around time in the States was pretty meager, as he is now deputy director of ammunition in the Spt Cmd in Saigon. Tom's wife Connie is living on Route 2, Chenoa, Ill.

Lorin Farr is on his way to Vietnam from Aberdeen. John Isaacson, at last word with CSSG at Fort Lee, may be on his way to CDC Hq at Leavenworth. Also on their way to Leavenworth, but to C&GS, are Bob Pointer, Duff Manges, and Pat Donovan.

Signal Corps: Dale Cackle and Doug Sedgwick will both be going to C&GS in August of this year. Dale was last placed with STRATCOM on Taiwan.

USAF: Dick McManigell was decorated with 2 awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross

for heroism in military operation in SE Asia in recent ceremonies at Eglin AFB where Dick is with TAC. In the first mission, as a pilot of an A-1E Skyraider, he made repeated rocket and strafing passes while exposed to heavy antiaircraft fire in support of a rescue mission of a downed pilot. In the second mission he piloted the aircraft in successful strikes in support of the evacuation of a friendly camp, though hampered by adverse visibility conditions and intense accurate ground fire. In addition, Dick received the 6th through 8th oak leaf clusters to the Air Medal.

In the recent USAF promotion list to major, 5 members of the Class were selected from the secondary zone, namely: Chuck Davis, Mike Dugan, Bob Kirtley, Bob McCann, and Leo Smith.

My thanks to Jim Ryan for the following account: "I was very fortunate to be at a forward F-105 base recently when 3 of their pilots were completing their 100th mission over North VN. One of the pilots flying the 'thuds' (F-105) was Rex Mason. Rex, as you may recall, went Army Airborne at graduation due to his eye deficiency which prevented his acceptance into pilot training. After 5 years in the Army and away from cramming 10 hours of study into 2 hours as a cadet, his eyes became stronger, and he transferred into USAF. Although he has only 750 flying hours, he has an outstanding combat record. It was one fine party (100th mission), and I was lucky enough to be there and help him sing 'Benny Haven's Oh!'" Rex is now going to Otis AFB, Mass., to fly F-102's.

Jim Ryan, a tanker pilot, is stationed PCS at McCoy AFB, Orlando, Fla., but sees a great deal of SE Asia on 6-month Tdy stints.



1958: Iz Rubel, new resident manager, Dayton, Ohio, branch office of Hayden Stone.

His unit supports both the B-52's from Guam and the fighters based closer which continually pound Uncle Ho. Jim's address is: Box 3014, 4252 STRAT Wg, APO 96239. Jerry Hoblit has recently returned to Vietnam. I'm told his job is to lead a strike by flying an aircraft especially designed to jam defenses in the area. Ray Hanson is a FAC with the 4th Inf Div in Vietnam. Bob Durkin, who left B-52's for AFIT, is now back flying C-130's in the Formosa area.

Congratulations to Jack and Arlene Halsey! After greeting Michael Dean, Craig David, Guy Charles, and Sean Peter, the good year 1966 finally brought a daughter to their doorstep, Lisa. The Halseys are still at: 1517 Coolidge Ave., Appleton, Wis. 54911.

Wayne Hagberg is a pilot for CINC USARPAC and, as such, might be seen anywhere throughout the Far East. Mac Williams is at AFIT studying aeronautical engineering. His wife Pat says that except for the studying, exams, hours, etc., Mac likes it just fine. Their address is: 5471 Cobb Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45431. Jim Wade is also at Wright-Pat. He received his M.S. in E.E. and stayed on in a research job. Chuck Hansult is at Oregon working on his M.S. prior to assignment to USAFA. Nick Carlson is now at Griffis AFB working as a navigator again after having earned a graduate degree. Don Edwards has also returned to a crew position at Homestead AFB after earning his Master's. Arv Doucette is an ADC at Blytheville AFB, Ark. Burt Miller is presently Tdy at Randolph AFB, Tex. He, his wife Diane, and their children were visiting with Art and Jackie Mace at Fort Sam Houston over the ARMY-Navy game weekend.

Mike and Bonnie Jones had a baby girl, Jane Ellen, born on 11 Nov. at WP.

Max Young departed the Philippines on 4 Dec via the S.S. *President Cleveland* en route to Stewart AFB, N.Y., to arrive in mid-January. Max is departing SE Asia with 170-plus missions in the B-57, an aircraft he will rejoin at Stewart.

Civilian: Jim and Dottie Castle adopted a baby girl, Patricia Elizabeth (Tricia), last April. Jim completed his course work at the U. of Pa. and received his Ph.D. in electrical engineering. He is still with GE's manned orbiting laboratory. The Castles' address is: 431 Haywood Ave., Ambler, Pa.

Paul Ciasullo, with the telephone company, was transferred in August to Arlington, Mass. I believe that he commutes from their home at: 57 Westwood Dr., Manchester, N.H. The Hulsmans, Norb and Ginnie, have moved to: 75 Central Ave., Montclair, N.J. Apparently the addition of Jeffrey last March demanded a larger apartment. Gary and Jill Roosma have purchased a new home. Their address: 11 Windsor Place, Upper Montclair, N.J. 07043.

Ron Brunner has had some tough luck,

namely a burglary and an investment loss (promotion, support, and training of a jazz singer) on the West Coast. His affluence temporarily curtailed, Ron has left the Bank of America program and is selling cars for Coberly Ford in Los Angeles. He hopes to continue with studies in International Relations at L.A. State. Ron sees Bob Huskinson occasionally, and reports that Bob remains quite busy with court work. Harry and Clara-dell Shedd have moved to: 16429 NE. 18th St., Bellevue, Wash. 98004, a move prompted by Harry's recent promotion with Allstate. It must have caused some heartbreak, as they had recently completed their dream home in Santa Ana, Calif. The move was quite an ordeal, with several thousand dollars' worth of damage to their furniture. Claradell wrote, "We even discovered pictures of the movers on our film when we had the roll developed. They certainly helped themselves to everything." Nonetheless, their spirits seem high, and their energies, boundless.

Hal and Cinda Lyon are in the process of building a house in the Athens, Ohio, area, where Hal is Asst to the president of Ohio U. Iz Wrubel (I. Warren Rubel) has been appointed resident manager of the Dayton, Ohio, branch office of Hayden Stone. Previously Iz had been Asst to the president of the New York-based company. The Rubels will live in Kettering, Ohio.

Jack and DeLena May announced the birth of their first child, Jackson Campbell May II, on 15 Nov in Gainesville, Fla. Jack's real estate ventures continue to prosper. He has successfully finished a second high-rise apartment building and has plans for another. Lenny McCormack visited West Point on 20 Jan when he brought the Saugus bantam-weight hockey team to West Point to play the post team. The 11 Jan *Army Times* carried the notice of Dick Trabert's resignation.

Who are you? The complete faith I had in my filing system was shattered recently when I was unable to identify the following unknown person: lives at 5431 15th St., Lubbock, Tex. (obviously AF type); first name is John; John began F-105 school at Nellis in December and heads for SE Asia in May after almost 2 years at Reese AFB. John's wife's name is Susie; Susie is enrolled in Texas Tech and will return to Lubbock when John ships out. John and Susie have two children, Mike and Kris, plus a Doberman pinscher, Hans. Last name unknown; though I think you are John McKillop, I am not certain. Who are you?

Hope you all saw the pictures of Ed Jasaitis in the *Look* magazine of 1 Nov 1966.

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Bill Mullen has been awarded the DSC for extraordinary heroism in an action that occurred on 25 Aug. At the time, Bill was serving as a company commander in a 1st Inf unit involved in a combat operation in Binh Duong province. Bill's company (reinforced) had been dispatched to aid a reconnaissance team that had discovered the defense perimeter of a VC Bn, and part of Bill's citation (which Nick Krawciw was good enough to pass on to me) describes the ensuing action as follows:

As the combined Armor and Infantry reaction force neared the objective, they received intense hostile fire from a Viet Cong force entrenched in an interconnecting bunker and trench network. During the initial assault, the outnumbered Ameri-

can units sustained numerous casualties, including the entire command group except Captain Mullen. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Captain Mullen fearlessly moved around the perimeter to organize and coordinate the evacuation of the wounded and to assure effective command and communication links were maintained. Observing that there was mortar ammunition in a partially destroyed armored personnel carrier, he moved forward of the perimeter and recovered the vital ammunition. Captain Mullen continued to expose himself as he resupplied a forward machine gun emplacement which was critically low on ammunition. When an armored carrier exploded and filled an occupied trench with burning fuel, Captain Mullen extracted a soldier trapped by the fire and burning debris. In the early afternoon, after a unit had lost its commander and was in danger of being overrun, Captain Mullen moved, fully exposed, to the front of the unit and led them in attack. After assisting and directing the evacuation of the wounded from the heart of the battle, Captain Mullen organized the remainder of his command. When darkness approached, he personally directed his diminishing force of approximately 20 men into an expanded perimeter that closed within 50 meters of the Viet Cong emplacements. Despite numerous friendly casualties, Captain Mullen maintained battle discipline and effectively reestablished the chain of command when reinforcements and the new battalion commander arrived. In the final moments of the battle, Captain Mullen led his drastically diminished units in an assault that completely overran and destroyed the Viet Cong fortifications in his sector. Through his courage and outstanding leadership, he converted a potentially disastrous situation into a decisive victory. . . .

John Grinalds' wife Norwood and sons, Drummond 3, and Southy 1½, are in Macon, Ga. John, meanwhile, like so many classmates, is in Vietnam, and his present duty is advising a VN Marine Bn. His address until some time this spring will be Hq MACV, Naval Advisory Gp (09), APO 96214. He sends so much poop on classmates, and it is so compressed, that I cannot resist the temptation to quote a large portion of his letter verbatim:

"Sid Yateman is Capital Military District G4 advisor and has orders to the U. of Alabama for an M.A. in something pertinent to the QM Corps. Warren Smith and Jack Smith were both in Tam Ky a month ago (must have been early October), the former with an ARVN Arty Bn, the latter in sector Hq about to go home. Jim Satterwhite is in the TC and is Opns officer for the flight section of ACTIV. Bill Luther is in J2, MACV, and is AIS but in the process of transferring back to Arty. Jim Walsh left Duc Hoa 4 days ago (5 Nov) to get an M.A. in geography at the U. of Illinois, then to WP and ES&GS. John Simpson is S3 of the U.S. 1st Inf Div's Engr Bn. Stan Kanarowski was in the 1st Div G3 shop but is now in DoD, Washington, working for Alain Enthoven, Asst SecDef (Systems Analysis). Tory Harle is in the legal department of Southern Bell at Atlanta, Ga.

"Jerry Mills is somewhere in VN flying helicopters. Emmett McCracken recently left the AIS at Benning to begin work in the FAST program.

"Fitz Chandler is advisor to the 6th VN Abn Bn. Both of our battalions have base camps at Vung Tau. Recently I returned to

**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.**

my BOQ there, coming in from a 3-month deployment. It was late at night, and I blundered into what I thought was my room and found someone there in the rack. Whoever it was woke up, and the 2 of us yacked at each other for a few moments about being in the wrong room until the lights finally came on. It was Fitz. We had a good parley.

"Reb Bearce is now with 2d Force Service Regt at Camp Lejeune, but he has orders to West Pacific Ground Forces, an elaborate way of saying Vietnam. Jon Rindfleisch is now with 3d Bn, 6th Marines, at Lejeune and is scheduled to relieve me of my present job next April. Dan Schrader is at Hq, USMC, in DC but also has orders to WesPac. Gary Simmons left the Marine Corps in 1963 and went to work for Martin Aircraft in Orlando, Fla. Last January, when the President put out the call for Reserves to come back on active duty, Gary responded and was assigned to the 2d Field Arty Gp at Lejeune. At the time he was trying to get into the radar intercept operator program, flying the back seat of a Phantom. For a brief spell there at Lejeune, before I left, Reb, Jon, Gary, and I were all proximate. Probably won't happen again the rest of our careers.

"Jim Adams was Engr Bn advisor for the 5th ARVN Div (?) at Xuan Loc. I think he is about to leave for an assignment in the office of the Chief of Engrs. I think Ben Dishman is over here with the 173d Abn Bde. Carl Weaver left here after a year of flying Mohawks to instruct in the same aircraft at Fort Huachuca, and that about exhausts me on that score."

Many thanks to John for the reams of printable information. And thanks to many other correspondents and the grapevine for what follows.

An especial word of thanks to the stork. A girl, Mary Kathryn, was born to Jim and Arlene Hahn on 2 Oct. Jim is in VN with the 118th Aslt Hel Co. (APO 96224), and Arlene and the children are in Columbus, Ga. Art and Lucy Siciliano welcomed a second son (third child), Bradley, on 29 Dec. Art works for IBM in Garden City but will be going into a business of his own some time this spring. The family lives at: 10 Spaulding Lane, Stony Brook, L.I. 11790. A third child, Carolyn Marie, joined the household (Mark 6, Jennifer 5) of Bruce and Ellie Johnson in Ann Arbor last 17 April while Bruce was getting a degree in aerospace engineering at the U. of Mich. He is now here at WP teaching mechanics.

Word has it there's a bona fide, modified (?) Polish wedding coming up. Rick Kocienda will marry Elsa Schloder at St. Stanislaus Church in Brooklyn on 5 Feb, if he can get the day off, and a contingent of Rick's friends at WP is looking forward to attending. He is currently in an Engr slot at Fort Lee, Va.

The perennial cluster of classmates around Benning has a few new faces and a bit less hair, but, as the accompanying photo will attest, is undiminished in glamour and esprit. Art and Babs Bair and Tom and Marty Roberts hosted a party last September for the current career course and others in the area at the time. The group included: Ed and Pat Burba, Paul and Joan Chalmers, Tom and Rita Borlund, Frank and Jean

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1959: General W. F. Train (left) presents portrait of his son, Bill, to Colonel R. L. Walton, commanding officer, Fort Myer. Presentation was made in September during formal dedication of Train Barracks in memory of Bill Train.

Gercz, Glen and Judy Dyer, Carl and Crystal Groth, Steve and Christa Klein, R.B. Johnson, Pat and Kay McLaughlin, Dave and Pem Rogers, Lou and Judy Sullenberger, Monk and Betsy Hilliard, Bill and Jan Clarke, the Robertses, and the Bairs—all at Benning for the career course. Others in attendance but at Benning for different reasons were: Irv and Phyllis Broocke (Inf School), Dave and Marilyn Roush (post staff), and Tex and Carolyn Turner (Ranger Dept). Wives attending *sans* husbands (all in VN) included: Elizabeth Gabel, Eileen Stiles (Howie is at Tuy Hoa, is Opns officer for the 129th Avn Co., supports the 101st, and loves it. Eileen was hoping to rendezvous with him in January for a brief visit.), Bobbie Fitzgerald, Pat Day, and Jan Gaines. (Don't show that sentence to any of my students.) Art reports that a good time was had by all.

Homecoming here was perhaps the drizliest, dreariest day of the year, but the team beat Penn State handily, a partial compensation for the waterlogged duds of those who attended the game, and the class party that evening at the railroad station was a smashing success. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing about 20 classmates from the surrounding area who were able to join us, and I regret that I have misplaced the list of names I compiled the morning after. Marty Plassmeyer was there, however, and he has asked that I place his name in the column without fail, so there it is. The high point of the evening was the passing of a freight train which blew the whistle on Fred Wilmoth who was hiding in the corner and drinking an inordinate portion of the community barrel of beer.

The following locations, incidents, and rumors are presented in random order to add complexity to the game of looking for one's name in ASSEMBLY. Bob DeMont is in Ban Me Thout as a staff advisor to the 8th Armd Cav (ARVN) but was anticipating a new job in January or February. Julie and the two children, Bobby and Pam, spent a month in Niles, Ohio, with Bob's parents during the holidays and are now back in "VN Wives' Heaven" at Green Cove Springs, Fla. Katherine Harkins informs me that John is *not* a civilian but still very much in the Army and stationed in Quang Ngai. Katherine's address is: 4231-B King George Dr., Harrisburg, Pa. George Harrison is in VN commanding a company in the 1st Cav Div. Until he returns in July, Marcy and the three

children will be in Hampton, Va., at 1920 De Metra Dr. (23363). Tex DeAtkine returned from VN on 30 Aug. He and Terry visited Dave and Carla Wheeler in New Orleans in September, then journeyed on to DC where Tex is assigned to the Defense Language School for Arabic. Their current address is: 7905 District Heights Pkwy., District Heights, Md. 20028.

Did you see the smiling face of Pete Dawkins on your TV screen during the Navy game? Are you the one who wrote him and asked about his hat?

Gil Roesler has completely recovered from injuries sustained in VN and, according to Ina, feels fine. They are now at Fort Carson where Gil is S3 of an Inf Bn. Steve and Marie Dick are in the third year in Mississippi (1399 E. Second St., Pas Christian), where Steve is a test engineer for Boeing. They made the trek to the Tennessee game last fall and were delighted to find many classmates there from Campbell and Benning. Craig, Sally, and Craiglet Bertolett are ensconced in miniscule quarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground while Craig attends the Ord career course. Bring your own chair when you visit them at 2745-B Augusta.

Buse and Connie Tully are at Knox in the career course, along with Bert Bertils. Roger Quinn arrived there recently to begin the new associate course, and Powell Hutton departed for the Soc Sci Dept at WP after completing the old. (He arrived.) Buse and Connie planned a Christmas trip to Florida with detours en route to visit the Johs in Atlanta (Bunky is with an airline) on the way down and Pat and Kay McLaughlin at Benning on the way back.

George, Barbara, and the three little Friedels (George 6, Chuck 4, Jeanne 1) are in a new home which, according to their Christmas letter, has been keeping them busy landscaping, carpentering, and wallpaper-hanging since last February. George is now with Thiokol, and the new house is at: 15 Stephen Terrace, Parsippany, N.J. 07054. Rody and Pat Conway are at Fort Ord (183 Monterey Rd., 93941) where Rody commands an AIT Co. and enjoys the California sunshine on the side. Larry and Mary Burchell are also there, Larry and Rody hailing from the same Bde. John Carroll is at Rucker, and the address is: 222 Harris Dr. W.

Jim Patton is an ordnance expert with the Martin Co. and was recently featured in the *Martin News* in an article on the com-

pany's use of explosives. Jim's current address is: 1465 S. Cherry St., Denver, Colo. Charlie and Marianne Lynn are at Fort McClellan along with Chuck and Barbara Lutz. Charlie teaches Intelligence in the Chem school's military arts division, and Chuck is the school's health physics officer. Marianne adds that her brother-in-law, Ron Brass, is in VN as an advisor to an ARVN Engr Bn. His wife Arlene and the two children are in Newburgh. Incidentally, the Lynms would like to buy a '59 HOWITZER from a classmate who has an extra. If you are he, they would appreciate hearing from you.

As a final item, the Class notes with pride the naming of a new 3d Inf barracks at Fort Myer in honor of our fallen classmate, Bill Train. The dedication, an impressive and fitting ceremony held on 19 Sept in the barracks area, was attended by Bill's mother and father, his sister Leslie, and several of his classmates, including Mike Gillette and Randy Bell. Bill served in The Old Guard from Feb 1961 until April 1962. He was killed near Ben Cat while accompanying a convoy on 16 June 1962, becoming the 6th American and the 1st West Pointer to die in Vietnam. The last paragraph of Bill's biography, which was read at the dedication ceremony, is as follows:

"Carved on his tombstone at the West Point Cemetery are words taken from General Douglas MacArthur's final address at the Academy: 'In his youth and strength, his love and loyalty, he gave all that mortality can give.' In granting permission to use the phrase, General MacArthur said, 'I would be honored to have any words I have uttered as the epitaph on this hero's grave. With every devoted death such as his, I think we all die a little.'"

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Well, ARMY beat Navy, Santa has come and gone, and we approach that season which we nostalgically recall as Gloom Period. From the tone of the letters I've been getting, though, most of you appear to be too busy to be depressed by the season. Let's see what some of our stalwarts are doing these days.

Here at Fort Benning Chris Gigicos recently received the Legion of Merit for his work with the Infantry Board during the past 3 years. Chris is now starting the career course.

Jim and Joan Wiley (47 Diamond Ave., Fort Rucker, Ala.) are still in the sunny South. Jim is an instructor in the Dept of Advanced Tactical Instruments at Rucker. Sounds like he's come a long way since he and I struggled over those gauges on the engines in thermo lab. (I still can't read a thermometer.) The Wileys have two girls, Lisa and Dana.

Bob Burnell (373 Ardennes Circle, Fort Ord, Calif.) is at the Naval Postgraduate School. He must have really cleaned up on the Navy game. He's working on his Master's in operations research. Bob and Connie have a daughter Libby. Also at NPGS are Jim O'Connell and Craig Hagan. Austin Vencil and John Hynd are at Fort Ord. (Trent Crosby, Bob has you on his "missing persons" list. How about dropping him a line?)

Wayne and Nancy Clay (5402 N. Nevada, Colorado Springs, Colo.) seem to be recovering from the setback they suffered when a fire destroyed their home. Wayne is studying for his Master's, presumably in night school.

Art and Leslye Giese (2528 N. McKinley St., Arlington, Va.) are back in the States after a 2-year tour in Iran. They managed to tour Europe before returning. Art is now working in the State Dept's operations center and is apparently quite busy. Otto Everbach is in the DC area and is preparing for his bar exams.

Jack Hug (9 Canyon Rd., Berkeley, Calif.) sent a rather lengthy epistle primarily concerning the lives and loves of our growing contingent of barristers. Jack graduated from law school at the U. of California last June. He was anticipating a transfer to JAGC and an overseas assignment. Bob Montgomery has started a similar program, also via the excess leave route. He had just returned from an advisory tour in Vietnam. Dick Greene is selling computers for IBM in San Francisco. Bill Helbock is working on a Ph.D. in geography at Pitt and expects to return to the West Coast after that. He's married and has three children.

Homer Jones graduated from Hastings College of the Law in June and is now working in St. Helena, Calif. Bruce Nevins graduated from Stanford Business School in June and works for Levi Strauss in San Francisco. John Fyfe was last seen in New York. He was working for Xerox at the time. Hal Dreifelbis is in his second year of industrial engineering at Stanford under the auspices of the Signal Corps. Humphrey Windsor is at the Lawrence Radiation Lab in Livermore, Calif. Chuck DePew received his degree in electrical engineering at the U. of Calif. and now works for IBM in Oakland.

Ross Cullins is at Vandenberg AFB working as a civilian. Hal Ladehoff is at N.Y.U. on a Signal Corps junket. Bill Fay is teaching school in the Bronx. Mike Mooney is another member of the bar. He was running a bar on New York's West Side but sold it.

John Gulla departed Fort Bliss for Bien Hoa, Vietnam, last November. His battalion, 5/2 (SF), went over as a unit. John has been commanding "A" Btry since last June. The Gullas were curtailed in Germany and returned after 2 years. They had a baby boy, John Arthur, on 13 Dec. Jackie and the children will live in Massachusetts while John is gone. John Seely is Bn FDO with the 8/6th Arty at Phu Loi. Dave Bauer is at Long Binh. George McQuillen is aide to the CG, II Field Force.

Jim Humphreys (421 Lawndale Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C.) has some more lawyer news. I'm not sure whether the lawyers in the Class outnumber the soldiers now or if they're just better correspondents. Jim is in his last year at Wake Forest School of Law. Larry Pitts is also there. Jim and Larry made a study last year and found that 25 of our Class were either in law school or had graduated. Twenty of that number appeared to be honor students.

Ken King is in his second year at the U. of Va. Scotty Brown is a U. of Okla. law student. He married a girl from Texas last summer. Milt Cooper is with IBM in Raleigh, N.C. He and Ann have two children. Fenton Griffith is also with IBM in North Carolina. John Young quit his Southern Bell job and now works for IBM in Monroe, La. He and Kathy have three offspring. Joe Dean is studying medicine at Duke University Medical School. Phil Chappell works for Continental Can near Chicago.

Jim Humphreys made a suggestion that the Class sponsor a memorial award on behalf of the deceased members of the Class. He says that at present no award is given to the captain of the 150 lb. football team, and such an award would be a possibility. If any of you have thoughts along this line, you

might pass them on to the class committee.

Jim Fairchild left for Vietnam last November with 2/40 Arty, 199th Light Inf Bde. Sandy and Jimmy will stay in California while Jim is gone. "T" Eubanks and Bill Murphy also went with the 199th. The Fairchilds were at Berkeley for the ARMY-California game. There they saw: Tozer, Sampson, DePew, Dwyre, Hug, Carron, and Danforth and their respective mates.

My apologies go to Tom and Nancy Caraballo. I anticipated the command and reported them off to Germany. Tom's orders were changed. He's staying at Benning for the next career course.

Reed Bennett (7 Payson Rd., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.) sent me the latest "Who's Who" from West Point. Reed is with the Math Dept and is the new secretary of our class executive committee. The following are now at the Academy: Math—Joe and Mary Felber, Dick and Nancy Gates, Bob and June Bierly, Reed and Gloria Bennett, Joe and Judy Skinner, Ron and Carlita Beltz, Jon and Jody Searles, Buddy and Nancy Griffis; Physics—Hank and Debbie Carmean; EE—John Berti; German—Bob and Margery Schiemann; Computer Center—Bob and Andrea Leech; Info Office—Bill and Corinne Cary; 1st Bn—Bart and Jane Furey, Dave and Certy Stem. Ben and Pat Fegan were with the 1st Bn, but Ben has recently left for Vietnam. The aforementioned have 24 children. You can compute the probable number per family by dividing by 15. (Now you know why I'm not in the Math Dept.)

Prospective additions to the WP group include: Charley Osttott, Ed Deagle, Tony Blackstone, Lee Allen, Stan Hickman, and Tom Noel. Tony Blackstone is at Columbia studying English. Lee Allen is at Illinois preparing for ES&GS (topo and graphics, as we knew it).

Budge Parker is at Fort Knox. Jim Fero left his wife at Newburgh while he goes to Vietnam. Jack Pellicci is back from Vietnam and hopes to go to ES&GS via Georgia Tech. Ted Harcke is in medical school. Homecoming Weekend drew the following: Remus, Stehling, Baker, Campbell, Lincoln, Nevins, Fyfe, Watkins, Phillips, and Handler.

Tim Schatzman just told me that Buddy Mease's wife presented him with their second set of twin girls. Their first set was 16 months old at the time. The local diaper service must be having a field day. They also have a 5-year-old boy. The Meases are at Colorado Springs, where Buddy instructs ROTC.

Dick Cato (1217 Swan Harbour Circle, Wash, D.C.) is in Walter Reed Hospital. He was hit by a machinegun bullet in Vietnam and has a broken femur. He's in a cast from the waist down. He expects to return to duty in the spring. He'll be working in Infantry Branch, OPO, until August, then go to Cornell for a degree in English for an instructor tour at West Point. Dick was in Vietnam for 5 months and commanded a rifle company in the 1st Inf Div. Vic Letonoff had "C" Troop, 1/4 Cav, but moved up to be aide to the 1st Div CG. Jack Dice took over Vic's troop. Bill Chamberlain is Asst Div Engr. Rog Seymour also had a company in the Big Red ONE. Dan Campbell commanded a company in the 173d Abn Bde. John Crump is in the FSCC of the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. As you may have heard, Monte Sloan, our ex-classmate who graduated with '61, was killed in Vietnam. He was buried at West Point.

Chip Fenton (6313 Nora St., Metairie, La.) writes that he and Les Beavers are due to complete their studies at Tulane in June. Both will have M.S. degrees in nuclear physics. Chip and Dee have three children: Katherine

Ann 5, Roland D. Jr. 3, and Michael Rhea 2.

This will be my last ASSEMBLY column. I expect to be in Vietnam by the time the next edition appears, so I think it best that I pass along my Scribe's pencil. Buddy Griffis will take over the job starting with the next issue. Please address your letters to: Capt. Fletcher H. Griffis Jr., Box 6, USMA, West Point, N.Y. 10996. I'm sure Buddy will do a fine job. I've enjoyed receiving your letters and hope that you will continue to keep in touch with me. Best of luck to you all.

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It is my sad task to begin this article with the news of the loss of three of our classmates. John Kemp is missing in action after disappearing while flying on a low level reconnaissance mission in South Vietnam. Bill Deuel was killed in combat on 30 Sept 1966 and buried here at West Point on 10 Oct. Bill was with the 101st Abn Div. On 10 Dec Monte Sloan was killed while leading his company of the 1st Inf Div. Monte was buried here at West Point on 19 Dec. Our deepest sympathy goes to the survivors of these fine men. Knowing that many of you will want to write to their widows, I forward their addresses: Mrs. Julie Kemp, 605 Greenwood Drive, Midwest City, Okla.; Mrs. Mary Jean Deuel, 707 Mullany, Box 823, Chatham, Ill.; Mrs. Carolyn Sloan, 166 Hudson, Cornwall, N.Y.

Dick Clarke has reported in from Phu Cong, Vietnam, where he is the Binh Duong sector S3 advisor and shares office space with the sector S2 advisor, Bob Janoska. Bren Battle is the Asst G2 advisor for the 5th ARVN Div at nearby Phu Loi. Also at Phu Loi is Jack Lawrence who is a liaison officer from the 1st Div working with the Vietnamese. Bill Williamson and Joe Paone are commanding companies in the Big Red ONE. George Joulwan, newly married, has been commanding a company at Phuoc Vinh where Jim Madden was located before leaving for Fort Benning and the career course. Serge Olive is advising a Vietnamese Ranger Bn in the Song Be area. Serge is engaged and plans to marry at Fort Benning next November.

Pat Murphy works in the G2 section of USARV in Saigon. Jim Tedrick is bound for Vietnam with the 9th Inf Div, and his wife Wray is bound for Bangkok where she plans to spend the year. Denny Lenhart is advising a Psywar Bn at Bien Hoa and Norm Cunningham, an APC troop in Hon Quan. Mike Ekman, finally in Vietnam PCS after several S/F Tdy hops, commands "A" Co. of the 1/503 Inf in the 173d Inf Bde.

George Seckinger reports that he is the senior Arty advisor to the ARVN 23d Div at Ban Me Thuot. There with him are Bob Cain, the Darlac sector Psywar advisor, and Butch Robertson who is advising an ARVN Inf Bn. Bruce Dagleish is with the 173d Abn Bde, Pete Burgess is with the 319th Arty, and Bev Powell is in the G3 section of the 25th Inf Div.

Glen and Linda Mallory were curtailed one year in Germany, and Glen is now commanding a company in the 101st Abn Div in Vietnam. Linda is with her parents at Fort Meade and invites anyone in the area to stop by at 411 Line Ave., Maryland City, Laurel, Md.

Bob Rosenkranz wrote while on an operation with the 1st Cav Div. Bob is a liaison officer in the 1st Cav where Bruce Lammers has an Ordnance company, and Ben Covington was commanding a Cav troop until he

was evacuated with malaria. Ham Evans is an Asst Div supply officer, and Bud Fritz is an Asst S3 in an Arty Bn. Ron Hannon is flying armed helicopters in the 227th Armed Helicopter Bn of the 1st Cav.

The *Army Times* recently reported that Jim Scott was named Army Aviator of the Year by the Army Aviation Assn. Jim was honored "for his outstanding ability and leadership, and for his acts of courage, heroism and gallantry . . . while flying in combat operations in Phu Yen Province, an area of intense Viet Cong activity."

Bob McConnell and Joe Boys have both been decorated recently by the Air Force for their efforts in Vietnam. Bob, who is now in Bentwater, England, has flown over 200 combat missions as an F-4C Phantom II pilot, 40 of them over North Vietnam. Dick and Margarethe Knoblock have moved from Vandenberg AFB, Calif., to Naha AFB, Okinawa, where Dick is flying C-130's. John Sommercamp is in Danang, and Bill Seibel gets to southeast Asia occasionally while navigating C-135's. Bill Madsen, another Air Force type, is at Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, Alaska. Carl Wimmer recently stopped by Stewart AFB to pay George and Pris Shamblee a visit while en route to an AF staff officers school at Maxwell AFB. Mac Greeley has returned from a year of flying close air support missions for the Marines out of Chu Lai and is now with the Marine Air Wing at Beaufort, S.C.

Steve Denney was also curtailed one year in Europe and is now commanding an AA Btry in Vietnam after a stop-over at Fort Bliss. Before leaving Bliss, Steve attended a West Point Society party with Rusty Dyer, Don Lionetti, and Marty Walsh. Ted Vander Els, still a bachelor and sporting a master's degree from M.I.T., has just completed the 12-week Vietnamese course at Monterey and is en route to Vietnam. Frank Gibson is commanding a Transportation Corps Co. in Qui Nhon. A commentary on Frank is that he called West Point all the way from Hong Kong, where he and Barbara were enjoying a short reunion, to report on a fine cadet prospect he had met in Vietnam. Alumni admissions support like that is hard to get!

Bruce Heron is an Armor advisor at Tuc Duc, and Lilo, with their sons Mark and Ralph, is spending the year with Bruce's folks in Mexico. Jack Campbell is the airlift officer for II Corps and works out of Bien Hoa. His wife Judy and two sons are spending the year in their new home near El Toro, Calif. Tom Baird will be moving from Okinawa to Vietnam and the 173d Abn Bde in March. His family will be in New Jersey for the year. Jim Haise will return from Panama in February and has orders to the 1st Cav Div with an April reporting date. Jim McGinnis finished the MATA course and was awaiting his port call for Vietnam. He expected to leave in mid-January and become a G3 Air advisor. Louise and the children will live in Newburgh, N.Y.

News from Europe is scarce, but I can report that Bob and Carol Dunning with Bobby and Donna Lee are enjoying Heidelberg where Bob is assigned to the Office of CINCUSAREUR. Ted Stanley and family are in Wiesbaden with the Air Force. Ted supervises the construction of AF communication sites all over Europe and reports much Tdy. Jim Lynch is studying at the University of Mainz and will report to the USMA German Dept this summer.

Fort Benning continues to demand its share of the wealth, and those currently there are: Haas, Phil Mallory, Sisk, Vallely, Willis, Beckett, Behrenhausen, Gordon Downey,

Chan Greene, Hruby, Maio, Stringham, Tobin, Trinkle, Turnage, Veatch, Yule, Al Armstrong, Altmeyer, Showalter, Dave White, and Marty Ganderson. The latter reports the arrival of Rebecca Celeste, Marty and Bonnie's first child. From Fort Benning also comes word that John Mack stood still too long and was married just before departing for his 2d tour in Vietnam.

Dick Jackson is also in Georgia, attending Georgia Tech in Atlanta; he and Metta invite any of you troops down that away to stop in. En route to Fort Benning and the career course are Paul and Mary Ann Vadar. Paul turned over the reins of Fort McNair to a new Hq commandant just before departing.

Dale Shipley is in the Washington, D.C., area working as the Asst S3 in the 3d Inf at Fort Myer. Ed Brown is at nearby Fort Belvoir where Ed teaches in the Engr OCS school and reports that Joe Stewart is also at Belvoir.

Phil Ringdahl is in Washington having disrobed from Army Green to get a master's degree at Utah and employment with the Dept of State. Ed Leland has just departed



1961: Bob McConnell, holder of the Air Medal with eight OLC's for 200 combat missions in Southeast Asia.

Quantico, Va., for Monterey where he will attend the Naval Postgraduate School and get a degree in operational analysis.

Harry and Pat Woodward want to share their delight in the birth, on 30 Oct, of a 19½-inch baby girl whom they named Shari Lynn. The Woodwards are living in Vernon, Conn. Also here in the east are Frank and Betty Egan. Frank is aiding the CG of Fort Devens. Nearby at Harvard, Mick Seidl is studying for a doctorate in public administration. Upon completion in June 1968, Mick plans to teach in the USMA Social Science Dept. John Eielson is now in his third year of medical school at the U. of Pa., and Bob McCarthy is in his third year of law school at Boston College. Don Anselm is on the ROTC staff at the U. of Mass. and is studying for a master's degree at night.

A small class reunion was held in Berkeley for the ARMY-California game, and our Class is well represented in the West. At the game I saw Pete Offringa and Gordy Stokes both of whom are studying applied science at the U. of Calif. in Davis. Howie DeWitt came up from his studies at U.S.C. Bud Coddington and Rod Cameron are civilians; bachelors, and third-year law students at Berkeley. They vow they have not, and will not, carry any placards. Pete Anderson, ex-'61, is also a law classmate of Bud and Rod's.

Jay Hartford, with Linda and her parents, were in Berkeley, having taken time off from

his job as the building coordinator for Humboldt State College in Arcata, Calif. Also in the San Francisco area are Art and Lucky Downey who are at Stanford with the Busdieckers and the Steeges.

Tom Minnehan and wife are at Fort Lewis serving on a 3-year detail from Armor to AIS. Also at Fort Lewis are the Terry Kirkpatricks who drove to Berkeley for the California game. Red Zaldo, now an executive with Shell Oil Co., lives near Los Angeles where he and Ed Barry get together occasionally. Ed is working on the manned lunar orbiting space platform project for the AF Systems Command near Los Angeles.

Jim Oaks is a project officer in the NIKE X program at Redstone Arsenal but plans to leave Alabama soon for Oklahoma and the Arty career course. Max Potter is in Columbus, Ohio, getting a master's degree before coming back to the Social Science Dept. Another local social scientist, Bill Heiberg, is trying frantically to finish his Master's thesis between Christmas parties so as to be ready for a February Vietnam departure. Also close by is Jon Aaronsohn who is now with the CIA in New York City, enhancing his cover with a bachelor pad in Greenwich Village and a new TR4. Larry and Kathy Stoneham with sons Pat, Mike, and Pete are living in their new home in Millbrook, N.Y. Larry is working for the de Laval Chemical Corporation and has just received a promotion; he is now head design test engineer in the Poughkeepsie division. He also finds time to hunt and has bagged a deer ½ mile from his house.

Kaiser Bazan checked in from Holland where he was vacationing after a highway conference in London and before a close look at the highway system in Italy. Kaiser, the West Point expansion committee is looking for a workable scheme to reroute traffic around the Plain if you are ever in the area.

Hope to hear from many of you before the 27 March deadline on the next issue.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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It has been a pleasant three months since the last ASSEMBLY was published. There have been no notices of any '62 files KIA. As a reminder, however, of the danger being faced by many of the Class, the *Army Reporter* had writeups on Ronny Brown, who received the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism during a battle near Dak To last June, and on Russ DeVries who was awarded the Silver Star for "exposing himself to heavy fire and inspiring his men during an all-out attack by the 25th Inf Div units upon the Viet Cong."

Not only has almost everyone in the Class been to Vietnam or is currently serving there, but second tours are starting, even for the non-pilots. Mike and Carol Moore stopped by the other day, and Mike had orders to return to Vietnam in January as the commander of B Trp, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav, 9th Inf Div. Carol will be staying at 377 Pleasant Ave., Cliffside Park, N.J., with their two active cookie crushers.

Received a letter from Denny Benchoff, who is CO of the 20th Cml Det, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, VN. Denny recently completed the Chemical career course at Fort McClellan and the Pathfinder course at Benning. He stopped off in Louisville, Ky., to visit Joe Sayers who is attending the U. of Louisville Medical School. Joe, Carol, and their son Douglas are all doing fine. Denny's

wife, Barbara, is staying with her parents in Wyoming, Pa. Others assigned to the 101st in VN include: Steve Arnold, Asst Bde S3; Jim Currin, Ord Corps, S4 of the Spt Bn; Al Tindale, AIS, Interrogation Officer, 181st MI Det; John Grimshaw, Ln O, 2d Bn, 320th Arty; and Fred Hillyard, S3 of the 2d Bn, 327th Inf.

Marsh Johnson took time out in Vietnam to write about some classmates with the Vietnamese Abn Bde. Marsh is currently senior advisor to the 9th Viet Abn Bn. Ernie Webb is senior advisor to the Viet 2d Abn Bn. Both Marsh and Ernie are based at Tan Son Nhut but do not see very much of it. Some others that Marsh ran into: Lou Higginbotham, MAC J2; Bill Boozer, just left Vietnam for the 82d Abn Div; and Bob Loupe, MAC J3.

Two news releases from AOG: Ed Gleichman, just promoted to captain, is now a member of SAC and a KC-135 navigator working out of Barksdale AFB, La. Dave Noake is now a member of the 1st Sqdn, 4th Cav, 1st Inf Div, Vietnam. Dave's wife Becky is living at: 1433A Hampton Court, Williamsburg, Va.

Bill Dieal returned to West Point long enough to be married and to contribute significantly to the economic health of the champagne industry. He married the very pretty Miss Mary P. Murphy, from Tuckahoe, N.Y., on 7 Jan. Traveling back to the old Alma Mater for the occasion were none other than the Bobsey Twins of Washington, D.C., Bill Mogan and Harry Hagerty. (They were last seen chasing 2 of the bridesmaids out of the officers club late that evening.) Bob Rintz, now AIS and working out of NYC, also came down and even condescended to wear a uniform. Stan Schanze, ex-'62 (F2) and a broker for the Dreyfus Corp. in New York City, was best man. (It is rather difficult to mention in the same paragraph, but those classmates who used to visit Bill's home frequently while cadets will be saddened to learn of Bill's father's death in December, after a long illness.)

Also stopping by USMA was Alex Davidson. Alex is now stationed at Griffiss AFB in Rome, N.Y., and has his Master's in aero-engineering. He is still unmarried but was with a very good prospect.

A former AF file, Seth Hudak, is now in civilian life and has settled down in Merrimack, N.H., with Cathy and his little girl, Margaret 2½, and 1 ea. dog. His address is Box 64, and he invites any classmates in the area to stop in.

Dan Wick, USAF, wrote in from the Air Academy that he is teaching in the Dept of Astronautics and was to be married in December to the former Miss Kay Mikelson. The AF types were due for promotion to captain in early December. Dan also wrote that Jay Witt recently returned from Crete and that Jay's wife, Mikki, just gave birth to their third son, Brandon Jay; Bob Meceda was married last November and is still stationed at Vandenberg AFB; Rudy Penczer was recently married and is stationed at Cambridge Research Labs in Boston. Dan invites anyone passing through Colorado Springs to stop in for a visit.

From the distaff side, Jan Robb wrote that Al is with the 25th Div as CO of B Btry, 3/13 Arty, and recently received the BSM. They are scheduled to attend the Arty career Crs at Sill in March and then to the U. of Virginia to study nuclear physics. Jan is currently living in Lockport, N.Y., with daughters Julie Anna 3, and Kristina 1. Martie Ulmer sent a card and said John likes his job in the "3" shop of the 519th MI Bn (Saigon).

Rosemary Andrews sent a very kind note thanking the Class for its thoughtfulness on the occasion of Bob's funeral. Rosemary's current address is: 5447 West Potomac, Chicago, Ill. 60651.

Jeane Kays did some tremendous staff work and came up with the following information: Tom Moore, wife Patty, daughters Denise and Christy, are currently attending the Sill advanced course; Bill Cross, CO of Spt Arm Co., wife Ann, daughter Kimmi plus a new baby, have been at Sill for the past year; Walt and Nancy Bryde will remain at Sill after the career Crs; Fred and Nancy Gorden, currently attending Arty career Crs, have a daughter Sharon; Harry and Bev Harris are expecting their first baby and will be stationed at Sill after the career Crs; Brian and Nancy McKinley are expecting another baby—currently have a daughter Alana—and Brian is an instructor in the Sill career Crs. Dave McLaughlin and Barbara are at Sill and have a daughter Jennifer; Terry Murphy, at Sill, is waiting orders for Vietnam; his wife Carol should have delivered their second child by now to go along with son Brian; Jack Reavill is attending the career course at Sill—with wife Susie and sons Jay and Kirk. Dave and Connie Swick, and son Eric, are awaiting separation orders; Bob and Millie Wong have a 2-year-old daughter who knows how to say Merry Christmas in Chinese; Tom Culver is also at Sill, as is George Sarran, Lennie Taylor, Tom Herre, and Bob and Mary Redmond with their two daughters.

Chuck Chandler, wife Joani, sons Darryl, Jeff, and Todd are in language school in DC—will go to Sao Paulo, Brazil, on an Olmsted scholarship and an attaché assignment; Bob and Dolly Reid are in graduate school at North Carolina State; Bill and Pat Dworsak have a daughter and live in Virginia where Bill is an ROTC instructor at V.M.I.; Dick and Marlene Garvey should have another along with daughter Carole Anne by now—Dick is attending the Naval Postgrad school in Monterey; Johnny Jones and wife Sue are expecting in February and will join the 82d at Bragg after the Sill career Crs; Jim and Becky Acklin with son Tom are at Fort Jackson where Jim is CO of a unit in the Tng Center.

Dick and Judy Gramzow with son Ricky and daughter Laura will be assigned to a training unit as CO at Fort Jackson after the Arty career Crs; Art and Jackie Lovgren are expecting their third child in March; Chuck Anderson is in Vietnam—Cecelia is living in Washington State with sons Charles and Doug; Dave Phillips is in Vietnam—Sharon is living in California with sons Chris and Patrick and daughters Cindy and Lisa. Lou and Linda Brown have left the Army, and Lou is now attending Pitt on a fellowship; Denny and Kathy Flint are now at Fort Leavenworth—Denny is ADC to the former Com, Maj. Gen. Davison.

Don Bergeron, wife Ellie, and daughters Jody and Leslie, should be at Campbell (101st) by now; Bob and Nancy Jordan are expecting in January—their second child—and will be assigned to the ATC at Fort Campbell; Dan Clark is also due to be assigned to the ATC at Campbell—Dan and Lois have one child, a daughter DeAnna, and are expecting another in March; Steve and Sue Hablett are due to return from Germany for assignment to the ATC at Campbell—they have a daughter Jennifer; Bud Reeves is still single and due to join the 101st; Dick and Jill Rohrbacher, expecting their second in March, are also due for a Campbell assignment. Others at Fort Campbell include:

Joe Simoneaux, Glen Blumhardt, John Fee, and Bob Greenwalt—Bob due to be in Vietnam by the time this is published. Terry and Hilda McCarthy, with son Kevin, are due at Campbell from Germany.

Bill and Bernie Byrd with daughters Lori, Sherry, and Lisa are stationed at Fort Ord; Dick and Judy James are at Fort Bragg, but Dick is due to be in Vietnam by the end of January. Matt Kambrod returned from Korea, and he and Pat are now at Bragg; Skip Holcomb is attending the career course at Fort Knox; Paul Dobbins is at Rucker; Dwayne and Leslie Piepenburg, USAF, are stationed in Albuquerque, N. Mex.; John and June Winkler with a daughter are at Benning; Jim Lindsey is in Vietnam—Bonnie, Christopher, and Heather are staying in Philadelphia; Tom and Rae Ann Murray, with daughter Michelle, are stationed in Germany; Buck and Sue Lair are at Sill; Dick and Sally Helmuth, with son Richard, are on orders for Fort Carson, Colo.

Jeane also reported that Larry and Bonnie Sanders, MD, USAF, are stationed at Brooks AFB in San Antonio, Tex., where Larry is an intern. According to earlier information Larry was to go to Lackland AFB. Jim and Jeane Kays, with daughter Christy, are at the ATC at Fort Campbell.

Dan Buttolph wrote with some welcome information. Dan is on his way to Benning as an instructor in the Ranger School. He also said that Fred Doten (his brother-in-law) has finished Mohawk school, and that he and Dee and the three girls will be at Fort Lewis for the formation of a new aviation group. Bob Coyne and Doug Morgan will remain at Sill after the career course as instructors or ATC commanders. J.J. Kelly, Dave Sholly, and Don Street will be going to Vietnam.

Don and Anne-Tove Babb wrote in from Albuquerque, N.Mex. Don now has two sons and is currently ADC to Maj. Gen. Arthur W. Oberbeck, CG, JTF-8. Don's address is: 2819 Dakota NW. (87110). Don also said that Ed Sprague was married on 21 Dec at Benning. Bill Miller is wearing a green beret and commands an "A" team at Dak To; he replaced Bob Weinfurter.

Also from the far west came a letter from Larry Waters. Larry married a school teacher, the former Jane Lowe from N.C., right after he returned from Okinawa, and they now have a baby girl named Teri Ellen. Larry transferred to the Ord Corps and is assigned to DASA-AEC, in Las Vegas, Nev. He invites anyone in the area to stop by 5908 W. Washington, Apt. C, Las Vegas. Larry also wrote that Frank Szama is a CO in the Psywar Bn in Okinawa. Bill Kinard married a pretty Vietnamese girl, and they now have a baby daughter. Bill is on his way to language school in DC and will be assigned as an Abn advisor in Saudi Arabia. (According to Larry, Bill even owns his own camel.) Tony Guenther, USAF, is stationed at Vandenberg AFB as a silo setter and is still single. Tom Kilmartin, with wife Gail and daughters Tammy and Tracey, is at Aberdeen Proving Ground at the career course.

Had a good letter from Mickey Rosenberg. He commands a Co. in an Engr Tng Bn as does Bob Rumph at Fort Leonard Wood. Bob reported in from Germany where he commanded a SERGEANT Btry. Al Scarsella, with wife Diane, is also at Wood where Al is working in the post G3 shop. Mic wrote that Mike O'Brien went straight from the Arty career Crs to Johns Hopkins for a Chem degree and is headed back to USMA as an instructor. John Selby has already been to grad school and is now ADC

to General Lipscomb, CG of Fort Leonard Wood. John was engaged to a very lovely girl when I saw him at the ARMY-Tennessee game.

The Christmas season brought in some nice cards. Dave Moore wrote in from Fort Hood where he and Zel and young son, Eric, are enjoying life as a Trp CO (C Trp, 1st Sqdn, 1st Cav). With Dave are: Mike Casp, an Arty Btry CO; Dave Symanski, S3, 3d Bn, 19th Arty; and Bob Shuey. Johnny and Donna Nau wrote that they are now in Ketch, near Heidelberg, where John is on an inspection team. Bob Tarbet is attending the Armor career Crs and with him at Knox are Bev and their daughter Jennifer. Bob and Joyce Martin are now at Harvard where Bob is in grad school; they are due to return to the Soc Sci Dept in 68. Bob said Barry Horton, USAF, is in his second year at Harvard. "Moose" Marcinkowski, ex-'62, a captain and an aviator, is just back from Vietnam and stationed at Rucker with his wife Carol and 18-month-old son, Mark. They are expecting No. 2 in April. Gary (Moose) is an instructor in the Tac Dept of the flight school.

Tom Faley wrote from Benning with information that the following are in the career course: Ty Cobb, John Winkler, Dick Kent, Dick Sklar, and Phil Pons. Tom reported to the course at Benning after a tour as a rifle company commander with the 173d in VN where he earned the SS, BSM/V w/OLC, ACM/V, and AM.

Paul Wertz finally took the plunge and married the former Miss Patty Miller of Nashville, Tenn. Paul is currently ADC to General Sternberg, CG, 101st.

The ARMY-Navy game, aside from bringing much joy to USMA, brought some good info on classmates who attended. Steve and Sara West are stationed at Belvoir and should be in the Engr career Crs by now; Don Karrer was attending school at Bragg, then due to go to language school, and then to Vietnam; Bob Goode is at Bragg, flying with XVIII Abn Corps Arty; Dick Wylie should also be in the Engr career Crs by now; Al Lynch, Ed Dwyer, and John Darrah are at Fort Dix; Bill Kosco is at the U. of Illinois; Bob Ricks transferred to C.E. and is now at Belvoir; Tom Middaugh is now at Indian-town Gap, Pa.; Art Bondshu is now ADC to the CG of the Army Security Agency; Russ Reich should be in Panama by now with the 146th Engr Det; Dave Spangler is teaching soils at Belvoir; Frank Caufield, in civilian life, is now going to Harvard Business School; John Vranish is due to go to Ethiopia in June with the 64th Topo Bn; Buzz Kriesel should be in Vietnam by now with the 1st MI Bn. I heard through the vine that Larry Smith is in the USAV G1 shop, Vietnam.

Well, that's about it for now. Keep those cards and letters coming in, folks.

Just after my deadline came word of the award (posthumously) of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Frank Reasoner, USMC. I know the entire Class takes pride in this recognition—with the nation's highest award for bravery—to one of our own.

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Greetings. It sure is nice to be back in the land of the all-night generator. Please note the change of address above. I will have a more definite address in the next issue. Your letters have been few and far between;

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perhaps my mail hasn't caught up with me as yet, but I doubt it.

A letter from Norwich U. indicated that Howie Guilhaus was presented an Air Medal for action in Vietnam. At Fort Knox, Terry Alger received his 2d Bronze Star, this one for meritorious service. Others receiving the Bronze Star for merit include: Bill Kelley, J.J. Kauza, and myself. Bill Kelley and Carole Cotich were married in Mountain View, Calif., on 10 Dec, with this Scribe as best man. Bill and Carole are heading for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. J.J. Kauza is now at Dix. Rog Stribling is with the OCS Bde at Benning. Bud Hall is now qualified in the F-100 Super Sabre after training at Luke AFB, Ariz. Jack Adams had been studying at the Defense Dept Intelligence School by day and the Corcoran Art School at night. Jack is now in Vietnam. Jim Dawson has completed the Air University's Sqdn Officer School at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Bob Clements has completed over 68 missions in Vietnam in an F-4C Phantom II.

Received a nice letter from Nick and Carole Kuzemka. Nick received his M.S.I.E. from Georgia Tech in Dec 66 and is headed for the Lockheed plant at Kennedy International Airport, N.Y. Carole and Mich have two sons, Damon 2 years and Aaron 2 months. John and Randy Bell are living in Alexandria, Va., while John is an instructor at Belvoir. Chuck and Carol Workman are now at Fort Meade, Md. Chuck received his M.S.E.E. at Stanford. Tony, Kitty, and Christopher McCann are at Whiteman AFB, Mo. Tony is in missiles and plans to go to the flight school soon. Kent and Kathy Creasy are newly married, and Kent is about to enter med school at U. of Tenn., under the AFIT program. Gordon and Dee Waugh have a daughter Elizabeth and are now at McClellan AFB, Sacramento, Calif.

That's about all I have for now. Hope to see some of you in the DC area in the near future. BEAT NAVY!

'64

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The entire Class of '64 is either in, en route to, or returning from SEA. While minding my business at the Tan Son Nhut Officers Club the other night, I rounded a Greek pillar to find myself face-to-face with Bill Murdy and Ben Sternberg. Earlier I'd seen several other classmates leaving for stateside. Later, while arguing with some maladroitness that I cared not one whit for his precious customs, and that I wanted some Saigon tea for myself... with ice and sugar... I heard the stomp of mighty boots behind me and felt myself suddenly impaled against the wall by the legs of a stool. Convinced that Victoria Cong had decided my number was finally up, I fell to my knees, blubbering, clasped hands entreating. Then I recognized the rasping tones of the malefactor, Tom Kerns. Heartily he crushed my hand and bent my shoulder. There, too, were Jim Carson and Barry McCaffrey. We then had the usual reunion scene. As a matter of fact, it was Christmas Eve, and they were on their way to midnight services.

Off-duty, VN is nothing but a gigantic 5-year reunion. On duty, of course, it's something else. This will be all for this time, unless your letters reach me from the States in time, in which case we'll have the normal article.

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As the Class of '65 looks upon its 2d New Year since graduation the resemblance of present assignments to those of a year ago is practically unnoticeable. European tours have been curtailed for stateside duty in Army training centers. CONUS assignments within the year shifted internally for many. And first-tour hardshippers have returned to greener pastures. The overwhelming majority of movement, however, has been in the direction of SE Asia. 1967 finds our class roll in Vietnam rising daily.

From Germany in late 1966, the big news is the lack of classmates still there. Jerry and Janie Merges wrote from Munich of a happy winter. Jerry is in the 1/21st Inf with Joe and Judy Wetherill. Jerry is S3, and Joe is "A" Co. CO. Mike Momcilovich is a troop CO in the 2/9th Cav. He is all set for flight school in 1967. Pete and Carolyn McArthur had a son Kenneth in July and are stationed in Gelnhausen. Bob and Ann White are with the Arty in Munich. Ken and Imi Yoshitani are also in Munich with the 3d Engrs. John Harrington is S1 in the 2/3d Cav in Kaiserslautern. Also in Deutschland, Steve and Trish Davis wrote from the 2/9th Cav. Bill and Edie Byrne are in the squadron where Bill is a troop CO.

From the AF comes news from several classmates. Terry Tutchings wrote from F-4C school in Tucson. Bob Fritz is headed for K.I. Sawyer AFB, Mich., to fly a B-52. Jimmy Hall and Bob Jones are also with Terry at F-4C school, along with Joe and Ann Kosciusko and their two tiny daughters. Tom Ridenour is putting in ground time at Peterson Field, Colo. Phil Harper is at nearby Fort Carson in the Army. Tony Livic, after a year on the ground, decided he wanted to fly and is in school at Laredo and due to graduate in July.

Tom Johnson sent news of hopes for an early departure for grad school from Kirtland AFB. He and Glenn Doughty are assigned to the AF weapons laboratory. Jack Koletty works in the Special Weapons Center, and Jim Webb is on the base management engineering team. Tom says Jim has applied for transfer back to the Army, and it looks as if he will soon be in Greens instead of Blues, bringing with him his wife Dianna and their baby girl, Andrea Lynn.

Dave and Rosemary Kuhn sent news from Charleston AFB, S.C. Dave and Bill Bradburn fly C-141's out of Charleston. Bill and his wife Kathy have a little girl named Cheryl.

Jack Cooley wrote from the 53d Arty Gp Hq in Belleville, Ill., of a happy event; he married Maria on 3 Sept with Tom Croak as his best man.

From Fort Campbell Gil and Ginny Curl wrote from the Army training center. John Pickler is an S3 in a training battalion there, and Gil is down with one of the companies. More news from Campbell way came from John Mogan with whom I had a long talk recently when he paid a visit to Fort Bragg. He says most of our classmates have departed the 101st for Vietnam. He is now aide to Maj. Gen. Sternberg of the 101st. John told me a lot more, but I didn't take notes, and the memory is as bad as ever.

Bill Birdseye wrote of an early return from USAREUR along with Jim Talbot and Steve Philo. They are all now at Fort Benning on

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the Ranger committee. Ron Walter is still at Benning with the 197th Bde.

News from graduate schools: Duncan MacVicar wrote from Berkeley where he's studying physics. Also there are Jim and Marianne Paley, Cam McConnell, and Gordy and Sandy Long. Bud Bucha and Jim Airy are nearby at Stanford. Duncan saw several classmates at the ARMY/Cal football game. Among them were Chuck Shaw, Dennie Sellers, and Tony Pyrz with Maryanne and young Tony Jr. From the Defense Language School were Tony Borrego and Mitch Bonnett. Also in attendance were: John Madia, Jim and Sandy Thames, Chuck Buckosky, Karl Plotkin, Jon Thompson, and Tom deJonckheere.

Bob Huffhines is attending Harvard Law School. He wrote of Don Exelby, Mike Shulick, and Ed and Suzan Knauf, all stationed nearby in Bedford, Mass., in the AF. Cris Kinard finished his Master's at Ohio State and now works for American International Oil Co. in NYC. Also at Harvard are Lloyd Briggs and Jim Golden. Tom Bumpass is in law school at Wake Forest.

Chuck Moseley wrote from Princeton that he and Jim Scheiner are the only '65ers in attendance there. Jim was married in December to Kathy Cornhauser of Minneapolis. Chuck and Cathy attended Homecoming at West Point and saw Scottie Nelson. He talked with the Jannarones who said Jack is stationed in Florida.

Here at Fort Bragg those of us who remain got together for an evening out the week before Christmas. Attending were: the Dick Williamses, the Ron Williamses, the Harry Joyners, the Bob Arvins, the Russ Campbells, the Doug Gibsons, the Joe DeFranciscos, the Don Erbeses, Grant Fredricks, Leo Kennedy, Barre Bernier, and Cam and me. A great time was had by all. Leo Kennedy is getting ready to take the big step with Doris Jurgens on 18 Feb before he leaves for Vietnam in May. Congratulations, Leo.

John Connor wrote en route to Vietnam where he should be by now. Of the 4 classmates with whom he went to Panama, only Lance Hewitt and Sonny Arkangel remain. John wrote that Marv Jeffcoat is married and is also en route to Vietnam and the 173d.

Bob Selkis wrote from Boston where he is still in the hospital after being wounded in Vietnam. He was married in July and has seen Rocko McGurk, Fred Grates, Denny Lewis, and Mike Berdy.

From the "Fighting 4th Div" in Vietnam, Mike Applin, who is XO of "B" Btry, 4/42 Arty, sent a long letter. Frog Clement is XO of "A" Btry, 4/42 Arty, and limits his running to the fire support base. Jim Helberg and Mike Lapolla are in the 2/8th Inf. Mike had seen Fred Scruggs and Dirk Coleman. Barry Zais is aide to Brig. Gen. Walker, ADC of the 4th Inf Div. Pat Kenny is the father of a new daughter, and Mike also has a little girl, Heidi Michele.

Letters from Vietnam also bore sadness for the Class of '65. In early November Dick Collins and Charlie Brown were killed. Shortly thereafter, Bernie Kistler also died as a result of enemy action. I am sure every classmate is aware of our loss by now. But even though they have departed from this life, we of '65 want their wives, families, and loved ones to know that their memories will never die. They live on with us in treasured memories as friends and classmates who paid freedom's highest price.



1966: A recent party at Fort Bragg.

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There's no doubt about it—after 4 years of character molding, we're alumni. After reading all of the columns of the classes that passed before us in the Long Gray Line, I am sad to say that I am unable to report any spot promotions to chief of staff, any Ph.D.'s, any presidents of major corporations. But remember this and remember it well: not even Sylvanus Thayer himself was a Ranger!

As this is the first article in what I hope will be a rather long series, I should introduce myself. I'm Buck Thompson, the man whom you elected to the office of class historian. It is my responsibility to keep the Class informed on what has happened to our illustrious members as the years pass. I need



1966: "The Bloody Red Baron"—Gordie Wisner.

your help if we want to make this the best of all possible class histories. All that is required from you is the news. Mail it to me or the Association of Graduates, which will forward it to me. Send photos, articles, recipes, patrol orders, etc. Just keep me posted. Now, about the style, syntax, grammar, and choice of words in the column—I'll give you what you want. If you want it to read like a patrol order, a critique of the prevailing situation, an edited collection of letters, a T.S. Eliot riddle, let me know.

Tom Carhart has recovered completely from his accident and has been commissioned. I last saw him in mid-December as he was passing through Fort Bragg, on his way to Benning and Ranger school. He must be well, as he did many repetitions of the elbow bending exercise. In any event, that's wonderful news to all of us. I forgot to add that he had just purchased an engagement ring for Tersia Hardy.

There has been a post-June Week rash of weddings. Paul Mlakar and Kathy Halloran were married at Fort Meade, Md., on 28 Dec. They will be living somewhere near Purdue U. where Paul is doing graduate work. Doug Booth was the best man; he was on leave from Benning and Ranger school. After Ranger school, Doug will report to Fort Carson, Colo. Rick Thoden was an usher; he was not on leave but vacationing from graduate school at Indiana U. Bill Hughes and yours truly where "honorary" ushers, as we arrived late in the ceremony after driving through wind, sleet, snow, traffic, and every other insurmountable obstacle hurled in our paths. But we were never lost, nor did we lose sight of our goal.

Pat Doogan and Barbara Torney exchanged vows on 21 Dec, at Louisville, Ky. Pat is with the 101st at Fort Campbell. His marriage was indeed a surprise, but a very pleasant one. Pat has settled down and plans to devote himself to the lifetime study of the virtues of Sylvanus Thayer.

Frank Cosentino and Marlene Franklin celebrated their vows on 19 Nov, at Orange, N.J. Frank then led a long range patrol to Jamaica, where he held up for R&R until reporting to Bragg. Frank is enjoying the Signal Corps immensely and still derives aesthetic

pleasure from looking at the wiring diagrams in his electricity texts.

In the southland, Rhesa Barksdale and Gayle were married after he completed Ranger school. Rhesa was captured in Ranger school by the aggressors for a few hours but slashed himself free. He is now a permanent POW at Fort Hood, Tex.

There were others who got married in the post-June rush, but unfortunately, I don't have an adjutant to whisper their names in my ear. Piers Wood, Bobby Scales, Lee Fullerton, Ken Carlson, Gary Coggins, Bob Meccia, John Fera, George Utter, and Rick Amatulli are but a few. I must apologize for not knowing or remembering all of the brides' names.

Dick Manlove added another couple of chapters to his proposed autobiography, *Fate and Morale*. Dick was married only a few days before he had to report to Ranger school. To top it off, he joined his unit, the

9th Inf Div, right after graduation and left almost immediately for Vietnam. However, Dick cannot be conquered and always comes through.

The Fort Bragg representation is quite extensive. Most of the married folk live in Corregidor Courts. Bob Arnone, who successfully resisted the aggressors at Ranger school giving only name, rank, and serial number, lives nearby. Bob is still smiling, but when Fran and I had Christmas dinner with Joyce and him, he insisted upon stuffing the turkey with lasagne. Tony Mazzarella called Bob from Campbell for a handball match but couldn't make it because of a snow storm. Emmitt Gibson has finally gotten his wife to Bragg; she finished her schooling in August.

Several of us had a party on 26 Dec. It was held at the plush bachelor pad of Peyton Ligon, Bill Hughes, T.K. Kinane, and Mack Hayes. Needless to say, many of us marrieds reminisced about the days before joint checking accounts and in-laws!

There are a number of bachelor houses here at Bragg. Ed Johnson, Tom Garrett, Bob Luecke, Bob Seigle, John Dobise, Frank McGoogan, and Sam Wrightson have one.

From the Air Force contingent, I received some news. Gordie Wiser is in flight school at Reese AFB, Tex. He was married this summer to Sally Marlor. From Edwards AFB, Peter and Carol Fairchild sent a note saying that they are going to be parents in March.

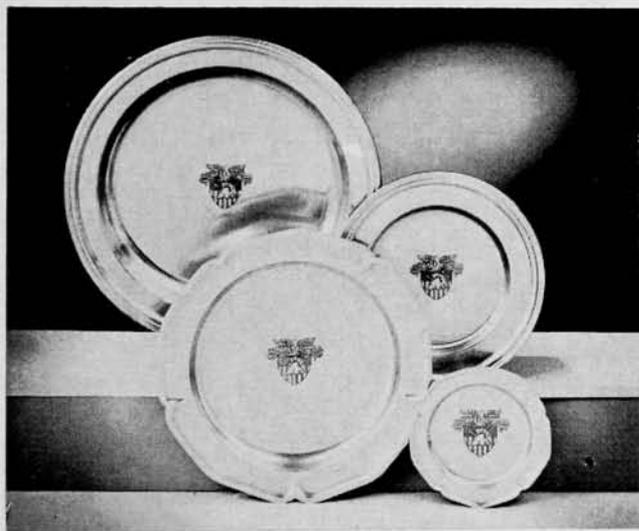
As you can see, this article has its flaws —mainly due to its author who devotes most of his time to aptitude boards for privates, financial consultation, courts-martial, etc. I promise you that I'll improve, but you must, too. *Give me the poop!*

We all send you in the 9th Inf Div, already in Vietnam, our prayers for a safe return. Many of us will be over there by June to give you a hand.

See you next time.

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Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy.

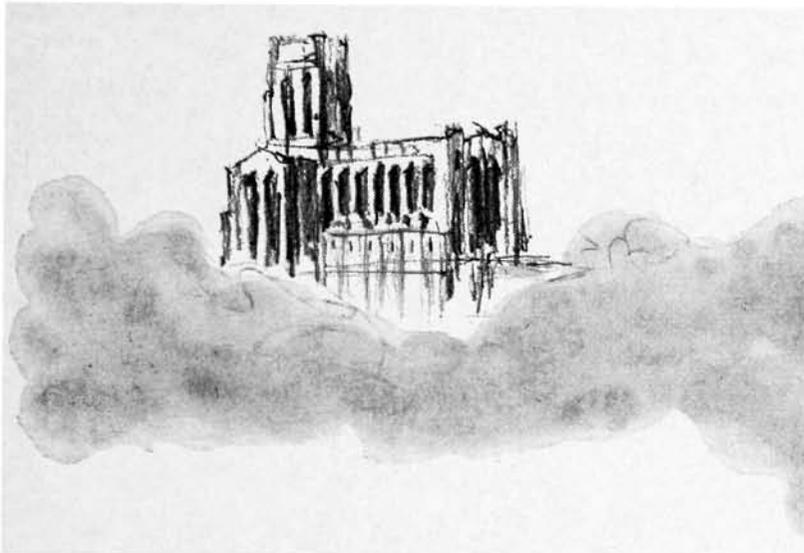
Guard us against flippancy and irreverence in the sacred things of life. Grant us new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service. Kindle our hearts in fellowship with those of a cheerful countenance, and soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow and suffer.

Help us to maintain the honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied and to show forth in our lives the ideals of West Point in doing our duty to Thee and to our Country.

All of which we ask in the name of the Great Friend
and Master of men.-AMEN.

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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Richard Curtis Moore

NO. 4133

CLASS OF 1903

Died 20 August 1966 at Monterey, California,
 aged 85 years.

Interment: Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

RICHARD CURTIS MOORE (Dick) was born in California, Missouri, on 24 November 1880. He was the son of John Wadsworth Moore and Charlotte Whitney Curtis Moore. His father, a lawyer by profession, served in the Civil War in the 27th Massachusetts Infantry. Dick's mother died at the age of 100 years.

Dick passed through grade school and high school in his home town of California and was attending Westminster College at Fulton, Missouri, when he was appointed to the Military Academy. He entered in 1899 and graduated 12th in the Class in 1903. While at the Academy he played some football and was one of the cadet drivers of an artillery caisson which went over an embankment on a march, injuring the cadets and breaking both legs of the tactical officer, Captain E. St. John Greble. In his yearling year he was "busted" from corporal and deprived of ten days of furlough for "aiding and assisting in a mutinous demonstration." He never quite understood this action because he was never called upon to testify or to give his account of the episode.

Upon graduation Dick was commissioned a second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, and was sent to the Philippines. Thereafter he served with distinction in many places and in many capacities. He graduated from the Army School of the Line, the Army Staff College, the Engineer School, and the Army War College. His career covered so many important and varied duties all over the world that it is difficult to cover them all in detail. He served as an instructor at the Command and General Service School and was assigned at various times in the Office of the Chief of Engineers and on the War Department General Staff. He participated in the Cuban Occupation and was a member of a Naval Board in Peru. He also served in the mid-west on river and harbor work, with responsibility for, among other things, the building of the Fort Peck Dam in Montana. In 1940-41, Dick was involved with Lend-Lease problems. He was quoted as saying that he worked harder after he was 59 years old than at any other time in his career.



RICHARD CURTIS MOORE

Dick was promoted to first lieutenant on 16 February 1905, to captain on 27 February 1911, to major on 1 July 1916, to lieutenant colonel on 5 August 1917, to colonel on 20 December 1917, to brigadier general on 2 March 1938, and to major general on 2 February 1941.

During his World War I service he was Commanding Officer, 318th Engineers, and later Assistant Engineer, Second Army. After the Armistice he served as base engineer in Luxembourg and Belgium. Among his several important assignments during World War II were those as Deputy Chief of Staff, War Department General Staff, and Chief of Requirements, Army Ground Forces.

His decorations include: the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster and Commander of the British Empire. In addition, Dick had letters of commendation from the President of the United States and from the Chief of Staff, United States Army. He wore ribbons for the Philippine Campaign, Cuban Occupation, World War I, American Theatre, and World War II. After his retirement, he served for a time in the office of Scientific Research and Development and received a letter of commendation from President Truman for his contribution.

He retired from active duty in 1946 after 46 years of service and lived at Pebble Beach, California, in a home adjacent to the Monterey Peninsula Country Club where he loved to play golf. He died of a heart attack on the golf course.

Dick married Mercedes Puterbaugh in 1921. She survives him and lives at 1043 Marchita Lane, Pebble Beach, California.

Dick was quiet and unassuming. He said of himself that he was "just a hard worker, with a sense of Duty, Honor, and Country." But he was much more than that. It is given to few Sons of West Point to render as brilliant service to his country as Dick did. Probably his most noteworthy characteristic may be summed up in the well-known words of Robert E. Lee:

"Duty is the sublimest word in the English language."

—M.C.T. and D.R.R.

Henry Sayles Kilbourne Jr.

NO. 4147

CLASS OF 1903

Died 17 June 1966 at Denver, Colorado,
 aged 85 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,
 Arlington, Virginia

HENRY SAYLES KILBOURNE WAS BORN at Fort Porter, Buffalo, New York, on 4 March 1881, the son of Colonel Henry Sayles and Almira Guion Kilbourne. He attended school at Bracketville, Texas, and Watertown, New York, before his appointment to the United States Military Academy by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1899.

Kilbourne came from a family closely associated with the Army, his father having served in the Medical Department during the Civil War and eventually retiring as a colonel, Medical Corps. His mother was a daughter of Army Chaplain Guion. His sister married Hugh S. Johnston, a classmate, and he had two nephews who graduated from the Military Academy: Kilbourne Johnston, Class of 1928, and John Clinton Welborn, Class of 1932.

Upon graduation, Henry was commissioned in the Artillery. Later, when the artillery was subdivided into two branches, he was assigned to the Field Artillery and remained with it until his retirement as a major in 1922



HENRY SAYLES KILBOURNE JR.

for disability. He had held the ranks of lieutenant colonel and colonel, National Army, during the period 5 August 1917-23 July 1919. He was promoted on the retired list to the rank of colonel by act of Congress on 21 June 1930.

Among his overseas tours—in the Philippines and in Hawaii—Henry also served in Mexico as a member of the expedition that went to Vera Cruz in the latter part of 1914.

Henry's first wife, Mary Frances Boyce, whom he married in 1910, died in 1928. His second wife, Elsie Louise Waterman, survives him and lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

—C.J.

Stephen Wilson Winfree

NO. 4184

CLASS OF 1903

Died 26 June 1966 in Washington, D.C.,
 aged 82 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

STEPHEN WILSON "SEP" WINFREE, son of Reuben and Mary Frances Lay Winfree, was born at Keytesville, Missouri, on 17 November 1883. His father was the last survivor of the 3d Richmond Howitzer, Army of Northern Virginia, C.S.A., that surrendered at Appomattox in 1865.

Sep was graduated from the high school at Salisbury, Missouri, and appointed to the Military Academy from the 2nd Congressional District of Missouri. He graduated with the Class of 1903 and was assigned to the Cavalry as a second lieutenant. He was a cavalryman from beginning to end, serving his last duty with troops as a colonel in the 9th Cavalry, the same regiment he had joined as a new lieutenant.

During his career Sep attended several service schools and also served as an instructor in French at the Military Academy from 1911 to 1913. He was especially proud of his longtime association with the horse cavalry, service that included tours with the 9th, 7th, 15th, 17th, and 12th regiments. He was chief of staff of the Philippine Department in 1917-18 and was chief of staff of the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia. While in Siberia he was so impressed by the Czechoslovakian soldiers, our allies in that campaign, that he later asked for and obtained the detail as military attaché to that nation, so that, as he expressed it, he could "see the women who could produce such men." His last active duty tour prior to re-



STEPHEN WILSON WINFREE

tirement was as commanding officer of Fort McPherson, Georgia. On 28 February 1942, upon his own application, after forty-two and one half years of service, he was retired.

In 1930 Sep married Mary Alphonsus Donaghue Moose, widow of Lieutenant Colonel W. L. Moose, USMA 1907. After retirement, he and his wife lived at Golden Beach, Florida. He died at Walter Reed Hospital on 26 June 1966 and is buried at West Point beside his wife Mary.

Sep is survived by a sister, Miss Fannie Winfree of Salisbury, Missouri; by Marjorie Moose Gillivan, an adopted daughter, widow of Captain Edward Francis Gillivan, USMA 1938; by William Winfree, a nephew living at: 8366 University Ave., La Mesa, California; and two nieces: Mrs. Kathleen Carter of Bentonville, Arkansas, and Mrs. Lee Owens of Austin, Minnesota.

An excellent horseman and a good polo player, Sep might well be described as "The Happy Warrior," for he thoroughly enjoyed life. He was always at the center of any group, the life of any party, a marvelous story-teller, and a boon companion. It has often been said of him that he could have gone far in the Army had he applied himself seriously to that end and had he cared to do so. He had a fine physique, an abundance of energy—perhaps somewhat misdirected—a pleasing personality, and plenty of intelligence. He especially admired the epithet applied to the Chevalier Bayard and often remarked that he would like it to be included in his own obituary. It read: "*Gentillehomme, bon cavalier, beau sabreur, sans peur, et sans reproche.*"

*Aye, there are some good things in life
That fade not away with the rest,
But of all the fine things, I wot,
That a faithful friend is the best.*

—D.R.R.

Charles Russell Alley

NO. 4226 CLASS OF 1904

Died 3 July 1965 in Chase Sanitarium,
Los Angeles, California, aged 84 years.

Interment: Forest Lawn Memorial Park,
Glendale, California

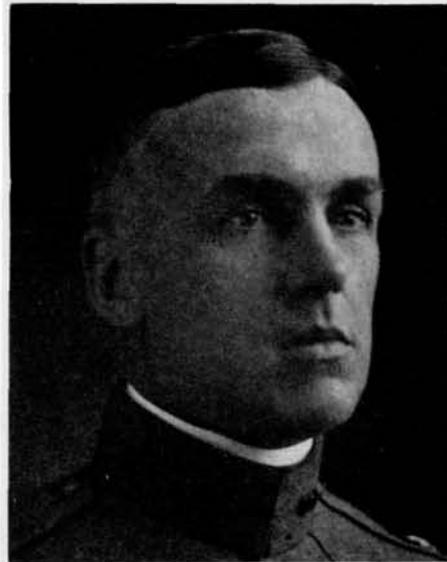
CHARLES RUSSELL ALLEY WAS BORN ON 2 April 1881, in Clinton, Massachusetts, the son of Charles Melville and Josephine Marion

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Alley. After graduating from the local public schools he received an appointment to the Military Academy, entering in 1900. He acquired his nickname, Bouly, when another cadet suggested that "Boulevard" was a more fitting name than Alley for such a serious-minded, dignified person as Charles Russell.

Alley graduated well up in the Class and entered upon what were to be well-rounded periods of active duty in two branches of the Service. His first assignment took him to Fort Warren, Massachusetts. Before returning to West Point as an instructor in the Department of Mathematics in August 1906, he went home to marry a Clinton girl, Miss Ruea B. Bartlett, on 12 June 1906.

Alley's service in the Coast Artillery during the next fourteen years was marked by successive promotions to include the temporary grade of colonel. In addition to troop duty his service included another tour in the Department of Mathematics, USMA; attendance at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, where he became an honor graduate; duty in the Philippines, where he served both as assistant to the Department Inspector and on the General Staff; and a



CHARLES RUSSELL ALLEY

tour in Washington on the War Department General Staff. Upon completion of General Staff duty he was returned to the permanent grade of captain in March 1920, but was soon promoted to major. He graduated in 1921 from the School of the Line, from the General Staff School in 1922, and from the Army War College in 1923.

On 26 May 1923, he was transferred to the Chemical Warfare Service. Two tours of duty as Chief, Technical Division, Office, Chemical Warfare Service, were separated by four years as assistant military attaché in Paris, France. After a period as chemical officer, 8th Coast Artillery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, he was promoted to colonel in 1935 and attended the course at the Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. After completing the course, he was retained as commanding officer and commandant of the school until 1939.

Following a year as executive officer, Boston Chemical Procurement District, he served as department chemical officer in the Puerto Rican Department until 30 June 1942, when he was retired by operation of law in the grade of colonel. However, he was retained on active duty as procurement officer, Chemical Section, Utah Quartermaster Depot at Ogden, Utah, until 31 January 1944, when he was finally retired.

Alley chose Los Angeles, California, for his well-earned retirement, and he now turned his energies to the cultivation of his excellent rose garden. Alley wrote in 1950 that he and his wife were in good health, but soon thereafter a series of operations on his eyes became necessary, with the result that he gradually lost the sight of both eyes. The loss was a severe handicap, for it meant that he could no longer keep up his correspondence with former West Point classmates and the many friends he had made in his long years of service. He was indeed fortunate at this time to have as a wife a woman who was capable and more than willing to care for him. For his part he made her work less trying by never complaining about his misfortune. For a time the Alleys led a quiet life that centered about the TV where Ruea, while watching, occupied herself with knitting. Russell, meanwhile, listened, claiming now and then that he saw the shadows on the screen. Before long, however, Russell's health deteriorated, and, after a long illness, he died at the Chase Sanitarium on 3 July 1965. Burial was in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California. Mrs. Alley still occupies their home at 239 North Gramercy Place, Los Angeles, California, for, as she says, "I couldn't be happy in any other place."

—A classmate

Merrill Dole Wheeler

NO. 4311 CLASS OF 1904

Died 26 July 1966 in Cavendish, Vermont,
aged 84 years.

Interment: Cavendish, Vermont

MERRILL DOLE WHEELER WAS BORN in Cavendish, Vermont, on 29 April 1882. Upon graduation his first assignment was with the 22d Infantry at Calbayog, Samar, Philippine Islands. He did not return to the United States with the regiment, however, but resigned in 1905 and remained for some years as a planter, operating a hemp and coconut plantation in Samar.

Later, when the United States became involved in World War I he returned to active duty with a reserve commission in the Adjutant General Department. In 1920, with an assignment in the Quartermaster Corps he served at Camp Knox, Ky., and the following year was transferred to the Philippines where



MERRILL DOLE WHEELER

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he served in the office of the Quartermaster, Headquarters, Philippine Department.

His other assignments prior to World War II included: Fort Jay, N.Y., Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., Fort Monroe, and Boston where he commanded the Boston Quartermaster Depot in 1941. He retired as a colonel at his own request in February 1942, but returned to active duty and served with the Quartermaster Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., until 19 December 1943.

After retirement Colonel Wheeler divided his time between Belmont, Massachusetts, and his old home in Cavendish, Vermont, where he directed his energies to raising hybrid blueberries, a rarity in Vermont, and managing his forestry holdings. He was living in Cavendish at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife Mary.

Richard Herbert Jacob

NO. 4519 CLASS OF 1906

Died 18 March 1966 in San Antonio, Texas,
aged 83 years.

Interment: San Antonio, Texas

THE PASSING OF RICHARD JACOB leaves only 12 of the 78 who graduated in 1906. He was born in Port Washington, Wisconsin, was appointed to the Military Academy in June 1901, and won his diploma with us in June 1906. In those days, the attrition in the classes was considerable, for the Army was not in urgent need of second lieutenants, the Academy's mathematics courses were different from those we had become acquainted with in high school, and the rest of the academic work was not softened for the sake of saving us in our struggles. We just had to be good enough. Richard had to work hard, but he made it.

At the roll calls, he sounded his "Here" to the name of Jacob R.H., so he picked up the name "Jake," in addition to "Dick." Other fancy cadet names were tried, based upon his Wisconsin origin, but they didn't take. He was a superior bridge player and remained a good one all his life. He played tennis well enough to make the semi-finals in the last tournament, but there he came up against Charlie Rockwell, the best athlete in the Class. Dick fought the good fight but the odds were against him and he lost. Along with the rest of us amateurs, he tried to be a



RICHARD HERBERT JACOB

golfer, but the grass Plain, that served for a golf course and every other cadet outdoor activity, left little room for golfing practice. In the riding hall, he did not ride Lindsay, but he did go out on the road on some of the better mounts. His accumulated tenths were not enough to graduate him into a Cavalry assignment, so Dick became an Infantry officer, reporting after graduation leave to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

There could hardly have been a nicer location, but he had just settled in his bachelor quarters when orders came sending him to the Philippines. He landed in Camp Daraga, Luzon, but soon found his way to the big city of Manila. The Cuartel de Espana was located in the corner of the walled city next to the Luneta, where most of the Manila elite gathered as the sun went down, walking around looking for friends and listening to the music from the two bandstands. Dick hired a Victoria, subsidized the driver to attend him only, and paraded around and around greeting his army friends and acting the grand fellow. I rode with him more than once and it was lovely.

At the end of the 1908 Division Meet, my mountain battery platoon was held over for the Manila Carnival which followed. As the Pasay camp was broken up, George Langhorne, aide-de-camp to General Leonard Wood, located my outfit on the glacé of the Manila wall, on the edge of the Luneta, just behind the Legaspi-Urdeneta monument. Dick arranged to open a small gate in the wall to allow me and my soldiers to use the washrooms of the Infantry regiment of the Cuartel. My men never forgot his kindness.

The Army-Navy Club was then in the walled city, a fine old Spanish structure. Dick arranged many of the class parties there from 1907 until we went home in 1909. He found a home at Fort Wayne on the edge of Detroit, Michigan, for a short while, until the Mexican Border became ablaze with excitement. Dick camped at Texas City, but soon was delighted to get another foreign service assignment to Manila. After a short sojourn at Corregidor, he made it back to Fort McKinley and the wonderful evenings around and around the musical center of the Luneta. Along with the rest of the Class, he had been promoted to first lieutenant, and in 1916 he took the examination for captain. We were then beginning to get ready for World War I. He was soon wearing the leaves of a temporary major and was sent to train troops at the business of modern warfare. At the end of the war period he lost his war rank, along with the rest of us, but soon the Army reorganization produced enough of an increase to get him back to his majority. Then came the dull post-war years when we were trying to get the Army rebuilt and trying to recapture some of the lost wartime morale.

In 1925 Dick attended the advanced course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning. He was now ready for the more difficult courses at the School of the Line, but it was here that he contracted the severe illness which eventually led to his retirement from active duty in 1928. Still a bachelor, he returned to his Wisconsin home where he became interested in flying. Encouraged in this new enterprise by Colonel "Sep" Humphreys, he became a flyer and moved to San Antonio where the Army was showing increased interest in aviation.

In San Antonio he met and married Martha Christian Finlayson, and together they purchased a home and settled down to get some real fun out of life. They at-

tended the local football and baseball games, and they seldom missed a tennis match. They even traveled to Dallas to see the major football games played there.

Because of his health, Dick had to live carefully and quietly, but with television, radio, and occasional bridge, he and Martha enjoyed a comfortable and happy home among Army friends in an Army city. They kept in touch with the many classmates nearby until Dick's health failed. He passed away in his chosen city. When they laid him to rest, the list of honorary pallbearers attested to the many friendships that Dick had made in both the army and civilian communities.

It was unfortunate for him and for the country that Dick Jacob had to be retired from active duty so early in his military career. He was fully educated and ready for greater service to his country when his potentialities were so suddenly cancelled out by illness. Still, he stood ready to help his country, his community, and his church; he was a member of the local Methodist church. Although he was runner-up for the handsomest man in the Class by the class vote, he refused to be photographed. Perhaps he desired to keep that cadet reputation, or perhaps he was indifferent to such publicity.

His Class mourns his loss. The Academy has registered one more faithful and devoted servant of the country and the Alma Mater as having passed over the river to join the Long Gray Line. May he rest in peace until we meet again.

—Charles G. Mettler

Ray Longfellow Avery

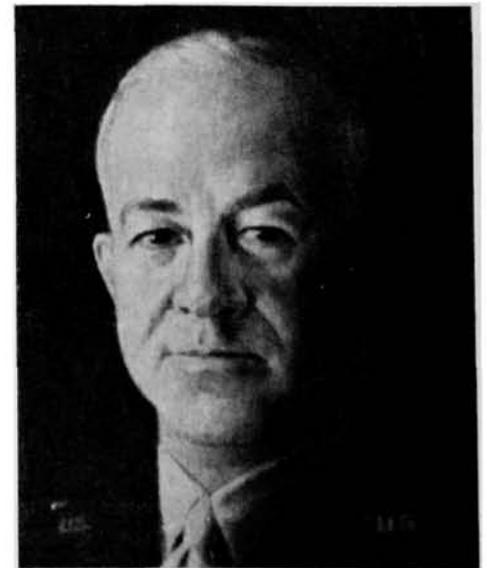
NO. 4686 CLASS OF 1908

Died 9 June 1965 at Walter Reed General Hospital,
Washington, D.C., aged 80 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

BORN IN MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 15 July 1884, Ray Avery graduated from the public schools in Manchester in 1901 and worked as a draftsman prior to entering West Point. When he received his appointment to the Academy he prepped at Braden's.

From the outset of his career at West Point, as in later life, Ray established and maintained a record of quiet but recognized excellence. Although his prior schooling provided little more than the bare requirements



RAY LONGFELLOW AVERY

for entrance, he graduated well above the middle of his Class. In Drawing he was conspicuously outstanding—at the head of the Class. Reserved of manner and conduct, he enjoyed the affection and esteem of his classmates and comrades through all the years. He may not have been a typical New England Yankee, but he had all of the virtues of one, and none of the faults—if indeed there are any. He was especially endowed with an elfin humor which helped to make him an engaging comrade and companion under all conditions and circumstances.

Upon graduation Ray was commissioned a second lieutenant of Coast Artillery, and his first duty station was Fort McKinley, Maine. He became a first lieutenant 13 months later. Ray married Margaret Ocheltree of Berkeley, California, in 1911, and graduated from the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe in 1912. He returned to West Point for 3 years as Instructor and Assistant Professor of Drawing before going to the Philippines, where he received his promotions to captain in 1916 and to major in 1917.

Returning to the United States in April 1918, he served briefly on the War Department General Staff, until he was ordered to France. Upon arrival there, he attended the Army General Staff College, and then became assistant G1, 2d Division, AEF. In that capacity, he participated in the St. Mihiel operation, and later, as G1 of the 7th Division, he fought in the Puvencel Sector. With the signing of the Armistice, he and two other officers moved immediately behind the retreating German Army and ahead of our advancing troops to the Rhine River. The three made all arrangements for quarters and local procurement to support the advancing U.S. Forces. This period was one of the unusual highlights of Ray's career, and he carried memories of it the rest of his life.

Toward the end of the war, Ray was promoted to lieutenant colonel and when the Third Army came into being he was assigned to that headquarters as Assistant G4 and remained with it until March 1919 when he returned to the United States and another tour as Instructor and Acting Professor of Drawing at the Military Academy, from April 1919 to July 1921. He transferred to the Ordnance Department during that latter year at West Point and then went back to Germany for a tour with the American Forces still stationed there. Subsequently, he served at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey; as commanding officer at Erie Proving Ground; and as executive officer at Edgewood Arsenal. After his transfer to the Chemical Warfare Service in 1926 he served in the office of the chief of that service and then in the Militia Bureau.

Ray attended the 2-year course at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, graduating in 1932. He spent two years at Fort Sam Houston before attending the Army Industrial College, graduating in 1935, and the Army War College the following year. He next headed the Chemical Warfare Service Procurement District in San Francisco. From July 1939 to November 1945 he was the Commandant of the Chemical Warfare School and Commanding General, Edgewood Arsenal, serving briefly in the European Theatre in 1945. He was promoted to brigadier general on 25 October 1940 and retired in that grade on 31 July 1946. For his service in World War II he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Following his retirement, Ray and Margaret moved to Carmel, California, where they acquired a fine home, and for the next

several years divided their time between that attractive community and Europe. In 1961, the Averys returned to Washington to be near their many old friends. They took an apartment at The Westchester, 4000 Cathedral Avenue, NW., which Margaret still occupies. Ray is survived also by his daughter, Margaret Avery Oden, wife of Maj. Gen. Delk M. Oden, USMA '37, and three grandchildren, Avery, Margaret (Mrs. Kenton D. Ham-maker Jr.), and Ray.

Besides being a good class president, Ray was one of the finest members of our Class. He was a man of character, talent, and devotion to duty, widely known and admired among his associates for his congenial personality and temperament. He had an enviable career and a full life. He leaves to his classmates, comrades, friends, and family the proud and happy memories of the times he spent with us. He takes with him our admiration and affection.

George Auguste Matile

NO. 4748 CLASS OF 1908

Died 23 April 1966 in Plainfield, New Jersey, aged 82 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



GEORGE AUGUSTE MATILE

GEORGE AUGUSTE MATILE was born at Fort Buford, North Dakota, on 15 April 1884. His father was the late Brigadier General Leon A. Matile; his mother's maiden name was Katherine Agnes Fletcher.

George received his early education in the public schools of Washington, D.C., and at the Peekskill Military Academy, from which he graduated before entering the United States Military Academy. He was appointed as a candidate at large by President Theodore Roosevelt. Upon graduation, on 14 February 1908, he was commissioned in the 24th Infantry.

During his first years in the Service, George served at Fort Ontario, New York, and at various Philippine stations where one of his duties was battalion quartermaster on Corregidor. This was followed in 1914 by two years of Mexican border duty with the 27th, then the 26th, and finally the 28th Infantry in a wide variety of activities. In May 1917 he rejoined the 26th, now a component of the 1st Division, and was among the first to sail for France—on 16 June.

On his father's side, George came of Swiss

ancestry and often spoke of his early visits to Vevey and the surrounding countryside. He was a keen student of Swiss military history, a background that led to a two-month intensive training assignment with the French Alpine Chasseurs (Blue Devils) in 1917, in order to prepare him for a possible command assignment in mountainous terrain.

Receiving his promotion to major in January 1918, George was soon in the front-line trenches near Verdun where he was under heavy gas attack for over a month. He commanded a battalion in the Montdidier sector and on 30 April was hospitalized at Tours and St. Nazaire, from whence he was returned to the United States for further treatment at Walter Reed Hospital until 8 December.

Upon his discharge from the hospital George commanded a battalion of the 22d Infantry at Raritan Arsenal for a short time before joining the PMS&T staff at the University of Maryland. A tour as Inspector/Instructor with the Reserve Officers Training Corps at Camp Devens followed after which he returned for a second tour at the University of Maryland. He retired from this latter assignment on 20 July 1920.

George kept alive his early career associations through membership in the Order of the Loyal Legion, the Carabaos, the Society of the 1st Division, and the West Point Society of New York.

George and May Hallock Bryan were married in New York City on 14 November 1911. They had one daughter, now Mrs. John W. Thayer, of Monmouth Beach, New Jersey. Since 1922, the Matiles have made their home in Plainfield, New Jersey. He became associated with the New York City brokerage firm of Floyd-Jones, Vivian and Co., later Bauer, Bond, Vivian and Co., serving in their statistical division until 1931, when he was forced to leave the firm because of ill health.

Shortly after the 1965 Christmas holidays George's health began to fail rapidly. When death came in April he left his widow; his daughter and two grandchildren; and a sister, Elizabeth, widow of Lieutenant General Oscar W. Griswold, USMA 1910.

George's early frontier life on army posts, his military heritage, and his general knowledge of the aims and objectives of West Point enabled him to adapt quickly and easily to Academy life. He was a well-rounded cadet in every sense of the word, popular with our Class and in the Corps. His avocations were art in general and music in particular. He was president of the Dialectic Society and art editor of our Furlough Book and of our HOWITZER. He wrote lyrics and music for the Hundredth Night shows, and he sang in the chorus. He also was a member of the Cadet Choir.

After he had retired from business and had become an important figure in the community life of Plainfield, George turned more of his attention to his avocations. He served as president of the Plainfield Art Association and for several years was a member of the local symphony orchestra, playing first violin. He was always adaptable to the mood of the moment, be it in the Cadet "Spasm Band" repertoire (three selections) during our memorable Army Transport voyage to Jamestown in 1907, at our Color Line concerts in camp, or in the classical music scores of the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra. He added as much to the artistic pleasures of his community as he had to the amenities of life in the Corps of Cadets many years before.

Throughout his varied career, George embodied—and practiced—in high degree those qualities that stamped him as the help-

ing comrade in war, the willing worker for his community in peace, the revered husband and father, the understanding and true life-time friend.

He blazed a trail for the strong to follow, and, in parting, we say to him, "Well done."
—A Classmate

Delos Carleton Emmons

NO. 4810 CLASS OF 1909

Died 3 October 1965 in Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, aged 76 years.
Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ONE OF THE MOST active and brilliant members of the Class of 1909 was Delos C. Emmons. We roomed together as Plebes and served together several times after graduation. I was privileged to command a wing and a bomber command under him in 1939, 1940, and 1941.

Delos C. Emmons was born in Huntington, West Virginia, on 17 January 1889. He attended public schools until 1904 when he entered a preparatory school, which would eventually make it possible for him to enter West Point as one of the youngest cadets of the Class of 1909.

Upon graduation he was assigned to the 30th Infantry. During his seven and one-half years with the Infantry, he served at the Presidio of San Francisco, Alaska, Plattsburg Barracks, New York, and had two short tours on the Mexican Border, in 1911 and 1916.

He began his aviation training at the Signal Corps Aviation School at San Diego, earning his wings in June 1917. After serving a few months as Air Officer of the Western Department he was ordered to Washington, D.C., and served as assistant executive of the Aviation Section, Signal Corps, until June 1918, when he took command of Mather Field in California. Soon thereafter he was assigned to the Engineering Division at Dayton where he served until 1924. Two of these four years were spent as a student at the Harvard School of Business Administration. For the next three years he was commanding officer of Crissy Field at the Presidio of San Francisco, one of the fields where observation squadrons of the Air Service were assigned.

He returned to Washington, D.C., as executive of the Air Service for one year and as executive for the Assistant Secretary of War for Air. During this period he worked closely with many of the officers who later held important positions. From 1931 to 1934, he attended the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama, and the two-year course at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The next two years he spent as Air Officer and Commanding Officer of the 18th Composite Wing in the Hawaiian Department. He was made a wing commander and brigadier general in June 1936 and took command of the First Wing of the General Headquarters Air Force at March Field, California. In March 1939 he was advanced to major general and took command of the General Headquarters Air Force at Langley Field, Virginia. That year he participated in a flight of B-17's to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Brazil as a Republic. He was awarded the Order of Military Merit and the Order of the Southern Cross by the President of Brazil.

At this time he kept himself and his staff busy planning for the future, and in June 1940, Delos was ordered to England as the air member of a joint planning committee.

The work of this committee aided in many important decisions and provided channels for future planning.

In October 1940, he was promoted to lieutenant general and moved his headquarters to Bolling Field, Washington, D.C. Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he was directed by General Marshall to proceed to Hawaii where he took command on 17 December. He had previously recommended the principle of unity of command in each theatre of operations. This policy was now put into effect in Hawaii—General Emmons became the Military Governor General as well as Commanding General of the Hawaiian Department. In order to reestablish the pre-war degree of normality in Hawaii and in the course of coordinating his efforts with General MacArthur, a considerable amount of flying over hostile Pacific waters was necessary. For these flights he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. He also established close contact with Admiral Nimitz who proved to be a very understanding and cooperative commander as well as one of the great naval leaders of all time.

The General's service during this period re-



DELOS CARLETON EMMONS

sulted in awards of the Distinguished Service Medal of the Army and of the Navy, and both Houses of the Legislature of Hawaii passed resolutions praising the conduct of his tours.

He was also instrumental in arranging for men of Japanese descent to be organized into units which eventually served in Europe with such distinction.

Upon his return from Hawaii, Emmons was ordered to conduct a series of inspections in Alaska, and of the Eighth Air Force in England. He also conferred with Generals Eisenhower, Spaatz, and Brereton in Africa. Following this assignment he was given command of the Western Defense Command on 1 September 1943. One of his major concerns here was the return to the West Coast of those people of Japanese, Italian, and German descent who were then being held in detention camps. For his service in this command he received the Legion of Merit.

In June 1944, he assumed command of the Alaskan Department, and for his two-year tour in Alaska he was awarded a second Distinguished Service Medal and another Legion of Merit.

In June 1946, he was directed to organize the Armed Forces Staff College, and opened it in 1947 with a staff of officers recruited from all over the world. He retired, for physi-

cal disability in line of duty, on 30 June 1948.

General Emmons's research and planning during his earlier years paid handsome dividends and undoubtedly contributed to his rapid rise in the service of his country. Delos was a cautious operator and when not under pressure was a fine golf opponent and companion. His military specialties included duty as a command pilot, aircraft observer, and technical observer. He was also an expert with the rifle and pistol. The Air Force awarded him his fourth Distinguished Service Medal just before his retirement, forty-three years after donning his cadet uniform in 1905.

He is survived by his wife, Elena, and their daughter, Mrs. Hillyer Brown Jr., of Los Angeles. Elena's current address is 816 West Santa Inez, Hillsborough, California, where the Emmonses lived since Delos's retirement.

—Arnold N. Krogstad '09

John Shirley Wood

NO. 5029 CLASS OF 1912

Died 2 July 1966 in Reno, Nevada, aged 78 years.
Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

"THEY SHALL BE KNOWN by their deeds alone," the motto of the 4th Armored Division, was drawn from the words of its wartime leader who, more than any other man, forged that formidable fighting machine and led it gloriously in combat. This man has now passed on to take his place in the Long Gray Line.

If ever a military leader could write his own epitaph it should be drawn from these words that General Wood wrote in a letter to one of his former officers: "I had no ambition in the Army except to prepare myself and any unit I served with for its ultimate role—the defense of our country in battle. I shunned staff jobs and sought independent command, however small, in contact with the American soldier, professional or part-time, upon whom we counted for our security and the survival of our American System. To be with him and to direct him in combat was enough for me. Thus, the command of a fighting organization of all arms was my ultimate desire, and its performance under my command fulfilled all my hopes and desires as a soldier."

In a career that spanned thirty-two years of military service and eight years with inter-governmental agencies, it truly may be said that John Shirley Wood lived the fullest of lives. For those close to him he was a "strong and gentle knight" who took deep interest in all things, and who saw and participated in many stirring events. To his intimates he brought good cheer, pleasure, and comfort of the enduring kind; to his men he gave strong personal example and courage; to all he came in contact with he brought an independence of mind, spirit, and deed. Such a legacy makes a suitable scroll to read as one looks back over his years. His record is one of Duty, Honor, and Service to Country. We are enriched for having known and loved him.

John Shirley Wood, known to his contemporaries at West Point as "P" Wood, was born at Monticello, Arkansas, on 11 January 1888. His parents, whom he admired completely and loved devotedly, were Justice Carrol David Wood of the Supreme Court of Arkansas and Reola Thompson Wood. Whatever of good there was in him he owed to them, and whatever he may have accomplished resulted from their inspiration and example. He developed early a love for the classics and a marked intellectual curiosity

that destined him for youthful academic distinction and permitted him to enter the University of Arkansas at the age of sixteen. He graduated in 1907 after three years' study, with a B.S. degree in chemistry. Many years later the same institution was to award him an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in recognition of his World War II accomplishments. It was here, as the star quarterback and captain of the University football team, that John S. Wood first made his mark as a consummate athlete. It was also here that his great zest for life was amply demonstrated by "certain experiments" that led to a series of minor explosions on the steps of the women's dormitory and Wood's consequent suspension from the university for part of his junior year. During this time he worked as a tramman in a Colorado silver mine and saved enough money to enter Stanford University in the fall of 1905. A combination of depleted funds, the San Francisco earthquake, and forgiveness from his own university (which needed a quarterback) brought him home to serve as an instructor in chemistry and to complete his studies. After graduation from the university in 1907, he served briefly as assistant state chemist prior to his entry into the United States Military Academy in 1908.

His career at West Point was marked by four years of honors in academics, military endeavor, and sports. The memories and friendships of his cadet days as a member of the Class of 1912 were cherished possessions throughout his life. He played four years on the Academy team and was named by Walter Camp for "All-America" honors. He also earned his "A" on the West Point wrestling and boxing teams. It was at the Academy that he earned the nickname "P," the well known sobriquet for "professor," as a result of his coaching his less fortunate classmates in preparation for their "writs."

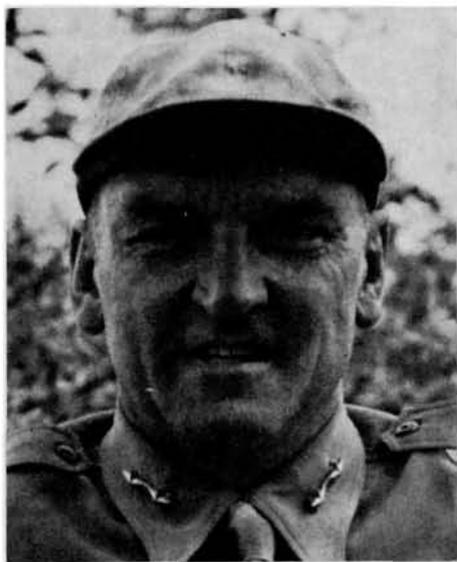
"P" Wood graduated 12th in his Class and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps on 12 June 1912. He served at West Point until December 1912 as an instructor in chemistry and as end coach for the Academy team. He then moved briefly to Fort Monroe, Virginia, prior to commencing a tour of duty in January of 1913 at Fort Casey, Washington, where he remained until June 1916. He next served at the training camp at Monterey, California, until August 1916 when he returned to the Military Academy, again as an instructor in chemistry and as end coach of the Academy football team.

He was promoted to captain on 15 May 1917, was detailed to the Ordnance Department on 23 June 1917, and assigned to Augusta Arsenal, Georgia. The following month he became Ordnance Officer of the 3d Division at Camp Greene, North Carolina. Less than a year later, on 18 December 1917, he was promoted to major. "P" Wood sailed for France in March 1918 with the 3d Division and participated in the operations of this division at Chateau Thierry from May to June of 1918. He was enrolled in the French staff school at Langres and subsequently graduated in September 1918. That same month he was transferred to the 90th Division staff and participated in the St. Mihiel offensive.

At Langres he served in company with such stalwarts as George Patton, Bill Simpson, and Sandy Patch. Studies were hard but life was not without its joys. These hardy souls earned a heady reputation amongst the townspeople of Langres by joining forces on one occasion with several British contemporaries in the late evening liberation of a wild

boar. This hapless beast had been penned in a local butcher shop where it was to be summarily dispatched the next morning by a callous peasant who knew nothing of the joys and traditions of the hunt. Amongst cries of "Yoicks" and "View Hallo" our band of huntsmen pursued this noble *sanglier* through the darkened streets of Langres, finally dispatching him with honor in a corner of the town square. The verdict of the citizenry was unanimous: "*Comme ils sont fous, les Allies.*"

Upon his return to the United States in October 1918, "P" was ordered to Camp Travis, Texas, as Personnel Officer of the 18th Division. In February 1919, he was transferred to the Field Artillery and became Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Wisconsin. Then came his assignment to the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he completed the course as a distinguished graduate in June 1924. He was posted to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, as executive officer of the motorized artillery brigade and remained there until May 1927, when he returned to the United States to command the 16th Field Artillery battalion



JOHN SHIRLEY WOOD

at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. "P" was next sent to Paris to attend the *École Supérieure de Guerre*, in July 1929. Following his graduation in August 1931, he returned to West Point as Assistant Commandant of Cadets. He next became Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana, in September 1932, completing this duty in August 1937. "P" was promoted to lieutenant colonel on 1 August 1937, and assigned to command the 80th Field Artillery at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. He was next named chief of staff for General George Van Horn Mosley, Commanding General, Third Army, at Atlanta, Georgia, in September 1939. In November 1940 he was promoted to colonel and assigned as commanding officer, 1st Division artillery, Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont. From there he moved in April of 1941 to Fort Benning, to command the 2d Armored Division artillery under General George Patton. The following June found him assigned as chief of staff of the 1st Armored Corps, Fort Knox, Kentucky. After being promoted to brigadier general on 31 October 1941, "P" went to the 5th Armored Division at Camp Cook, California, as commander of CCA.

In May 1942, he was named commanding general of the 4th Armored Division, then at

Pine Camp, New York. From the deep snows of the Canadian border to the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee, the California desert, the plains of Texas, and the downs of England, "P" Wood took his men, training them to react instinctively to any type combat situation and to work as one gregarious family. He gave orders to his field commanders verbally and in person to make sure that they were understood, and his commanders passed them on in the same manner. Radio code words, for instance, were not used. "P" Wood so mixed his units during the course of their training that every commander was able to recognize the voices of all other commanders over the radio. The basic hallmarks of the division, later proved in combat, were rapid flanking movement, deep penetration, and constant momentum—all coupled with violent execution employing fire and maneuver. When the division finally entered combat in France during August of 1944, it was ready—a fact soon made abundantly and painfully clear to the enemy.

The rest is history. Through Normandy, Brittany, and central France, "P" Wood led his division, spearheading Patton's Third Army. Patton declared "there has never been another division like it," and the Germans dubbed Wood "Tiger Jack" and called his command the "elite 4th Armored Division." Patton's confidence and the German fears were rightly justified. By September 1944, the division had destroyed 400 enemy tanks, captured 15,000 prisoners, killed 5,000 Germans, knocked out 140 artillery pieces, destroyed 1,500 miscellaneous vehicles, and defeated elements of 18 German divisions. Recalling the memory of General Wood and the fierce pride he instilled in them, his men can now say, "Why men would leave their foxholes and crawl two or three hundred yards just to salute the General when he passed!" and again, "Loyalty with him was a two-way word, and in his everyday work he studiously practiced loyalty to those under his command as well as to those who commanded him." Liddell Hart, the eminent British military historian, wrote: "John S. Wood [was] one of the most dynamic commanders of Armor in World War II, and the first in the allied armies to demonstrate in Europe the essence of the art and tempo of handling a mobile force."

His accomplishments were noted not only by his men and historians, but by appreciative governments as well. France awarded him the *Croix de Guerre* with Palm for his World War I service, and the Rosette of the *Legion of Honor* and a second *Croix de Guerre* with Palm for his World War II service. His battle decorations included the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal with cluster, and the Air Medal with cluster. He valued and wore these decorations as evidence of the achievements and the sacrifices of the men he had the honor to lead into combat.

In December 1944 "P" Wood returned to the United States and was assigned as Commanding General, Armored Replacement Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky. On retirement in 1946 he sought service abroad in the restoration and rehabilitation of war-torn lands and people. It was then that he joined the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees as Director of Field Operations in Germany and Austria. This organization became part of the International Refugee Organization in 1947. He was named Chief of Mission in Austria for the IRO from 1947 to the end of 1951 maintaining headquarters in Salzburg and Vienna. When IRO was dis-

continued, "P" joined the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency and served with it as Chief of Mission in Tokyo and in Korea. Later he served as its representative with the United Nations in Geneva until the end of 1953.

After returning to the United States he finally settled in Reno, Nevada, where he served as Civil Defense Director from 1957 to 1959. The Nevada country suited him perfectly, and he remained there, enjoying his home and his friends, playing tennis and squash racquets, and continuing his correspondence and contacts with people around the world. He read five languages easily, and rapidly followed events at home and abroad by close, daily perusal of our own and foreign papers and journals.

"P" was taken from us on 2 July 1966 by a sudden stroke. He was laid to rest with full military honors at West Point in the company of his loved ones and a distinguished assemblage of friends and fellow soldiers. Arch Arnold ably represented the Class of 1912.

We all mourn his passing. He loved life, its comedy, and its laughter. Beauty, and grace, and harmonious rhythm in every form meant much to him, and he hated nothing except meanness and cruelty. His friendships and loyalties were deep and abiding, and he could neither understand nor condone disloyalty.

This, then, is the story of one of a rare breed: the true and perfect soldier, the indomitable fighting man. This is the story of my father who is survived not only by his loved ones but by a great band of military men with whom he served in peace and war. He has gone to join the ranks of those that passed before him—brave men who gave the fullest measure of final devotion to their country.

This, the final formal accounting to the Long Gray Line of "P" Wood's activities, began with his own urgent reminder to all military men. It is fitting, therefore, to terminate the General's life story, as William Cullen Bryant concluded his *Thanatopsis*, with the comforting words applicable to those who, like "P" Wood, lived with the reminder ever before them.

So live, that when thy summons comes to join

*The innumerable caravan, which 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.

—J.S.W. Jr.

Leland Stanford Hobbs

NO. 5358 CLASS OF 1915

Died 6 March 1966 at Washington, D.C.,
aged 74 years.

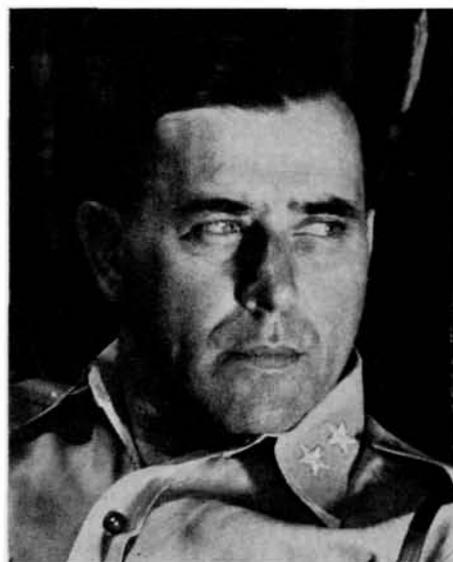
Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,
Arlington, Virginia

*An open countenance which
looked upward to the stars.*

LELAND STANFORD HOBBS WAS BORN ON 24 February 1892, the son of Willard K. and Almira S. Hobbs of Gloucester, Massachusetts. As a youth he was already demonstrat-

ing those qualities of leadership and the love for competitive sports (both of which stood him in good stead during his West Point days) that marked him prophetically for his subsequent brilliant careers as a soldier of outstanding merit and a business leader of high attainment. A 3-letter man (football, baseball, basketball) during each of his four years at the Academy, he was awarded the 1915 Army Athletic Saber as the cadet who had done most for athletics during his academic career.

Leland was popular among his fellows, not alone because of his athletic prowess but more particularly for his stout sense of honesty and fair play, traits that were characteristic of him throughout his entire life. He could be depended upon to stand by his principles and to be guided in his actions by his own strict code. The West Point motto was an integral part of his personality and the words, "Duty, Honor, Country" could well have been engraved upon his heart. His was not a medley of tempered images, for he never wavered from the forthright quality of his beliefs, nor did he embroider his language with shallow semantics. He com-



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posed a sense of compelling power with straightforward action and gained more satisfaction from the accomplishment of a kindly deed than from acts that might have led to personal gain. Possessed of an intuitive intellectual acuity, it was his contention that the highest purpose of education lay in the comprehensive development of the individual rather than in mere scholastic attainment.

Pages might well be written about Leland's accomplishments in his military and in his civilian careers: his exploits as a division commander in combat, his success as a branch manager of a large metropolitan bank, his medals, his decorations, and the many honors bestowed on him. Among his decorations were: the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant, the French Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre, the Russian Order of the Red Flag, the Netherlands Order of Nassau-Orange, and the Belgian Croix de Guerre. The 30th Division (Old Hickory) which he commanded in World War II participated in the Normandy landings and in five major campaigns in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany.

Here, then, was a man of probity and humility, beloved of his friends, a man who

modestly disclaimed any higher ambition than to be worthy of them. The officers and men he led in combat loved and respected him for his soldierly qualities, for his ready understanding, for his quick recognition of merit, and for the courageous example he set. As is so often a concomitant of greatness, his generous spirit was a veritable boomerang which was magnified within the man himself to the same degree with which it infected others. Thus, the ideals and sentiments which he jealously harbored, served in an ever-increasing manner to prevail over the vicissitudes of life. He countenanced no apathy of disbelief; on the contrary, his life was patterned on an abiding and significant faith in an Almighty Being, mercifully tolerant of the foibles and deficiencies of man. The shifting pageant which welds the vagaries of yesterday to the uncertainties of tomorrow served only to confirm his belief that the love of humanity is the genesis of morality, and that what we are sometimes wont to ascribe to luck is but the manifestation of tenacity of purpose. His whole career, in fact, epitomized his creed that in every heart there is a chord which responds to a selective harmony, and that even above the indistinguishable roar of combat there is a prevailing sense of the immeasurable forces of the universe.

Let us then bid *adieu* to a loyal friend and honored classmate, one whose spirit was not subject to the measurement of time but who carried the enthusiasm of youth into all his later years. In our memory he will live as one who observed a sacred covenant with his friends and with himself. If indeed he essayed to climb high mountains, it was to view the sunrise, not to anticipate the dark foretold by the setting sun.

*So tired eyes close and shadows
gather as the stars come into view
And gentle voices whisper:
Good sleep to you.*

—J.E.H. '15

Vincent John Conrad

NO. 6159 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 26 August 1966 in Whittier, California,
aged 70 years.

Interment: Rosehill Memorial Park, Los Angeles, Calif.

COLONEL VINCENT JOHN CONRAD WAS BORN ON 14 March 1896, at Kenosha, Wisconsin. He graduated from Winona (Minnesota) State Normal College at age 20 and that same year entered the Military Academy as an appointee from Minnesota. Since it happened that two Plebes named Conrad appeared on the scene with this Class (originally the Class of 1920) he became known, officially, as Conrad, V.J., and to his classmates, affectionately, as simply "V.J."

We soon recognized in V.J. a man of the ready smile, one of great personal integrity and courage. World War I came within the year. As members of the Class of November 1918, we were fourth in line of those to be graduated early, and on 1 November of that year V.J. and his fellows became second lieutenants. V.J. chose the Cavalry, but soon after, while stationed at Fort Bliss, he transferred to the Infantry. He had the distinction among his classmates of being the first in the Class to see action, having participated in the skirmish against Villa in Juarez, Mexico, on 15 and 16 June 1919.

Conrad married Melba Esch in El Paso in 1920.

He was to serve in the 14th, 18th, 2d, and

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16th Infantry Regiments with posts in Germany, Fort Davis, Canal Zone, Fort Hamilton, New York, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and Camp Devens, Massachusetts. In the years before the outbreak of World War II he also graduated from the Infantry School at Fort Benning, and, for five years, was a member of the Department of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Minnesota.

Pearl Harbor found V.J. at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and as the nation went to war again he was placed in command of the Austrian Battalion in Indiana. He was sent to India in 1944 where he commanded a replacement depot. Upon his return to the States in 1945 he was stationed first at Camp Roberts and then at Fort Ord, both in California. In 1950 he was assigned to the Munich Military Post, where, for most of his two years, he spent his time and effort working with German youth. In 1953 began the long series of ailments that undermined his health, and against which he fought a gallant delaying action for the remaining 13 years of his life.

V.J. was retired for physical disability in the grade of colonel in 1953 and three years



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later underwent a serious heart operation at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Corona, California. The writer was allowed to visit him for two minutes on the following day; it was the first time we had met since we were cadets. In spite of his ordeal, V.J. was amazingly full of his characteristic strength, tough vitality, and unflagging courage. When he recovered he and Melba bought a house in Whittier, California, a beautiful and hospitable home where classmates were always warmly welcomed and where many loyal friendships were born.

Some six years later V.J.'s health began to fail again, and for the better part of three years he was to be in and out of the hospital, undergoing two more major operations. Throughout this entire period V.J. was sustained by a deep and abiding faith in his God and by hope undimmed by the heavy odds that were closing in on him. The end came at last, on 27 August 1966, at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton, California. Four of V.J.'s classmates: J.V. Carroll, Charles Morrison, Harrison Shaler, and the writer served as honorary pallbearers at Melba's request. V.J. was buried at Rosehill Memorial Park, Los Angeles, on 1 September 1966.

V.J. and Melba had two children, both of whom survive him: Vincent J. Conrad Jr.,

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of Hollywood, California, and Mrs. Parker L. (Dorothy) Monroe of Hingham, Massachusetts. There are three grandchildren: Melissa, Parker, and Becky Monroe.

We knew V.J. as a genial host and a devoted husband and father, and saw him pass through a series of ordeals that revealed to us a golden chapter of unyielding fortitude. V.J. loved West Point and remained true to its immutable standards.

The Long Gray Line is "stiffened and straightened" by Vincent John Conrad as he "grips hands though it be from the shadows," firm and unconquered.

—Charles R. Gildart

John Creel Hamilton

NO. 6170 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 12 January 1950 at Fayetteville, Arkansas, aged 52 years.

Interment: Fayetteville, Arkansas

*I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.*

THESE FAMOUS AND OFTEN QUOTED words from Henley's *Invictus*, reportedly written in reference to Robert Louis Stevenson, are applicable in the superlative degree to Johnny Hamilton, a man who faced the final crisis of his life with a fortitude even greater than that of a soldier in battle leading a forlorn hope or defending a position to the last. While a man in combat is sustained by his comrades and is often carried away by the excitement of the moment, Johnny faced his destroyer alone, quietly, and without flinching.

Johnny was born in Washington, D.C. on 25 July 1897, the son of a noted and brilliant artilleryman, Alston Hamilton of the Class of 1894 who retired as a brigadier general and commandant of the Coast Artillery School. On his father's side Johnny was descended from the Hamiltons of Scotland, and his mother was a member of the distinguished Creel family of Kentucky. As a cadet he was neither engineer nor goat, but was a member of the great "middle group" that forms the bone and sinew of all Classes at the Academy. He did, however, show a flair for languages that helped him throughout his life.

One Plebe remembers Johnny as an upper-classman who used the traditional severity toward Plebes as a mask to cover his genuine kindness and helpfulness. A Plebe could be sure of an answer to a question even if his chin was being jammed well back as the answer was being given.

Upon graduation in November of 1918, despite his artillery background and inheritance, Johnny chose the Cavalry. Throughout his life he remained a devoted and enthusiastic cavalryman, never wavering in his loyalty to or belief in his arm of service. His first duty assignment after completing the course at the Infantry School—to which all infantry and cavalry graduates of his Class were sent—was on the Mexican border as a member of the 8th Cavalry under "Lord George" Langhorne. The border was still turbulent and violent at the time and service under Lord George was always strenuous. Johnny revelled in the long, hot, dusty marches and the always present possibility of a skirmish before returning to the post. From the border Johnny went to Panama, and from Panama to Camp Meade, Maryland. He had a brief detail in the Signal Corps, and, following a stay in Walter Reed Hospital, he was assigned to the

10th Cavalry at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. For the remainder of his life Johnny regarded himself as a 10th Cavalryman. He quickly gained the loyalty and devotion of his soldiers, and since his health was not good, a fact his troops quickly realized, there was a tacit conspiracy among them to protect him and keep him from doing things that were beyond his physical strength.

From Fort Huachuca, after a short tour as a member of the staff of the 9th Corps Area, Johnny was detailed as an instructor in French at the Academy. Here his colorful personality, his impeccable appearance, and (it must be confessed) his sometimes highly unconventional section room methods, made a vivid impression upon his cadets. "Shorty" Hamilton, as the cadets nicknamed him, enjoyed a reputation as a tough, fair-minded instructor who could teach French even to the lowliest goats. In addition to employing his talents in teaching cadets, Johnny used his linguistic ability, coupled with intensive daily study and the assistance of a coach, to gain a working knowledge of the Czech language in only three weeks.

At the end of his tour at West Point Johnny



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was detailed to the Troop Officers course at the Cavalry School where he supplemented the requirements of the course by translating for the Cavalry Board a French work on advanced horsemanship that previously had not been available in English. He followed a year of duty at Fort Riley as an officer of the 13th Cavalry with a tour of duty at Fort Meade's Infantry Tank School. Forward-looking cavalrymen were beginning to envision what was to become the Armored Force, and Johnny's detail to the Tank School established him as a pioneer in the movement. He served the brief remainder of his active duty with what was then called the Experimental Mechanized Force.

Johnny had never been robust, and while his health had not been good for years, he carefully concealed the fact from all but his most intimate friends. [The writer of this article once called a doctor for him over his own bitter protests.] Nevertheless he hung grimly on, performing his duties in spite of his suffering. Finally, after a period at Walter Reed Hospital, he was retired in 1935.

But Johnny was not a man who would, or could, settle down and live the life of a retired soldier. With his wife, the former Eunice Crippen of Poughkeepsie, New York, whom he married in 1930, he settled on a

50-acre farm in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. Here, despite his lack of agricultural background or training, he soon became expert in crops, fertilizers, chickens, hogs, and cattle. His farm was so successful that the county agents came to him to discuss his methods and experiments.

When the Army began to expand in the emergency of 1940, Johnny made strenuous efforts to be recalled to active duty, but they were futile. It was one of the greatest disappointments of his life that he was forced to sit on the sidelines during the second World War. He was, however, offered the position of Commandant of Cadets at Oklahoma Military Academy. Believing that he could be of real service to his country in that position by working with the school's senior ROTC unit, Johnny accepted; in 1941 he became president of the institution, a position which he held until 1944.

Johnny's personality, sincerity, and military knowledge soon gained him the devotion and admiration of the cadets. The writer encountered a number of them during the second World War—youngsters fresh from the intensified training Johnny had given them in an effort to prepare them for the duties and responsibilities he knew would soon fall to their lot—and without exception they were good soldiers who were deeply grateful to Johnny for all he had done for them.

In 1944 Johnny resigned from Oklahoma Military Academy and began a course of study at the University of Arkansas leading to the master's degree in history. In 1945, after receiving "the highest grade in the University's history on his oral examination," he was retained as an instructor in the Department of History. In June of 1949 he was promoted to assistant professor. Late that same year he went to the hospital at Jefferson Barracks for a check-up and an exploratory operation. It was then that the doctors discovered that he had lung cancer. To a friend visiting him at the hospital who asked about his plans for the future, Johnny replied, "I am going back to teaching... When I get back to Fayetteville... I will take over my history classes again."

And that is exactly what he did do. Despite the loss of a vocal chord, daily agony, and increasing weakness, Johnny conducted his classes, maintained his never-failing cheerfulness, courtesy and thoughtfulness toward those about him, and never revealed his suffering. When his illness finally progressed to the stage where he was unable to continue, he remained as always, cheerful, stoical, and uncomplaining. On 12 January 1950, release from his suffering came.

His colleagues in the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Arkansas had this to say about him: "The Captain's penetrating insight, his keen analysis, his picturesque and individual gift of expression, his mastery of himself, his enlivening humor, his responsiveness for public or private good, and his keen and versatile intellect won our admiration. His rugged and courageous power of decision never left one in doubt as to his stand on moral or ethical questions... His criticism of sophistry, hypocrisy, and dereliction of duty was most trenchant.

"The Captain achieved success... He filled his niche, and in so doing, left the world better... he passed on an indelible impress of the value of fundamental verities."

Johnny's greatest desire in life was to be a good soldier. Even though he was not fated to take part in any of the great battles of his time, he achieved his ambition. He faced an enemy without flinching and met his end

like a good soldier. He was an inspiration to the scores of friends who knew and loved him and an exemplification of the Academy's motto: Duty, Honor, Country.

Dallas DeWitt Swan

EX-CADET OF 1919

Died 30 March 1966 in Garden City, New York, aged 68 years.

Interment: Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, New York

FROM THE TIME HE SAW his first military parade as a young boy, Dallas had a great dream of becoming a West Pointer. Born the second youngest of ten children on a farm near Crab Orchard, Nebraska, in 1898, young Dallas had to work hard to realize his dream. But in early 1915, after spending some time at the University of Nebraska, that dream did come true, and he entered the Academy as a member of the Class of 1919. Until the time of his death in March 1966, the days he spent at West Point were a cherished mem-



DALLAS DEWITT SWAN

ory, and the training he received there served him in good stead throughout his life.

After leaving West Point in 1917, Dallas began his business career in New York City. He also maintained close ties with the military. He first joined Squadron A as a private and later was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the 258th Field Artillery. Subsequently he served with the 71st Infantry and the 244th Coast Artillery (New York National Guard).

In 1942 Dallas volunteered for active duty and was accepted in the Army Air Corps as a major. Following a period of training he was assigned as executive officer at Syracuse Army Air Base where he served for eighteen months before being transferred to a bomber base in North Ireland. After his discharge in 1945, Lt. Col. Swan remained active in the Air Force Reserve commanding a reserve unit at Mitchel Field, New York, until his retirement in 1958.

Dallas Swan also had a very successful business career. In 1937 he joined First Investors Corporation and, at the time of his retirement in 1965, was a vice president and director of this company. He established and was the manager of First Investors' One Park Avenue office in New York City. He was also a Mason, a member of the American Legion, and of the West Point Society of

New York City. The many friends he had made in business and during his long association with the military looked to Dallas as a man they could count on when the chips were down.

He is survived by his wife, the former Olivia Buranelli of Temple, Texas, two children, Cynthia Swan Klemenger and Dallas Jr., and seven grandchildren, all of whom reside in Garden City, New York.

—Dallas D. Swan Jr.

Charles Himmler

NO. 6630

CLASS OF 1920

Died 9 October 1944 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, aged 47 years.

Interment: Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota

CHARLES HIMMLER MIGHT HAVE gone a long way toward the upper echelons of the Army had the fates been kinder to him. His promising career was nipped in the bud when he contracted an incurable disease during a tour of foreign duty in the Philippines that forced his premature retirement in 1927 and resulted in his death in 1944 after a long illness.

Born of Austrian parents who emigrated to the United States at the turn of the century, the "Baron" was brought up in a military household of the old school. His father, a former officer in the army of Emperor Franz Joseph, had been wounded in action, and, having retired from the service, moved with his young family to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where Charles was born in 1897. The family was very proud of its military heritage, and "Herr Hauptmann" Himmler raised his four sons in the best traditions of the army and the service he himself had known. It was a great day in the Himmler household, therefore, and also in the community when young Charles received his appointment to West Point and embarked on a career in the "most honorable profession"—that of a soldier.

"Chuki," as he was called by his teenage friends, experienced a normal boyhood. His grades were considerably above average, and he played football and hockey in Minneapolis South High School. He satisfied his inherent love for classical music by playing violin in the school orchestra. He continued his education at Macalester College where he became an outstanding student and was an all-State tackle as a sophomore. Himmler's activities brought him to the attention of Senator Lundeen who offered him an appointment to West Point.

To better prepare himself for the entrance examinations Himmler entered the Northwestern Military and Naval Preparatory Academy in Minneapolis, known by its students as "Krafve's Kramming Akademy." It was here that he met his future classmates Lystad, Hinds, and Harold and Alec Sand, and here, too, that he acquired the nickname of "Baron." He was easily the outstanding candidate at the school, and had a vote been taken he would surely have been chosen "the one most likely to succeed."

At West Point, Baron entered upon the life of a cadet with perhaps greater ease than most of the "Beasts." He placed in the upper academic sections without apparent effort and continued meanwhile to pursue his individual interests. Football and violin playing were his principal extracurricular activities, his violin providing the spark for

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many enjoyable jam and boodle sessions in the division where he lived.

At graduation Himmler chose the Coast Artillery, and, following the basic course at the branch service school, he was selected to remain for duty with the school troops at Fort Monroe. After two years at Monroe he was assigned to Fort Mills in the Philippine Islands where he spent the greater part of his time on battery and outpost duty. It was at this time that he contracted the slow moving but deadly encephalitis.

During Baron's Philippine tour the disastrous Japanese earthquake of 1923 occurred, and Himmler was one of those chosen to go to Japan as a member of the United States Relief Mission. He received a commendation for his outstanding contribution to the success of the mission and was invited to a formal tea with Emperor Hirohito at the Royal Palace where he received the recognition and gratitude of the Japanese government.

Upon his return from the Philippines, the Baron married Amanda Strom, his Minneapolis high school sweetheart. This very happy marriage was soon clouded over, however,



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when it was discovered that the Baron was afflicted with the dread Parkinson's disease. In spite of this misfortune the Baron and his Amanda lived for the future and enjoyed the present in the best of spirits, always hopeful and confident that eventually the malady would be cured.

In spite of his failing health, the Baron completed a tour as an instructor in the Department of English and History at USMA and also served for a few months at Fort Banks as personnel adjutant. While on the latter assignment, however, his condition worsened to the point where hospitalization became necessary. He entered Walter Reed Hospital for treatment in February of 1927, and was retired the following September for "disability incident to the Service."

After retirement the Himmlers returned to their old home in Minneapolis where they enjoyed eight happy years together until Amanda died in 1935. In Minneapolis Baron renewed the acquaintance and friendship with his former mentor, Ernest W. Krafve USMA '08. Intermittently, as his health permitted, and until shortly before his death, Baron assisted Mr. Krafve at "KKA" preparing candidates for admission to the service academies, a work he particularly enjoyed. Undoubtedly, many former students of that splendid little institution owe their success-

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ful passing of the examinations to the meticulous and painstaking care that Charles "Baron" Himmler took with them.

His Macalester College yearbook said of him: "He really played the game"; his friends in the Corps would say: "Well done. Be thou at peace."

—S.R.H.

William Henry Bigelow

NO. 7701 CLASS OF 1925

Died 9 December 1965 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 67 years.

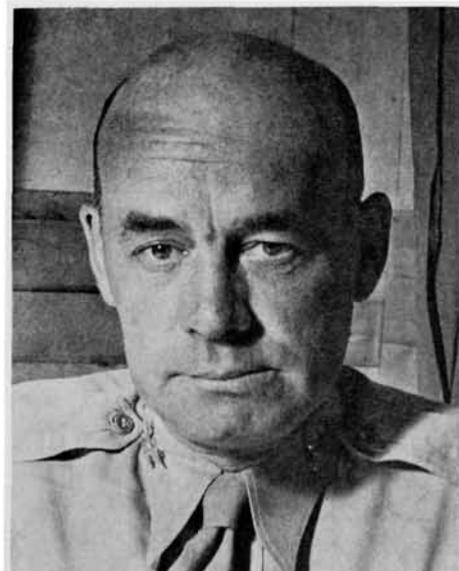
Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

COLONEL WILLIAM HENRY BIGELOW, born in Portland, Maine, on 29 October 1898, died on 9 December 1965 in Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas.

Bill, as everyone called him, fresh from Maine's Hebron Academy, enlisted in April of 1918 for the 13th Cavalry and subsequently spent eighteen months on the Texas border. He was discharged in the grade of sergeant. Having decided to make the Army his career, Bill then enlisted in the Maine National Guard for the express purpose of qualifying for the competitive examination for West Point, a goal which he successfully achieved.

Upon graduation from the Academy in 1925, Bill was assigned to the famed "President's Own" 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry, Fort Washington, Maryland. Thereafter, he had the usual tours of duty with troops, overseas tours, an assignment with the Civilian Conservation Corps, and attended several service schools. It was always a source of great satisfaction to him that he served in every commissioned grade, with the exception of captain, up to colonel and regimental commander of the 5th U.S. Infantry. He began his long association with that distinguished unit as a lieutenant commanding Company E, a job he held for two years. He had a reputation there and elsewhere throughout the Army as an outstanding officer and a strict disciplinarian.

Bill served in Europe from June 1944 to January 1947. Upon his return to the States, he served a tour with the Alabama National Guard, enjoyed a pleasant detail at the Pentagon, and finally was posted to Alaska, his last station, where he served with dis-



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tion as commanding officer of the Port of Whittier.

On 30 April 1954, Bill retired and settled in San Antonio. It was a sad parting for him, for Bill had found in the Army a way of life that was especially appealing to him.

He is survived by his wife, Clifford Potter Bigelow, who continues to make her home in San Antonio.

George Edward Levings

NO. 8176 CLASS OF 1927

Died 16 February 1966 in Las Vegas, Nevada, aged 61 years.

Interment: Hillsboro Cemetery, Hillsboro, North Carolina

GEORGE EDWARD LEVINGS, son of John and Clara Levings, was born at Paris, Illinois, on 26 November 1904. While still a young boy he moved with his family to Mississippi, and was appointed to the Military Academy from the 3d Mississippi District, entering on 2 July



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1923. He was a popular, respected cadet, one gifted with an exceptionally pleasant and effective personality, urbane, kindly, and sociable. The intimate paragraph accompanying his photograph in the 1927 HOWITZER testified well to his humor and sophistication. At West Point, in addition to the normal concentration required on things academic and tactical, George found time to give two years to the *Pointer*, becoming advertising manager in his first-class year. As for cadet rank, he was a proud sergeant in K Co. Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Infantry.

George's active service after graduation was soon terminated, however, for he resigned in 1928 to study law. He studied at the University of North Carolina and at Kent College of Law, Chicago, earning his L.L.B. from the latter. In 1931 he became a partner in the law firm of Sloan, Levings, and Short in Chicago, and for ten years specialized in corporate, banking, and administrative law. He was admitted to practice law before the supreme courts and inferior courts of Illinois and North Carolina, the Court of Appeals and inferior courts of Virginia, the United States Court of Military Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States. From 1939 to 1941 he also served as attorney for

the Federal Power Commission in Washington.

Despite the activity of his law career, from 1930 onward George continued to maintain his interest in things military through his association with the Organized Reserve Corps and the National Guard. As a consequence, when World War II began, George was ready to serve. Back on active duty in 1941, he began a series of tours as an Ordnance officer: Ordnance Officer, 29th Infantry Division, for several months early in 1941; then, Office, Chief of Ordnance, as executive officer, Tank-Automotive Branch, Industrial Division, from August 1941 to November 1942. During the next six-month period George was assigned first as executive assistant to Brigadier General Al Glaney, Deputy Chief of Ordnance-Automotive and then to Brigadier General John K. Christmas, Chief, Tank-Automotive Center, Detroit.

In April 1943 George returned to Law, with an assignment as associate law professor at West Point under Colonel Charles W. West. The tour was to last until July 1947. Meanwhile, in 1946 George had accepted a Regular Army commission as captain, Judge Advocate General's Department. In September 1947 he received an overseas assignment as Assistant Judge Advocate, Far East Command, and Judge Advocate, IX Corps, a tour that terminated in March 1950. Back in the States, George became Legislative Counsel, Legislative and Liaison Branch, Department of the Army, a post held until September 1953. Of particular note during this period was the action George took in 1951 to secure a patent on a fluid-drive principle.

In September 1953 George moved to another new and interesting field—at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. There, as Assistant Chief, Industrial Division, he had responsibility for industrial, production, and procurement activities relating to guided missiles. During the years 1954-1956 he was assistant commander and chief contracting officer at Redstone. In 1956 he went to Europe as Commanding Officer, Ordnance Supply Control Agency, USAREUR, and Deputy Ordnance Officer, Communications Zone, Europe. In 1958 he returned to the States to become Chief, Procurement Operations, New York Ordnance District, the post he held until August 1959 when he retired as a colonel and returned to the practice of law.

In his retirement George settled in Hillsboro (Orange County), North Carolina, and soon earned an enviable reputation in the community and among members of the legal profession as a member of the firm, Graham and Levings. In the course of time he was first, Town Attorney, then County Attorney, and at the time of his death was vice president of the State Association of County Attorneys. Among his firm's clients was the local Rural Electric Association, and it was while on a trip for this client that he was stricken by a fatal heart attack.

The Orange County Bar Association, in passing a formal resolution mourning George's death, included these comments which express the high regard that that group and George's neighbors held for him:

He was keen of mind and kind at heart. He quietly and diligently applied himself to his work and was equally diligent in his efforts in behalf of his community. His death marks the end of a stay among us which was all too short, but we may console our grief with the assurance that he has been granted that wish for serene repose, desired by all of us, and so beautifully expressed by another soldier, General

Jackson, when in his last words he said, "Let us cross over the river and rest in the shade of the trees."

"George," said his wife, "had his finger in every pie in town. He dearly loved it here and was active in politics and all community affairs."

Suzanne Tarpley Dent and George Levings were married on 5 April 1930 and had two children. Daughter Eugenia Huntley Levings is married to Ormand W. Leavel Jr., and lives in Leavenworth, Kansas. Son George Edward Levings III, married Elizabeth Kirkland Caviness of Raleigh, North Carolina; they live in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he is associated with International Business Machines.

George Levings had a deep love for the Military Academy and for his Class. He was an enthusiastic, loyal, member of the group that attended the 35th Reunion of the Class of 1927 and was most outspoken in urging the formulation of an even larger program for the 40th—and he would have been there.

The Class of 1927 will always recall George's memory with deep affection—for his keen sense of humor, his genuine interest in people, his sincerity, and his strength of purpose. The Long Gray Line has gained another stalwart member.

—G.F.L.

Ernest Durr Jr.

NO. 12301 CLASS OF 1941

Killed in action, Po Valley, Northern Italy,
26 April 1945. Aged 28 years.

Interment: United States Military Cemetery,
Florence, Italy

ON 26 APRIL 1945, LESS THAN TWO WEEKS before V-E Day, Major Ernest Durr Jr., GSC, was killed in combat in the Po Valley. As Assistant G3 of the 34th Infantry Division, Ernie was reconnoitering for a new division command post when natives directed him to a group of Germans "ready to surrender." It proved to be an ambush, but Ernie managed to get his jeep driver out and took up the fight. The next day the 34th overran the position and found his body. One of his men who had been taken prisoner in the previous day's action reported: "The last I saw the Major, he was in a heavy fire fight and completely surrounded." Thus, the Army and the



ERNEST DURR JR.

Class of 1941 lost one of its finest members. Dying as he had lived, Ernie had again demonstrated his unyielding devotion to courage and to Duty, Honor, and Country.

Ernest Durr Jr., was born on 3 August 1916 at Newport, Rhode Island. His father was a naval officer; his mother, Edith Marie Durr, was the daughter of Colonel Frank Scott Long, ex-member of the Class of 1891. Ernie's early life was cruelly marked by tragedy. His only sister was deafened by spinal meningitis at the age of three; a maternal uncle, Frank Sidney Long, Class of 1917, was killed in action in the Meuse-Argonne in 1918; and Ernie's mother died in the influenza epidemic of 1918. Ernie graduated from Washington High School, Los Angeles, California, at the age of 15 and, at the age of 16, left home. Thereafter, with his grandfather acting as his sponsor and guardian-in-fact, he attended Urban Military Academy in West Los Angeles (1934-35) and the University of California at Los Angeles (1935-37) where he met and captivated his wife-to-be, Edith Spofford Chandlee.

On 1 July 1937, Ernie entered West Point on the nomination of Congressman Colden of the 17th California Congressional District. From that date until his death, he exemplified in every act the highest ideals of his new alma mater. As a cadet in M Company, he excelled in everything to which he turned his hand. With apparent ease, he graduated into the Corps of Engineers, standing 62 in a class of 425, having held this position through four years of patient academic coaching of any and all "goats" in the third battalion. He was an expert bridge player, and here, as in all intellectual areas, his powers of concentration were almost forbidding. A cadet lieutenant his first-class year, he was also a member of the honor committee during the troubled times of the spring of 1941. But Ernie was much more than the intellectual. As formidable a roisterer as any, he was physically tough and agile. Expert at golf and squash, he was also a mainstay of the B-squad football team for three years. He sang in the choir for four years, was a member of the glee club, and was always ready to join in barbershop quartets. He was vigorous and personable, and he was physically handsome having the appearance and demeanor of the natural leader.

Six years after they first met, on 21 June 1941, Edith Chandlee and 2d Lieutenant Ernest Durr Jr., were married in Beverly Hills, California. For the next 20 months the Durrs followed the usual wartime travel paths, with brief tours at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir; Camp Blanding; again Fort Belvoir; and then Fort Bragg. A daughter Susan was born at Bragg in September 1942. Ernie left for Africa in March 1943 as adjutant of the 38th Engineer Battalion (Sep) sailing on the old *Gripsholm*. While in North Africa, he succeeded in transferring to the 34th Division, joining that unit shortly after the landings in Sicily.

For the next two years Ernie and the "Red Bull" Division fought their way through Sicily and through the grinding Italian campaign. In July 1944, Ernie was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with silver star for his service as liaison officer to the 3d Algerian Infantry Division; that same month he was promoted to major. The preceding December, he had authored a forceful study recommending the attachment of an additional Engineer combat battalion to Infantry divisions operating in difficult terrain. This became a frequent practice by 1945. At the time of his death, Ernest Durr had spent

over half of his brief career in active combat assignments.

Major General C.W. Ryder, Commandant of Cadets during our cadet days, was Ernie's division commander during the Sicilian campaign and during part of the Italian campaign. His letter to Ernie's widow, Edie, written in 1945, reflects his and our loss.

I know of no young officer who showed equal promise of a brilliant military career to come. Everything he did he did well, and when he was with me, he was one of my select few upon whom I could depend at all times and under all circumstances.

As you know, I had noticed him as a cadet at West Point, and when he came to me at Oran and asked for a job I was more than glad to arrange things so that he could come with me. My one idea thereafter was to give him a rounded-out experience in the part of the military profession that really counts—command and staff of combined arms, in war, so as to assure his going to the top during the rest of his military life. It is almost impossible to realize that what I had planned for him will not happen.

Ernie's daughter, Susan, six months old when her father left for Africa, is now a beautiful and charming young lady of 23 years. Possessing her father's intelligence, determination, and dedication to service, she is today a Peace Corps volunteer in Okija, Eastern Nigeria. Sue graduated in 1965 from U.C.L.A., her parents' old school, making the dean's list and majoring in English. Like her mother she is petite, five feet one inch tall and weighing 105 pounds. She is a delightful combination of the virtues of two fine parents and a credit to them both. Edie, a working mother since Ernie's death, is today a successful executive secretary, living in North Hollywood.

Among Edith Durr's cherished keepsakes are the letters she received in 1945 from Ernie's comrades and superiors. Most valued of all, perhaps, are two touching letters written for the men of the 34th Division G3 section by their section chief. The first of these reflects Ernie's innate qualities of leadership as recognized by the men who worked with him. Writing in May 1945, Master Sergeant Samuel Goldstein said:

We men who had the privilege of working with the Major in the performance of our daily duties can very well appreciate your great loss. Although his status as an officer set him apart, we always felt he was one of us. He possessed the faculty of understanding the problems of the men under him and was always ready to help when we needed his help and to make our work as easy as possible. His ready wit and exuberance were always present and aided immeasurably in relieving the strain under which we worked. I cannot recall one instance in which he did not treat us as men wish to be treated.

His sudden passing was a shock to all of us, and, coming as it did in the closing stages of the campaign, it detracted from the exultant feeling of imminent victory. The Major richly deserved a place in our celebrations, as he had done more than his share in making that victory certain.

Sergeant Goldstein wrote again in June after Memorial Day services at a temporary cemetery at Mirandola. His words, heavy with emotion, provide an eloquent final tribute to a noble young soldier.

We had ample time to look for the Major's resting place, and when we found it, we saw there a band of poppies about

six inches in width, running diagonally across the upper part of the grave. It was as though the hand of God had placed there the Red Badge of Courage as His personal tribute to the bravery and the devotion to God and Country shown by the man whose grave He so decorated.

God bless you, Ernest Durr. May you be awaiting us when we, too, join the Long Gray Line.

—W.R.M.

Robert Lloyd Cummings

NO. 12582 CLASS OF 1941

Died 30 November 1944 at Leyte, Philippine Islands, aged 29 years.

A BASIC LIKING FOR HIS FELLOWMEN is, no doubt, the fundamental quality which carried Robert Cummings through the difficult situations of his life. Similarly, it was an expression of his willingness to serve that took him to the beachheads and battlefields of the Pacific where, on 30 November 1944, he lost his life in the service of his country at Dagami, Leyte.



ROBERT LLOYD CUMMINGS

Bob was born in Franklin, Massachusetts, on 10 August 1915. He lived in the suburbs of Boston until 1936 when he enlisted in the Regular Army (Coast Artillery) with assignment to the Harbor Defenses of Boston. Later he attended the West Point Prep School prior to receiving his congressional appointment to the Academy. At West Point he made the plebe football team, was a member of the A-squad wrestling team, sang in the choir, and proudly wore his sergeant's stripes during his first-class year. He chose the Infantry as his branch at graduation.

After graduation, I saw Bob only twice: once when he served as chief usher at my wedding, and again on 28 November 1942 when he was married to Blanche.

One can easily eulogize the man who rises above the commonplace to distinguish himself in a given field as Bob did. There is also satisfaction in dramatizing the life of a person who, through his very simplicity of manner, brought a measure of generosity and understanding into the lives of those who knew him. Bob's ability to spend each day without offense is, in itself, a rare accomplishment which too few of us know.

As Bob's roommate during our last two

years at the Academy, I know firsthand the determination and the application that made it possible for him to emerge as a successful, competent officer. Knowing the man as I do, I can almost see him in his last combat encounter, in his own unassuming way, setting an example of bravery for the men of his command, leading his company of the 306th Infantry, 77th Infantry Division—always out in front. The citation accompanying his Silver Star tells his last gallant chapter.

Captain Cummings, in order to determine the composition of the opposing force and to locate the enemy's flanks and supporting weapons, with complete disregard for his own safety, recklessly exposed himself time after time to enemy machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire. He worked his way to within ten yards of an enemy machine gun and personally assisted in its destruction. By his courageous actions he obtained valuable information, which enabled his battalion commander to plan a coordinated attack on the enemy position, resulting in its destruction. Captain Cummings was mortally wounded in accomplishing his mission.

Bob's decorations include: the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Commendation Ribbon, Purple Heart, American Campaign, Asiatic Pacific with two stars, and WW II Victory medals, the CIB, EIB, Philippine Liberation medal with one star, and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation Badge.

It is little enough to say in final tribute to Bob Cummings, "Well Done. Be thou at peace."

—J. I. Gurfein

Schuyler Buell Brandt

NO. 16850 CLASS OF 1949

Died 2 May 1966 at Jess Parish Memorial Hospital, Titusville, Florida, aged 39 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

WITH THE DEATH OF SCHUYLER BUELL BRANDT on 2 May 1966, our Class and our country lost one of its most dedicated supporters and scientists, while we who knew him well lost a most valuable friend.

Dod Brandt was born in Evanston, Illinois, on 18 June 1926. He grew up in Columbus, Ohio, arriving at West Point directly from the U.S. Navy V-12 program. He had a driving interest in everything the world had to offer and the talent to excel wherever he chose. He graduated in 1949 near the top of his Class, having divided his boundless energy between studies, sports, literature, and good fellowship.

He chose a commission in the U.S. Air Force, and, while waiting for an assignment to pilot training, completed the Air Tactical School at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, and the Radiological Defense School at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. In 1951, he successfully won his pilot's wings, and after completing crew training at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington, served as a combat crew member in the Korean conflict. During this period he was awarded the Air Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Service Medal.

He returned to an assignment with the 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing of the Strategic Air Command at Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas, serving in a variety of crew and staff positions. In 1954, he entered the

University of Michigan, earning two master's degrees—in aeronautical and instrumentation engineering—by 1956. His subsequent assignment to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, involved him deeply in the successful testing and operational acceptance of the Bomarc and Matador missile systems.

Dod resigned from the Air Force in 1960 in order to follow his consuming interest in aerospace programs. After a year at Ann Arbor, Michigan, working as a project engineer on the Advent Program for Bendix Systems Division, he joined the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, filling various management positions including supervision of quality control, reliability, and technical support for unmanned launch operations at the John F. Kennedy Space Center.

In his latter years, Dod's efforts on behalf of the community and the Air Force not only claimed much of his time but also met with lasting success. As a major in the active reserve, he continued his interest in the flying activities of the Air Force. In 1965 he was appointed commander of the Indian River Senior Civil Air Patrol Squadron and partic-



SCHUYLER BUELL BRANDT

ipated in all of the squadron's activities including numerous Civil Air Patrol search-and-rescue missions. It was during one of the CAP meetings that he was suddenly stricken and died. In his honor, the squadron has recently been renamed the Schuyler B. Brandt Squadron.

As a member of the board of governors of the West Point Society of Canaveral, he actively sustained close ties with the Academy. His untimely and sudden death came while he was deeply engaged on all fronts. In addition to his wife Crill, he leaves three daughters: Rita, Bonnie, and Margie, for whom, in spite of his very active life, he always made the time to be a devoted husband and father.

Dod Brandt served the cause of his country where and when he could serve it best. When he left the Air Force, he continued to give the full measure of his talent and expertise to his country's efforts in space. A fellow graduate, speaking for the membership of the Canaveral Society, said of him: "Dod exemplified to the fullest the Academy's motto: Duty, Honor, Country in every facet of his full life." A memorial scholarship fund, designed to perpetuate Dod's spirit and attitudes, has been established by his friends and associates in the Civil Air Patrol and the National Aeronautics and Space Agency at Cape Kennedy.

If one could total the contributions Dod Brandt made during his lifetime: to science, to his government, to the U.S. Air Force, to West Point, to his family, and to his friends, I am sure that he put far more "in the pot" than he could ever have hoped to get back except, perhaps, for those intangible rewards that success brings to the good leader, scientist, father, and friend. For what he has left to his fellow man we should all be grateful; for what he might have continued to contribute had he lived, we can only ruefully regret.

Charles Franklin Neef Jr.

NO. 16870 CLASS OF 1949

Military aircraft accident at Schilling Air Force Base, Kansas, 27 Jun 1966. Aged 41 years.

Interment: Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Point Loma, San Diego, California

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES FRANKLIN NEEF JR., "Frank" to his many friends, was a typical fighter jockey from the day he stepped into his first cockpit. From the day he graduated from pilot training, Frank flew fighter-type aircraft exclusively, amassing a total of 3,826 hours. He was involved in instructing new fighter pilots and training old ones at the exclusive Instrument Pilot Training School. Even as he gave his life, Frank was trying vainly to save an F-105 Thunderchief from crashing.

Frank Neef was born in Texarkana, Arkansas, on 22 July 1924. At the age of eight his family moved to Independence, Missouri, where he graduated from the William Christian High School in 1942. The next two years were busy ones for Frank; he attended Missouri University, Yale University, and was a member of the U.S. Army Infantry. Frank received his appointment to the United States Military Academy and entered in July 1944. Due to a spell of illness plus an inability to cope with the French language, Frank was one of the 5-year men to graduate with the Class of 1949. His problem with French is difficult to understand, for he still managed to graduate in the upper fifth of his Class.

After graduation, Frank married his high school sweetheart, Wanda, at the Cadet Chapel. Two children were born of this happy union: Frankie in 1954, and Nancy in 1959.

Frank left with his new bride for pilot training—basic at Randolph Field and advanced at Nellis AFB, Nevada, where Frank graduated in August 1950. Then came tours at James Connolly AFB, Waco, Texas, and Moody AFB, Georgia, where he instructed new as well as experienced pilots in the basic and finer instrument flying techniques. Finally, he received his most coveted assignment—duty with an operational flying unit. He flew F-89's and F-94's for the Air Defense Command from bases in Delaware, Labrador, and Hamilton AFB, California.

Frank then decided he must broaden his background in order to keep up with the world around him and the rapidly changing technology of aviation in general and flying in particular. To this end he entered the Air Force Institute of Technology in September 1959 with the master's degree in astronautical engineering, a completely new field, as his goal. After graduation in 1961, Frank was assigned to the Ballistic Systems Division of the Air Force Systems Command. As chief of the Advanced Guidance Technology Division in the Advanced Plans Di-

rectorate, his work involved futuristic planning and development.

Frank was candidly critical of any deficiencies exhibited by his associates or superiors relating to performance of or devotion to duty. On the other hand, he was extremely tolerant and patient with junior officers, striving always to promote their potential growth in a difficult technological environment. His own conduct as an officer, gentleman, and engineer was highly respected by juniors and seniors alike.

Even while he was deeply involved in the scientific and engineering environment of the Ballistic Systems Division, Frank's enthusiasm for flying never waned. It was not unusual, therefore, that he sought continuously to maintain his proficiency as a jet pilot in accordance with the highest professional standards.

In April of 1966, with the escalation of the war effort in Vietnam, Frank Neef, now a lieutenant colonel, returned to operational flying. He was to be a fighter pilot, and no assignment could have made him happier. He joined the 560th Tactical Fighter Squad-



CHARLES FRANKLIN NEEF JR.

ron at McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kansas, for training in the F-105, in preparation for an assignment to Vietnam.

Frank was fatally injured during an F-105 training flight. His aircraft developed a malfunction in the fuel system requiring the immediate cancellation of the scheduled mission and a fast decision involving abandonment of the aircraft or attempting an emergency landing at a nearby airfield. Frank decided in favor of the emergency landing. But, having made his decision and while entering the final approach in the traffic pattern, the malfunction became so acute, and at such a low altitude, that the option to abandon the airplane was no longer available to him. Frank crashed and was killed just yards short of the runway strip at Schilling AFB, Kansas.

Frank Neef was a man who gave his all in everything he did. His off-duty pleasure, prior to leaving for the F-105 assignment, was leading a Boy Scout Troop. He was especially well qualified for this work, for he, himself, had risen to the rank of Eagle Scout. He welcomed challenges in his work and eagerly accepted tasks which most people would have avoided.

This is a man who will be missed by many—his friends, his associates, the Air Force, and his country. May he rest in peace.

Joseph Bingham Mack Jr.

NO. 21338 CLASS OF 1957

Died 25 January 1966 in an aircraft accident off Key West, Florida, aged 33 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

THE FACETS OF THE PRISM that is the man—the love and faithfulness seen by his wife, the love and tenderness given to his children, the love and respect evidenced to his parents, the affection and consideration shown to his sisters, the loyalty given to God and country, his devotion to duty and honor as a man and as an officer, his interest in people and his acceptance of the good and the not-so-good in them, the sense of humor which kept him on an even keel and made it possible for him to enjoy many things with many people, his integrity to self and to others—these and other aspects reflect the character and personality of the one we knew and loved as Joe Mack.

The only son among the five children of



JOSEPH BINGHAM MACK JR.

Reverend and Mrs. Joseph Mack, Joe grew up in a home of Christian love and affection. To the whole town he was "the little boy with the big grin." As he grew, he kept the grin and acquired a sense of humor and a fighting spirit.

With a minister father, Joe moved about. After graduating from high school in Knoxville, Tennessee, he enlisted in the Air Force and completed several assignments as an enlisted man. A congressional appointment to the United States Military Academy directed him toward a military career, and upon graduation in 1957, Joe was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force. During his stay at the Point, Joe's fighting spirit came to the fore as he won the brigade boxing championship in his weight class; he also enjoyed the challenges of chess, skeet, and the Russian language.

During flight training in Texas, Joe met and later married Gail Keppler. Their three daughters are a continuing memorial.

Joe wore his silver pilot's wings proudly and felt that serving with the 11th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in Duluth, Minnesota, was his "first real Air Force assignment." Though his tour there lasted only one short year, Joe took so much pleasure in being a fighter pilot that he said of that duty, "It's better than working for a living!"

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Upon his return to the States from a remote assignment in the Pacific, Joe earned a master's degree in aeronautical engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. He put his knowledge to use and his inquisitive mind to work at Edwards AFB, California, where he was involved in many test programs and served as project engineer on the B-26K test program.

Joe volunteered to return to the cockpit and welcomed his assignment to a fighter squadron at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Missouri, again flying the F-102. While on a Tdy alert in Key West, Florida, Joe made his last flight, crashing offshore shortly after take-off during a pre-dawn scramble.

His life will be remembered by many as one lived in fullness. Had he lived longer, Joe could not have won for himself greater respect and affection than he attained in his 33 years.

He leaves behind his wife Gail; three daughters, Patty, Kathy, and Melissa; both parents; four sisters; and many relatives and friends—all of whom will miss the many facets of the one we knew and loved as Joe Mack.

*This is the death of Death, to breathe away a breath
And know the end of strife, and taste the deathless life,
And joy without fear, and smile without a tear,
And work, nor care to rest, and find the last the best.*

from *Emancipation*

by MALTBIE D. BABCOCK

—Ashley Mack
Sister

Lyell Francis King

NO. 23093 CLASS OF 1960

Hostile death, Vietnam, 18 February 1966.

Aged 27 years.

Interment: Greenfield Cemetery, Hempstead, Long Island, New York

The thoughts of others

Were light and fleeting,

Of lovers' meeting

Or luck or fame;

Mine were of trouble

And mine were steady,

So I was ready

When trouble came.

LYELL KING, TRUE to his favorite lines from A.E. Housman, was ready "when trouble came." He had already proven himself a skillful and courageous advisor to the Vietnamese 22d Ranger Battalion when he was killed in action near Ban Me Thout on the 18th of February, 1966. His conduct on the day of his death and during five major battles in the preceding months earned for him the undying admiration of his comrades in arms and the gratitude and commendation of his country, which awarded him the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. A grateful Vietnamese government also awarded him, posthumously, that country's National Order, Fifth Class, and the Gallantry Cross with Palm.

Lyell was born on 12 May 1938 in Coquille, Oregon. The eldest son of a career officer, he spent his boyhood in many states and several countries, as the family followed the elder King from station to station. Early in life Lyell acquired a fascination with all things military, and long before he graduated

from high school he was full of martial lore, sharing, for example, his father's great interest in and broad knowledge of weapons.

With this background, reinforced by the reputation of a great-grandfather who won the Congressional Medal of Honor in the Civil War, it was natural and fitting that Lyell should also choose to pursue a military career. He had wanted to be a soldier for "as long as he could remember." While he was still a senior at Kirkwood High School in Kirkwood, Missouri, Lyell applied for admission to West Point—and it was his only application—and received a presidential appointment to the Class of 1960.

Lyell obviously enjoyed his four years at the Academy; his boyish grin and warm sense of humor never failed to lighten the hearts of his classmates when the going got rough. Notwithstanding his quiet and personable manner, however, those who were close to Lyell knew him for a man of uncommon dedication and strength of character. He came to West Point with a strong sense of purpose, and while there he applied himself diligently to the dual tasks of acquiring knowledge and learning how to lead men.



LYELL FRANCIS KING

With a commission in the Infantry and newly married to the lovely Judith Anne Van Rees, Lyell paused at Fort Benning only long enough to attend the basic course and win his "jump wings" and Ranger "tab" before reporting to his first duty station, Fort Davis, in the Panama Canal Zone. At Fort Davis, and later at Forts Sherman and Gulick, he excelled in the role of a small unit commander and won several accolades for his work as an instructor at the Jungle Warfare Training Center. While in Panama, Judi presented him with a daughter, Jennifer Stilson, who was to share with her mother Lyell's unqualified and unconcealed devotion.

Departing Panama in early 1964, Lyell reported to Fort Lewis, Washington, where a brief but distinguished period of duty on the staff of the 4th Division's 1st Brigade earned him his first command: Company A, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry. As the commander of the neighboring unit, I had ample opportunity for admiring Lyell's expertise. His was a first-class unit—polished and precise in garrison, aggressive and efficient in the field, and at all times loyal and devoted to its commander. There was no doubt in the minds of those who saw him operate at Fort Lewis that they were witnessing a real professional with a tremendous future—a man destined to wear stars.

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When orders came for Vietnam, Lyell was ready. He took Judi and Jenny to Monterey with him while he attended the 12-week course in Vietnamese, graduated first in his class, and then flew westward "toward the sound of the guns." The assignment with the 22d Ranger Battalion was one of the most dangerous in Vietnam, but it virtually guaranteed plenty of action with some of the Republic's best troops, so Lyell considered it a prize to be sought. He got the job at his own request. Once in the field with the battalion, he was in his element, for he knew he was learning those lessons one doesn't find in books. Moreover, he was facing daily those challenges and responsibilities toward which his years of preparation and training had been directed. It was the ultimate test of the professional soldier; Lyell knew he would not be found wanting.

Lyell King was a warm and lovable person, but he was also a man with a goal, one whose course in life had been as unerring as a taut bowstring. He was one of those rare individuals who combine a true nobility of character with, in the words of Douglas MacArthur, "a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of an appetite for adventure over love of ease." He leaves behind, in the hearts of his family and friends, a love and respect which words can scarcely convey.

—Robert E. Montgomery Jr.
Captain

Lawrence Alan Britten

NO. 24543 CLASS OF 1963

Hostile death, Vietnam, 30 March 1966.

Aged 25 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT from a letter written by Brigadier General John R. Deane to Larry's widow describes the action leading up to Larry Britten's death: "On 30 March, about mid-afternoon, Larry's company, Company A, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 12th Cavalry Regiment, conducted a helicopter assault into an area about 50 miles southwest of the town of Pleiku, just a few thousand meters south of the Chu Pong Mountain and a few kilometers from the Cambodian border. A platoon from an air cavalry reconnaissance unit had entered the area earlier and had established light contact with an enemy unit. Firing was sporadic but not heavy.

"When Company A, of which Larry was the executive officer, landed in the area, the enemy fire began to increase in tempo, and by late afternoon an intense fire fight was in progress. Several helicopters were shot down, and a number of men in Larry's company were killed or wounded. Among the seriously wounded was Larry's company commander who lay in an exposed, forward position with his soldiers. With great personal courage and showing complete disregard for his own safety, Larry went to his company commander to carry him to a place of safety. In the performance of this heroic act, Larry gave his life."

Born in South Dakota and raised in California, Lawrence Alan Britten entered West Point in July 1959 as a member of the Class of 1963. Larry approached his four years at West Point and the prospect of a career as an officer in the Regular Army with an enthusiasm and dedication that was rare among his contemporaries. He did extremely well as a student, his greatest interest being the study of Military Art, and, as an athlete,

he led many L-1 intramural teams to victory. But more than anything, the one trait which most distinguished Larry as a cadet was his latent ability to lead.

Those intangible qualities of leadership that beckon men of destiny to the forefront were already apparent when Larry came to West Point. Those who knew him as a cadet will always remember the confidence and trust he inspired while filling a wide variety of responsible positions in the Corps. His native talent, his drive, and his engaging personality all seemed to have predestined him for the highest positions of responsibility in the Service. It came as no surprise to Larry's friends then, when he became the ranking company commander during his first class year. At graduation he was named the outstanding company commander of the First Regiment.

Larry decided that the greatest opportunities for leadership and the most difficult challenge for the young leader was in the Infantry. Having chosen that branch he and his wife Beth moved to Fort Benning in the summer of 1963, and there Larry successfully



LAWRENCE ALAN BRITTEN

completed the Infantry Officers Basic course, and airborne and Ranger training. Larry's first duty assignment was Fort Bragg where, despite the long hours and the frequent absences from home, he enthusiastically embraced his new responsibilities. For him it was a challenging time of learning, and his success as a young lieutenant was noteworthy. Soon thereafter he was selected as aide de camp to the assistant division commander of the 82d Airborne Division, Brigadier General Edward P. Smith. Although it meant separation from troop duty, Larry welcomed this chance to broaden his experience. He would now be able to evaluate the Army he loved from an entirely new perspective.

At Fort Bragg, a daughter, Kimberly Guin, was born to Larry and Beth. Larry's loving devotion to his daughter resulted in a relationship seldom seen between a father and his young child. His family was extremely important to him, and he endowed mother and daughter with a deep and abiding love.

The unrest in the Dominican Republic and the subsequent movement of elements of the 82d Airborne Division to the Caribbean meant another dislocation from his family for Larry. But in his capacity as aide Larry was close to all facets of the operation. It was a rare opportunity for him, even though he sorely missed the exhilaration he always

experienced while commanding and serving with troops.

It had long been his intention to volunteer for duty in Vietnam, but the situation in the Caribbean and his loyalty and admiration for General Smith prevented his taking any action to transfer.

Finally, in January 1966, Larry did leave for Vietnam—as aide to General Deane. It was his fond hope at the time that he would be released soon after his arrival in the far East in order that he might join a troop unit. Seeing the war and its progress from division level had its advantages, but Larry wanted to be with the units involved in the fighting. He felt that all of his training had prepared him for a leadership role in combat, and he yearned for that responsibility.

Larry's request for release from duty as an aide was approved, and he elected to join the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Air Cavalry Division. Initially he was assigned as executive officer of the battalion's A Company, and very quickly became part of the small-unit war with an entirely new perspective from the level of the combat soldier.

Quite apart from the military side of the war, Larry also saw and was profoundly moved by all its attendant miseries. He wrote of his feeling of desperation at the sight of so many Vietnamese children orphaned by the ravages of war, and of his anguish over the suffering of his fellow soldiers. Still, his devotion to the United States' cause never wavered. Above all else Larry recognized that sacrifices had to be made in order to protect those principles which Americans hold dear. A close friend has said of him: "Larry was a most magnificent man and officer. There are so very few as special, as talented, as kind. And these few are the ones who are most willing to give of themselves in order to see that their dreams, their ideals, are held sacred."

On that March day, 1966, while in command of an infantry company in close combat with the enemy, Captain Lawrence Alan Britten made the ultimate sacrifice. He left a legacy that will be shared by all who knew him or served with him, a legacy of courage and dedication.

Larry Britten was many things to many people—adored husband, devoted father, loving son and brother, professional soldier, courageous leader, and dedicated American. To his many friends he was a man and an American of the first and finest order.

Michael Joseph Soth

NO. 24616 CLASS OF 1963

Hostile death, Vietnam, 21 June 1966.

Aged 24 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

MICHAEL J. SOTH, a gallant young captain, was killed in action in Vietnam on 21 June 1966 while fighting for what he felt was a just and noble cause. Words that could eulogize fully this deeply religious man just do not exist. Mike's love for his God and his country gave him the strength and courage to dedicate his life to the defense of freedom. No greater love has a man for freedom than that he give his life in defense of another man's freedom.

Mike was born on 27 January 1942 in East Orange, New Jersey. He grew to maturity in Ontario, California, graduating from Pomona Catholic High School in 1959. He

entered West Point in July 1959 from California's 27th District, and thus began what was for him an exciting and inspiring career. While at West Point Mike demonstrated the rich fullness of his capacity for life in his vibrant and joyous devotion to church, academic, and athletic activities. As a member of the cross-country team he competed with the same honest sincerity and fierce dedication that he gave to everything he undertook. His zeal for sports inspired him to become a statistics expert in a wide variety of athletic contests.

Mike's cheerful, optimistic personality and his quick wit were a constant source of amusement and inspiration to his classmates.



MICHAEL JOSEPH SOTH

And he was always ready to help the cadet who might be having trouble with academics.

After graduation in June 1963 Mike attended the Infantry Basic Officers course and then went on to take airborne and Ranger training at Fort Benning. When he completed his first regular tour of duty—in Korea—he felt it was his duty to volunteer for Vietnam.

While serving as a military advisor in Vietnam he was profoundly affected by the widespread misery which afflicted the Vietnamese people in their struggle to choose their own political philosophy rather than having one imposed upon them. He felt so strongly about his own and his country's contributions in Vietnam that he extended his tour there.

Then, one June day, while accompanying his Vietnamese infantry battalion on a military operation, Mike was killed in a Viet Cong ambush. He was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart for the physical and moral courage he displayed in his last and finest fight for freedom.

We who were close to Mike Soth feel a deep sense of loss in his death. The memory of his sparkling blue eyes, his blonde hair, and his warm smile will linger long, providing us with a constant reminder that the real greatness in man is his capacity for self-sacrifice in the service of his fellow man.

—Captain Roger Manning
Classmate, Roommate, Friend

Thomas Edward Millacci

NO. 25321 CLASS OF 1964

Died 13 December 1964 in Toccoa, Georgia,
aged 23 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

HE WAS ON HIS WAY HOME, en route to his new assignment at Fort Lewis, Washington, when Tom was killed in an automobile accident. He had just completed Ranger and Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Tom was unusual because, unlike so many young men who find it difficult to decide on their careers, he aspired to West Point as a young boy and never wavered from that goal. The fact that he was a "Service brat" may have had some bearing on his decision. But even after he had won a scholarship to the School of Forestry at Syracuse University and was an active ROTC cadet he still remained alert for a possible nomination for appointment to the Academy.

Tom was an even-tempered, personable young man, one who was not easily ruffled. He always showed respect for his parents and his elders and was considerate of the feelings of others. He had little time for activities that did not lead to his ultimate objective, a commission as an officer in the United States Army.

As a boy, Tom was already showing strong signs of independence with a determination to master whatever goals he set for himself. He worked hard to earn his own spending money, delivering newspapers and working at a variety of summer vacation jobs, all pointing to the freedom of action he sought for himself.

Tom's determination to excel carried over into sports and into those scholastic activities

that particularly interested him. In high school, he participated in Indian archeological surveys in that section of New York State once inhabited by the Mohawk Indians. He was an amateur chemist, loved skiing, mountain climbing, judo, and even found time for skydiving before entering the Academy.

Tom's intellectual curiosity extended into many areas. Even with a cadet's full academic load he learned Spanish, Italian, and Russian through self-teaching courses. He majored in German in high school and at West Point, for he felt that a knowledge of these other languages would be useful to him as an Army officer.

At the time of his graduation, Tom ex-



THOMAS EDWARD MILLACCI

pressed a strong desire to return to the Academy one day as an instructor. Also, he reasoned, advanced study at the graduate level would certainly enhance his value to the Army, but unfortunately, fate intervened, and he would never do either.

We were blessed in having such a fine son and will always be proud of him for his accomplishments and for his easy, gracious way with people. Although we feel his loss keenly and have resigned ourselves to the thought that God had other plans for him, we share in the pride he knew in realizing his ambition—graduation from West Point, of being included on the roster with those great Americans who make up the Long Gray Line of this fine Service Academy.

—His Parents

Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Fall 1966 ASSEMBLY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
Charles D. Roberts.....	1897.....	24 October	1966.....Silver Spring, Maryland
Fred H. Gallup.....	1899.....	23 January	1967.....Charlotte, North Carolina
Edward M. Shinkle.....	1901.....	8 November	1966.....San Francisco, California
Ben F. Ristine.....	1903.....	1 January	1967.....Lake City, Florida
Harry S. Berry.....	1904.....	13 January	1967.....Hendersonville, Tennessee
Stanley Koch.....	1904.....	25 November	1966.....San Antonio, Texas
Thomas B. Doe.....	1905.....	8 December	1966.....New York, New York
Paul A. Larned.....	1907.....	17 January	1967.....Falls Church, Virginia
Charles Hines.....	1910.....	17 October	1966.....Washington, D.C.
William C. Foote.....	1913.....	14 January	1967.....Washington, D.C.
James B. Gillespie.....	1913.....	8 January	1967.....Anderson, South Carolina
Louis T. Byrne.....	1914.....	16 December	1966.....Clarence, New York
Clifford B. King.....	1915.....	23 October	1966.....San Antonio, Texas
Carlisle B. Wilson.....	Aug 1917.....	16 December	1966.....John Day, Oregon
John W. Carroll.....	Ex-Aug 1917.....	15 January	1967.....Washington, D.C.
Clarence L. Adcock.....	Jun 1918.....	9 January	1967.....Tucson, Arizona
Edward W. Hendrick.....	Nov 1918.....	3 December	1966.....Santa Barbara, California
Ronald A. Hicks.....	Nov 1918.....	5 December	1966.....Washington, D.C.
Frank E. Stoner.....	Ex-Nov 1918.....	27 October	1966.....Newport Beach, California
Harold A. Brown.....	1919.....	22 December	1966.....Columbus, Ohio
Forrest E. Cookson.....	1919.....	30 October	1966.....Anderson, South Carolina
Maurice K. Kurtz.....	1919.....	29 October	1966.....St. Petersburg, Florida
George S. Price.....	1919.....	24 October	1966.....Gainesville, Florida
Sterling E. Whitesides Jr.....	1919.....	28 December	1966.....Las Vegas, Nevada
George H. Krause.....	1920.....	23 October	1966.....Colorado Springs, Colorado
John E. Nelson.....	1920.....	14 October	1966.....Winter Park, Florida
Daniel A. Terry.....	1922.....	9 January	1967.....Oceanside, California
John F. Uncles.....	1922.....	20 January	1967.....Washington, D.C.
Lewis C. Barks.....	1924.....	16 December	1966.....Mount Vernon, New York
William O. Eareckson.....	1924.....	25 October	1966.....Sarasota, Florida
Ovid T. Forman.....	1924.....	2 November	1966.....MacDill AFB, Florida
John A. Stewart.....	1924.....	14 December	1966.....Long Beach, California
Lucien F. Wells Jr.....	1924.....	4 February	1967.....San Antonio, Texas
Theodore A. Baldwin III.....	1925.....	23 December	1966.....Fort Meade, Maryland
Charles H. Caldwell.....	1925.....	21 January	1967.....MacDill AFB, Florida
Godwin Ordway.....	1925.....	25 November	1966.....Washington, D.C.
Clifton C. Carter.....	1926.....	7 January	1967.....Naples, Florida
Hans W. Holmer.....	1927.....	20 January	1967.....Los Angeles, California
Francis H. Falkner.....	1928.....	29 November	1966.....Honolulu, Hawaii
Edwin M. Van Bibber.....	1929.....	17 January	1967.....Bozman, Maryland
Robert L. Brunzell.....	1930.....	11 October	1966.....San Antonio, Texas
Tom V. Stayton.....	1931.....	24 November	1966.....Washington, D.C.
Sam C. Russell.....	1932.....	31 December	1966.....Muskogee, Oklahoma
Roland W. Boughton Jr.....	1939.....	1 December	1966.....Orlando AFB, Florida
Max C. Tyler.....	1941.....	12 December	1966.....Poughkeepsie, New York
William C. Barott.....	1951.....	4 November	1966.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Dain W. Milliman Jr.....	1951.....	10 November	1966.....Thailand
Edward H. White II.....	1952.....	27 January	1967.....Cape Kennedy, Florida
Christopher J. Miller Jr.....	1955.....	20 October	1966.....Vietnam
Charles W. Robertson.....	1956.....	9 January	1967.....KIA South Vietnam
Bruno J. Neukamm Jr.....	1957.....	5 January	1967.....Red Bank, New Jersey
Charles A. Normington.....	1958.....	18 November	1966.....near Mascoutah, Illinois
Francis J. Thompson.....	1960.....	24 January	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Charles M. Titus.....	1960.....	28 January	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Samuel D. Freeman III.....	1961.....	7 January	1967.....Washington, D.C.
Monte T. Sloan.....	1961.....	10 December	1966.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Stephen A. Childers.....	1963.....	19 January	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Frederick H. Henderson.....	1963.....	3 November	1966.....Vietnam (hostile death)
William E. Hingston Jr.....	1963.....	24 January	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Denis W. Galloway.....	1964.....	24 October	1966.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Dee W. Stone Jr.....	1964.....	11 November	1966.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Charles E. Brown Jr.....	1965.....	2 November	1966.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Richard C. Collins.....	1965.....	5 November	1966.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Spotswood deWitt.....	1965.....	21 December	1966.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Bernard F. Kistler.....	1965.....	8 November	1966.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Billy W. Flynn.....	1966.....	23 January	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)

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rant, and other needed features. Other needs include new company recreation areas and expanded extracurricular club and team facilities and equipment. We also see the requirement for a sports arena to house first-class winter intercollegiate athletic facilities with provisions for adequate spectator space. These are the type projects to which I refer. They are the most difficult to obtain as their need is less apparent to those not closely associated with the Academy. But, they are, in fact, very important to the accomplishment of our mission.

Recently, the Department of the Army decided that only those graduates with initial assignments to airborne units would be ordered to the Airborne School. Previously, all graduates commissioned in the Army were permitted to volunteer for early jump training. In order to permit members of the Class of '67, who do not receive assignments to airborne units, to receive parachute training, special provisions have been made for them to participate in voluntary airborne training during graduation leave. In addition, beginning this summer, Department of the Army has authorized First and Second Class cadets to take voluntary airborne training during their summer leave.

After graduation, members of the Class of 1967 will be programmed for short basic courses at their branch schools (five weeks for Infantry, six weeks for others), Ranger training, and airborne training for those assigned to airborne units. Additionally, those whose initial assignment is to a unit in Vietnam will spend four months with a tactical unit in the United States before proceeding to Vietnam. This means that members of the Class of 1967 should be available for duty in Vietnam not earlier than March or April of 1968.

During the January examination period, and as part of our continuing study of term-end procedures, the First and Second Classes were given Written Final Reviews instead of Written General Reviews. Rather than have a cadet faced with taking, on the same day, Written General Reviews covering portions of several subjects, we set aside an entire week during which the cadet was scheduled for an examination in only one subject on a particular day. Each such examination covered the entire semester's work for that subject. Our evaluation of the results of this procedure will determine how far we should go in this direction.

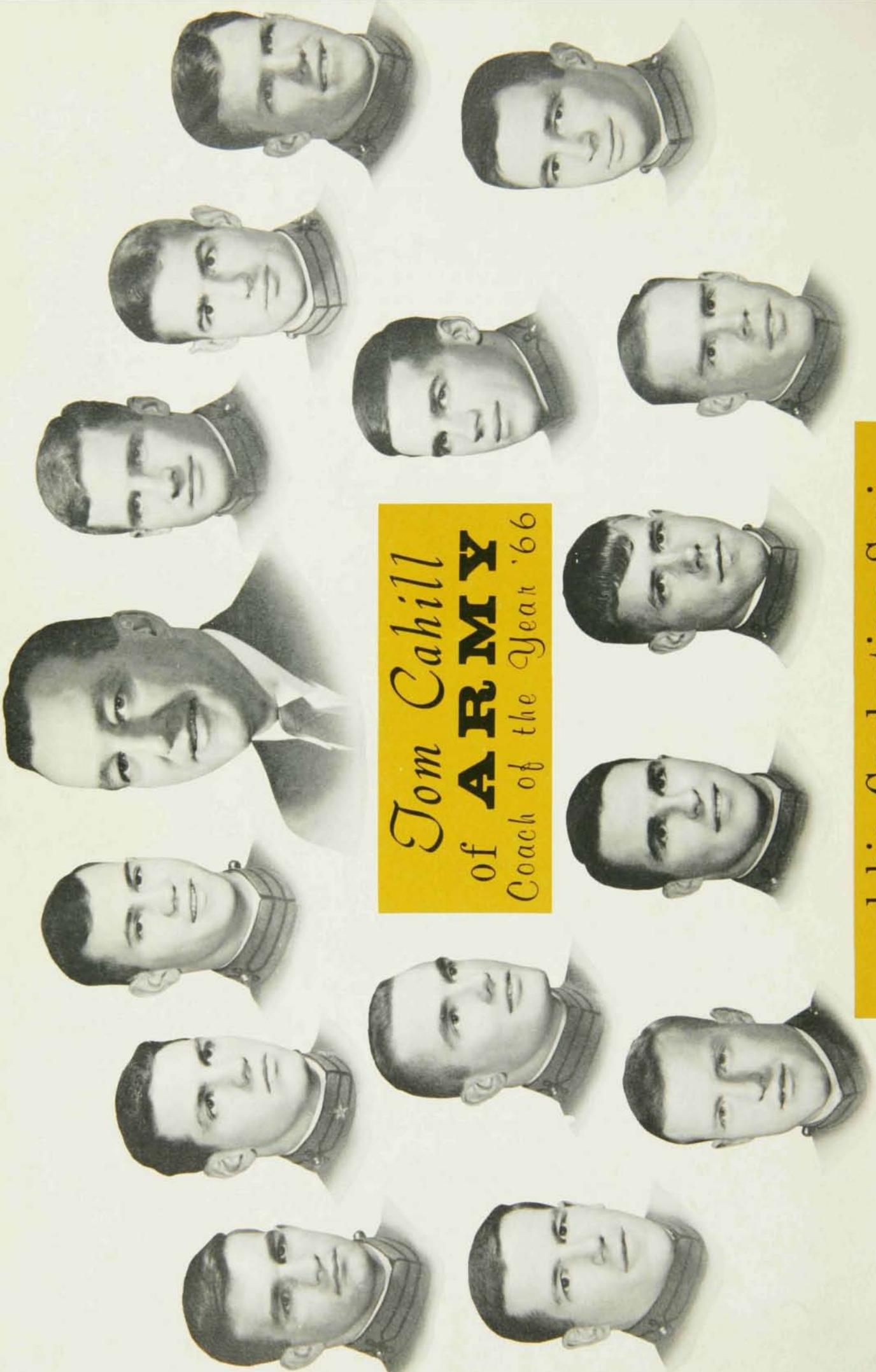
In January, the Department of Physics and Chemistry was formally split into two separate departments. Colonel D.G. MacWilliams '44, now heads the Department of Chemistry, and Colonel E.A. Saunders '46, is the head of the Department of Physics. This reorganization gives formal recognition to the separation which developed over a period of years in the content of courses presented by the old department.

I will be looking forward to welcoming in person those of you who will be with us during the forthcoming June Week.

Sincerely,



D.V. BENNETT
Major General, USA
Superintendent



Tom Cahill
of **ARMY**
Coach of the Year '66

... and his Graduating Seniors