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By the time this reaches you the Class of 1971, over 1,000 in number, will have completed New Cadet training and joined the Corps, bringing its strength up to almost 3,400. Performance by the Plebes to date has been most promising.

Added emphasis has been given to the development of leadership qualities in all the upper classes by the progressive assignment of additional duties and responsibilities of a nature they can expect to perform or supervise upon graduation. At Camp Buckner the First Class Detail now performs most of the command supervisory functions that were the sole province of tactical officers in days past. For instance, the position of Officer-in-Charge is now a First Class duty, and it has been performed conscientiously and well by the Detail members. As the First Classmen have assumed more fully the requirements to function as junior officers, the new Yearlings at Buckner and the new Second Classmen on the New Cadet Detail have been given and have responded to greater responsibilities in NCO-type assignments. All have reacted to this step with a gratifying indication of an increased sense of duty that will be carried forth into both the academic year and their post-graduation careers. However, the NCO experience of the Second and Third Classmen will add to the problems of the First Class this coming year. It will be necessary for the First Class to develop a meaningful, responsible position for each Second and Third Classman that will extend the progress made during the summer.

The summer training program has also been broadened in other areas of practical application. At Camp Buckner the concept of an Infantry Week has been inaugurated to further develop the cadet's skill as a soldier through a comprehensive, integrated training period of five days and four nights. The always challenging RECONDO (reconnaissance and patrolling) training provides a second, concentrated, one-week package. The Yearlings spend a third week at Fort Knox engaged in Armor and Mechanized Infantry exercises. Interspersed through the summer training cycle are weapons qualification and Signal, Engineer, and Artillery problems designed to give the Third Classman a full appreciation of the teamwork, techniques, and equipment of today's Army as well as the tasks that will be expected of him as a junior officer.

The new Second Class remained at the Academy after June Week for an intensive two-and-a-half week period designed to prepare its members for

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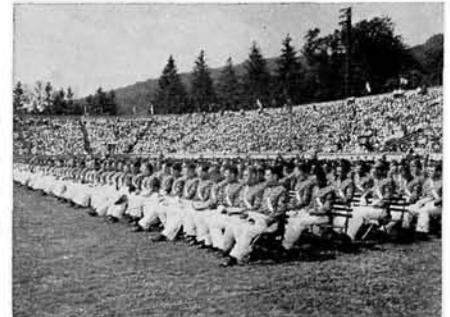
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June Week

THE MOST RECENT June Week had much in common with all the June Weeks that have gone before—it nourished the spirits of a host of returning graduates, recalled deep-rooted affection for alma mater, and lifted everyone, however briefly, out of his workaday world. If there were visible changes that many of the old grads didn't recognize,

there was still enough of the old to arouse pleasant memories even for Griffith, the sole representative of '02, back for his 65th reunion. For him and almost a thousand others the familiar was everywhere for the looking and the listening. There was still the Plain and the incomparable view up the Hudson, and Fort Putt and Crow's Nest and the flag standing out in the breeze. Also there to jog flagging memories were Fort Clinton and Trophy Point and Flirtation Walk and Central Area. The sounds of West Point can be just as enduring as the sights: the special music and the easy cadence of the "march" to Thayer Monument, the brisker, nostalgic rhythms for the parading cadets, the boom of the retreat gun and the reverberating echoes, the massed voices of cadet choirs singing hallowed songs, the crisp commands of cadet officers, and the almost forgotten voices of old friends. The mystique of June Week springs from all these sources, but, as always,

there was more to make this June Week memorable.

West Point was proud to welcome Eisenhower '15 and Eisenhower '44 back for a special dedication ceremony in the museum. The Class of 1944, recalling that its graduation day, 6 June 1944, will forever be associated with the historic landings of the allied armies in Normandy, com-

Griffith F.D. '02 (left) would have been alone as the sole representative of the oldest returning class except for McFarland '06, who accompanied him on the march to Thayer Monument. Although two classes senior to him, Griffith deferred to Danford '04, who was the oldest returning grad.



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missioned the painting of a section of the D-Day beaches. As the commander of that massive operation, General Eisenhower was invited by the Class of '44 to be on hand when the Class presented its gift to the Academy. Eisenhower chose not to dwell on his memories of the invasion of Europe "because I am very likely to grow maudlin, or at the very least, tiresome." Instead, he directed his thoughts to West Point, "the mother and father of the Army's traditions, ethics, and procedures. . . . We need this kind of font to go back to to reinspire ourselves when the going is tough and we become discouraged."

TWELVE reunion classes rallied in varying strengths for three days of ceremony, conviviality, and camaraderie. The two golden anniversary classes, electing not to wait for the opening of alumni headquarters in Cullum Hall on Friday morning, began their full—but separate—programs the evening before. The close-knit "Oriole" Classes of '21 and '22 were reunited again according to a long-standing custom, and the silver anniversary class, with a novel display of class pride and originality featured several large 42's suspended by tethers from gas-filled weather balloons. The distinctive numerals clearly identified the Class of 1942 at all ceremonies. The Class of 1947 enjoyed the temporary satisfaction of knowing there were no more junior reunion classes behind them as the column wound its way from Cullum Hall to Thayer Monument. Another complete reunion program will be the feature of Homecoming Weekend when the Classes of '52, '57, and '62 will be the Academy's special guests.

Although Griffith '02 represented the oldest returning Class, Danford '04 enjoyed the honors that go with being the oldest returning grad. Born in July 1879, he could claim seniority over Griffith, the youngster, who wasn't born until the following April.

Following the Alumni Exercises at Thayer Monument the old grads moved to the Plain where they were honored by a review by the Corp of Cadets. For many it was the

first time that they had seen the reviewing stand in the northeast corner of the Plain, facing west towards Washington Hall. The luncheon and annual meeting of the Association of Graduates were held immediately after the review in Washington Hall, the cadet mess.

Post facilities for picnics, dinners, and dancing were reserved for the reunion classes Saturday evening, and all available sites were filled to overflowing—including the picturesque old West Shore railroad station which was the special domain this evening of the "good guys" of '42.

By midday Sunday, West Point was showing signs of having weathered another annual invasion by its spirited alumni, and the command made ready to host the thousands of parents and friends of the Class of 1967 who were standing in the wings awaiting the second half of June Week.

On Wednesday, 7 June, some 7,000 friends of the Class of 1967 gathered in Michie Stadium to hear Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor address the graduating class. He spoke of the Army's increasing commitments around the world and of the wide range of missions the army officer is faced with. "Your basic mission . . . is to lead, but officers teach, plan, budget, study, judge, and govern. . . . Depending on your talents and aspirations, your assignments may find you engaged in military assistance to other nations, research and development, civil administration, designing manpower policies, developing the water resources of the U.S., advising ambassadors, teaching foreign languages, or devising new applications of nuclear energy."

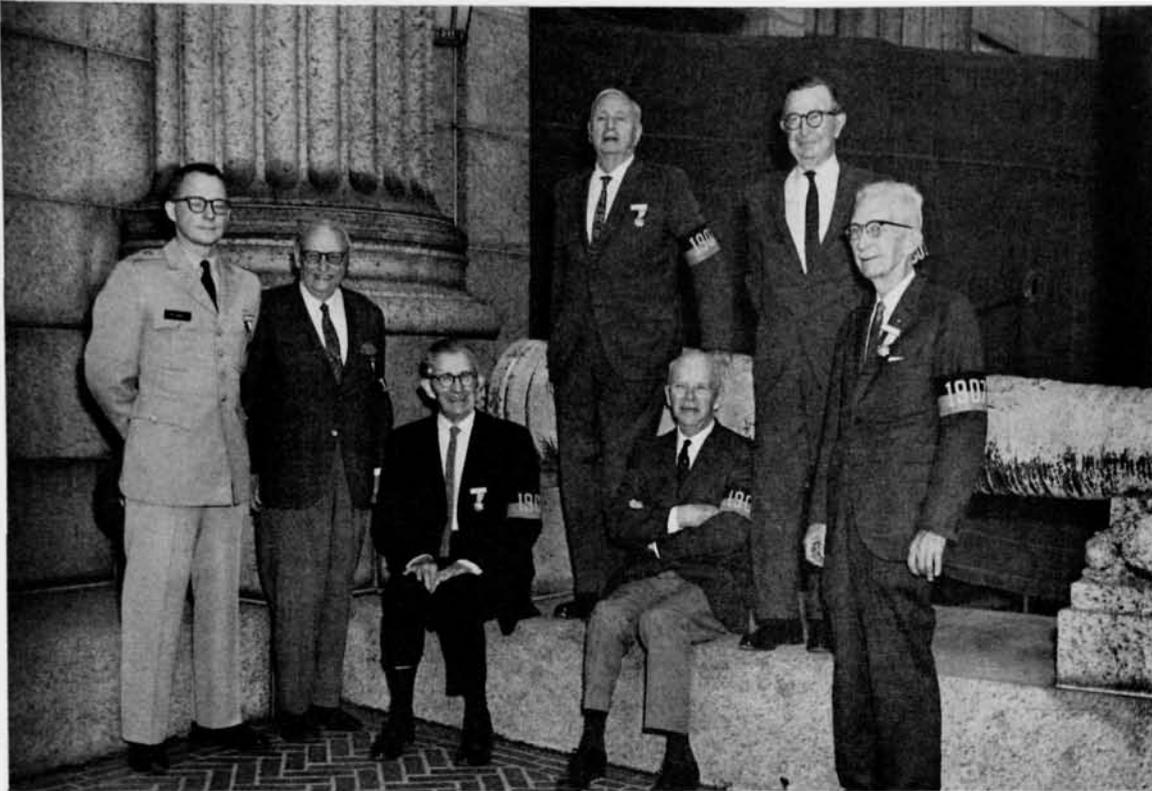
CADET Ernest C. Heimberg of Midland Park, N.J., stood first among 584 graduates and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. At the other end of the line of graduates came Richard W. Anastasia, of Woodbury, N.J., who will be joining the Artillery. Waving his diploma in appreciation to the crowd that rose to salute him, Anastasia rejoined his classmates briefly, the Class of 1967 was formally dismissed, and the record book was closed on another USMA June Week.

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Dominating the far right flank of the line of graduates at the Alumni Review were six of the twenty-one surviving members of '07—the Class numbered 111 at graduation. Abbott Boone presided at the class dinner in the West Point Army Mess (below) and the group assembled for their reunion photo against the backdrop of the familiar cannon at the entrance to Cullum Hall. Pictured with '07 is Maj R.L. Reynard '58, who acted in the capacity of class aide before and during June Week.





Class of 1907

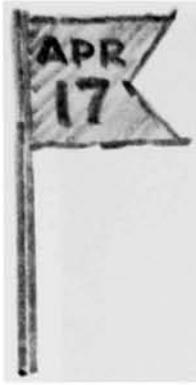


In addition to attending all of the Academy's planned activities, the sixteen who returned for 1912's 55th Reunion had their own full program of luncheons and parties arranged for them by Maj. W.L. Hauser '54, who served as class aide. The group, with wives and one class widow, assembled in the 1912 Room of the Library for their reunion photo (next page).





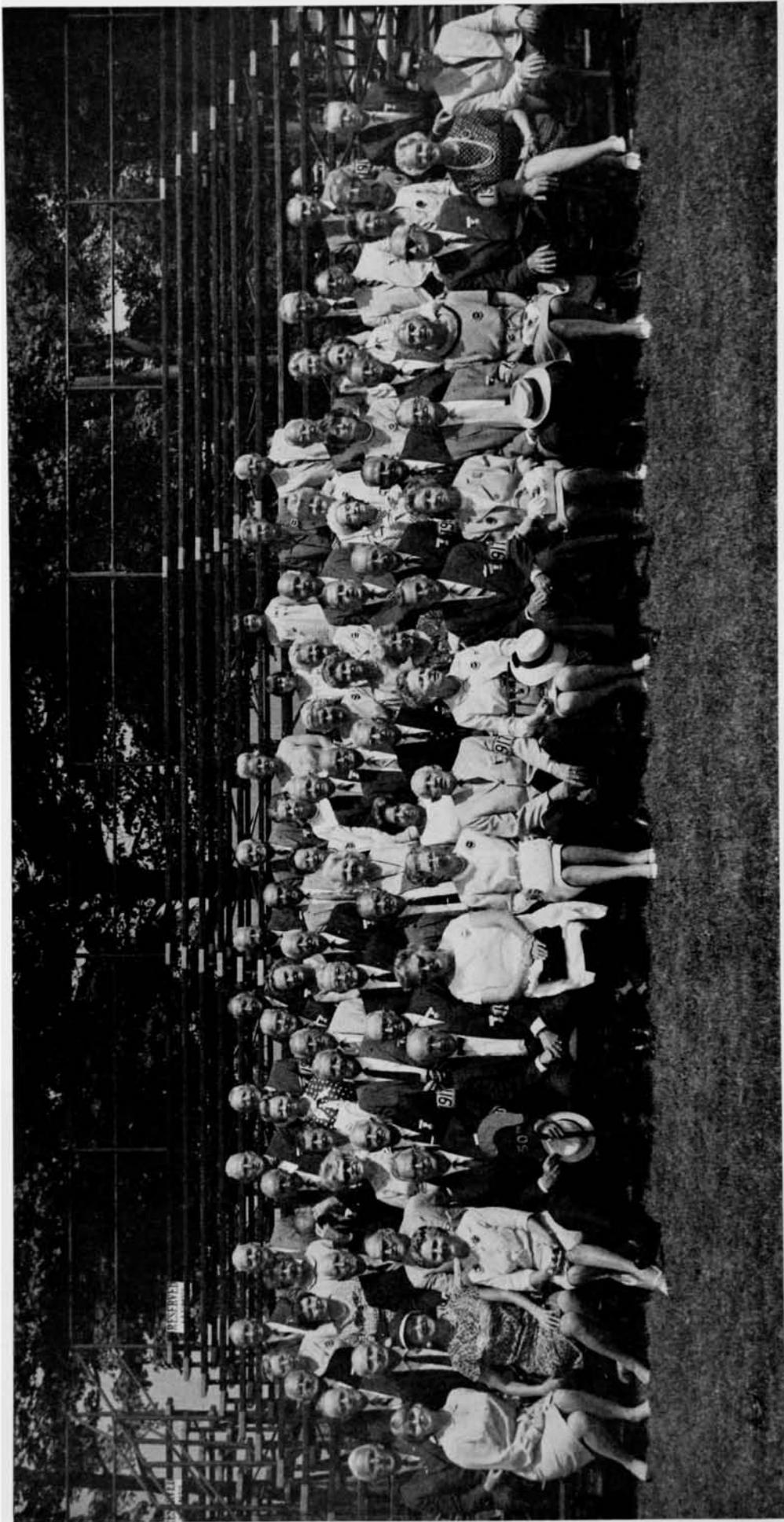
Class of 1912



The first of two golden anniversary classes, the large contingent from Apr'17 is pictured on the march to Thayer Monument against the setting of the new barracks under construction, at the Alumni Review, and socializing. Clark and Eisenhower '15, also managed a few minutes together to reminisce about old times (lower right).



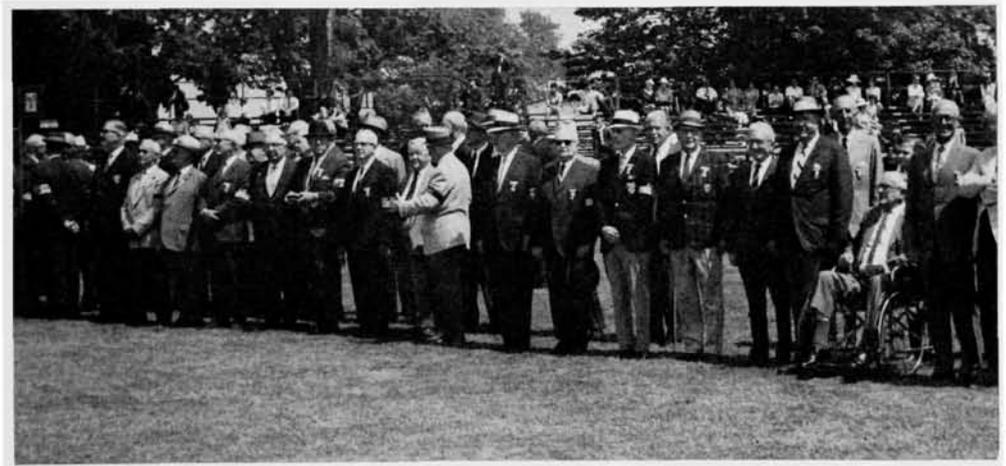
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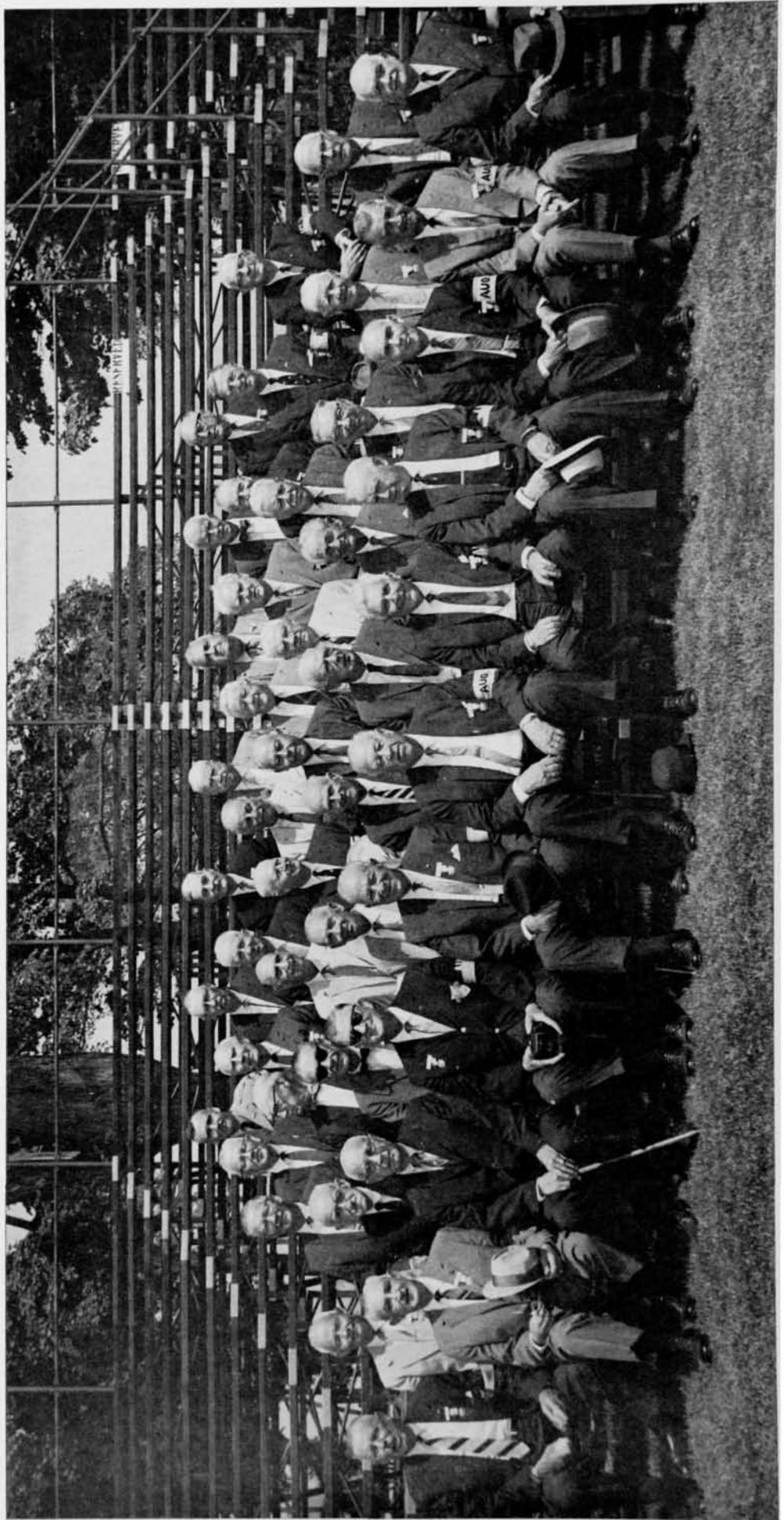
Class of April 1917



The second of the two classes observing golden anniversaries, Aug'17 anticipated the formal alumni program with a class picnic the evening before alumni headquarters opened. Included on the class' full schedule of formal and informal events was the christening of "a very young son of a fairly young classmate" by Chaplain Ford in the Cadet Chapel.



Class of August 1917





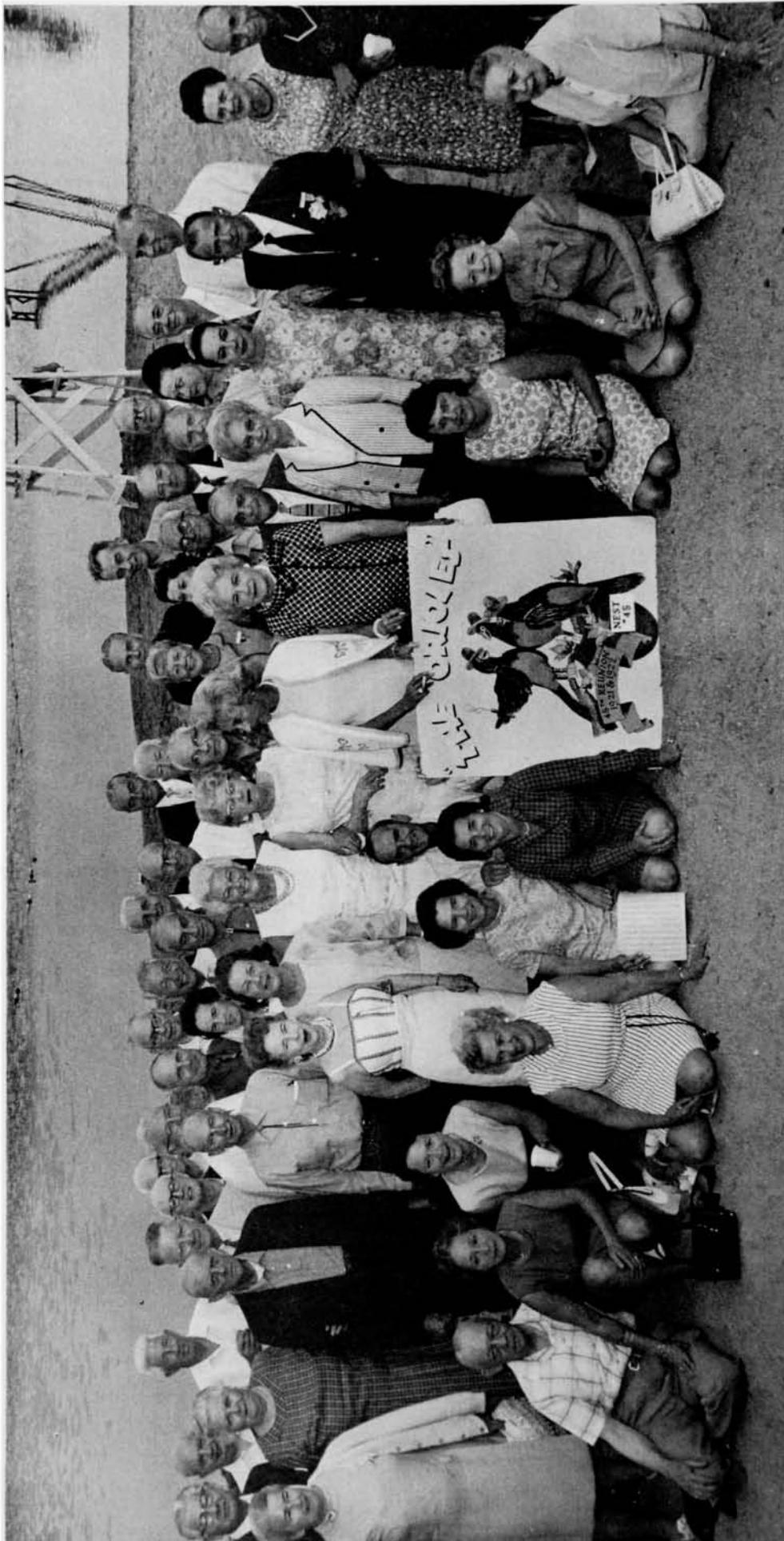
It was another opportunity for these two class groups to demonstrate their close ties under the special "Oriole" symbol that is their trade mark. Oriole Jordan Bassett helped to make this reunion a memorable one by hosting a party at his charming Highland Falls home, where his guests are pictured with the Hudson in the background.



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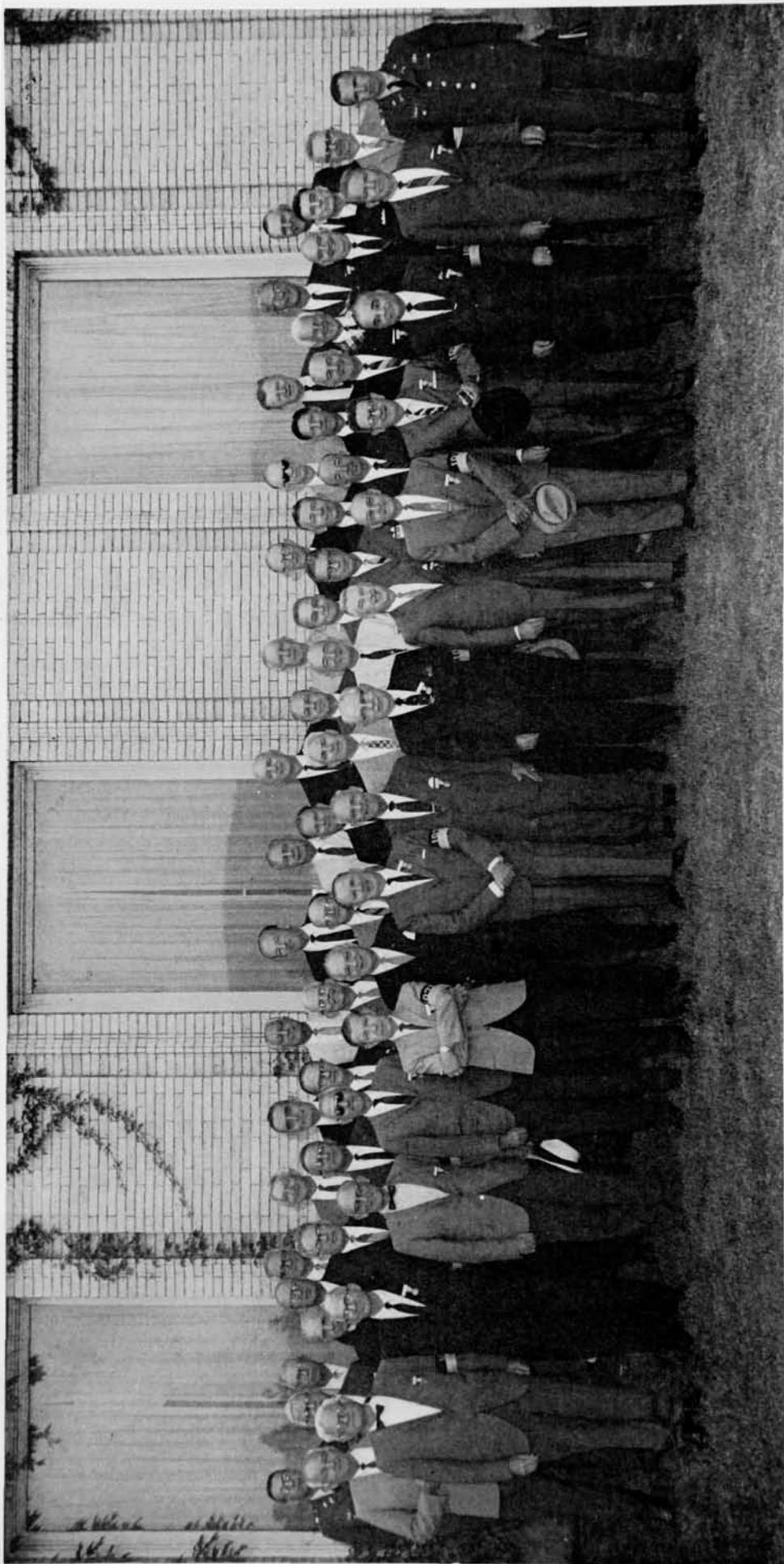
Class of 1921-22





Although the center of activity for '27 as for all the other reunion classes was the Plain at West Point, this group ranged from Bear Mountain on the south where many of them were billeted to Cornwall on the north where Ray Bell was host for a class picnic.





Class of 1927



Included among the fifty-one members of '32 who were based at Newburgh's Holiday Inn and other sites closer to the USMA flagpole were those whose flight plans began in Beirut, Bangkok, London, and Honolulu. The "go-go-go" reunion schedule included a class picnic at the West Point golf club where the revelers paused long enough for a group photo (below).



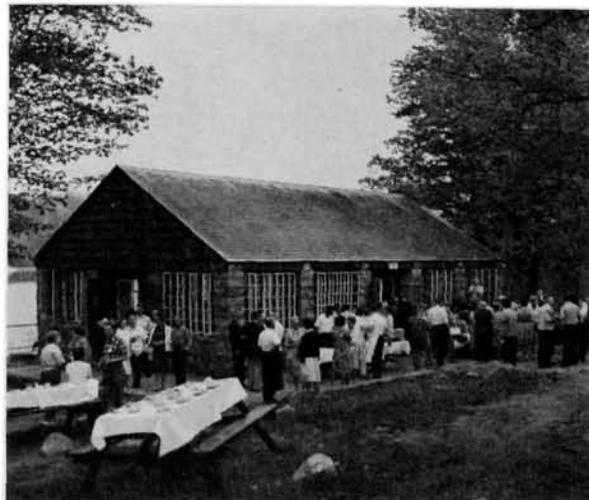
Class of 1932

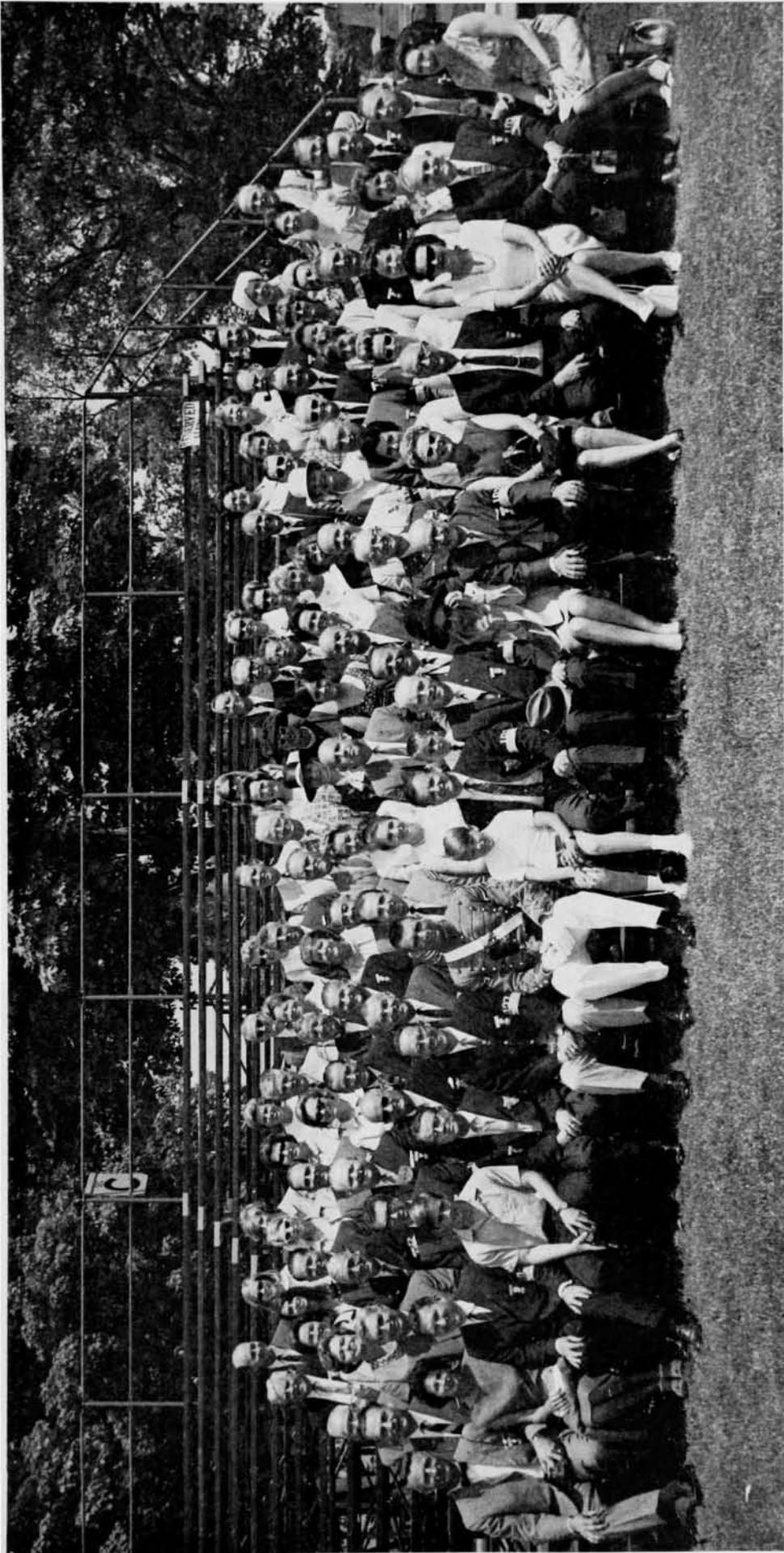


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With two knowledgeable ex-alumni secretaries (Metz and Hines) to steer them through the June Week reunion rituals the men of '37 and their wives survived—without casualty—a party schedule that began in the Benny Havens Room of the officers club and ended with a typically informal picnic at Round Pond. The generous check representing the class' donation to the Superintendent's Fund also went to this latter party and on home to South Carolina from whence it eventually was deposited to the Fund.



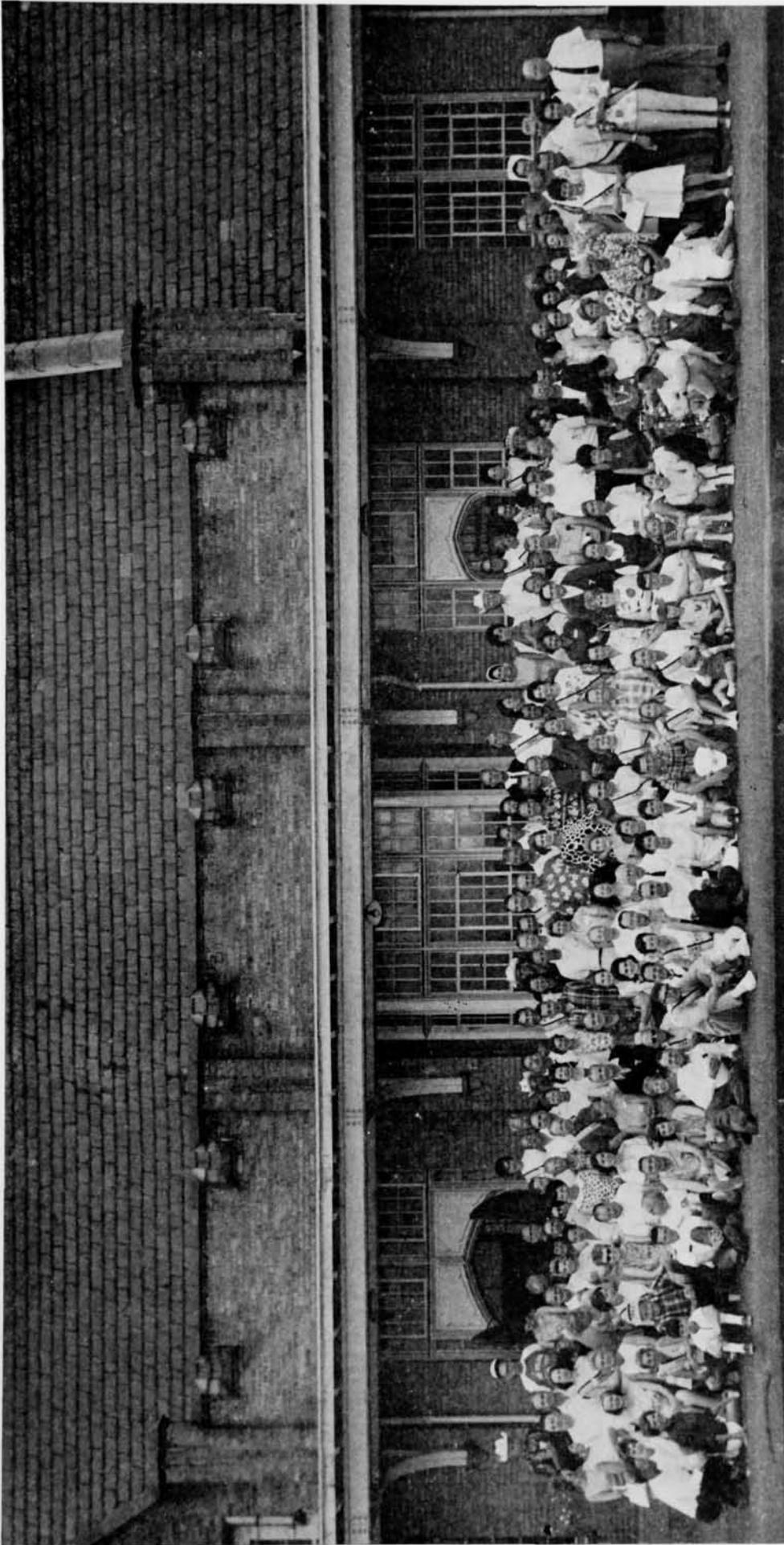


Class of 1937



Identifiable was the word for the many '42's who descended on West Point to observe their 25th Reunion. Among the more obvious symbols worn, carried or displayed were: white, cowboy-type hats, black, gold, and gray sashes, and Signal weather balloons from which were suspended huge numerals. Memories of 1938 were reawakened when the group reassembled at the old West Shore Railroad Station for their class picnic.



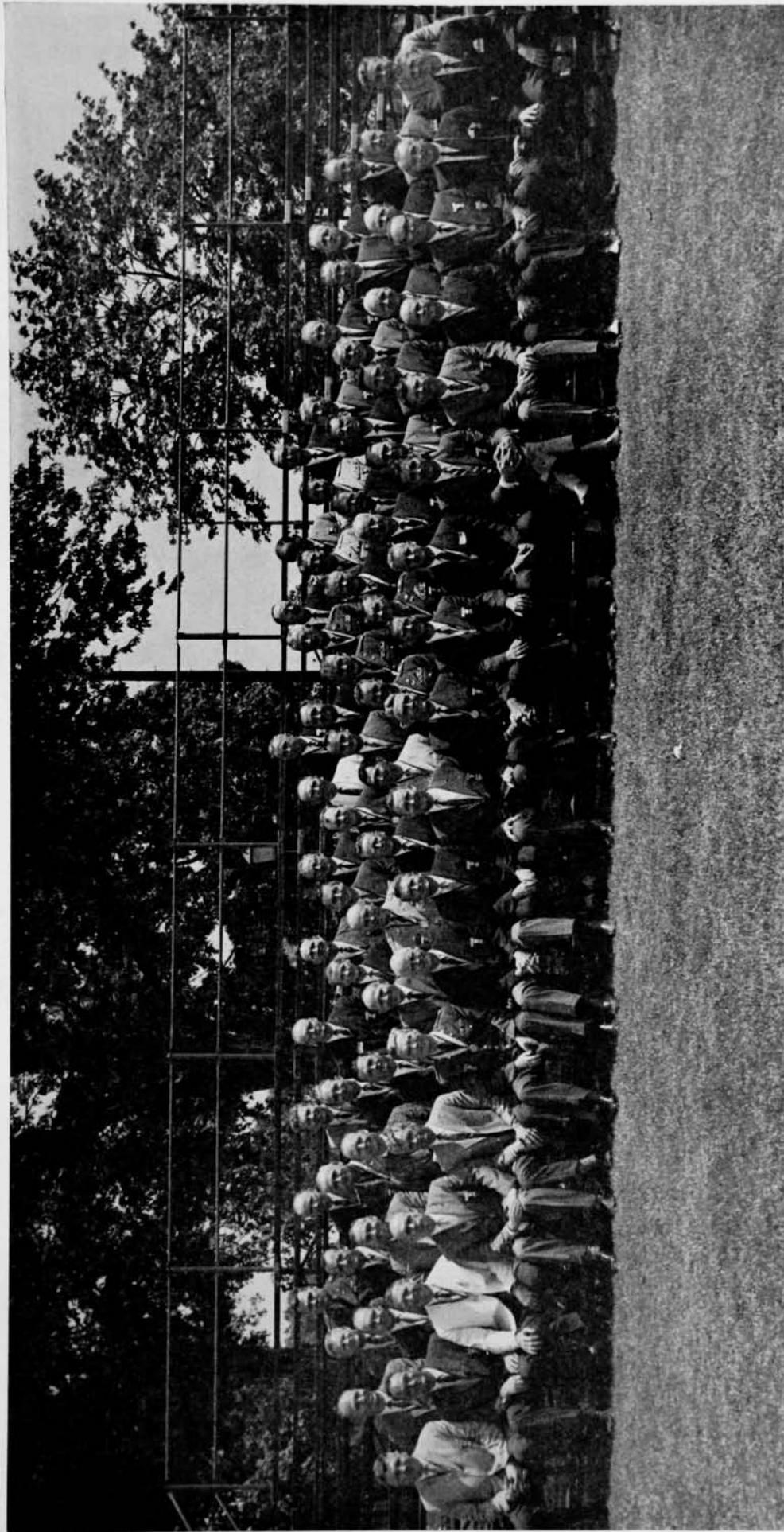


Class of 1942



The youngest of the reunion classes paraded its strength—and durability—at Mr. Johnson's Inn near Newburgh, as well as at West Point. It was at the Inn, in the afterglow of the class buffet, that the live chicken that went as a prize to the first colonel in the class, helped to enliven the early morning hours. The men of '47 wear the special medallion featuring the class crest that was first conceived for the 15th Reunion and is prescribed for wear at Homecoming and all reunions.



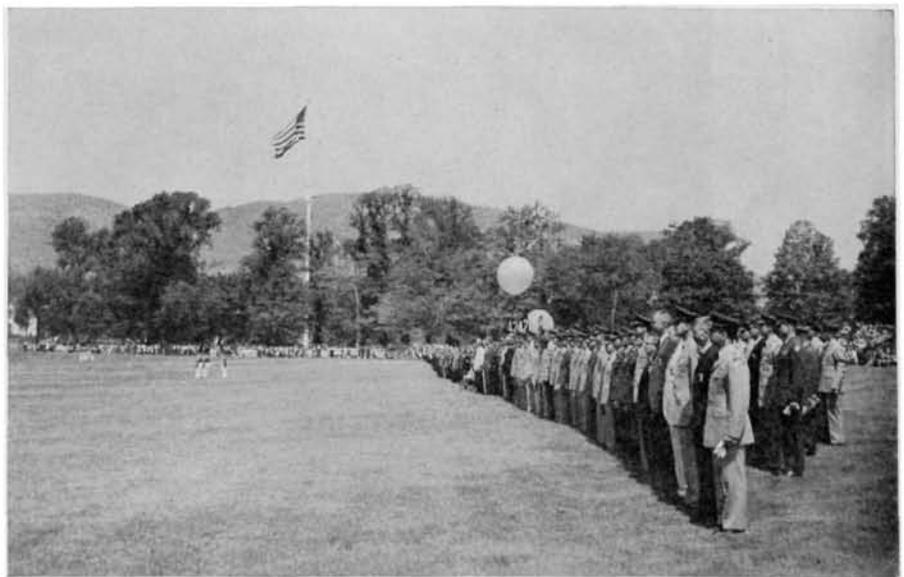


Class of 1947

june 6 week ALUMNI CEREMONIES



For all returning alumni the three most significant June Week events are: the march to Thayer Monument, the alumni exercises at the Monument, and the alumni review. Gen. Danford (above, center) flanked by Schuyler '22, and Bennett '40, moves to the head of the column of graduates. Oldest grad Danford places the wreath at the foot of Father Thayer's statue (left); and the old grad "reviewing party" as seen from the junior end of the line.



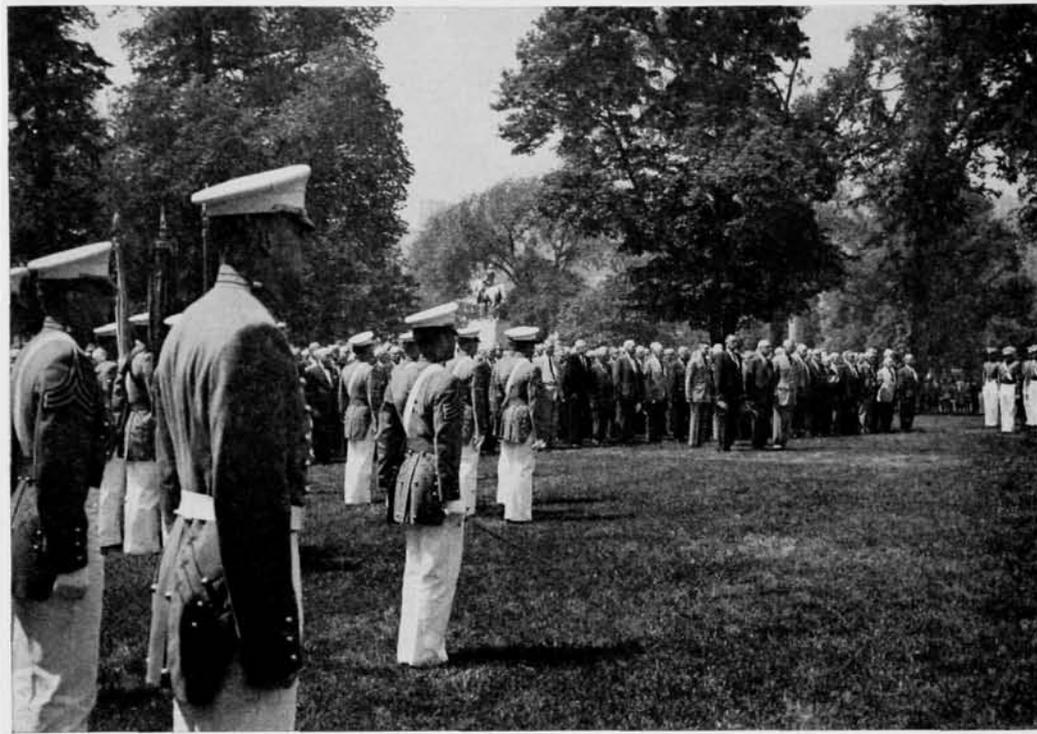
The D-day mural, commissioned by the Class of 1944, was dedicated and presented as a class gift to the Academy at a ceremony in the museum.



The large mural, permanently installed in the museum, depicts the landing on Omaha Beach, Normandy, on the early morning of 6 June 1944. General Bennett accepted the gift in the name of the Academy, and General Eisenhower spoke briefly as the special guest of the Class of 1944. The artist, William Linzee Prescott (left), worked for a year on the painting which measures 22½ by 8 feet. Collins Apr'17 and Eisenhower '44 join the General in examining a detail of the painting following the dedication.

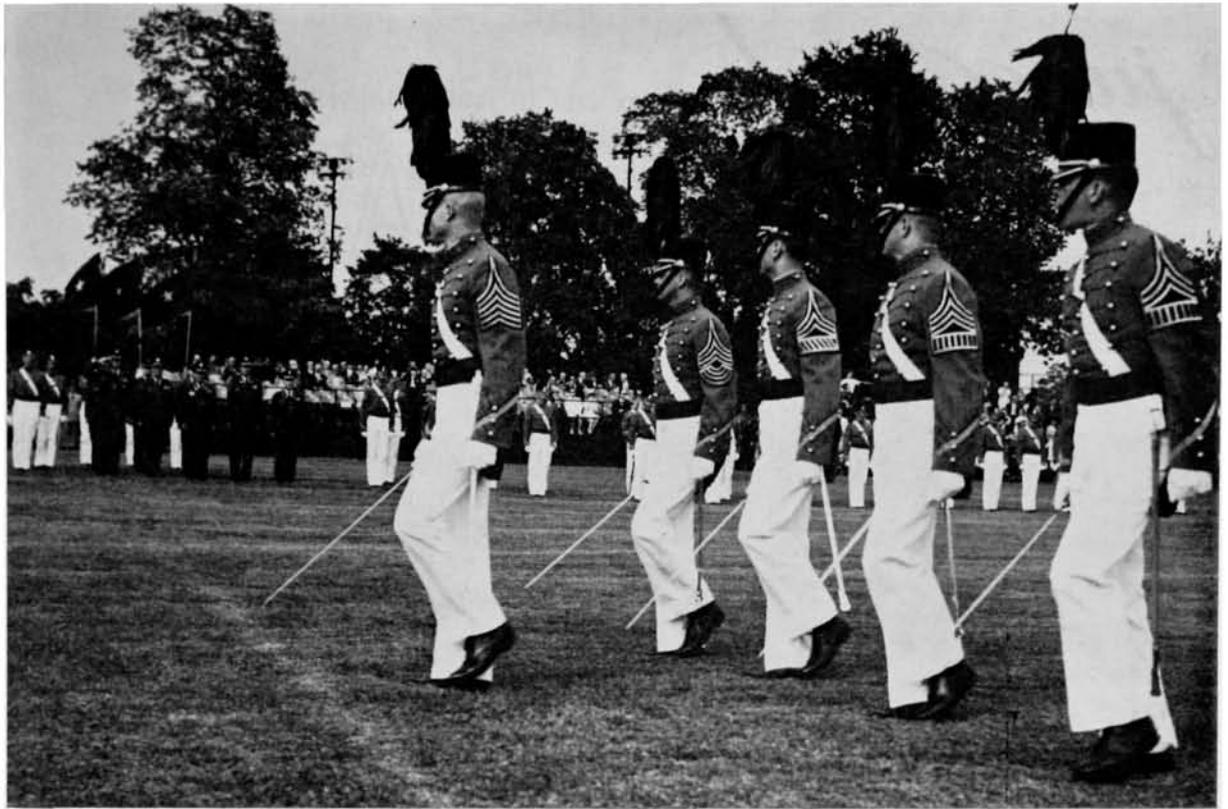


June 6 week 7 THE CORPS



The Corps of Cadets, in ranks and in the combined choirs, join the old grads in paying honor to the memory of Sylvanus Thayer at the alumni exercises (above). General Bessell '20, presents the Association of Graduates award for all-around excellence to Cadet Jack B. Wood '67, Cadet First Captain.



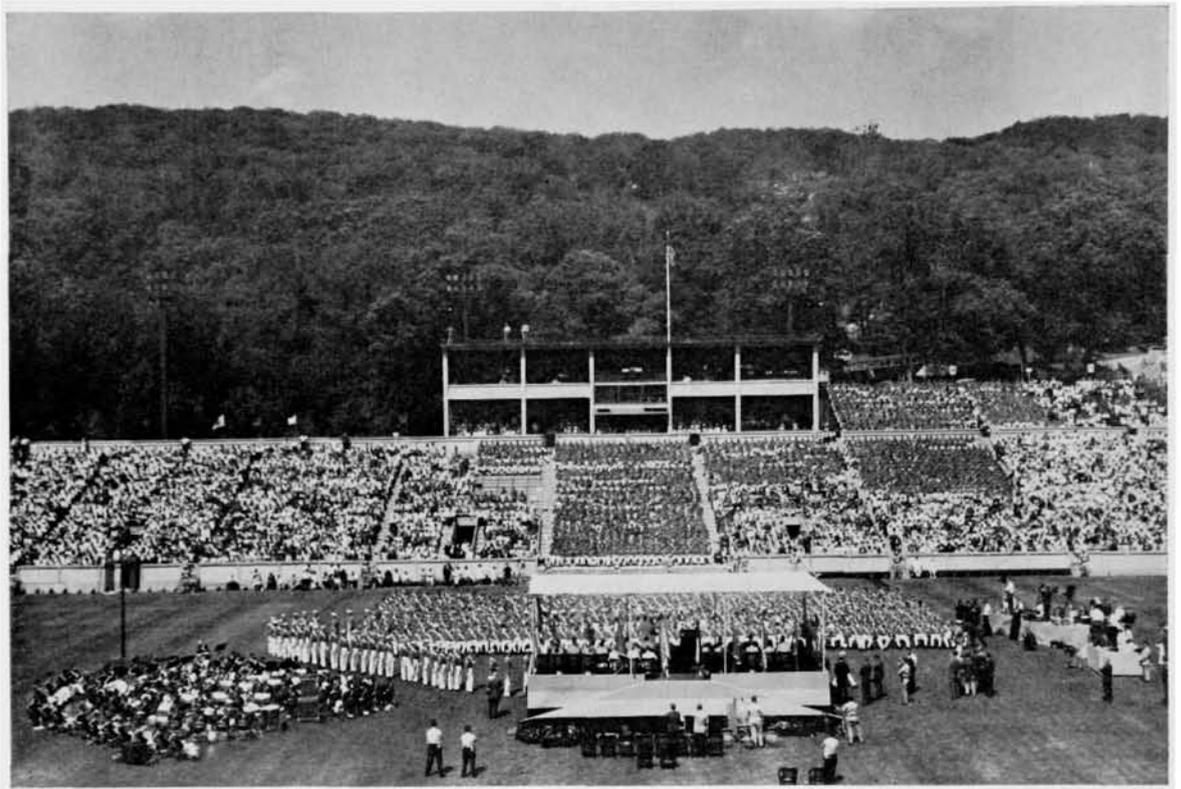


Parading cadets always come under the careful scrutiny of the old grads who act as an informal “board of visitors.”



Two young men from New Jersey bracketed the Class of 1967. Ernest C. Heimberg (right), of Midland Park, ranked first on the general order of merit in the Class and was commissioned in the Engineers. Richard W. Anastasi, of Woodbury, was anchor man and was commissioned in the Artillery.

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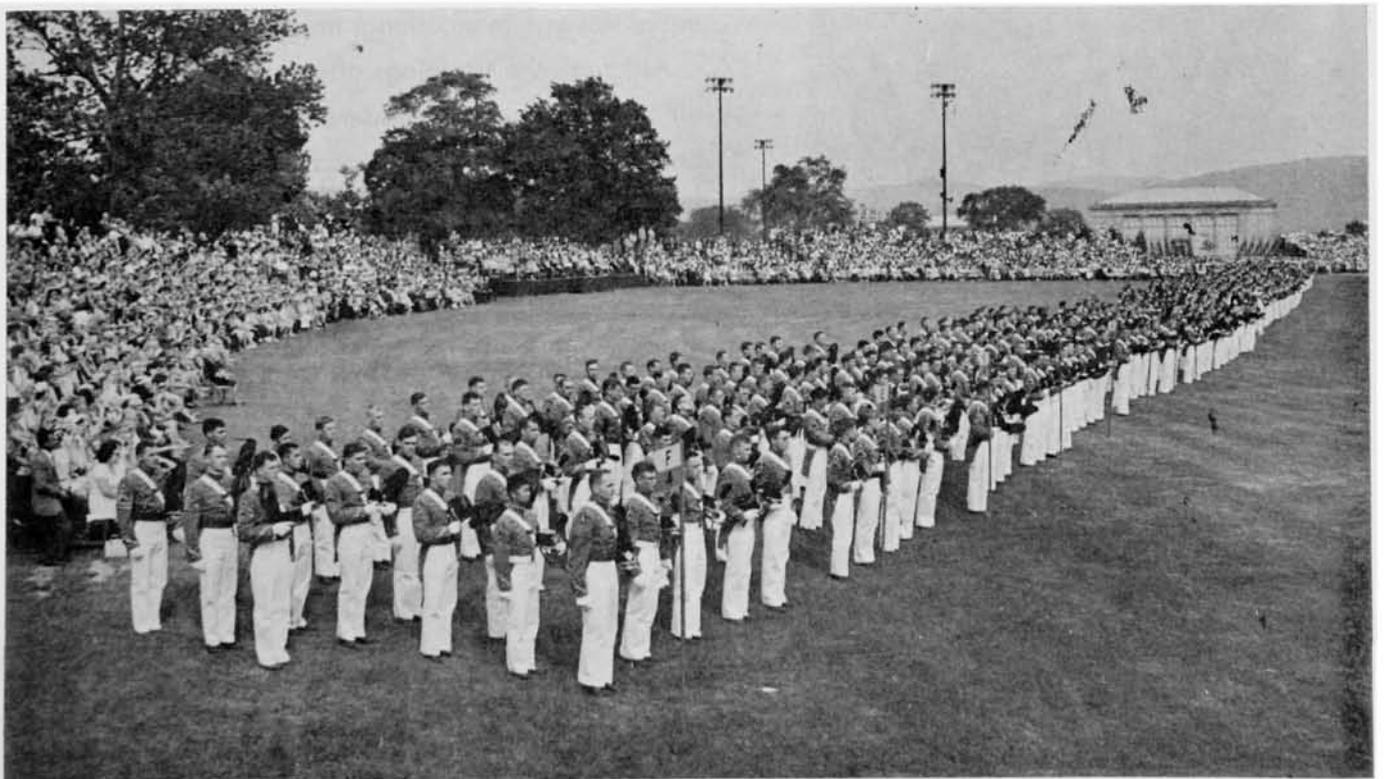


An estimated audience of 7,500 gathered in Michie Stadium on the morning of Wednesday, 7 June, to applaud the graduates and to hear Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor (right) speak words of encouragement to the new lieutenants.



With the administration of the oath commissioning them as officers,
the new graduates were launched on careers that
would take them to the far corners of the earth — perhaps even into outer space.

A happy and appreciative Richard W. Anastasi (right), last man in the column of graduates, waves his diploma to the loudly applauding audience. There are always mixed emotions among the members of the graduating class when they sever their ties with the Corps and form to salute the remaining three classes passing in review (below).



RECOGNITION

Least publicized of all the events on the June Week program is the poignant ceremony that has come to be known as Recognition. For the Plebe, it is the high point of his June Week.

The origins of this old Academy custom lie hidden in the special custody of generations of West Pointers long gone, but for most living graduates the word Recognition conjures up vivid memories of cadet days. No man who has survived the Academy's first demanding year can ever forget completely the emancipation from plebedom that is signaled by the symbolic handshake of the upperclassmen. In that one giddy moment all the rigors of plebe year suddenly fall away, and the nameless Mr. Dumbjohn is transformed into a Yearling with his own identity. Few experiences in the life of a cadet can equal this one in emotional impact.

Although the trappings attendant to the Recognition procedure have undergone minor changes and additions with the passage of time, Plebes still live for that wonderful gesture of liberation that follows immediately after graduation parade. Currently, the ceremony takes place in the privacy of Central Area, a happy yet solemn ritual well beyond the view of uncomprehending spectators.



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Danford '04, oldest returning graduate during June Week, Brown H.M. Jr. '41, alumni secretary, and Schuyler '22, President of the Association, discuss details of the annual meeting during luncheon in Washington Hall.

IN keeping with long-time custom, immediately following the Alumni Review on Saturday, 3 June, returning old grads moved from the Plain to Washington Hall for luncheon and the annual meeting of the Association of Graduates. Six hundred and seventy-six members were present.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, the meeting was called to order by Association President, C.V.R. Schuyler '22, who presided. As the first order of business the President recognized and asked the members of each of the returning reunion classes to rise. Glasgow '91, the Academy's oldest living graduate, was unable to travel to West Point for the meeting, but sent greetings from his home in El Paso, Texas. In Glasgow's absence, Danford '04, had the place of honor at the meeting and at all alumni functions as the oldest grad present.

In his summary of the Association's business and activities during the year since the last meeting, Schuyler noted that 18,008 of the 18,819 living graduates were now enrolled as members of the Association, that 565 men of the Class of '67 had applied for membership, and that 42 of the 202 graduates who had died during the year were Vietnam casualties. He referred the membership to the Association's annual financial statement which is included in detail in this issue, and reported on the Association's awards to cadets: for essays, for military efficiency and leadership, and for all-around excellence. He then called upon Groves Nov'18, for a status report on the MacArthur Memorial that the Association is sponsoring. Groves said that the plans for the memorial were progressing satisfactorily, that the committee was still receiving donations but that more were needed, and announced that the location for the monument, just north of the barracks under construction, had been approved.

The Superintendent, General Bennett '40, followed with comments on the status of the Corps of Cadets. The General emphasized those factors which have contributed to the Academy's success: its clearly stated mission, the common environment, the use of officer instructors, the small academic sections, the Code of Honor, and the development of the whole person—and assured the graduates that none of these would be slighted as the Corps expanded to its anticipated strength of 4,417.

CASH gifts to the Superintendent's Fund from the Classes of August'17, 1937, and 1942 were acknowledged, after which the President called upon Jannarone '38, chairman of the nominating committee, to present the slate of officers and trustees to be elected at this meeting.

Jannarone recognized Jones L.M. Aug'17, who nominated Knight J.T., a classmate, as an additional vice president to those already on the slate. Knight's nomination was duly seconded and the entire slate was unanimously approved by all members present. Schuyler was reelected to serve a third term as President. The other officers and trustees are as shown on page one of this issue. Nicholas '25, having served for 16 years as an Association trustee, was designated an honorary trustee.

Monsignor Moore of Holy Trinity Chapel gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.



Maxwell Taylor, a former Superintendent, addresses the 169 graduates of the USMA Prep School at Fort Belvoir and offers some sage observations on . . .

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I WAS very happy to accept the invitation from your Commandant, Colonel Duggins to attend this graduation because, although in a sense I am a founding father of this institution, this is the first occasion I have had to be present at the time of presentation of diplomas to the graduating class.

Colonel Duggins very thoughtfully sent me some of the literature bearing upon this school and its performance in the last twenty-one years and also a copy of that directive which was dated 28 June 1946, establishing this school. I was very much impressed at some of the statistics included in the literature: in twenty-one years this school has had in attendance over 5,000 men; this school has graduated about 2,900 men; and almost 1,100 West Point graduates came from this school's cadets. I was especially impressed by one fact in particular: in seventeen possible years, six first captains at West Point have come from this school's graduates. And knowing what it is to be first captain, the standard of choice, I think that that achievement is indeed something to be most proud of.

The decision in 1946 to found this school was based upon a long tradition of welcoming into the Corps of Cadets men rising from the ranks of the Army, and also a sense of obligation to the enlisted men to facilitate their entrance into West Point. Prior to World War II, this kind of assistance was given on a rather haphazard basis, generally at the seats of the large commands, where each year there was a rather informal kind of school put together for the purpose of assisting candidates seeking appointments to West Point. I first became involved in 1925, when, as a second lieutenant three years out of the Academy, I was one of three officers who established the West Point School for the Hawaiian Department. The establishment of this school is more than an experiment, it is a fixed institution, a fixed tradition of West Point and of the Army. It is contributing a major portion of each entering Class; I am told that it is still true that the block

which comes from this school is the largest single group entering each Plebe Class.

It is hard for an old graduate to know exactly what to say to young men about to enter West Point. I had a sobering experience the first year that I was Superintendent; this was 1946, the first entering Class which I received. I went out to Trophy Point to welcome the entering Plebe Class just before they took the oath of office. Having made my remarks of welcome, with a feeling of some complacency, I am afraid, I returned to my office in the administration building. About an hour later, the adjutant of the Academy came in. I asked, "How did the swearing-in of the Class go?" "Well," he said, "all right, except that two refused to take the oath." Somewhat surprised, I asked, "Why was that? Did you ask them?" He said, "Yes, I did. When I asked them why they decided not to enter the Plebe Class, they answered, 'Oh, we've changed our minds.' Then I asked, "Didn't you hear what General Taylor said? 'Yeah,' they replied, 'we sure did. That's why.'"

Well, I hope I can be more felicitous in my choice of words this morning in the brief remarks which I want to make.

ONE enters the Academy and inevitably receives a certain shock from the introduction which is traditional. When one finds time, and I am afraid time is a rare commodity in the early days of cadet life, inevitably the question arises in the mind of the Plebe as to the why of this kind of introduction? Why the grimness of Plebe life in Beast Barracks? The answer only comes later when one has completed cadet life, graduates, and becomes an old grad who, looking back on that experience, can analyze its impact and appreciate its significance. The point I would like to make is that when one can stand back and judge cadet life in perspective, one realizes that it is a very thoughtfully constructed composite which has evolved from the vast experience of many generations in training

WEST POINT WAY

future officers—that there is a reason behind everything. Things are not left to chance.

Starting with the great educator and father of West Point, Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, the entire education program, both academic and military, has been worked into a homogeneous unity which is directed at producing the whole man, the leader worthy of the trust of his country. There are so many simple things behind the apparent complexities of cadet life, simple precepts which long generations have concluded must be absorbed by the successful Army officer and the graduate of West Point. Among these precepts are: one must learn to obey before one can be trusted to command; one must be judged on performance not on promise or intention; there may be reasons for failure, but there is never an excuse; the reliable leader can never lie or equivocate. In essence, these are all simple, austere virtues, the kind that most of us have learned from our fathers and our mothers. West Point undertakes to reaffirm and make as a permanent habit of life the attitude which springs from a loyal observance of those virtues.

With regard to the academic course, I think perhaps from your vantage it looks more impressive, more intimidating, than it really should because, while it is truly heavy—it's loaded, if you will—nonetheless you may rest assured that no cadet is ever asked to do the unreasonable. In Biblical terms, he is never tested beyond his powers to survive. If he does his work day by day, faithfully and thoroughly, there is no hurdle, there is no obstacle in the path, that he cannot surmount. West Point does not look for supermen (it will accept them if they present themselves), but it does want the earnest young man with the sincere vocation for the military service, the man who will do his utmost to get the most from the program which in turn will provide him the springboard for his future career. I should not have to say (although in every Class there are a few who would need to be told) that you cannot "beat

the system." Don't undertake to change the Military Academy on your own. It has been there a long time. It has a justified reason, as I said, for the things that it does. Yet, some young men do try to change the Military Academy. Usually they spend most of their time on the Area to the detriment of their enjoyment of cadet life, or at least, until they conclude that crime does not pay.

In closing, let me just say this. One hears—one gets the impression in civil life—that, having graduated from West Point, one wears an "old school tie" or a class ring which guarantees success in later life. I can assure you that that is not the case. If there is any "hand grip" among West Pointers in the Army which, when exchanged, smoothes the way to success or high command, I have never been given that handshake. On the contrary, it will be expected of the Academy graduate—and quite properly—that he do more than might be expected from him. It should be so, because the West Point way of becoming an officer is certainly not the only way to military success. There have been too many brilliant, successful leaders of our Army, past and present—as there will be others in the future—who never had the advantage of the West Point course. But the West Point way should be the easy way in the sense that the recipient of these four years of instruction receives a training which thoughtful military men have considered to be best adopted to cultivate the virtues and the kind of knowledge most necessary for success in the military career.

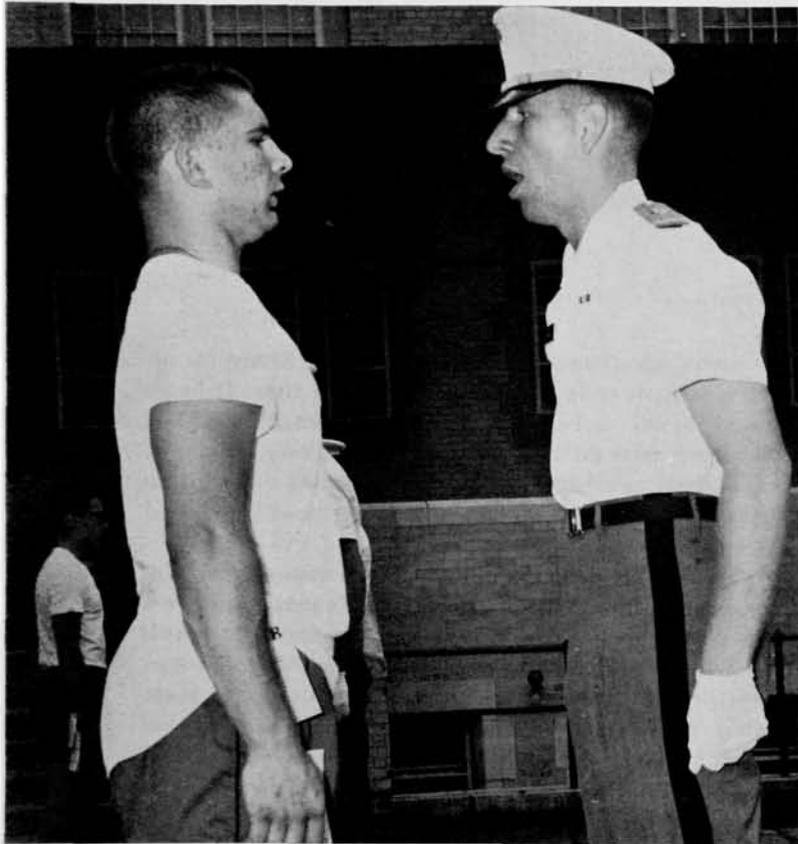
BUT I will revert to my original statement: There is no old school tie following graduation that will see you through to a brilliant end. The only tie that West Point can give you is the tie that binds men together in a common devotion to duty and to country. With those few words, gentlemen of the graduating class, I salute you. I congratulate you on what you have done, and I extend my best wishes for what you will do in the future. Welcome to the Corps of Cadets.

That Unforgettable

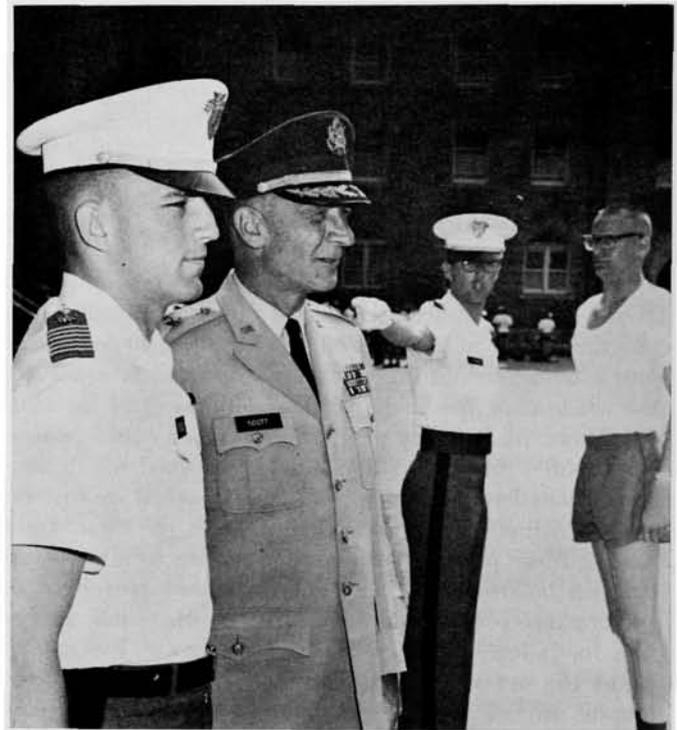
The Academy's new class raises the strength of the Corps of Cadets to an all-time high of 3,397

JULY 3d was the day that will be etched forever in the memories of the 1,054 young men of the Class of 1971 who joined West Point's Long Gray Line. Only the passage of time will reveal how memorable this day will be for the parents of these men, for the U.S. Military Academy, and for the country. Included within this select group were five foreign cadets: one each from Korea, Thailand, and the Republic of the Philippines, and two from Jamaica.

On hand with the usual words of welcome for the new class was the 300-man "beast detail" led by "king of the beasts," Cadet Captain William F. Ericson. A second



Personal encounters between the new arrival and upper-class instructors speed the transition from candidate to Plebe.



Brig. Gen. R.P. Scott, Commandant of Cadets, and Cadet Captain William F. Ericson inspect the processing of newly arrived cadet candidates in Central Area.



Maj. R.R. Blunt, tactical officer of one of the New Cadet companies, and Cadet Captain John W. McDonald, company commander, inspect cadets assigned to their company. Tag attached to cadet's clothing is a check list of tasks to be performed, equipment to be drawn, on day of arrival.

First Day

beast detail of First and Second Classmen under Cadet Captain John L. Throckmorton Jr. provided guidance and counseling and instruction for the new men for the latter half of their plebe summer. Col. A.J. Hughes Jan '43, commander of the 2d Cadet Regiment throughout the school year, had overall responsibility for the reception and training of the New Cadets.

Making the most of the approximately 90 minutes allowed in the first day's schedule for close order drill, the candidates were marched from their barracks to Trophy Point to be sworn in at 5:15 p.m. There, in the shadow of Battle Monument, Brig. Gen. R.P. Scott '41, Commandant

of Cadets, spoke briefly on the rigors of plebe summer and on the inevitable rewards that come after.

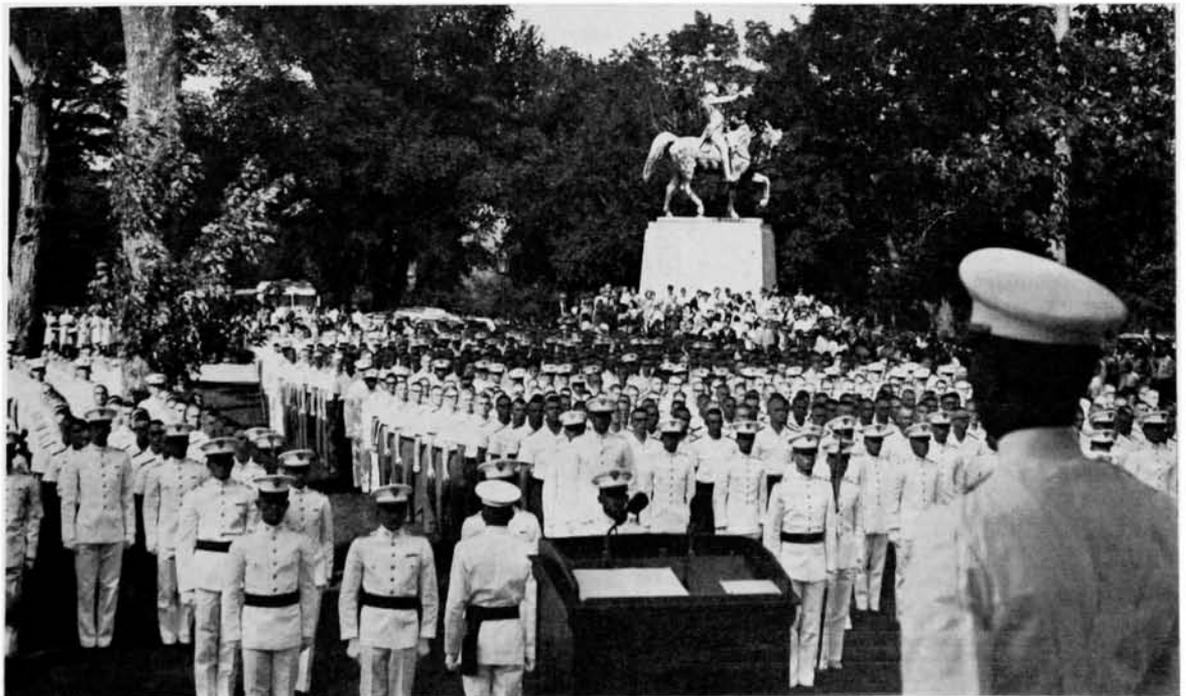
Lt. Col. R.G. Vander Meer '53, Adjutant, USCC, administered the oath that transformed the candidates into members of the Corps of Cadets. The Reverend Robert McCormick of the Catholic Chapel opened the short ceremony with an invocation prayer; Rev. J.D. Ford, Academy chaplain closed the ceremony with a prayer of benediction.

With the completion of this traditional ritual, the new Plebes became the charges of the beast detail again, and another cycle in the making of a West Pointer had officially begun.



Included in the first day's busy schedule is enough instruction in close order drill for the new Plebes to march from barracks to Trophy Point for the traditional swearing-in ceremony.

The 10-hour-old Class of 1971 stands in formation at Trophy Point prior to being sworn in as members of the U. S. Corps of Cadets. First- and Second-Class members of the New Cadet Beast Detail wear dress whites.



TREASURER'S REPORT

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, U.S.M.A.

AS OF 31 MARCH 1967

EXHIBIT "A"—Balance Sheet as of 31 March 1967.
 EXHIBIT "B"—Changes in General Fund during the year ended 31 March 1967.
 EXHIBIT "C"—Changes in Endowment Fund during the year ended 31 March 1967.
 EXHIBIT "D"—Changes in Cullum Fund during the year ended 31 March 1967.
 EXHIBIT "E"—Changes in Building Fund during the year ended 31 March 1967.
 EXHIBIT "F"—Changes in Cullum Biographical Register Trust Fund during the year ended 31 March 1967.
 EXHIBIT "G"—Changes in Pierce Memorial Fund during the year ended 31 March 1967.
 EXHIBIT "H"—Changes in MacArthur Fund during the year ended 31 March 1967.
 EXHIBIT "I"—Changes in Henry C. Hodges Jr., Memorial Fund during the year ended 31 March 1967.
 EXHIBIT "J"—Changes in Association of Graduates Employees' Pension Fund during the year ended 31 March 1967.
 SCHEDULE I —Investments as of 31 March 1967, and income received thereon during the year ended 31 March 1967.

EXHIBIT "A" BALANCE SHEET — 31 March 1967

ASSETS	
SECURITIES—At cost or book value	\$ 882,543.59
CASH ON HAND (See Schedule I)	99.99
CASH IN BANK	114,578.50
INVENTORIES	47,630.34
FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT (contra)	42,122.76
TOTAL	<u>\$1,086,975.18</u>

LIABILITIES	
GENERAL FUND	
Balance—1 April 1966	\$ 99,784.92
Less: Decrease (See Exhibit "B")	33,707.38
	\$ 66,077.54
ENDOWMENT FUND	
Balance—1 April 1966	\$803,577.33
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "C")	48,621.64
	852,198.97
CULLUM FUND	
Balance—1 April 1966	\$ 10,596.07
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "D")	434.11
	11,030.18
BUILDING FUND	
Balance—1 April 1966	\$ 2,167.23
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "E")	95.83
	2,263.06
CULLUM BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER TRUST FUND	
Balance—1 April 1966	\$ 23,650.86
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "F")	953.41
	24,604.27
PIERCE MEMORIAL FUND	
Balance—1 April 1966	\$ 3,114.82
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "G")	114.31
	3,229.13
MACARTHUR FUND	
Balance—1 April 1966	\$ 17,715.91
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "H")	51,192.65
	68,908.56
HENRY C. HODGES JR., MEMORIAL FUND	
Balance—1 April 1966	\$ 2,627.01
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "I")	116.16
	2,743.17
PENSION FUND	
Balance—1 April 1966	\$ 4,752.13
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "J")	7,026.01
	11,778.14
FEDERAL AND STATE TAXES PAYABLE	2,019.40
FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT (contra)	42,122.76
TOTAL	<u>\$1,086,975.18</u>

Telephone and telegrams	915.40
Transfers to: MacArthur Fund	\$25,027.50
Pension Fund	6,597.13
	\$ 31,624.63
Alumni badges, arm bands, and name tags	1,402.13
Beat Navy items	288.80
Washington, D.C.—office expense	1,361.32
MacArthur bronze bust	794.39
Portrait—Superintendent, USMA	3,500.00
Portraits—Coaches Cavanagh and Jenkins	1,353.32
Other expenses	700.57
	\$158,702.28
Net Change (Decrease)	<u>\$ 33,707.38</u>

EXHIBIT "C" CHANGES IN ENDOWMENT FUND 1 APRIL 1966 TO 31 MARCH 1967	
PRINCIPAL	
Contributions	\$ 734.00
Bequests	1,000.00
Profit on sale of securities	42,290.72
	\$ 44,024.72
INCOME	
Interest and dividends from securities	\$ 34,859.12
Interest from savings account	160.28
	35,019.40
	<u>\$ 79,044.12</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Transfer to General Fund	\$ 26,000.00
Investment management fees	2,864.01
Interest on securities purchased	1,455.97
	30,319.98
Net Change (Increase)	<u>\$ 48,724.14</u>
Less: Adjustment, book value of U.S. Treasury notes exchanged	102.50
	<u>\$ 48,621.64</u>

EXHIBIT "D" CHANGES IN CULLUM FUND 1 APRIL 1966 TO 31 MARCH 1967	
INCOME	
Income from securities	\$ 406.00
Interest from savings account	28.11
	\$ 434.11
Net Change (Increase)	<u>\$ 434.11</u>

EXHIBIT "E" CHANGES IN BUILDING FUND 1 APRIL 1966 TO 31 MARCH 1967	
INCOME	
Interest from savings account	\$ 95.83
Net Change (Increase)	<u>\$ 95.83</u>

EXHIBIT "F" CHANGES IN CULLUM BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER TRUST FUND 1 APRIL 1966 TO 31 MARCH 1967	
INCOME	
Sales—Cullum Biographical Register	\$ 15.00
Interest from savings account	144.81
Interest from bonds	793.60
	\$ 953.41
Net Change (Increase)	<u>\$ 953.41</u>

EXHIBIT "G" CHANGES IN PIERCE MEMORIAL FUND 1 APRIL 1966 TO 31 MARCH 1967	
INCOME	
Interest from savings account	\$ 126.12
	<u>\$ 126.12</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Purchase of flowers	11.81
Net Change (Increase)	<u>\$ 114.31</u>

EXHIBIT "H" CHANGES IN MacARTHUR FUND 1 APRIL 1966 TO 31 MARCH 1967	
PRINCIPAL	
(1) Contributions	\$ 60,620.34
Contributions: Proceeds from sale of stocks	2,689.90
(2) Transfer from General Fund	25,027.50
	\$ 88,337.74
Less: Loss on sale of securities	14.56
	\$ 88,323.18
INCOME	
Interest from savings account	\$ 658.40
Dividends from securities	2.10
	660.50
Net Change (Increase)	<u>\$ 88,983.68</u>

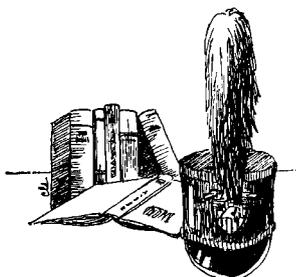
EXHIBIT "B" CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND 1 APRIL 1966 TO 31 MARCH 1967	
PRINCIPAL	
Loss on sale of securities	\$ 8,000.25
INCOME	
Dues and memberships	\$ 10,401.00
Contributions	33,953.93
Bequests	14,193.28
Transfers from Endowment Fund	26,000.00
Founders Day	2,108.55
Homecoming	7,882.00
Reimbursements: Freight, Postage, Mailing	4,179.37
Dividends and interest	523.50
Alumni badges, arm bands, and name tags	855.92
Gain on saleable merchandise	21,731.35
June Week	9,542.61
Beat Navy items	588.18
Other income	1,035.46
	132,995.15
Net Change (Increase)	<u>\$124,994.90</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries	\$ 53,972.97
Services	3,920.77
Salaries, Washington, D.C., office	1,500.00
Related payroll expenses	2,525.96
Freight, express, and postage	10,029.75
Cadet awards	933.40
Dues, travel, and conferences	597.92
Printing	4,171.49
Supplies	3,960.48
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	230.45
Maintenance and repair	825.59
Advertising	250.00
June Week	9,898.83
Thayer Hall of Fame	11,418.34
Thayer Award and ceremonies	1,218.13
Homecoming	6,054.40
Founders Day	1,686.12
Insurance	661.00
Gratuitous issues (Contributions, June Week, Homecoming, etc.)	2,906.12

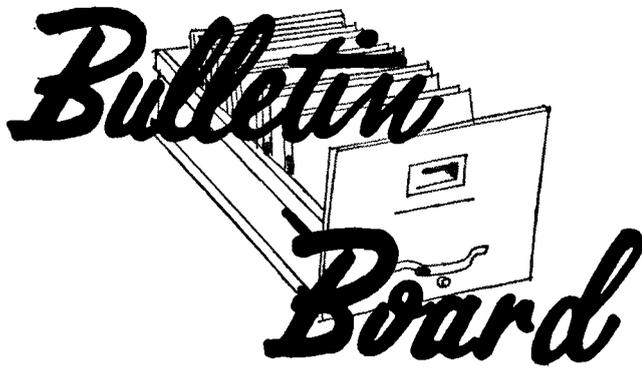
EXPENDITURES			
Sculptors' Fees		\$ 31,000.00	
Fund Raising Expenses (brochures, postage, mailing)		6,791.03	37,791.03
Net Change (Increase)			\$ 51,192.65
Note: (1) Includes donation for the cost of brochures and enclosures			
Note: (2) Result of sale of Sears Roebuck stock contributed to the General Fund and earmarked for the MacArthur Fund when stock was sold			
EXHIBIT "I" CHANGES IN HENRY C. HODGES, JR., MEMORIAL FUND 1 APRIL 1966 TO 31 MARCH 1967			
INCOME			
Interest from savings account		\$ 116.16	
Net Change (Increase)			\$ 116.16
EXHIBIT "J" CHANGES IN ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND 1 APRIL 1966 TO 31 MARCH 1967			
PRINCIPAL			
Transfers from General Fund		\$ 6,597.13	
INCOME			
Dividends accrued and reinvested		428.88	
Net Change (Increase)			\$ 7,026.01
SCHEDULE I INVESTMENTS, 31 MARCH 1967 AND INCOME RECEIVED THEREON 1 APRIL 1966 TO 31 MARCH 1967			
NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value Or Number Of Shares	Approximate Market Value 31 March 1967	Interest & Dividends Received
GENERAL FUND			
INVESTMENTS SOLD, EXCHANGED, AND REDEEMED SINCE 1 APRIL 1966			
Sears Roebuck & Co.	500		\$ 375.00
American Telephone & Telegraph			148.50
(See note below)			\$ 523.50
Note: American Telephone & Telegraph stock sold 29 March 1966 (Prior FY). Dividend earned and accrued as of 31 March 1966 received 4 April 1966.			
CULLUM FUND			
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series H	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 406.00
Note: Bequest of \$10,000 to the Association of Graduates by General George W. Cullum under the stipulation that after investment the income is to be used for current expenses of the Association but only as long as the principal remains undiminished. If a loss in the amount of the principal occurs, income is to revert to the principal until bequeathed amount is again attained.			
CULLUM BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER TRUST FUND			
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 4%, due 2/15/80	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,055.00	\$ 720.00
U.S. Treasury Bonds, Series H	2,000.00	2,000.00	73.60
		\$ 19,055.00	\$ 793.60
Note: Bequest of \$20,000 to the Cullum Committee by General George W. Cullum transferred to the Association of Graduates. The will provides that after investment the income is to be used for the decennial publication of General Cullum's Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Any losses to the funds shall be made good by the accumulation of the income of the remainder before any further expenditures shall be made.			
MacARTHUR FUND			
INVESTMENTS SOLD, EXCHANGED, AND REDEEMED SINCE 1 APRIL 1966			
Schenley Industries, Inc.	3		\$ 2.10

NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value Or Number Of Shares	Approximate Market Value 31 March 1967	Interest & Dividends Received
PENSION FUND			
Guardian Mutual Fund	458.109	\$ 12,620.90	\$ 428.88
Note: Dividends accrued and reinvested: \$428.88.			
ENDOWMENT FUND			
Bonds			
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 3 1/4%, due 6/15/83-78	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,537.00	\$ 325.00
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 4%, due 2/15/80	8,000.00	7,580.00	320.00
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 4 1/8%, due 11/15/73	36,000.00	35,280.00	1,485.00
U.S. Treasury Notes, 5%, Series A, due 11/15/70	67,000.00	68,465.00	2,179.01
U.S. Treasury Notes, 4 1/4%, Series D, due 5/15/67	8,000.00	8,000.00	340.00
Allied Chemical Deb., 5.2%, due 11/1/91	50,000.00	49,250.00	1,336.11
American Telephone & Telegraph Deb., 5 1/8%, due 4/1/2001	50,000.00	48,750.00	1,281.25
Union Electric Co. Deb., 5 1/2%, due 5/1/96	50,000.00	50,750.00	1,375.00
Weyerhaeuser Co. Deb., 5.2%, due 5/1/91	50,000.00	49,250.00	1,300.00
Stocks			
American Electric Power	677	26,910.00	916.56
American Telephone & Telegraph Co.	670	40,200.00	1,474.00
Avon Products, Inc.	500	49,875.00	375.00
Burroughs Corp.	100	11,925.00	
Deere & Co.	500	36,875.00	
Eastman Kodak Co.	310	45,570.00	635.50
First National City Bank of New York	262	14,835.00	458.50
General Electric Co.	400	33,950.00	1,040.00
International Business Machines Corp.	285	128,535.00	1,254.00
Northwest Airlines, Inc.	300	36,112.00	52.50
Radiore Exploration Co.	2000	200.00	
Sears Roebuck & Co.	1820	93,047.00	2,184.00
Shell Oil Co.	600	39,600.00	315.00
Southern California Edison Co.	600	23,925.00	750.00
Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey	300	19,200.00	990.00
Texaco, Inc.	500	38,000.00	1,275.00
Union Oil Co. of California	600	42,450.00	1,500.00
Virginia Electric Power	800	36,800.00	1,024.00
Xerox Corp.	500	140,062.00	462.50
Zenith Radio Corp.	500	27,125.00	700.00
INVESTMENTS SOLD, EXCHANGED, AND REDEEMED SINCE 1 APRIL 1966			
U.S. Treasury Notes, Series D, 4 1/4%, due 5/15/67	\$ 88,000.00		\$ 4,754.37
Federal Land Banks, Cons Fed Farm Loan Bonds, 4 1/4%, due 2/20/67	17,000.00		508.47
Federal Land Banks, Cons Fed Farm Loan Bonds, 4%, due 6/20/68	100,000.00		1,700.00
Chrysler Corp.	520		260.00
General Motors Corp.	500		675.00
Georgia Pacific Corp.	695		173.75
Gulf Oil Corp.	306		489.60
Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey	300		750.00
Zenith Radio Corp.	400		200.00
		\$1,211,058.00	\$34,859.12
SUMMARY			
General Fund	\$		\$ 523.50
Cullum Fund	10,000.00		406.00
Cullum Biographical Register Trust Fund	19,055.00		793.60
MacArthur Fund			2.10
Pension Fund	12,620.90		428.88
Endowment Fund	1,211,058.00		34,859.12
		\$1,252,733.90	\$37,013.20

Book value of securities—Cost or value at time of acquisition is shown as \$882,543.59, with a market value of \$1,252,733.90.

Horace M. Brown, Jr.
 HORACE M. BROWN, JR.
 Colonel, Artillery
 Secretary-Treasurer





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

the fall issue – by 11 September

the winter issue by – 10 January

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.

Oldest Grad Dies in El Paso

On Friday, 4 August, Glasgow W.J., USMA 1891, the Academy's oldest old soldier made his last roll call, and his classmate, Hines J.L., moved up to take his place in the Line. Glasgow was 101 and had lived in retirement since 1927 in the old Magoffin homestead in El Paso, Texas. He had suffered a heart attack the day before his death at Hotel Dieu in El Paso. Funeral services were held at Fort Bliss and burial was in the Fort Bliss National Cemetery.

Brig. Gen. Glasgow is survived by his widow, the former Josephine Magoffin; by two sons, Edward J., of Nashville, Tenn., and Col. Joseph M., Nov'18, USA (Ret) of El Paso; and by his daughter, Miss Octavia Glasgow, also of El Paso. Another son, Col. William J. Glasgow '27, died in Japan in 1947.

General Hines, Army Chief of Staff from 1924 to 1926, lives at 6200 Oregon Avenue, Washington, D.C. He is 99.

The West Point Superintendent's Fund

Additions to the major donor plaque in the sallyport of the Administration Building, testify to gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Superintendent's Fund by, or in memory of, the following:

Cyril A. Phelan '12
 Frederick A. Irving Apr'17
 Harry N. Rising Aug'17
 Roger E. Phelan '39

Arch Raymond Jones
 Litton Industries, Inc.
 Christian A. Zabriskie

Class of August 1917
 Class of 1922
 Class of 1937
 Class of 1942
 Class of 1944
 Class of 1960

The Cadet Glee Club

In Memoriam

Thomas C. Woodbury 1872
 Charles J. Barrett '22
 Lucien F. Wells Jr. '24
 Dain W. Milliman Jr. '51
 Edward H. White II '52
 Rodney H. Smith Jr. '53

Head of Department of Mathematics to Retire

Colonel Charles Parsons Nicholas, Class of 1925, and presently Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics at the Academy, will retire on 1 October of this year upon reaching the statutory age of retirement during the month of September.

He leaves the Academy after more than forty-two continuous years of service in the Army, the majority of those years as a member of the faculty at West Point. He first served in the department as an instructor from 1930 to 1935, returned as an associate professor during the years 1941-42, was appointed a professor in 1948, and has been at West Point ever since. He became Head of Department and a member of the Academic Board in 1959.

Colonel Nicholas has been a frequent contributor to ASSEMBLY having written articles dealing with the psychology of good teaching and with the objectives sought by the Department of Mathematics in its use of those classroom techniques and procedures so familiar to and appreciated by USMA graduates. The article, "Preparing the Weapon of Decision," in the Winter 1959 edition of ASSEMBLY, and the more recent article, "Mathematics and the Making of Leaders," in the Spring 1967 edition, are among the best.

A host of cadets and officers who have felt the influence of his leadership and teaching over the years keenly await the detailed retirement article on the Colonel's career and accomplishments, scheduled to appear in a forthcoming issue of the magazine.

Cadet Skippers Outsail Sailors

Boats and the men that man them are normally associated with the tidewater Academies, but West Point's sailors outshone them all in the spring regatta on the Hudson. It was the first time the cadets had won the Bryant E. Moore trophy since the award was established in 1953. The other teams represented Navy, the Coast Guard Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy, and Canada's Royal Military College. In keeping with the usual custom in this annual event, all teams—four two-man crews from each school—sailed the host team's boats, which at USMA, are FJ's. Particularly noteworthy in the cadets' victory is the fact that sailing is ranked as a "club" sport at West Point, but is a major, letter-awarding, sport at Annapolis, New London, and Kings Point.

Lt. Col. Edgar Denton continues to serve as coach and officer in charge of the 30-member sailing club, but he had high praise for Majors Willet '57 and Hudson '58 his assistant coaches who have both left for assignments in Vietnam.

Cadet Joseph F. Theis '67, club president, was the only one among the club's top skippers to be lost through graduation.

ANNUAL FUND-RAISING REPORT
AND ANSWERS

It is a pleasure to report that the response to your Association's 1967 annual fund-raising letter has shown an improvement over last year's.

As you may recall from the letter, the CY1966 response amounted to \$33,171 from 2,253 donors. On 25 January \$33,786 had been received from 2,209 donors since our 1967 letter was dispatched leaving us \$13,214 short of our goal of \$47,000 to meet our anticipated operating expenses.

We believe that many more will still be heard from. If you have misplaced your addressed envelope and want to mail in your contribution, just send it to the Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, New York 10996.

In their replies to our fund-raising letter, several graduates requested clarification of the relationship of the alumni-related organizations to which they make payments or donations. The need for such clarification is understandable, as the four organizations, although separate and distinct, do serve a common goal, namely: "support of the Military Academy." These organizations are:

- The Association of Graduates
- The West Point Alumni Foundation
- The West Point Superintendent's Fund
(of the West Point Alumni Foundation)
- The Delafield Memorial Scholarship Fund

The alumni-oriented Association of Graduates, founded in 1869, is the oldest and by far the most widely known. Its purpose is "to acquire and disseminate information on the history, activities, objectives and methods of the U.S. Military Academy; to acquire and preserve historical materials relating to that institution; and to encourage and foster the study of military science there by worthy young men." Its modest fund-raising campaigns are conducted to meet alumni office expenses, to support alumni awards, and educational and historical activities, and to augment income earned by its Endowment Fund. Complete details on Association activities were outlined in the annual fund-raising letter, but typically, the Association maintains a master file of living graduates, a file that is used by the other cited organizations and by the Military Academy itself (no small task with 19,340 living graduates); maintains individual files on members of all classes which still have living members (1891 to the present); edits *ASSEMBLY*; organizes and supports alumni activities for June Week, Homecoming, the Thayer Award, and Founders Day.

The West Point Alumni Foundation was formed in December 1945 under a very broad charter. A primary function of the Foundation is

to edit, publish, and distribute annually, the book known as the *REGISTER OF GRADUATES AND FORMER CADETS*. This volume is an outgrowth of the *Cullum Register* which was formerly published every ten years by the Association, using the income from a fund established for this purpose by George Cullum, Class of 1833. But, as the need for an *annual REGISTER* developed, and in the face of mounting publication costs, the Cullum Fund income simply could not carry the load. Accordingly, responsibility for producing an annual *REGISTER* was transferred to a separate office (the Foundation), which would be free to solicit advertising for the volume and thus, hopefully, cover publication costs. As the *REGISTER OF GRADUATES* and *ASSEMBLY* are a subscription "package," all subscription income goes into the Foundation account, and from this account the Foundation also pays for the publication and distribution of *ASSEMBLY*.

The West Point Superintendent's Fund was established in 1961 and is administered as an integral part of the West Point Alumni Foundation. Solicitation for this fund is not limited to alumni but includes all friends of West Point, businesses, and philanthropic foundations. Expenditures from the Superintendent's Fund are more directly related to Academy and Corps needs as contrasted to expenditures for alumni activities by the Association of Graduates. This fund makes it possible for the Superintendent to provide special facilities for the welfare of the Corps, which cannot be made available through appropriated funds. The amphitheater, the carillon in the chapel tower, the sculptured panels at the entrance to the new library, and the ski slope are typical of projects financed by the Superintendent's Fund.

The Delafield Memorial Scholarship Fund is entirely separate and distinct from all other alumni-related entities, just as it is detached from the Military Academy itself. Its purpose is to help interested and deserving young men, particularly those who demonstrate a leadership and athletic potential, prepare themselves for West Point.

In summary, the funds which Academy alumni contribute to, all go to support some phase of cadet or graduate activity: candidate preparation — the Delafield Fund; cadet — the West Point Superintendent's Fund; and graduate — the West Point Alumni Foundation and Association of Graduates. All are of enduring value to the Military Academy and therefore worthy of your largesse.

HORACE M. BROWN JR.
SECRETARY



Red Reeder reminisces on the careers of Pop Jenkins and Billy Cavanagh as instructor-coaches at West Point. The memorial portraits of the two men, which will hang permanently in the gymnasium, were unveiled by their daughters at this June Week ceremony.

Portraits of Jenkins and Cavanagh Unveiled

Col. Russell P. "Red" Reeder, representing the graduates whose contributions made the portraits possible, presided at the June Week ceremony honoring two of the Academy's instructor-coaches. Included among the many friends and admirers who gathered in the gymnasium for the occasion were members of each of the coach's families. The Jenkins portrait was unveiled by his daughter, Mrs. Audrey Jenkins Kolker; the Cavanagh portrait by his daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Cavanagh Hull.

Brig. Gen. Richard P. Scott, Commandant of Cadets, accepted the portraits on behalf of the Academy.

Copies of the program, which includes reproductions of the portraits, can be had by writing to Col. Frank J. Kobes Jr., Director of Physical Education, USMA.

N.Y. Society Plans December Banquet

Latest among the West Point Society of New York's efforts in support of the Academy is a gala to be held in New York City early in December. Planned around an "Illustrious Graduates Dinner," the affair will recognize and honor distinguished graduates of the Military Academy chosen by the Society for their contributions, not only in the profession of arms but also in civilian pursuits such as industry, education, and science. Although the formal announcement of the place and date will not be made until later in the fall, Merton Singer '38, President of the New York Society, has advised the alumni secretary that the project is already taking form.

According to Society Secretary, John Shelter '54, invitations to graduates and friends of West Point—and their wives—will follow close behind the public announcement, and he urges that other West Point Societies contact him at the earliest possible date to insure that tables be reserved for them.

Proceeds from the affair will go to the support of Academy-recommended projects and programs.

BOOK REVIEW

DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY—A History of West Point

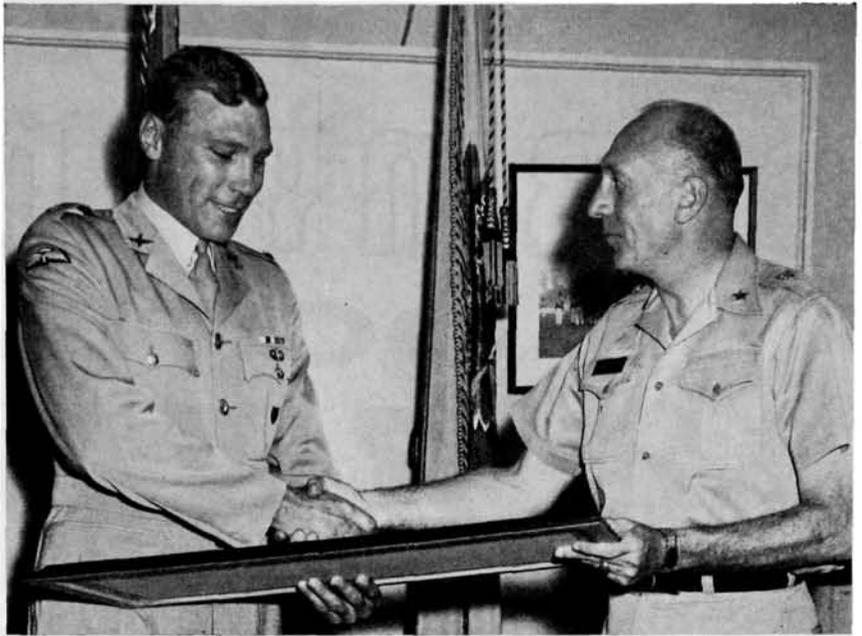
By Stephen E. Ambrose. Published by The Johns Hopkins Press, Baltimore, Md. 21218. 408 pages. 32 pages of illustrations. Regular edition: \$8.00. Deluxe edition, bound in buckram, boxed: \$11.00.

Reviewed by ROGER H. NYE '46, Lt. Col., Permanent Associate Professor, Dept. of Social Sciences, USMA.

Stephen Ambrose, Assistant Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University, has undertaken an ambitious one-volume description and analysis of the West Point story, a history which supplements but does not replace Sidney Forman's excellent factual survey written in 1950. This new work follows a strong interpretive line, perhaps best labeled "the sine-curve theory of Academy History" in which West Point fortunes rise and fall according to the pulsations of energetic and lethargic men in the system. The cycle starts on a down swing with the 1802 founding of the Academy, is turned upward with the genius of Sylvanus Thayer in the 1820's, and peaks in the 1850's in a Golden Age. The Civil War initiates a backsliding which returns the Academy to a stagnant norm at the 1902 Centennial. The second century repeats the first, with descent through World War I into the abyss, regeneration by MacArthur in the early 1920's, and continued ascent to a new Golden Age by the 1952 Sesquicentennial.

The cramming of personalities and historical events into this mold makes for entertaining reading, and, for adherents of the Thayer-MacArthur syndrome, the collection of anecdote and footnote will be satisfying. For those who feel that the eight-year reign of Superintendent Albert Mills after the the Spanish-American War set a vibrant and lasting direction for the Academy in the twentieth century, the book may not hold as much attraction.

The early chapters are most readable, following closely the fine histories of Boynton, Forman, and Denton. The author attributes his understanding of Thayer to Dupuy's *Where They Have Trod*, which he feels is "much the best account of the man available." These histories are less extensive after the Civil War, however, and the author often



Brig. Gen. Richard P. Scott (right) presents a framed copy of a letter of commendation from the Superintendent, Maj. Gen. Donald V. Bennett, to Maj. Peter S. Field, British Army officer on the eve of the latter's departure from West Point. As part of an exchange program inaugurated in 1965 between USMA and the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst, Maj. Field served for two years in the Department of Tactics, USCC.

ignores important official records when he tries to fit such stalwarts at Peter Michie, Charles Larned, and Samuel Tillman into a half-century of Academy "stagnation." The turn of the tide after 1920 is rather convincing, but it will come as a surprise to some of USMA's professors of the 1930's and 1940's that their toils were but the acting out of the visionary program commanded by MacArthur in the Harding era.

Because much of the book is an attack on the professors of the Academic Board for "fanatic resistance to change," the author is hard-pressed to account for their students, such as those of the Class of 1915, rising out of a "stagnant" undergraduate experience to pre-eminence in public life. He suggests once that "much of the credit for their achievements was due the army post-graduate schools, where many of the top commanders of the war really learned their trade." However, he ultimately concedes that "no matter how far behind the times the Academy was, its emphasis on character and solid learning could still provide a springboard to greatness." One concludes that the post-Civil War permanent staff of the Academy could not have been as bad as Ambrose paints it, and that the jury should hear from more sources than cadet memoirs from the nineteenth century and the recollections of Superintendent MacArthur's staff in the twentieth.

Readers who like detective work will enjoy straightening out a number of minor confusions. Does the author mistake the identity of Generals William D. Connor '97, and Fox Conner '98, in Chapter Fourteen? Was it true in 1900 that instruction in tactics "had not changed in one hundred years"? or that the graduate "had no preparation for duties of a second lieutenant"? Why does he claim that the modern Academy "has refused to make concessions to the elective system" in the same chapter that he cites elective courses as part of the standard academic program?

In a foreword to the book, General Dwight Eisenhower reminds the reader of West Point's record of achievement, and, in accounting for the Academy's success, reaffirms the role of character-building and "a sound educational program in the section room." He sees the book as a valuable companion to the West Point alumnus when "spending an occasional evening with his reminiscences." Most graduates will share this estimate of the Ambrose work and find it both entertaining and provocative.

SUMMER 1967

Cadets Cited by AOG for Prize-Winning Essays

Cadet Thomas A. Petrie '67, whose essay, "The Digital Technology and the Tactical Commander," won top prize in the Association's 1966 essay contest, was a repeat winner this year. His "Integrated Use of the Instruments of Foreign Policy—Cuban Missile Crisis 1962," was chosen for the \$100 first prize. Cadet William A. Richards '67, won the \$75 second prize with "Ideals and the Professional Officer"; and Cadet Roger J. Purcell '67, won the \$50 third prize for his essay entitled "Careerism and the Professional."

Honorable mention and \$25 prizes were awarded to: Cadet Harry E. Rothmann '67, Cadet John L.B. Smith '67, and Cadet John M. Cavalieri '70.

The prizes, in the form of savings bonds, were presented to the winners by the Superintendent, Maj. Gen. D.V. Bennett, at a ceremony in his office.

Cadets Participate in State Department Intern Program

At the invitation of the U.S. State Department, Cadets John T. Martin III, and Peter P. Wallace, both members of the Class of '68, were chosen by the Academy to serve as "interns" in Washington during the period 22 June to 17 August. The two were included in the large group of college students participating in this summertime program with assignments in one of the several offices of the State Department. Internship involves firsthand experience with the operations of the federal government as well as supplemental briefings, lectures, and tours.

The Academy's two volunteers were obliged to forego their month of summer leave in accepting the invitation, but were relieved early from the program in order to take one week's leave prior to reorganization week which began at West Point on 28 August.

1967

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FOR the sixth straight year ARMY varsity teams continued their domination of the annual ARMY-Navy sports competition although the Mid-dies managed to come out on top in the June Week action for the first time since 1962.

A big edge in the fall and winter meetings enabled the Cadets to win 10 of the 18 contests with one ending in a tie. Although the teams meet in only 17 sports, the soccer teams met twice. After playing to a 1-1 deadlock in the regular season, the two met again in the NCAA regionals and ARMY won, 3-1.

This continued success was reflected in the entire sports program for 1966-67 as Cadet teams won 162 of 224 contests for a percentage of .733. Along with victorious seasons—not a single ARMY team fell below the .500 mark

for the year—came both the indoor and outdoor Heptagonal track championships and the Eastern Intercollegiate 150-pound football title. Four of the 18 teams went through the season undefeated.

Among the coaches there was considerable achievement. Most noteworthy were Thomas B. Cahill in football and Carleton Crowell in cross-country and track. Cahill returned ARMY football to national prominence and was accorded Coach-of-the-Year honors from all sources. Crowell brought home the two Hep crowns, beat Navy both indoors and outdoors, and guided his three teams to 23 wins in 24 contests.

Spring Sports Roundup

When the dust had settled at the end of five contests during June Week,

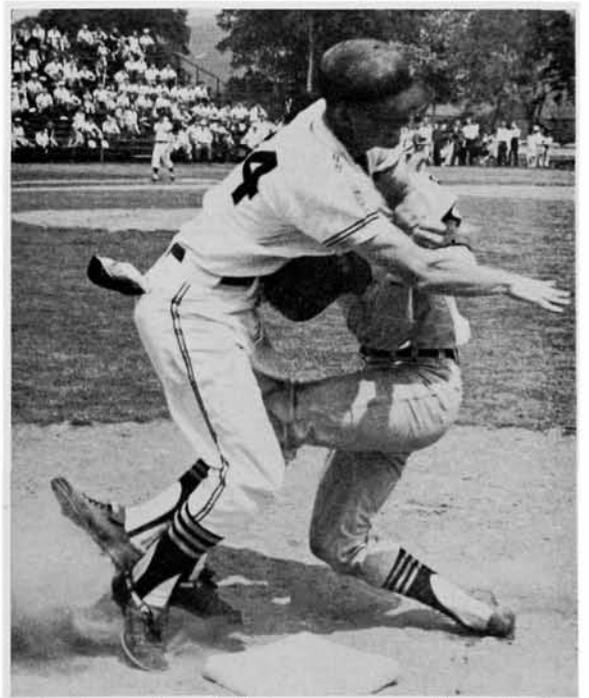
Navy had a 3-2 edge, with victories in tennis and lacrosse at Annapolis and baseball at West Point. ARMY won track and golf, both at home.

A double victory by First Classman Jim Warner in the mile and two-mile events brought ARMY the track win, 87-67. Only a few weeks before in the Heps, Warner had run second to Buzz Lawlor of Navy in both of these events, but he turned the trick in his final meet for ARMY. The 440-yard relay team of Don Nelson, '67, and Mike Williams, Brian Morrill, and Van Evans, all '69, matched the Academy mark with a time of 41.2 and opened the meet with an ARMY victory. Sweeps in both the hammer throw and shot put put the Cadets far in front and there they remained.

The outdoor Heptagonals were held at West Point for the first time since



ARMY baseball coach, Eric Tipton, confers with N.Y. Mets manager Wes Westrum prior to game between their two teams at West Point. Westrum's club won, 4-0.

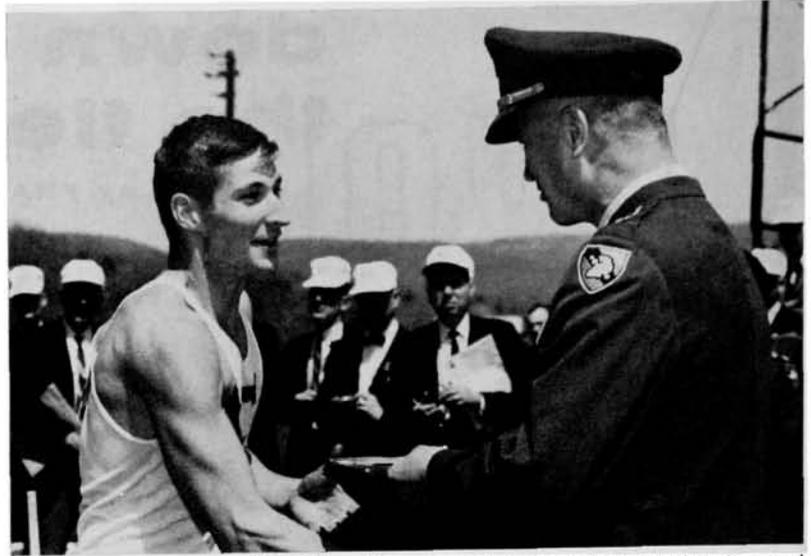


ARMY shortstop Kenny Smith is out on a close play at first base in game against Navy. Doug Bomarito of Navy makes the putout.

1956, and ARMY successfully defended the title it won in 1966 at Yale. Heptagonal champions this time included Dan Seebart, '68, in both the shot put and discus, Captain John Graham, '67, in the hammer throw, Jim Black, '68, in the javelin, Frank McCullough, '69, in the 120-yard high hurdles, and Van Evans, '69, who tied Cornell's Bill Bruckel in the 100-yard dash in 9.7 seconds. McCullough led the field in the 440-yard intermediate hurdles until the final stretch where he hit a hurdle and lost to John Elliot of Cornell. Elliot thus won the Edward H. White Award, given in memory of ARMY's late athlete-astronaut, a graduate in the Class of 1952.

The golf team missed a perfect season by one match, losing 4-3 to Penn State, the Eastern Intercollegiate team champion. The next week brought a victory over Navy by the same score. The Middies took the first three points, then ARMY's last four men came through. Jim Crowley, '67, playing in the No. 4 spot, went to the 20th hole before getting a 1-up win which produced the ARMY victory. Two years ago Crowley came through with a birdie on the 19th hole to give ARMY a 4-3 win over Navy.

In baseball ARMY was seeking its third straight Eastern title, but the 3-1 Navy victory gave the bunting to Dartmouth. The Indians were 7-2 in league play for the season, while ARMY was 6-2, a rained-out game with Harvard accounting for the difference. Figured



John Elliot of Cornell receives the Edward H. White II award from General Bennett. The newly designated White Award goes to the winner of the 440-yard intermediate hurdles event in the annual outdoor Heptagonal championship meet.

to finish deep in the standings at the start of the season, Coach Eric Tipton's squad received pitching help from a pair of newcomers, Roger Vandenberg and Scott Church. Good hitting by Tom Krieger, next year's captain, John Boretti, Kenny Smith, and Bob Cenci aided the cause and almost produced another crown. Coach Tipton must find replacements for the latter three who have graduated.

Navy had to come from behind with three goals in the fourth period of the lacrosse game to win 7-5, thereby sharing national honors with Maryland and

Johns Hopkins. ARMY lost to these three teams, but the Cadets made lacrosse history when they became the first college team to defeat the Mt. Washington Lacrosse Club of Baltimore two years running. The score was 13-6 this year, and, like last year, raised ARMY hopes for a victory in the finale with Navy.

ARMY took a 5-4 lead after 19 seconds of the final stanza on Larry Izzo's goal, but the Middies came back with three tallies at 9:27, 12:20, and 13:14. It was the eighth year in a row that Navy has won or shared the national



Greg Camp crosses finish line ahead of Navy's Ron Knode in the half mile at West Point. Camp is captain-elect of the 1967-68 indoor ARMY track team.

ARMY Varsity Sports Summary

1966-67 Season

Sport	Con-tests				Pct.	vs.	
	W	L	T	Navy		1967-68 Captain	
Rifle	12	12	0	0	1.000	ARMY	John Williams
°Track (Indoor)	8	8	0	0	1.000	ARMY	Greg Camp
°Track (Outdoor)	6	6	0	0	1.000	ARMY	Dan Seebart
°°150-lb Football	6	6	0	0	1.000	ARMY	John Throckmorton
Golf	13	12	1	0	.923	ARMY	Don Johnson
Cross Country	10	9	1	0	.900	Navy	Paul DeCoursey
Football	10	8	2	0	.800	ARMY	Bud Neswiacheny
Soccer	15	10	3	2	.769	ARMY	Ed Milinski
Swimming	12	9	3	0	.750	ARMY	Ken Cummings
Pistol	8	6	2	0	.750	Navy	Bob Merritt
Gymnastics	10	7	3	0	.700	ARMY	Charles Beckwith
Wrestling	11	7	3	1	.700	Navy	Jim Harter
Tennis	15	10	5	0	.667	Navy	Bill Gardepe
Lacrosse	9	6	3	0	.667	Navy	Don Workman
Basketball	21	13	8	0	.619	ARMY	Bill Schutsky
Hockey	26	15	11	0	.577	—	Mike Palone
Squash	14	8	6	0	.571	Navy	Chuck Vehlow
Baseball	18	10	8	0	.556	Navy	Tom Krieger
Totals	224	162	59	3	.733	10-7-1	

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title. In winning, the midshipmen limited ARMY's scoring duo of Chris Pettit and Rick Rider to just one goal, by Pettit, in the third period.

The rebuilding program in tennis showed results this season as ARMY finished with a 10-5 record, a marked improvement over the 6-9 of a year ago. Only Joe Hardin, captain of the team for two years, has graduated. Barry Conway, who is the top cadet in both squash and tennis, won 11 of his 15 matches to rank among the best in the East. Navy took four of the six singles matches and one doubles match for a 5-4 victory, ARMY's winning score a year ago at West Point. With five veterans available for next season the tennis outlook is good.

Post-Season Honors Received

Several cadet athletes won national honors for their performances. Jay Williams, freestyle swimmer from Radnor, Pa., was an all-America selection. He set records in the 100-, 200-, and 500-yard events and was picked for the all-America team for the second time.

Wrestling captain-elect Jim Harter from Walnut Valley, Calif., won the Eastern crown and was fourth in the Nationals at 177 pounds to gain a spot on the all-America team.

In baseball, John Boretti, center-fielder and 1967 captain, and Tom Krieger, third baseman and 1968 captain, both made the all-League team. It was the second time that Boretti was chosen for this honor.

Captain Chris Pettit of Huntington, N.Y., and Glynn Hale of Fort Knox, Ky., made the all-America lacrosse first team. Pettit, Hale, and Ray Enners were named to play on the North

squad for the post-season game. However, when Enners was forced to withdraw due to sickness he was replaced by Gordy Rankin of Timonium, Md.

The two top athletic awards were presented to John Boretti and Larry Izzo during June Week. Boretti, who won nine varsity letters, three each in soccer, hockey, and baseball, was awarded the ARMY Athletic Association Trophy. Izzo, an all-East selection twice as an end on the 150-pound football team and a varsity letter-winner in lacrosse, was awarded the Eastern College Athletic Conference Merit Medal for excellence in athletics and scholarship.

Spring Football Report

While a football coach is never completely satisfied, ARMY's Tom Cahill found some bright spots in the annual spring game in late April which marked the close of the spring workouts. The "Golds," composed of the first defense and second offense, scored a 12-6 victory over the "Black" eleven before 7,500 fans at Michie Stadium.

Plebe halfback Hank Andrzejczak led the Gold team rushing with 70 yards in 11 carries. He should be pushing John Peduto and Carl Woessner for a starting spot this fall. Two other backs up from the 150-pound team, Jim Greenlee and Van Evans, also figure in the offense plans for 1967. Evans is the Heptagonal sprint champion and easily the fastest man to play football for ARMY in the past decade.

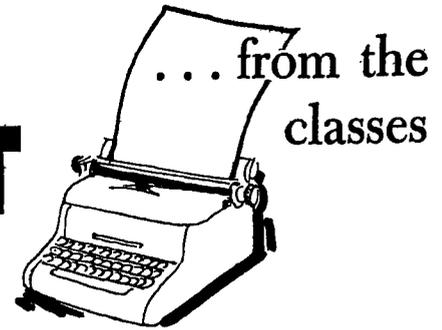
Quarterback Steve Lindell, Sophomore-of-the-East last fall, completed 8 of 17 passes for 94 yards and carried for 74 yards in 13 tries to show that he still has his offensive touch. Back-up (continue on page 45)



Track team members admire outdoor heptagonal championship trophy held aloft by team captain John Graham. Coach Crowell (far right) brought both the indoor and outdoor trophies to West Point this year.



REPORT



'03

Col. Dorsey R. Rodney
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Jake Wuest writes that Mrs. W. is recovering successfully from a January operation. That, and his own doctor's advice, kept them from making their annual trip to Bad Ems. But, they have compromised on a month and a half in San Francisco and southern California later in the summer. He says he thinks he is the only member of 1903 who lives south of the Mason-Dixon line. I am a little hazy in my geography and do not know exactly where that line runs, but Grant, Tyler, and Lynn live in Washington, D.C.

Turtle and his wife, Maida, were at West Point 23-26 May to celebrate "67 Day." His father, Thomas Turtle, graduated No. 4 in the Class of 1867. Lewis was the only Class Son present, but there were 3 daughters, so Lewis called them all "sisters." En route back to San Antonio, the Turtles spent four nights in New York City where they saw the Royal Ballet in "Swan Lake." What a busy couple!

Clifford Jones writes from Norcross, Georgia, that he is enjoying the delightful north Georgia's summer weather—just cool enough to enjoy without stimulating one to special effort.

Ulysses Grant reports that he is pretty well satisfied with life as it is.

The Albert Gilmors are in Southhampton, N.Y., for the summer. He says he will not be on the Olympic team this year(!) but that he is not too feeble.

Marion Howze suggests that "we old corks" do not make news. But I betcha it would make interesting reading if he would tell us about his many love affairs.

The Farnums were in Washington the third week in April, visiting Denise Schley. Denise had her house open for the annual tour of gardens in Georgetown, and her own garden was one of the choice ones. She had the Farnums, Ulysses Grant, and Max Tyler for dinner one night. A pretty select group, I opine! Farnum and Rodney are looking forward to their customary annual lobster lunch at Falmouth, Maine, this summer.

Rodney visited Washington and his old home in New Castle, Delaware, in May. While in Washington, he phoned Max Tyler, who was just starting out on a trip to the Pacific Coast, and Clark Lynn, who was out walking at the nursing home in Bethesda, where he is staying.

One of the features of "A Day In Old New Castle" each year is a display of antiques in the houses, and Rodney classes himself as one of them!

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His address:

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

'04

Maj. Gen. William Bryden
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Washington, D.C. 20008

Harry Berry died on 13 January 1967 at Hendersonville, Tenn., where he had lived since his resignation from the Service in 1909. Later he became a colonel commanding the 115th FA in the A.E.F. for which service he received the DSM. In 1946 he was retired as a colonel (AUS).

'05

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

My sympathy is extended to the Editor for the difficulties he has in assembling and processing the class Notes, but, as a class reporter, I must admit my embarrassment at the long period between the time I get a bit of news and the time it reaches the reader. Items that may be of interest as news lose much of their interest when they are read months after the event. The following items are of that character.

Clifford Early died on 11 April 1967, at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, after a heart attack. Interment was in Arlington Cemetery after services at Atlanta and Fort Myer, Virginia. Two days before his death, he thoroughly enjoyed himself at a birthday party given for him by friends who had asked him what he wanted. He told them that all that he wanted was some pretty girls. Since he got them, it seems certain that his passing, at the age of 84, must have been with pleasant memories. His nearest surviving relative is his sister, Miss Henriette Early of Washington.

Less than two weeks after Clifford's passing, Tom Osborne died at Asheville, N.C., on 23 April 1967. Members of the Class of 1905 will recall that his wife, Jenny, is a sister of Tom Doe. She writes: "Tom failed rather fast after his last operation. He recovered perfectly for four months, but then his heart gave out. We had four months of

his remembering many things." I am grateful to Jenny, to her daughter Mary Billingsley, and to her son Bodwill Osborne, for their message and note.

'06

Col. Charles G. Mettler
2227 Pickens Road
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The dozen surviving grads of 1906 are enjoying their eighties with the usual hardships of age, compensated for somewhat by Medicare and the concern about senior citizens.

Spring came and went suddenly some days ago and got lost here, as elsewhere all over the East. The Academy's birthday parties went off well at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., and at Fort Gordon, attended by most of the local grads. Benny Havens and Father Thayer got the principal toasts, and a few old songs burst forth. Armed Forces Day was also celebrated by our service clubs, with Lt. Gen. Charles W.G. Rich '35, making a stirring and appropriate address about the Vietnam war.

It is noted with pleasure that John V. Grombach '23, after 40-year's delay and much effort on the part of many of us, finally graduated. He was called into Gen. Bennett's office, given a fine graduation exercise, addressed by "John" Danford, and handed his diploma. Congratulations, Frenchy!

We have learned that a large plaque in the sallyport of the headquarters building records the names of those who have contributed \$1,000 or more to the Superintendent's Fund. Already the names of Mathews and McFarland are on it. Earl says he gave his gift out of his great love and respect for our Alma Mater. Ten names of 1906 are on the athletics plaque in the gym for wearers of the "A."

Gene Riley and daughter Eugenia drove over from Columbia to our place in late May for a pleasant call. They had attended a wedding of Jim's niece near Columbia, S.C.

The Hoyle reunion was held recently in Washington, D.C., with about 20 Hoyles attending, including DeRuss, but not Christine, who is not traveling much because of her injured back. We hear that the parties were well attended and gay—normal with Hoyle gatherings—both at the Army-Navy Club and at the Country Club. Later, the Holbrooks finished off the affair with a grand shindig.

Earl and Edith McFarland recently drove down to Georgia to call on their daughter, Mary Ann, wife of Maj. Gen. Twitchell, now CG at Fort McPherson, Atlanta. And another note from Earl McFarland, described his happy journey with son Earl Jr., to graduation exercises at West Point, his marching close to the head of the column on the march to Father Thayer's Monument, then his helping the survivors of 1907 celebrate their 60th Reunion. His account of the affairs is complete and excellent, but too long to quote.

Mick Daley joined him on the march and at the exercises.

A note from George and Christine Morrow: they have distributed their household goods to the children and are now comfortably housed in a Birmingham nursing home; both are improved by the change and pleased with their decision.

We recently had a nice long telephone conversation with Ralph Pennell, who called from Lawton, Okla., to tell about his proposed trip to Ireland and England. He sailed on the *Queen Mary*, and postcards record progress on his safari.

Henry Finch has distributed the Finch Service to relatives and friends, having been in the writing mood to record his important thoughts. He indicates that his Texas Centennial rose has been a super-duper this year. He claims to have heard one of his garden mocking birds imitate a cackling hen, a remarkable feat of bird singing. Henry confesses to no cardinal sins as he "gives his retro rockets the gun" and thinks back over the long years. We quote bits of poetry to each other in our correspondence just to show off.

We had nice notes from Mrs. Jacob and Mrs. Loughry about the obits for their husbands. Mrs. Jacob said that she recently called on Harriet O'Brien Smith at the Morningside Nursing Home and found her improving greatly.

Late mail brought news from John Merrill that our beloved classmate, Col. Martyn H. Shute, died at a San Antonio Hospital on 5 June. He was buried in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on 8 June. Joe King and John Merrill attended for the Class. The sorrow and sympathy of the Class has been conveyed to daughter Marjorie Dykes, who has lived through recent years with the Shutes. Plupy's wife Marjorie died last year. Two other married daughters survive. Plupy was 84. His death leaves only 11 of the old group and 4 associate members on our list.

A note from Joe King listed the following honorary pallbearers at Plupy's funeral: Gen. Simpson, "Pot" Lewis, Skinny De Armond, John Merrill, and Joe King. All three daughters were present.

King says that Pot Lewis is in the San Antonio Convalescent Center, 921 East Nolan St., and has a guardian looking after his affairs. Joe and daughter Julia are starting on a long journey with g-son Joseph King Hammer along, to see Joe Sr.'s sister in Los Angeles and thence around the north by way of Yosemite, Sequoia Forest, Yellowstone, and eventually to join another daughter at Lake Okoboji; all this in spite of his weak legs, but with disgustingly good health.

Elizabeth and I expect to spend July and August in the shade of the Beaucatcher Mountain at the Manor Hotel in Asheville. There are many grads around town with whom we can compare notes about you and our Alma Mater—especially Johnny Wogan, the Scribe of 1915.

Cheer up, summer is actually coming. Graduation is over and the reunion classes have gone home to talk about the parties for the next five years.

Stop in any time at Asheville. Conversation is always free and plentiful all summer long. *Vaya con Dios.*

'07

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Dan'l Boone handled every detail in connection with our 60th Reunion. All report he did a masterful job. Many thanks, Dan'l.

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Present were: Arthur, Boone, Laubach, MacLachlan, Spencer, Stedman, and Earl McFarland. Earl attended his 60th Reunion with his Class last year and joined 1907 for ours this year.

Returning home, Bob Arthur stopped first in New Jersey for a visit with his literary son, and then in Alexandria, Va., to visit his son John, a retired Army colonel. John, with AID, is dealing with South Vietnam affairs. In one capacity or another, it has been South Vietnam for John for the past 5 years. Bob said the weather for the reunion was perfect. Looking over the longevity tables, some think they will be able to attend our 65th! It was a great disappointment to some to find at the last minute they would not be able to attend our 60th. In the movement of the new cadet barracks onto the Plain, our class tree disappeared.

Fox Wood, 88-year-old brother of Oliver, has been attending a round of parties during his Washington visit.

Enrique White entertained in June with a small luncheon party at the Kennedy-Warren.

Jesse Drain visited his son, J.C. Jr. '36, a retired Army colonel, in Indianapolis and then turned south to visit his granddaughter in South Carolina.

Class luncheons are held at the Army-Navy Town Club at noon on the third Thursday of each month. An out-of-town classmate ranks a luncheon any time he comes to Washington. At a recent class luncheon, Enrique White had as his guests William R. Scott '04 and Arthur W. Lane '05. They were asked to join us regularly at our luncheons, and they accepted. Glen E. Edgerton '08 joined us some months ago, and Earl McFarland '06 measures his time with us in years. The old '07 group is down to 4: Drain, White, Wood, and Sullivan.

Alvin Gutensohn had been in ill health for the past few years. In April, after watching a baseball game on television, he lay down on a couch, and drifted off into a sleep from which he never awakened. A wonderful way to go. His birthday was the end of the week. Enrique White and one other had planned a decorated birthday cake for him with "Happy Birthday Alvin from 1907" and the usual class birthday card. He was buried in Arlington with his local classmates acting as honorary pallbearers. Dan'l Boone sent the usual check from the class fund to the Association of Graduates as a memorial to Alvin. He was an able officer and a fine man—also very religious. One friend said of him: "He was a devout Christian." He was incapable of a petty or mean act.

Charley Wyman, writing in May, said he noticed that Gutensohn's name was not on his birthday card. He wrote that some years ago he and his wife, while driving through Ohio, noticed a sign "4 miles to Gnadenhutten," so they turned in to Gute's home town where the little religious group first took shelter about 1830. Sandy Chilton quotes Swinburne: "...and the ranks that are thin shall be thinned."

Dan'l Boone, acting class treasurer, is now secretary-treasurer of the Class. Hans Wagner was treasurer from the beginning until his death in March.

Charley Wyman writes he has arrived at the age of slippers and pantaloons. He has given up driving—cataracts do not help.

In a newspaper article "Airbases get Kelly Names," among those listed is Robins AFB in Georgia named for Brig. Gen. Augustine Warner Robins, whose widow still lives in San Antonio, and whose daughter is a Kelly employee. Warner died in an air tragedy in 1940. Thanks for the clipping, Enrique.

Down the Field

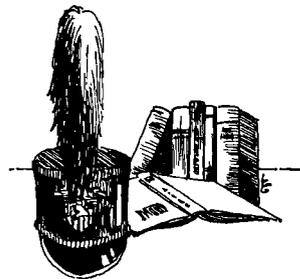
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quarterback Jim O'Toole missed the game with minor ankle and knee injuries.

The big question mark is the defense from which six starters graduated. But the defense did a good job in the spring game, especially on pass defense where three tosses were intercepted and the secondary produced satisfactory coverage.

Sports Briefs

ARMY's Tom Cahill guided the East team to a 12-9 victory in the annual Coaches' all-America game in Atlanta on 8 July. Bob Devany of Nebraska headed the West mentors. . . . Playing for Cahill were defensive end Tom Schwartz and linebacker Townsend Clarke. . . . Among the lacrosse lettermen this past spring was Bud Neswiacheny, ARMY's 1967 football captain. It was his first try at lacrosse. . . . General Dwight D. Eisenhower was the recipient of the NCAA's first annual Theodore Roosevelt award for continued contribution to athletics and physical fitness. His son John accepted the award at the Houston NCAA convention. At a second ceremony three days later in Palm Springs, Calif., NCAA president Everett Barnes presented the award to General Eisenhower. . . . Add to the list of former ARMY assistants now in head coaching jobs: Jim Valek at Illinois and Max Urlick at Wabash College in Indiana. . . . The ABC television listings for the 1967 football season are out. ARMY will be televised in two games this year—the Navy game on 2 Dec. will be shown nationally; the Air Force game at Colorado on 4 Nov. may be seen in the East to include Maryland, Washington, D.C., and parts of West Virginia, in the midwest, the Rocky Mountain area, the Southwest, and all of the West Coast. Both games will be shown in color. . . . Subscriptions are still needed for the ARMY SPORTS-LETTER. Send your check for \$5 to the AAA and keep abreast of the ARMY action for 1967-68. Editors of the SPORTSLETTER are Frank Walter and Bob Kinney, both of the Sports Information Office.



Charley Wyman in a letter to Enrique wrote: I remember "P" Larned telling Ray Hill to throw his drawing out of the window. Ray did. Enrique tells the complete story:

"P" Larned: Good Lord, what is *this*?
Throw it out the window, Mr. Hill.

Ray Hill: With pleasure, sir. Jim, open the window.

Gallogly (exultantly): With pleasure, sir. Bread cast upon the waters. It will come back, Ray.

Ray: Yeah, 0.5 of it. What a relief!

Gallogly (always loquacious and B-essy): Out it goes. Selah! *Sic gloria transit* to the north wind. Thus endeth a noble experiment.

Ray Hill: Amen!

'08

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An elegant letter from Spike Dougherty says that arthritis prevents his writing a letter in long hand, so he has to resort to the luxury of a private secretary. Spike was never one to forego the luxuries of life. He has moved from Coopersburg to Allentown, Pa., where he is comfortably located in a nursing residence at Hanover Avenue and Wahnetka Street. He says that his "octogenarianism has tied him up with arthritis," which is his principal trouble, and if it weren't for that he would be in excellent condition "for a man of his age." We are hoping that "non-agenarianism" may do better by him than his current "ism" has been doing.

Word comes from John Kennedy in Columbia, South Carolina, that his son, Col. Elmer B. Kennedy, Arty, has retired after 30 years of service and is now living in El Paso, Texas. Col. Kennedy has two fine sons, John and Charles. John is a sophomore at New Mexico State University at Las Cruces, and Charles is a senior in high school.

The faithful Med Meredith reports that the McIntoshes paid a short call on him on 4 June. They were in good health and spirits, and he enjoyed their visit.

Margaret Higley spent a week during May in Washington attending a reunion of the children of the late Gen. Eli D. Hoyle, in celebration of the birthday of Mrs. Helen Hoyle Herr, who lives in Washington, D.C. Besides Margaret Higley and Helen Herr, the two other sisters, Imogene Taulbee and Fanny Graham, came to Washington from El Paso and San Antonio, respectively, and "Red" Hoyle came from Hamden, Connecticut. In addition, there were nieces, nephews, and cousins. It was a very joyous experience, this extraordinary reunion of that remarkable family, all in good health and fine spirits.

The Muhlenbergs paid a call on Hal and Mrs. Coulter in Palm Springs, Calif., one day in April. They had a pleasant visit, but had to report that Hal did not appear to be in good health, an impression amply confirmed by comments in letters we have received from Hal himself. However, he writes excellent letters with informative comments or discussions covering a wide range of subjects of general interest.

'10

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The Class of 1910 is duly proud to note that our first Class Son, Lt. Gen. James H. Polk, who had been serving as Deputy Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army Europe

and Seventh Army, was named on 1 June to succeed Gen. Andrew P. O'Meara as Commander-in-Chief, USAREUR and Commander Central Army Group. Gen. O'Meara will retire, and Gen. Polk wins his fourth star with this new assignment. Gen. Polk's mother, Mrs. Harding Polk, resides in Washington, D.C. and quite regularly attends our monthly class luncheons at the Army-Navy Club.

On the occasion of our April class luncheon, we were happy to welcome Margy and Fritz Strong, who came east to escape some late Michigan snow storms, and Sam Edelman, who occasionally comes over to Washington from Philadelphia on business. A good time was had by all at this gathering, with free exchanges of views on 1910 activities and on how well all of us were doing. It is always a pleasure to see and visit with our out-of-town classmates, and we wish that more of them would come by to see us.

Lowella Hines left Washington in early June to take up her new residence in Branford, Conn. Lowella has many very good friends in that part of the country, where she had lived a number of years ago. She plans to more or less move around this summer and then select her permanent residence by fall.

A cheery card from Derryle and Carey Brown extends their best wishes for 1967 to all classmates. Carey intimated that both of them were starting to take things a little easier these days. They still live at their Rebel Hill Farm, Scottsville, New York, but Carey is no longer actively managing the dairy on the farm.

We regret to report that Bob Dunlop's son, Robert H. Jr., died suddenly of a heart ailment on 19 April 1967, at his home in Washington. He served as an Army captain during World War II and the Korean War; being discharged for disability in 1951. Funeral services with full military honors were held at the Fort Myer Chapel on 24 April, with burial in the Arlington National Cemetery. Bob's 1910 classmates served as honorary pallbearers.

D.S. Wilson recently had a short stay in the hospital at Fort Belvoir, Va. Everything turned out very well, and D.S. is now his old energetic self again.

Pappy Selleck underwent a cataract operation in Walter Reed Hospital last May and is now looking forward to receiving his new glasses and improved vision.

Gwladys Leonard returned about the first of April from her around-the-world cruise on the S.S. *Rotterdam*, looking fine and fit after a wonderful winter vacation.

Hortense Chapman had been in Washington visiting P.K. Brigham (daughter of our Rex Cocroft) for several days. Together they were eagerly awaiting Col. Erwin R. Brigham's return from Vietnam. He is Hortense's oldest son. They had planned on attending the 14 June luncheon of 1910, but did not as they were at home waiting for word as to the time of Col. Brigham's arrival in Washington.

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A sad message came on 12 May giving word of the death that day, in his sleep at Walter Reed, of another 1911 stalwart, Wilfrid Mason Blunt. With him were Polly and their three daughters: Mrs. Jack Henson of Sacramento, Calif., and Miss Ellen Key Blunt and Mrs. John T. Wainwright, both residing



1911: J.B. Lawrence, son of Thompson Lawrence, is a municipal judge in San Bernardino, Calif.

in Washington. On return from a winter trip south with Polly, Wilfrid was not well, and it was later determined that there was an inoperable cancer of the lung. Our "Bluntie" was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, a great-grandson of the composer of the national anthem, and a charter member and treasurer of The Society of Descendants of Francis Scott Key. He was an active sportsman in horsemanship and sailing. A requiem Mass was offered in the chapel at Fort Myer on 15 May, at which Raymond Wheeler, Karl Bradford, and William Morris of 1911, Sterling Larrabee of 1912, and Albert Barden of 1919, were pallbearers. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery.

Charlotte Hardy wrote on 19 May: "Just a word to tell you 1911ers that 'Scarlet Gate' is sold, and I am now in a very nice apartment at 2820 East 6th St., Tucson, Ariz. 85711, Apt. 230. Am no longer off the main route, and hope the old friends will not forget me if they pass through. Should be an old hand at this moving, but somehow the years have caught up, and I'm bone-tired. Sorry Bluntie is no longer with us. Best always." As we oldtimers know, Scarlet Gate, the Hardy home, was near Hereford not far from Fort Huachuca, some 75 miles south-east of Tucson. Remember that just a 5¢ stamp will get you in touch with Charlotte.

Tod Larned, before retirement in 1948, had spent the last 6 years of his active service in command of Picatinny Arsenal, where he received his promotion to brigadier general in 1942. Last May 20th, Augusta Larned was there with many others for the dedication of "The William E. Larned Building," a 2-story structure with some 51,000 sq. ft. of floor space that will provide a modern facility for more than 450 engineers and supporting personnel. The invitation from the arsenal commander stated: "General Larned assumed command of the arsenal only days before that attack on Pearl Harbor and our entry into a world war that was to impose an unparalleled demand on the arsenal. How Picatinny responded to that demand is more than a footnote in the history of World War II; it stands as a tribute to the qualities of General Larned's great leadership."

Mary Lawrence, writing of her and Tommy's sons, says that Thompson C. has a master's degree in entomology and has 6 years' work on a doctorate at the U. of Calif. He and his wife, Eleanor, have an adopted daughter, Susan Mei, who has finished her first year in that university with a straight-A average. John Biddle, the younger son, is a municipal judge in San Bernardino. He and his wife, Irene, have three children. John Howard, the eldest, who hopes to be a nuclear physicist, is 16 and in his senior year at San Geronio high school. He recently

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stood high in the preliminary student scholastic achievement tests. In 68, he hopes to go to Harvey Mudd of the Claremont Colleges, a special school of science and engineering that accepts only 90 freshmen each year. Of his two sisters, Mary Clare 13, is also a straight-A student; Katherine Anne 11, gets A's when she tries.

A card in early May from the Nollmans said that, after spending some time in Paris and then attending the Rotary International in Nice, they had seen a bull fight in Barcelona. After a further tour of Spain, they were returning home on the *Queen Mary*. They sent good wishes to all.

On 21 April last, 2 tornadoes of those that caused much damage in northern Illinois hit Oak Lawn, a southwest suburb of Chicago. Kathryn O'Neill wrote that one missed her apartment building by three blocks, the other by four. On the same day, another tornado caused great loss in Belvidere, Ill., some 15 miles east of your Scribe's home town. It may be of interest that Belvedere, Calif., raised a considerable relief sum for its sister city.

The senior prisoners of WWII in the Philippines, who, with Wainwright, USMA '06, were harried about the Far East from 42 to 45, from the Islands via Formosa, Japan, Korea, Eastern Gobi, and Mukden, foregather every April at a different host place. Last year it was San Juan, next year San Antonio, this year San Diego. Thus, they justify their name, "The Wainwright Travelers," but with a happy difference—they travel with their ladies and feast and live in luxury. Of the original Travelers, 20 were USMA graduates; Paul Bunker '03, who died in Formosa in 43, was the senior. Two were 1911: Richards and Weaver. Fourteen of the 20 survive, 3 of them "reuning" at San Diego: Traywich '24, Vance '19, and Weaver '11. These three first met at West Point as cadets or faculty. Jim and Molly Weaver motored down from San Mateo County, Calif.; Landonia Richards, Harrison's widow, and her equally attractive daughter, Landonio Gettel, flew west from Warren County, Virginia. Landonio II is the wife of Richard Glenn Gettel, the president of Mt. Holyoke College.

Hazel Wier wrote toward the end of March that she leads a busy life, being devoted to both art and music, and attending all orchestral concerts of the San Diego Symphony and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. She is on the acquisition and loan committee of the Fine Arts Society of San Diego. She has several properties and lives in an attractive cottage of a corner group in La Jolla. She had been to Europe the last 2 years, plays lots of bridge, and in April 66 attended her 50th graduation class reunion at Pomona College. She has much enjoyment and interest in living, and urges any of Pappy Wier's classmates to stop by.

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'12

Our 55th Reunion—a report by the outgoing class president:

Families present: Arnold, Bennion, Deuel, Hauser, Malony, Spalding S.P., Wilbur. Widow: Abigail Wood. Stags: Chynoweth, Crane, Drake, Flynn, Greenwald, Lindt, Littlejohn, Rose, Snow. Total individuals: 24.

All were billeted in the Hotel Thayer, except Drake, Flynn, Greenwald, and Snow, who were in Cullum Hall.

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Wednesday evening, 31 May: A nucleus was formed in the lobby of the Hotel Thayer, where spontaneous action led to a declaration that the reunion was then an established fact. After that the group adjourned, to be reunited in the Thayer bar.

Thursday, 1 June: Due to differences in arrival times, nothing of an official nature was planned. All were present except the Sid Spaldings, who made a surprise arrival the following morning. Littlejohn was accompanied by his former wartime executive, Weare, who was also his chauffeur and companion during the 1962 gathering.

Friday, 2 June: This day there were five planned activities, spaced so that there were gaps allowing the aged and infirm (all of us to some degree) to relax and regain strength for the next assembly. About 1000 hours, the Class of 1912 bus departed from the Thayer, picked up passengers at Cullum Hall, and proceeded to the West Point cemetery. A committee, consisting of Nora Deuel, Larry Wilbur, and Abigail Wood (the three ladies present with family buried there), carried red roses. They placed one rose on the grave of each classmate laid to rest there, and on the graves of two Class Sons. A rose was also left on the grave of Leila Harrison Keyes. Marg Arnold brought flowers to her family's gravesite.

At noon the men met in the Green Room of the Officers Open Mess for lunch and a business meeting, while the ladies had their lunch at a 1912 table in the club dining room.

After lunch we walked to the library and gathered in the Class of 1912 Seminar Room, which only a few had visited previously. Apparently there was general satisfaction with our accomplishment.

After several hours of relaxation, we reassembled in the club's Green Room for our mixed dinner, at which we were privileged to have several class guests. We invited the USMA Librarian and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Egon Weiss, so that we could express our appreciation for his efforts in helping us establish the 1912 Seminar Room. Col. Stich (USAF, Res.) and his wife substituted as guests for Mr. Styles, last manager of the Hotel Astor, who presented the Class with a crystal and gold goblet from the original hotel stock as a memento of our association with the hotel. Maj. William L. Hauser, our official aide and organizer of our activities to the last detail, and his wife received our rising vote of thanks.

After dinner we moved to the cadet mess hall for the alumni dinner-dance and reception of the alumni by the Supe. And so to bed.

Saturday, 3 June: We assembled at the Thayer statue for the customary ceremony. Danford, '04, substituting for the absent oldest living graduate, placed the wreath. Then the alumni received a review by two regiments of the Corps of Cadets. The wind-up was our attendance at the luncheon and business meeting of the Association of Graduates. When the presiding officer omitted 1912 from the roll call of reunion classes, his omission was greeted by a raucous yell: "Where the hell is the Class of 1912?" followed by another classmate's shout of "Here." All of which resulted in an expression of regret from the chair.

Sunday, 4 June: A few stayed over Saturday night, with the tail end of the celebrants saying good-by after breakfast. The Hauser family then reassembled at son Bill's quarters and picked up two grandsons for the return trip to Fayetteville. The boys' parents followed several days later.

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On Memorial Day, 1967, Dorothy Young gave a housewarming for her country retreat. The house is a small jewel built of logs in 1781, and nestles at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains about 15 miles west of Middleburg, Va. Dorothy furnished each guest with a map she had drawn showing the location of her house. Her engineer connections were evident, for on the map was a note, "Not to Scale." The directions for following the map were in poetry and ran as follows:

HOUSEWARMING AT FOXHOLLOW, MAY 30, 1967

A housewarming's in order to christen Foxhill (The house is Foxhollow), so come if you will.

The acres sprout mint and the larder's quite filled;

The pump supplies "branch" for any drink that is willed.

Take the Parkway, best known as four ninety five,

Then right on Route 66, which becomes 55, Past Marshall turn right into broad Seventeen,

Cross Crooked Run twice, and you're still on the beam.

But now you go left on seven two four And follow it up to the Baptist Church door. Park your car 'neath the oaks, and to save you a mess,

You'll be ferried from there by the "Red Ball Express."

Down steep hill, and once more on the right, You'll be met by quite an incredible sight. In 1781 this little log cabin itself was begun, And now with new plumbing, and not just a cavity,

It's ready to cater to "high-minded depravity."

The date I have chosen is the 30th of May, From high noon at least till the close of the day.

Bring something to sit on, and come rain or come shine;

Be sure that You're there, and the pleasure is mine.

In Maryland, the people say that wheresoever a Marylander is buried a bed of mint springs up. That probably holds true for Virginians, and if it does, several must be buried near Dorothy's house, for she had plenty of mint for her juleps. Some people serve juleps in silver goblets, but Dorothy served hers in a large silver bowl she had won at a flower show. Each guest was provided with a large straw which he was supposed to keep, and when the bowl of juleps was passed round he could dip in his straw and drink to his heart's content. If you want to loosen up a party, serve mint juleps with straws! In that way the guests can't judge how much they are getting.

The party began at noon and extended into the night for latecomers. The guest list was Dorothy's host of friends of the "old" Army-Navy-Marine Corps, civilian friends, and garden club members. The younger generation was represented by the Doug Wearts and the Tom Larkins of 1915.

Your Scribe was very fortunate in being able to attend a birthday party in Sonoma, Calif., celebrating the 80th birthday of Mrs.

Henry H. Arnold. Before Gen. Arnold ('07) died in 1950, he and Bee Arnold had purchased a lovely house near Sonoma which is located in Jack London's Valley of the Moon. There is sufficient acreage for a small cattle ranch, and before his death the General had a herd of purebred herefords. Mrs. Arnold still runs a small herd of feeder cattle. Four of her intimate friends decided to give her a party on her birthday, and it was held in the beautiful home of Mrs. Donald McNab which is only a short distance from the Arnold ranch. By good fortune all the Arnold boys were able to attend: Hank '40, Bruce Jun '43, and David '49.

Friends came from all over the country to attend the party, and those who were unable to attend sent congratulatory telegrams. Before the party was over a bushel basketful of telegrams had arrived.

Of all the members of 1913 the Crittenbergers are probably the luckiest. First, they celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding on 23 June, and second, their children, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Willis D. Crittenberger Jr., and Lt. Col. and Mrs. Dale J. Crittenberger gave them a big party at the Army-Navy Club in Washington to celebrate the event. As guests stepped off the elevator on the second floor of the Army-Navy Club they were met and greeted by three young granddaughters looking very lovely in red, green, and blue dresses.

At the entrance to the reception room were Crit and Josephine. She was dressed in a lovely green chiffon dress and looked every inch a queen. (Actually she was crowned queen in San Antonio before Crit married her.) Many of the guests were old cavalrymen which is not surprising since Crit chose the Cavalry on graduation. I was stationed in San Antonio 50 years ago when Crit was trying to persuade Josephine to marry him. It never occurred to me that a girl would marry a second lieutenant with the munificent monthly salary of \$141.67 but Crit thought differently.

You may recall one of our Hundredth Night shows in which Crit sang a song that went:

In the riding hall we may get a fall,
But it's different here you shall see-e,
For I know that all the ladies, love the
Cavalree.

Apparently Crit believed his own propaganda, and rightly so. The years have been kind to Josephine and Crit, and he has done a wonderful job serving West Point in many important ways.

The Class of 1913 gave Josephine a bridal bouquet of white lilies and lilies of the valley, and fortunately, Joe and Dasha Viner were up from Virginia Beach to present it to her. Besides the Viners and the Davidsons, 1913 was represented by Pink and Lois Crane from Leesburg. Dorris and Billy Johnson, who were working at their new country home and trying to locate a well with a dowsing fork of witch hazel, were unable to be there.

I have just received a letter from Sammy Gibson containing the sad news that John Huff Van Vliet passed away in a hospital at Red Bank, N.J., on 23 June. His son, John, who is retired, flew up from Florida to be with Sally. Burial was in Red Bank on Tuesday, 27 June. Sally is now in Florida with her son's family. She can be reached by writing care of: Col. John H. Van Vliet Jr., 1730 Golfview Drive, Clearwater, Fla.

Our sympathies go out to all the Van Vliet family.

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In the last issue, Tom Lanphier wrote that he telephoned Mose Brannan to come and see the ARMY-Navy game on TV, but the telephone operator said he had moved to Birmingham. So, he has been lost to the Class for several months. A few days ago, Tom thoughtfully forwarded to me a letter dated 24 May, which he had received from the wife of Dr. Hamrick of Birmingham. She wrote: "My uncle, Col. F.M. Brannan, is one of your West Point classmates. Recently, while glancing through ASSEMBLY, I noted your comment concerning your effort to get in touch with him and thought you might be interested in his present condition.

"Uncle Francis had a severe stroke last fall and was in the Naval Hospital in San Diego for 3 weeks. At that time, my husband and I were able to bring him by plane to a hospital here. He was in the hospital for an additional 3 weeks, after which he lived in our home until the latter part of April, when his declining condition required further hospitalization. It is difficult to say how much longer he will remain in the hospital, as his condition varies from day to day, and he requires a great deal of nursing care.

"I have always been very devoted to my uncle, and am also his closest relative. We are doing all we can to see that he has the best of care. If there are other friends whom you feel would be interested, I would appreciate your passing on to them the above news."

Since the name of the hospital was not stated, Mose Brannan's present address is: c/o Mrs. Leon C. Hamrick, 3656 Rockhill Road, Birmingham, Ala. 35223. The thanks of the entire Class are due Mrs. Hamrick for this information concerning Mose Brannan. It is quite clear that his condition is rather serious. I will write Mrs. Hamrick, thanking her, and enclosing a letter to Mose. I know you all realize how much it would mean to him to hear from you.

The first letter received for these Notes came from Dopey Harrison. Those who attended our 50th Reunion with him and his daughter, Mrs. Virginia Hewes, will recall how much they enjoyed themselves, and his happy smile as he took part in all our reunion activities without any assistance other than a cane, although one side of his body was paralyzed. Dopey wrote: "I have led a rather quiet life since our reunion, as it is a bit hard for me to get around. My bum arm and leg keep me from stepping out very often, but I have not had any more strokes and am not ready to join the wheel-chair brigade. I joined Bruz and Vera Waddell at the christening of the Angel's baseball stadium in Anaheim last year, and also managed to see the Dodgers play a few games.

"I have made a couple of flights up north to visit some relatives, but most of my time is spent here at home watching my four granddaughters grow up. They are a mighty lively quartet, and they give me a lot of pleasure.

"I was nearly found in BS as a Beast, so I fear I cannot compete with the various poets in the Class, but I will sign off with this: Virginia and I are feeling fine—we will see you at the reunion in sixty-nine."

Here's the second letter that came to me—a very fine and characteristic one from Johnnie Markoe: "June is here, the month

I am privileged to write to the Class through the pages of ASSEMBLY.

"I welcome this opportunity in a very special way, since it affords me the means of thanking the many members of the Class and the many widows of deceased classmates who so kindly wrote to congratulate me on the occasion of my celebration of my Golden Jubilee as a Jesuit last February. It has not been possible for me to reply to each one individually, so I thank them all now collectively from the bottom of my heart for the many beautiful and encouraging letters received.

"The highlight of the memorable celebration was the presence of dear old Charlie Gross, with whom all fell in love during his few days on the campus. He came all the way from Cornwall on the Hudson to add greatly to my joy and gladness. The accident he so unfortunately encountered on his way home greatly distressed me and increased my deep appreciation for the sacrifice he made to be with me. What a consolation and help it was! Through Charlie's presence I felt as though the whole Class was present, as indeed they were, I know, in spirit.

"Outside of this, there is not much to report. My health still leaves much to be desired, but I thank God that He has permitted me to pass 76½ years. I have serious doubts about being able to attend our 55th Reunion two years hence, but one cannot be too sure about the future. Health permitting, I'll be there. I send my warmest regards to all, including the widows and wives."

Jim and Eleanor Cress recently completed a long trip beginning 21 April and ending 26 May. As you can see from Jim's account, it was a roundabout trip, but the final objective was the Rotary International Convention in Nice. Although he didn't say so, I'm quite sure Jim was one of the delegates from the United States. I will quote the report of the trip as transcribed for Jim by Eleanor. If you want to follow it in detail, refer to your atlas. Here goes:

"We, the Cresses, took off for London on 21 April. Ten-and-one-half hours later, friends of wartime days met us at the airport and took us for a 60-mile ride to their home in Weybridge for breakfast. Our six days spent with them, with flowers everywhere, was a real treat. Next we flew to Sofia for another six-day stay. It was an interesting and stimulating experience. However, it was surprising to find that the old women of Sofia are employed to clean the streets and parks for only \$40 a month, and in a large city of Bulgaria a doctor earns only \$60 a month.

"We next flew to Istanbul, where a former aide to the last Caliph kindly piloted us about the city and its environs, as a favor to a mutual friend. When we arrived at Athens, we found a military coup was in progress, but during our two-day stay, we saw only one tank and eight soldiers. We discovered that the Acropolis is 'way up there! We were told that the Greek buildings were constructed on perfectly flat foundations, and the Greek masons emphasized that those interested in building didn't let the 'arch' bother them.

"Our travel to Vienna was by rail via the Eurailpass, which shortened the distance. The wagon-lits were OK as far as they went, but that was inadequate. Vienna we liked. There are some famous old beer gardens and beer cellars there. However, in the famous Grinsing area, there are wine gardens, since very fine grape vineyards are found there. Western Austria produced a 500-year-old

castle occupied by straight descendants—very charming. You breakfasted in your room but dined with the family as their guests. There was a flock of delightful Americans there, mostly from Michigan. But the best money value and scenery in Austria were in Innsbruck.

"The Swiss railroads gave mountain views that were the most dramatic and beautiful of anything we have ever seen from a train. Lake Lugarno, almost on the Italian border, was delightful, reasonable, and beautiful—appealed to us much more than the famed Lake Lucerne.

"The shore from Menton to Nice, ablaze with flowers and fabulous villas, is charming and added greatly to the Rotary Convention. The day of our departure was perfect. The Mediterranean, an aqua-purple jewel, justified its famous name *cote d'azur*.

"We made many interesting contacts at the convention, some old friends, some new, and some friends of friends from far-off places. Some 19,000 registered, which must indicate that Rotary exerts a basic pull and respect.

"Luther Hodges, former Secretary of Commerce, became the new president. Anthony Eden (the Earl of Avon) gave the closing address and received a tremendous standing ovation when he reached the rostrum. He had traveled at considerable effort, probably not too well. He discussed present and future world affairs. Our best to Earl and you."

While Jim and Eleanor Cress were making their tour of Europe en route to Nice, Skimp and Emily Brand were also touring Europe. His letter dated 6 June, describing the tour, as well as containing news of classmates, follows: "Emily and I just returned from a 22-day tour by air and bus to England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, Monaco, and France. We flew to New York and then to London. After two days in lousy London weather, we flew on to Amsterdam, landing at an airport that was only four days old. From there we went on by bus, seeing such cities as Zurich, Lucerne, Venice, Florence, Rome, Pisa, Nice, and Paris. From Paris we flew back via New York.

"As you know, the Cresses were also on a tour of Europe. I sent him our itinerary and was happily surprised to get a phone call from Jim in Zurich. He and Eleanor were passing through and we did not have a chance to get together.

"In Paris we had dinner with Gene Vilaret. He told us more about Paris and France than we had learned on our tour. It was great seeing Gene. He sent his regards to everyone. Since DeGaulle kicked the U.S. troops out of France, Gene's address has changed to: c/o Special Consular Services, American Embassy, APO New York 09777.

"Jack and Gus Jouett have been in Washington for treatments at Walter Reed since 26 April, and they leave for the Virgin Islands today. When they came they expected to leave 3 May. So we updated the May class luncheon to Monday the 1st. Then it developed that they would require continued treatments. We had dinner with them last night at the Army-Navy Club, where we saw Helen and Maggie Harris dining with Grace and Dad Ingles. Maggie came here on his way to London, but was held up by some physical trouble. We expect him at our class luncheon tomorrow. Hal Loomis is in the hospital and reported improving.

"On our trip we saw many famous places and some beautiful mountains, especially in the Dolomites and the Maritime Alps. But

mostly the trip was a grand rush, and we were worn out when we got back. Our advice to anyone contemplating such a trip is to take it at a more leisurely pace. Sure glad to be back in the good old U.S. Our best to you and all classmates."

In Skimp's letter he mentioned that he had heard that Betty Bull had a bad accident, but he did not know the details. To get the details, I telephoned the Bulls and found that some time ago Betty had had a fall on the stairs at home, causing damage to one vertebra. After several weeks in Walter Reed, she is back at home and improving steadily.

Some of you may recall that in the spring of 1965, Libby Milburn gave up her home in Missoula, Montana, and flew to Seoul with her relatives, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis, where she promptly got a civil service job. I hope this letter from her will be reasonably clear to you, especially those who knew Shrimp Milburn's son and daughter. She writes: "I am going to make a trip with my cousin, 'Beachie' Lewis, to the U.S.S.R. and the Scandinavian countries. I leave Seoul on 12 June and will be gone seven weeks. My cousin leaves on 4 June for a farewell trip to Japan and Nepal, and we will meet in New Delhi and fly together to Moscow and Leningrad (she names many interesting foreign cities en route). This part of our trip will take 30 days. Then we will visit Helsinki, Stockholm, and Oslo, requiring 18 more days. I don't think the travel agency in Seoul approves our plans. Then, Intourist (Russian) has been difficult, so the Russian part of our trip is different from what we had planned, but we have no choice.

"We have been thoroughly briefed as to our conduct, especially the danger of being compromised by any romantic affairs—which we old gray heads considered quite a compliment. We hope to attend the 4 July reception at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. Beachie's husband (Dr. John Lewis) thinks we are out of our minds to make this trip, and he is returning to the United States by boat. He is a public health officer with A.I.D., and his new assignment is to Rio de Janeiro, where his wife will join him.

"After I return to Korea about the end of July, I shall plan for a leisurely return to the U.S. by boat in early 1968, via the South Pacific and possibly the Straits of Magellan for a passing visit with Beachie and John Lewis. I rather hope to settle down in the Baltimore-Washington area and will probably terminate my civil service career.

"Perhaps some classmates remember Shrimp's children, Frank and Betty Jane. Frank, still with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, is now returning from a round-the-world tour with the orchestra. He stopped off in Bangkok for a visit with Betty Jane. I just received a letter from her. Her husband, Oliver, goes to Vietnam in August, and she and the three youngest children will go to Colorado Springs. Their oldest son, John, has completed his Army tour in Vietnam—spent three weeks in Bangkok—and expects to go to OCS in July."

The following letter came from Willis Tack: "Dear classmates, classmates' wives, and widows: Dollye and I are hitting it on all six at the moment, but I am limping due to a February fall that fractured an ankle bone. The medics didn't treat me as the vets do a horse, but I think they had a mind to.

"Our only child, who lives in Lake Forest, 10 miles from our home, keeps busy taking care of her husband and their three children: a girl in college, a boy in high school, and another boy in grammar school.

"Commencing in 1964, Dollye and I have spent approximately three months each winter in Orlando, Florida. Last winter we took a side trip to Columbia, S.C., where Dollye sat out the WWII years. While there we were royally entertained by friends she made while I was overseas. This trip, plus our jaunts to and from Florida and an occasional trip to visit relatives in Wisconsin, constitute our travels.

"I play considerable duplicate bridge, and until I broke my ankle, tried my hand at golf several times a week. Incidentally, I am thoroughly convinced that golf is a young man's game.

"We haven't seen hide nor hair of a classmate or a relative thereof since our 50th Reunion, hence we are doubly anxious for the 55th to roll around. We surely will be there unless something unforeseen happens. Best regards to all."

That ends the crop of letters. I have had no further news from Charlie Gross, but surely hope he has recovered from the accident I reported in the last issue of ASSEMBLY. As for San Antonio, I can report as follows. Recently Ike and Lillian Gill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a buffet supper at the officers club. The table, with its golden candles, flowers, and gleaming chafing dishes, was surmounted by a huge "50" moulded in ice.

As has been so often the case, I must close this letter on a sad note. On 18 April, I received news from Muriel Thurber of the death of Lt. Col. Charles E. Robbs, USMA '42, husband of her daughter, Dorothy. He had been assigned to the 7240 Support Squadron, USAF. They were living in Oslo, Norway, at the time. After closing the home, Dorothy joined Muriel at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Honolulu, and they were to return to Seattle about the middle of May.

Earl joins me in our usual greetings to 1914.

Editor's Note: *Late word received at the Association office reports the death of James B. Cress at Palo Alto, Calif. on 27 July. Services at Palo Alto were to be followed by burial in the West Point Cemetery.*

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The class dinner at the Army-Navy Club on 26 May was a great success. Sorry so few could make it. A total of 44 crooked the elbow and put away the chicken and green peas. Those from the district and vicinity—with ball and chain—were: Aurand, Boye, Bradley, Busbee, Davis J.F., Ellis, Evans, Graves, Wallington, Weart, Moale; without ball and chain: Conklin, Gillette, Hess, Larkin. Helen Conklin was in Greece (not the polyunsaturated kind, the country). Betty Hess was ailing, and Mary Larkin was indisposed. From out of town were: Avent with his bride, Marsh, Richards, Taylor, and Wogan. Nine lovely widows completed the crowd.

Brad presided. Dorothy Benedict read telegrams from 23 who couldn't attend but thought enough of the invitations to send regrets. All were disappointed that Ike and Mamie dropped out at the last moment. Ike sent the following telegram:

"Until today I felt sure that Mamie and I would experience no difficulty in attending the class dinner on the 26th, but we have been bitterly disappointed by my failure to bounce back promptly from a bout with a

particularly persistent virus. So I must send you my apologies for our absence and our deep regret that we could not be present for a meeting to which we had looked forward eagerly. Please give our affectionate greetings to everyone present. As ever, Ike Eisenhower."

During black coffee Brad asked our class president if he had an address for the Class, and without hesitation Freddie got up and said: "My address is P.O. Box 239, Warrenton, Virginia 22186." Everyone agreed that this was the best after-dinner speech since the era of Chauncey Depew.

John Henry writes: "Our son, John, now a bird colonel in Pentagon logistics, was ordered to Poughkeepsie for a course of instruction. We thought at first it might be post-graduate work at Vassar, but it turned out to be a week in computer concepts at I.B.M."

Gibby Gibson (bless his heart) is still a faithful contributor and keeps writing your Scribe even though he is forced to use a reading glass in one hand to accomplish the feat. In his last he reports with sadness the loss of his sister who was the widow of Col. Avery J. Cooper, C.A.C. I knew Col. Cooper as a shavetail on the Mexican border in 1916. He was a real gent, and took my part when I was being chewed out unfairly by one of the few SOB's under whom I served in the Army. I happened to be in the right, and A.J. told him so, and I loved him for it.

Det reports the death of Jack Samsey ex-1915 on 4 December 66—heart. He was a first lieutenant in WWI and a captain in WWII.

Nan Chapin's son, Read, an Air Force Lt. col. is to attend training flying school for 4 or 5 months, then to Vietnam. She lost her other son in WWII. Keep your fingers crossed, gents.

Emily Ord's grandson, a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, was in all that fighting for them hills in Vietnam. She had word this spring that he is O.K.

A lovely letter from May Howell. She said that Hooks died of leukemia. The funeral was private, but the flowers were spectacular. She appreciated the red, white, and blue floral piece "from the Class of 1915."

Shorty Hearn and Charlotte left California on 7 June for the East. Charlotte was to attend her 50th Vassar reunion and then to Arlington, Virginia, for a visit with daughter Jean before her husband, Col. Chas. R. Sniffin, takes off for Vietnam. Shorty was to leave at the same time, but planned to visit his brother in Alabama and then join the family in Arlington. All my blandishments to have Shorty stop over with the Wogans on his way from Alabama to Arlington were to no avail.

Enclosed in Tom's letter was a clipping giving an account of Sophia Waldron's death. She was 84 and had lived for the past six years at the Sequoias retirement home. She was buried in Arlington.

There was an excellent picture of Dad Herrick in the 26 May, Oakland, California, *Tribune*. Wearing a big smile Dad stands between two wounded Marine corporals on crutches. The corporals were honored at a Rotary Club meeting—Dad's idea. Both Marines expressed indignation at the anti-war demonstrations. One said: "I was glad to serve my country. What we are doing in Vietnam has to be done." The other said: "I think all those demonstrators should be drafted and sent to Vietnam. Maybe that would teach them some patriotism." To which I say a fervent "Amen, brother!"

The reason why John Robinson couldn't at-

tend the class dinner on 26 May was that he fell off a ladder while reaching for a luscious apple that was beyond his long arm. He broke two vertebrae and jammed them together. The docs, according to John, are optimistic as to his prognosis. I thought John had learned that it's the woman who picks the apple and hands it to the man. However, it seems that no matter how you get the apple, you land on your you-know-what.

Clesen Tenney reports: "At long last, as they say in the movies, I have completed the final phase of distribution of the small pamphlet entitled 'Extracts from the Compilation of Records of the Class of 1915 USMA.' This final phase consisted of searching out addresses of those surviving relatives (sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, brothers, sister, and in some cases, friends who were no blood relation) of deceased classmates. These are the people who supplied data on about 30 of our outfit who are no longer with us. With the invaluable help of our reliable class secretary, I finally came up with a list of survivors for all but five of our classmates, and on 17 March I mailed out copies of the pamphlet to 31 of these people. Previously, in July of 65, I had mailed copies of the pamphlet to 24 classmates and to 36 widows who had not attended the 50th Reunion. I feel most apologetic that nearly two years elapsed before I got around to completing this project, but I was on the go a lot during the latter part of 65 and most all of 66, and this activity, coupled with my natural indolence and proclivity for procrastination, account for the delay.

"To date, of the 31 pamphlets mailed out in March, four have been returned by the postal service as undeliverable, and I have had six acknowledgements from other addressees. I think this is about par for the course. Consequently, after the passage of six weeks from the last mailing date, I prepared a final summary report on the undertaking and forwarded it to Señor Tenth Ellis yesterday for whatever use, if any, he may care to make of it.

"Only one small matter remains. I have about 75 copies of the 'Extracts' pamphlet left over, which I would be glad to get rid of. But, before throwing them away, I thought it might do no harm to ask you to run a final notice in the class Notes of some forthcoming issue of ASSEMBLY to the effect that anyone who desires a copy of the pamphlet may obtain same by writing me and by forwarding, with the request, 15¢ (stamps are acceptable) to cover the cost of a mailing envelope and postage." (Anyone desiring copies write: Tenney, 2020 Rose Lane, Las Cruces, N. Mex.)

The Class owes Clesen a rousing vote of thanks for a job superbly done.

Det's report on June Week: Weather perfect. Ike and son John, here briefly on Friday, the 3d, for dedication of a mural presented by John's class. (The mural, 8' x 24', depicts the landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day. It is located in the WWII room of the W.P. Museum.)

The following were here: Kitty and Omar Bradley, Dick Richards, Mason Young, Ed Hyde, Laura and Det Ellis. At the Leone party, which was, as usual, super, were: May and Gene, their daughter and her husband, Lt. Col. Tom Mesereau (USMA Jan '43), and their son and daughter, Dora Small, Mason J., Mary and Ed Hyde, Marie and Babe Weyand '16, Mary and Clifford Tate, and Laura and Det Ellis.

Concludes Det: "It is great being here for June Week, a real recharging of one's batteries. Even with all the new construction,

everything clicked, and I can assure you the Corps HAS NOT! It is a thrill to return here."

Apropos of nothing at all, did you hear about the conversation between them two cannibals?

1st cannibal: "I don't like your mother-in-law."

2d cannibal: "That's O.K. Just eat the noodles."

(Wouldn't it be terrible if he didn't like noodles?)

Keep your noses clean, gents.

P.S. If you want more news, write, phone, or telegraph your Scribe. Letters are getting scarcer and scarcer.

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June Week at West Point was well attended by our Class. Those present were: Calvin Dewitt, Ferdie and Helen Gallagher, Ray Moses, Fay and Peggy Prickett, Stan and Mary Scott, Bob Walsh, Babe and Marie Weyand, and Brig and Savilla Bliss. The Pricketts were attending the graduation of Lee Cage Jr., who is their third grandson to graduate from West Point. The first one graduated in 1962, and the second in 1964; all three are sixth-generation West Point graduates.

During the past winter, arthritis has kept Fay from his usual rounds of golf but he is feeling much better now and played the West Point course with Calvin, Ray, and Bob Walsh. Babe Weyand has been suffering with arthritis, but he and Marie both looked well. On Saturday evening, the day of the alumni ceremonies, a delightful 1916 dinner was arranged by Fay at the officers club. A feature of the occasion was the Spike Maulsby bowl. Bob Walsh had it filled with flowers for the party, and it decorated the dinner table.

The Scotts stopped on their way home to visit their son Gilbert and his family at Fort Totten. Gilbert has been transferred to Stewart Air Force Base near West Point, but Gloria and the children were waiting until the end of the school term before leaving Totten. The Callaghers stopped in Brooklyn to see Helen's oldest sister who had not been well for many months. Word of her death reached Helen and Ferdie a few hours after they got back to Washington on 12 June, and they returned to Brooklyn the same day.

Ray wrote from Sandwich that he had been laid up due to a miserable cold since he got home, but he was well enough to write on 10 June. The previous month, from the first to the middle of May, he and Marjorie had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Bermuda. Ray says it was a great success, and their son John Wills with his family of four, and their son Garret joined them in Bermuda for two days.

Maurice Miller writes that Nell and Bob Whitson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 26 April. Boots and Bill Spence will celebrate theirs on 24 June. Their children are giving a party for them at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Lu Anne and Ben Taylor. In the fall Boots and Bill are going to West Point to visit their son Craig and have a first look at their 11th grandchild. Fanny Tully's son, Larkin, arrives in July to take station at Fort Sam Houston. Her son Joe Jr., is in command of the aircraft carrier *Saratoga* in the Mediterranean. Maurice also writes that Alma Page had a very serious operation and was in

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Brooke Army Hospital for a month. She had been home only a few days when Doug also took a turn in the hospital, but they are both well again and "back on the party circuit."

Maurice and Nola plan to set out on 17 July for San Francisco via Las Vegas and Disneyland. From San Francisco they will sail on 10 August for Honolulu, returning home on 25 October. *Bon voyage*, you two. We shall miss your news items for the fall issue of ASSEMBLY.

We have news of Harrison Herman's widow who remarried after Harrison was killed in WWII. Harrison's brother tells us that Ruth Bingham Smith is no longer married. She is living in San Antonio and is prominent in musical circles there. She is a concert pianist, and a song called "Hemisphere," for which Ruth wrote both words and music, has been adopted as a theme song for the world's fair San Antonio is planning for 1968.

Dwight and Laura Johns left California early in February to motor to Montgomery, Alabama, for a visit with their daughter, Elizabeth, and her family. Her husband Rob Rufsvold was a student at the Air War College there. En route, the Johnses looked up and were feted by our classmates in Tucson, El Paso, San Antonio, and Atlanta. While in Florida for a tour of Cape Kennedy, Dwight talked with Possum Simkins on the telephone. Possum reports that he is in good health. On their way through New Mexico Dwight took a look at Columbus; he had entered Mexico from there in 1916 with the Punitive Expedition and had returned to Columbus just 50 years before, almost to the day. When they returned to California the Johnses had driven about 9,000 miles. Since then Dwight has flown back to Montgomery for the high school graduation of his grandson and for the graduation of his son-in-law from the Air War College. Col. Rufsvold was designated one of the "distinguished students" of this year's class. On the same trip, Dwight stopped in Washington for the annual meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers, of which he is a vice president. Brig Bliss is also a vice president of the Society, having been elected at the annual meeting this year. Back in California now, Dwight writes that Virginia Doney is flying to Europe in mid-June to spend 6 weeks and to take a special course at the University of Madrid.

A letter from Willy Wilson came just as these Notes were due to meet the ASSEMBLY deadline, but we must include the news of his and Dolly's golden anniversary on 31 May. Willy's letter from their home in Beverly Hills is dated 12 June, and he said they were still celebrating! An enclosed clipping from the Los Angeles Times reports a family gathering at the home of their son in Woodland Hills. Willy and Dolly were married in El Paso, Texas. He had just been made captain in the 34th Infantry and had been serving with the Punitive Expedition in Mexico.

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Our 50th Reunion was the greatest ever. For one thing, we had present the largest percentage of living class members that had ever attended a 50th Reunion. But more important, all of us fortunate ones who were there thoroughly enjoyed getting together

again. And, as incidents of cadet days were recalled, they came back to us as if they had happened yesterday.

We are all indebted to those whose planning and hard work made the reunion such a success, Kewp Yuill and the reunion committee: Fred Irving, Jim Hayden, Corp Warner, and Bill Heavey. Others such as Jack Code, Bill Cowgill, and Jack Stewart contributed, too. Maj. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, son of our Schwarzie, was USMA aide for the Class. He was present on all occasions and helped a great deal.

Our class dinner on Thursday was perfect in every way, with an orchestra for dancing, decorations with class emblems provided by the West Coast group, and an excellent menu. To top it all off, we were delightfully entertained by Gladys and Bill Sackville's charming and talented daughter, Vicki, who, accompanied by the orchestra, sang several numbers for us. Vicki, or Victoria, was graduated from Sarah Lawrence College the following day.

After our class dinner, there was a brief business meeting at which all our class officers were re-elected.

Here's the roll of those who were there. Doubtless there are some mistakes and omissions, so please let me know and I'll make corrections in the next ASSEMBLY. Dorothy Beurket with her daughter and son-in-law, Paul and Ida Brown, Alex Campbell, Mark Clark, Jack and Isabelle Code, Tupper Cole, Joe and Gladys Collins, Bill Cowgill, Courtenay Crozier, Johnny Divine, Bill and Dot Eagles, Bill and Dot Eley, Clarke and Jesse Fales, Chris and Elizabeth Foltz, Louis and Helen Ford, Henley and Mary Frier with a son and daughter-in-law, Bill Harrison, Jim and Laddie Hayden, Bill and Jule Heavey with their son Bill and six grandchildren, Fred and Vivian Irving, Spec and Evelyn Irwin, Jack Jackson, Doc and Bertha Johnson, Harris and Hannah Jones, Pete and Edie Kilburn, Thoburn Kinnear, Bob and Huyler Kunz, Francis Macon, Francis and Ruth Markoe with sons Peter and Stephen, Louis and Elf Martin, John and Lettie McEwan, Bill and Alice McMahon, Lawrence and Dorothy Mitchell, Bert Morrow, Love Mullins, Peggy Nisley, Dan Noce, Jack Nygaard, Bill Redfield, Lucie Rumbough, Bill and Gladys Sackville with daughter Vicki, Harry and Enriette Schroeder, Ruth Schwarzkopf with son H. Norman Jr., Willis and Elizabeth Slaughter with two granddaughters, Cowper and Mary Smith, Jack and Jean Stewart, Peshia Sullivan, Donovan Swanton, Katherine Teale, Van and Elizabeth Vander Hyden with daughter Betty, Doug Wahl, Corp Warner, Whit and Salome Whitecomb, George and Mary Wooley, and Kewp Yuill. Rudy Whitelegg, Willie Wilson, and Dent Sharp celebrated the reunion with Aug '17, but we were pleased to have them with us part of the time.

The following is an interesting account by Jack Code of the adventures of the West Coast contingent on their way home: "I thought the rest of the Class would be interested in knowing that the western contingent are all overwhelmingly enthusiastic about the wonderful reception accorded us. Our 50th was perfect; grand clear weather, almost all our companionable classmates (able to travel) present, fun, and the joy of good fellowship. The beauty of our Alma Mater and the vigor and handsomeness and demeanor of the members of the Corps with their ladylike, pretty girls overwhelmed us. We were particularly flattered in the recognition afforded us by the placing of our two western-prepared class memorial 50th Re-

union shields on the entrance columns to the ballroom for our class dinner and our Corps Crest banner on the front of the speaker's table. They were highly prized as witnessed by the fact that Jean Stewart and Edie Kilburn each took one back to Florida and California. The banner, carried in such stately manner by Pete Kilburn in our march to Thayer Monument, was taken home to be presented to Virginia Heraty for future local class parties. It was a great tribute to my artistic endeavors.

"Our departure for California was gladdened somewhat by George and Mary Wooley, Clark Fales, Laddie Hayden and others who waved us *Vayan Ustedes con Dios*, and it was well they did, for it served us in good stead.

"We left with 'wheels up' fifteen minutes early from Stewart Air Force Base even though we crept through the post to have a last long lingering look at the barracks, the Plain, and the school which nurtured us. The flying weather was perfect, and the C-131, a twin-engine deluxe plane, was piloted by Maj. Brink, a native Californian and veteran of 20 years. How very fortunate we were to have had him, or we just might not have written this happy note. As we sailed along in a blue sky, peace, contentment, and harmony existed aboard our smooth-riding plane, and we were happy in our memories of you all. After lunch, during the snoozing hour, with only 3½ flying hours to our goal, Hamilton Field, and in perfect weather, our ship shuddered. 'Fasten Seat Belts,' the electric sign flashed. The steward rushed to close the door to the pilot's compartment which had been left open to let us view the scenery from the front. Then the calm voice of our pilot, very slowly, 'We have lost an engine, and so, rather than proceed according to schedule, we will land shortly. We have the choice of proceeding to Ogden, which is an hour's flying time, or setting down at Rock Springs, Wyoming, on a small civilian airstrip which is just below us SOMEWHERE.'

"The pilot chose the latter course and made circle after circle until we were over the field. As passengers we assumed the crash position, with folded arms and pillows in place. Our rapid descent was silent. There was no panic among our distaff members, of whom we were justly proud. The quietness was broken unexpectedly by the sudden shrieking and squealing of our tires, a cracking of the plane, and then an almost abrupt halt. It was then we knew what it meant to come in on a wing and a prayer. We had made a perfect upright landing in a stiff crosswind on a thin runway, too short for safe use. We were on the ground, but in the middle of a wasteland with neither a tree nor a house for miles and miles except the small field operations shack. We had landed in a prairie of coyotes and prairie dogs, and Doug Wahl's only problem for the moment was his worry about the proper term for a female prairie dog.

"Just after we landed and as the pilot opened his compartment door to enter the passenger cabin, we all let out a spontaneous loud 'Hurrah,' a sort of combined congratulations and thanks. The whole thing was like a scene from the movies.

"The altitude of Rock Springs is 6,740 feet, and consequently, after walking around, one of our ladies suffered some discomfort. Our doctor took the precaution of assuming it was heart trouble.

"Since the rescue plane, a 4-motor C-54, was not pressurized, we landed again at Hill Air Force Base in Ogden. There our patient

was pronounced fit for travel, and we were all transferred to a C-118A, deluxe DC-6, the plane belonging to the Commanding General of the Materiel Maintenance Air Command.

"Rock Springs, our haven of safety, although devoid of water, had dispatched to our aid and rescue not only their only fire truck but also their Civil Air Patrol Unit of some 4 young teen-age men, all dressed in their grey uniforms. Since these units had to travel from a distant town, you can see that it took us some time before we landed after our initial SOS went out.

"During the entire episode the general morale was excellent; no one showed any sign of panic, and courage and true sportsmanship prevailed. It should be mentioned, however, that our mental state in such a high altitude can best be exemplified by Edie Kilburn introducing Isabelle Code to the Civil Air Patrol as General Code's daughter.

"Alex Campbell, our recent open-heart surgical case, stood the trip wonderfully well. He says he is now cured and on his own.

"We shall remember the profound speeches at the class dinner, the jokes at our cocktail party, standing erect at our review, and the moonlight bus ride through the post with furlough songs erupting into the still calm summer air. We thank you all for being there.

"It is the opinion of all of us from the West that our reunion had all the characteristics of the gathering of a loving family with all its dignity and reverence."

JACK CODE

We take pride in being able to include the following heart-warming article which has just been received from Dot Sherrill. It was printed in May 1967 in *The Star*, East Hampton, N.Y., Steve Sherrill's home town, under the heading "Fifty Years Ago": "From *The Star*, May 18, 1917.

"Never before in East Hampton was there such enthusiasm displayed for patriotism as there was last Friday night when a mass meeting was held, which attracted men and women from every quarter of East Hampton Town. If Clinton Hall had twice its present capacity, it would have been filled.

"Lieutenant Stephen Sherrill was called on by the chairman to give some light on the military preparedness plans that could be formed in East Hampton. As Mr. Sherrill rose to speak, the audience thundered an applause the like of which was never heard before in the hall.

"The young lieutenant, a son of Mr. A.E. Sherrill of this village, and a graduate of this year's class at West Point, was cheered again and again, the entire company seeming to be thrilled in having an East Hampton boy in a lieutenant's uniform.

"Lieutenant Sherrill highly commended the boys who had become members of the Home Defense League and who have drilled nightly on the Harriet F. Herrick playground."

AUG
'17

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Since my last report three more of our beloved classmates have fallen out of ranks: Bill Whittington, Francis Simpson, and Bob Bacon—three more memories to cherish as we stumble along the path of life. There were many happy moments with them, and we all loved them. Our sympathy is sincerely

offered to their survivors: Bill's son, daughter, and wife, Lillian; Simp's two sons; and Helen Bacon and their boys.

In the opening days of June, our halest and most class-oriented gathered at the Point for the 50th Reunion. Our Class may not have set the world afire, but we sure seem to enjoy one another's company. Your Scribe may be a poor observer, but so far as he knows there was not one discordant note among classmates, wives, or widows. Of course, he must admit that, because there was always a bar handy, he quickly began to see things in rose. Superb planning by the committee made events move like clockwork and as smoothly as the fabled ride in a Cadillac. We who were present must be forever grateful to them and to Maj. Bill deCamp and Capt. Abrahamson, who shepherded the Old Boys about, doing virtually everything except tucking them in at night. Mmes. deCamp and Abrahamson were also with us at all class functions, and your Scribe, for one, thought that both were lovely and charming.

Our schedule began with a picnic Thursday evening at the golf club, resumed next day with a stag luncheon and business meeting (the ladies staged an impromptu luncheon of their own at the Officers Mess), and had us all together for a cocktail party before the Alumni dinner-dance and Supe's Reception. Some of the more virile passed up bunk fatigue that afternoon to witness the christening of Todd Ely, very young son of a fairly young classmate, Hi Ely. Of course, Saturday featured the Alumni Exercises, in which we tottered manfully, and the Alumni Luncheon at which the Supe issued the annual message that the Corps has not gone to hell. (On account of the teeming construction, hell has been moved to a temporary location, and the cadets couldn't find it anyway.) In spite of losing the baseball game to Navy, we wound up our schedule in a haze of euphoria at the class dinner. All was then over save for some fond leave-takings Sunday morning at the Thayer.

Those who answered the call for the 50th, for all or a part of the festivities, were: Glenn and Grace Anderson, Margaret Barber, Teddy Buechler, Kit and Helen Carson, Jack Chambliss, Bill Chapman, Joe and Bessie Cohen, Pablo Cole, Leo and Miriam Conner, Anne Counts, Miles and Anne Cowles, Lucky and Eleanor Custis, Phil and Tommy Day, Katherine Deeble, Henry Demuth, Tracy Dickson, Red Durfee, Hi and Rae Ely, Henry Gantt, Lew and Elaine Griffith, Dick Hallsted, Bunny and Mary Harding, Bob Hasbrouck, Jimmy Hea, George and Edith Hirsch, Bill Jenna, Biff and Elizabeth Jones, Paul Kern, Mickey Kernan, Jack and Mary Knight, Bill and Lucy Kolb, Edna Krause, John Martin, Harold Milan with his niece Betty Ford and her daughter, Al and Louise Paca, Froggy Reed, Bill and Grace Reeder, Dad Riley, Sam Ringsdorf, Harry and Harriet Rising, Pinky and Nan Rolfe, Margaret Rose, Swede and Betty Sarcka, Jule and Catherine Schaefer, Dent and Ellanor Sharp, Girard Troland, Honus and Dorothy Wagner, Red and Dorothy Warner, Rudy Whitelegg, Willie Wilson, Harry Wood, and Dutch and Teddy Gerhardt.

We missed many familiar faces but none more than that of Doc Faust. Physical difficulty kept him at Beaulieu on the Riviera, but we were reminded of his goodness and class spirit by his wonderful gift of black, gold, and gray scarves for the ladies. Femmes present received two, one, a bonus for coming; absentees will get one by mail. We all wish Doc a speedy recovery.

A special dividend of our reunions is that April '17 observes theirs at the same time. This year being their 50th also, they had a splendid turnout. It was a real delight to renew friendships among that Class. Another happy circumstance was the presence, however brief, of Mrs. Ricardo De Leon, Fidel Segundo's daughter Lourdes. She had been touring the States with her husband and arranged her itinerary to be with us on Alumni Day. She sat with our ladies at the review but could not stay for the later class functions.

A few last items of wide interest. Bill Jones entered Sibley Hospital in mid-June to have a cataract removed—the better to see you, my dear. The indomitable Skinny Sharp went off for two weeks' fishing in Newfoundland shortly after the reunion. John Martin's new motor inn, Tara, will open in South Nyack in September. Marjorie Hasbrouck made a successful debut after her operation by attending the class wives' luncheon in May.

The reunion was wonderful. It is over. Now lay plans to come to our annual heterosexual luncheon in Washington, November 11th.

JUN
'18

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It is with deep sorrow that I report the death on 1 April 1967, of our beloved classmate, Max Corpening. Grace wrote that Max passed away suddenly. He had been sick earlier in the winter but was feeling fine again after a 4-week trip south. As a result, his death came as a terrific shock. Always loyal to WP and proud of his associations there, Max had been looking forward to our 50th Reunion. We will all miss Max, and our deepest sympathy goes to Grace and the family.

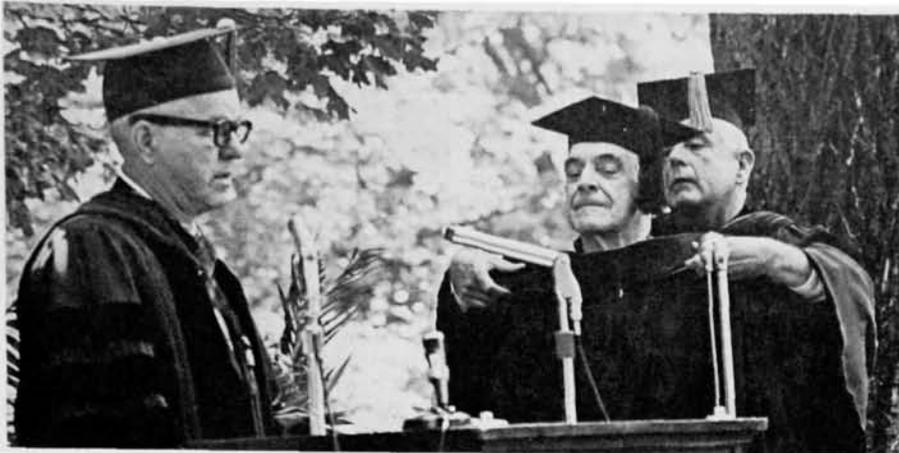
In the same mail, via Inez Adcock, came a beautiful poetic tribute to Addie from his granddaughter, Roberta Lee Adcock, son Warren's daughter, entitled "I am Proud." It is beautifully written, and I shall include it in Addie's memorial. Part of it reads:

... this final military moment
is,
perhaps,
his finest
and
most impressive—
his country's tribute
to his service to her...

As the Long Gray Line slowly becomes longer, it behooves us all to re-emphasize the deeper meaning of our 50th Reunion—a small compact group of classmates, wives, and widows all attuned to each other. Growley Gruhn's latest count, as of 23 May, is 36 doubles, 7 singles, and 7 widows. Growley wrote that that is the count now simmering on the back burner and that he will move to medium-high on the front burner about September.

Another letter from Growley brought the good word that Bob and Eleanor Offley will be at the reunion. That made the count 44 classmates, 37 wives, and 7 widows. Growley relayed a few statistics re this year's 50th Reunion. April '17, which graduated 139, had a big turnout—56 of 86 classmates for a 65% attendance. Aug '17, which graduated 151, had 46 of 80 for 57½%. We now have 63% signed up and will have to beat the drums louder to take the prize. So, let's get busy.

Your Scribe, who has received many kind



Jun '18: Lucius Clay receives the academic hood from James H. Starling of Washington and Lee University symbolizing honorary doctorate of laws. University president, Fred C. Cole (left) read the citation at commencement exercises.

words with reference to his and Anna Mary's efforts in behalf of the Class, is now in a quandry. This is especially true since Growley pointed out that instead of being the second oldest living of our Class I must move to fifth place, being preceded by Oliphant, Rundell, Lamar, and Axelson in that order. But Growley does admit that our ages rank him and most of the others in the pup category. Anyway, thanks a lot for the many fine remarks. It makes our ears ring with much joy.

A sentence from Scip Axelson to say he has no news. But it's news to know he hasn't moved again. The Class is always interested in the fact that you are thinking of them even if there is no news to offer.

Mickey Barriger had a severe stroke in late April. Bill found her supine on the bathroom floor unable to move. He called an ambulance and accompanied her to WRGH. For 10 days Mickey couldn't move her left arm and leg. Then recovery was rapid, and she was soon home in complete control of her muscles and facilities. Said Bill, "a most remarkable recovery from a very serious stroke. WRGH is a great hospital." How well your Scribe knows that after his most serious throat operation some 10 years ago this August. We can all be justly proud of our great Army Medical Corps.

Bill also reported that Tommy Tompkins has almost completely recovered from his serious illness after they had almost given him up. "Great news," wrote Bill, "particularly to me since he is a close and very dear friend."

Tommy Tompkins also wrote of Mickey Barriger's stroke and miraculous recovery, as well as his tough winter in and out of hospitals. Now back in Vermont, he was able to get into his soldier suit for the parade. Says he can't march any more so he was driven by Nonie in her convertible. Tommy added: "A lot of other oldsters were also driven." Nonie recently visited her 83-year-old aunt in Taos, N.Mex. The old girl, wrote Tommy, just sold some paintings for \$22,000. Your Scribe has some oils he did, hanging on his walls. Any offers?

The Caseys, after their fabulous trip in and around South America, sort of enjoyed catching up on things upon their return to N.Y.C.—seeing a few shows, etc. Their trek, occasioned by the annual reunion of the SWPac Engr Amphibian Rest and Rehabilitation Assn at Boco Grande, Fla., was made during the tarpon fishing season. It resulted in a long weekend of bull sessions and game-fishing. Pat did himself proud, boating tarpon

of 65, 75, 85, and 130 lbs. Not a bad catch for a weekend. It took Pat 45 minutes to battle the big one before he could boat the monster. The Caseys are now resting and relaxing on Butternut Hill, their summer home near Bradford, Vt.

Cited for both distinguished military service and economic leadership, our Lucius Clay was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Washington and Lee U. on 2 June during its 218th commencement. Some 1,800 people, including the university's 265 new graduates, looked on. University president, Dr. Cole (left in photo), read the citation, while Lucius received the academic hood from university marshal, Starling (right). It is also interesting to note that son Frank Clay, the Caseys' son-in-law, was honored the previous month by receiving his star. He is still overseas on duty as DC/S, Log Div, USAREUR Hq.

Greetings to the Class from Jigger and Nell Cobb, who report no news at this time.

Squire Foster says: "Needless to say I am looking forward to our 50th Reunion. I expect to be present unless I come completely unglued." He thought it especially nice that all of us will be staying at the Thayer. Then the good Squire added some nice remarks concerning your Scribe's activities in behalf of June '18.

Carol Gould hopes to get to our 50th Reunion, but has a problem. She teaches in San Antonio, and her school is usually out the last full week in May. Since she is planning about two months in New England and Canada, she will have to drive. Your Scribe sent her the dates of June Week and other data. A tight squeeze, but all will be worked out. Carol plans to check up on some of my North Country descriptions. AM and I are hoping others will do likewise before returning home after the Reunion. Son Robert is an up-and-coming stock broker in San Francisco. Married to a charming girl, Ann Gilmore, they have two boys, one born in May.

In order to straighten out the golf stories coming out of Charleston, your Scribe will piece together items from 3 letters, one visitor, and two residents. Dunc Hodges, the visitor, stopped off for a few days at Yeamans Hall in late March on his return to Illinois from Florida. Dunc reported he played several times on that fine golf course with Eddie Sibert and Dent Sharp '17, both doing well and "Eddie full of beans as usual." Another dividend of his stopover was hailing Clarry Townsley out of his apartment to hack around the course. Both he and Eddie, wrote Dunc, spurn the golf cart, al-

though the latter is weakening. Back home at Lake Forest Dunc enjoyed a visit from daughter Kate and grandson Russell. Late in June all three headed for Europe. Since Kate is at Harvard Graduate School beginning her 3d year of Ph.D. study in the History of Art, Dunc felt he and Russell were in for mostly cathedrals. Even so, Dunc, you can always feed the pigeons at the doorway and watch the world pass by.

Next, resident No. 1, Eddie Sibert, or rather, part-time resident, at Yeamans Hall in Charleston. "Saw something of Clarence Townsley and Duncan Hodges again this winter. Both appeared in good health. Clarry has an old metal-headed driver that is deadly off the tee. Duncan has rebounded well from a major operation and is no slouch on the golf course either." Now back at Vineyard Haven, Mass., the Siberts are enjoying a fine summer of gardening, making up for the balmy spring that they didn't have.

Resident No. 2, Clarry Townsley, lives in a plush winter apartment in Charleston, but gets up to the North Country real early in the spring. So, most of his news is of the Townsleys' journey and resettlement for a long season—April to November—in our country. Sandwiched in his letter are Clarry's comments on golf. "Oh. Just before leaving Charleston, Duncan Hodges came through. He foolishly asked me to play golf with him, so I saw him briefly at the tees and holes—he seemed to keep to the fairways while I stayed in the fringes of the woods." Your Scribe could make a scientific analysis of these three famous eye witnesses and evaluate their golf prowess, since some of you were students at Leavenworth, where among other things, I taught military historical methodology and was one of the editors of that big, fat textbook, *Chancellorsville Source Book*. But, comments are welcome in your next letter to me.

Green-thumb Charlie Hoffman was very unhappy with the spring weather (a tired subject of conversation in the Baltimore area). Both Charlie and Rita have been well. "Except for a few minor old man's complaints," wrote Charlie, "my recent physical OK." They will be seeing us at the reunion.

Last report from the Jadvins found them in the midst of the haying season again. Peg does the raking and Connie the baling. At the height of the season it looked as though they would top their 9,000 bales of last year. News flash: "I'm getting religious," wrote Connie, "I'm taking a course of lessons at our church and expect to be confirmed at St. James Church later in June." AM and I go every Sunday to the little country church just four miles down our friendly road. We enjoy the neighborly fellowship very much.

Alice Kramer has been very busy assisting the fund-raising project of the San Mateo County Republican Finance Com. It was her contribution to the project to put in 9-hour days during the campaign. On 12 Aug Alice and son Bunny will journey to Conchas Dam, N.Mex., for the ceremonies in connection with the unveiling of the Chief of Engrs plaque honoring Hans Kramer's role in the construction of the project.

Fishing is still one of the great hobbies in Jawn Mesick's life in the Natchez area. How well your Scribe remembers his enjoyable experiences while on duty with the Memphis Engr Dist. The Natchez area was a favorite stopping off place in those days, incidental to dredging, revetment and levee construction activities. Jawn has not sent in his acceptance to Growley yet for the reunion because of his painful arthritic troubles. While he keeps going (fishing, etc.), his

fine cook makes it difficult to keep down the poundage. I'm betting on son Hillary to put it over on the "old man," because he wants to drive north this year and make "Pop" show him his old N.Y. state stamping grounds. Go to it, Hillary.

The best of everything from Alexia and Harry Mewshaw and their joyful message: "See you in June 1968." Bud Miley sent similar remarks, and both had kind words for AM and your Scribe's writing efforts.

From the land of the midnight sun comes a lovely picture postcard showing a statue of Ole Bull in Bergen, Norway. Our Andy Moore, after a week in London, frolicked in Norway, rested up in Paris during July, then to Switzerland in August. Andy will then consider whether he should return to the U.S.A. in September or October. What a life!

The Nixons report doing as well as can be expected. Son Henry finished his freshman year at Gettysburg College, and all three (Tom, Aimee, and Henry) spent the month of July in France, their first time back since retirement. They expected to go on to Vienna where Henry was born and spend some time in Austria where Tom was on duty for some eight years. Except for this journey, Tom says they live a quiet life in the country but are looking forward to next year's reunion.

Bob Offley sends thanks for the class letter and to Growley Gruhn for the birthday card on reaching and joining the "three-score-and-ten" fraternity. Bob says he didn't believe there were many left in the Class still below the 70-year mark. Eight more after your birthday, Bob—in 1967—then our three babies of the Class: Robinson (1 May), Casey (7 June), and Malone (10 June) in 1968.

Robbie Robinson claims that he is getting more and more behind in his home work, so that nothing eventful has happened recently except more work to catch up with work. Speaking of our class babies, Robbie announces his compulsory retirement when he becomes 70, and says he will be glad to quit probation work, a job for younger, more hopeful, people.

The annual trek of the Rundells northward from Florida to their summer home in Connecticut takes longer and longer each year and becomes more pleasurable because of the added visits en route. After my reminder of the age bracket Earle and I are in, he has tried to acquire the expected dignity of age says Bee. But Earle sent word to me that he is still a leering old (would-be) roué. All this before the great exposure which revealed that neither one of us was as old as we thought. So, taking unto myself all the "I's" for Lorence but leaving the roué or "r" for Rundell, perhaps we make Earle a younger type roué or a rakish, rapsallion, revelling, rollicking rascal.

Another card from Sylvia Shattuck announced that she was planning to return to London to stay with son Blanny for the rest of his tour. She suspects he likes her cooking. Her house rented for 2½ yrs. and her car sold, Sylvia sailed on the *United States* and may now be addressed: care of Lt. Col. A.B. Shattuck, U.S.A. Standardization Group UK, Box 65, FPO New York 09510. Sylvia hopes to come back for our reunion.

Monk Sherman received a birthday card from the Class through Growley, and, like Bob Offley, sends his thanks to all. Monk believes that he was the first of our Class to be welcomed into the arms of 1916 on 15 June 1915. He got off a train at the WP station from upper N.Y. about 5:00 a.m.—not a soul in sight, and he wandered about for several hours before he was finally

hauled in by Gus Bailor. "Damn long day," wrote Monk.

As I close this column, June, the fragrant month—the month of beautiful blooms, of gorgeous colored butterflies, of vivid sunlight and cobalt blue skies—has reached its midpoint. June Week at WP is over, and the next one will be ours. June, ripe-late spring with summer just around the corner. Warm nights, plentiful rain, and everything growing luxuriously. "Knee deep in June," wrote the Hoosier poet; "June is bustin' out all over," wrote the song writer. Leafy June with its absolute purity and diversity of greens forming the backdrop for nature's liveliest colors, all attuned with the songs of many birds. That will be our June of 1968, our Fiftieth. Be there!

NOV
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From his home base, 23555 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44117, Archie Colwell writes: "The winter edition of ASSEMBLY was most enjoyable. This is the only way that many of us are able to keep current on what our classmates are doing, and I know that everyone looks forward to each issue. In February I had a very pleasant visit with Al and Ruth Miller in Los Altos. Al and I went to San Jose and spent an hour with Andy March. Andy is comfortably situated and seemed to enjoy our visit. I am sure that he would appreciate a visit from any classmates who could find the opportunity to call on him. Sallie and I were in Delray Beach during March and saw Mike on his course, which is very nice, and he is doing well with it. Harvey Kyle and I enjoyed some golf, too, as well as reminiscing.

"Last fall Sallie and I took our younger daughter and her husband to Europe. We leave again on 27 April and shall take our elder daughter and her husband with us. They can do some sightseeing while I make a few business calls. We thought we'd give each of the girls a trip to Europe before we got to the point where we wouldn't care about traveling any more.

"I note the committee that is organizing our 50th Reunion. I vote for this committee, and am looking forward to a most pleasant occasion. I think we'd lose much by having the reunion at any time other than Graduation Week and am in favor of having it at this time rather than at the homecoming game."

But that does not cover all the travels of the Colwell family. Picture postcards have come from widely separated places. From Rome Arch writes: "Having a fine trip. 300,000 at St. Peter's Sunday. By train from Rome to Milano yesterday. Police on strike. Expect to pick out one of these hats. *Ar-rividerci*." On the other side is a picture of the Borsalino factory (which looks about the size of Yonkers), with a stream of hats coming out of the door—106 if my count is correct. Then there was a beauty from Holland with acres of tulips, beautiful tulips in full bloom, all kinds and all colors about which Arch writes: "Unbelievable beauty. Tulips at their peak. Our daughter having a marvelous trip, and we too. See you next year at the reunion."

We have had two unaccustomed and very welcome faces at the luncheons of the Washington group recently. Jim Carroll from far-off California was East visiting a son at the War College at Carlisle Barracks and gave

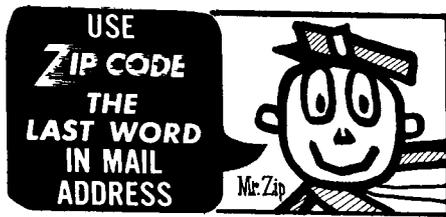
us the pleasure of his smiling countenance and a sales talk on lawn bowling as a substitute for the fountain of youth. Then, at the June luncheon, Clyde Welch appeared, hale and hearty, to receive a rousing welcome from all. So, all of you remember those luncheons when you come near Washington. They are on the 2d Wednesday each month at the Army-Navy Club. Not only does our Class attend, but June '18, June '19, and old 1918 (Aug '17) is there, too. It makes for a lively, congenial gathering. Al Wedemeyer is taking over the management of these lunches for a spell. Able Al will do it well, too. Hunk Holbrook and Bill Badger, and before them, Elmer Barnes, have been the spark plugs and work horses for these lunches for years. We all owe them a lot for carrying the load for so long—and all present told them so.

Hunk Holbrook assured me yesterday (15 June) that those long-promised letters about reunion plans and the questionnaires would be in the mail this week. At a recent committee meeting many details were discussed. Dick Groves has been to West Point and has made a personal reconnaissance. One of Bill Badger's able sons is on duty at the Academy and is setting up the logistical support. Oil up your marching shoes.

Benjamin A. Dickson wrote on 22 May 1967, from 518 Mill Brook Rd., Devon, Pa. 19333: "Thanks for the copy of the First Army *Blatt* showing 4 of the old crockoes rallying around the flag. I deadbeat that formation to join a group of our best minds for the noon feedbag at the A-N Club—intellects like Peckham, Groves, Barnes E², Canan, Holbrook, and Badger. We had a feast of reason and a flow of soul, as I was coached by that band of literati on how to write class history for the 50th. I am to combine the clowning of Till Eulenspiel with the spirituality of Parsifal in 3 typewritten pages. It will be the neatest trick of 10 centuries!"

"Eleanor and I are off to West Point on 24 May for a memorial luncheon in honor of the Class of 1867. Harrison Shaler, Eleanor, and one invalid gent in Virginia are among the surviving children. As Harrison is playing Achilles in his tent in California, I expect that the committee will have Eleanor pop up out of an angel cake in the centerpiece à la Diamond Jim Brady. My role as the class son-in-law should be obscurity. Gen. Ruffner, who is the *deus in machina* of this formation, is only a grandson, so I look for him to still have a runny nose! That Class saw more wars than any other I know of: 25% were Civil War vets upon entering in 1863, and after 67 they attended almost 30 years of Indian Wars, followed by the Spanish-American War, the Boxer Rebellion, and the Philippine Pacification, which lasted another 10 years. The Class numbered two CMH winners among its members—one a phony from the 22d Maine which was given 242 medals to stay and defend Washington after their enlistments expired during the Gettysburg Campaign (this award was rescinded by Congress in 1917), and one a regular heroic, bought-by-blood, decoration. It can be a very interesting gathering. When her father's cronies gathered at her hearth, Eleanor was not one to cling to their knees and beg, 'tell us a war story,' as Tracy and I did impartially with our Confederate and our Union grandfathers. I am hoping some old diaries and letters will be produced to cast contemporary light on this chapter of our history.

"Now that we have wintered through this spring-less season, 'any durned fool can sum-



mer through,' as they say in Watertown, N.Y. We always hope that you will venture this way. We hope to see Howard and Jimmy Peckham here in August when the Zweite Panzer Division 'reunes' at King of Prussia. I am minded of the time that that outfit fought Hitler's Zweite Panzer Division for the title at Celles and won by a knockout!"

This was just one of many from the Monk in the past weeks. But I understand the Devon, Pa., post office has put on 2 extra carriers for the Mill Brook Road route, as Monk is flooding the mails. No doubt most of you have received one of his letters of inquiry searching into your past. He is working on his magnum opus, the class history for the 50th Reunion. I have cold shivers running up and down my spine thinking of what he is brewing inside that number-six hat, and even worse, how he is going to express those evil thoughts. In self defense, each of you had better write the old blighter, laying bare all the facts of your lives—especially in answer to: "What did you do in the Great War, Daddy?" or else he will let that imagination run riot.

And for Pete's sake, write me some news. Or, if you have no news, just write—something! As Arch Colwell says, "Arrividerci." I do hope he spelled it correctly.

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We lost one of West Point's staunchest supporters when Frank Davis died of a heart attack on 29 March 1967. Most of the classmates in the Washington area attended his funeral at Arlington Cemetery. Except for Brick Bartlett, Frank probably served longer on duty at West Point than any other classmate. He was Inspector General there when he retired. He later taught drawing at Ohio State University until 1965. He is survived by his widow, Helen, daughter Helen, and son Frank Jr.; all of whom live in Columbus, Ohio.

Count Wilson writes about the sad death of Hobart Hewett at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco on 18 March 1967. Services were held at the Presidio National Cemetery. Classmates present were: Ritchie, McNamee, Ruth, Vance, and Wilson.

Count also sent a clipping from a San Francisco paper covering in some detail what must have been one of the parties of the year at fashionable Pebble Beach. Our Tom McGregor was one of the costume award winners.

Lil Frederick reports that he and Toots left their home in Clearwater, Florida, early in May to visit friends in Tennessee and in Lil's home town of Springfield, Illinois. On their way west, they had planned to see Bill and Francille Moroney in Mountain Home, Arkansas. They were shocked to learn that Bill had died on 5 May. Several years ago Bill was thrown from a horse, breaking his hip. Since that accident he had been crippled, and his general health gradually deteriorated. He was admitted to the hospital

at Fort Leonard Wood, where he died. At the time Lil wrote, the cause of Bill's death had not been determined. The Fredericks continued on to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Clemenson, at Holoman Air Force Base, New Mexico, and Toots' sister at Tucson. Lil also reports a gathering at the O'Connors in Dunedin, Florida, attended by the Zimmermans, Pierces, McLeans, and Fredericks.

Bob Carter sets the record straight on his most recent visit to the United States. Beginning in February he was on duty for more than a month with the Defense Personnel Support Center in Philadelphia as a consultant on subsistence. During his time there he traveled 10,000 miles. After visits to Boston and Maine, he returned to Cherbourg on the *Queen Elizabeth*. He says he moved so fast that he had little time to get in touch with classmates, but did have a chance to talk with Fred Marlow in Los Angeles and Gordon Chapline in Kansas City. The Carters were in their home near Paris in late April, but it would not be surprising to find them on the road by summer.

Willie Palmer provides a letter from Ben Byrne, who has not been heard from for some time. Ben, who had a siege in Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu, in February that included an operation says: "While I feel swell, I am just about now landing back where my endurance is normal. I've never craved hospitalization, but if you gotta' go, that Tripler is the place. I never saw such competence or organization." The Byrnes are looking forward to visits from children and grandchildren. He writes: "Honolulu is a concrete jungle with buildings up to and above 20 stories crowding one another and one of 50 stories being contemplated—not like our old playground so far as the downtown and Waikiki areas are concerned, but it still is nice living." We are also indebted to Palmer for the news that Eddie Starr has moved to 10636 Montrose Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

Somewhere in the postal system there appears to be a letter for the Scribe giving full details of a class party at the Washington Golf and Country Club on 23 April. From the meager reports reaching me, I conclude that it was a most successful affair. Other Washington news comes from Mike Brannon who lists the following in attendance at the Founders Day dinner at Fort Myer: Stu Barden, Merritt Booth, Mike Brannon, Joe Cranston, Bob Critchlow, Buddy Ferenbaugh, Les Flory, Elton Hammond, Doc Martin, Tony McAuliffe, Gene McGinley, Dick Ovenshine, Joe Phelps, Eddie Starr, Bill Wyman, and Ham Young.

Fred Marlow, in a recent letter, says such kind things about Florida that we must believe Californians are not so bigoted as we had presumed. "Undoubtedly you have seen Ike Lawrence, who lives on Longboat Key, which is practically in Sarasota. I have visited Ike twice down there and really envy you fellows who can spend a lot of time in Florida. As you know, this is quite a concession from a Southern Californian. My older daughter, Pamela, expects to be married on 17 June and will then take off for Switzerland to spend one year with her husband, working on a master's and possibly a Ph.D. I have recently completed a high-rise office building and am now planning two prestige-type mobile home parks. One suggestion I have is that you might start beating the drums for a big turnout on our 50th Anniversary (God willing) in 1969. I'm sure that everyone who is able would like to make it."

Ike Lawrence writes: "You will perhaps be glad to know that at the annual Founders Day dinner of the Florida West Coast West Point Society, our classmate Ken Pierce was elected president for the coming year. (Ike Lawrence was elected first vice president.) There are presently 292 graduates located in this general area, including 13 classmates. Our youngest daughter, Marjorie, and family will arrive tomorrow to spend their Easter vacation with us. Her husband, Maj. John des Islets '51, who has been stationed as an instructor at the Air Force Academy for the past 6 years, will leave in August for Vietnam to serve on Gen. Westmoreland's staff. The Lawrences will soon be leaving on another trip. We fly to San Francisco on 25 May and will sail on the *SS President Roosevelt* for a cruise to the Orient, with stops at Yokohama, Hong Kong, and Manila. On the return trip we will stop off in Hawaii for 6 weeks in celebration of our 45th wedding anniversary. We celebrated our first anniversary aboard ship en route to Hawaii for assignment with the 3d Engineers at Schofield Barracks."

Al Gruenther reports that soon after he and Grace arrived in Paris in May with the Rexall executive committee, Grace fell at Orly Airport and suffered a tiny ankle fracture. Al says that after two dull days in a hotel bed, Grace consented to the application of a "walking" cast.

Chick Noble includes in a recent letter the word that Collier, Gard, Springer, and Noble attended the Founders Day dinner of the West Point Society of South Texas in San Antonio. Collier had been a recent president of the Society of which Noble was the originator and first president. He says that George Elms is one of the most sought-after horse show judges in the southwest, where he has been judging for many years. After 3 operations and almost 3 months in hospital, Elsie Noble seems to be on the road to full recovery.

Gus Broberg writes that of the 13 classmates in Southern California, the surprising number of 6 are still gainfully employed. One of the 6, who says he is "out of a job and consequently restless and impatient to get back into harness," is Andy Kanaga, who submits another change of address: 26521 Cortina Drive, Mission Viejo, California 92675.

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Sad happenings can't be eliminated just by failing to report them. Lyman Lincoln Judge died in Harrisburg, Pa., on 3 June 1967, at his home, from a heart attack. Bill Nye, who lives near Harrisburg and had been associated with Lyman as a fellow editor with the Military Service Publishing Co., reports that Lyman retired from his editorial duties some years ago, had suffered a heart attack, but had made a reasonable recovery, enjoying golf and several hobbies. Burial was at West Point. Bill and his wife, Elleane, drove up to West Point, taking Lyman's widow, Georgia, with them. Also present at the graveside services were Bill Bessell, Johnny and Miriam Johnston, and Lyman's daughter and family. Lyman's grave is next to Basil G. Thayer's.

We must also note with sadness the death of Clendenen's wife just before Christmas. Clarence continues with his work at Stanford University.

Loupret's wife, Mary, passed away in a Norfolk, Va., hospital on 4 April 1967. Pinky



1920: Founders Day at Fort Myer.

hasn't decided yet about the future, but is considering locating in the Washington, D.C. area.

Joe Dillon reports that his brother-in-law and our classmate, Harry Lambert, has retired from some of his activities in the financial world, and is now writing a book about a new method of teaching mathematics; the method involves mechanical features and will have a range from kindergarten to pure mathematics. It would appear that Harry is still an engineer at heart.

Jack Goff, who, during his early and middle years of service as a lieutenant, acquired the title of "the late Mr. Goff," sent his report of his and Alma's winter round-the-country tour just too late for inclusion in the spring issue. The report was remarkable in that he reported establishing contact with 30 or more classmates from DC to Florida, across the Gulf Coast and the Southwest, and then had to apologize for missing 5 others in California whom he had intended to see before time and travel fatigue caught up with him. Some parts of his trip have been covered in earlier notes. He found Frank Henning getting used to new spectacles after a second cataract operation, and says that Bill Withers hasn't been lying about the charms of Kerrville. Schabby Schabacker was having a check-up at the hospital. All other news is in a lighter vein.

Chitterling tells of attending the Founders Day dinner at St. Petersburg during a vacation in Florida. Present with him were: Crist, Daniel, Hill, McMillan W.W., McNulty, Smith C.W., Smith L.S., Sturman, Tomey, Travis, and Van Sickler; the largest class delegation present.

The Fort Myer, Va., dinner had a fair attendance by our Class. Visible and invisible in the picture, from left to right: Casgrain, Farrell, Mitchell W.L., Samouce (with glasses), Byers, Mitchell J.D. (cuff), Downing (in dark), Cassidy, Rehm, Routh-eau, Hayden, Fisher, Holle, and Tully.

Bill Holder writes that there was a Founders Day dinner in Santa Barbara for the first time this year. Bill complains of an erroneous report of his being in the avocado-raising business, saying that his trees were dying of "cinnamon fungus" and no longer produced. Your Scribe can only say that, lacking other information, he was relying on a two-year-old personal observation. Others who would like to see the publication of more recent reports of their own activities, please take heed!

Bugs Raymond wrote on 6 May making the cogent observation that a "Scribe cannot scribble without the aid of classmates who furnish items from time to time." He continued: "Last week I had the pleasure of addressing the Harrisburg, Pa., Civil War

Round Table. (Am still interested in that war, and if I live long enough I may tackle the Spanish-American War and then go on to the Boxer Rebellion.) Bill Nye was among those present. He is the managing editor of *The Civil War Times, Illustrated*, a popular magazine for all Civil War buffs. Next day I had lunch with him at his beautiful home in Wormleysburg, just across the river from Harrisburg. Bill looks fine, and is working seriously towards the objective of losing weight. His wife Elleane was down in Columbus, Ga., babysitting her 16-year-old granddaughter while her chick Helene (wife of George Rehkopf '42) is visiting hubby in Honolulu, where he is on a short R&R from Vietnam. Bill has a grandson (Class of '69) at our old "rock-bound highland home," and another granddaughter who has recently presented him with a great-grandchild at his tender age—but aren't we all getting more and more tender as time goes by? Bill's flower beds were gorgeous—as a result of Elleane's green thumb. She must be burning up now that she can't be there to enjoy them at their prettiest. But, babysitting is what grandmas are for."

Bill Nye, among his other activities in the history field, has several books already published, and another awaits early publication. He also awaits challenges to his claim as the first great-grandfather of 1920.

Clovis Byers attended the trustees meeting of the Association of Graduates on Alumni Day, and reports: "Classmates and wives on hand seemed to be in good health and possessed of much enthusiasm; they included: Earl Blaik, Bill and Lillian Bessell, Morris Chitterling and his wife Ruth, Johnny (E.C.) Johnston, Art McCullough, Willis McDonald, John Reirson, and Foxy Sturman. Marian Johnston had to help at a New York Military Academy function, so she was unable to be with us."

On 6 May, P.D. Fisher, Bill Mitchell, and John and Julia Mitchell were joint hosts at a get-together of classmates and ladies in the Washington area. There was a fine turnout despite competition with the Thayer Award ceremony and miserable, wet, chilly weather. Frank Farrell and Clovis Byers, who attended the Thayer Award ceremony, said that it was quite impressive. Bill Bessell and Lillian also represented the Class. Clovis returned to Washington in time for him and Marie to make the class party.

Dick and Margaret Partridge were in the DC neighborhood visiting children and trying to retrieve a boat which Dick bought at Oxford, Md., about a year ago—soon after he bought it he broke a leg attempting to get the boat back to New London, and had to have follow-up attention on the leg at Walter Reed. Dick says the only classmate

he sees much of is Wally Ford, who teaches math at the University of Massachusetts and owns a 2-seater Beechcraft.

P.D. Fisher had also been in Walter Reed for almost 3 weeks for tests.

At the time of writing, Charley Holle was in England attending the International Navigation Congress as the chief U.S. representative.

Ardoin E. Casgrain, ex-'20, a regular participant in class affairs, spent 13 years as a civilian employee with the AG in the Office of Personnel Operations in D/A. He has now retired from government service but keeps busy as a consultant to the Administration on Aging in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

In early May, Loper and Anne Lowry were in Washington, having flown up with an associate of Loper's from Tampa. When Loper discovered a few uncommitted hours in the middle of the day, he rounded up some dozen classmates (with the assistance of Clovis Byers' secretary) for lunch at his hotel. Anne presided at the before-luncheon ceremonies, then had to leave on some other mission. Loper retired from the Gulf Life Insurance Company some years ago, and since then has founded the Founders Life Assurance Company of Florida, of which he is chairman of the board. Anne says that he is at the office every day, busier than ever.

Again, thanks to the many correspondents who have furnished the material for these Notes. May their numbers increase!

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The 45th Reunion Committee of Lawton, Bassett, and Branham did a superb job, and Bill is getting out a special report to give you all the details. With it will be extracts from the letters he received from classmates who couldn't make it.

Additional observations which Bill might not include are: youngest looking Orioles: a tie between Bill Kyle and Cort Schuyler, who happen to be almost the oldest and the youngest classmates respectively; happiest newlyweds: Lucile and Granger Anderson, and Frances and Toy Gregory; those who made the longest trip: a tie between Connie and Morris Marcus and Pat Wardlaw, all from California. Except for one unavoidable absence, it would have been Art Klein's 45th consecutive reunion!

The Bassetts' house was a wonderful location for their cocktail party. It has been in Josephine's family for several generations, and the view across and up the Hudson from below Highland Falls is inspiring; just the spot for us to renew some quite old and still close friendships.

Round Pond has improved since our time. The two officer-aides who were assigned to the Class for the whole reunion period saw to it that the barbecue was just right—far different from our plebe hike.

Maxine Barrett came to the Point after the reunion to present the Barrett prize to the best cadet in the Russian language.

The only class widow to actually attend the reunion was one of our most loyal, Meps Smith. She is not only a real Lady Oriole, but at that particular time was especially proud of son Perry. An Air Force major designate, he was teaching at the AF Academy when he was sent to Columbia University for post-graduate study in political science. At the suggestion of the university authorities, he skipped his master's degree

and went straight for his doctorate in 2½ years. And that for a young married man with a wife and two children!

As a final note to those who could not get to the 45th and are planning for the 50th, the Orioles who stayed in barracks experienced free soft drinks and an open bar in the former first class club. And no FD uniform required!

Last May 9th several of the local Oriole group joined a large attendance at a Washington Board of Trade award luncheon. This occasion was the announcement and presentation of the board's annual 1967 World Trade Award to George Olmsted "for his outstanding contribution in making Washington an important world financial center." Our George thereby joined the prominent recipients in recent years who include: Eugene Black, a former president of the International Finance Corp.; former Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges; and Senators Fulbright and Magnuson.

Carol Olmsted was present as were George's daughter and his daughters-in-law. We were all properly impressed with his acceptance speech on the subject of merchant banking, particularly his statement that "the best defense against Communism lies in raising the living standards of the world's underprivileged peoples, making them 'little capitalists.'"

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June Week

Bill Biddle went to West Point for June Week this year, primarily to "case the joint" in preparation for our big moment next year. His observations not only tell what happened, but give you a feeling for what lies in store for us at our 45th. What follows are essentially his words with which I have taken a few liberties: "My visit was from Thursday, 1 June to Sunday, 4 June. During that period, Early, Grombach (and Olga), Leone (and Caroline), Serig, Tredennick (and Dorothy), and Weikert (and Mary) were there all or part of the time. The Timbermans arrived later.

"I traveled by bus. Not too bad a way to travel if you haven't a car. I left mine at home for the family. Early, Serig, Tredennick, and I stayed in North Barracks. Pete Leone and I went to Stewart Air Force Base and the Holiday Inn to meet the people with whom we will be arranging affairs for next year. I think things are on the rails. Later, we watched part of the track meet in which ARMY beat Navy.

"I sat with Frenchy and Olga at the Jenkins-Cavanagh ceremony in the gym, where fine paintings of these stalwarts were unveiled. The Grombachs, Early, and I then walked across the Plain to watch the Awards Review. It was my first exposure to the new parade orientation. The new location of the stands, generally along the northeastern curve of the Plain, is a bit startling at first, but one gets used to it. I was surprised to see how much the Plain slopes down to the west. Early told me his cadet golfing made him well aware of that slope!

"Friday night the Leones, Weikerts, Early, and I had a table at the Alumni dinner, reception, and dance in Washington Hall. Quite a jam and very noisy, but fun nevertheless. I believe there will be more room by next year.

"Saturday, Early, Serig, Tredennick, and

I marched to Thayer Monument (temporarily NE of Battle Monument) for the ceremonies there and reviewed the Corps in the Alumni Parade. Following that, we had a table at the Alumni luncheon and were joined by a few cadets (overflow from their part of the mess hall). From there we went to the ball game, which ARMY lost. I couldn't help but think how they could have used Cragin, Roper, Craigie, and others of '23!

"The class contingent pretty much scattered after the game because we had no affair to draw us together. I had dinner that evening at the WPAM with a 4th Cavalry group—happy memories of my 1935-37 service in the horse cavalry on a frontier-type post.

"Whenever I could, I checked on activities, planning, etc. of this year's reunion classes to get ideas to help us next year. The support given the reunion classes by the West Point authorities and the Association of Graduates was outstanding. As an example, an officer stationed there will, in due course, be appointed to assist us in our arrangements. While I'm still a bit confused by it all, I am confident that things will work out well and add up to a grand reunion for us in 68."

Other involvements of our Class at June Week included the unique case of a husband and wife each having an awarding job. Timberman presented the class swimming award to Cadet O'Hara, and Virginia Timberman, National President of the Society of the Daughters of the United States Army, presented the society's award for excellence in advanced chemistry to Cadet Delleo. Lt. Delleo will do graduate work in chemistry this fall. That ain't all! P.D. Weikert presented the award he established for the outstanding company commander in the First Regiment, USCC. Not a bad show for a Class of 261, excuse me, 262 graduates. You will be interested to know that now there is an awards luncheon at which the awarders meet with the award winners and their families.

1923: At the Founders Day dinner in Philadelphia.



Bruce King and Don Tredennick



Mary Dwyer and Harry Scheetz

Mixed Party

Our spring coeducational dinner was held at the Arlington Hall Mess in April. The effective efforts of the Timbermans meant that we had a room all to ourselves and excellent service. We were especially pleased to have the Phil Enslows, the B.R. Kings, and the Pete Leones from out of the area. The Sweanys came from Baltimore, but we always think of them as locals. The other locals included: the Adamsons, Meta Beckley, the Biddles, Carnes, Edwards, Guevaras, Gunns, Galloways, Wendell Johnsons, Kehm, the Mahoneys, Salsmans, Shafers, Dave Stone, the Timbermans, and the Torrences. The Timbermans' daughter, Dooley Calaghan, and Virginia's sister, Bun Fiske, completed the group. Harry Roper could not be present because he was attending affairs related to the dedication of a local junior high school in honor of his father, Daniel Roper, Secretary of Commerce during part of F.D.R.'s administration. He designated Johnson to be master of ceremonies. After comments from the non-locals, we had reports on reunion planning from Biddle and Leone. This was the first opportunity to welcome Dorothy Galloway into 1923. We were all delighted to have her join us. Though many of us had known the Biddles elsewhere in the service, this was the first time they were at a class gathering here. Johnson, doubling as photographer, had some trouble. However, a few shots are appended.

Class Business

Eighteen locals and Harry Scheetz from Philadelphia showed up at our May luncheon. We were glad to welcome D'Espinosa back out of Walter Reed. We again reviewed reunion plans. The results have already reached you in a bulletin discussed below. We also discussed a matter that has concerned us for some time. It is the sad fact that too many times we learn about the death of a classmate after it is too late to send flowers. Unhappily, too, there have been cases when classmates have been in Walter Reed, and we have not learned about that until they returned home. The Association of Graduates sends us a notice when they hear of a death in the Class, but the information often comes late to them. We have decided, with Breidster's approval, to make a contribution to the Association of Graduates' Endowment Fund when we learn of the death of a classmate after it is too late to send flowers. The contribution will be in the classmate's memory, and his family will be notified. We would like to urge all of you to send us confirmed information of any such tragic event, and also to let us know when any of our tribe comes to Walter Reed. I have been impressed with the fine response we have been getting from some of the wives and widows. We all ask them to get in touch with any of us here in Washington when these or other matters of class interest come to their attention.

The particular incidents that raised these matters were the deaths of John Kennedy on 5 February and Lou Marshall on 24 April. John is listed as belonging to the Class of 14 June 1922, since he graduated early. This may account for the delay in information coming to us. We suspect, however, that the more general reason is that people are prone to think we are sure to hear from other sources. We feel, however, that notification is so important that a bit of doubling up on information is better than taking the chance that it will be missed.

Breidster's correspondence on class matters



1923: Timberman presents the 1923 Memorial Award to Kerry L. O'Hara, outstanding member of the swimming team.

must have been especially tremendous recently. Aside from keeping in touch with us on matters such as those described above, he has written to families of classmates and has been busy on the MacArthur Memorial. I'll bet his secretary wonders whom he is really working for! He still finds time to pass on items on the lighter side, such as: "We had a most pleasant visit early in June from Molly and John Chambers. We had anticipated this visit for three or four months, and believe me, our anticipation was fulfilled. John, who was back for his 50th high school class reunion, is making it an occasion to visit his family in the midwest and classmates. Molly and John are still great company. He regaled some of my friends with his version of the Academy."

P.S. on Founders Day

Although the Association of Graduates has set its deadlines for the various issues about as carefully as it can, the problem of getting photographs in time always comes up. PeRoy Dwyer took those showing Scheetz, and Mary Dwyer and Tredennick and King, B.R. at the Philly Founders Day dinner.

In reporting further on the dinner in San Francisco, Jazz Harmony said: "Mr. Mayer was the whole show as far as entertainment was concerned. He was in fine fettle, and everyone admired him for his sense of humor and the unique way he gave his observations on his long stay at West Point."

The mimeo of Fritz Mayer's talk is too long to include in a class column. To my mind it deserves more recognition. As one of the guys who barely made the choir when we were cadets and as a friend of the Mayers when I was back as a "P" and had a chance to enjoy some of the other musical events he arranged, I have great admiration for Mr. Mayer. His address revealed a depth of understanding and an appreciation of West Point and what it stands for that is truly inspiring. If it is not published in some other form, I will try to dragoon the Washington group to authorize including it in a class bulletin.

Jazz also noted that Shim Reid informed him that there was a Founders Day affair at Santa Barbara this year, with Shim the only one present from '23. The event was co-ed, and Kay says the ladies enjoyed the affair as much as the men.

At the Founders Day dinner at Fort Jackson, we were represented by Cothran, Newman, and Howell. George says that O.P. is himself again after his heart troubles last year.

The Gals Have the Floor

Ruth (Mrs. Sammy) Johnson says that she is keeping busy restoring and binding rare books for Stanford University and others. She is looking forward to a trip east, probably in November, when she will visit in Baltimore and the Washington area. She printed her letters in a form that made me feel I ought to preserve it as an ancient European document.

Fay Kennedy wrote a moving letter about John's last days and some of the problems that beset one when there are personal affairs to settle. She paid high tribute to Walter Reed and Womack Army Hospitals.

Emily Leaf has finally retired from teaching in the Washington schools. In the course of that work she had the trying but rewarding experience of teaching both brain-damaged and emotionally disturbed children. She was dealing with the latter in the Amidon School program here in Washington. Some of you are probably aware that it was one of the outstandingly sensible and successful plans to replace the tragic era of "progressive education." Emily's daughter, Nancy, whom many of us remember as an ebullient little towhead when the Leafs were stationed at West Point, is married and lives in Lake Stevens, Washington. Larry is married and lives in Honolulu. Emily continues her hiking which has been mentioned in this



1923: Weikert presents award he instituted to Peter P. Summers, outstanding company commander, 1st Regiment, USCC.

column from time to time. She lost her sister this spring and is occupied in getting the estate cleared up.

Peg Gruver has moved to Apt. 719, 4100 Cathedral Ave., Washington, D.C. 20016. Her daughter, Sue, died recently; the son is with the Mead-Eaton, Mfg. Co. in Battle Creek, Mich. Earl's mother also lives here in Washington.

Lucille Tudor was in Washington for a few days in May. In the course of her visit she made the first presentation of the Ralph A. Tudor Medal, which is awarded to the civilian member of the Society of American Military Engineers under the age of 36 who makes the most outstanding contribution to military engineering in design. She gave me a brief rundown on the characters on the West Coast and brought us greetings and best wishes from many of them. She seemed so full of energy and so enthusiastic that it was hard for me to believe that, as she told me, her knees shook when she was called upon to make the presentation. The picture doesn't show it!

Cora Minty says she is giving up their place at Rainbow Lake, N.Y., to move permanently to Flat Rock, N.C. Her daughter is in Atlanta, Ga., and their son, Bill, is

in Gaithersburg, Md., with Philco. For recreation he sings tenor in "The Potomachords." Since I am a barber shop quartet fan, I will make a point of hearing them.

I am informed that Betty (Mrs. H.V.) White has moved to an apartment in Mallorca. Her address as given in our list remains the same. For the benefit of those who didn't do so well in Spick, it means post office box.

Dorothy Ellertorpe writes that her son, Don, completed a year's service in Vietnam last October and after a month's leave went to Schwabisch Hall in Germany. Dorothy was planning to visit them this summer. Her second son, Vernon, now lives in Summit, N.J. He is a securities analyst with Eastman Dillon.

Betty Grove sent in a clipping reporting their daughter, Madge's, wedding. The account tells in great detail what the bride and all the other femmes in the wedding party wore, but, for all the reporters said, Pooper may well have appeared in his sink-oids. The picture in the clipping showed the bride to be a real "smasher," as my Irish friends like to say. From Betty and Pooper we expect the best!

Virginia Post tells us she spent a happy Christmas with young Ed and his family at Knox and then went on to Florida where she had the misfortune to get caught by the pneumonia bug. Young Ed is bound for Vietnam in July. His wife, daughter, son, and a boxer will have an apartment near Virginia. Daughter-in-law plans to complete her college work. Virginia says she now adds pleas for a good babysitter to her prayers.

Her daughter Patty's husband, Harry Boswell, is retiring from the British army in August. The family plans to settle in Vancouver, British Columbia. They have a daughter, 16, and a son, 13, still to educate, so Harry, an engineer, plans to take up gainful employment.

Mary Pierce sent in a rundown on their trip. They arrived in Munich on 24 April with snow flurries, had a couple of nice days at Garmisch, then rain across Switzerland, France, and even in Spain. They visited the Riches in Madrid, then had good weather in Lisbon while they visited some of their former haunts in Spain. When they got back to Geneva, they met Agnes's brother, a minister, and his wife, who annually have Smith (Mary's college) girls on their "year in Europe," stay with them. The letter was written from Interlaken. Previous letters from Mary to other people had come from Canberra and Athens. Their plans were to go to Scotland early in July and return to the U.S. on 23 July for visits to West Point, N.J., N.C., and Washington. Makes you tired and envious just to think about that!



1923: The Weikerts, Mary and P.D., at home during Christmas, 1966.

Vietnam

Our thoughts and emotions about Vietnam were made even more sombre by the news that **McInerney's** son, Richard '60, was killed there in April. So far as I can determine, he is the only Class Son to have "found a soldier's resting place beneath a soldier's blow" in this war. I have not yet compiled additional data on the involvement of our sons there, but continue to hear of more who have made "our country, in the hour of need, be ready for the foe."

Personals—Social and Otherwise

Since moving to Florida, the **Weikerts** have been busy as squirrels. They have met or entertained the **Dan Chandlers**, **Roths**, **Chambers**, **Loves**, and **Bowens**. During a trip to San Antonio for the Daedalian Society's annual meeting, they visited the **Whitsons** and met the **Lawrences**, **Schlatters**, **Jamisons**, and **Myers**, and talked to the **W.W. Whites** on the phone. Later they visited P.D.'s mother at Gettysburg. She is 97! When someone asked her how she liked living at such an advanced age, she said: "It's far better than the alternative." She's a stout fella! I noted earlier that P.D. had presented an award at graduation. Before that, he had been awarded a distinguished alumnus citation at Gettysburg College. After graduation, they went to Expo 67, Cape Cod, Hartford, New York, Gettysburg, and then home. I'm sure they will be piping the restful room shown in the accompanying picture!

The **Carneses** had the privilege of seeing our Class Son receive a Legion of Merit for his work in developing some still-secret equipment. The award was made after Dick retired and joined Bendix, where he is now manager of their Remote Sensing department.

Roth is back at the workbench after recovering from his encounter with a Ford that was reported in a previous issue. In commenting on a get-together with the **Bowens**, **Loves**, and **Chambers**, he says they first talked each other out, then they phoned the **Breidsters** and *all* talked to them!

B-food Short has given up his law and insurance business and retired to: 8111 Camino Del Oro, La Jolla, Calif. 92037, where he joins the '23 contingent of **Deke Stone**, **Dunne**, **Rosenberg**, and **Raymond C.S.** (who left us for the Thundering Herd).

Tully's daughter has won a fellowship for study at Lyons, France, sponsored by Ohio State.

Mike Buckley, in a letter to **Roper**, reports that his son returned from Vietnam in May and that the **Buckleys** are moving to: 54 South Circle Drive, Pasatiempo, Santa Cruz, Calif., alongside the second fairway of a golf course. The house needs extensive renovation. According to **Mike**, **Jazz Harmony** and **Art Garrecht** volunteered to donate 2 days of labor. **Art Garrecht**, however, had to withdraw because his back acted up, and **Mike** says he hasn't been able to catch **Jazz**, who, in his letter, merely noted that **Mike** had a big job.

Warren Robinson has been appointed by the Administrator of Veteran Affairs to serve on an 11-man national advisory commission. The commission is taking grass-roots samplings of views on problems facing veterans. It is to report to the President in October. The commission was appointed in response to the President's message asking for recommendations "to assure that our tax dollars are being utilized most wisely and that our government is meeting fully its responsibilities to all those to whom we owe so much." The appointment was reported to me by **Moe**

Cavender and **Jazz**. Since **Robbie** is the only Regular on the commission, he has a heavy responsibility, which all who know him assure he will bear effectively. The commission has met in Washington for the original briefing and has already had several meetings in the West. In September it will meet in Atlanta and Philadelphia. Chest up, **Robbie!**

One of the news articles on **Robbie's** appointment notes that his son, "Brick," is a geologist with Shell Oil in California.

Dwight Caswell reports that after retiring completely, he finished his first novel. He says it has been rejected twice, but that a rewrite is on the way again. Frustrating as many aspects of it are, **Dwight** says he finds the writing hobby satisfying and inexpensive. He is going to try to produce the novel that someone has said lies in every man's brain. He notes that his wife, who paints, is doing extremely well after a few lean years.

George and **Felicia Howell** met with



1923: **Lucille Tudor** presents the **Ralph Tudor** medal to **Sherman J. Bollinger** of the Omaha Engineer District. Presentation was made at the Society of American Military Engineer's annual awards dinner in Washington in May.

the **Bowens**, **Chamberses**, **Harrisons**, **Galloways**, and **Galushas** on a trip to Florida early this year. They also saw **Marge Greene** at **Hillsboro Beach** on the way back.

Our Happy Wanderers

Aside from those mentioned in these and earlier Notes, I can report on the following travelers. The **Rosenbergs** drove 5,000 miles in a rented car in Europe in 5 weeks. The **Gettyses** were enjoying Hong Kong. The **Ken Webbers** were in Mexico in the spring and found it cold. **Minnie Stubbs** traveled to the P.I. for the big reunion of veterans of WWII who fought there. The **Larry Barrolls** are in Cotuit, Mass., for the summer. The migrants from here are: the **Johnsons** to Maine, the **D'Espinosas** to Massachusetts, and the **Torrences** to Erie, Pa.

Reunion

With the help of the Association of Graduates, we did our best to get a reunion bulletin to each of you in May or early June. If you haven't received yours, let me know. Replies are coming in well. **Biddle's** committee and I thank you for the many complimentary remarks and the good wishes. **Bill** has tabulated 79 replies showing: 39 planning to attend, 15 undecided, 10 doubtful, and 15 not planning to attend. One or two

optimists are waiting for the next big one. On the strength of this data, **Bill** has increased the number of rooms we have reserved at the **Newburgh Holiday Inn**. He urges all who feel they will be coming to make their billeting needs known as early as possible. We are convinced that the reunion program will be a good one, and we believe you will be glad you did so if you decide to pass through West Point's gate in 68.

Recalling the old adage: if information can be misunderstood, it will be, apparently some of you felt that the last statement in the bulletin was intended to be a new appeal for contributions to the class fund. Not so, my friends! It was merely a request to those who had not responded to the earlier appeal to reconsider and help if they could. I wrote that part of the bulletin, so it may be that the English Department's failure to pass me on the first go-round was justified! However, I can, and do like to read, so send along poop for this column. Don't wait for a deadline.

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It is with great regret that we announce the deaths of **Lucien F. Wells**, **James B. Kraft**, **Raymond R. Robins**, **Earl Mattice**, and **Wallace H. Hastings**. **Trooper** died in San Antonio on 4 February. Burial was in Arlington, and about 20 classmates from the Washington area attended his funeral. **Jim** died in Vienna on 16 February. Funeral services were held in Berchtesgaden. **Ray** died on 23 March of a coronary. Burial was in the Golden Gate National Cemetery. Attending the funeral were: **Coombs**, **Duval**, **French**, **Gibbs**, **Keiler**, **Stebbins**, and **Van Wyk**. **Earl** had been ill for several years and died in **Walter Reed** on 5 June. His funeral at Arlington was attended by many of his Washington area classmates. **Wally** died suddenly on 7 June. He was buried at West Point.

The Bay Area group held their winter meeting at Monterey the latter part of February. Attending were: the **Bragans**, **Coombs**, **DuVals**, **Mae Elliott**, the **Sam Fishers**, **Frenches**, **Keilers**, **Malins**, the **Zach Moores**, **Robins**, **Stubblebines**, and the **Vaughns**. **Walter French** was elected president, **Onto Bragan**, vice president, and **George Vaughn**, secretary-treasurer.

The Alamo Chapter held their annual meeting at the Fort Sam Officers Club. **Red Wrockloff** was elected president, and **Winnie Ramsey** has agreed to furnish news about the Herd in San Antonio.

The **Kuniholms** are still visiting various parts of the world. In a letter written from Egypt, **Kuni** said that they were leaving Cairo for 2 months in Australia and New Zealand and then back through the Panama Canal to Europe. After 36 Atlantic and 7 Pacific crossings, **Kuni** says this is the trip to end all trips. After he finishes his book he plans to settle down.

Pat Pasolli, **Tad Tasker**, **Charlie Stevenson**, **George Smith**, and **Bob Finlay** attended the annual Founders Day dinner at Governors Island. **Pat** sent along a placemat, a facsimile of the act establishing the Military Academy. Section 26 provided for 16 officers and four cadets!

The **Jake Moons** took off in April for 2 months in Europe to do a little riding to hounds, grouse shooting, and salmon fishing. They have moved to Hillsborough, N.C.,

on a place large enough for a stable, a short hunt course, and a show ring. Jake wrote that the house is open to any classmate passing through.

Eddie and Mary White attended the Florida Presbyterian Colleges' dedication of the Edward H. White Avenue of States. The avenue is the main drive through the campus. Astronaut McDivitt, who was the command pilot during Ed II's walk in space, made the principal address.

Dave Page put his camper on a boat for Australia after spending a year touring most of Europe and the British Isles. Dave and Diane plan to settle in Canberra City for a while and will put five of their children in schools there. During their travels, the children have been enrolled in the Calvert School of Baltimore.

On our way back from California to Florida, Daisy and I spent one night with Bill O'Connor in his new home at Hereford, Arizona. The next day we stopped by to see Mu, who was in Beaumont General Hospital. She underwent a successful operation 2 days later, and Bill reports she is now home. We also called Cary Hutchinson in El Paso. While in San Antonio, our hosts, the Van Houtens, gave a party at which the Stokes, McHughes, and Wilsons were also guests. While in Biloxi, I called Martin Hass, who took us to lunch and gave us the grand tour of the city, including the one and only "Shoofly." In Florida we saw the Scotts and Crosbys at several parties. Fran and George Crosby's daughter, Kit, has been living in Florida while her husband was in Vietnam. He returned in June, and is now stationed at Fort Rucker as an Army aviation instructor.

Art Trudeau expects to continue with Gulf for another year. He took Rosalie on an April business trip to Houston, where they had dinner with Zero and Betty Wilson. Art's son-in-law, Frank Kane, had just been made a colonel and his oldest grandson, Frank III, is now in Thailand wearing a green beret.

Can't keep up with the MacCloskeys. I thought they were on a Caribbean cruise, but recently I had a card from Mac that was postmarked Hawaii.

About 2 months before he died, Trooper Wells sent me a clipping announcing the promotion of his wife, Harriet, to colonel in the ANC.

At the Founders Day dinner at the officers club at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ben Mesick was elected president of the West Point Society of Tucson. He feels that he was "steamed-rollered" into the job, and he suspects that Emil Lenzner and Bill Forbes were driving the steam-roller.

It is now Colonel and Mrs. A.T. Leonard. Benny, who has been a widower for 10 years, married Carolyn Schwind in December, a young lady he has known for several years.

Sam Strohecker is up and about after being ill this winter. Les Skinner, realizing that he was getting into the heavyweight class, decided to hide out at Hilton Head Island, S.C., and go on a diet. He lost 28 lbs, and Peggy, who went along to keep him company, lost 18.

The patch-up job on Pete Hains was completed in May, and Pete is now home, well on the road to full recovery.

The David Marcus award to the outstanding boxer in the graduating class was awarded 6 June to Cadet James C. Crowley. Charlie Stevenson represented Emma Marcus at the presentation.

Zero and Betty Wilson's oldest son, Gail, has just completed the Armed Forces Staff College and has been ordered to Vietnam.

Our son, Jim, and his wife spent 3 weeks with us in Florida before Jim left for Vietnam the end of May.

Jim and Mildred Moore took care of their daughter Pat's six children for 10 days when Pat flew to Honolulu to join her husband, who was on R&R from Vietnam. Mildred said it was quite an experience even with Jim's help, but they loved it.

Red and Mary Bruce Mead are proud grandparents with the arrival of their first granddaughter. Their daughter, Pat, named the young lady Mary Bruce.

George Penton, although still ill, has made remarkable progress after 4 strokes. He stands well up in the grandchild derby with 16 grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Pete Lee Jr., has been ordered to the Naval War College. He is returning from Germany where he commanded an artillery battalion.

Ray Beurket Jr., is in Vietnam as an advisor to the Vietnamese Army on engineer construction.

Madelaine Miller took off for Europe in April. Bob left for Madrid in late June and will join Madelaine in Palma de Mallorca in July. Other travelers are Doug and Kitty Smith who left for Europe in June.

Herb Vogel was the recipient of the Service to Consulting Engineering Award of the Consulting Engineers Council of the U.S. The award was presented at a luncheon given by the Council for "significant contribution to the engineering profession."

We had cocktails with the Bill Kendalls at their house on Siesta Key. Toured their motor sailer on which they spend a lot of their time.

Peyton McLamb couldn't take complete retirement, so he is now on the Board of International Planning Development Cooperative.

The Gus Watsons will have their picnic at their farm as usual this summer.

The Founders Day dinner held in Washington was attended by: Bailey, Buerket, Blanchard, Coates, Eddleman, Erskine, Glasgow, Hart, Hincke, John Hill, Pete Lee, MacCloskey, Millener, Jim Moore, Reynolds, Sibley, Doug Smith, Smythe, Trudeau, Van Pape, and Vogel.

'25

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The Duns, who were visiting their new granddaughter in N.Y.C. the last of March, were caught in a heavy snowstorm and stayed over 2 extra evenings to enjoy Broadway shows.

The 5 April luncheon in DC brought Dave Tulley from Aspen, Colo., and Carl Meyers from Chesapeake City, Robertson (N.J.) and the locals: Bailey, Barnett, Black, Barnes, Cabell, Dunford, Jones, McManus, Nutter, and Ritchie.

Tulley spoke interestingly re the ski-mobiles around Aspen, but he later went down to defeat in a golf game versus Barnett and Nutter.

The Joneses returned from their Florida vacation and were off again in the latter part of May for Brussels, Denmark, Sweden, and Holland.

Florence and Joe Cleland came through in late April, then to Bremerhaven from thence they began a VW tour through Sweden, Norway, and the far North, then back through Europe, and eventually to their winter quarters in Majorca.

Ginny and Claude Black were down South

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.

for a time, then came back for June Week at the Academy.

Nicholas sent a computerized account of June Week, which included: Toms, Robertson, Saltzman, Farwick, and Black. Nick will retire on 30 September with over 42 years of service. We personally accord Nick the honor of being the first human being to put humor into mathematics.

We enjoyed a visit with Toms here after he had escalated through Walter Reed, and are happy to report that he has taken a new lease on life and says he's good for several more years.

Toms plans to send son David to the U.S. for a forestry service career, and daughter Ray-Liz will enter the Warren Art College in September.

Sorry to report the passing of Red Hall on 21 April. His graveside service was conducted at the Nat'l Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Adele plans to remain in Hawaii; son Edward is at U.S.C. working towards a Ph.D.

Johnie J. wrote that Joe Cannon has recovered completely from his illness, and that the following individuals are operating about par: Crombez, Denson, Long, Barton, Burback, Howze, Deutermann, and Kidwell.

Nettie Black passed through the SF Area en route with a sister and brother-in-law for a combined air, rail, and steamer trip from the East Coast to the South Seas and Australia. The Dansbys, Helen De Pew, Don Black, and the Johnsons attended a ship-board party aboard the *Mariposa*.

Doug Johnson was scheduled to do a fighter pilot tour in VN, followed by an assignment to the AF Academy after a 2-year Stanford course. Son Bruce is an Asst Prof at WP.

Johnie planned to retire after 10 years at U. of Calif.

Linkswiler was through here on 2 March en route to visit a sister in New Jersey, then to Farmington, Mass., to see a son, then south to visit a daughter at Cape Canaveral. Link was still having trouble flying an airplane with only one good eye. He attended Founders Day in St. Petersburg with Lit Roberts and Bill Wood.

At the local Founders Day dinner here: Cabell, Crandall, Barnes, Barnett, Bailey, Dunford, Liwski, Hopkins, and Nutter.

On 25 March at the Statler-Hilton, Bruce Clarke received the Order of the Temple from the Grand Enc Knight Templars, the same conferred by Sir Knight Wilbur M. Brucker.

Bill Ritchie was off to Cape Cod after wrestling big marlins off the Florida Coast.

Gerry Galloway missed Hack Cleaves when passing through Bar Harbor. Later, Hack wrote saying he had visited Betsy Sladen, whose mother passed away some time ago in New London, N.H.

Yvonne Torbett reported "all's well," and included the address of her married daughter in Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Lit Roberts reported the passing of Chas Caldwell, whose funeral was held on 23 January with a number of Florida classmates present. Both the Caldwell daughters, Charlotte and Jane, live here.

Antoinette and Lucien Bolduc finally reported on their trip to the Orient and also their move. They greatly enjoyed their 6-week cruise via the SS *President Cleveland* and are also glad to exchange the problems of managing a house for the comparative ease of apartment living. They plan to do Europe next year.

Dottie Pheris had a houseful of relatives including 7 small children for the holidays.

The Cabells were off on 16 May on a 30-day motor trip to the West Coast.

The Nutters are still cogitating about another European jaunt.

Ernie Holmes was the only '25er at the Fort Shafter dinner, although the crowd numbered over 150. He missed the Gillmores by inches when they went through on their current cruise to the South Seas, but he did meet Dottie Pheris and her friends when they came via the Lurline. Lani and Ernie are still busy improving their new home on Maui.

Russ Randall was in for a few days to visit his son in Richmond and also friends in Connecticut. He reported on a number of grads in the West including Sandy Goodman and Strohecker, both '24.

Bill Lord is reported to be in excellent health now despite a troublesome operation.

McManus has traveled so much that he says he feels like a man without a country.

The Barnetts are all set for a luxury cruise to San Juan this fall. Daughter Susan goes to Illinois as a summertime interne prior to her last year as a medical records librarian student.

Bruce C. attended a national meeting of the Sojourners at the Academy. He saw Ed Carbisch, Red Reeder and others in a group there who were on the MacArthur Memorial Committee. He says the south wing of the new barracks is well along and is a wonderful sight. Bruce Junior is well up in his profession, Gordie is at Texas A&M, and David is scheduled for pre-med at U. of Texas.

Jean and Soap Suttles spent the holiday season in the Far East and Japan, then toured some of our southern states. They plan Europe again this summer.

Marcel C. is still following the Thoroughbreds on the western tracks, but failed to write us about any of the triple-crown events here.

Red Long reports that Fritz Mayer, our old distinguished WP Chapel organist, was a terrific speaker at the Presidio dinner. Clarissa and Red celebrated their 40th anniversary at the plush Cabaña in Palo Alto, and had Audrey and Claude Burback in for a visit a day or so later. Their daughter and son-in-law and five grandchildren are at Fort Huachuca. The Longs also look forward to an extended, unhurried European jaunt this fall and winter.

Red Newman's article in the current *Army* will bring back some of your own experiences as a junior officer. Very well written.

Maggie and Bill Kerns spent a week with Marcelle and Bud Hankins in their luxury Paris apartment. They expect to return state-side in October and live in Florida.

We enjoyed a visit with Russ Finn, who was here helping daughter Pat, a career girl, get settled in a new apartment nearby.

A quick scanning of the 66 REGISTER shows that many of you haven't kept your addresses up to date. It is important that you write the Assn of Grads every time you make a permanent change of address.

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Whatever misgivings I had on possible lack of material for the summer issue disappeared when all the area scribes came through with plenty, and on time! My only problem has been to sort it out, eliminate the duplications, and hopefully put the whole shebang in legible form for the editors at West Point. Thanks to all for the good work, and please keep it up.

By now, I am sure you have all heard of Ludy Toftoy's death in Walter Reed on 19 April and of his burial, with full military honors, in Arlington Cemetery on 21 April. Honorary pallbearers included: classmates Nelson, Barney, Sims, and Fred Munson, and Ludy's old friend and admirer, Dr. Wernher Von Braun from Huntsville. His obituary should be published in ASSEMBLY soon, and the details of his serious illness and other facts of his life will, of course, be covered fully. Hazel is planning on staying at Treasure Island, Fla., with her mother for the time, but rumor has it she may move to Huntsville to be closer to her children and four grandchildren: daughter Doris (Mrs. George Williams) with three, and son Chuck (Maj. Charles, U.S. Army) with one, stationed at Fort Benning. An interesting item from Hazel and family—they asked that instead of flowers at the funeral, contributions be made to the '26 class fund, to be used in any way the Class desires. Vald Heiberg, class Secy-Treas, tells me that quite a few contributions have been received from Ludy's many friends, and that the new class organization, which took office on 1 June, will decide what to do with them. A belated "thank-you" is due Hazel at this point for her help in the writeup of the 40th Reunion in the winter edition. Much of the material and style was hers, and this fact was overlooked in the article itself.

Incidentally, I am not planning to turn these Notes into a "hatch-match-scratch" column, although matches if any, will be duly reported, and hatches—plenty of grandchildren—will be also, and with pleasure. I will try to publish from time to time, lists of our missing ones and refer to the obituaries for the details. We hope these latter can be prepared and published in a timely manner, and will attempt to make sure that those not yet published will be, soon.

In view of the recent, considerable publicity about ex-'25 Peter Hurd, I think his recent letter to Ralph Osborne is worthy of publication:

"Sentinel Ranch, San Patricio, N.Mex., 31 May 67. Dear Ralph: Thank you for the letter requesting information on a Class of '26 drop-out.

"The Hurds have been in the press more than they deserve during the past few months; however, capsuling our activities should go something like this.

"Peter Hurd, Class of '26, has been involved in something called 'the President's Portrait'—which is no news to anyone who reads the papers. My wife and I opened a joint-showing of our work at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in May. Our eldest son is getting married on 26 June and will teach in the music department at Texas Tech this fall. Our daughter Carol is married to English painter, Peter Rogers, and they and their three children live here on the ranch at San Patricio. Our youngest son Michael is a junior at Stanford and plays a mean, 12-string

guitar—also polo along with his pappy on the San Patricio polo team.

"That is about as condensed a description of our activities as I can make. My best to you and your family. Please keep me informed of other class activities. I was delighted to hear from you. Sincerely, Pete."

Other items from Ralph (Texas and nearby parts area scribe): Had coffee with Bill Dean in his marble palace a few weeks ago. He is looking well, and I judge business is doing likewise, with a 25,000-acre sheep ranch in Mexico, a smaller ranch in Texas where he raises and trains his prize Arabian horses, a local cab company, and local property. Pat enjoys the riding with both sons in school. Elder son is going to U. of Texas next year because he prefers a femme to West Point. Younger son has one year to go at Texas Military Institute.

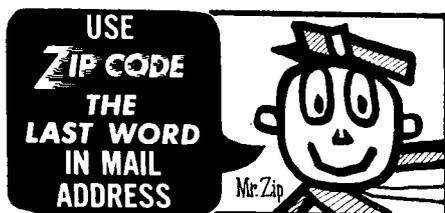
Lew and Wis Griffing visited here about a month ago. Both looked well and thriving. Lew, still assistant to a bank president in Lawton, continues to get his golf handicap down in spite of having an office to worry about.

Sam Harris writes from Tucson that he and Nancy live a very quiet life on a ranch outside the city. He claims the major virtue of his ranch is that it owns no stock, does not operate as a ranch, and owns no cowboys. As a result, for the most part, he just loaf and likes it. However, he did say he has to spend time in California and Mexico in connection with some small business activities.

Johnny (AH) Johnson writes from Harlingen, Texas, that he and Muffet just returned from a 2-week visit to points in the western and central part of Mexico, where he had a chance to play a bit of golf, and Muffet had a chance to use her Spanish in connection with a bit of shopping. Johnny also said that when the routine chores around his ranch permit, he continues to work at his golf handicap. As an aside, I think his ranch provides some of the better hunting on the Texas side, and friends across the border in Mexico provide more of the same, so golf suffers because of his first love, hunting.

Dick McMaster writes from El Paso, Texas, that Jane has been confined to quarters for several weeks as a result of an EKG. Eldest daughter, Cecelia, continues as asst editor of the woman's page for the El Paso *Herald Post*. Connie (Mrs. Harvey McMeans), with three little helpmates, raises Arabian horses and some cattle outside of Waco. "She competes with Bill Dean at the Arabian horse shows where he collects most of the booty." Son Elliott, with two children, has a hereford cattle ranch in New Mexico where he runs 200 head and double that in rattlesnakes. Dick says: "as for me, I sit around all day, or golf, swim, paint, etc." Don't know what the "etc." means. Harry and Polly Johnson were in El Paso a few months ago looking at houses and a new place to light.

Frank "Pancho" Miter writes from El Paso that he is resigning from his math teaching job at Texas Western; is going fishing for a month in the gulf of California; will return to El Paso to have a foot or two of divarticulated colon removed; then sell his house in El Paso and move to Tucson. Daughter Diana (Mrs. Web Golston) has just moved to Houston, and son Brad has changed his job to National Cash Register. His sister Ev (Mrs. Benny Mesick '24) is now living in Tucson. Frank plans to buy a smaller place in Tucson "with enough yard to keep me busy but not enough to keep me too busy," then look around for a job



that will not interfere with his summer vacation.

West Coast Report by Spud Murphy

Eddie Watson, from Portland, Oregon, reports that he is still plugging away at real estate, but now that the weather has warmed up, he has resumed his tennis. He had no news of the Matthiases, who now live in Portland, nor from the Millses in Walla Walla.

Ken McNaughton says things are quiet in the Monterey area. Paul Hamilton and Paul Black attended the Founders Day dinner at the Presidio of Monterey. Paul Carroll has purchased a new station wagon and will break it in this summer by taking his two visiting grandsons on a tour of the United States. Ken and Greasy Condon are changing their fishing grounds from Florida to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. They are meeting there in August for some lake and stream fishing.

No news from the Los Angeles area this time.

In the San Francisco Bay area we had a long, wet spring with about double the usual rainfall. The Class was quite busy socially, with several enjoyable cocktail and dinner parties hosted by the Sewalls, Nourses, Hawthornes, Kaylors, and Kirchoffs. The Murphys usually have a spring party timed to coincide with the blooming of a beautiful white wisteria that covers the entire patio. Due to the rainy spring, the date was set a little later as the blooms appeared to be a bit slow. In fact, they were so slow that we were reduced to showing slides of last year's bloom in lieu of the half-grown blossoms. About a week later we discovered that it wasn't the rainy spring (nor the party) that was causing the trouble. The vine was dying and has since conked out and been removed. We miss its beauty and shade.

I believe I have mentioned before that Hal Brusher is not able to attend any class parties due to his heart condition. I suggested meeting him for lunch in Oakland to chew the fat and get up to date on family affairs, but Hal said that luncheons away from home are also verboten. He (Brusher) sent me the following note:

"For those who have been retired in the middle of an active career, the sudden realization of a new way of life is utter dismay and frustration. My first information of the 'one way ticket' was from an M.D., telling me (through his own puffing) not to smoke, and that I might last for at least 10 more years. Although I had another heart attack in 1965, the old boy is still around, although not as vibrant as of old. It may have been those 'peanut butter Sunday night dinners' or those wonderful 'Sunday afternoons in the sack.' Or it could have been the preserving fluid of that stuff 'just off the boat.' Anyhow, I'm still here, scared but not bowed, and an avid reader of the 'orbit' section of the *A-N Journal*.

"For the offspring, five in all, No. 1 boy is in the Fish & Game Labs, Galveston, as a marine biologist; No. 1 girl is married with four additions. I have a 'beatnik,' too, a

single girl, now in France at the Film Festival, trying to 'reform the world.' She never forgets to send out an SOS to the 'old man' for rescue money. The last two are driving me crazy getting me to study along with the latest in educational methods. Keeps me ignorant.

"My hobbies are 'talk-shows,' philosophical viewing of people and events, and trying to keep my sense of humor. In the latter exercise, I still am a 'pain in the neck' to my wife Betty (who has pampered me for the last 35 years). I'm her 'cross.'

"Hope to see you all in June 76. Here's how, Hal."

On 4 June, the Brookner Bradys held a "Graduation Celebration" at the St. Francis Yacht Club in honor of Margery's graduation from the University of San Francisco. Marge has been amazingly persistent and hard-working, particularly the last couple of years. Their very clever invitation shows her climbing a steep staircase with steps marked: U.C.L.A., U. of Hawaii, U.S.C., U. of North Carolina, Western Michigan U., and the U. of San Francisco. As a graduation present, she and Brook went to Europe where they will tour England for a month via the ancient, famed, and recently reopened, canal system, then on to Denmark and Portugal, and finally to France where Marge will take additional courses at a French university at San Malo while Brook sails about the old pirate hangouts.

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Washington, D.C. Report by Strick Stricker

Herb Ehrgott is back in Washington after a lengthy stay in Australia with a construction company.

Bill Ennis has left Washington for a year's stay in Iran. He was accompanied by Fran, and it is my understanding they will return to Washington after the stint as a representative of the Philco Corp. Wonder how they made out during the recent fracas?

Several members of the Washington contingent departed the winter weather for visits in Florida. Tommy de Shazo spent several weeks in various places in Florida. Babe joined him for his first 2 weeks. Mac and Katherine McDaniel made a 3-week trip in April.

Freddy and Elsie Munson went south in May to visit daughter Sheila, a freshman at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C. They also went to Atlanta where Freddy contacted Bob McDonough and Doc Jones. Both are well; Doc is with the Atlanta city government. On the way back they enjoyed 2 days with Louise and Mal Kammerer in their delightful home in Tryon, N.C.

In April, Pick and Ada Collins went to West Berlin to visit their son (Maj. Sam, CE) who is stationed there. En route they stopped for a bus tour of Spain. They recommend it highly.

The 25 May luncheon had a good turnout. Present were: Sparky Baird, Keith Barney, Lou Brecht, Pick Collins, Herb Ehrgott, Judge Furman, Leon Johnson, Mac McDaniel, Freddy Munson, Morrie Nelson, Frank Purcell, Admiral Sims, and Strick Strickler.

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Maurice Condon, "Mr. Clearwater," sent a bit of news on his activities, including the trip in August to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to meet the McNaughtons for an extended fishing trip, and then on to San Francisco to see friends and classmates. He and Ruth tell of their daughter Catherine's graduation

from Queen's College, Charlotte, N.C., on 15 May, which they happily attended; also, son Reynolds has finished his freshman year at the U. of South Carolina and will be in Clearwater for the summer.

Marvin McKinney sent in two nice reports which are excerpted here, the first from Johnny and Marge Roosma:

"During our recent trip to Florida, we had the pleasure of spending a few days with Maurice and Ruth Condon. It made me very proud to witness the high esteem in which Maurice was held by the citizens of Clearwater. To put it mildly, 'even his competitors liked him.' After arriving in New Jersey, I was pleased to receive a newspaper article announcing that our illustrious classmate had been selected 'Mr. Clearwater for 1967.'

"Bill House paid us a visit. It was good seeing him after many years. We lived together our last year. Bill was full of his usual enthusiasm and spending much of his spare time preparing scenery for the local dramatic club.

"I'm about to take off for Washington to visit Virginia and Eddie Hart. We will be having lunch or dinner with the Stantons and will probably see more of '26 during our stay.

"The new organization for our Class is something which we have needed for many years. I am sure that it will function for wider information and relationship.

"Marjorie is back to her usual self and busy with many social events. As a hobby she teaches several retarded children in the local school. Her hours are as she prescribes, so it is something to keep her mind active. Johnny Jr., is flying in Saigon. He recently received his air medal. Billy, one of my twin sons, is S3 of a battalion with the 21st Inf. Garry, the other twin, is an engineer at Picatinny Arsenal and is in the throes of getting his master's degree in business management. Yours truly does as he pleases, meanwhile carrying on a little side business of his own. I have a license to sell insurance, real estate, and mutual funds. I do not solicit, but will accommodate my friends (and enemies) if they so desire. The trouble is there are too many luncheons, baseball games, etc., that keep me away from my money-making ventures. Anyway, I don't have to report to anyone except Marjorie, and she lets me do anything that she wants."

The other letter was from Marvin and Peggy, and describes their very interesting and pleasant trip to Charleston, S.C., where they visited Pinky and Lucy Burns in late March. "They live in a lovely old, antebellum waterfront house in the oldest part of the city (No. 1 East Battery) where the old Civil War 12-inch cannons are still emplaced in front of their house. It is a large house with wide porches on all 3 floors. The ceilings are over 12 feet high, and from the living room one can see out past Fort Moultrie and the harbor entrance all the way to the Atlantic. A truly magnificent sight!

"Pinky has built up a fine, second career as owner of a packing and shipping truck business which does a great deal of work for the military in that area."

While there, they attended three local cocktail parties and a play in the old Dock Street Theater staged by the Foot-Light Players, and had a chance to sample true Charleston hospitality at its best. Lucy was born and raised there and knows everyone. Sounds like there was a gay time for all.

"Thanks to the Burns's hospitality, we fell in love with Charleston; if you go there, maybe you will, too," says Marvin.

Miscellany

Your Scribe can report that Connie and I will be en route tomorrow (15 June) to Dallas, Texas, to see our newest granddaughter, Kristen Marlene Snodgrass, born to Joni and Don on 27 May—our eighth all told. Mother and daughter (and Don) are all reported doing well, but we shall see.

The tragedy of the Asian war continues to strike home to classmates and other friends. The most recent note I had, informed me of the death of Lt. Col. Rodney H. Smith, U.S. Army, CE (USMA '53), on a combat reconnaissance flight in South Vietnam on 3 June. He is the eldest son of Ethel and Rodney Smith, now living in New York. Young Rodney is survived by his wife Florence, and their daughter, Ceane, and their two sons, Rodney Jr., and Dan, all of Annandale, Va.

I regret having to begin and end these Notes with sorrowful items, but I suppose we must take the bitter with the sweet—the way they happen in this real world we are living in.

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The Fabulous Fortieth, although now slightly behind us, is the natural highlight for this ASSEMBLY. Your Scribe was unable to make it; therefore, the content of this column is the result of the fine journalistic efforts of Mac Miller, who, in addition to all of his labors as secretary and treasurer for the reunion, managed to provide a most informative summary which is extensively quoted below.

Those loyal and lucky classmates present were: Bob and Natalie Aloe, Mone and Ruth Asensio, Mal Bauer, Ray and Mary Bell, Bix and Evalyn Bixel, Ted and Kay Brown, Jack and Jo Burdge, Woody and Jean Burgess, Jim and Marian Collins, Fox and Muriel Conner, Ray and Becky Curtis, Ted and Helen Daly, Gar and Verone Davidson, Dike Deichelmann Dick and Gwen Dickerson, Chuck and Mary Ewing, Blair and Dottie Garland, P.D. and Jean Ginder, Eddie and Marney Glavin, Jim and Merritt Green, Hank and Frances Hoefler, Dutch and Donnie Holland, Ham and Bel Hunter, Hutch and Esther Hutchison, Hal Jordan, Larry and Ethel Kuter, Morry and Maggie Masters, Mac and Helen McKinney, Chick and Maxine McNutt, Willis and Gene Matthews, Stan and Terry Meloy, Mac and Jean Miller, Marty and Janet Morin, Frank and Dorothea Ostberg, Mike and Helen Pegg, Bob and Kay Perrine, Rosie and Rene Rose, Tulio and Magua Segarra, Jim and Mazie Smyly, Ken and Vivian Thiebaud, Fred and Janet Thorpe, Guy Thrans, Milt Towner, Bob and Jans Turner, Uppie and Sally Upthegrove, Joe and Martita Vincent, Wat and Chick Watlington, Jack and Jo-ann West, Julian and Helen West, Bill and Tierra Whelchel, Jenny and Jean Wrean, and Ralph and Dot Zwicker.

Our stalwart ex-'27 group was comprised of Wink Ehr Gott, Henri and Eleanor Hendricksen, George Holton, Joe and Margaret McCough, Leslie and Dorothy Prichard, Mariner Smith, Joe Swindlehurst, and Alton and Ruth Williams.

This seems to total 52 classmates and 47 wives, and 7 ex-'27 and 4 wives, or 110 souls. That is surely the largest turnout that we have ever had, and gives us something to shoot at for the next one. The quartering

of this large number was done principally at Bear Mountain Inn which took some 32 couples in the inn and its surrounding cottages. Barracks and Ladycliff took a few, and the considerable remainder made other arrangements widely thereabouts. Already thinking ahead, as '27 does so well, there is early conjecture upon the desirability of possibly reserving a motel of sufficient size, conveniently near, to take us all for the Pistol-Packing 45th, and leave for Ethel Kuter's recent optimistic reference to the later, Golden Anniversary 50th, the expectation that we will be billeted at the Thayer.

Now, as to what took place, and where, and how enjoyed, let us allow Mac's summary to speak largely for itself. First, "all agree the weather was perfect—warm and sunny, but not too hot. The first event was the dutch-treat cocktail party at the officers club, Friday, 2 June. By then the majority of the Class had checked in so that the party provided a fine initial get-together." Other reunion classes were imbibing there also, "affording a pleasant intermingling." The cocktail party was followed by the Alumni Dinner and Superintendent's Reception and Dance at Washington Hall, reached, as Mac put it, "by threading our way through, around, and behind the construction work on cadet barracks which has reached an advanced stage of development. The Class of 1927 must have occupied 7 or 8 tables in the mess hall, so large was our turnout. An innovation of the Supe's Reception was the presentation to all of the ladies of glass ashtrays decorated with the USMA crest, and to all of the men 'Texas jiggers,' "12-oz. old-fashioned glasses, with the likeness of Tom Cahill, Coach-of-the-Year, and the 1966 football schedule inscribed on them."

Saturday morning, class photographs were taken in front of the officers club. Following this came the dedication of the new class tree, with an appropriate Reunion Memorial Service nearby. Our original tree, only a few trees west from the Clock Tower and Thayer Road, had to be removed to make way for barracks construction. The new tree—with the old class marker—has been planted on the east side of Cullum Road between Cullum Hall and the bachelor building—"an excellent location," Mac assures us. As for the memorial service, "Ted Brown delivered a most appropriate and moving address in a superb manner." He was followed by the USMA Chaplain, Chaplain Ford, in a "few well-chosen words and prayers. All in all it was a simple, dignified, and impressive ceremony."

After the memorial service came the tradi-



1927: Ray Bell presents the Class of '27 Award to Cadet David R.E. Hale, cadet commander of the 3d Regiment, USCC.

tional Alumni Exercises at Thayer Monument, now in a temporary location on Trophy Point only until the construction work has been completed sufficiently to permit its return to its customary spot. "The parade of old grads formed in the usual place in front of the library, WPAM, and Cullum Hall, but marched north on Thayer Road to Trophy Point. There the ceremony was as impressive and dignified as ever, with the Cadet Choir singing the 'Alma Mater' and 'The Corps' in its usual spine-tingling manner." Then came the Alumni Review, with the Corps as impressive as any had ever seen it—and with '27 now inexorably beyond the "halfway point." The usual two luncheons followed: the alumni in Washington Hall and the ladies in the club. Baseball—against Navy—competed with rest and recuperation for the remainder of the afternoon, in preparation for the big dinner-dance at Bear Mountain Inn.

Of that affair Mac commented: "Just about everyone present at the reunion attended; all of our girls were lovely, and everyone present appeared to have a bang-up time. There were 102 present, including Steed (ex-'27 who graduated with '28), two guests with the Alton Williamses, and Capt. Joseph G. Felber Jr., (Class of '60, son of Joe Felber, ex-'27, and our reunion aide) with his lovely wife and two guests. During the course of the evening old-fashioned glasses were distributed to everyone present, inscribed '27's 40th,' the gifts of Jack Spurgeon, ex-'27, who unfortunately was unable to attend the reunion."

Sunday morning found the reunioners at baccalaureate services. At the 11 a.m. Protestant service Chaplain Ford in his address to the 1st and 3d Cadet Regiments included an appreciated reference to the previous day's class tree dedication and the memorial service, at which "both he and Ted Brown had made the point, although through the years great changes had taken place in the world, the nation, our military service, West Point, and the Cadet Corps, that the Cadet Chapel itself and the spirit that motivates the Academy and the Corps had not changed."

The concluding event of Sunday and of the reunion was the class picnic at Ray and Mary Bell's home in Cornwall. "Again the weather was perfect, the surroundings beautiful and restful, and the fellowship delightful. It was a fitting conclusion to a wonderful reunion." I am sure that we readers who were not there must feel so too, that, though the days were few, the time was rewardingly spent.

Mac reported most particularly upon the "wonderful job Capt. Felber, as the duly appointed aide to the Class for the reunion, and Major Jordan (son of Hal Jordan) as his capable assistant, did to make our reunion a success. They worked long and hard for us. It is in no small part due to their efforts that everything went so smoothly." Here is also the spot to cite both Woody Burgess and Mac Miller for a job exceptionally, distinctively, well done! Woody as class leader spent the last year or two in assiduous planning and application to the manifold details of the 40th, for as all of us must realize, a good reunion does not "just happen." He and Mac really put in hours in preparation and distribution of the poop to all of us and in working with the Point, directly, and through Ray Bell. We salute them!

Deferred to this point is a note, however, which must now be sadly inserted. Our Joe Swindlehurst, ex-'27, who had come all the way from Livingston, Montana, staying with the Fox Connors at Ossining, received the

tragic news Friday evening of the death of his wife Pearl, "before he had seen any of us," Mac commented, "and had to return home immediately." He has the deepest condolence of all of '27.

Just in time for addition to these Notes came Ray Bell's information on his presentation of the class watch at the Awards Assembly. The recipient was Cadet Capt. David R.E. Hale, commanding the 3d Regiment. Ray had this to say: "I was very pleased to have the opportunity of presenting the class watch for the second time, because I still hear from the young officer to whom I presented our award several years ago. The recipient this year was an outstanding cadet, well-motivated, anticipating service in Vietnam as an infantryman. He expects to undergo training in the States for about 4-6 months before he reports to Vietnam. I met his fiancée, an Army 'Junior,' daughter of Harvey Fraser of '39." So again, we as a Class can feel that our award goes to a fine young graduate for whom we can hope the best.

One or two other notes perhaps should accompany what is largely intended as the reunion report. The first is the acknowledgement to Woody Burgess by the committee of the West Point Superintendent's Fund of the receipt of the class contribution to the fund in memory of Hans Holmer, and the intention to inscribe the name of the Class under that of Hans in the Memory Book on display in the USMA Library. In addition, Woody is sending a token memorial donation for all deceased members who preceded Hans; each of their names will also be inscribed in the book. Also, Woody informs that the class donation to the Army Distaff Foundation passed \$500, which accomplishment entitles us to the class name on the plaque at the entrance of the Distaff Home in Washington. Actually we are close to "getting a star" for '27 for another \$500.

Now for a very few personal items. First, we hope that all have noted that our Jack and Ova Hines are the proud son and daughter-in-law of the 2d oldest living graduate, General John L. Hines, Class of '91, who on 21 May reached the age of 99, and celebrated, Ova advises, with a really sparkling and enjoyed birthday party. Though late, many happy returns!

Dave Loughborough has moved from New York to Ohio to be "Manager of Engineering" at the Snyder Mfg. Co., with his new address: 323 Gooding Ave., NW., New Philadelphia, Ohio. Also Gil Allen has moved from Florida to 2838 Ransford Ave., Pacific Grove, Calif. 93950, to get nearer to "my mother who lives in Mill Valley and to my sister Betty and Pat Pachynski in Redwood City."

Incident to the reunion traffic through northern Virginia, the Scribe and spouse Lucile enjoyed seeing such vivacious celebrants as Mac and Helen McKinney, Hutch and Esther Hutchison, and Ted and Helen Daly, either going to or returning from.

Also, the Lillards are at a loss for adequate words to express their thanks to the Class for the completely surprising presentation from "The Class of 1927" of the signed scroll—with all those signatures, truly an inspiring remembrance!—and the beautiful West Point plates and goblets. Such kind thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

So this must wind up this report of the 40th. Reunion photographs should be available for the next ASSEMBLY. We should also have the poop on a West Coast "Mini-reunion" of "libations, collations, and nostalgia" at the domicile of the Henry G.

Douglasses, Sausalito, Calif., on 10 June, the report of which affair had not arrived as this column goes pantingly up toward the Point. Apologies are offered for omissions, misstatements, etc., but this deadline for ASSEMBLY just was not met, and something had to give. The Scribe can honestly plead just too much Educational Activity—just too-much-too-late-senior-after-prom-festivities, too many (self-inflicted) long-winded, 2-hour finals in English to grade, plus the final high school graduation with all its details and parents. After all, '27 does have a little trouble keeping in the whirl with high school '67!

Send in your summer items and help the next ASSEMBLY to be the best fall issue!

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June Week, 1967, saw only Dunc and Ginny Somerville and Steve Reynolds attending alumni activities. Dave Traub was down for the ARMY-Navy track meet but didn't stay over.

A number of the Class have responded to Skip's reminder. The 40th reunion fund has grown to \$2,780, with 64 contributing members.

Whitfield and Fran Jack attended Whitfield's 35th law school reunion at New Haven this year. Sam and Sally Anderson are house-hunting in Los Angeles, where Sam has a consultant job with Kirk-Mayer Engineering Co. They stopped by en route and visited Buster Briggs in Albuquerque. Howard and Kay Bunker are enjoying a 26-foot sport fishing boat operating out of LaJolla, California. He reports that he sees Norm Webb now and then; talks to Red Brown (via phone) occasionally; that Jack Mills is still kicking and looking like age 40; and that Southern California is at least equal to Florida in all respects as a retirement spot.

Both Paul Breden and Skip Seeman have reported the class luncheon held at Fort Myer on 10 May. Present were: Maxwell, Upham, Butchers, Walter, Olive, Tate, Haskell, O'Donnell, Totten, Oakes, Smith W.D., Curran, Boatner, Seeman, Lane, and Breden. Paul Gavan made the arrangements, but was in Walter Reed that day. Regrets were received from: Crallé (teaching), McNamara (traveling), Mundy (new grandchild), Raymond (teaching), Denniston, Samford, Shute, and Tunner.

Gopher Coverdale, since the fire at McCormick Place, has been working in the convention section of the Pick Congress Hotel in Chicago. He is on leave of absence (unpaid) from McCormick Place until it is rebuilt. Gopher's son, Craig, and his son-in-law, Bob Brumback, are both in Vietnam.

Dutch Holley reports that he, Tom Counihan, and Gen. Pennell '06, play the Fort Sill golf course 5 times a week. He keeps busy with Ham and MARS radio and serving as junior warden at St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

Win Titus writes from Mira Loma, California, where he is "wondering if any other of our Class has taken up my type of mobile-home living? I got into it just 3 years ago and wouldn't swap were you to give me a tax-free, 100,000-buck home! We have approximately 1,350 sq. ft. of living area on a lot 60' across the front, 45' back, and 70' deep. If it were possible to set our 'shack' in motion down the highway, and you saw it, bet you'd go easier on the martini ratio. We're far from being sardines in a can. We actually figure our new mode of living is

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You know where We are, but
We don't always know where You are.
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more beautiful and gracious than our former custom-made house, and we're about 100 bucks more in-pocket every month. I can assure you we're on the 'right side of the tracks.' Should any of the Class want any info on this type of living, tell 'em to drop me a note. I'm not in the business but I'm really sold on the idea."

For those who are looking ahead to June 68, the critical dates are Friday, 31 May, and Saturday, 1 June. Questionnaires and letters go out in July.

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We are happy to open this report with a joyful item. Maj. Gen. John E. Theimer and Mrs. Grace Wilson Brazzanella have announced their marriage in San Francisco on 12 May 1967. We send our congratulations and best wishes for happiness to Johnny and his bride, and we take pleasure in welcoming a new member to the class group.

Johnny writes that he and Grace—"a charming (naturally) widow from San Francisco"—were married in the Presidio of San Francisco chapel in the presence of what little family they both had around and a few old friends. Johnny has also thus acquired a second set of grandchildren, ages 4 and 5, and they became very fond of each other when he and Grace stayed with the grandchildren while their parents vacationed in Tahiti. Johnny and Grace spent an extended honeymoon at the historic and beautiful Mission Inn, Riverside, Calif., and while there had a pleasant dinner and evening at the Don Stevnings. The Theimers will live in San Francisco.

The Bay Area group had a well-attended luncheon in late May, but they missed the presence of Doc Kearney, who sent a letter of regards and the unfortunate news that he has to go back into Letterman Hospital for more work.

Speaking of the West Coast, I imagine that most of you are aware of the great success, this past winter and spring, of the "Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour," which originates there on CBS TV. The program has even received the accolade of a full-page cartoon in *The New Yorker* magazine, something that hasn't happened since Amos and Andy were at their peak on radio back in the thirties.

Dudley Wiegand writes from Fort Collins, Colo., that the item on him in the winter issue was a bit out of date, inasmuch as his heart attack occurred some years ago. (Nobody knows how a 6-year-old mimeographed Christmas letter got attached to his 1966 Christmas card.) We are happy to be able to set the record straight. Dud seems to do more after recovery from a heart attack than most people do before one. His teaching at Colorado State U. includes short stories, poetry, literature of the American west, and technical writing, the last course being restricted to juniors, seniors, and graduate students. For the fall session he is initiating, after a year of preparation, a new course on the Literature of Armed Conflict, which

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will center on the psychology of the soldier at war.

Betty Wiegand is a social worker for the Larimer County Welfare Dept, a position for which she is highly qualified by virtue of her degree in social science, her training as a registered nurse, and her ability to speak Spanish. Dudley and Betty's son, Maj. Robert D. Wiegand, USA, '55, a senior advisor to the 25th Vietnam Division, was recently decorated by the Vietnamese government. Daughter Marguerite is a junior at C.S.U., vice president of her sorority, Lt. Col. of the ROTC sponsor group, and Student Commissioner for the Associated Women's Service.

From Mobile, Ala., Weary Wilson writes that he spent March and early April on a trip around the world as head of a team of retired officers, one each from Army, Air Force, and Navy, as consultants to the Dept of Defense on the contract construction program in Vietnam and Thailand. Weary's group surveyed an impressive amount of construction and found a high degree of cooperation between the various agencies and a remarkable performance in the troop-construction area. "We got a good look at both troop and contract construction and a pretty fair look at the war," says Weary. "We were all impressed with the calibre of the military forces and their morale. I felt like a retired postman rewalking my beat, but I don't intend to volunteer to replace anybody that is currently doing the job." A handsome brochure from Weary's company, Southern Industries Corp, shows a fine sketch picture of Weary in the executive group, as vice president for engineering and maintenance, and presents a splendid record of growth by the company.

The Washington group had its spring luncheon at Patton Hall, Fort Myer, for a change of scenery and pace. Attending were: Graul, Jones S.W., Lindsey, McKee, McNally, Milwit, Nichols K.D., Reilly, Stevenson H.W., Strauss, Stubbs, Thompson W.J., Vittrup, Wentworth, and Winn.

Don and Maggie Graul were looking forward to a summer visit from daughter Margy, her husband John Kendrick, and the four children, from Sheridan, Wyo.; they were planning a family house party at Rehoboth Beach for a few days. Stan Jones is active in his civilian law practice. Jupe and Judy Lindsey had a spring vacation at Pinehurst for golf, and en route back saw Ben and Esther Wimer in Mathews, Va. The Wimers' country place, all built by Ben's own handwork and engineering skill, is now beautifully complete. The Lindseys' son, Bobby, Capt. Inf '56, is due to return from Vietnam in August and will be stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga.

At the class luncheon, Ed McNally was looking forward to the good weather for more golf, and Bozo McKee had all the dope on the stormy weather attendant on the supersonic transport decisions. Herb Milwit had serious surgery at Walter Reed in the late spring, but is now making a fine convalescence and expects to be back to full duty soon. Nick and Jackie Nichols had just returned from a European trip, which included a hair-raising motor drive up into the French Pyrenees mountains to visit the birthplace of Jackie's father—to the accompaniment of a sudden spring blizzard and hundreds of would-be-skiers' vehicles blocking the icy roads.

George Reilly is still laboring in the vineyards of the Civil Aeronautics Board legal staff, "but not pressing much wine," he says. Hugh and Mabel Stevenson were just back from their annual winter trailer (mobile

home) junket, having sunned and tanned this year at Homestead, Fla.

Zeke Strauss is still strong for firearms, and Marshall Stubbs continues to consult for RAC. Slim Vittrup is enjoying retirement and dabbling in real estate. Dick and Isabel Wentworth took off right after the close of the school year at Columbian Prep (Shad's) for a visit with the Webster Andersons '28, in Asheville, N.C., and a vacation at Hilton Head, S.C., which resort Dick recommends on all counts and particularly for its 3 fine golf courses.

Jim and Molly Winn are looking forward to the return of son James Julius Jr., from his Army service and his entry into the law school of Washington and Lee U. this fall. The Winns were to present their younger daughter, Ellene, to society at a reception in their Leesburg, Va., home in late June.

On a Sunday afternoon in late May, Nell and I drove to Linthicum Heights, Md., just outside of Baltimore, for the christening of Vic and Tillie Vickrey's granddaughter, April Linthicum Kromminga, child of Sue Vickrey and Lynn Kromminga. The place swarmed with Linthicum and Vickrey relatives and friends, and well it might, for the christening was the first service held in the newly moved and re-erected Holly Run Church, one of the oldest Methodist churches in the country. Transported from its former rural site to the grounds of the Methodist Church in Linthicum Heights, this small chapel is a charming example of early colonial architecture. It has strong Linthicum family associations, the baby's great-grandmother Linthicum having sung in the last service held in the church in its old location years ago. Little April, age 5 months, behaved beautifully at the ceremony, just as if she knew that she was the only grandchild of her generation in both families and that her great great-grandmother on the Kromminga side was still hale and hearty in her late nineties. Vic and Tillie's son, Vicky, a major in the Regular Air Force, came up from his South Carolina station for the christening. He goes to Vietnam this summer.

In late June the Washington group had Paul and Mary Anne Freeman as their guests of honor for a picnic at the riverside officers club at Fort Belvoir. Some 50 classmates and wives, plus assorted children and grandchildren, gathered to toast the Freemans on Paul's approaching retirement from his 4-star position as CG, CONARC, at Fort Monroe on 30 June. There were flowers for Mary Anne and a 1929 gold blazer jacket emblem for Paul, duly presented by Jupe Lindsey. In reply, Paul made a thoughtful and graceful little speech which he centered about his last station, Fort Monroe, and our first-class trip to that area some 39 years ago, during which we "rammed home" seacoast defense projectiles at Monroe, worked with horse-drawn machine-gun carts at Fort Eustis, and flew with the embryo Air Corps at what was then Langley Field. Contrasting the enormous and diverse changes in the military services which he and we, his classmates, have witnessed and been a part of over the years, Paul paid tribute both to the stability and to the adaptability of class ties of friendship and association.

Present at the picnic were: Carol Arnett, Senta Bell, Dave and Kitty Buchanan, C.J. and Marian Calloway, Pinky and Marion Conner, Gee Chard, Paul and Marion Elias, Fate and Ginny Fagg, Bill and Marge Chormley, Bill Hall, Bill and Ruth Hamlin up from Florida, Jupe Lindsey, Nellie and Trude Lynde, Bozo and Gertrude McKee, Herb and Ida Milwit, Nick and Jackie

Nichols, Georgie Ostrand, George and Betty Reilly, Ralph and Bobbie Strauss, Marshall and Harriett Stubbs, Fen and Linda Sykes, Bill and Nell Thompson, Herb and Dottie Vander Heide, Slim and Muriel Vittrup, and Jim and Molly Winn.

It was particularly nice to have the Ham-lins, who were on their annual trailer trip for the summer, this year to visit relatives in the east and then spend some time in the Great Smokies; and Bill Hall, whose office with Madigan Electronics has been transferred from Long Island to Washington, "which relieves me from having to live out of a suitcase for five days a week," says Bill.

The Reserve Officers Association honored Paul Freeman with its "Minute Man Hall of Fame" award as an outstanding military leader who has been closely associated with Reserve Forces during his military career. The presentation was made at the Assn's national convention in San Francisco in June. The Freemans will live in Palo Alto, where Paul is to be associated with Litton Industries in research studies.

Later on this fall you will receive information on the class contribution to the Air Force Village Association. As many of you are probably aware, this is a project, similar to the Army Distaff Hall here in Washington, to construct a home in San Antonio for widows of Air Force personnel. Details on the class's participation in the Air Force Village, comparable to our participation in the Army Distaff project a few years back, will be provided for you later.

The Washington group will have a stag luncheon at the Army-Navy Town Club on Monday, 9 Oct, which will be during the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting, and a cocktail party with the Ladies on Saturday, 9 Dec, at the Fort McNair club. Put these events on your calendar and plan a Washington trip to coincide with them.

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It is with the deepest regret that I report the deaths of three more classmates. Late in March, after I had sent in my Notes for the spring issue, I learned that Bob Brunzell died last October in San Antonio. I have no information as to the cause of death. Anyone who will volunteer to write an obituary article for publication in ASSEMBLY is invited to get in touch with me.

In April we lost Bob Ports, who had suffered for two years from emphysema that finally stopped his heart. Harry Boyd and Paul Ruestow were able to attend the interment ceremony at West Point, and Ed Berry has offered to write the obit. Bob, one



1930: Heidelberg, 10 May 1967. Left to right: Pauley, O'Meara, Stoughton, Peterson.



1930: Heidelberg, 10 May 1967: Left to right: Stoughton, Ellen O'Meara, Pauley, Marguerite Stoughton, O'Meara, Tanja Peterson, Peterson.

of our staunchest and most effective supporters. will be greatly missed. The Class extends its heartfelt sympathy to Kay and their daughter Susan.

In May I received a note from La Homa Crawford telling me that Stu died of a heart attack on 14 May and was buried in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. They were living in Bryan, Texas, where Stu had an administrative job with Texas A&M. Freddy Atkinson has kindly consented to undertake the task of preparing an article for ASSEMBLY. I know we all join in sending our sympathy to La Homa and their two daughters.

Retirements this spring practically wiped out our small active list. With Tommy Dunn, Andy O'Meara, Jim Richardson, and Tom Stoughton all turning in their suits, the lone remaining standard bearer is Bob Porter, who still carries on as CinC of the Southern Command in Panama.

Tommy and Curly Dunn are building a house in San Antonio, but Tommy says that that doesn't necessarily mean it will be their permanent base. He is "job-hunting" and will go wherever he finds the kind of work he wants. Late in April he presented, posthumously, the Silver Star and Purple Heart to Margaret Ann Townes, widow of Morton Townes Jr., whose death in Vietnam was noted in my last issue. Mort Sr., and Merle were also present for the ceremony and lunched with the Duns afterward.

When Andy O'Meara retired in May, he was able to round up our other residents of Germany and their wives (except for Nina Pauley, who was on a visit to Vienna) to join in the festivities at Heidelberg. Judging by the pictures that Tom Stoughton sent me, all of that contingent was in good shape. Andy and Ellen have settled in San Antonio at the address shown on my last list. Andy says he intends to find something to keep him occupied, hopefully on a paying basis!

Jim and Louise Richardson, following Jim's retirement as CG of Sixth Army, bought a home in Marin County, where they plan to stay and enjoy some of the good Bay Area weather.

Tom Stoughton's retirement was a double-barreled affair; he retired with due pomp and ceremony on 31 May, but was recalled to active duty on 1 June to preside over the phasing out of his Area Command. This was planned to coincide with the end of the fiscal year, permitting Tom to retire, finally, on 30 June. He can be reached, after 15 July, through his brother, Mr. A.G. Stoughton: 13105 Atlantic Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20842. Tom, incidentally, gave me news

of Bill Diddlebock, who was working for him in Germany. Bill is now Deputy Engineer of the North Wuertemberg District, living in Stuttgart, and, according to Tom, looking very well and cheerful.

One thing about putting out a new address list, you always know it will contain errors! My spring list was no exception, but at least I got some corrective action from several souls who'd forgotten to tell me they'd moved. For those of you who like to keep things tidy, herewith are the latest changes available to me. The Pablo Blanchards are still in Walnut Creek, but have moved to one of the "leisure world" setups, a nice spot with a grand clubhouse and all sorts of activities. Pablo is selling an improvement course based on the power of positive thinking and doing very well with it. Their new address is 163 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek, California 94596. Dan Cooper is now at 4093 Aladdin Drive, Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647. Dan says he's given up his little engineering company and now devotes full time to his "Newporter" ketch.

Charley Eastburn has moved to 14 Fairway Lane, Newport News, Va. 23606. The move was dictated primarily by the need for better schooling for his 10-year-old son. Charley says, "Young Bill is getting interested in West Point, since both his father and older brother are graduates, so if he makes the grade he should graduate about 1978." Charley stays busy teaching U.S. History at Old Dominion College in Norfolk, and for recreation runs a small farm on the Eastern Shore.

Tom Edgar has left Roanoke and is now located at 324½ Greenway Drive, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601.

George Gibbs asks that I correct his address to Route 1, Box 20, Melrose, Fla. 32666; "a small but important change in this village that runs on rumor and lobby," says George. Chuck Keller also reports a minor change of address; it's now P.O. Box 50039, New Orleans, La. 70150.

Ned Moore also has a minor change; not a move, just a local re-numbering gimmick. He and Vivian should now be addressed at 3239 Juniper Lane, Falls Church, Va. 22044. Ned, by the way, has entered politics, running as the Republican nominee for clerk of the Fairfax County Circuit Court. All eligible Virginia residents are hereby enjoined to elect him in November.

Pie and Bernice Nyquist have decided to shake our big city dust out of their ears and head west. You'll find them now at 5031 East Camino Bosque, Tucson, Ariz. 85718. Asa Shannon has a new job with the Corps

of Engineers. He should now be addressed at SW Division, Corps of Engineers, 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75202. Their daughter Lorene, a graduate of Carnegie Tech, is a practicing architect in Pittsburgh. Ralph and Marty Swofford have moved for what Ralph says he hopes is the last time. Their permanent home is at 3634 Goode Street, Montgomery, Ala. 36105.

The Fritz Uhrhanes have moved again, after 3 years with the Martin Company in Orlando. Their new address is Box 1884, Sierra Vista, Ariz. 85635. And Bob Watson has left Wisconsin to locate at 1714 Wayne Avenue, South Pasadena, Calif. 91030.

For the really meticulous, here is a roundup of ZIP codes that should also be added to the list: Ed Berry 94015, Jim Brett 94010, Chris Clarke 78703, Cookie Cook 32737, Dave Cordray 60045, Frank Corr 32751, Jack Dudley 90815, George Duehring 20910, Buck Folk 80906, Art Fuller 79903, Jim Herbert 93704, Hutch Hutchinson 92667, Johnnie Kilborn 78212, Fred Klinke 94303, Phil Kromer 32666, Bob Lancefield 94538, Mike Lee 95030, Johnny Murrell 75205, Eddie Risheberger 52802, Win Sisson 94708, Hal Smith 98105, Larry Talcott 33308, Zac Taylor 27834, and Bill Whipple 08540.

A note from Bartlett tells me that his oldest son, Le Roy Bartlett III, was wounded by a VC mortar round and was evacuated to the States in late April. He had to have several operations but, happily, suffered no permanent disability. It's still a nasty, dirty war out there.

And to wind this up, a belated press release informs me that at the Founders Day dinner on the Pacific side of the Canal Zone last March, the speech by the oldest grad present was delivered by none other than our own Andy Wright. Cheer up, Andy, you're only old once!

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I apologize for the paucity of news in this column, but there are 2 reasons. First, I have been busy helping to close down the school for the summer. Second, I sure haven't had many letters from many of you with much news in them.

Anyway, a good deal of what is happening concerns those who are still on active duty. To the best of my recollection, the following are still working at their original trade: Ted Parker at SHAPE, Tick Bonesteel in Korea, Bill Cassidy at Fort Belvoir, Bob Hackett at ARADCOM, Bill Dick in Turkey, Johnny Davis with the Disarmament Commission in Washington, Andy Adams now with the American Battle Monuments Commission in Washington, Pat Carter with NSA at Fort Meade, Johnny Ruggles still in Washington(?), and Vic MacLaughlin still at Fort Lee(?).

As for those that have retired: Curt and Alice Herrick have left Washington on a trip to San Antonio and other places. They have not yet made up their minds where they will settle. After his tour here in the nation's capital, "Custus Merrick," as he was called by a local newscaster, could always get a job as a wreath-placer extraordinaire. He has had plenty of practice in the past year or so. Ernie and Nancy Easterbrook have left the Presidio and have a new address: Box 30, Carmel, Calif. Their change of address gave no indication of what Ernie or Nancy or both were going to do now. Frank and Fay Pach-

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ler should be back from chief-of-staffing in Europe by now, but perhaps they had to come back space-available, and I understand that that is rather difficult at this time. Gus and Fern Schomburg have left their spacious estate at Fort McNair and have taken up residence at some presently unknown place; we'll find out sometime soon. Bill and Charlotte Train have done the same from Fort Meade (remind anyone of Fanny Macon?).

Now for some news. Shorty Rothrock sent me the following expurgated note from Deac Roller. "Greetings from Saigon, you lucky people. I had you on my itinerary for this summer, but I couldn't turn down this offer. It started in a kidding (way) about loafing, and here I am—arrived 30 March.

"I am Director of Requirements for the below named outfit under contract for one year. I'll have to stay 18 months to get the pay tax-free-out of the U.S. for 510 days. I'm sure I can last out. (Scribe's note: I wonder if Saigon can?) I just wanted you to know that I wasn't lost." Deac's address: H.C. Roller, Pacific Architects and Engineers Inc., 1st Logistical Command Engineers, APO San Francisco 96307.

We of the Washington area had an evening get-together with wine, women (wives), and dancing (by the more agile ones) at the Army-Navy Club in May. I'll list those that were present to the best of my ability. Patsy and Pat Hunter: no change except that Patsy gets a raise next year (private joke). Curly and Marian Wilson: Curly still civil defense-ing in Montgomery County. Fred and Marie Warren: no change. Trick and Lucy Troxel: Trick looking very well after a short stay in the hospital for the removal of a foreign body or two. Bill and Helen Cassidy: both looking forward(?) to the annual lawn tramp-down at Belvoir later this summer. George and Marian Wertz: George having done a fine job in his first attempt at social secretary. Warren and Margot Hoover: no change. Me: Betty couldn't make it. Swede and Mae Carlson: both enjoying camping trips in their auto-camper. Chet and Imogene Young: no change. Johnny and Ann Waters: Johnny at his first party here lately, and Ann just returned safely from a trip to Martha's Vineyard or Nantucket, having missed one of the bad storms that occur there occasionally. Curt and Alice Herrick: much talk about their

future plans, with little results as noted above. Roger and Maggie Moore: no change. Gordon and Gretchen Singles: no change. Ted and Susanne Decker: first time in a long while to have the pleasure of seeing them; working hard seems to agree with Ted.

I might mention in passing that the new class officers, duly and democratically elected for the next year, are: president, Pat Carter; vice president, none (don't ask me why, I wasn't there); secretary, me; social secretary, George Wertz.

I had a note from Sam Smellow telling me that I was in trouble for calling "Muggy," Muggsy. While you all are figuring that out, I'll just say that I like my way of spelling her nickname better. I guess I have to bow to the owner, however, so, Muggy (reminds me of Washington weather), herewith is my apology. Sam also wrote that he and Muggy were experiencing their second childhood. Before any wrong ideas get around, they only meant that several grandchildren had been visiting and were to visit, necessitating the day-long and half-the-night use of the washer, dryer, dishwasher, etc., etc.

Charlie Densford sent me a program from the Founders Day dinner at San Antonio. Present were: Johnny Sullivan, Bert Muenter, Jack Gordon, Gordon Cusack, Harry Candler, Hector Truly, Leo Cather, Nosebag Bays, Carlson (Charlie didn't say if it was Big or Little Swede, but I seem to remember Big Swede at the dinner here, and I thought that Little Swede was in Illinois. If you can wait that long, I'll have the answer in my next column), Merle Fisher, Charlie, John McGee, Al Greene, and Roy or Ray (who?). Charlie also sent me George Hartman's address: Col. G.F. Hartman (Ret), Huicholes 321, FRAC, Monrraz, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. It is rather a difficult address to believe, but that is the way I received it. Charlie talked with Jack Gordon and George in mid-April and got the address at that time. Further news: George has a wife, but she's nameless at this writing. As a P.S.: "The bulls, chickens, pigs, and worms are all producing nicely, thank you." Everyone is going in for diversification these days. Charlie, by the way, is becoming rather prominent politically in his area. In addition to writing his columns for various papers, he is a member of the local Republican Committee and has been chairman of several events.

One last note. The picture in this column was sent to me by Ernie Easterbrook. It was taken at Ernie's retirement ceremony and shows those of the Class that were present. Ernie sent another picture with the wives included, but I believe it is too small to show in the column. I also had a short letter from Charlie and Martha Hoy saying they were both well and happy.

I will try to do better next time.

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The 35th has! And a salute to Frank Beson whose arrangements were worked out to the minutest detail. Most of the husbands and wives stayed at the Holiday Inn in Newburgh. Arrivals began early in the afternoon of Friday the 2d. As we drove up to the Inn we were trailed by Harvey Fischer and his favorite "tomato," Dort. By 6 p.m. everyone was dusted off and had gathered at the '32 hospitality suite, an area well stocked for a "social." Buses transported us from there to the dinner-dance and Superintendent's reception at Washington Hall. Saturday at 10 a.m. the historic ceremony at Thayer Monument took place and then the final review. Then on to the Alumni Luncheon while the gals enjoyed theirs at the WPAM. After the ARMY-Navy baseball game and/or shopping sprees, it was back to the Inn. Under a canopy on the patio the group assembled for cocktails followed by another bus ride to the class picnic, which was held at the WP Golf Clubhouse. Sunday morning we were a placid group, well subdued. Most of us met casually in the coffee shop for breakfast. By noon the place was deserted.

So much for the outline; now for a few comments and statistics. Fifty-one classmates reported, 41 with wives, plus Mary Cain, widow of Jimmy, to make a total of 93. Classmates came from the far points of the globe: Johnny Kambhu and Noi from Bangkok, Joe Gill and Edith from Beirut, George Power from Italy, Bill Smith and Bill Menoher, Jack Sutherland, Bob Terrill from Florida, Andy Meulenber from Georgia, Ben Webster from Honolulu, Lank and Dottie Lankenau and the Avery Cochrans from California, El and Lil Davis from New Orleans, and the Mac McDonalds from San Antonio. Jim McCormack made a hasty return from London. Dwight Beach detailed Capt. Dwight Jr., as guardian and assistant to Frank's aide to take care of the lost sheep. Both gentlemen deserve a class medal. Dwight Jr. is an instructor at the Academy. Ebullient Ken Zitzman was as universal as ever, and wife Pat shadowed us with a camera reportedly taking 78 negatives (pictures I mean). Descheneaux did not drive up in a flashy sports model but rode up with Dot and Rush Lincoln, and Betty did not wear her false toupé as she did for the 30th Reunion (a mop). Stan Sawicki has become a dignified professor of philosophy. He wants the ASSEMBLY column to spread the news over a broader field of classmates. (Please take note, classmates, and keep the column writer informed.) Treasurer Ed Howarth was as good a mixer as anyone but couldn't resist checking up on the "dues-delinquents," and wife Billie and I had a French speaking session. Learned that Benny Webster's 9th grandfather removed had been governor of Connecticut. We both agreed that Webster Street in New Haven was named after one of his ancestors but couldn't decide which one. Probably Nathaniel, who is buried in



1931: At the Presidio, San Francisco, for Ernie Easterbrook's retirement ceremony at the end of May. Left to right: Irvine, Chandler, Ayers, Gough, Mansfield, Easterbrook, Ragland, Coolidge, Diestel.

historic Grove Street Cemetery with dozens of other original settlers of New England. The Thayer Monument has been moved to Trophy Point, and we generally approved of the new site, but we wonder what happened to the "gold tooth."

A general comment: as usual it was go, go, go, but we all were happy about it. Class morale is high, people are well-preserved, and privs are the equals of sgts. I wouldn't have missed it and now look forward to the 40th. Those of you who couldn't make it this time must plan for the 40th. You'll not be disappointed.

Now to more mundane matters: Johnny and Noi Kambhu are on a broad cruise partially in connection with his position as director of the Thailand fair. He is timing his visit to Expo 67 in Montreal to join the King and Queen of Thailand. While in Washington they were the guests of the Jim McCormacks. We attended a jovial party for the Kambhus at Charlie and Esther Baer's delightful home in Arlington, Va., and found that the Baer's daughter Debbie has earned a master's degree although she looks young enough to be a college freshman. Other guests were: Esther and Stan Wray, Eleanor and Jim McCormack, Lil and Bill Powers, Honey Whalen, Nora Gerhardt (Al was in New York City busy on his new job with the United Nations Assn.), and the Ameses. Major Ames was a former student at the Signal school under Charlie. A couple of days later, Lil and Bill Powers had a 2d round for the Kambhus at their Normandy House apartment with its magnificent view of the Washington skyline where we celebrated with the John Keatings, Danny Sundts, Al Gerhardts, Jim McCormacks, Dick Hunts, and Stan Wrays as well as the Gil Adamses.

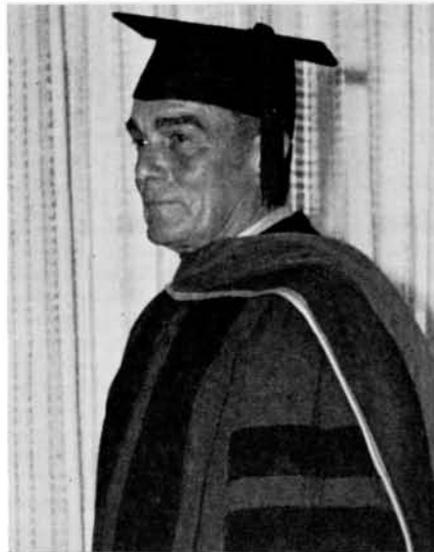
Strange things happen sometimes. I recently sold my ancient Karmann-Chia to a sergeant returnee from Vietnam. He wanted to wind up the deal then and there, but unfortunately it was Saturday. Stationed at Fort Meade he agreed to wait until Monday when I'd drive to Meade, and we could consummate the transaction. We did, but in the interim things happened. Unacquainted with Meade, I drove to the Hq to pay my compliments to Bill Train (I was trying to find out where the soldier lived). Bill (a democratic general from "B" Co., Corps of Cadets) couldn't have been more helpful. I also learned that Frank Britton was still on the post. Dossi, meanwhile, had driven up separately to drive me home. She contacted Mary Lou and had luncheon with Mary Lou, Frank, and Mary Lou's mother at their quarters. I arrived much later, and we all had a most pleasant visit. Mary Lou had been suffering for some weeks (but cheerfully) with a slipped disc. Last year Frank bought a lot in Clearwater, Fla., and since then has designed a French Provincial home not only in draft form but, for Mary Lou's benefit, in replica—a miniature duplicate with all the rooms, furniture, etc. I, amazed, said to Frank: "You must have been in the 1st section." Frank, frank enough, replied, "Hell, I taught it for 4 years." They are having a great time planning, but Frank says he's now putting down the clamps with Mary Lou going in for \$20 door knobs!

Mary Cain, who drove to reunion with Nora Gerhardt from Washington, has just been awarded, at the Pentagon, an Outstanding Performance Rating with superior performance, which carried with it a quality salary increase. Anyone who knows Mary would understand the superior performance; as for the quality, she has it all the way.

We received an R.S.V.P. invite from Lou

Truman to attend Pop Duncan's retirement at Fort McPherson on 29 June. Having served together at Benning, Hawaii, and Korea, and having known both Pop and La Trelle so very well, we would have loved to have gone to the event but regret that we could not make it. La Trelle and Pop made the grand circuit in May visiting old haunts as well as some high spots they had missed to include: Berlin, Frankfurt, Florence, Rome, and Madrid. Among many others we will miss seeing the Duncans around these parts. In answer to our regrets Lou wrote that the review on the 29th was to be preceded by a dinner given by Lou in Pop's honor on 26 June. Although business matters prevent Luke Morris from attending, Jeslin will be present.

To return to the reunion—Betty and Bus Wheeler had to cancel out at the last minute. Sally and J.P. McConnell were on hand for the dinner-dance, and Frank Besson flew up for the class picnic. Aggie and Jim Woolnough also arrived on Saturday. Others from hither and yon included: Adams, Baers, Burkes, Calls, Chaces, Gerhardts, Grahams,



1932: "Doctor" Truman wearing the robes of a Doctor of Laws, an honorary degree conferred on him in May by Drury College, Springfield, Mo.

Hartshorns, Heads, Lyons, Ogdens, Powers, Pughs, Schraders, Simonsens, Skidmores, Tisdales, and Whalens. Soloists were: Mary Cain, Larry Babcock, Byram Bunch, Charlie Hassmann, Ernie Powel, and Torg Wold.

Larry Babcock attended the class picnic on Saturday evening with his beautiful daughter Gale and her husband Major Robertson who are stationed at West Point. Larry was in good shape and marched in the parade to Thayer Monument. We were happy he attended the evening's festivities, but were saddened with the knowledge that Ruth could not be with us except in memory. Ruth died on 18 April from a massive cerebral hemorrhage. Interment was at West Point on 21 April. Our deepest sympathy goes to Larry and their three children.

Your attention is invited to the picture of the "doctor." An honorary doctor of laws degree was conferred on Lou Truman by Drury College, Springfield, Mo., during commencement exercises on 28 May. Now we can call him Herr Doktor-Generale. Lou was taken by surprise. I quote: "The honorary doctorate presented to me by Drury College was quite a surprise. The college is located in my childhood town, Springfield, Mo. I suppose I was

honored with the award because I am the senior Armed Forces officer from that town. I do not know of any other reason, as I attended another college in Springfield for 2 years, one which is now called Southwest Missouri State."

Now that we are on the academic splurge, I received a change of address card from Todd Slade, late of Madrid—new address: Dr. Todd H. Slade, Dept of Languages, American Institute for Foreign Trade, P.O. Box 191, Phoenix, Ariz. 85001. Under remarks Todd says, "Bill, I accepted a position as professor of Spanish and French, starting 1 Sept. Sorry to miss Grenoble." The wanderer has at last returned.

No one can catch everything at a momentous occasion like this, so at this stage I pass it over to Ken Zitzman.

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A tough act to follow, but with so much going on, it took more than one reporter, as Dossi said at the class picnic, so here goes for my contribution. Actually, you could write a full column about any one of the guys there.

By the grace of God (roughly translated as Tdy from SHAPE in Paris in 52 and a home leave from the same lovely city in 62 while in the coils of industry), I've never missed one of these formations, and by any measure this was the best.

From that first hair-raising bus ride to the Supe's Reception and dinner-dance along old Rte 32, cheering Club 32 as it flashed by, it was a winner. I'm glad to say that Steady-Eddy Chace was much more conservative when he drove a "passel" of our girls back to Newburgh after the Alumni Lunch the next day, or the picnic might have been much less attractive.

It wasn't all good, of course. For one thing, when the mid-East shooting war broke out to start off June Week, Bus Wheeler had to cancel his and Betty's reservations at the Holiday Inn, which had been on the books since Frank Besson cornered the joint. Much as we missed them, we're proud of our guys who are at the top of the heap. On a business trip through Africa just before reunion, I felt as high as one of the satellites I was peddling when I saw 2 adjacent front-page items headlined on a Johannesburg newspaper. One featured AF C of S, J.P. McConnell, and the other, Chairman of the JCS, Earle G. Wheeler. Earle was even spelled correctly more than 8,000 miles from home, which it wasn't in our 1932 HOWITZER. (Look it up, buddy boy, page 221, right opposite our distinguished Maryland State delegate, Honey Whalen.)

J.P. was at the reunion for just one brief evening, and it's a good thing he was. When Eileen Rowan slipped and hurt herself in one of those daytime accidents in her own room, J.P. had an ambulance and 2 corpsmen from nearby Stewart AFB hospital there faster than you can say, "Get an ambulance and 2 corpsmen over here as fast as you can." It also gave us a chance to see lovely Sally with a new hairdo, which I am sure was much snappier than the one she wore as a teenager while working with the French underground in World War II.

And Avery Cochran wrote, just before he and Anne came to the reunion themselves, that Capt. Charles S. Moore, USMA 1958, son of Bill and Phyllis, was killed in action in Vietnam when a 1st Cav Div helicopter was shot down by enemy ground fire. Lou Coutts, Bill Kunzig, Bill Fraser, Walker Goodrich, Nana and Dan Gilmer, Anne and Avery Cochran attended the services at the

Presidio. Bill and Phyllis went to West Point for the funeral. Typically, the family asked that instead of flowers, friends send donations to the West Point Superintendent's Fund, and '32 will follow through. Our whole Class salutes this brave young son who died in the line of duty and extends our sympathy to Bill and Phyllis.

On the happier side, Herb Thatcher, CG of NORAD at Colorado Springs, is a senior executive in the International Hockey Assn. He arranges schedules for competition with the best in the game on both sides of the Iron Curtain, organizes the U.S. hockey teams to participate, and raises money to finance them. The guy is qualified because he played lots of hockey at West Point, and it occurs to me that this may be one of the most important non-paying jobs in the Class.

Athletics got their share of attention when Avery Cochran and Ed Howarth represented the Class at a heart-warming unveiling ceremony of portraits of Bill Cavanagh and Tom Jenkins, who wrestled The Terrible Turk, a live bear, you, and me, and threw the whole tawdry lot with monotonous regularity. At the ceremony, '32 was cited as having made the largest class contribution, proving we finally got "the holt what can't be broke."

Also, that former middle distance and cross-country star, Bill Smith, reported that son Wm. R. III, is a real block off the old chip. He is not only teaching math but, at the age of 31, still competes in the famed 26-mile Boston Marathon. Last year he finished a respectable 65th in a field of more than 300 pros from all over the world. I had to lie down and rest after Marelle told me that one.

At the picnic in the beautiful setting of the Golf Clubhouse and adjoining fairways, Bill Powers and Nora Gerhardt gave an exhibition of ballroom dancing that would have done credit to the Lincoln Center in New York City that Bill built with his bare hands.

Betty Descheneaux's chapeau, lavishly garnished with a bushel of fruit and flowers, looked positively fetching on Jim McCormack.

John Pugh won the 1st prize for the ugliest and most muscular companion; not Fran who is a chic chick, you fool, but their magnificent 65-lb. English Bull, "Panda."

Ed and Miriam Simenson revealed a new high in filial devotion—just for laughs, Ed Jr., sent them off from Chicago with a check for \$100 and the breezy comment "to have a good time at your reunion." When you work for A.C. Nielson, Co. you can give way to impulses like that.

In the general confusion, it was hardly noticed that the crime of our 30th in 1962 had been re-perpetrated. Stout fellows, stoutly shirking their duty, threw an easy mark named Zitzman into an uneasy chair marked VP of the AOG.

It had to be good and it was!! Frank Besson's aide, Maj. Arthur E. Dewey, USMA '56, wasn't even born when we graduated, but he performed like a charter member.

Ed and Marion Burke came all the way from Bayport, N.Y., which was maybe 50 miles farther than they had to travel for our 20th when Ed was our only West Point resident. Ed staged the whole show then, with teen-age daughter Maureen as his official hostess, 5 younger Burkes in the wings, and Marion in the station hospital. The day after that reunion ended, son James was born. Appropriately enough, James celebrated his 15th birthday the day we were at the picnic this time.

To round out the news of the Burkes, Capt. Ed Jr., USMA '58, is in Germany after

a stretch in Vietnam; Capt. Robert Burke, a college grad and an OCS product, is in Vietnam; and 19-year-old Thomas is an Army private in OCS at Fort Jackson.

And so continues the Long Gray Line—1932 model.

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'33

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Ted Conway presented the '33 pitcher to our only son graduating this year from a service academy. The time of the ceremony had to be advanced. Russ Broshous reports from West Point: "Sure enough, the early morning radio said the situation [Israeli-Arab] had erupted, so Ted had to schedule an immediate return to Washington. Old '33 went into combat operations at 0730, and by 0820 we had the necessary people." Russ says that Guiney, Webster, and Parr were with him for the alumni activities; and Mary Ann and Steve Fuqua attended the awards ceremony, with a presentation by Steve of the MOWW Award to the cadet "who has



1933: Steve Fuqua presents official flag of Military Order of the World Wars to Omar Bradley who accepted gift on behalf of George C. Marshall Research Foundation.

made the greatest improvement since completion of his fourth-class year." Guiney writes from Highland Falls: "Russ Broshous is doing an outstanding job as chairman of the USMA Expansion Program. The Class of '33 can be proud that one of its members has played the key role in the orderly growth of our Alma Mater."

Sim Whipple continues to contribute to RAC while Peg and Pegita bask in the sun at Hilton Head. Dan and Helen Parker saw son Danny get his diploma at Duke. The ceremony was suspended at mid-point when the university's president announced a bomb threat. Danny was commissioned in the USMCR; after studying law for the next 3 years, in San Francisco, he will report for 3 years' active duty. They bought some land in Williamsburg, fairly near the Hartels. Recently, the Parkers visited the Hartels where they saw Polly and Cy Dolph. Charlie and Barbara Carver have acquired a home in nearby Country Club Hills, one block from the Calhouns. Dick (RJ) Meyer, Chief, Army Communications Comd, has transferred to Huachuca. Dick (RD) Meyer expects to retire in October. Lovey says their daughter Ann has just graduated from a dental technology course but keeps up her interest in

singing. Daughters Betsy and Kathy plan to bring the total of grandchildren to eight. Fred and Laura Coleman's son, Fred, graduates from Rucker in August as a fixed-wing pilot and then will go to Vietnam. Fred is 26 and not married. Freddie says, "he's much too young yet." Bob Blanchard's son, Bob, a Texas A&M graduate, is a regular major serving with the Combat Engineers.

Bernie Card died suddenly, on 1 Apr, of a heart attack at his Largo, Fla., home. Dorothy had their son an AF captain, and their married daughter with her for a while, and Don and Molly Cubbison, who live in neighboring Clearwater, visited her. Don made a contribution for '33 in memory of Bernie to the Heart Fund. Kay Fechet Bonner plans to retire from the National Gallery in December and then may go on an extended trip abroad. Kay tells of her nephew taking a 5-day leave from Vietnam to be with his wife for a very brief Hawaiian second honeymoon; she flew to Waikiki from the East Coast. Kay will spend a week this summer with the Vic Kings in Old Lyme, Conn. Abe Lincoln, who, by the way, is a registered professional engineer in D.C., leaves his DCSLOG job to command the Fourth Army.

Johnny Johnson presented Ben Harrell with a DSM in recognition of his work as CG, Combat Developments Comd. Ben is soon to assume command of the Sixth Army. Jensen, who commanded the XIV Army Corps, retired in April to become Armed Forces Sales Manager for Investors Diversified Services, in Minneapolis. Walt and Charlotte and their two girls live at 16115-5th Ave. North, Wayzata, Minn., a suburb of Minneapolis. The Kaisers spent some time in Florida this past winter; Mo won prizes in national rifle matches but lost, with Ethel, when playing golf against Gordon and Puddy Bartlett. Son Jim will soon finish his tour as a USMA math "P" and transfer to Vietnam. In March, they visited NATO offices in Athens, Istanbul, Rome, and Lisbon.

Classmates and friends joined Oscar Senter at Arlington to honor Ruth, a brave victim of cancer. Rita Rogers, formerly Sparrow's secretary, who was most helpful in class paperwork, was presented a gift from '33. Johnson sides with those who feel that the key to national security and moral rearmament may lie in having more barber shops. Johnny told of one beatnik who looked most frustrated when his long locks were shorn but then became much more mature and cooperative. Red White and Ryan eeked out a tremendous victory over Summerfelt and Solomon in the annual '33 golf classic at the Army-Navy Country Club. Alice and Bill Baumer's 6th grader, Carolyn, could win any telephone voice and manners competition. Their twin boys graduate this year from Marquette U., and son Bill graduates from Georgetown and then will go to George Washington for a law degree. Gab Disosway was presented a DSM by his former First Captain, Gen. J.P. McConnell, C/S USAF, "for service as USAF C-in-C, Europe, from Aug 63 through July 65."

Because of his own personal situation, Shinkle resigned from his job at Cape Kennedy as manager of the APOLLO program. Johnny writes: "I have had a boat, but it has distinguished itself by being unable to run. I've just obtained a new motor, and now, with my new leisure time, maybe I can bone up on fishing." Betty Jean reports for her parents, Paul and Betty Walters, that she is a junior at Fort Hunt High and plans to enter Vassar; brother Michael graduated from Trinity U. in San Antonio, was commissioned in the USAR, and will enter Richmond Med.



1933: Ben Harrell receives DSM for service with Combat Developments Command from Johnny Johnson, Army Chief of Staff.

School; Robert is an Engr at Bragg; Jim, back from Vietnam, will be a Tac at USMA.

In Vietnam, Engler presented a plaque to departing Ambassador Lodge. Jean has been ordered back to the Pentagon as DCSLOG, relieving Lincoln. Rev Signer was retired in 44, started with Sears soon afterwards, and has been in their Hq in Chicago since Jan 46. He writes: "I have four children: Mike 30, Colgate grad, 3 years in CIC, then joined Sears; Bill, M.A. in electronics, works for Zenith; Mary Ann, 23, has a B.A. and works for an insurance outfit; Charles H., 17, graduates this year from high school, is an intense radio ham with contacts in over 100 countries. I lost my wife Dolly in 56 after a long illness. In 61 I married Irene Harris, a widow with two children. After having been grounded for 27 years I took up flying last fall and convinced the FAA that my gimp leg is no bar to flying. I go around in my Beech Bonanza. Irene plans to get a license, too. A call from a nearby place will suffice for transportation." Ruth Carroll's Bob, just back from Vietnam, reports to Benning for school; son David graduated from Lehigh U. and will work for Pratt & Whitney. Betty and Billy Clarke's Lindy was married in Arlington to Michael A. Colella.

Steve Fugua, as C/S, Military Order of the World Wars, presented the Order's official flag to Gen. Bradley, who accepted it for the George C. Marshall Research Foundation. Sam Mundell says: "Upon retirement, I came to work for Motorola—the major problem is to stay within the budget but keep the customer happy. In the past two years, they have sent me on trips to the Paris Air Show, to Saigon, and to the western Pacific. I called classmates in many places but couldn't contact a single one. I tried Cepeda in Manila but no luck. I wish his [Johnny Johnson's] speeches were televised or recorded so that others might hear the whys and wherefores of Vietnam. Son Bill completes his first year



1933: Proud father, Ivan Parr, watches as graduating son Michael receives class gift from Conway.

in high school, has been on and off the dean's list, and has won letters in football and basketball; daughter Ann has made me a grandfather three times. Mary Lou and I were able to spend a day at West Point for the 30th Reunion." One of our better parties here was held on 27 May at the Army-Navy Country Club. Fifty-eight were there showing no signs of pain; '31 was partying next to us, but they folded much earlier than '33.

Polk has been named CG, USAREUR—'33's fourth 4-star general along with Disosway, Johnson, and Conway. Posie Neely witnessed the take-over ceremony—"Very impressive. Charlie Chase was the only other classmate there." Montgomery is the ex-VP for Development, Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. Calhoun has been ordered to head a retirement board here. Zierath plans to retire in November and move to Tacoma, Wash. Polly Hurlbut says that the "Old Grouch" is an expert bikini watcher.

Elder writes: "I'm pursuing my hobby, promoting left-handed golf, as field representative of the National Association of Left-handed Golfers. Jack, USMA '60, is a captain in the advanced course at Benning. Jimmy, via Texas A&M, is a captain and flying instructor at Rucker. Bill is a Plebe at The Citadel. Have played golf with Dick King at Myrtle Beach and Frank Henley in Charleston."

Blanche Bellican says that Pete represents his own firm and a New York shipping company in Saigon; he has moved to a new apartment there and has a new car; she has been given leave from her job to visit him this summer. Sparrow returned from a 17-day trip to the Far East just too late to make the dinner-dance. In Hawaii, Bert dined with the Ehlers and Dolemans. Gee has been named to head the new physical disability system with Hq here and 3 boards over the U.S. Tom Beck continues in the real estate business; daughter Brenda (Congeon) and her husband, who is with the Alaska Highway Dept, have moved to Anchorage.

And, as a final note, it might be of interest that the new CNO is USNA '33—Adm. Thomas H. Moorer.

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Col. Emory Lewis
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The annual business meeting and luncheon of our Class was held at Arlington Hall Station, Va., on 15 June 1967. The following were present: Barnes, Beazley, Betts, Bruce, Edson, Foote, Franklin (en route from Berlin Comd to Hq, Sixth Army), Fuller, Hickman (up from Bradenton, Fla.), Lewis, O'Hara, Schaefer, Spivy, Stevens, and Lou Walsh.

Class officers elected to serve through June 1969 were: Tom Foote, Pres; Hal Edson, 1st VP; Fred Barnes, 2d VP; Johnnie Stevens, Secy-Historian; and Emory Lewis, Treas.

Jack Seaman returned from Vietnam last spring and, after a brief tour in the office of the C/S, was assigned as CG, First Army, Fort Meade, Md. Bert Spivy was recently designated Director, Joint Staff, OJCS. Bill Voehl writes that he and Clark Lynn attended the Founders Day dinner at Fort Sill. He also reports that his son Bill Jr., is a civil service employee in Germany.

The April class luncheon at Arlington Hall Station was attended by: Barnes, Betts, Edson, Kern, Lewis, O'Hara, Schaefer, Dale Smith, Stevens, Tyson, and Lou Walsh.

Lee Miller advises that, although he occupies the same home, his address has been

redesignated: 507 East Charles Rd. Lee recently signed on as Director of Student Financial Aids, Northern Arizona U. Lou Walsh has joined Research Analysis Corp., McLean, Va., as a technical staff member of the Combat Analysis Dept. Paul Turner writes that he now works full-time in his Gainesville office, Room 404, First National Bank Bldg. He also reports that Henry Hester is at Riverside Military Academy; that he sees Tom McCrary often; and that he recently visited with Moon Northam (our latest stockbroker) in Orlando, Fla.

The following letter was received from Dan Cheston: "I've launched into the stamp business finally as the 'Stampfinder.' Classmates who have interesting letters (just the envelope) mailed from overseas P.O.'s during and since the war, please send samples of different APO's and FPO's censored, etc., and I'll acknowledge receipt with a suitable souvenir. I'm trying to make a collection of every APO and FPO during the fracas. I'm also interested in purchasing old U.S. and British stamp collections and accumulations—no general or foreign as such.

"Daughter Sally graduated from Centenary College in New Jersey in May with honors. She was selected for the junior college 'Who's Who' and has been admitted to the U. of Colorado next fall. Classmates in the Rockies take heed!

"Betty Anne and I will drive her cross-country in early September, get her settled in at Colorado, and continue through the Northwest visiting Oregon and Washington for my first time; then, on to Vancouver and Banff and eastward via the Trans-Canadian Highway to Expo 67 for several days before returning to Baltimore. En route I'll be looking for stamps wherever leads develop. Drop me a line if you have any material you're interested in disposing of anywhere along our planned travels.

"Charlie and Betty Johnson, Betty's mother, and Jim and Janet Wells dropped in for a small party in May with other friends. Charlie is still at Fort Meade, and Jim and Janet keep busy manipulating the stock market from their 5th Ave. apartment while, for a summer breather, they battle the Sound and Hell's Gate in their motor sailer."

The May class luncheon at Arlington Hall Station was attended by: Barnes, Corrigan, Edson, Foote, Kern, Lewis, O'Hara, Schaefer, Smith, and Tyson.

Sandy Martin visited Loretta and Emory Lewis briefly in Washington en route to see her daughters Sandra and Mary (and grandchildren) who are now living in the New England area. She reports that Ron is retiring from teaching this summer but will remain in New Mexico. Sandy and Ron are already planning to attend the 35th.

Three ex-roommates recently met at Tom Foote's home in Potomac, Md. Others present were Bob Tyson and Paul Hanley, now a professor (Ph.D.) at Stanford U. Bill Cunningham writes that he retired in the spring of 66 and became the Transportation Programs Coordinator for New York City. He also reports that son Bill is an Infantry captain in Europe and that daughter Susan is working in DC.

The following news was received from Alex Stuart: Mim is busy as president of the Regular Retired Officers' Wives Club in El Paso and as a grandmother for the 3d time—a girl, daughter of son Doug in Oklahoma City. Son Sandy is in Vietnam, and daughter Suzy is going to France this summer prior to entering U. of Tex. Alex is teaching math, presiding over the local programmed instruction society, and preparing for counseling. He



expects to visit friends in Washington after 4 July.

Bill Rogers is still working on a self-financed research project in Knoxville. This primarily involves determining the quality of the fish that he personally catches. What a project! Thelma and Don Durfee have just seen their son Dave (USNA '63) off for Vietnam. Their other son, Tom, is now married and CO of a Signal Co. at Fort Campbell.

Sue and Jack Smoller's son, John, graduated from Oklahoma Military Academy this year; daughter Nancy has three children, two boys and a girl. Her daughter is reported (by grandfather) to be the best looking granddaughter of '34. Bill Voehl is planning to enter East Central College to obtain his credentials to teach. Bill's avocation is farming; he specializes in strawberries and was recently awarded an "Honorary Chapter Farmer" plaque for assisting young men in his area.

Moon Northam writes that he has just completed one year as a registered representative with A.G. Edwards and Son, founded by Gen. A.G. Edwards (USMA 1832). The Northams were recently visited by the Harry Hillyards and the Paul Turners, and they would like to see other classmates. This might be just the place to get that market tip you have been looking for!

The following new addresses have been reported:

Seaman: Hq, First Army, Fort Meade, Md. 20075

Heyne: 3797 Norfolk, Houston, Tex. 77027
Wilson: 603 Palm Drive, Harbor Bluffs Isle, Largo Fla. 33540

Gooch: 2306 Dietz Farm Rd. NW., Albuquerque, N.Mex. 87107

Miller, Lee: 507 E. Charles Rd., Flagstaff, Ariz. 86001

Brown, S.L.: 18 Brandywine Lane, Little Rock, Ark.

Hubbard: 8012 Big Bend Drive, El Paso, Tex. 79904

Franklin: Hq, Sixth Army, Presidio of SF, Calif. 94129

White, J.W.: 10615 Mt. Marcy, San Antonio, Tex. 78213

Luehman: 625 S. Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, Calif. 90005

Polly and Charlie Elliott's son, Capt. Charles B. III, married Miss Sally Cousins of Muskogee, Okla., on 25 March 1967; the new couple is living at Fort Sill.

The Russ Jennas are already planning to attend the 35th Reunion. Their son Russ Jr., recently married, is stationed at Fort Campbell. He expected his silver bars in June. The Pete Wards had a surprise 3-day visit from Zora and Ted Bilbo who arrived from Florida via the inland waterway. Helen and Dave Ruth joined them for an evening. Pete says that the fishing is still good around Hampton Roads for those who are interested.

The Jablonskys have been extended in Iran until the summer of 68. Jabo's son David (Capt., Inf, 4th Inf Div), who was wounded in Vietnam last November, underwent surgery at Fort Lewis, Wash., in May. We wish him a rapid recovery.

In April, Stacy Gooch moved to a new home in Albuquerque. He reports that it is specially designed for easy maintenance. Jack Schaefer has returned to the Army (DC) as a civilian management analyst. He has also purchased a citrus grove in Texas where he hopes to settle eventually.

Liz and Al Wilson are now living in Largo, Fla., where Al is the executive secretary of the Greater Largo Chamber of Commerce. Al reports that Largo has the cleanest air in the nation, dust- and pollen-free. His recommendation: those who aspire to a warm and sunny place to live, away from ice and snow, should come to the Sun Coast.

Jack Stanley has started his 13th year in Japan. He now advises four Japanese companies on travel and tourism and represents two U.S. companies on investments and shipments of goods. Bob MacDonnell reports that he has two new granddaughters, a new set of bass fishing tackle, and a John-boat complete with oars. Kermit Davis is scheduled to retire from the Army on Halloween this year. Ruth and he will live in Parker, Colo., about 20 miles from Denver. They plan to build a home on their 6 acres—elevation: 6,200 feet.

Axle Vaughn is an administrative Asst in the Music Dept, U. of Texas, El Paso. His oldest son, 2d Lt. Billy, is taking Ranger training at Benning; his other son, Mike, graduates from Marquette in June and will report to Fort Sill as a 2d Lt. in August. He reports that the family is settled in El Paso and enjoying the sun and their swimming pool. All classmates are invited to join in the fun.

News from Helen and Bud Buehler is that daughter Jane and her husband Don Yates had a daughter born just before Christmas, their third child. Helen, Bud, and son John spent the holidays with them in Pennsylvania. John graduates from high school this year and will attend a college on the West Coast.

A note from Bill Stone indicates that he and Myra are now living in Belgium where he is Air Dpty, SHAPE. Their daughter Sue (Mrs. W.V. Woodward) and her husband (1st Lt.) are stationed at Lackland AFB, Tex. Bill Jr., (USMA '66) is a 2d Lt. in the AF Plant Representatives Office, General Dynamics Corp., Fort Worth. Bill reports that he and Billie Craig represented '34 at the Founders Day dinner in his area.

Curt Sluman is building a new home near Oriskany, New York. The welcome mat will be out in September. Bill Himes is instructing in the School of Engineering, Wisconsin State U. Rachel is fine. Their son Tom graduated from Wisconsin Law School in June. Charlie Wood reports that he is no longer regularly employed, having fallen back on the old standbys of golf, fishing, sailing, etc.

Fanny and Staunton Brown have moved to a new home in Little Rock. Staunton writes that he recently saw Emily and Charlie White in San Antonio and that Walt Moore has started his own business—modifying crop-dusting planes. Walt is also said to be doing a great job running the Fort Worth Great Decisions Group this year.

Ferdie Tate is still Asst Professor of Engineering at McNeese; he is a grandfather four times over—four grandsons. Betty is taking about a 3-hour course per semester at McNeese toward an elementary teaching certificate. Son, Capt. Christopher (USMA '63), is in Vietnam; son John received his B.A. at St. Thomas U. in 67 and after four more years at St. Mary's Seminary will be ordained a Catholic priest; daughter Anne graduated as valedictorian from St. Charles Academy, Lake Charles, in 67, and won a

\$1,000 Burton scholarship—she will enter Louisiana State in September.

Charlie White writes that Fanny and Staunton Brown were in San Antonio in May as were Mary and Jack Seaman. He and Emily enjoyed a couple of evenings with each. They expected a visit from Beat and Sandy Sanders in June. Emily and Charlie's daughter just graduated from Colorado Women's College; while attending her graduation they had lunch with Anna and Bill Wise in Golden. They also saw Jud Reeves at Colorado Springs.

Vic Huffsmith reports that he and Fenn, who are about to celebrate their 33d anniversary, enjoy good health, their children, and grandchildren. Whitey Manlove is now self-employed as yard man, carpenter, painter, and plumber for his Joplin properties. His main activity, however, is serving as a fishing guide for Marian. Son Dick is in Vietnam with the 9th Inf Div. Johnny Franklin was in Washington on Tdy in June en route to his new assignment as Dpty Comdr, Sixth Army. He previously reported that Virgie and Jabo Jablonsky visited him in Berlin last April.

News from Jack Shuck: While he and Helen sat peacefully at home in Atherton, Calif., Capt. Jack Jr., USAF, was in Vietnam and daughter Linda, traveling in Europe, was in Tel Aviv when the Arab-Israeli fracas started. Joe Killian is still working hard growing a college and raising a family; he reports five small-fry still at home. Can anyone match this? Arno Luehman is now in business in Los Angeles.

This is my last report as your Scribe. Johnnie Stevens will be taking over this summer. I am still with the U. of Pittsburgh Research Staff in DC, and Loretta is associated with the U.S. Capitol Historical Society on a part-time basis (best job in Washington, she claims). Cherie entered the U. of Virginia in June to work on her master's degree, and Alex, who just completed Columbian Prep School, will enter college this fall.

Hope you'll take time to pass your news along to Johnnie at: 6313 Villa Lane, Falls Church, Va. 22044.

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Our heartiest congratulations go to Ralph Haines on his 4th star and his new job as Vice Chief of Staff, and also to Ralph and Sally on the graduation of their second son, Bill, from West Point. The only other of our Class to have two sons graduated from West Point are the Ellersons who did it the hard way with both in the Class of '63, though John C. Ellerson is more than a year older than his brother Geoffrey Jr. Next year the Throckmortons will join this exclusive club when John L. Jr., graduates, and the Leonards will follow in 1970 when Henry Alden Leonard graduates. Other Class of '35 sons graduating this year were John Allen Frink, Kent Edward Kraus, and William Langfitt Wilby.

George Ruhlen sent in the accompanying photograph with a newsy letter saying: "Haines takes his final review as III Corps Comdr with Ruhlen as CO of troops in a WWII halftrack from Ruhlen's 1st Armd Museum." George says that Ralph did a wonderful job with the command and with the community relations between Fort Hood and all the neighboring civilian communities. Ralph was kept going night and day for a



1935: Haines takes his final review as CG III Corps with Ruhlen as commander of troops.

couple of weeks before his departure, receiving kudos and acclamations. George also reports that he went up to Fort Sill at the invitation of Harry Critz to give the talk at the Founders Day dinner and found it difficult to prepare a speech to interest old grads spanning 61 classes. He saw John Dilley, who is in mutual funds in the Sill area, and Dave Barr, who practices law in Lawton. George said that he had seen orders for Murdoch to Austin, Tex., to command the VIII Reserve Corps, and also for his own replacement in mid-August as CG 1st AD but had no idea where or when he would be going.

George Eckhardt sends notification by simple expedient of change-of-address card that as of 27 May 1967 he no longer commands the 9th Inf Div, which he formed and trained and took to Vietnam, but is now Dpty Comdr, II Field Force, Vietnam, APO SF 96266. We all hope that this is a promotion.

Charlie Hoy sent in a nice photograph taken at The Citadel just before a review in honor of Lee Davis. Five sons of the Class of '35 are with Lee: (left to right) Scott Tucker, Bill Russ, Lee, Pat Ferris, Chip Eckhardt, and Bob Cole. After Lee's speech General and Mrs. Harris entertained Lee and Gert and the local '35 contingent at lunch aboard The Citadel cruiser, *Southwind*. Pres-

ent were the Glenn Coles, the Hoys, the Tuckers, and the Zeiglers. Latest report on Clyde Zeigler, we are all glad to hear, is that his condition is much improved.

Arthur and Helen Fickel have joined the ranks of us proud grandparents with the arrival, on 23 April 1967, of John Boyden Capen, son of the Reverend and Mrs. James W. Capen (née Susan Fickel).

Helen St. John received honorable mention for the State of Virginia in the National French Tournament sponsored by the American Assn of Teachers of French. Helen attends St. Agnes School in Alexandria.

For certain people the 17th of June has long been an auspicious date for weddings, and the list seems to be growing. The Symroski's daughter Kitsy, properly Catherine Ann, wed Lt. David Robert Minikel in the Chapel of the Centurion at Fort Monroe on that date, and the Parkers' daughter, Janet Richards Parker, wed Mr. Carl William Morris in the Pisgah Presbyterian Church in Versailles, Ky., on that date. May the tribes of "17-Juners" increase! Well, these new ones anyway.

We were all shocked to learn of the sudden illness and death early in April of Capt. Charles F. Leonard III. Even though Charlie and Marge have three other fine sons and a lovely daughter, we all realize

what a terrible blow it is to lose one. Since then Charlie has retired, and he and Marge live at: 1011 Evergreen Drive, Bellevue, Wash. 98004.

From Tucson, Ariz., we hear that our classmate Dave Stone got elected to the state legislature. Nice going, Dave. Warren Everett has returned from his overseas assignment with AID (in Vietnam, though it was supposed to be Nigeria!), and he and Ruthmary live at: 1401 Gower Court, McLean, Va. 22101. Warren is Chief Engr, Bureau for Vietnam, AID, Dept of State.

Ed and Marie Ferris were delighted to have their son Danny enter West Point with the Class of '71. Mike is a captain in the Air Force, presently at Shepard AFB, Pat is a senior at The Citadel, and now Danny is a Plebe at West Point. Still at home is Timmy, a sophomore at Georgetown Prep and a possible future West Pointer. That gives Ed and Marie a chance to join that exclusive club mentioned earlier. And don't forget that Bun and Ruth Wilby are still in the running, too. If any of you know of more possible members, please let me know.

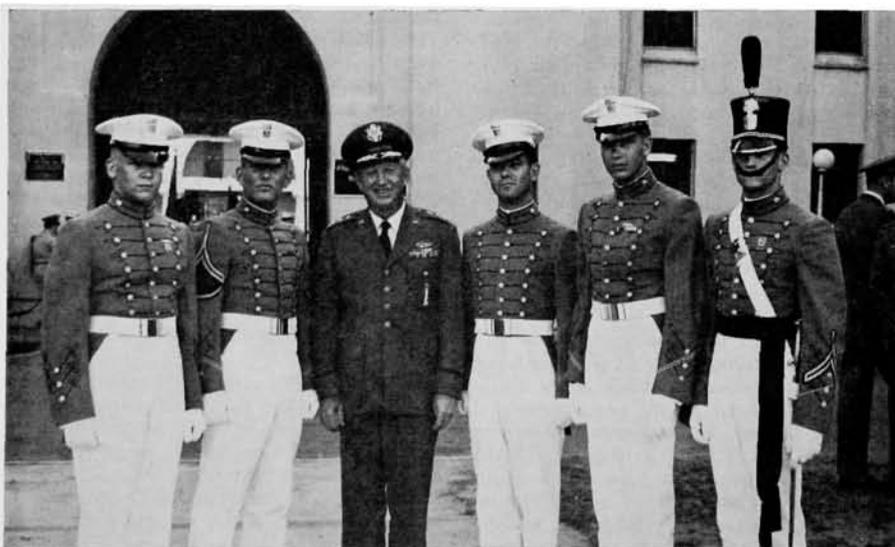
Pat Mente has been our class chairman for the past few years, and we all remember what a fine 30th Reunion he organized for us. Last December, in accordance with the by-laws, he appointed a nominating committee, a rather high-ranking one, and demanded change, though no one thought it was necessary but Pat. After several frustrated attempts to get the committee together—the more stars they wear, the harder they are to catch, and one even moved off to a new command—the spokesman, Charlie Rich, presented the slate at the May luncheon. It was voted in in customary "railroading" style. Hank Thayer is our new chairman, and Bob Glass is vice chairman, with Ed Ferris continuing as secretary-treasurer. We all wish Hank the best in this tough assignment, and we all give Pat a rousing and unanimous vote of thanks for his fine work on behalf of the Class of '35.

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We can congratulate Michael Dunn and John E. Kelly Jr., USMA 1967. Their fathers presented our class gifts to them during June week. Richard Kelly has an appointment to enter this July, which makes the 3d son to enter for JE and the most sons for any of us.

Really, the greatest amount of news, nationally, if not internationally, has centered around the Class since the last notes appeared. Naturally, it involves our 4 famous classmates: Westy, Abe, Bruce, and Johnny. Johnny Heintges left Vietnam to take over Seventh Army in Europe; Bruce first took the II Field Forces in Vietnam then went up to Dpty Comdr to Abe. I have been collecting so much data through the press on Westy of late that I wonder if I don't have more now than Kitsy. Perhaps by the time this is published we can be a little more objective about what really happened when Westy returned to the U.S. at the end of April. My comments would read something like this: I heard that he was returning early in March (nobody seemed to know for sure). Then when I went up to hear him at the Waldorf, Stevie, Westy's 18-year-old livin' doll, said she thought his presence here was to bring more emphasis on the war over there. I understood that only the Associated Press had brought him back to speak. But, as everyone knows, all hell broke loose after that first



1935: Lee Davis with five class sons at The Citadel. Left to right: Scott Tucker, Bill Russ, Lee, Pat Ferris, Chip Eckhardt, and Bob Cole.

Monday noon, and everybody got into the act. Ten days later Westy wrote: "it is nice to get back to 'peace and quiet' (in Vietnam)." Well, I think the whole U.S. is more behind the war now that our great commander has presented himself so well to the American people.

Cecil Combs has been selected to receive the Fairchild Award for Academic Achievement, according to Dick Carmichael. The work considered, I believe, was at the AFIT, which Cec ran so wonderfully for a number of years before he retired. In May Liz and I spent an enjoyable afternoon with Muriel and Dick Carmichael in Washington. Dick was his usual polite and brilliant self. He had done some extensive visiting with Russ Janzan who seems to be a broker for large ranch sales. The Twaddells and Austins had also been visiting the Carmichaels recently.

Gordon Austin had the "Great Society" operation (gall bladder) in May and talked at length from an apartment the family had in Arlington (1900 S. Eads St.). He was going up to Canada soon for the summer. He was planning to return to DC in August to start a job with the Nat'l Security Industrial Assn. I heard that Necrason had been made chief of the National Guard in Alaska. Bill Davis wrote that he'd bought a house at: 140 Schreiner Pl., San Antonio. He has become Senior Army Instructor for the Edge-wood school district. On the 19th of April, Bob Dunlop Jr., passed away in Washington of a heart ailment. Ten days earlier Bob Frost passed on as result of a kidney ailment. He was at Andrews AFB hospital. I have also had news that beautiful Harriet Gooding died over a year ago in Texas. As our dear friends and classmates leave our ranks, and, as we realize we won't see them again, our memories grow richer and fonder because we miss them!

In June Ray Cato moved to a new home at: 1841 Palmcrest, Largo, Fla. Eddie Dunn and family happily attended son Mike's graduation at the Point. Howell Estes wrote in May that he'd been out of touch 'cause he and Nan had been in Europe in January and February, in the Pacific in March, and in Mexico in April. Tommy Hayes's father, Maj. Gen. Hayes, USMA 1912, passed away in March. Most of us remember him extremely well, and many of us wrote Tommy to express our respect and our affection for his wonderful father. He was buried at West Point, next to his daughter Polly and his son-in-law.

Ollie Haywood sent me a copy of his company's (HUYCK) annual report. He's been its president for over a year. This is his last year in the AF Reserve; he served his final duty at the Pentagon in April. He feels that he has served his company and the AF equally well, though the demands from both were at times heavy.

Dave Hiester retired and received the DSM for his years of service at the Ordnance Center and School. He becomes exec VP of the Ordnance Center Technology Foundation. Helen Hess wrote about young Beth making a trip to Italy in March before starting at Georgetown U. School of Nursing in the fall. Mike changed his Fifth Army Hq from Hyde Park Blvd. to Fort Sheridan.

I thought that Bill Miller was graduating from AFA in June, but I goofed, as usual. He left the Academy several years ago and is attending U.C.L.A. Son Bud (Ace III) is getting married in June. Ace went "around the world in eighty days" plus a few extra. He visited 29 countries and saw Ben Evans in Turkey, Heintages and Westy in Vietnam, and Dick Ripple in Hawaii. Jean went to

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1936: Class party in Washington in May.



Above (front row, left to right): Twaddell, Landrum, Ryder, Illig, Lampert. **Second row:** Layne, Pack, Shuler, Benson, Spencer. **Back row:** Oswald, Ridge Smith, Shea, Gage, Sibert, Ike Smith, Kinard.

Below (front row, left to right): Shuler, Dorothy Knowles, Benson, Oswald. **Second row:** Pack, Illig, Layne, Shea, Hartman, Gage, O'Brien. **Back row:** Twaddell, Spencer, Ridge Smith, Ryder, Lampert, Kinard, Ike Smith.



1936: Class luncheon in March in the Pentagon. Seated, between Landrum and Illig, is Libby Clein, '36's able Secretary's Secretary who was honored on this occasion.



1936: Karie and Ken Dawalt (greeting Abrams) are members of the receiving line at the 18th annual Army Standardization reception held in Washington in April. Brigadier Wilson-Smith, Canadian military attaché, greets Julie Abrams (foreground).

Munich the last of March and accompanied him back to the U.S.

Dwight Monteith left Washington to become commander of the Technical Training Center at Lowry, Tex. Joe Nazzaro wrote on his new, 4-star stationery. Charlie Pack wrote that he had been to N.C. State U., which daughter Lesley will attend next year. He saw Daddy Broyles and Nip Page. Bill Sibert sent me a clipping (which I didn't have) on Westy. Saw Bill with a very pretty Dorothy Knowles in May; both looked fine and have since tied the knot at the Fort Lee Chapel on 15 July.

The '36 Hq in Rm 3E-611, Pentagon, has been doing a fine job. The class Secy's secretary is attractive career woman, Libby Clein. There was a very successful luncheon for her in March, which 23 attended: Albro, Benson, Breaks, Dalton, Dickson, Gaston, Haneke, Hiester, Illig, Kerkering, Lampert, Landrum, Layne, Lynch, O'Brien, Pack, Shea, Shuler, Sibert, Ike Smith, Spencer, and Tiffany. The distance that some of these attendees travel to make these luncheons is heartwarming. Hank Benson comes all the way from Fort Hayes, Ohio, and brings Barbara with him.

In the middle of May, Liz and I went up for the class dinner at the Illigs'. Not as many attended this party, but perhaps there wouldn't have been room for more than the

38 classmates and ladies who showed. For people like us who don't get to see our classmates, it was worth the trip; for those of you who haven't been with the gang for quite awhile, you owe it to yourselves to go sometime; and for those who are regularly in attendance, it must be a headache (the next morning).

Some comments from Bill Shuler and my notes: If there is a picture of this class party at the Illigs', it's the result of Bill Ryder's sterling efforts. The hilarious event went something like this: Bill Shuler was screaming at everyone to "fall-in." In the bedlam no one heard—or obeyed. Then Ryder stepped up and somehow, in all that din, got across "just two, two points. Number one," he shouted, "don't listen to Bill Shuler. Number two, all the women get the hell out of here!" Besides laughing until I cried, a picture was taken by Marge Schuler.

Had a nice visit with Bob and Barbara O'Brien who took us to their attractive home. Bob has been doing a lot of riding and polo playing. Bill and Dette Kimball were through Atlanta in May on another horse-show-judging. Bill may be looking for a job soon.

Ike Smith retired on 31 March and is working for Research Analysis Corp. Larry Ellert is teaching math at Case Institute of

Technology in Cleveland. During May I chatted on the phone with: Bob Breaks, Ted Clifton, Hap Dalton, Ken Dawalt, Deadeye Dickson, Tommy Hayes, the Kerkerings, Chuck Segrist, and Norma Yarborough. All were absent from Illigs' party except Hayes, who came by for awhile. Bill Haneke couldn't be reached; he was job hunting, in Richmond, I believe. Kay Landrum was not at the party, but Jim, who was, said that she was feeling quite a bit better than she had been after a stomach disorder. Ed Wallnau wrote several times; Henry Katz dropped by Ed's in Florida. Ed was made a Kentucky "Colonel" by the governor.

Sometime ago the "military" at Georgia Tech asked me and Liz if we had considered a memorial for Jack. We hadn't, but they had. On 18 May a beautiful trophy was presented by me to Tech; it was designated the highest award for an Infantry ROTC senior. Bill Ryder and Bill Shuler sent a grand telegram to Georgia Tech from the Class in Washington on the occasion of the presentation of the award.

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Fort Lesley J. McNair
Washington, D.C. 20315

Our 30th Reunion has come and gone, and 60 of your classmates returned to join the Long Gray Line for the Alumni Parade, the Alumni Luncheon and Dinner, and the Superintendent's Reception in Washington Hall. We closed out the activities with a wonderful party at Round Pond on the evening of 3 June. It was a rousing reunion and a good opportunity to catch up on a lot of news about each other. All the wives looked young and beautiful, and only a few of us had joined the bald-headed club. I am sure that the Corps must have been impressed by the youthful appearance of the Class of 1937—though, frankly, I hesitated to explore that line of thought with any of them. One thing I did notice, however, was that the Corps looked much younger than when we were there.

We were sorry that all members of the Class couldn't have been in attendance, but retirement plans, attendance at the graduation of children, distance, and many other factors made this impossible. For you who couldn't be with us, please know that we who were there stepped up gallantly to the bar and "carried-on" as you would have wished us to do. I should also report that Bobby Meyer, Monk's son, received a nice memento from our Class immediately after the Alumni Parade. We owe our thanks for the excellence of the reunion plans to Don Shive, Luke Hoska, Joe Focht, and Paul Cullen. I recommend that they immediately set to work planning the 35th.

And, many thanks to Sal Salientes for the cigars for our Alumni Dinner and the party at Round Pond. We auctioned off the cigars that were left over along with the beautiful boxes they came in. Total contribution to the Class Fund was \$31. Thanks again, Sal, and we are sorry you couldn't get that flight back—we missed you and Linda.

Fred Ressegieu (Canadian Bechtel, Ltd., 1980 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal 25, P.Q.) reports that he picked up some Polaroid color prints that don't belong to him. Whoever lost them, please write Fred. Anyone who wants a copy of the group photograph taken at the reunion can write Fowler Studio, 226 North Division St., Peekskill, N.Y. 10566, and send \$2.00 for print No. 67. Anyone wanting



1936: Lampert joins Dunn and Kelly for presentation of class gifts to graduating sons: Left to right: Dunn, Dunn M.E., Lampert, Kelly J.E., Kelly.

a 1937 armband for \$1.50 write Don Shive at Stanford Research Institute, 1000 Connecticut Ave. NW., Washington, D.C. 20036. Thanks to Jack and Margaret Jordon Tolson and Bill and Ann Chase for your telegrams. We read them to the Class at Round Pond. We would rather have had you four there with us.

I thank all of you for your response to my request for contributions to the Class and to the Superintendent's Fund. A check for \$1,026 was presented by John Stevenson to the Superintendent at the Alumni Luncheon.

Since my last column, many of our classmates have retired, and on 30 July many more will depart the active duty list. Please keep me informed when you change your home and/or your business address. I will make every effort to maintain an up-to-date list of the Class, but I need your help. Sometime in September or October, I shall forward to each of you a new list of addresses. *But, I need your help!*

Now for a most unhappy task. The AOG has asked me to attempt to obtain obituary articles on all deceased members of the Class who have not had one printed in the ASSEMBLY as yet. The list is long, and I can only call on roommates and company-mates to prepare them. Please, look over the following list; I would appreciate volunteers. If you will drop me a note, I shall indicate, in the succeeding ASSEMBLYs, those who have volunteered to prepare an obituary so that those who have some information may then forward it directly to the writer. *Please help.* The list includes: Godfrey R. Ames, William P. Baldwin, Charles J. Browne, Jack E. Caldwell, Alan D. Clark, William R. Clingerman Jr., John M. Cone, William R. Crawford, William J. Dunmyer, James F. Faber, Leigh C. Fairbank Jr., William E.W. Farrell, Walter G. Gleye, John McMullan Gulick, Thomas A. Holdiman, Charles S. Hoyt Jr., John H. Hyde, Wood G. Joerg, Colin P. Kelly Jr., Philip G. Lauman Jr., Gordon C. Leland, Alfred A. Maybach, William R. Maxwell, Joseph A. Miller Jr., Richard E. Nelson, William L. Robinson, Raymond W. Rumph, Alvord Rutherford, Paul W. Scheidecker, Campbell A. Sprague, William H. Traeger, Homer H. Uglow, Harry F. Van Leuven, John R. Weikel, and Hueston R. Wynkoop.

Three classmates have mentioned that the Class Sons who graduated in 1963 never received a present from our Class. Bud Zehner is working on that, and I assure you we will correct the error as soon as we obtain positive information on those who were not properly recognized.

Ed Lee writes that he is now in Birmingham, Mich., retired and happily employed in industrial properties. His oldest, George, graduated from M.I.T. as a mathematics major (Congratulations!) and is now getting his Master's at the U. of Mich. The youngest two, Ted 16, and Anne 8, are still at home with Dottie and Ed. His other son graduated from USMA in 1963, but Ed didn't say where he is stationed.

Charles Dannelly, now located in Easton, La., offers overnight lodgings to anyone passing through that area. Those planning to go to the Olympics in Mexico next year can cut the cost of their trip by about \$20.00 with that invitation.

Charlie Harrison has completed an 8-month computer programming course and is now at the International Academy, Inc., Brentwood, Md. He started out as an instructor in programming but has moved up to administrative Asst to the Director of Educa-

tion. With a new family of two, ages 5 and 7, Charlie reports that his and Lois's mobility is somewhat restricted these days. Whenever you can get down to Washington, Charlie, please join us at the class luncheon on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Carl Whitesell writes from Omaha, Nebr., that he and Larry Spilman (Ottumwa, Iowa), are the only 2 of the Class in that area. They attended the Founders Day dinner at Offutt in March and reported sadly that there was only one older graduate than they at the dinner. Carl, you would have felt fine at the reunion; there were quite a few there older than we. Carl also reports that his boy is now a freshman in college, and his daughter is in junior high school. (Where did all these young families come from? I think the members of our Class are younger than they admit.)

Lots of things have been and are happening to the Zehners. Bud retires in June, takes a new job at the Military Assistance Institute in Arlington, and his daughter Christina was married in April.

Jim Posey writes that he is now with the Nuclear Defense Research Corp. of New Mexico and still lives in Albuquerque. Jim, we missed you and Liz at the reunion. Bernie and James Johnson now live in Columbia, Mo., where he has taken a job with the university. As Dotty and I are from there, we will be seeing you two sometime.

Sorry to miss you, Sam Agee, when you were in Washington, and sorry you didn't have the time to get up to the Point. For your information, there were no broken tables at this reunion, so you can guess who (in your absence) received the blame for the one broken in '47.

Dick Fellows, now with Douglas in Santa Monica, writes that he sees Eleanor and Hoot Horrigan from time to time. Dick gave me lots of help in keeping spirits high at Round Pond that reunion Saturday night. The next morning, however, I didn't feel like thanking him!

Buddy Hines, at New Mexico Military Institute, says it's back to the books for him this summer and a 10-week course sponsored by the Nat'l Science Foundation at the New Mexico Highlands U., Las Vegas, N. Mex. Lucky it isn't in Las Vegas, Nev., or it might be harder to stay with the books, Bud.

Hank Byroade, Ambassador to Burma, writes that he can't believe it has been 30 years. Neither can your 237 classmates, Hank, but it is, or rather was, for we are now working on our 31st year.

June and Mort Magoffin wrote that they were on their way to Alaska's centennial celebration. Bet June didn't get Mort out of the trout streams and moose preserves the entire time they were there. Buck Forney sent in his money and wrote that he expects a transfer soon from New Delhi, India, to London. Keep us posted, Buck.

I would like to put something in here about Jack and Beth Chapman, but all he wrote was, "here's the money, and I won't see you in June." But, Fred and Isabel Clarke visited the Chapmans in Los Altos, Calif., in May and brought them up to date on events in Washington.

Dan Richards, retired, is with Bechtel Corp. in SF. He is in the International Mining and Metals Dept and hopes soon to visit the copper mines in Bougainville and Chile. I'll go along and carry your suitcase, Dan, especially to see Chile again. Daughter Judy, Dan says, is married to an engineer, lives in Florida, and has made them grandparents twice. Son Jim is a Yearling at USMA and

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

doing well in Russian; he is looking forward to the course in Mandarin next year. What a son! Daughter Janey is still home with the family.

Spic Nadal writes that he has just undergone a cataract operation caused (as he reports) by continued eye spasms from looking at well-filled bikinis in Naples. Hope the operation went well, Spic.

Jack Minor wrote (with check enclosed) that even though Mo Preston, who had to come back for business in the Pentagon, offered him a ride to the States, he couldn't get away for reunion, as the top brass of the GM Corp. was visiting him at that time.

Molly and Johnny Johnson leave Fort McNair in July to go to Fort Amador, CZ, where Johnny becomes Comdr of the U.S. Army Forces, Southern Command. What a wonderful assignment in a tropical paradise! Good luck to both of you, and I hope Dotty and I get to visit you there. Hal and Bits Hallock got back from France just in time to get to the reunion. They looked fresh as daisies—the trip to Europe must have been a most enjoyable one. Hal is president of the Rotary Club of Harrisburg, Pa., and attended the Rotary convention in Nice, France. Bill Amos writes that he just received his Master's in history and is shopping for a job. Any suggestions, classmates? Phil Sterling is a full professor of mathematics at Wesley College, Dover, Del., and also serves as chairman of the Division of Natural and Physical Sciences. Phil says they will be looking for a new chemistry instructor in Sept 1968. If any of you are interested, write Phil. Wil Wilhoit, retired and working for Bechtel in SF, writes that Poopy Connor got some of the Class together for a boat trip in SF Bay. The Tinchers, Smalleys, Magoffins, Stanns, Comptons, Seamans, Edwardses, and the Wilhoits joined the Connors. Gene Stamm is now with Kaiser and working on a water pollution study; daughter Carol is married and en route to Germany with her husband; son Jeff got his Master's at Vanderbilt this year; and Suzy begins her senior year at Michigan U. this fall. T.C. Compton's son, Chris, graduates from N.Y.U. Law School next year, and daughter Sandy is home while her husband is in Vietnam. Mike Seaman is living in Berkeley, overlooking SF Bay, with son Mike in his 4th year of architecture at the U. of Calif. Seems like California is the place to take a vacation with the number of classmates we have there.

Eric Dougan is retired and living in Portland, Ore. Eric reports that their youngest daughter is getting married in July in Columbus, Ohio, and that 2 trips east in one summer was just too much for the family budget. Sorry you couldn't be with us at the reunion, Eric. Chuck Pfeffer wrote that he and Babs wanted to join us at West Point, but graduation at his school came along at that same time. Being a teacher, advisor, counselor, etc., for the seniors is a full time job, and he just couldn't get away.

Ed Richardson, retired and working for the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, explained that he had to attend a conference in Chicago at the same time as our reunion, so he couldn't be with us. We

missed you, Ed. Ed's older son (another Ed) is a captain in the Infantry and is in Vietnam. Younger son, David, is a first lieutenant in the 1st Armd Cav at Fort Hood. Incidentally, Ed lives in Highland Park, Ill., if you happen to be in the Chicago area.

Just heard that Fred Diercks retired and took a job with the Coast and Geodetic Survey in Rockville, Md., on 1 June.

In closing, your fine response to the fund drive was very much appreciated, and we are sorry that we couldn't have seen all of the Class at the reunion. I would welcome any assistance with respect to the obituaries and please, do keep me informed on your moves and your new business and home addresses (with the ZIP codes). Just a post-card will do!

'38

Bob Breitweiser, Claire Hutchin, Bill Kiefer, and Bob York were promoted to lieutenant general during this reporting period. Claire is the new CofS of the Pacific Comd, Bob is CG XVIII Abn Corps, and Bill is the new Comdr of the Eighth Air Force. Breitweiser's assignments are difficult to follow. According to the *Journal*, he was first assigned as Commandant, Air War College, then as Dpty Comdr MAC, next as Commandant, Air War College, and now Comdr Alaskan Comd. We are proud of all 4 promotees.

Jo Ryan was recently seen in the Pentagon where she was helping to pin on another cluster to Jack's DSM.

Frank Norris is the commandant of the AFSC. We also have 2 new Army Div Comdrs. Dick Stilwell commands the 1st Armd at Hood, and G.G. O'Connor commands the "Old Reliabes" (9th Div) in Vietnam. Ken Mearns goes to an as yet unannounced job in Vietnam in late July, and Andy Lipscomb has orders to APO SF 96558. Frank Miller, CofS, USARV, recently received his 2d star. Ed Bailey goes to Hq, Army Materiel Comd, and Bill Ekman has received a new assignment as housing coordinator of the Washington area.

On the lighter side, the Washington contingent held a dinner-dance at Andrews on 29 April. The R.B. Andersons, the Bob Browns, the Desloge Browns, the Lewises, the Lotzes, the Patricks, the Sightses, the W.W. Smiths, the Van Sickles, the Wickhams, the Jess Thomases, the Polhamuses, the Hannums, and the Chavasses all attended. Frank and Di Norris were recently observed cavorting all over Europe. John and Jo Boyt are comfortably ensconced in a posh apartment overlooking Hyde Park in London. Everyone is invited to 38 Maitland Court, Lancaster Terrace (John's handwriting is getting blurred), London, W, 2. Telephone: Ambassador 5151.

Tess Kopesak recently won the Class B Star Golf Cup at the Washington Golf and Country Club.

Roy Heflebower's son Charles is on the AF Supe's list for military and academic excellence. The Jim Lynches have announced the engagement of their daughter Sharon Butler to 1st Lt. Gordon Worthen. Similarly, the Ed Machens have announced the engagement of their daughter Sharon Ann, to Marine Major Michael J. Mulrooney. Mark Brennan has accepted an operations research position in Monterey, Calif.

'39

Col. Charles D. Kepple
6912 Floyd Avenue
Springfield, Va. 22150

1939: Founders Day at Fort Sam.



Left to right: Kail, Latoszewski, Johnson, Rogers D.J.



Left to right: Byrne, Holloway, Rogers J.L., Schmid.



1939: Dr. Josephus A. Bowman



1939: The graduating sons, Class of '67, with class gifts. Left to right: Tom Hill, Tim Gilbert, George Winton, Robin Walker.

At the Washington area luncheon on 17 May, a new slate of class officers for FY68 were elected in the usual fashion: Lou Kunzig, Bill McDowell, Charlie Kepple, and Linc Simon; as class chairman, secretary-treasurer, Scribe, and entertainment chairman respectively. Olson reluctantly yielded the Scribe's job murmuring, "I was just beginning to enjoy it." John will join Booz-Allen Applied Research Inc. at Kansas City, Mo., after his retirement on 31 July. We appreciate his efforts during the past year, and those of Shep FitzGerald, Seth Hudgins, and Ed Hamilton. Your continued cooperation in informing the Scribe of class activities around the world can perhaps generate similar reluctance to yield on my part next June.

Joe Bowman has joined Raytheon Company's Education Division as Director of Plans and Policies and now resides at Balcom Road, Sudbury, Massachusetts.

Sammy Kail sent a long letter from Fort Sam. At the Founders Day dinner there "present and eating were: Sterling Johnson, Rogers D.J., Sailor Byrne, Ken Schmid, Ed Latoszewski, Holloway, Rogers J.L., and myself. Matt Bristol was away." Sterling, Matt, and Sam are assigned to Hq Fourth Army with Don Miller and Danny Nolan scheduled to join during the summer. Sailor and Ken Schmid are retired in the area while D.J. is at Brooke AFB, and Ed Lato and Holloway, at Kelley. Ned Geary is at Fort Bliss; Sleepy Coleman, at Hood; and George Winton posted to Fort Sill. Sammy saw Hall Cain—retired and teaching at Miami Dade Junior College—and advises that Len Kaplan is doing very well with real estate in South Miami. You Florida-bent retirees put this in your notes! Thanks, Sam.

In the middle Tennessee division, Bob Page reports he has joined Chesty Evans, "a somewhat well known Nashville lawyer," and Gilchrist, president of Columbia Military Academy. Bob leaves for Georgia to become associate professor of history in Brunswick Junior College on 1 September.

Jay Dawley, with General Dynamics in California, has found many classmates in the aerospace industries there: Urban, Perry, Cassidy, Frost, and McGowan. He also writes that McCrorey is teaching in the area and Engstrom selling insurance. Jay's address is: 945 Amador Avenue, Claremont, California 91712.

Other bits of news: Claude Shepard, new CO at Campbell Army Airfield, Ky; E.P. Lasche departs USMA for U.S. Mission to the United Nations at New York City; Dutch Kerwin, to Vietnam in May.

Two Class Sons were married in June: Charles McNeal Mount III, to Amy Susan Perlmeter in Chevy Chase, Md., June 2; and Charles David Kepple Jr., to Andrea Phyllis Drum in Newton, N.C., on June 3.

The Washington area classmates enjoyed golf-cocktails-outdoor grill at Fort Belvoir on 28 May, arranged by Ed Hamilton and John Olson, with the Roger Lillys hosting the cocktails and grill at their delightful set of quarters on post. Roger was chef for "Biftec Grille served at the patio, savory accompanying dishes, and choice wines to please the palate." Prize winners at golf—winning team—Ed Hamilton, Jean Adams, Jack Dobson and class guest, Col. Pat Watson; most putts—Grace Hamilton; least putts—Linc Simon; most birdies—Jack Dobson. Other guests were: the Art Allens, Cleverlys, Dziubans, Farrells, Dave Goodwins, Hanchins, Kepples, Lou Kunzigs, Steve Mancusos, Jack Meyers, Picketts, Thomasons,

Wintermutes, Brookie Boles, Nell Larsen, Jackie Newcomer, and Ginny Brownfield.

West Point

During June Week the Class Sons of '39 were presented with gifts from the Class at a brief ceremony at the officers club. The sons graduating in the Class of '67 were Tom Hill, Tim Gilbert, George Winton, and Robin Walker. Parents on hand for the occasion were the Wintons and the Walkers. The Gilberts did not arrive until later, as did the Hills who first became involved in a New Jersey power blackout and then were caught in the heavy traffic around Newark airport. The gifts, 14-inch gallery trays, bore the traditional engraved inscriptions.

FRANK J. KOBES JR.

'40

Lt. Col. Henry R. Brewerton
New York Military Academy
Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. 12520

June Week with a cooperating weatherman is a hard combination to match, and that is what we had for our 27th Reunion. Alumni Day saw 6 of us in the procession. Don Bennett lead the parade, a prerogative of the Supe, but 5 files stood firm in ranks. I acted as a liaison file between the Classes of '39 and '40, which was fitting, and directly behind me were four stalwarts: Dixon, Donnell, McFarland, and Addington.

On Monday, 6 June, at Qtrs 100, we successfully launched sons of: Meigs, Kasper, Donnell, Haseman, Pillsbury, and Hardin giving them engraved cigarette boxes commemorating their graduation and their being sons of members of the Class of 1940. Across the continent, at Disneyland East (USAFA), Skip Fowler was pressing identical boxes into the hands of Warren and Francisco as proud parents looked on. Hank Adams, now watchdog of the bank account, received the bills.

Had my usual chat with General McFarland, Class of 1906 and Mac's father. We get along splendidly although he did write that Ordnance book. Devlin couldn't understand it either! This was the first time that Mac was present to make it a threesome.

Information comes limping in from all corners of the world. My finest hour came when I received notice from *The Wretched Mess News* that through the lavish generosity of one, Paul S. Deems (who now resides cowardly under DeGaulle's wing in Versailles and cannot be immediately reached), I would receive a year's subscription to "America's last stronghold of honest and fearless yellow journalism." Messina is the resident goddess.

In the past I have been wont to scoff at the trivia which showed X moving from A to B. However, without such trivia I would have to revert to flora and fauna of the Hudson Valley, so harken to the scoop.

Dick Free has 2d star pinned on by AMC CG Frank Besson and takes over as Acting Director of Development of USA Materiel Comd. Mrs. John H. Michaels enters our lives because she receives a certificate from Vic Conley the Comdr of Fort Sheridan. Jim Shelley swears in his son as AF Reserve 2d Lt. Young Jim is a 3d-year medical student who has been selected for Reserve Officers' USAF Medical Education Program. He enters Tulane School of Medicine in September. W.W. Wilcox is now National Commander of Civil Air Patrol with Hq at Ellington AFB in Texas. Freudendorf's Mary Ann was married to Roger Hart Kramer at Fort Myer, Va., on 11 March 1967.

Frank Meszar is CG at Fort Stewart, Ga., and Dpty Commandant of Army Aviation School at Fort Rucker, Ala. Bob Warren is at Andrews AFB and Asst Dpty C/S for Personnel, USAF. Chuck Noble is Dpty Director Civil Works in the office of the Chief of Engrs. Coats leaves Stuttgart and is now Dpty CG at Fort Polk, La. Woody Vaughan is in the Pentagon and is the new DSA Dpty Director.

On the distaff side Mrs. Salvo Rizza and Mrs. Francis Kramer take part in "Parade of Quarters" at Fort Sill for Officers Wives' Club. Which reminds me—in my salad days Tony Wermuth, editor-in-chief of the *Pointer*, assigned me, the managing editor, the task of editing the femme's issue of the *Pointer*. Bowed were the shoulders of the plebe mail orderlies who brought me stuff from sweethearts, sisters, and mothers. So, I hereby declare the winter issue of ASSEMBLY as the femme's issue as far as the Class of 1940 is concerned. Wives are legion. Ballpoint pens are cheap. Start writing to me now. Say what you want, how you want,



1940: Moored at Morrissey's dock in St. Petersburg. Left to right: Ulm, Crockett, Morrissey.

and take as much time as you wish to say it. Deadline is 10 Dec. Xmas '67 should be interesting.

Don Bennett, who has been photographed more in the last 18 months than even George Mueller, hosts Gen. Sir John W. Hackett of Great Britain who delivered the 21st Kermit Roosevelt lecture to the Corps of Cadets at West Point. Larry Fuller becomes the Asst JAG and picks up that 2d star. Chuck Beaudry moving from Europe to Pacific Msl Range, Vandenberg AFB, in California. Jack Dibble is ordered back to Washington from the Far East. Ross Milton goes from Langley Field to Bolling and a new assignment as Comptroller of the AF. Willis Lewis goes from SAC ZEBRA to Hq, 19th Air Div, Carswell AFB in Texas. Walt Gunster's address in St. Petersburg is: 7211 5th Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33707. Red Gideon is at Robins AFB, Ga. Dick Abbey is back in the States and living at: 1735 Belle Haven Road, Alexandria, Va. Osborn writes me that Jack Dobson, '39, takes over as Superintendent, Culver Military Academy, on 1 Sept. Zeke Summers gets the LM for his work in Taiwan.

Beth Ann, daughter of Dick Free, marries Navy Ensign Daniel Victor James, Class of 1966 USMA, on 29 April. George Mayo is promoted to BG with date of rank going back to 28 Feb. Bob Williams gets 2d star. Wing Jung goes from CINCPAC to Taiwan DEF Comd. Fred Yeager moves from Berlin to Carlisle Barracks.

Freddie White is retiring. Chuck Hazeltine comes back from Europe to Belvoir. Paul Cullen returns from Vietnam to Sill. Danny Briggs travels from Knox to Fort Sam Houston. Balthis goes back to Vietnam for 3d time from Knox. J.J. Wilderman to be retired.

Sheryl Kathryn Carman is wed to 2d Lt. Urey W. Alexander, a DMG from Vanderbilt U., on 24 June 1967. Howard Penney gets 2d star. Bob Strong, now 2-starred, moves from Westover AFB to Dpty Director for Inspection Services OSD (Administration) in the Pentagon. Jack Kenney to be Asst Commandant of the school at Fort Sill. Dave Parker is Director of Force Planning Analysis, which sounds rather formidable for a guy of Dave's placid nature. Ray Bates goes from Gordon to Hq PACOM SF 96610. Sam Goodwin is the senior advisor to the First Republic of Korea Army. He reports the following near him: Alan Baker, Mike Ahmajan, Stub Oseth, and Orville Robinson. Harry Stella has gone back to Fort Lewis. Thayer has returned to Devens and retirement. Green C.D. goes from CINCPAC to the Presidio of San Francisco.

Rocket Crockett is some place in the Caribbean with a sun-burned bald head and buttoned up in a plastic sloop—the poor man's Chichester. Docked at Steve Morrissey's and met with Otis Ulm who is an instructor of mathematics at St. Petersburg Junior College. Black Steve's address is: 1495 Sea Gull Drive South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33707. Jack Wright takes his 2 stars back to Benning; Larry Klar, my Accutron expert, to USACDC, Belvoir. Ivan Sattem's company sends him to Tokyo for 18 months. He has had dinner with Milt Barnard who is now a Tokyo native. Also communicated with Alan Thayer who plans to retire in 1968 with the possibility of working at North-eastern U. in Boston.

Those of you fortunate enough to attend the ARMY-AF game this fall will find a windfall. Ray Shoemaker, Al Richards, and Skip Fowler are laying on a 1940 get-together after the game. Please advise Skip Fowler at the AF Academy or Ray Shoemaker at Ent AFB if you can attend giving the number in your party. And a happy Benny Havens, O, to you!

Two sad accounts to report. Hank Cunningham passed away on 6 May at Walter Reed. The Couches lost their son, a 3d-year medical student at the U. of Virginia, in an automobile accident.

And so it goes with 1940. I can tell that time is passing. At one time there was the opportunity to report that Ducrot's son had become an Eagle Scout. I never get reports like that any more. Let me have the drabs and the drabs because when it gets put together it weaves quite a tapestry. As I said last year at this time: "Keep Kool with Kahill!"

'41

Col. Burton C. Andrus Jr.
American Embassy
Bern, Switzerland

Dateline: Washington. Like New York City, DC is a grand place to Tdy and a lousy place to PCS. I am on a trip escorting a team of Swiss who are on a military shopping trip. En route I ran into Stan Hays at the Paris air show. The U.S. participation at Le Bourget was generally conceded to be "best yet" and his boss was loud and clear on Stan's contribution. Monday, 5 June, was the beginning of R&R for a lot of guys who helped the U.S. Exposition put the U.A.R.'s

big brother and his buddies a lap or two behind.

While listening to the "Today Show," I heard Frank Blair announce that James Fowler Jr. would graduate from West Point, the first, second-generation Negro to do so. The Class salutes young Jim and his classmates Dick Kline Jr., and Walter Mather Jr. There were no class sons graduated from USNA or USAFA this year.

Arriving at the "holy city of systems analysis," I learned that Potter Campbell was home from the wars and appropriately adorned with a new LM, DFC, and AM-plus-17 attesting to his 700 combat hours leading the 12th Avn Gp. Spent a delightful weekend with Potter and Betty, the gal to beat in the "youngest-looking-granny" contest. They had a lovely dinner party, which included John "it-would-be-hard-to-find-a-guy-who-is-charging-harder" Easton and Julie, and Jack "running-the-JCS-like-he-now-runs-the-Class" Millikin and Lucy. John and Laura Richards couldn't make it because John was down temporarily with a bug. Just missed the annual outing of the Potomac Salami, Potato Salad, and Chowder Club at Cameron Station on 27 May. Report has it that everyone enjoyed John Deane's well executed plans, including the ducks. I left before the 20 June luncheon but learned from Pete Tanous that at least there is one place in Washington where de-escalation has set in. At the class luncheons, the departure of Jack Christensen has bent the BS and overtime curve sharply downward.

The book is on the streets, and we hope you like it. About the only things being delivered on time these days are babies. If your copy did not arrive or had a binding defect, please get in touch with Ralph Freese whose charming and devoted secretary, having already made a major contribution to the product, will follow up on your particular problem. In spite of all the headaches that accompanied the production of the yearbook, there were bright spots—some very bright indeed, like the note from Herb Richardson's older daughter, Mrs. Lewis D. Spradlin: "I want you to know that I consider the tribute to my father moving and magnificent. We 4 children hold our parents' memory very dear, and I feel that we could not have eulogized our father any more beautifully or succinctly ourselves."

From SEA comes a long letter from George McIntyre, MACTHAI Box 240, APO SF 96346. "Next to Saigon, Bangkok has got to be the busiest place in SEA. Peer and Marilyn de Silva and Frankie Seneff help us represent the Class. Recent visitors include: Brad Smith, Johnny Brooks, Hugh Foster, Tuck Brown, Potter Campbell, and Jim Kaiser." Wendy Knowles, in the Office of Civil Operations, U.S. Embassy, Saigon, is "hoping to get Carmen and Mike moved to Manila." Home from Vietnam with all systems still "go" is Jack Norton with the AMC at St. Louis. Ted deSaussure is back, joining the JCS. Taking their places at the parapet are Frank Linnell (Bobbie sweating him out at: 6400 Milford Rd., Fayetteville, N.C. 28303) and Charlie Cannon, Adv Tm 21, MACV, APO SF 96318 (Karma waiting at: 3819 Harry Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio 78209). Cheers, lads, and give them the black eye-patch treatment. Harry Trimble reports from Vietnam, "11 months to go." Tom Corbin returned to Eglin recently from a "quick look around" and reports, "There is a hell of a war going on over there."

As most of you know by now, Bud Harding passed away on 1 May after a long illness. Bud's very promising career (he was



1941: Dick Scott was host to the graduating sons, their families, and the local classmates following graduation. Left to right: Kline, Richard W. Kline Jr., Mather, Keleher, Walter E. Mather Jr., H.M. Brown Jr., Schilling, Samz, Scott, James D. Fowler Jr., Fowler.

the first man in the Class to command a SAC Bomb Wing) was diverted by a devastating automobile accident in 1954. Wray White represented the Class at the memorial service, and he was joined by John Lee and Jack Harris at the funeral. Bud is survived by four children: Edwin F. III, Jonathan, Eleanor, and Ann; and Maj. Gen. and Mrs. E.F. Harding, 302 Park Ave., Franklin, Ohio 45005. Mazie, now Mrs. James Alexander, is at: 1327 Nelson, Liberal, Kans. 67901.

Had a nice, long phone conversation with John Henschke who would be hard to beat as a local booster for Colorado as a retirement home. He suggests that the defense industries are to be given the "glitter-of-gold" scrutiny at resumé time, and that he is homing in on his Ph.D. He reports the '41 strength at a new high with George Pittman, Ben Spiller, Bob Kramer, and Mal Troup. Bob Kramer reports that Bill and Jane Gribble were honored military guests at the Colorado School of Mines military ball, and that John and Dottie Henschke attended.

A bouncy note from Molly Brown reports that Mary Alan graduated from William and Mary and will teach the 6th grade in Alexandria. Young Dunk flew in for a weekend in May having boned up a private pilot's license in spite of the fact that his eyes kept him from doing this for Uncle Sugar. Dunk continues to hold his own in his fearsome battle.

Ted and Caroline Brown announced the marriage of Billie Kay to Mr. James H. Chance II, on 25 Dec 66, in Tullahoma, Tenn. Lyman Faulkner is now in a body cast and "savoring life with family and grandchild (Tara just arrived), relearning Spanish, and a host of other things previously unavailable because of being too busy." John Rossell reports Jane having skied the Alps last winter and the securities business doing well. A note from George Johnson suggests the unappetizing thought of Area Comd Hq moving from Munich this summer. Bob Edger was redeployed to Redstone from Heidelberg, thus helping to make the U.S. Forces in Europe stronger through the cost effectiveness logic of making them smaller in number.

News from press releases tells us that Bill Seawell has been named a senior vice president of American Airlines, in which capacity he will continue to have responsibility for the airline's operations. John Brooks has hung out his new blue 1-star flag as Asst C/S for Plans and Opns with the U.N. Comd in Seoul. Denis Grace is shown receiving the

LM from Gen. Seaman for his job as Engr with II FF Hq. And Butch Berger received his 3d award of the USAF CM for his job as Comdr of the 4505th Msl Tng Wing at Orlando. Denis is in Leghorn with U.S. Army Engr Div Med, APO N.Y. 09019, and Butch wants his mail sent: c/o Russel Hagerty, 727 Wald Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45404. Other PCS's include: Larry Greene to Asst Div Comdr, 3d Inf Div, APO N.Y. 09036; John Locke taking over his new 2-star job as DC/S Tech Tng, Hq ATC, Randolph AFB, Tex. Bill Linton to XVI Corps, Denver.

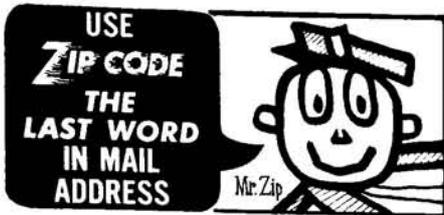
Fox Rhynard writes of the beauties of Oregon, the challenge of an 8,000-man, 21-station command, and his regrets over the forced exodus of so many class stalwarts who could still strike a few blows for God and Country. Biss Moore checked in from his new office. The sign on the door reads: Treasurer, The Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, N.J. Dick Travis wrote from London that things are busy and normal, and that we may have an opportunity to ski together this winter.

Received a very nice letter from Judge Rob R. McNagny indicating that he would like to be included in the Christmas letter. Gen. Hume Peabody, having put out his class 35-year book, commiserates and reports civic activities and farming leave him little time for his literary society—full title: Thanatopsis Literary and Inside Straight Society.

Petey Woodward has moved to an apartment: 7707 Broadway, Apt. 7, San Antonio, Tex. Scott graduated from high school—class president and coach of the girls' powder puff football team. Alicia Salinas reports Yola married into the AF and stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB. We have recently reestablished contact with 3 class widows who were all pleased with the write-up in the yearbook and desirous of participating in the Christmas letter: Laenore Driscoll, 11 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, Pa. 18072; Ruth Howze who reports one daughter married and living in Mobile (no grandchildren) and the other a junior at U. of Alabama; and Elizabeth K. Hardy (Andrews G.L.), 625 Bush St., San Francisco 94108 who reports Link's daughter, now 25, has two children.

Recent class political machinations resulted in Spec Powell replacing Jim Strain as the Army director. Howdy Clark reports the Class voted overwhelmingly in favor of a \$500 contribution to the West Point Douglas MacArthur Memorial.

Biggie Seamans has moved to Pineapplesville on the CINCPAC staff, FPO SF 96610.



Somewhat we let an address fall through a crack. Be it known that recent bridegroom Herb Clendening lives at: 2802 West 66 Terrace, Mission Hills, Kans.

The "stacked arms" ranks continue to grow. June retirees are: Rod O'Connor, planning to pursue his specialty as a South American expert; Jim Strain, to the ivy-covered halls of teaching; George Hicks, Paul Gray, and Ox Tonetti—jobs not yet announced.

Ed Rowny was a recent visitor to a class luncheon, and George Pickett checked in for Korea as Dpty J3, OJCS. Eric deJonckheere reports life in Washington bearable and looks forward to a family reunion this summer with sons Tom, '65, and Terry, '66. Roger Lawson had his pic in the *Journal* recently, having taken over the job of Dir of Procurement & Production at the Defense Industrial Supply Center, Philadelphia. Jim Roy plans his trip to Peru to include a visit to Helen and Swampy Marsh, plus any others they can intercept en route. Felix and Doris Gerace managed a trip to Washington recently to be present at the birth of a grandchild. *Crossed Sabers '67*, the yearbook of Valley Forge Military Academy, shows a familiar face among the math "P"s—Al Dalby.

News from class sons: Capt. and Mrs. John N. Ward, '64, announced the arrival of a second child (first daughter), Elizabeth Ann, 2 May 67, 6-6, at Fort Huachuca. Capt. Jack Richards, '64, is finishing his M.S. and heading for his 2d tour in SEA as CO of a Cbt Engr Co. Patrick O'Connell, '66, is on his way to Korea as an Army pilot. Please correct the record of sons in the Academies to include W.T. McDaniel Jr., USAFA '68. Reporting in with the Class of '71 at USMA is John S. Brown (H.M.).

Others who responded to the last position report on the book include: Charlie Murrah, Bob Panke, Charlie Maynard, Jack Telfair, Betty Shearer (Waite), Wray White, Jerry McCabe, and Lynn Lee asking to be sure his address reads: 2100 Linwood Ave., Apt. 17C, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024. Also, Dick VonSchriltz with a new address: 1320 N. Washington St., Bloomington, Ind. 47401, and Bob Tarbox: 2381 Stralsunder Str., 6000 Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany.

During my visit to LA I spent a delightful weekend with 2 converted Washingtonians, Bill and Ruth Gurnee. They told of a pleasant visit from Jack and Muriel and a plan to reciprocate this summer. They were also expecting a visit from the pilot and co-pilot members of the Class, Wally and Doris Lauterbach, who are buzzing all over the NW in their newly acquired airborne toy, but they had to scrub. Walt Woolwine was a recent visitor and golfing partner. Edee Durr dropped in for a visit from her nearby address of: 6115 St. Clair, N. Hollywood. Stanford Research Institute's Dr. Jack Christensen and Muriel wrote a typically gracious note inviting me to stop and inspect their beautiful home during my Tdy on the West Coast. Unfortunately I couldn't bone up a "need to go." "Everything is going nicely in this beautiful area now that the rains have stopped and the pool is finished. We see the

Carlsons, Mullanes, and Hershenows regularly."

Let's start thinking about the Christmas letter. At the request of several members of the Class we plan to broaden the coverage to include parents, widows, sons, and daughters. Keeping this in mind, please keep us posted on new addresses as well as any "fix" you may have on anyone wishing to participate. Of course, current addresses are the critical item. As Ren Keleher put it, there is no capability at his shop to keep addresses current on other than members of the Association, and even this chore has thus far "sent two of our girls to the laughing academy."

If your travels take you to central Europe, call us for itinerary planning, reservation making, mountain guiding, ski partnering, racletteing, and kirsching.

Beat Navy and, Whoops! Beat Air Force!

'42

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The 25th has, and we did, and "sorry about that" to those who didn't show, because we may not be allowed back for a 30th! But to get right into it while the details are fresh (?), a few of the incorrigibles were on hand early enough Friday afternoon to help ARMY's track team beat the "Navals" and get our Reunion off on the right foot. The Cutlers were kind enough to open Qtrs. 108 for the cocktail party at six. A gracious weatherman helped by enabling the use of the yard and the porch. The selfless efforts to outfox the committee's price for the party were temporarily and raucously—but pleasantly—interrupted by the presentation of the class gift to Lee Cage Jr. For those who have never seen them, the book-ends are downright handsome, and we renew our vote of thanks to Doc Hyde for his selection of several years ago.

On to Washington Hall for the dinner-dance where we found the '42 area well marked with weather balloons from which were suspended triangular signs with '42 on each side. Buses to return us to the Holiday and Diplomat Motels enabled some to let valor outweigh discretion, and a zestful occasion it was. Bobo Clagett tried to spirit a balloon onto the bus but was betrayed by a sharp piece of metal. When the dust cleared he looked like a piece of chicken ready for

southern frying! Horridges and Kesters tried to fit another into a Mustang without success and so contented themselves with enticing passing cadets and drags into breathing the helium and then giggling at the voice changes. Ah, youth!

A somewhat chastened group straggled into the electricity lecture hall at 9:30 Saturday morning for a class meeting. A tape recorder is a must for such sessions in the future. The helpful suggestions and witticisms forthcoming should not be lost to future generations! I think it was voted to have a 30-year book and to undertake a systematic program for building a substantial class gift for the future, hopefully for the 30th. That we made our \$1,942 for the Supe's Fund was thanks to less than half of our numbers. To those whose situation precludes, so be it and *salud, amor y dinero* in the future. To those who have been sitting on their Marine Midland, it's not too late—and you can decide whether to add a penalty for your dereliction!

After the meeting we formed in front of Cullum to march to Colonel Thayer's new location by Trophy Point, and a goodly hike it was in the hot June sun. A sharp struggle arose as to who would push/lean on John Finney's wheelchair; otherwise our appearance was marred only by the occasional bouncing attributed to members of the untrained 3d Bn. The sunshine, the setting, and the choir inspired the same chill that it always has, and the fact that we are not yet aged enough to be able to see the ceremonies helped the morale.

To the Plain for the Alumni Review. Because of the construction going on, the reviewing stand is now in the northeast corner of the Plain, and the barracks, chapel, etc. form such a perfect background that I hope that the change is a permanent one. '42's section of alumni was marked at each end again by 2 weather balloons with signs pendant. Rienzi shielded himself from official wrath by having Scullen, A. and Hanst, K. as tenders, and whatever the officialdom may have thought, grads old and young made it a point to congratulate '42 for their spirit and ingenuity. Sons in the Corps reported that our display also provided them with a conversation piece to lighten the burden of that particular P-rade! The balloons were released when the parade ended, and they soared slowly and majestically aloft taking the fame of '42 to regions unknown. It is not true that their appearance on the radar



1942: Dorothy Robbs accepts AF Commendation Medal awarded to her late husband from Ec Cutler. The Robbs boys are: Charles (next to his mother) and Phillip.

screen at Stewart scrambled a flight of fighters!

An hour and a half in the sun created a dangerous flash point in the atmosphere and a dangerously low alcohol level in our blood streams, which prompted a prompt retreat to the club afterwards rather than a direct assault on the mess hall. No more than 3,000 others had the same idea, but Ted Michel and Tom Rienzi had the foresight to stock up on as many Bloody Marys as they could handle, for which others of us were exceptionally grateful!

The Alumni Luncheon was highlighted by the Supe's speech. When the reunion classes were introduced, we shattered the decorum with a rousing cheer for '42. When General Schuyler called on the special reunion classes like ours to announce donations to the Supe's Fund, he reported that "Durfee" would speak for '42. As of old, poor Duff leaped to his feet and announced that "it is Dew-fee-ay, sir," to our wild applause, which obscured the significance of our \$1,942 contribution!

If I told you that our picnic that evening was held at the West Shore Railroad Station, would you laugh, ignore me, or call the wagon? 'Tis true, and a fine location it proved to be. A buffet dinner was set up in the waiting room, bars and tables outside under the long roof; "hers" and "his" weren't even a problem. An accordion player helped us to establish a drinking rhythm, and boat rides on the Hudson provided a pleasant diversion. Several of the cadet sons made their way down the hill to add a special touch to what was a very fine party. *Malheureusement*, the Holiday Inn crowd was out to make the last night truly one to remember, and despite the hour, gathered en masse around the pool later for appropriate ceremonies.

The brilliant sunshine was far less welcome on Sunday when we met at the cemetery for our memorial service. Dark glasses were almost a must—not to keep the sun out but to keep the red corpuscles in! Having Jim Studer there to lead us in honoring all of those we have lost in the past 25 years, to include our deceased sons and daughters, made for a most meaningful occasion. Selected graves were decorated, and it seemed most appropriate that the pleasures we had enjoyed in celebrating our 25th Reunion should conclude with a tribute to those of our number for whom Taps had already played.

The Flanagans invited all to their quarters across the road for coffee, juice, and rolls. It was a nice chance to unwind, say the final goodbyes, and slowly wend our respective ways. A small P.S. to the festivities was found at the Holiday Inn where Bill Gernert and Joe Hennessee supplied the Bloody Marys for those whose "git up and go" had already went. Those 2 couples were taking a day of rest at the pool before journeying back to Albuquerque in a Volks—a sedan, not a bus!

A special word of thanks is due a few who made the 25th all that we hoped it would be. Ginger and Ec Cutler lead all the rest because, like the bride, they've "done this so many times." A special vote of thanks is due them for the sashes, which proved to be such a distinctive emblem. Even a hard-head like the writer was finally convinced—and now if you'll forgive me, Ginger? ! ? ! Sam and Betty Hays made the picnic their special project, and Charlie Hill apparently gave some large scale help when it was needed most. The Flanagans, too, have run this course before, but their zest continues, and

the fitness of the memorial ceremony was due to Lu's guidance. Tom Rienzi helped to assure Jim Studer's presence—a must—and operated the balloon brigade. Duff, Jack Watson, and Ben Hardaway were the workers at this end. Lastly, our two class "aides"—Major Milton L. Miller and Major Gerald C. Mitchell—worked like Trojans to assure us a successful reunion. If ever you meet them, treat them with TLC and don't tell them you're from '42 until you're sure they can take the shock. Imagine having to worry about replying to the Supe because a member of the Class of '42 got run over by the freight train, which passed by the picnic site at 2048 hours on 3 June!

I almost forgot that in addition to the approved sash emblem, and thanks to Chief Hineckley who wrote a tear-stained letter because they couldn't join us, my letter to the Dodge Boys for some "Good Guys" hats got some real support from that red-headed Salt Lake City dealer. As a result we ended up with 50 "freebie" white hats so we good guys could carry out the contrast with last year's Black '41 black berets.

Also enlivening the picnic—and future times to come—was a tape of songs covering



1942: Lee and Ginger Cage present the class gift to graduating son, Lee Jr., during festivities at the Cutlers' quarters.

our cadet and reunion years, courtesy of announcer Bill Trumbull of local station WMAL, starting off with Ella and Chick Webb doing "A-Tisket, A-Tasket."

If feeble memory serves—and there is no guarantee attached—the following were on hand for at least a part of the fun: John and Alice Atwood, Jack and Mary Barnes, Jim and Sue B'mees, Wyley and Virginia Baxter, Bob and Boots Beers, Lee and Ginger Cage, Bob and Ali Clagett, Jim and Norma Cockrell, Jack and Betty Crowley, Ec and Ginger Cutler, Jeff and Dottie Davis, Pierce and Alice Doyle, Duff and Louise Duffié, Ike and Kay Eisenschmidt, John and Dimi Ely, Bob and Hancel Evans, John and Camelle Finney, Lu and Cathy Flanagan, Bill and Peggy Ford, Garrard and Lydie Foster, Tom and Virginia Furey, Pappy and Julie Garvin, Bill and Mary Gernert, Duke and Jane Grimshaw, Bill and Gloria Hamilton, Ken Hanst, Ben and Chicky Hardaway, Sam and Betty Hays, Joe and Marie Hennessee, Ben and Laverne Hill, Charlie and Beth Hill, Carl and Doris Hinkle, Dick and Claire Horridge, George and Shirley Hozier, Jim and Enid Hyde, Hank and Charlotte Ivey, Roy and Peggy Johnson, Lee and Florence Jones, Jim and Debbie Josendale, Stan and Polly Josephson, Jack and Betty Kennedy, Art and Peryl King, Frank and Lyn Koisch, Sam and Cherie Koster, Bill and Helen Kraft, Phil and Jean Krueger, Dick and Dotty Maffry, Cy Manierre, Marty Martinez, El Roy and Helene Master, Jim

McAdam, Ted and Joan Michel, Dick and Martha Miles, John and Jane Murphy, Hal and Nonnie Ogden, Paul and Fran Omans, Ray and Ila O'Neal, John and Margaret Reid, Dick and Diana Reinbold, Hal and Alice Rice, Tom and Claire Rienzi, Ruby Rubenstein, Rog and Ruth Russell, Joe and Jean Schmidt, Al Scullen, Bill and Elizabeth Seifert, John and Shirley Sheffey, Harv and Sissy Shelton, Bob and Doris Short, John Short, Charles and Betty Shutrump, Don and Lois Simon, Jerry and Mary Snow, Bob and Priscilla Spilman, Lee and Evelyn Stann, Dopey and Jackie Stephens, Jim Studer, Pat Timothy, Marsh Waller, Al Ward, Bill and Fran Warren, Bill and Carol Watkin, Jack and Claire Watson, Andy Weigel, Al and Peggy Wilder, Jim and Martha Wise, Dick and Ann Wise, Jim and Nordie Wood, Phil and Marg Wyman, Bill and Jeanne Zimmerman, Mary Jean Murphy, and Pat Gates. In addition we had adopted local members in the John Robinsons, Don Geers, Ed Dentons, Father McCormick, and Tom Cahills. The give-away at the Alumni Dinner was a low-ball glass with Coach-of-the-Year Tom pictured thereon!

And now back to earth: Pete Beeson retired 30 June; Lee Cage ditto 1 May to work for Bata Shoe Co. and live in Aberdeen with a brand new Legion of Merit. Larry Caruthers won the Silver Star for gallantry in action at Phu Loi, Don Connolly was awarded the Legion of Merit, Crit won the BSM with "V" device. Old Jack Crowley was pictured in 53's column in the last ASSEMBLY presenting a medal. Jeff Davis leaves for USRO/Defense in Brussels (APO 09777), Jack Deane won the Silver Star, Ike Eisenschmidt sneaked into town and now works for AEC. John Ely got even cuter than Pappy Garvin with his \$19.42 contribution by giving \$42 to the cause. Pete Flor Cruz comes to AMC, Ben Hill retired 1 July, Doc Hyde made the *Congressional Record* with his testimony on behalf of the Blinded Veterans Assn, Art Lambert comes home to CONARC, Charlie Mizell comes to DCSPER, Jess Miles goes to Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., for ROTC duty.

Ray Murphy left us for Vietnam with Mary Jean and the kids staying here. Doug Murray retired 1 June, Danny Raymond is here in OSD, George Rehkopf goes to Fort Sill, and Dick Reinbold tears himself away from his first tour in the Pentagon for the NATO Military Committee. Bud Roecker has taken Bill Shedd's place at Fort Ord, and Bill is here in OSD. Joe Schmidt has found that Chrysler moves people, too, and is now in Detroit; John Short retired 1 July, and Fred Standish has also retired. That reminds me to ask all of you who have changed haberdashery to let us know what you'll be doing to whom and where. Buck Tarver has left us for the 40th Arty Bde in San Francisco. Bob Terry goes from Vietnam to a PCS of R&R in USARPAC, Hawaii.

PIO items note that Sue Bartholomees was promptly drafted to serve on the Army Distaff Hall Auxiliary (Fund Raising) Committee. Ginger Cutler has volunteered (?) to serve another year as president of the Army Relief Society. Pat Gates is pictured in her capacity as president welcoming Mrs. H.H.H. to a reception of the Washington Chapter of American Women in Radio and Television. The "Parade of Quarters" at Fort Sill picked the Riedels' maison as one of 6 sets of quarters opened for a tour (having sampled their fine liquor stock and seen their 18-foot combo: color TV, radio, phono, stereo, bar, stove, psychiatric couch, and ironing board, etc., I can see why on that basis alone).

ASSEMBLY

Claire Rienzi was cited for her outstanding service as honorary president of the Fort Monmouth Rosary Society.

Odds and ends, notes, visits: Mark Terrel allows that he should claim Sharon Harrell as a dependent because she pays her rent with the fees the Terrels pay for stabling their mounts at her establishment. Papa Bill was back for a visit and reports all under control. Van Warren wrote in customary satiric tone re: obit information requested. Just wait till you're called on to prepare one and find the material missing, my boy. Then you'll become a believer! Their new home is completed and satisfactory. Daughter Jeanne and Dan Raymond Jr. are happily ensconced at Bragg. Ted Michel sends a grumbling note along with his personal history to the effect that it's a heck of a situation when you have to write your own obit! And if you had seen that juvenile at reunion, you'd have disowned him as being Class of '52 at least!

Marion Ladd, who is at Westtown School in Westtown, Pa. 19395, when she's not at 350 North Fullerton in Upper Montclair, N.J., told Barbara that son Terry is a new Plebe at USAFA, daughter Louise presented her with a granddaughter, and daughter Bonnie wed a lieutenant (j.g.) of the Coast Guard in June.

Saw Dirty Ernie White at McNair in late April. On his way back, on business, of course, he'd seen the Palfreys but missed Bill Platt whose dad had just died. Our sympathy to you and to all members of the family, Bill. At Monroe I had dinner—I think—with Black John Carpenter. Daughter Kathy, a member of the National Honor Society, had just had her radio program voted the best of its kind in Virginia. Son Bob was behaving like most 14-year-olds. Orders to the 13th Spt Bde at Fort Hood have brought a smile to the old Texas visage.

Dixie Howell came by to report himself a happy soldier-grandfather, or vice versa, content with their home and assignment. Ink Gates wrote that he'd relieved Dan Raymond as director of construction at MACV and had indulged in a Backbone soiree on 31 May. He has since been pictured in the press, at an orphanage aided by the Spt Comd, cuddling a small child, female no doubt, and sent another note advising that his spies had reported Pat and me boating on the Hudson, *ensemble*, and that he'd helped General Weyand pin Ray Murphy's stars on.

Bumped into Rock Obenchain, now stationed here, in time to get him to the June luncheon. A note from George Allin, now in our midst, but then dreading the chore of house-hunting in DC where he is in OJCS. Another press item advised that Susan Ivey was to spend a part of the summer in Japan as the "daughter" of a Japanese family under the Experiment in International Living program. That Hank knows every possible way to get one of their brood on someone else's room and board tab! Son Dick entered USMA this summer to join Karl and Glen.

Fred Rosell sent an item from the Albuquerque press about Bill Gernet's nomination, which began: "The man responsible for the safety of the USAF nuclear weapons systems the world over..." And if they'd seen the youthful colonel at Usmay displaying utter disregard for mornings after, minimum ceilings, etc., they'd know what good hands we're in. And I do want a copy of that picture of the finale, Bill! A fine picture in the *Army Times*, showing young Bill Shedd handing old (?) Bill a buck and giving Kitty a buss as he graduated from OCS at Knox. Dottie and Frank Waddell's

son Frank tied the knot recently in St. Louis where he is teaching in high school.

The official poop reported that those sterling airmen, W. Carroll Garland and R. David Reinbold, were to turn in one and draw two stars, and that George Buck was to take command of the AF Missile Development Center at Holloman AFB.

And so it came to pass that the last (almost), Al Scullen, was first upon the scene, and the first (almost), Ec Cutler, was last to survey the carnage, and 90 vertebrae of the "backbone class" continued their tradition of forging forward. The travel represented by each stalwart on hand averaged about 750 miles of straight-line distance. In ground covered, we surely spanned the globe 3 times in order to get together to party and ponder and project. It was a superb event from start to finish, and I close with a request that those who wert home with good pictures of any of the occasions, please send negatives and/or spare copies to me for presentation to the lucky editor of the "Threads of Gray, Third Edition."

A last second addition, pictured herewith, shows Ec presenting to Dorothy Robbs, with sons Charles (Georgia Tech) and Phil (Pomona College) observing, Gene's AF Commendation Medal. Interment was in the '42 section of the West Point Cemetery on 13 June, with Andy Anderson down from Dow AFB for the occasion. A gift from Capt. Bill Golden, Navy '43, in Gene's memory is the starter for our 30-year contribution to the Supe's Fund. Dorothy will be with her mother at: 3408 Laurelhurst Drive, Seattle 98105.

And to conclude, while putting our Sue on board the *Nieuw Amsterdam* for a glorious 11 weeks in Europe, I gazed along the rail at the shipload of lucky ducks and spotted Pierce and Alice Doyle aboard. Daughter Cathy, now working at Columbia U., came up to us later and told us that ma 'n pa were off for 2 glorious months in merrie olde!

JAN
'43

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By way of introduction, I am inclined to agree with my predecessor, Johnny Norris, when he says he established some sort of record for the shortest scribeship on record. The game of musical chairs in the Washington area is unending, and, being caught in one of those chairs labeled "civilian homesteader," I have inherited the Scribe's files from Johnny as well as Bill Knowlton's "hot line" from Vietnam. Bill Knowlton is the hustling director of the Revolutionary Development Spt Directorate, but he still finds time to keep us posted on classmates arriving, departing, or still stationed in Vietnam. The following information is extracted from Bill's letters with datelines from 13 April to 13 June:

Bob Cook is to be the IC for the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. Frank Camm is scheduled to be the chief of plans and operations in the MACV construction agency, and Hal Barber is to be senior advisor to the ARVN 23d Inf Div at Ban Me Thuot. This division is spread around in both highlands and lowlands, but the compound that Hal inherits was once the hunting lodge of Bao Dai and has the only safe tap water in the country. George Maertens will be the senior advisor to the ARVN 18th Inf Div at Xuan Loc, northeast of Saigon.

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.

George has War Zone D on his hands as well as the Route 20 problem—this is the road along which vegetables from Dalat travel to the Saigon market.

Ken Buell returned from the 1-month leave authorized to those who extend in Vietnam to find his command waiting for him—the 3d Bde of the 4th Div. This Bde, one of the largest in Vietnam, is presently at Dau Tieng to the north-northeast of Saigon in a rugged, forested area. In an unusual ceremony, Fly Flanagan pinned a Legion of Merit on Ken for his outstanding work in the Training Directorate with respect to ARVN training camps. Fly is running MACV training and is also Special Asst to Gen. Westmoreland. Stew Meyer was the No. 2 artilleryman at II Force in Bien Hoa but took command of the 9th Inf Divarty on 15 June. Bob Marshall is scheduled to take command of the 937th Engr Combat Gp at Pleiku, while Bill Neale is still spooking about and remains hidden or disguised. Maj. Gen. Rosson, MACV C/S, recently called Bill Wade's latest annual MACV history one of the finest examples of military writing that it has been his privilege to read. Tote Talbott left Vietnam to become C/S for the Taiwan Defense Comd, while Les Harding departed from Thailand for West Point to become the new DCS Logistics on the Superintendent's staff. Charlie Burr is located at Nha Trang where he commands the Signal organization that covers the Vietnamese I and II Corps areas. Bill Talbott is reported en route from Portland, Ore., to take command of the 503d Combat Spt Gp, 1st Logistics Comd.

Bill Knowlton also relayed news from Darrie Richards who commands the 1st Spt Bde in Germany. Darrie reported that his volleyball team wound up playing the 3d Inf Div team for the volleyball championship. The 3d Div team was sponsored by Jim Cobb, who is Division C/S. Darrie's team won. Also mentioned in Darrie's letter were Jake Shultz, who commands a sprawling air defense group with Hq at Kaiserslautern, and Bob Burlin, who has an Engr Combat Gp just up the Rhine. Flip Fenili is the ADC for the maneuvers of the 4th AD in Europe.

Meanwhile, back in the U.S.A., the Service journals reported that DeWitt Armstrong is the new commander of the 2d AD's Spt Comd at Fort Hood, and that Johnny Raaen is the commander of 3 laboratories (Ballistic Research, Human Engineering, and Coating & Chemicals) at Aberdeen Proving Ground—mercy! Jack Wheeler is also reported at Aberdeen with the Test and Evaluation Comd. Black Jack Daye, who is juggling AFB facilities for the DCS Programs and Resources in the Pentagon, reported that Jim Hackler has stepped into his new "star position" as Dpty Director of Information for the AF. Gray Wheelock also put on his stars and became director of the European region in the Office of the Asst SecDef (International Security Affairs).

I called Jim (Powerhouse) Kelleher the other day at Bragg to obtain firsthand confirmation of his rumored retirement plans and, by return mail, received a complete brochure on O.P.M. Enterprises—Jim Kelleher, President. If enthusiasm spells success, then Jim's well on his way. He joined the

ranks of the civilian contingent of our Class on 30 June. Jim also reported that he occasionally sees Art Hurr, a big entrepreneur in Fayetteville. The only other member of Jan '43 in the Bragg area was Jack Wood who just departed to join the Development Directorate of the Army Materiel Comd Hq in DC. José Benson, who has been a honcho with Philco for about 4 years in the Far East, is on his way home from Bangkok for his biennial vacation in the U.S.A. Nance and the boys preceded him and have already joined their two daughters, one of whom (Judy) is attending Sarah Lawrence in the Washington area.

Wes (Redpuss) Curtis left his position as mayor of Long Binh in Vietnam and joined Hq, First Army, at Fort Meade. Britt May, our class president in the Washington area, reports that Ed McGough will join the Washington merry-go-round this summer as Deputy Director of AF Aerospace Programs in Hq, USAF. To balance the scales, Johnny Baer will leave Washington to become the Deputy Commander of the Military Assistance Command in Thailand. I've seen Bill Starnes several times in the Pentagon Athletic Club and learned from his brother-in-law, Swede Lundberg, that he's the Special Asst to the Chief of Engrs for Const.

Last, but not least, here are some bits of information on our populous younger generation. Harold Walker reported that his son Harold was designated as a DMG at Pennsylvania Military College and will obtain a regular commission in "Armor, of course." Among the 119 Army dependents selected as winners of National Merit Scholarships were Frank Camm Jr., and Betty Karrick, both in the Washington area. In all, 2,400 outstanding high school seniors were selected from 14,000 finalists who generally ranked in the upper ½ of 1% of the graduating seniors in their states. Congratulations are in order for Janice Wilbourn, who married 2/Lt Chris Commons on 11 June after his graduation from USMA. Janice, of course, is the No. 2 daughter of the Don Wilbourns. The Bill Hahns traveled to California to attend the graduation of their daughter Barbara from Whitman College. At about the same time, the Swede Lundbergs visited USAFA for the graduation of their son Allen. Swede observed that Bob McDermott seems to be playing a fair amount of golf recently—he shot 2 birdies in 9 holes. Also graduating from USAFA in June was young Bob Muldrow. In this connection, the Washington chapter of our Class has voted to present a memento to every Class Son who graduates from one of the Service Academies. A representative of our Class, who prefers to remain anonymous, is working on the financing and selection of an appropriate memento. The records indicate that there are still 6 Class Sons at USMA and five at USAFA.

In closing, your Scribe wishes to express his appreciation for Bill Knowlton's "hot line" from Vietnam and to solicit similar "hot lines" from Europe, Hawaii, Taiwan, and wherever else a few Jan '43 "ring-knockers" may get together. How about that, Jim Cobb, Flip Fenili, B'weig, Tim Brown, et al? And while you're writing, why not include a snapshot or two to give this column more eye-appeal? News and photo contributions from the very knowledgeable distaff group and the up-and-coming younger generation would be most welcome.

Jack Armstrong, who is serving as the prime mover for our 25-year book, suggested that I remind everyone that he is looking for your 200-word synopsis of events (with a photo or photos) since the 10-year book was

published—at your earliest convenience. If you haven't sent it yet, you've missed the July deadline, but send your synopsis and photos to Jack anyway—the printer may still be setting the type.

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Just had a long letter from Cab Brannon who is taking over command of the 48th Tactical Fighter Wing from Ed Burdett. Ed is on his way to SEA to be Dpty Asst C/S Opns, J3, USMACV. Dick Shaefer has moved from Third AF to be C/S, USAFE. The 3 of them are pictured here at a decoration ceremony at Spangdahlen, Germany.

Rundy Hamblen wrote that Arch is due home this summer (67) and will probably be assigned to the Pentagon. His exact job has not yet been firmed up.

Lorry Thomas has written me from southern California; he said that some of them had a fine party at the officers club at March AFB. Those attending were: Ned and Judy Schramm, Chuck and Marion Dickinson, John Vordermark, Norm Pehrson, and



Jun'43: Shaefer, Brannon, and Burdett at decoration ceremony at Spangdahlen, Germany.

the Thomases. Additionally, Lorry advised me of the people in southern California from our Class who attended Founders Day (March 1967). They were: Frank Ball, Jonas Blank, Bill Brierty, John Butterfield, Mark Cole, Chuck Dickinson, Bill Dudley, Norm Keefer, Wes Maughan, Norm Pehrson, Charles Puckett, Bob Rooker, Ned Schramm, Steve Sherrill, Danny Shea, Lorry Thomas, John Vordermark, Chuck Waller, Jay Wethe, and Dick Wheeler. All of them were accompanied by their wives, and June Dirkes also attended. If anybody should want the current addresses of these people, they can be obtained from Lorry or myself.

Recently Joe Walsh wrote me saying that Vern Turner is being assigned to Washington in the office of the DCS/S&L, Hq USAF (10 Jun 67). Jack Kidder leaves Montgomery for SEA. Rafael Manio Iletto has been promoted to brigadier general in the Philippine Army—our congratulations to a classmate and a staunch ally.

George Thompson has a prosperous wholesale grocery business in Montgomery and entertains the classmates in the Montgomery area frequently.

Bruce Arnold leaves for SEA in July 67 to become Chief, OSD/ARPA R&D Field Unit. I have not heard what Barbara's plans are, but I will keep everyone posted as to their address both here and there.

Bill Brierty moves from California to command the 507th Fighter Wing, Kincheloe AFB, Mich., in August. Tommy Foulk moves

(June 67) from Washington to SAC, Offutt AFB, Omaha, to be Chief of the Plans Division, DCS/Plans. Al Hogan changes jobs here in Washington (Aug 67) from the Air Staff to the J-Staff to be in the Petroleum Branch, J4. Dick Hemsley comes back to Washington to be Chief of the Engineering Gp, DCS/R&D, Hq USAF (10 July 67).

Tim Ireland moved from Travis AFB to take over the 62d Military Airlift Wing at McChord AFB, Wash. (10 Apr 67). Tim was scheduled to move earlier but couldn't get Fran to agree! Louis Nesselbush comes back from Europe (10 Oct 67) to be Chief, Production & Control Div, OOAMA, Hill AFB, Utah. Hank Richard moves from Auburn U. to Hq USAF as Chief, Progression Branch, DCS/P, Hq USAF (10 July 67).

Dale Sweat leaves Cannon AFB for SEA to be Dpty Director of Opns, Seventh AF. Frank Taylor leaves Langley for the Philippine Islands to be Dpty Comdr for Opns, 463d Trp Carrier Wing (10 Dec 67). Keith Whitaker left Bunker Hill AFB to be Comdr, 319th Bomb Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.Dak. (1 May 67).

Dave Galas left DC on 10 Feb 67 to become AF Plant Representative, Northrop Corp., Hawthorne, Calif. Bud Holderness left Kincheloe AFB to become Comdr, 2d Bomb Wing, at Barksdale AFB, La. Tommy McCabe leaves Scott AFB to be Dpty IG, 21st AF, McGuire AFB, N.J. Bill Naylor has been assigned to Washington as Chief, Intelligence Data Handling, Systems Gp (AFNIN), Hq USAF (10 Feb 67). Bob Plett leaves Fort Carson (Jul 67) to work in the office of the C/S USA, Washington, D.C. The Pletts will live in Alexandria at: 7808 Evening Lane, Alex., Va. 22306.

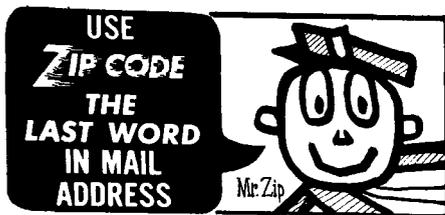
Ben Cassidy's orders have been changed from IG, USAFE, Wiesbaden, Germany, to Dpty Chief, JUSMAT, Ankara, Turkey. He and the family should be in place in Turkey by 8 July 1967. And, Jess Fishback has not reported on the Engrs as yet, but we'll include them in the next issue.

Our Class has had two beautiful weddings here in Washington: Myla Ann Hudson (daughter of Myla Lou and John Bell Hudson) was married to Mr. Edward John Mehren II, at Alexandria, Va.; and Sharon Moore (daughter of Marion and Bill Moore) was married to Gary Byron at Bolling AFB.

The spring party for the Washington area troops was hosted by Tody Hallenbeck and Kathleen Watkins. It was held at Andrews AFB on 13 May. The most important subject that came up during the party was what are we going to do about our 25th Reunion? Bill Malone is honcho-ing this, but I think Jack Morris at the Academy will end up with the marbles; in any case, Jack will probably be the fall guy. While there were only 20 couples attending, everyone seemed to have a great time. Our thanks to the Watkinses and Hallenbecks for hosting it for us.

Here we continue with the last installment of the report on classmates. To give you a recap of the action to date: 365 cards were mailed out; 271 replies were received. That leaves 94 who don't even know what we're talking about—their cards either went astray in the mail, or they failed to return them. If any of you who have not seen your name in print wish to drop me a postcard showing the type of info in the following news items, I'll be happy to include it in future columns:

Charlotte and Roger C. Ball are living at: 2731 Kiva Place, Tucson, Ariz. He's a civilian now and doesn't indicate what he's currently doing. Their children are: Nancy 20 (Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.) Roger Jr., 17, John 13, and Sally 8.



Col. William J. Brake, USAF, writes that he is in the Military Assistance business at the Pentagon (OASD/ISA-ODMA). He and Anne, his wife, and children live at: 4800 Manion St., Annandale, Va. Children: Beverly 20, Bill 18, and Mary K. 16.

Col. O. B. Bucher Jr. wrote from Misawa AB, Japan, where he is Comdr of the 439th Cbt Spt Gp, APO San Francisco 96519. His wife is Nancy; children: Boone 18, and Betsy 13.

Col. Edward B. Burdett is Comdr, 48th Tac Fighter Wing, APO N.Y. 09179. His wife is Anne; children: Nan 21, and Ed Jr., 16.

Nikki and Edward Burr II live at: 9201 Glenbrook Rd., Fairfax, Va. 22030. He is assigned to Weapons System Evaluation Gp, DoD. Children: Shelley 18 (Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, W. Va.), and Chip 13.

Colonel James W. Cain is working in the Office of Comptroller of the Army, Pentagon. He and Elaine, his wife, and children, Lawton 13, Mike 10, and Melinda 8, live at: 8607 Conover Place, Alexandria, Va. 22308.

Colonel Benjamin B. Cassidy Jr., and wife Barbara are located in Bitburg, Germany, where he is Comdr, 36th Fighter Wing, APO N.Y. 09132. Their children are: Ben III 16, Jimmy 14, and Carol 12.

Nancy and R.B. (Rex) Cocroft live at: Rte 1, Box 35, Hamilton, Va. 22068. He is a Bridge Engineer, U.S. Forest Service. Children: Nancy Jean 20 (Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.) Mary Ellen 18 (Vassar College, N.Y.), Anne 16, Betsy 12, Kathryn 10, and Rex (R.B. III) 7.

Col. Heston C. Cole lists his address as: Comdr, OSI-DO 46, APO San Francisco 96525; he doesn't expect to rotate until May 68. Wife is Norma; children: Laurel 19 (B.Y.U., Utah), and Trafford 15.

Col. John W. Collins III, Hq USEUCOM (J3), APO N.Y. 09128, if assigned to the Opns Center. Wife is Virginia; children: Judy 19, student at Judson College, Marion, Ala., and Beverly 17.

Nancy and Col. David B. Conard are in the Canal Zone where he is Director, Inter-American Geodetic Survey, Fort Clayton. Children: David Jr., 18, Candace 16, Elizabeth 13, and Joseph 11.

Gertrude (Trudy) and Paul J. Curtin, Lt. Col. USA (Ret), and their children live at: 2 Paula Court, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. He is Director of Personnel and Administration, N.Y. Military Academy, Cornwall, N.Y. Children: Paul Jr., 16, David 13, Deborah 10, and Carolyn 4½.

Col. Edward W. and Doreen Cutler are enjoying their stay in France. He is Base Commander, 66th Cbt Spt Gp, USAFE, APO N.Y. 09017.

Caroline and John T. deCamp Jr. are living at: Homehearth, 342 Winter St., Weston, Mass. 02193. He is Dpty Director, Museum of Science, Boston, Mass. Children: Michael 22 (senior at Emory U. and father of Jonathan, born 27 Sept 66), Camille 18 (freshman at Harcum, Bryn Mawr, Pa.), Denise 15, David 14, Taylor 12, and Nancy 9.

Col. Robert D. Dwan is CO, 1st Bde, 7th Inf Div, APO San Francisco 96206. His wife Gerda and the children are at: 4834 East

Cecilia St., Tucson, Ariz., while he is OS. Children: Edward 10, Doris 9, Thomas 6, and Elizabeth 3.

Kathy and William D. Falck (Colonel) are living at: 562 North Inwood Drive, Huntington, W. Va., where he is District Engr.

Col. Edward J. Geaney Jr., and wife Dorothy are living at: 408 1st Div Rd., Fort Benning, Ga. 31905, where he is Dpty CO, Student Bde, U.S. Army Inf Ctr. Children: Edward III, 22 (Basic Training at Fort Dix, N.J.), Patricia Ann 18 (Dunbarton College of Holy Cross, Wash, D.C.), Bobby 8, and Janice 4.

Lt. Col. R. C. Grady Jr. is the Defense and Army Attaché, U.S. Embassy, Asuncion. His wife is Barbara; children: Mrs. William Dixon 22, and Mary 18 (Vassar, Class of '70).

La Verne and Eaton A. Gorelangton (Lt. Col., Ret) are living at: 943 Nightingale Drive, Fairfield, Calif. He is a representative of Govt Personnel Mutual Life Ins. Co. Children: Thomas 21, and Timothy 19 (in the Sixth Army Band at the time card was written—due to be in Seventh Army Band, Stuttgart, Germany).

Col. William J. Greenwalt and wife Virginia (Dickie) are in Heidelberg, where he is ACofS G3, Central Army Gp (NATO), Hq CENTAG, APO N.Y. 09099. Children: Patricia Taylor 22 (married to Army Capt.), Thomas 21 (in USMC), Peter 20 (in U.S. Army), John 18 (USMA Class of '70), William 13, Michael 8, Richard 7, and James 5.

Col. "Arch" L. Hamblen Jr. is I Corps Advisor, Danang (as of Oct 66), due to return to the Pentagon in 67. His wife Rundy lives at: 5 Hickory St., Highland Falls, N.Y., while he is OS. Children: Katie 18 (nursing student at Russell Sage College, Troy, N.Y.), Jill 17, Jean 16, Arch III, 12½, Jeff 11, and Stacy 10.

Col. Robert M. Hancock Jr., is Base Comdr, Hahn AB, Germany, 50th Cbt Spt Gp, APO N.Y. 09109. Wife: Jane; children: William 16, and Robert 13.

Lt. Col. Harry L. Heintzelman is Chief, C&E Procurement Div, Hq SMAMA, McClellan AFB, Calif. He and his two children live at: 4316 Engle Rd., Sacramento, Calif. Children: Harry IV, 15, and Erika 13.

The Reverend James F. Keenan writes from: 503 N. Main, Belmont, N.C. 28012, where he is a church pastor.

Col. Arthur J. Lacouture Jr. writes he is attending a Naval warfare course, Naval War College, Newport, R.I. 02840. Lists his permanent mailing address as: 814 Sixth Ave., Leavenworth, Kans. Wife: Jane; children: Arthur III, 16, Richard 15, and Suzanne 12.

Jacqueline and William W. Martin are living at: 18602 Carriage Court, Nassau Bay, Houston, Tex. 77058. He is with TRW. Children: Camille 22 (stewardess with American), Vivian 22 (at Lewis & Clark, Ore.), William Jr., 19 (Texas A&M), and Lyn 13.

Col. Edward F. McCabe is CO of the 11th Engr Gp, APO N.Y. 09081. Wife's name is Helen; children are: Deirdre 20 (U. of Md.), Patricia 18 (U. of Md.), Ann 12, Katharine 10, and Kristen 5.

Richard D. and Marion McCord live at: 8510 W. Howell Rd., Bethesda, Md. He is with Defense Communications Agency. Children: Peggy 19 (Purdue U.), Patty 18, Richard Jr., 16, Kenneth 13, and John 11.

Col. William H. McKenzie III—His wife is Claire; children: Bill 20 (American U.), Hal 18 (Philadelphia College of Art), Adine 17, Anne 15, and Thomas 11.

Col. William C. and Marion Moore live at: 5302 Sanger Ave. (Apt 242), Alexandria, Va. He is assigned DCS/Opns, Hq Comd

at Bolling AFB. Children: Diane 22 (U. of Texas), Sharon 19 (Colorado State U.), Bill Jr., 17, and Bruce 15.

Col. John W. and Geraldine (Gerry) Morris are living at: Qtrs 64, West Point, N.Y., where he is Dpty Commandant, USMA. Children: Susan 19 (U. of Connecticut), and John 16½.

Lt. Col. Roule C. Mozingo is with MAAG, APO N.Y. 09794; due to rotate May 67. Wife, Anna; children: Mary 18 (Loyola of Chicago), Donald 16, Robert 15, George 14, and Louise 8.

Col. Louis K. and Wanda Nesselbush are in Bitburg, Germany, where he is with the 36th TFW (CMR Box #2714, APO N.Y. 09132). Children: Janet 18, James 15, Judy 5, and Joan 3.

Gloria and R.W. Newman are living at: 915 Tewa Loop, Los Alamos, N.Mex. 87544. He is a staff member, U. of Calif., L.A.S.L. Children: Jamie 11, and Danel 9.

Lt. Col. E.O. Olmstead and wife Josephine list their address as: 6146 AF Advisory Gp, APO San Francisco 96231. Children: Jon 21, and Tracey 19.

Col. Hal Parfitt is now Lt. Governor of the Canal Zone; he and Pat, his wife, show their address as: Box 75, Balboa Heights. Children: Karen 9, and Beverly 7.

Lt. Col. Ernest C. Price is Dir of Tng, Hq 22d AF, Travis AFB, Calif. 94535 (Box #5304). Wife's name is Bette; children are: Ernest 12, Christian 11, Helen 9, Hilary 6, and Heather 2½.

Col. James R. Pugh Jr., is Dir of Procurement, F-111, ASD, Wright-Patterson AFB. He and his wife Ida live at: 1051 Wenrick Drive, Xenia, Ohio 45385. Children: Daughter Lee 21 (Fla. State U.), Susan 18 (Fla. State U.), and J.R. III, 16. Lee is due to graduate in December.

Richard H. Reitmann is a staff member, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Los Alamos, N.Mex. Wife's name is Gloria; children: William Henry 3, and Leslie Ann 1.

Col. Edwin M. Rhoads (Rocky) is Dpty Chief, Mobility Branch, Development Div, R&D Directorate, Hq USAMC, Washington, D.C. His wife's name is Irene; two daughters: Lynn 21, and Lorna 19—both are married.

Col. Francis E. (Bud) Rundell is assigned as Dir, Munitions & Equipment, DCS/Systems, Hq AFSC, Andrews AFB. He and Nancy, his wife, live at 1132-1 Columbus Circle, Andrews AFB, D.C. 20331. Children: Susan 17½ (Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va.), and Leslie 15.

Peter J. and Bette Ryan list their address as: 120 Broadway, New York 10005. He is a partner in Strasser, Spiegelberg, Fried, & Frank. Daughter: Mari Alice 22, who graduated from Occidental in June 66, is married to Jonathan Latimer.

Lt. Col. John P. Schatz (Ret) is living at: Mainzer Strasse 24, G2 Wiesbaden, West Germany (or, USAFE Mail Room, Box 5045R, APO N.Y. 09633). Wife's name is Hannelore; children: John P. Jr., 17, Carmen 15, Stephen 14 mos., and Thomas, born 23 Aug 66.

Christine and Leon Sembach (Lt. Col., Ret) live at: 116 Swan Point Rd., Woodbridge, Va. He is employed by Cbt Opns Research Gp, Technical Opns, Inc., Fort Belvoir, Va. Children: Julie Ann 15, and Patricia Ann 12.

BG Dick Shaefer is Vice Comdr, Third AF, South Ruislip, England. His wife's name is Caroline; children: Rick 19 (Duke U.), and Lisa 17.

Col. Daniel F. Shea is Dpty Dir of Engrs for Minuteman. He and Toni, his wife, live

at: 1920 E. Foothill Dr., San Bernardino, Calif. Children: Cynthia 18 (Valley College, San B'd'o), Daniel 16, Lucy 14, Richard 12, Patrick 9, and Barbara 16 mos.

Lowell B. and Jacqueline Smith are in Paoli, Pa., (P.O. Box 20) where he is retired and working as manager of Management Systems, Re-entry Systems Dept, GE. Children: Marshall 21 (graduated from Princeton in June 66), and Michelle 19 (Queens College, Charlotte, N.C.).

Gordon L. Smith, his wife Leta, and son Donald 14, are living at: Rte 1, East Montpelier, Vt., where he is teaching math in Spaulding High School, Barre, Vt.

Col. Kenneth B. Smith is with Hq MAC at: 104-8th St., Scott AFB, Ill. 62225. Children: David B. and Constance F.

BG William W. Snavely is Dir Procurement Policy, OSD, Pentagon. He and his wife Rosewitha live at: 3808 Westgate Drive, Alexandria, Va. Children: Mary 22, Bill Jr., 20, Pat 18, Kathy 17, Joan 16, Charles 15, John 14, Ann 12, Mike 9, and Steve 7. Two of the youngsters are in college: Naval Academy and U. of San Francisco.

Richard C. Snyder, Col., USAF (Ret) is now working for TRW, Inc., in the Office, Director of Legislative Affairs, Washington, D.C. He and wife Francie live at: 1300 Ivanhoe St., Alexandria, Va. 22304. Children: Richard C. Jr., 19 (Emory College, Atlanta, Ga.), Peter 17, Bruce 15, and Stephen 5.

Col. Robert D. Sonsteli is assigned to Hq USAF, AFCEnt, APO N.Y. 09011. His wife's name is Valerie; children: Richard R. 21 (graduated from USMA '66), and Michelle 17.

Camille (Cam) and Burrowes G. Stevens Jr. live at: 28334 Bayberry, Farmington, Mich., where he is a design engineer with Chevrolet. Children: B.G. III ("Bo") 18 (U. of Mich.), and John 14.

Jeptha Charles Tanksley writes that he is in his 10th year as Fulton County Court-house Judge, Fulton Superior Court, Atlanta, Ga. His wife is Frances; children: Jeptha 16, Charles 14, and Thomas 10.

Col. Franklin W. and Ronny Taylor are living at: 1739 Eleventh Ave., Langley AFB, Va. 23365, where he is assigned to Hq 316th Trp Carrier Wg. Children: Frank 22 (with a daughter Angela Yvette born Sept 66), Ronald 18, Charlene 13, and Bill 7.

Lt. Col. Louis B. (Dutch) Umlauf is with S&F, Defense Intelligence School, U.S. Naval Station, Anacostia, D.C. He and Virginia, his wife, are living at: 3712-12th St. S., Arlington, Va. 22204. They have one daughter, Diana Lee, 21 (attending Sophie Newcomb College, Tulane U., New Orleans).

Bill Westbrook is a civilian; wife's name is Doris. Children: Marston T. Jr., 22, William H. 18, and Katherine Ann 11. (No address included on the card.)

Col. Richard V. Wheeler is assigned to: Manned Orbiting Lab (MOL) Program Office, Hq SSD, Los Angeles, Calif. He and Alice, his wife, live at: 23303 Audrey Ave., Torrance, Calif. Children: Tom 14, Susan 12, Tim and Lynn (twins) 6.

Col. Reading Wilkinson Jr., and his wife Ruth live at: 410 Sheridan, Fort Bliss, Tex. 79916, where he is with 2d AD GM GP as CO. Children: James 14, Stephen 17, and Anne 18 (U. of Wash.).

Lt. Col. Franklin Wood is CO, 507 USASA Gp, Baumholder, Germany, APO 09034. His wife's name is Beatrice; children: Elizabeth 10, Franklin 14, and Valerie 18 (Attends American College of Paris, France).

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The 1944 class mural presentation to USMA on 2 June 67 (Alumni Day) was a big success and a very impressive ceremony. Bob Day's opening remarks and Jack Hennessey's presentation to Gen. Bennett were most appropriate. General Eisenhower's comments also added greatly to the occasion. Present were: Jack and Bea Peterson, Knobby and Helen Knoll, Jerry and Mary Capka, Dean Bressler, Bob Hurst, Charlie Johnson, Coots and Hilda Mitchell, Bill and Ginny Bingham, Boodler Richards, Don and Jeanne MacWilliams, Bill and Jean Todd, Fred and Harriet Black, John Eisenhower, Scottie and Ruthie Scott, Jack Howland, Bill and Carolyn Walters, Frank Mahin, Hi Ely, Joe and Betty Losch, Helen Smith (Bob is in SE Asia), Jack Hennessey, Bob and Marge Day.

Many thanks to Bill Bingham who picked up the tab for cocktails at the luncheon following the presentation. The Class owes Bob Day and Scottie (W.S. Scott) a hearty vote of thanks for making this project possible and for carrying it through to such a successful completion. When you are visiting West Point make an effort to stop by the Museum; the D-Day mural is in the World War II room.

West Point news: Bill Todd is retiring soon and moving to the Chicago area; Knobby Knoll is leaving the Dean's office and joining the N.Y. District Engr's Office with station at West Point. Coots Mitchell, Dir of Personnel and Administration, Hq USMA, has another year to go. Jerry Capka, Dir of Athletics, is searching for football players. The Class of '44 now holds or will soon hold several permanent positions: Bob Day, Registrar; Fred Smith, Mechanics Dept; Don MacWilliams, Chemistry Dept; Jack Pollin, Math Dept.



1944: Johnson (left) visits Tarpley (center) and Wear, G3 and G1 II Field Force, respectively, in Vietnam.



1944: Bill Nelson presents the class gift to son Bill Jr. following his graduation with the USNA Class of '67.

C.S. Johnson moves from OCRD to DIA and Language School and thence to Sweden as Army attaché in June 68 for 3 years. Bob Strecker retires on 1 Jul 67 and will move to Denver, Colo. W.C. Harper is moving from the Naval War College to the 5th Div at Fort Carson, Colo. Frenchie Cyr is now with the State Dept as an exchange officer from ODCSOPS, DA. Frenchie is covering the Latin American area.

The latest Air Force promotions to colonel included: Gordy Burrell, P.J. Hamm, and Rog Hempleman. Spike Celtz moved from the Pentagon to Hq EUCOM at Stuttgart.

The class executive committee recently voted to present a sterling silver cocktail-size tray, appropriately engraved, to Class Sons graduating from the Service Academies. The first recipient is Bill Nelson Jr., USNA '67. Keep us informed of prospective recipients well in advance so that arrangements can be made for timely presentations.

More on Bill Nelson Jr.—graduated USNA but commissioned a 2d Lt. in Arty, USA, with first station in Munich, Germany. He will be Tdy en route at Fort Sill and Fort Benning. Brother Jim, a Yearling at USMA, received special consideration for a 48-hour leave to be best man at Bill's wedding.

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Annual Class Meeting

The annual meeting was held in Washington on 19 June, with prexy George Benson at the helm. The free bar was open for an hour prior to the business meeting so you know how smoothly the business was conducted. The list of nominations presented by the committee for the offices that fell open this year was carefully considered by everyone, and, after a very close vote, the following stalwarts "got the business": class VP—Bill Craig; class Secy—Will Rogers; class board of governors—Harry Maynard, Jim (JW) Morris, Jim Munson. The DC chapter held elections simultaneously, and Harry Drake and Barney Broughton were elected treasurer and secretary, respectively. The newly elected board of directors for the class memorial fund includes: Bud Avery, Les Ayers, Ward Dworshak, Bart Kerr, Bill Lilley, Pete Spragins, and Bill Taylor.

Danny Silverman was in town and attended the meeting, as did Jim Williams who is stationed in Hawaii with PACAF. The other members of the Class present showed uncommon courtesy to the visitors by not electing them to office.

A complete mid-year status report on the class memorial fund activities was given by Les Ayers. Based on the original assessment of \$50 per member, the fund is at 22% of its goal. With many members paying \$10 per year, the par for 1967 of \$30 would be a total of \$23,130. At just under \$9,000 in contributions to date, we are at 39% of our planned figure for this year. The number of classmates who are participating is 252 (34% of the living members). Several large contributions have been received—the largest single check being one for \$750 and several of \$100 each. Fifty classmates have met the goal of \$50.

The fund has already provided 3 children of classmates with interest-free loans (repayment starts after graduation). The fund board anticipates that more applications will be coming in as second and third children in our families reach college age. While col-

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 You know where **We** are, but
 We don't always know where **You** are.
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lege aid would appear to be the largest area of interest for aid from the fund, the board wants to make sure that the Class knows that the fund is not limited to college scholarship aid. We may consider applications for assistance to children of classmates for any need whatsoever.

A problem area that was raised in the meeting had to do with discovering which children of deceased classmates might need help. The best way appears to be to have roommates or close friends of the deceased make an effort to advise the widow and children about the provisions of the fund and to help them to apply. We do mail the roster and fund report to as many of the survivors as we have reason to believe would care to receive the information. As a result of this mailing, many parents and widows have sent contributions to the fund. We have never asked, nor do we ever intend to ask anyone for contributions except the living members of the Class.

Another question raised at the meeting was the subject of where and how the aid is furnished. We are just beginning, but it appears that a typical case, without revealing names, would be the following: Miss Doe wants to attend the state university in the fall of 1968. She knows that her finances are going to be snug. She works during the summer. Her father's will left her enough to pay tuition and part of her dorm fees. Her mother can provide a little more. With an interest-free loan of \$500, she could enter college. Her letter to Bill Taylor causes him to send her a simple form developed by Don Rattan. She answers the questions and sends the form back. The scholarship committee presents the case to the fund board with a recommendation for approval. With approval by the board, Ward Dworshak mails a check to her guardian or to the school. A simple promissory note goes to her for her signature, which says that she will plan to repay in small amounts (\$25 per month) after she graduates or otherwise stops going to school. If the need is there, she can apply each year for aid until she completes school.

The majority of our young people prefer to be able to repay. However, if it develops that in 1972 or 1973 Miss Doe is unable to repay, a deferment could be made, or the board could write off the loan as a grant.

Our fund, if it reaches its planned size, and we now believe it will because of the rapidly rising rate of support, will not need any additional contributions. It will become self-supporting based on repayments by those who have been aided, interest on savings account, dividends on stock given as contributions, donations in memory of those who have died, and by bequests from the estates of any of us who write the fund into our wills.

In 10 years our college-bound youth will be at a peak. As we get older and the requirements for scholarship aid diminishes, it is entirely possible that there will be more grants, fewer loans. The board will decide at the time. If a large surplus develops, the board can be directed by the Class to make a substantial award to the Supe's Fund or to the AOC. When the last member of the

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Class dies, if it has not been done before that, the entire fund passes to the Supe and to the AOC.

The example of Miss Doe should not mislead any of the members of the Class who, because of a shortage in the family till, temporary as it may be, will have a child miss out on special schooling or college. Write to Bill Taylor for advice. The names of applicants are kept in confidence.

Army-Navy-Air Force Cotillion

It is 1945's turn to sponsor the ANAF Cotillion this year (commencing in October) in the Washington area, and Hank and Barbara Hughes have kindly "volunteered" to act as our directors. Those living in the Washington area with youngsters who are at least 16 or juniors in high school and would like them to enjoy this series of 6 formal dances, please contact Hank or Barbara at 780-4823.

Notes From All Over

Betty Lou and Bill Zook very proudly announce the birth of Christopher Paul on 13 April. They will have their first son, Bill Jr., graduating from West Point about the time they will be looking around for a good nursery school for Chris!

Jim Gilland has retired and will live at: 1524 Haku Street, Honolulu. Herm Napier has moved; he can now be reached at: 3720 South St., Fort Smith, Ark. What are you up to, Nape?

Jean and John Bennett's daughter, Jill, was married in March to Nicholas Delmore. Both are students at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. All good wishes to the happy couple. Incidentally, John was assigned to the 82d Abn Div this summer.

Colin Carter, who took the 86th Engr Bn to Vietnam, left that unit on 26 April to join the Engr Comd at Bien Hoa. Fran and he enjoyed an R&R together in Hawaii in between assignments. Bud Farris commands the 374th Trp Carrier Wing at APO SF 96235. Roland "Butch" Foley reports that he is departing for sea duty, having checked out the RF-4C. Butch and his family live at: 6302 Summerhill Rd., Camp Springs, Md.

Arch and Barbara Arnold received a last minute, jolting change of orders on graduation day at the AWC. Instead of going to SHAPE as originally planned, Arch goes to Vietnam this summer. Apparently the Armor people in the colonels division of OPO didn't know what to do with Jerry Briscoe, so they sent him to West Point from the AWC.

Steve Day has the 3d Bde, 7th Div in Korea. Marilyn will stay at: 761 Hamilton Court, Carlisle. Frank LaBoon is commanding a newly activated Engr Gp at Fort Riley, while Loch Caffey moved from DCSLOG to the Office of the Under Secy of the Army. Bob Waddington retired effective 1 July as did Phil Dolan, George Daoust, and Ed Eneboe.

Hal Moore is at Harvard for a short "boon-doggle" course further preparing him for "positions of ever-increasing responsibility." George Casey is another classmate who has had the same course.

Dick Hartline went to Belvoir after completing the National War College, and Barney Broughton and Bob Dingeman went from DCSPER to OSD. Bob and Janice Krebs will stay at Carlisle where Bob has been assigned to the S&F. Their son Rob recently became an Eagle Scout, an outstanding honor.

Jim Herbert returned to Vietnam in July for his third tour. This has to be a record, at least for our Class. Ted Halligan has been

elected a VP of Walston and Co. in New York, and Frank Kane has been assigned to the S&F at the Army War College.

Congratulations to Walt Gellini for earning the Silver Star in connection with operations in the "Iron Triangle" in January of this year.

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With this column, I complete almost 3 years as class Scribe; Buster Hayden has agreed to assume the duty effective with the next issue. My sincere thanks go to those of you who have helped make the task a pleasant and interesting one, and I know that the column will prosper under Buster's editorship.

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From time to time I have mentioned classmates in Vietnam as information was fed to me. Because of the short (?) tour of one year and the rapid buildup over the past 2 years, a roster was not easy to put together. However, DeBow Freed has managed to put several together, one dated 1 Dec 66 and one dated 1 Apr 67, based on those known or believed to be in Vietnam. The classmates over there even had December and March class reunions near Saigon. If anyone was missed, Freed sends along his apologies. DeBow is with Comd Sec Hq, USARV.

The following, with current assignment, were listed on both rosters and attended at least one get-together: Gunnar Andersson, Hq HAC; Shep Booth, G3 Sec, IIFFV, has received his 2d Bronze Star for outstanding meritorious service during combat in Vietnam. He also has a Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Purple Heart; Dave Bryant, SJA, 25th Inf Div; Dave Brown, Engr Sec, USARV; Lou Elsaesser, Comd Sec, USARV; Herb Flather, MACSOG; DeBow Freed; Kibbey Horne, G1 Sec, USARV; Tom Huddleston, Det C3, 5th SFG; Ed Joseph, J2, MACV; Charlie McCarty, J5, MACV; Jack Shultz, G3 Sec, IIFFV; Joe Wallace, Sector Advisor (IV CTZ), has been awarded the Cbt Infantryman's Badge and 2 Air Medals to add to his previously awarded Army Commendation Medal and Purple Heart.

The following were listed on both rosters but were unable to attend either of the reunions: Grover Asmus, QM Advisor, Camp Le Van Duet; Truman Boudinot, G5 Sec, IIFFV; Pat Crizer, G2, 4th Inf Div; Charlie Daniel, 2/33d Arty, 1st Inf Div; Jack Gilham, Sector Advisor, Phuoc Tuy; Phil Haisley, FSCC, IIFFV Arty; Bob Lenzner, 1/40 Arty; Lea Parnly, Det C1, 5th SFG; Jack McWhorter, Hq, 94th Spt-Svc Bn, Vung Tau; Dave Peters, 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div; Dick Ruble, Hq 5th SFG; Charlie Simmons, 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div; W.C. Simpson, 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div; Roy Thurman, Divarty, 25th Inf Div; George Webb, 3/4 Cav, 25th Inf Div; Jack Whitener, Sector Advisor, An Giang.

The following were listed on the 1 Dec 66 roster but not on the 1 Apr roster: Kyle Bowie, G3 Sec, IIFFV; Phil Brady, G4 Sec, USARV, attended the first get-together; Gene Deatrick, USAF, Pleiku; Milt Hamilton, Comd Sec, USARV, attended the get-together; Joe Park, J1, MACV; Bob Sandoval, S3 Sec, IIFFV Arty, attended the

reunion: C.M. Simpson III, Hq, 5th SFG; Sam Walker, 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div.

The following were listed only on the 1 Apr 67 roster: Art Bugh, J2, MACV; Bill Culpepper, OICC, USN; Vince Gannon, J1, MACV; Bill Schug, SJA, 4th Inf Div. All but Schug attended the class reunion.

At Tan Son Nhut AB, Twill Newell recently received 3 Air Medals for 68 combat missions. Newell is now a full colonel and director of requirements for Hq, Seventh AF. The 3 new Air Medals bring his total to 12.

Dick Kellogg was awarded the AF Commendation Medal at Danang AB for meritorious service as project officer of the 316th Trp Carrier Wing and as CO of the 36th Trp Carrier Sqdn at Langley AFB, Va. Dick is commander of a division at Danang with the Pacific Air Forces.

The next item had its beginnings last January when Tacho Somoza was elected president of Nicaragua and culminated in his inauguration on 1 May 1967. Early in April, I received an urgent request to respond to a telephone call from Frank Kelly ('63), personal secretary to Tacho in Nicaragua. Although the transmission, by way of Miami, was difficult to understand completely, the important message got through to me. "Members of the Class are invited to the inauguration; start making the arrangements." There were frustrations, and the death of Tacho's brother during the period of preparation cast some doubts on the program, but during the week preceding the event everything began to jell.

I contacted a number of classmates who, I felt, could transmit the message, chain style, as rapidly as possible. The group in Washington was alerted first by Dick Gruenther and then by Spider Reed. Reed really pulled it together. I received regrets from Warren Hearnes, Governor of Missouri and Ed Saunders at West Point. Incidentally, Ed mentioned that Jack Whitener and Charlie Simpson are due to report to West Point this summer, while Cal Benedict is going to the War College.

I was unable to go so Bill Seeber sent me a blow by blow description of the festivities and also a copy of the speech Spider Reed made when he presented an engraved West Point saber to Tacho on behalf of the Class. A *New York Times* article recalled that Tacho's brother, father, great-uncle, and great grandfather have all been presidents of Nicaragua.

A total of 28 members represented the Class at the inauguration. J.J. Byrne and his wife flew down ahead, and Steve Pagano and wife were official U.S. representatives from Honduras. The 26 who were picked up at Miami by Tacho's new BAC 111: Andy Atkinson, Dave Baker, Jack Becker, Dick Bresnahan, Clair Book, Ben Boyd, Pete Bowers, Tom Campbell, Frank Caruso, Ed Drinkwater, Max Feibelman, Cucho Felices, Jesse Fields, Al Futrell, Art Jank, Max Minor, George Patton, Bill Pat Pendergrass, Al Perwich, Spider Reed, Miller Robinson, Herb Schulke, Bill Seeber, Bob Stewart, Max Ulrich, and Earl VanSickle.

They were met at the Managua airport by Hope Somoza and by the hosts and hostesses in whose homes they stayed. They had just been wined and dined on the airliner, but Tacho had a luncheon for them at the officers club. After a very short siesta, they began the round of cocktail parties and receptions that continued throughout the two days that most of them were there. Ulrich, Stewart, VanSickle, Pagano, Caruso, Byrne, and Drinkwater remained for a 3d day of partying at Lake Nicaragua.

The following formally scheduled events were included: Sunday—Cocktails at the new Somoza suburban home on the outskirts of Managua followed by a reception at the country club given by the foreign minister. Monday—The inauguration at the stadium in the morning; cocktails at the Presidential Palace in the afternoon; and the inaugural reception at the National Palace down town in the evening. Tuesday—A picnic (banquet) on a small island paradise on Gran Lago (Lake Nicaragua) at noon and a reception in honor of Ambassador and Mrs. Spruille Braden in the evening.

Sandwiched between formal events were 3 separate occasions when Tacho "escaped" to be alone with his classmates. One occasion was the luncheon the day of their arrival. On the afternoon of the inauguration Tacho asked them to meet with him at the Presidential Palace where they had a delightful bull session with the new president. In fact, it lasted so long that the commandant of the military academy cooled his heels along with the corps of cadets for about an hour waiting for them to come to a review in their honor.



1946: Bob Kren receives the Army Commendation Medal (OLC) from Maj. Gen. Bennett for service as USMA Information Officer. Kren, who retired in July, will be associate director of public relations at the University of Missouri.

The class contingent took the review, and the commandant gave a very warm welcoming address to Tacho's classmates.

The 3d informal get-together was the occasion of the presentation of the engraved saber from the entire Class (through the assistance of Ed Saunders). This ceremony was held in a lounge at the National Palace during the inaugural reception. Although attended only by classmates and Hope, the presentation was broadcast for the public. Spider Reed made the presentation address in English, and Cucho Felices repeated it in Spanish. Tacho broadcast an extemporaneous acceptance speech in English and Spanish that couldn't have been better if he'd prepared and rehearsed it for days. He and Hope were obviously delighted with the gift.

Somoza repeatedly made capital of the fact that 28 of his West Point classmates traveled to Nicaragua to be present for his inauguration. They were welcomed in the introduction to his inaugural address and again in the saber ceremony. Obviously their being there meant a great deal to him, and he expressed regret that he had not been able to arrange for more of them to make the trip. He had all the stops pulled out for them from the time his plane picked them up at Miami on Sunday at noon until it returned them to Miami on Tuesday at noon. He even furnished each of them with a transistor radio at the inauguration so they could listen to a simultaneous English translation

of his inaugural address. They had special seats at the ceremony—front row center.

The introduction to Tacho's inaugural address included this statement: "As a graduate of the Military Academy of the United States of America, I warmly welcome my classmates who, in demonstration of their friendship to the people of Nicaragua, are present today at the inauguration of the third graduate of West Point to be elected to the presidency of his nation. They, as myself, have been inspired by, and live by, the motto of our Alma Mater: Duty, Honor, Country."

All left Nicaragua convinced of Tacho's sincerity and integrity. He has outlined a bold program leading toward true democracy and toward better education, economic stability, and improved living conditions for his people. He is a leader in the movement for economic integration and industrial development of Latin America to include improved international trade and other multi-nation actions in Latin America. On behalf of the entire Class, they wished the new President of Nicaragua success and Divine protection.

The roster of those who made the trip included data on each. Thirteen are still on active duty with the rank of Lt. Col. Three are colonels (Atkinson, Felices, and Reed) in the AF. Fields and Futrell are retired. Pete Bowers is in the lumber business in Frederick, Md., and is a major in the Reserve. J.J. Byrne is a lawyer in Washington, D.C. Tom Campbell is with Southern Iron and Equipment Co. Ed Drinkwater is with GE, and Max Feibelman is with Litton Industries.

The long, hard winter in Vermont proved just a bit too much for George "Bud" Devens. As of 26 June he left Norwich U. to join the faculty of the College of Engrg at V.P.I. in Blacksburg, Va. 24060. His address: 210 Country Club Drive.

Rich and Dorothy Lamp are now at Shaw AFB, S.C. He is an operations staff officer with the Tactical Air Comd. They were previously at Koblenz, Germany. Rich holds an M.S. degree earned from U.S.C., Los Angeles. Elmo Cunningham received the Joint Service Commendation Medal at his retirement ceremony at Ent AFB, Colo. Although an Army Lt. Col., Elmo earned the medal for his meritorious service as an operations planner with Hq, North American Air Defense Comd, Ent.

What happened to Sam Title is a little like having your cake and eating it too! Sam is in the insurance business in Hartford, Conn., but maintained his reserve status. He has now retired from the reserve as a colonel. Only 19 years till pension! His last tour of duty was at CONARC in the operations center. He also graduated from Leavenworth in 1964 the hard way—5 years elapsed time. Of the West Pointers Sam sees, all are from '45: Tom McNeil, Bill Glynn, and Palmer McGee.

Title tells an interesting story about his parents who are retired and in their late 60's. Last February they traveled to the Far East, visiting Korea, Okinawa, Formosa, and the Philippines. They were able, with some maneuvering, to tour the front lines in Korea, including Sam's last station there when he was S3, 8th F.A., 25th Div. They also visited the battlefields in the Philippines including Bataan. As Sam says—somewhat different from a vacation in Florida!

Marie Parnly, awaiting Lea's return this summer, is also helping her daughter with wedding plans, which, though not yet firm, may take place at West Point. Marie also included a tuition brochure from the U. of Missouri, which may prove helpful to some

of you with college coming up for your children. At Missouri U., tuition is free to a non-resident student who is the minor child or the spouse of an officer or enlisted man or woman on active duty in one of the regular branches of the Armed Services stationed in Missouri or outside the U.S.A.

Since you will be reading this in late summer, I hope you enjoyed the warm days, and, as we look to fall, let's cheer for the Black, Gold, and Gray. May they have another successful season!

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Well, here I am at another of those "night-before-the-deadline" sessions, doing just what I always tell the kids not to do—i.e., wait until the last minute to do something. I guess the first order of business is to report on our 20th Reunion, which came off beautifully. Many bravos are due the hard-working committee headed by Bill Reckmeyer. It was obvious that a great deal of planning had been done, for things went smoothly despite the difficulties inherent in trying to assemble an undisciplined mob. The mob was composed of something over 140 classmates and wives, most of whom arrived on Friday and left on Sunday, with a few diehards staying over till Monday. This rather good turnout could have been better, and would have, if the Washington crowd had shown in greater numbers. To those who missed it, I can only say, "Sorry about that!"

Getting into some of the specifics, the festivities opened Friday night with a cocktail party before the Alumni Dinner-Dance and Reception. As a matter of fact, there was some real doubt about whether all the '47's at the cocktail party were going to make it over to the mess hall for the dance, but somehow they did. Then, having arrived, they stayed long enough to practically help the waiters close up after most of the others had gone home. Still, bright and early (about 0930) the next morning most of the troops made it to the class tree for a brief memorial ceremony honoring the deceased members of the Class—now 28 in number. Then came the march to Thayer Monument followed by the review of the Corps, with the usual old grad remarks about how we did it when.

Those of us who could still stand the sun-light (and we had some really great weather) watched ARMY lose to Navy in baseball, followed at a decent interval by a class dinner party at Moscato's in Highland Falls. It was at this shindig that Tom Hayes showed once again that as a gear salesman he is a great master of ceremonies. He guided the group through a series of awards to outstanding classmates: a live chicken to Roger Bate as the first to don eagles, a hot water bottle for Wally Griffith as one of the few remaining (and apparently determined) bachelors, a large comb to Lou Rachmeler for the most reflective head, hair dye (shoe polish) to darken McAdoo's silvery thatch, and a live-wire award to Hank and Judy Paul for having the youngest child—9 months old! The Reckmeyers (who else) won the "most" award. Incidentally, Tom was among those who saw to it that Roger Bate became properly attached to his chicken—by depositing it in the Bates' room at the motel. At this writing I do not know the cackler's fate.

It was at the motel (near Newburgh) that much of the later merriment took place. George Dell has a set of what may prove to

be priceless pictures of the goings-on; perhaps it's a good thing that George is a judge and has scruples. (He does have scruples, doesn't he?) However, although Hap Beuhler was trying to promote some moonlight swimming contests (I think he was acting as George Levenback's manager), I must report that no one took the plunge. Speaking of Levenback and recalling his somewhat flip attitudes toward cadet life, who would have guessed that his license plate would read: USMA-47? P

Sunday morning the numb as well as the healthy rose to a brunchy affair at the motel, and even though not everyone was up to downing sausage, bacon, and eggs, it was nice to count noses and insure that all could be accounted for prior to closing the festivities. A few of us stayed on to play a little golf on Sunday afternoon. In that regard I can truthfully say that the old "Goat Hills" course is still claiming as many errant golf balls as ever. I lost 3 brand new ones, including one that I hit just one time. Dirty fadderap!

All in all, I can say that the planned functions kept us all moving, with just enough time in between to change clothes or sleep (a little). As evidence thereof, I submit that the first time I saw my son was late Sunday afternoon—some 48 hours after arriving. Speaking of son Tuck, he is now a full-fledged Second Classman, looking forward to a trip this summer to Fort Knox on AOT. He has traveled a fairly rocky road thus far, but having made it halfway, who knows? He may even graduate! We are hopeful that he will soon be joined by other Class Sons, but so far the only others are at AF (Eberle) and Navy (Kain).

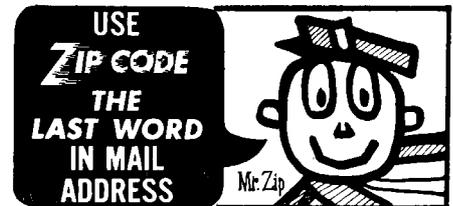
One last note related to the reunion, and then we shall move on. Muriel Webb passed the word that while we were engaged in reunion activities at West Point, another of our class bachelors bit the dust. One Bill West took the plunge and on 3 June (something familiar about that date?) married Betsy Harrison at some unspecified location in Minnesota. Congratulations, Bill and Betsy. I know I speak for all when I wish you many happy years together and hope that we will have the opportunity soon of meeting the bride.

It is time now to turn to more somber thoughts. We were all saddened by the death of Bill Cronin, killed in action in Vietnam. All of us who were fortunate enough to have served with Bill knew him as an outstanding officer, a man of quiet dignity, and a cherished friend. He shall be missed. Nancy and the children plan to take up residence in Alexandria, and she has taken steps to honor Bill's memory with a memorial fund in his name at Fairmont College, Fairmont, W.Va.

And just two short months after Bill Cronin's untimely death, cancer claimed the life of Art Becker. Art, as many of you know, had long struggled against this disease, never yielding to its ravages and never surrendering his good spirits. His quiet courage shining forth from the shadows cast by the cross he bore stands as an example to all of us. I find myself asking, could I have been as strong were I confronted by what Art faced these many years? Our hearts go out in sympathy to June and the family.

Of Bill and Art it can truly be said, "Well done, be thou at peace."

Turning to retirements, Doug Weaver used the reunion as a sounding board to announce his retirement effective 1 June, and Julie Ickler will turn in his suit later this month. Ike has a job lined up in California, while Doug will remain in New York.



While I don't have a great deal of information on who is moving where this summer, I'll report those I know about. Al Haig and Bernie Gardner are both headed for USMA, Al to be a regimental commander and Bernie on the staff. Bob McCord has checked into Washington from Vietnam; he will be working out of the colonels' branch in OPO. All you soon-to-be full bulls take note! The annual shuffle is getting under way here in Washington with the new war college grads both coming and going, not to mention the new students coming in. We should have more news on those moves in the next issue.

Finally, the AF reports that Joe Johnston has been popping rockets into orbit at a great rate, with his latest exploit involving the 100th consecutive launching of a TFOR booster. This one carried the Canary Bird communications satellite. Way to go, Joel And Jack Tully, the old left-hander who regaled many with his tales (not all fictional) of the days when he pitched in other than the Little Leagues, has been appointed general manager of Industrial Boiler Opns at Combustion Engrg in Windsor, Conn. Gosh, Jack, what section mechanics were you in?

Before closing, I guess no Reunion Issue would be complete without at least one anecdote. How about the '47er who was collared by a member of the Class of '17 and advised that the 20th wasn't really so much. After all, we had 30 more to go before we were in the same league as '17! I wonder how many we'll turn out for the 50th?

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All have, I am sure, learned of the tragic death of our great and good classmate, Joe Kiernan, in Vietnam 2 weeks before he was to come home. He and his successor, Rod Smith, USMA '53, were in a helicopter when it hit a power line, according to Al Haig, USMA '47. As a tribute to Joe, the Fort Myer chapel was filled to overflowing. Maj. Gen. DePugh and Brig. Gen. Hollingsworth, CG and Dpty CG of the 1st Inf Div while Joe was commanding the 1st Engrs, headed up a large honor guard of 1st Div men, which included Sid Berry and Sergeant Major of the Army Woodriddle. Marianne and sons Joe III, and Tom live at: 3931 N. 30th, Arlington, Va. 22207. Memorial gifts may be made to the 1st Inf Div Scholarship Fund, Society of the 1st Inf Div, 5 Montgomery Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19118. Among the mourners were some 60 classmates (or represented by their wives) including Tom Tyree and Willard Scott from Carlisle and Jack Waggener from Fort Bragg. From Al Haig I learned that Joe was absolutely fearless in combat. Witness that he won, in 11 months, the Silver Star, Bronze Star for valor, Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit, Air Medal with 5 clusters, the Vietnamese Distinguished Service Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with gold star.

Through the news services I received word of Buck Borg's promotion to Class 2 Foreign

Service Officer. Needless to say, Sara and children Jim and Marion are very proud. To top this, Buck has been nominated for the War College at McNair this year. Heartiest congratulations!

The Long Gray Line moves on, and I am most pleased and proud to tell you that July 1967 saw 2 sons of '48 enter the Service Academies. Rick Whitfield entered West Point. Jerrie and Bob report that Rick entered from the 4th District of Ga., where they now live. Jerrie's cousin Walt Meitzen shares the family joy, I'm sure. Then Bill Dougherty brings equally welcome news that his son Dan entered the AF Academy this summer. I know that all wish the 2 young men every success and look forward to their graduation with as much enthusiasm as do the parents.

Ed Nelson completed the associate course at Leavenworth on 12 May. Mary stayed at Fort Knox during the 18-week course.

Kathy, Walt, Karen, and Robbie Meitzen are now at Benning, 603 Baltzell Ave., 31905. Walt returned from Vietnam where he commanded the 1st Bn, 327th Inf, 101st Div. Walt was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star for valor, Legion of Merit, and 5 Air Medals, 3 for valor.

The Whitfields and Tom Adkins and his wife (Tom is an architect in Atlanta) met Gen. Maxwell Taylor last fall and gave him greetings from his "carrot class." Bob also reports that Odell Williamson became Chief Engr at Georgia Tech last fall.

Jake Pompan, our perennial author, had an article entitled "Development of Procurement Policy" in the April *Defense Industry Bulletin*. He is now with the Defense Contract Administration Services, Defense Supply Agency. Congratulations to Bob Pater and Evan Rosencrans who were on the last AF colonel's list.

Jack Doody has returned to OCRD after completing the ICAF. Jess Kelsey is out at the Plans and Ops Directorate, DCSI, Hq NORAD, Ent AFB, Colo. 80912. Jane and Bud Wagoner live at: 424 W. Hamilton, Fort Sil, Okla. 73503. Bud has the 3/38th (SERGEANT) and reports that Whitey Emerson is due in to take over the 3/32d (Hq). The Wagoners live next door to the CofS and 2 doors from the CG, which means Jane has to mow the lawn every other day. Whitey is still a bachelor, according to Bud.

Frank Robinson, 'way out in Phoenix, Ariz. 85021, at: 8135 N. 17th Drive, sends his regards to all. Lyle Walter is due for an overseas tour about now, but didn't know where when he wrote in June. John Bellinger, home from a year as sector advisor in Kien Giang Province, RVN, headed right to Germany where he commands the 1st Bn, 37th Armor, 4th AD, in Ansbach. Fred Tibbets is off to RVN, while Joyce and family go to Steamboat Springs, Colo. 80477. Fred finished Carlisle in June.

Joan and Bill Bandeen were expecting number three o/a 15 June (my birthday) but as of today, 12 June, no report. Stan Thevenet has been ordered to DCSLOG, West Point. He says his beautiful daughters look forward to the tour, and his son, now 12, intends to set up a lemonade stand on Flirty. Stan saw Jack Doody's brother, a Maryknoll priest, in El Paso several times before he left there. Blaine Butler is still at USAFA, Rte. 1, Box 247.

Al Alfonso was, at the time of writing, at: 6-200 H St., Apt. A, APO Seattle, 98742. Bob Ward wrote as C3, Hq 25th Inf Div, APO SF 96225. Tom Ware was commanding the 1st Bde temporarily while his new CO got oriented; Wally Williams was CO of 4/23

Mech. Bob spends most of his time at Cu Chi, RVN.

Pat Burrows wrote to say that Bill would be home about 7 July. He was destined for this area. Bruce Buechler has moved down to Big Spring, Tex. 79720, 2810 Ann Drive. Bill Caldwell is presently with the 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div, APO SF 96345. He's due back here in Jan 68.

Sid Berry and Ann have been sent to New York where Sid is the Army Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations. That organization is a prestigious private group, active and influential in educating citizens and influencing the U.S. government in foreign affairs. Gen. Johnson, Army Chief of Staff, initiated the program of sending one Army officer annually, and he makes the selection. The Berrys will reside at Fort Totten. Congratulations, Sid.

Jack and Tomi Miller are back together again after Jack's hardship tour, and now they're off to Kassel, Germany. Their new address: Hq, 2d Bn, 18th Arty, APO N.Y. 09171. Joe Seymoe has transferred to RVN from the Naval War College. He is a sector advisor there. Bunny and the children have gone to stay with her mother in Tallahassee, Fla. Jack Brennan is still at Sandia Base, and Chuck Shook is in Birmingham, Mich. Tom Bowen is with Hq, MACV, APO SF 96222.

Charlie Wurster reports that he started the "retrain ancient aviator" routine in July. Keep 'em flying, Charlie. Tom Hoffman has been assigned as Director, OMI, at West Point.

Jim Dingeman has arrived for the War College course from Germany. No home address as yet, but he may be reached through the Student Detachment. Arnold Braswell has been assigned as Director of Plans, Seventh AF, Tan Son Nhut AB outside Saigon. Address: Hq, Seventh AF, Box 11017, APO SF 96307.

Carl Schmidt has moved to 220 Margate Rd., Lutherville, Md. 21093. Bill Buckner wrote a very informative and somewhat disconcerting letter about our lack of specificity on a quorum in the by-laws. We will make amends. Thanks, Bill.

Ken Webber has joined the group here. He is with OPO, and they live at: 3030 North Stuart St., Arlington, Va. 22207. Jack Capps spent the summer teaching at the U. of Mass. in Amherst. Nice busman's holiday! Bill Patch and Helene have moved closer to things and now live at: 2950 Garfield Terrace, NW., Washington, D.C. 20008.

John Wadsworth and Babs have a new address: Hq, 3d Bde, 24th Inf Div, APO N.Y. 09029. They saw Jim and Chris McCray and Jim and Ann Hooker in Wurzburg in the spring. Norm and Carolyn Lovejoy have moved north to Nellingen, Germany. Congratulations, John, on your new command.

Mary Virginia Doty tells me that Monk is due back from Vietnam and the 9th Div in December. She remains in Alexandria. C.C. Elebash has departed for SEA. Jim Muehlenweg wrote from Mather AFB, Calif., to say that he found announcements from previous meetings tucked away, which he hadn't done anything about. You're not the only one, Jim. I'm just as bad. He is Ops Officer of a squadron of pilots flying T-29 Convoirs for navigator training. He reports more field grade than company grade officers there and extends a welcome to all passing that way.

Bill Madden is still our barrister in Denver. Joe Huey is at Tan Son Nhut, RVN, but expects to return to CONUS in Dec 67. Norm Robinson is still in his villa in Italy, while Russ Ball is situated in Paoli, Pa.

Bill and Donna Cook were due to come east to visit the Halls this summer. They live in Santa Ana, Calif. Tom Tyree headed for RVN after Carlisle. Joan and the boys headed back to: 9124 Patton Blvd., Alexandria, Va. 22309. Al Kerth, our bank president, may be reached care of the Chesterfield Bank, Chesterfield, Mo. 63017. Sam Hurt, out in LBJ country, sent in a reply from Midland, Tex., P.O. Box 670.

Joe Aron lives in McLean, Va. 22101, at 7530 Ambergate Pl. He authored a most erudite piece on data systems published by IBM. He'll have to explain parts of it to me, however. Gerry and Margey Medsger are still on the Hudson at USMA. Fred Chanatry has gone east to the 7233 AMG, Box 591, APO N.Y. 09130. Lee Doyle reports that Johnsie expects No. 4 about this time. Ah, youth! They are at the Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

Harwell and Louise Smith won't make the tour this year for his active duty. He's taking it in Oak Ridge. Too bad, but we'll have to plan to visit them in their handsome town soon.

Allan Johnston wrote about their daughter Alena. She is in the new Dean Martin movie "The Ambushers" as Miss Alaska. He believes she will also be in "Funny Girl" as a Zeigfield girl if she returns from London in time. Eighteen-year-old sons of the Class, please note. The Johnstons live on the 3d fairway at Indian Wells CC, 43135 Delaware, Palm Desert, Calif. 92260, and have plenty of free golf balls and highballs, but no LSD or pot. Congratulations and best of luck to Alena.

Roger Conover writes to say that Bobby is working toward her Master's in education and was teaching high school last spring. Their daughter Lynn is enrolled at Smith, following Bobby's footsteps, for this fall. Rog was transferred to Holmdel, N.J., where he is assistant to the vice president of systems engineering, A.T.&T. Rog is president of the Board of Education in Basking Ridge, N.J., where they live.

Jim Walk, Hq, USEUCOM, J3, JSWD, APO N.Y. 09128, doesn't expect to return to CONUS until Dec 68. Bob Pater is off to SEA. George Hartnell sees many passing through Hawaii, where he lives at 431 Funston (Remember Camp Funston at Riley, Army classmates?) Road, Schofield Barracks, APO SF 96557.

Gene Forrester has joined the JCS after the War College. Sam Holliday stayed with the S&F at Carlisle. Chuck Sunder has been sent to the 159th Trans Bn, APO SF 96238. Jack Chitty moved west to the Far East. Grim Locke has become one of those whiz kids in Systems Analysis in OSD. Lou Schalk was promoted to head of the group for NORTRONICS here in Washington. Congratulations, Lou. Al Whitley moved from Korea through CONUS right to Greece.

Although it seems incongruous, Happy Thanksgiving and get your shopping done early!

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As the newly appointed coordinator of this column, the first item of business is to thank Bill Bounds for the fine job he did in keeping us posted during the past year. Bill has been assigned as SGS on the Superintendent's staff replacing Jack Madison who was off to Vietnam in mid-June to take command of an infantry battalion in the 4th

Div. Arden will practice her skiing in Colorado Springs while Jack is gone.

Other news from West Point has J.J. and Sally Coghlan departing this summer along with Jack and Le Thomas and Pat and Jane Donohoe. J.J. goes to command an artillery battalion with the 1st Air Cav, and we defy him to hit Anthony's Nose from there! Sally will spend the year in Albany. Jack is to command an infantry battalion with the 196th Bde—after the past few years of teaching military history, Jack should have the whole thing figured out and end the war in a flurry of double envelopments; Le will sit out the action in Albuquerque. Pat departs for Munich to command the 3d Engr Bn, 24th Div.

Also leaving the area will be Alice Nulsen who camped out in Cornwall while Bob completed his 2d tour in Vietnam as a battalion commander with the 196th Bde. Bob is being reassigned to DCSPER, Pentagon, in the summer. Still remaining at USMA are the Luebberts, Kembles, and Bob Andreen. Joining us from Vietnam is Tiger Howell who will be assigned to the Tac Dept.

For those of you who, like me, get a little green every time we hear how well our civilian classmates are doing, we can get even greener. For those planning vacations in Florida, we learn that Bill Carroll has purchased the Key Wester, one of the largest and most luxurious motels in Key West. Bill will continue to live in Cincinnati where he is a real estate investor. Talked with Alec Mackenzie, the Director of Programs for the President's Assn of the American Management Assn in N.Y.C. Alec had seen Charlie Cheever who was visiting the city; Charlie continues as a bank president in San Antonio, as does Bill Earthman in Nashville. Jim Willson, who is accredited by the NYSE, has recently been appointed an account executive with the Dean Witter and Co. brokerage firm in San Francisco. Before moving to this job, Jim was the owner-manager of a beverage company in SF. Hugh Kinney has left Litton Systems to be manager of GE's Federal Systems Operation with an office in Bethesda, Md.

Anyone caught speeding in Harrisburg should drop in on Alex Sarcione and get his ticket fixed; Alex is Asst Attorney General of Pennsylvania. The Rev. Ben Benitez is still rector at the Grace Episcopal Church in Ocala, Fla.; we ask him to join us in praying for a pay raise. Dr. Bill Mundt invites any '49ers out near Monticello, Ill., to stop by for a diagnosis and an AMA-approved appendectomy whether it is needed or not. Soon to join the civilian community will be Mike and Avis McNamee; Mike retires at the end of Aug 67 after 20 years of service. Good luck, Mike.

Word on those going to, returning from, and vacationing in, Vietnam: Jack Bender, who got a nice spread in *Time* magazine several months back, is a battalion commander with the 4th Div. Jack Scholtz and Phil McMullen at the time of this writing were taking retreat training in RF-4C's prior to going to SEA. Jack Magnotti is on the mend at Walter Reed overcoming a case of hepatitis contracted during his 10 months in VN; Jack is assigned to DA. Bill Lowrey will return this summer from his duties as a Signal battalion commander. Clint Norman, who has been Dpty for Special Ops with the 5th S/F Gp, also rotates to the ZI this summer. Gerry Schulz, Dpty Engr I FFV, comes back this summer, too. Clyde Bell, who has been leading a 9th Div Inf Bn in the Delta, should rotate in the late summer—early fall. I understand Phil Feir, now at

DCSPER, won a Silver Star while serving as a battalion commander with the 1st Air Cav. Congratulations! Frank Barnes leaves his family in Alexandria, Va., as he starts his VN tour. Jack Gillette leaves for VN this summer to fly RF-101's upon completing his M.B.A. work in R&D management at the U. of Chicago. Eep Ford is on the way to Thailand for an unspecified assignment. And finally from VN, Dick Tobin, XO with the 15th Spt Bde, reports that the excess of field grade officers has become so great that he is asked to travel everywhere by jeep on open roads without an armed escort; company graders, following the same routes, move as part of an armored column.

Stateside, congratulations are in order to Bill Lambert upon receiving the AF Commendation Medal for duty as assistant professor, Math Dept, USAFA; Jeanne and Bill are now at Bolling AFB where he is a computer mathematician with the Hq Comd. Jack Cox has taken over command of the 307 Engr Bn, 82d Abn Div, at Fort Bragg. Charlie Adams, back from the Big Red ONE, is "snowbirding" at Carlisle. Joe Kingston is at the Inf Center, Fort Benning, after completing the National War College. Dean McCarron writes from Belvoir that he and Virginia finally got quarters on the post. Dean is in the Plans Directorate of CDC, busy working on the Army of 1985-90. He reports that Lou Abele is in the Evaluation Directorate of CDC; Dean also chanced on Tom Oberst in the Pentagon who was happy to be leaving the premises for a battalion in Germany. J.Q. Arnette is on orders from Ord to STRICOM. Gene Marder is all smiles, as is Margaret, about actually going on leave from his duties in the Office of the Comptroller. Forget that leave, Gene, and fight for the pay raise!

That about wraps it up for this time except for Bob Kemble's remarks about the class response to his letter (Lou Messinger gave Bob a "D" in spelling—and Bob an Associate Professor in English!). One last note and a plea—drop a note and pictures before the next issue. Do it now so we can report on you in the next ASSEMBLY. Someone from the Washington, Carlisle, and Vietnam areas, please take it upon yourself to forward a full report on all '49ers thereabouts so we can update everyone. Bob's notes follow.

Recently we mailed out the first of our annual packets that (1) reminds each member of the Class of his yearly dues, and (2) encloses an Address-o-graphed listing of '49ers, along with a request for your collective help in up-dating it. The response so far has been encouraging. I heard almost immediately from better than 25% of our mailing list, and I would estimate that about 98%% had enthusiastic comments as well as contributions and address corrections. The response has continued steadily but now more slowly—partly, no doubt, because the letters have had to find their way to 2d or 3d addresses. My plea is that you do not "file" these lest they be forgotten. Please respond! And if you disagree with anything we are doing, let us know.

I wish we had the time and help to answer you individually, acknowledging your contributions and suggestions, but we don't, and the additional postage would just be a drain on the fund we are trying to build. For your general information, we are operating a dual accounting system. One is a running ledger of inputs which will be reviewed annually against our total assets for the year. The other is a separate card file

showing your latest known address as well as your individual contributions by year. I might add that as of mid-June Jack Albert, Doc Dougherty, Ed Marks, John Chandler, Jack Wogan, and Jack McDonald have made lifetime payments. These are especially helpful because the fund benefits from the increased interest over the years.

In addition to maintaining these records, we are extracting your recommendations and maintain a working file on them. Special committees for the 20th Reunion will get cranking this summer, and one of them will concern itself specifically with refining these and other recommendations for discussion and possible approval at the 20th Reunion.

Thanks are due to Bob Nulsen and his group of a year or so ago who laid the groundwork for this general effort, to the many of you who have responded to it, and to a local committee of Bob Black, Bill Luebbert, J.J. Coghlan, and to my long-suffering wife for helping to get this project underway. If any of you have not received our letter, please write me at the address at the head of the column or at 43 Wilson Road, USMA.

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June is here, and yet when you read this, summer will be about over. Many of us will be settled in new jobs; our wives will have the curtains hung in new quarters; the lawn won't need mowing quite as often, etc. So, when you're looking for something to do with all that spare time, remember your ASSEMBLY Scribe who doesn't know where you are and think of the postman who needs your letters if he's to keep his job.

Bill Tuttle is here in Korea with an HONEST JOHN Bn, the 1/12th Arty with the 2d Div; Janie and the children have returned to their house in Alexandria, Va., to wait out the year. I had a good visit with Bonnie and Dick Drury when I went to Japan on a trip back in February; it was good to see some home life again. Milo Rowell, aide to Gen. Unger, was here in June when the general came back to see the 7th Div, which he used to command. Al Paulger is with Milo on Okinawa.

Congratulations are in order for lots of people. First of all, Dick Leavitt was our one '50er on the outstanding list for promotion to colonel on the AF's most recent list. Good show, Dick. Jack Hendry was awarded the LM, the BSM, and the ACM in a ceremony at Long Binh, VN, in February. Jack is the organization division chief in the Ops and Tng Sec Hq, IIFF. Jim Barnes received the LM in March at the Pentagon, for work during his tour with Directorate of Management, Office of the Comptroller of the Army; Jim is now at Sill. Dick Hoffman was presented with the AM for combat aerial support of ground operations in VN from Aug 65 to Aug 66; Dick is an instructor at Leavenworth. Lou Dixon, at Cam Ranh Bay, received the ACM; Lou has the 73d Sig Bn there but should be home soon. J. Clark Duncan is at McChord AFB, Wash., a member of the 62d Military Airlift Wing, which has been awarded the coveted USAF Outstanding Unit Award. Bill Ward, who is VP of Grosset and Dunlap Publishing Co., N.Y., was cited by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for his current activities in support of U.S. troops in VN. To quote part of the citation: "... for his continuous efforts in promoting Americanism, not only on the field of battle, but by his tremendous effort to perpetuate



1950: At the Carlisle Founders Day dinner.

our way of life, via the speaker's and debating rostrum..." We need more like you, Bill!

Had a great letter from Vance Brown from Caracas, Venezuela, where the Class of '50 has the largest representation in the newly founded WP Society there. In addition to the Browns, the Dave Monihans and Bob Shaffers are there. Vance is advisor for counter-insurgency (internal defense); the family arrived in 1966 after Vance finished 2 years of training in the FAST program in Costa Rica. He says the family speaks Spanish well and has acclimated itself to Venezuelan life very quickly. Dave is the advisor to the National Guard Academy. The Venezuelan NG, unlike ours, is not a reserve organization but an active armed force; it produces all of its officers from its own military academy. Dave, Bev, and the children arrived in June 67. Bob went to Venezuela in 1965 after finishing FAST training in Columbia; he is advisor to the Venezuelan Military Academy and the War College. Nancy keeps busy teaching chemistry and math in a local private high school. The Shaffers have four boys and two girls, the last one born in Caracas.

Jeanie Steele and the children have joined Sid at Carson where he has a Bn; Sid saw Cloyce Mangas there in May when Cloyce visited Carson with a DA Inspection team. Sam and Tillie Smithers will join the Steeles this summer, having completed their year at Carlisle Barracks.

Jean Eek sent on news from Hood where Laurie will be leaving the G3 job of the 1st AD in July; they hope to get in a quick trip to Missouri for a few days, and then Laurie will take over the 2/13th Armor. Other classmates there: Sam Stapleton has the 4/3d Arty; Paul Roach has the 1/52d Inf; John Howard has the 2/50th Inf; Bob Hughes has the 63d Engr Bn; Jack Saalberg, not yet at Hood, is slated for the G3 job; and Burke Lee will also be going there from Carlisle Barracks.

Betty Jane Veley is a chauffeur-extraordinaire these days, but then you wives know all about that. Kelly does a lot of traveling. Do you think he does it to avoid some of the driving, Betty Jane?

Florence Underwood wrote in May that Herb left Rock Island Arsenal on a 2-week trip to Forts Lewis, Irwin, Hood, and Sill. He was to be home a week and then go to Brazil for 10 days. To quote Florence: "Who says you should join the Navy and see the world? The Weapons Comd will get you there faster!" At Lewis, Herb saw Ding and

Johanna Price as well as Bob and Carolyn Hughes. Ding and Bob both have Engr Bns, and this was just before Bob moved his to Hood, as mentioned above in the letter from Jean Eek. At Hood, Herb talked to John Howard on the phone and had a visit with Sam and Ruth Stapleton. From there he went to Sill where he talked to Jim Barnes who has the 4th Gun Bn, 8th Arty there. Herb goes to VN in August, and Florence and the children will wait out the year in Lake Wales, Fla.

A number of people will be going to Germany this summer. Russ Glenn goes to Stuttgart where he'll be with USEUCOM (J5); he and Pris have recently become "mothers"—their golden retriever Bonnie gave birth to 10 pups in May. My old roommate, John Jones, is getting a Bn with the 3d AD. Bill Knapp will have an HONEST JOHN Bn with the 3d Inf Div; just before the packers came, Elfreda separated 2 fighting cats, and she ended up in the hospital for the better part of a week; that's the hard way to get out of a move! Dunc Joy will be with the Engr Gp at Hanau. Dick Leavitt will be DCO of a Fighter Wing in Bitburg. Already in Germany, Bob Kubby took over the 9th Engr Bn in Aschaffenburg in June.

Reg and Sally Lombard dropped by to see Robin when they were in the DC area in June; Reg has been at Fort Monroe as Gen. Freeman's aide but, in July, will go to Bragg to take over a Bn in the 82d Abn. Understand Sandy Sanderson will be joining him there. G.G. Thomas beat them all, for he, Shirley, and the children moved there from DC in April.

Assignments from the War Colleges: Eddie Boyle is going to Pakistan where he'll be with the Air War College. Bennie Davis goes to Clark AFB in the Philippines. John Wickham will have a Bn in VN. Jim Tormey will be in the Chief of Engr's office in the Dept of Civil Works. Ed Crockett stays in the DC area where he'll be with JCS. Charlie Gabriel is assigned to SHAPE. Bill Aman will be an Opns staff officer with Hq, Seventh AF, in Saigon; Woodie and the children will remain in Maryland. Ed West will be with OCRD in the Pentagon. John Jones goes to Germany, as mentioned above. Dick Wyrrough goes to the 1st Inf Div in VN after he finishes up the GW program, goes to Benning, etc.—about September. Three from Carlisle go to DC: Gus Dielens to OCLL, Jim Lee to OCDSOPS, and Paul McDaniel to OCofSA. Burke Lee and Jack Saalberg go to Hood, and Sam Smithers is off to Carson as noted above. Al Griebing

goes to Belvoir. Vietnam will soon see Chuck Graham (Alice to Abilene, Tex.), Mark Hanna (Barbara will remain in Carlisle), Dave Hughes (Pat returns to their house in Annandale), Phi Hutcheson (Mitch will go to their place in Maine), Paul Mueller (Anne to Auburn, Ala.), Bill Clement (Ann will go to Haines City, Fla.). If I've left any one out, I didn't get the poop. Sorry about that!

Those in Vietnam (since the last ASSEMBLY) or soon going: Bert Aton, Herb Underwood (Na Trang—XO of 51st Supply Maint Gp), Ron Snoke (from Hood), Jim Skove (MACV), Tom Austin (after language school at Bliss, then to Bragg—will be a sector advisor), Paul Ingram (Bien Hoa AB), Dan Rogers (Na Trang AB), Joe Love (1st Cav).

Jeanne Lee sent the picture of our classmates at Carlisle at the Founders Day dinner. Seated, left to right: Smithers, Graham, Clement, Burke Lee, Clyde Spence. Standing, left to right: McDaniel, Saalberg, Griebing, Dielens, Jim Lee, Hanna.

New to DC, returning, or soon to arrive (That ought to cover anyone!): Jake Allen, Frank Baish, Pete Farrell, Paul Gorman, Jim Howell, Dick Hunt, Zeke Jones, Carm Milia, Sandy Oliver.

Odds and ends from all over: Ev True and his family will see the Boyles at Clark AFB. Mauro and Robin Maresca join the Holcombs, Adamses (Walt), and Crittenbergers in Bangkok this summer. C.C. Martin has an Arty Bn at Bliss. Mike DeArmond is going to ICAF with Mather and Tate. The Leavitts saw Bob and Gloria McBride in DC in June; Bob is VP in charge of operations for Granite City Steel in St. Louis. Jack Maxwell, Chuck Butler, and John Goldsmith finished the associate course at Leavenworth in May. Kilbert and Lucile Lockwood leave DC for West Point this summer. Volney Warner has been deferred from the NWC until next year; he'll be Asst to the Special Asst to the President for Pacification.

I forgot to tell you in the last issue about the Trayeres' ninth child, eighth boy. Edward Thomas was born on 24 Jan 1967. The Sampsons had their fourth child, third girl, on 25 May, and they've named her Patricia Brand.

That wraps it up for now. By the time this arrives, I'll be back in the DC area where I'm assigned to the office of the Asst SecDef (Systems Analysis). You can use the same address shown at the beginning of the article, and if you would try to write by 1 Sept, 1 Dec, 1 March, and 1 June, it would be a big help. But, if you feel inspired to write when those dates are a long way off, don't worry about it—just write!

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Rocky and Joyce Milburn invite all to visit them and their six children in Oberammergau with sleds and skis. Rocky is with NATO, Wpns Systems Dept (SHAPE), at the school following a tour at Fort Riley where he was CO of a 105 How Bn. Eric Antila is in Rensburg, Germany, and is going to RVN in late summer. John and Eda Moroney added a boy to even things up at three boys and three girls. Tom James is CO of the 24th Engr Bn, 4th AD. He and Darlene are living in Furth near Nuremberg. Bill and Mitzi Thomas just left West Point to go to Furth where Bill will be an Arty Bn CO. George Bicher is reported at USSTRICOM, MacDill AFB. Bill Vandenberg is CO of the



1951: Gerry Dingman receiving the Vietnamese government's decoration for gallantry.

78th Engr Bn in Karlsruhe. And Fred Irving had an Engr Bn in Germany and is on his way to Vietnam this summer. Harry Lombard left West Point and now commands the 92d Engr Bn in RVN. Bob Yerks and Frank Sheriff are also on the way to Vietnam. Bob goes to be XO of the 1st Bde of the 101st Abn Div. Frank will be CO of the 121st Sig Bn with the Big Red ONE.

Ed Partain is on his 2d tour in Vietnam commanding the 2d Bn, 503d Abn Inf, 173d Abn Bde. Fran is at: 1575 Uluhao St., Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii 96734 and writes she would be happy to assist wives moving to Hawaii. The Charneys and the Tagues are also in Hawaii. Ed Markham returns from a year with the 1st Cav in RVN this June. Lynn McCrum is with the 159th Engr Gp in Vietnam. Bill and Alice Stockdale and Chuck and Jacky Canham join us here at West Point this summer.

Verle Johnston and Hal Shultz both earned Outstanding Unit Awards at Maxwell AFB. Gerry Hendricks has been decorated with the USAF Commendation Medal at Edwards AFB. Fred Henney is Tdy at Mildenhall RAF Station, England. Jim Boatner received a BSM for heroism in Vietnam. Larry Eppley and Bill Edler have also received BSM's for meritorious service in combat operations against the Viet Cong. Charley Knapp has completed C&GSC; Lew Buffington has been to school studying space operations at Maxwell AFB. Peter Matthews is product manager, manual machines, at Cincinnati Lathe and Tool Co.

Gerry Dingman has been decorated with the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Bill Richardson found himself manning an M-60 machine gun; he was Bn CO on a helicopter mission observing his troop operations when the gunner was wounded. After giving aid to the gunner, Bill took over the gun and found the target.

So long till the next issue.

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SIR! There are only minutes until assembly for the gigantic 15th Reunion. The festivities begin on 27 Oct. Don't be AWOL!

The local clan got together at Round Pond in May to bid farewell to 7 departing classmates. Paul Child has gone to C&GSC, John Aker to Germany, Craig Alderman, Wayne Elliott, and Don Pafford to Vietnam, Bill Reilly to Fort Campbell, and Jack Foley to Thailand. Before leaving, Paul was awarded the ACM for meritorious service with the English Dept, and Don was awarded the same decoration for meritorious service with the Comptroller. The Class is

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especially indebted to Jack Foley for serving as chairman of the executive committee and to Bill Reilly for serving as treasurer during their tours here. As indicated in the last issue of ASSEMBLY, Jack has surrendered his chair to Charlie Sell. Bill's successor has not yet been elected, but his lucky heir will inherit a class fund that currently contains \$1,261.56. At this writing we are still looking forward to the arrival of the following classmates, each of whom begins a tour of duty at USMA this summer: Tom Collier, Carter Lehman, Ivan Mechtly, and John Pelton.

The locals also banded together during June Week for an enjoyable cruise up the Hudson under the expert guidance of Admiral Joseph Santilli. George Dietz, visiting Jeff Knight at the time, came along for the ride. George, who lives in Bowie, Md., is enjoying his work with the AEC and hopes to make it back for the reunion. Frank Boyer and Bill Raiford also breezed through West Point during June Week and promised to return in October. Frank, a vice president of the National Co. in Malden, Mass., has bought a home and settled in Danvers, Mass.



1952: Ace Burkhard is congratulated by Maj. Gen. Sverdrup after completing a skydiving demonstration on the Plain at USMA.

Bill's visit was particularly auspicious inasmuch as the USMA Band, during its June Week concert, presented the first public performance of "The Sesquicentennial March," written in honor of our 15th Reunion and dedicated to the Class of 1952 by Bill Raiford. Since that time the march has also been played by the U.S. Marine Band during a concert at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. It will also be played during the cadet review on the Plain on 28 Oct as part of our gala Reunion festivities. Bill's versatility is demonstrated by the fact that he has recently published a study of USMA graduates who have been members of the Society of the Cincinnati. Entitled "West Point and the Society of the Cincinnati," the pamphlet reflects that both Bill and Joe Clement represent '52 in the ancient military society.

Other recent visitors to USMA were: Jim Ivers, Leo Lennon, Jack Hettinger, Bob McGarry, and Drake Wilson. Jim dropped in from Ent AFB, Colo., to give a lecture on air defense. Leo came up from Fort Devens to represent the New England area at a business meeting of the Assn of the U.S. Army; he expects to join the troops in Vietnam in September. Jack dashed through on his way from Fort Leavenworth to his new assignment in the Pentagon. Bob and Drake came up from Washington for the funeral



1952: Bill Gordon is awarded the Air Medal in Vietnam.

of Rod Smith (USMA Class of 1953)—Drake is now the aide to Gen. Haines at DA. Both Bob and Drake plan to be here for the reunion.

Dottie Cole writes from Leavenworth that the Class there gathered at the home of Wes Jones for a memorable party that featured charcoal-broiled steaks and the guitar playing of Gary Parks and Ed McClung. Among those conspicuously absent, however, were Tom Cole and Wes Jones. Tom is commanding the 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav, 4th Inf Div, and is due home from Vietnam in September, whereupon, he and Dottie will join the mob in Washington, D.C., in time to make the October pilgrimage to USMA. Wes was with the 1st Cav Div; he was scheduled to return in June, after which he and Jean expected to head for Heidelberg, Germany. Those who did attend the party have all moved on to greener pastures. The guest list and new assignments follow: George Barkley (Hq, 5th Army), George Bartel (Germany), Ray Bergeson (Germany), John Bethea (USAREUR), Mike Boos (Syracuse U.), Jack Burkheimer (U. of Alabama), John Cannon (Thailand), Keith Comstock (Wash., D.C.), Harry Dutchyshyn (DCSOPS), Ralph Girdner (USMACV), Ted Gregory (U.N., Korea), Carl Guess (Fort Polk), Bob Hand (Vietnam), Doc Hansard (Wash.,



1952: Bob Hand receives the Joint Service Commendation Medal at Fort Leavenworth.



1952: Frank Pimental receives the AF Commendation Medal at Norfolk, Va.

D.C.), Bob Haras (9th Inf Div, Vietnam), Lew Henderson (Fort Rucker), John Hermann (Tulane U.), Win Holt (Wash., D.C.), Homer Kiefer (1st Inf Div, Vietnam), Bud Lichtenwalter (Vietnam), Ed McClung (Fort Leavenworth), Jim McDonnell (Wash., D.C.), Gary Parks (Izmir, Turkey), Bill Snyder (USARV), Norb Szymczyk (USMACV), and John Tipton (USARV). Bob Hand recently received the Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement while assigned to MAAG in Iran.

Chalk up another memorable first for '52! On 12 May, Ace Burkhard became the first man to parachute onto the Plain at West Point. The unusual plane-to-Plain movement was accomplished during a sky-diving demonstration put on by Ace's Golden Knights in connection with USMA's annual Invitational Sky Diving Meet. Ace is scheduled to leave his assignment as CO, U.S. Army Parachute Team, in August for C&GSC. Under his expert leadership the team recently set 64 new world records in precision parachuting at Zephyrhills, Fla. You can catch up with some of Ace's recent accomplishments by reading the articles on the Golden Knights in the March issue of *Army Digest* and in the April issue of *Sky Diver* magazine.

Bob Carlone reports from AFSC that his studies there sometimes do interfere with an active social and athletic life. Prior to becoming a student, Bob received the ACM for meritorious service as AF LNo at USMA.

He is now headed for Danang where he expects to fly a C-123 with the 301st Commando Sqdn. While at Norfolk he had a wonderful get-together with Tom and Claire Ellis, Frank and Pat Pimentel, Nib and Mid Niblack, Art and Kim Deverill, Paul and Ann Malone, and Al Thieme. Tom Ellis has orders to USACDC, Fort Belvoir. Frank Pimentel and Emmett Niblack recently received AF Commendation Medals for meritorious service. Frank was a Minuteman program officer at Andrews AFB, Md., and Nib was chief of the requirements analysis section at Patrick AFB, Fla. Al Thieme was also decorated recently. Al was awarded the LM for exceptionally meritorious service with the 101st Abn Div in Vietnam.

Bill Gordon has received the AM at Nha Trang AB, Vietnam. Bill Shields has been awarded a Ph.D. in aeronautics and astronautics from Stanford U. Dr. Shields recently completed the combat crew training course in the F-4 at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., and expected to be assigned to the 12th Tac Fighter Wing in Vietnam this past June. Bill reports that Charlie Luther is also taking a training course at Davis-Monthan.

Stan Kuick, who was very impressive while explaining one of his battalion's combat operations on a recent nationwide television news program, has been CO of the 1st Bn, 28th Inf, 1st Inf Div, since February. Stan writes that, although Bob Holmes, Jake Quinn, Harvey Perritt, and Wally Hastings have left the division to return to the States, Terry Allen (S3, 2d Bn, 28th Inf) and Milt Sullivan (XO, 2d Bn, 16th Inf) still represent '52 in the Big Red ONE. Stan also reports having seen Burnie Knight working diligently as the S3 of the 11th Avn Bn. Stan is hoping for a stateside assignment somewhere near the East Coast this summer so he will be able to join the reunion in October. The sympathies of the entire Class are extended to Wally Hastings whose return to the States was saddened by the death of his father (USMA Class of 1924). The Class also extends its sympathy to Jeff Knight whose mother passed away in May.

Herb Hollander was air evacuated home from Vietnam in May after seriously injuring his leg in an accident. Fortunately, the leg has responded well to treatment by West Point doctors, and Herb expects to move to Washington for his next assignment in August. He and Adrian will return to USMA for the reunion.



1952: General Bennett bids farewell to the Carlones after awarding the Army Commendation Medal to Bob.

Ivan King and Kent Knutson have completed their ROTC assignments and have received orders for KMAC. Whit Brown has also completed his ROTC assignment; his new job is in R&D in Germany and will see him traveling throughout much of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Bert Stubblebine and Al Bracy expect to go to Vietnam in the fall. Tom Dowler has been assigned to Fort Belvoir from Vietnam. Jim Cain writes from Vietnam that he and June will make the reunion.

The outdoor Heptagonal track meet was held at West Point this past spring and featured the awarding of a trophy commemorating Ed White to the winner of the 440-yard intermediate hurdles. The award will be made each year, and thus Ed's name will always be fittingly associated with the track event at which he excelled as a cadet. Also, the Class of 1967 devoted 2 pages of their HOWITZER to an impressive memorial tribute to Ed whom they remember for taking the time to tell them of his space adventures shortly after his historic walk in space.

In case you haven't heard, big things are being planned at USMA from 27 to 29 Oct 1967. Hope to see you all here. There's always room for one more, and this may well be your last opportunity to attend a 15th-year college reunion. Don't miss it!

'53

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With sadness I must inform the Class of the death of 2 of our classmates in Vietnam. Charles J. Tighe died when the vehicle he was riding in ran over a mine. This happened several miles east of Saigon on 23 April. He was an Asst sector advisor. The funeral was held in the National Cemetery in San Bruno, Calif., on 28 April. Pat and the children will be living in Palo Alto, Calif., for several months at: 890 Forrest Ave. Graham Vernon mentions that Pat would like to see any classmates who might be in the area.

Rodney H. Smith died on 3 June 1967 in a helicopter accident. He was taking command of the 1st Engr Bn in Vietnam. The funeral was held at the West Point cemetery on 9 June. Among those at West Point for the services were: Spike Flertzhelm, Bill Burdeshaw, Jerry Goetz, Rich Leonard, Bob Glasgow, Max Noah, Larry Davis, and those of us stationed here.

We of the Class are saddened by the news of these untimely deaths. We extend our sympathy to Pat and Pauli and to their



1952: Guest of honor Lasher at farewell dinner in his honor at Gov. Tyler Hotel, Radford, Va. Lasher received the Legion of Merit for service with DCSLOG Data Processing Center. Left to right: Maj. Gen. E.C.R. Lasher (Ret) who presented the award to his son; Lasher, Mrs. D.R. Lasher, Mrs. E.C.R. Lasher, and Col. A.C. Metts, Lasher's C.O.

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.

families for the heavy loss that is imposed on them. Knowing that there are few words to console them, let me say that if there is anything we can do to help lighten the difficulties, it would give us great satisfaction to assist.

Bud Zimmer writes from Vietnam and informs us that Jane Burt and he were married in Hawaii on 20 Feb while he was on R&R. Good luck, Jane, and congratulations, Bud! Also from Bud's letter: Norm Delbridge is with the 4th Inf Div as CO of the Engr Bn. Norm returns to OPO in Washington in August. Bob Thomas is in G1, 1st Cav, at An Khe. Dan Rickard is in IG, 1st Cav, also at An Khe. Rollo Sullivan is leaving Nha Trang. Bud is with the Defense Communications Agency at Nha Trang; he'll be home by the time this is in print.

Joan Walters left this news with me. Fred Glauner (H-1) is leaving Frankfurt, Germany, for Fort Polk, La. Getrude and Fred have one boy and three girls. Bill Rawlinson (B-1) leaves Fort Leavenworth for his 2d tour in Vietnam. He will be with the 4th Inf Div. MaryAnne (?) and the children, two boys and a girl, will live in Opelika, Ala., with her parents. Bob Glasgow (M-2), who has been on a 1-year tour at the Naval Academy, is leaving for Vietnam. Jeannie and the children, Billy and Mary Helen, will stay in Florida with Jeannie's parents. Sark Semerjian (K-2) is going to C&GS, Fort Leavenworth, from Fort McClellan. Annette and Sark have one daughter, Cynthia. Bob Albert (K-2) with Millie and their five children spent the Memorial Day weekend with Millie's parents at Orange Lake, Newburgh. While there they had a picnic with Joan and her two girls, Diane and Heather. Bob is with U.S. Steel in Pittsburgh, Pa. Joan Walters adds: "On behalf of my children and myself I want to thank all of the classmates and their wives (Monty's friends and mine) for their thoughtfulness and kindness, which were shown to us when Monty passed away in March. The class flowers were lovely and deeply appreciated. It was gratifying to see so many friends at the services at the cemetery; it was such a cold winter day. Our address here is: 56G Kenwood Drive, New Windsor, N.Y. 12250, and our telephone number is: 914-565-5574."

James Sammons is headed for Vietnam in November, and his wife is planning to stay in the West Point area. Ed Reed is Chief, Plans Div, at Hq, 1st Sig Bde in Saigon. Pat Reed says, "He seems to be settling in quite easily, currently living in a hotel." Michel and Pat are in Hopewell, Va., near Fort Lee, and she invites those coming that way to stop by. Thank you for the information, Pat.

Art Ackerman dropped in at West Point from Fort Bliss for a conference on 5 April. Pat Luck is at Fort Bragg, N.C.; he is in the Counterinsurgency Dept of the Special Warfare School. Rick Agather dropped in at the office en route to Moscow, U.S.S.R., as the Asst army attaché. He sends thanks to the clan for their kind wishes to his son who is now just about completely recovered. Ginny and the three children are going to Moscow with Rick.

Pete Conzelman called en route to Vietnam. He just finished 2 years in Pusan, Korea, with his family. He says it was a good tour—Pusan must have changed considerably in the past 13 years! Mary and the children are going to Vermont. Pete is now with Ordnance, and he is headed for the 1st Log Comd in Saigon. Pete reported that Bill Snead will be back from KMAG in August.

Art Brown and Jerry are headed for Germany. Stan Wielga is going to Fort Shafter, Hawaii, and will be with USARPAC. Tom McGregor and Tardy are at Leavenworth; he is with the S&F. Craig Coverdale, after serving in the FAST program at Ismir, is currently at Hq, IFFV. He is slated for the AFSC in August.

Ellie Liveoak wrote that Lee left for Vietnam last October. He is with the 5th Bn, 11th Arty. Pam, Patricia, and Peggy Liveoak have a new brother, Felix Lee III, who was born on 23 April 1967. Congratulations to the parents, and godspeed to Lee.

Tom and Ruth Brain are headed for Fort Meade, Md. He will be Bn CO of the 194th Maint Bn. Ruth provided the following information on the people at Fort Leavenworth. Art Arduna is going to Germany. Bob Barton goes to Vietnam; Joan will go to Massachusetts. Curt Brewer goes to Vietnam, Butch to New York. Neal Creighton is going to Vietnam. Hank Davission goes to Vietnam, Christa to Berlin. Al Lindholm is off to Vietnam, Pam to New Hampshire. Clif Neilson, Tommy Tompkins, Rocky Ventrella (Joan remains at Fort Leavenworth), and George Waters are all going to Vietnam. Ed Bishop goes to Washington, Dick Boyle to Fort Sill, Okla., Bill Burkhardt to Washington, Dan Christman to Washington, Bill Cole to Turkey. Harry Halterman joins the group going to Vietnam, Marcia will go to New Jersey. Bill Jewell goes to Augsburg, Germany, Graham McIntyre to Washington, Bob Schroeder to Stuttgart, Monty Speir to Grafenwoehr, and Jack Hayes to Washington. Ruth adds that Lou and Joyce Friedersdorff are at Sandia Base, N.Mex., John and Judy Smythe are at Fort Benning, and Bernie Hughes is going to Livermore, Calif. Thank you for the letter, Ruth.

From the AOG comes the following: Harold P. Wheeler was decorated with the AM for outstanding airmanship and courage on successful and important missions under hazardous conditions. He also received the Vietnamese pilot's wings. Charlie Bishop (I-2) received the AM for meritorious achievement as an F-105 Thunderchief pilot during military flights in SEA. Craig Coverdale received the AM for combat aerial support of ground operations in Vietnam.

Max Noah just returned from Vietnam where he was chief of operations with the 18th Engr Bde. He will be attending a 1-year course at IDA. Jim Miley is with the 26th Engr Bn in Vietnam.

Overheard at the class picnic at Round Pond and the farewell party at Stewart AFB: Bob Breckinridge is in Vietnam; Nola and the children are residing in Seattle, Wash. From Dave Rumbough (rumor, I think): "Mike Cousland has reputedly shot the largest buffalo ever seen on the Leavenworth reservation; this tops the barracuda he caught from the remains of South Dock at West Point." John Seigle is in Vietnam with the 1st Cav. Hal Rhyne goes to Vietnam in July. Jack Merrigan is going to USACGSC from Combat Developments, Fort Belvoir. Jim Lammie is on orders to Vietnam from DIA, Washington, D.C.

Bob and Kathie Carter arrived here with

their three children; Bob comes from Vietnam. He will be with DCSP&A at West Point. Harl Graham is also on his way to West Point. To Beverly and Harl was born a son on 7 Feb 1967 at Tucson, Ariz. His name is Heath Ross. Congratulations! Harl finishes 2 years at the U. of Ariz. Harl mentions that Gordon Curran left for Vietnam. Al Biggerstaff is coming back to West Point for a while also.

From the girls who were with us for that long year comes the following: Larry and Vy Davis go to AFSC, Norfolk, Va., Gene and Winky Fitzsimmons to C&GSC, Fort Leavenworth, Don and Fran Ramsay to ACSFOR, Washington, and Rollo and Barbara Sullivan to C&GSC at Fort Leavenworth.

The new class officers elected here at West Point are: Bob Zargan, president; Ed Turek, vice president; Mike Kallman, secretary; Bill Renner, treasurer; and, despite the protest movements and subscription cancellations, I remain on as historian. We express our thanks to those efficient outgoing class officers who did such an exemplary job during the past year: Ray Eineigl, president; Frank Zimolzak (USNA '53), vice president; Vald Heiberg, secretary; Rick Vander Meer, treasurer. Here are the destinations of those who are leaving West Point. Jim and Madeline Donahue are headed for Stuttgart (on the S.S. *United States*); Chuck Fiala to Vietnam (Edy goes to Bellevue, Nebr.); Bert Fuller to the 198th Bde at Fort Hood (Molly to Tampa, Fla.); John Martin to Vietnam (Kaki to Peekskill, N.Y.); Mac McDonald to Vietnam (Pat to Lake Placid, N.Y.); Wally and Julia Noll to AFSC, Norfolk, Va.; Rog Peterson to Vietnam (Liz to Highland Falls, N.Y.); Jim Pigg to Vietnam (Nell to Highland Falls); Dave Rumbough to the 1st Inf Div, Vietnam (Ann to Warrenton, Va.).

I would like to add my thanks to those who wrote and gave me the information for the column, particularly to Tony DeLuca and Graham Vernon for the information on our two deceased classmates.

Again, thanks for the letters and keep them coming.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Mrs. John F. Stoneburner and her children Leslie, Janine, and Karl have presented John's class ring to the Library for inclusion in the archival ring collection. John died in Vietnam on 9 December 1964, the first man in the Class to be killed in action.*

'54

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Spring started on the 2d day of June this year at West Point. Then summer arrived with its usual damply warm punctuality, building up toward the saturation level normally achieved just prior to the beginning of Beast Barracks. The Graduation Parade for the Class of 1967 was beautifully executed. In the new format, the Corps passed in review east to west, perpendicular to a line between Washington's equestrian statue and Washington Hall. The setting was marred only by the partially covered skeleton of the new buildings in the background; by next year they should be well integrated into the new environmental scheme.

First, to Vietnam: Doug Stuart, who claims the southern-most advisory position in the Delta, found a place dry enough to write. As a sub-sector advisor he sees, understandably, not a great deal of the rest of the



1954: Our Washington area group during a pause in the festivities at Belvoir in February.

forest, but, on a Saigon trip during May, he met Dale Vesser in the MACV complex. During the same sortie he had dinner with Leo Hobbs, who is in the 1st Cav G3 section. Dick Renfro and Jim Chapman are also in Saigon, USARV Hq. Jim Moore has an Inf Bn, and Wade Hampton is a G5 advisor.

Craig Mahaffy, checking in from a Taiwan Trip Carrier Sqdn, reports that the Republic of China Founders Day (ours, not theirs) brought together Fritz Anklam, Emil Levensky, Bob Riese, and John Arnet. Tom Wachowski is in the FAC business in VN. Ken Bell, currently flying out of Thailand, was awarded an AM for "outstanding airmanship and courage on successful and important missions under hazardous conditions." Tom Martin is flying Caribous out of what was, in former times, known as the Vietnamese Riviera, Vung Tau. That has changed somewhat.

Walt Evans of Consultants International writes from Washington that George Bennett is en route to Thailand. Sherrie and the kids will await his return in Florida. Attention, George Olmsted: former roommate, Sandy Kitchen, wants to get in touch. His address is: P.O. Box 29, Newport, Tenn.

Pat Murphy, M.D., writes of his varied and busy life during the past few years. After jockeying ADC interceptors until 58, Pat attended Texas A&M prior to a stint at the AF flight test center at Edwards AFB, Calif. In 1963 he gave up research engineering on "things," resigned from the AF, and began to study the processes of the ultimate machine—Man. Four years, and several thousands of dollars later, Pat is a medical doctor beginning his surgical internship at Lackland AFB. He mentioned that he has the caduceus inlaid in the stone of his class ring; this is indicative of the enormous persistence and determination required for success in his categorical shift in professions—pilot-engineer to physician—with the added responsibilities of family. The Murphys, with their seven children—Kevin, Brian, Grace, Timothy, Richard, Allan, and Kathleen—are back in the AF, launched on the new trajectory. Congratulations, Pat!

Newell and Pat Vinson happened by at a recent class party at West Point. Newell has been in the XVIII Corps G1 section at Fort Bragg and is headed for Leavenworth this summer. He mentioned that Bill Klein is presently serving as aide to the CG, Fort Bragg; Dick Baughman is with Special Forces at Bragg, and Al Sterling is currently S3 of an Arty Bn but contemplating a 2d trip to VN, the first having been curtailed by sick-

ness. Roger Browne, who recently completed studies in Opns research at the U. of Pennsylvania, is scheduled for duty with the CDC at Fort Bliss.

Don Kirklighter, the California phantom, spent a night on post at West Point after these many years of absence. We hope that next time he will be able to stay longer. Hal Stout took time out from his duties as CO of the Fifth Army NCO Academy to shepherd a group of Nebraska educators during their tour of West Point in April. George Chancellor is headed for West Point for a tour with the Dept of Physics and Chemistry.

Norm Bedell, recent graduate of the Leavenworth short course, has been awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for outstanding work during his tour with the Joint Plans and Opns Div, U.S. Military Cp, Bolivia, in 1965-66. From Norfolk comes word of the awarding of CM's, the 2d in each instance, to Luke Callaway and H.C. Tanner, currently in residence at the AFSC. Luke's award stemmed from his work with the Engr CDC at Fort Belvoir, while H.C. won his for duties with the AF Ballistic Systems Div at Norton AFB. Bob Muns is an AF Star-lifter pilot in the wing that recently set an unofficial world's record for low-level air-drops for such aircraft.

A large "merci" to Jim Hays for his letter concerning the activities of the ever-increasing '54 deputation in the Washington area. Jim, Bob Keener, Bill Old, and Ken Bailey organized a class party, which was held at Fort Belvoir on 24 Feb with a tally of 105. They're planning maybe a coup? Present at this quorum gala were: Ahmann, Almon, Albro, Bard, Bathurst, Barrand, Bennett, Bradbury, Bunevich, Cooper, Cory, Debelius, Epling, Erickson, Evans, Galloway, Gilbreth, Ginn, Grace, Gray, Crubbs, Hall, Ham, Harris, Hilsman, Hugo, Janairo, Keener, Kortz, Lemanski, Lasher, Lee, Ley, Luckey, Matsumoto, Mayberry, Mologne, Obendorfer, Poteat, Hugh Robinson, Scovel, Short, Glen Stout, Thomas, Watlington, Weaver, Wells, Wilson, and Poor. Seventy-eight members of '54 are presently assigned to the immediate vicinity of Washington. The accompanying picture captures the group present for the party during a brief respite from their revels.

I refuse to believe that the quarterly response rate at the class mailbox is normal at the present mini-mark of less than 2%. Please!

Addenda—Diane Hobbs presented Dick with daughter Deanna Ricarda during one of

our late spring blizzards, on 6 May. Eight days later Mary Jean Spence introduced Craig to son number three, Douglas Warren. And yet there be those benighted dogmatists who refuse to concede that duty at West Point is fruitful!

'55

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As reported in the last column, the logjam of promotions to major has broken for our AF classmates. It is interesting to note that their new rank is back-dated (approximately a year and a half) in order to give them an appropriate seniority spread with respect to the other officers with great variances of time in grade as captains who are being promoted along with them. The news media, in reporting these promotions, have also provided information on the activities of the new majors. Mac (William D.) McWilliams is a student at the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Bill Carrington is a weapons instructor at the Air Command and Staff College. It is not noted in the 10th Reunion book that Bill earned an M.S. in aeronautical engineering from the AF Institute (1962) and an M.S. in business administration from George Washington U.'s extension at Maxwell (1965). Andy (Edwin M.) Anderson is a transport pilot at Howard AFB, C.Z. He is a member of the USAF Southern Command, which operates tropical survival, evasion, and special air operations training programs for Latin America and provides air defense for the Canal Zone. John McDonald is a FAC in Vietnam. Tom Wilkinson flies F-4C Phantom II jets over Vietnam. For his service, Tom was decorated with the AM at his base, Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand. Earl Singer is an electronics officer at Kelly AFB, Tex. Earl earned a B.S.E.E. degree at the U. of Ariz. Al McJoynt is an instructor at the Sqdn Officers School, Air University, Maxwell AFB.

It ought to be noted that Al Worden was in the fly-by at West Point this spring for Col. Ed White's funeral. As a member of the astronaut program, Al has been chosen as one of the back-up pilots for the forthcoming space flight.

Rich Cardillo (OPE at West Point) saw Rod Davis this June. Rod was in the AF demonstration for the Second Class during their summer training at West Point (in lieu of the sightseeing excursion we took in our



1955: Mac McWilliams

Cow year). Rod, who flies F-4F Phantom jets, is due to go to Vietnam in October.

In concluding this review of AF officers, it can be noted that not all of them are behind the Army files. Rich reports that Rod is a lieutenant colonel! Two other AF classmates reported to be lieutenant colonels are Ed Rumsey and Dave Burroughs. We wish all the news were that good, but I can only report that Dave is still listed as "missing in action" over North Vietnam. Since this official status has existed for about a year, the alternative possibilities are not very encouraging.

Rich Cardillo also reports that Charley Johnson has had a quick change of orders. I reported in the previous column that Charley had orders for the 1st Cav Div in Vietnam upon completion of C&GSC. Charley is now on the way to West Point to be Rich Cardillo's replacement in OPE! Rich leaves on 3 Aug for the 6-month course at the AFSC in Norfolk, Va.

I also reported that Bill Streett was due to return to West Point as a planner for a new physical sciences research laboratory upon completion of his graduate training at Oxford. Bill starts this second 3-year tour at West Point this summer (not counting his 4-year tour as a cadet).

Along with Rich, others leaving West Point this summer are: Jerry Crancer (Portuguese), Ted Livesay (French), Dick Hargrove (Tac), Dick Bean (Admissions), Bob LaFrenz (Physics), and Ken Ginter (Mechanics)—all are headed for Vietnam. Paul Parks (German) and Bob Strati (Cadet Mess) depart for the C&GSC, Leavenworth.

The new arrivals at West Point are: Don Olvey, permanent Associate Professor of Social Sciences; Billy Arthur, English; Jerry Chikalla, OMI (as Asst to the Senior Inf Instructor, Lt. Col. Dan Foldberg—together, these 2 would tip the scales at about 500 lbs.); Frank Robertson, Purchasing and Contracting Div, West Point Installation (Frank transferred from Inf to QMC a few years back); Jim Torrence and Rich (J.R.C.) Miller, MA&E; Tom Horst, Tactical Dept; and John Martling, MP&L.

Dave Young has been extended an additional year to become Asst Dir of Admissions.

Bill Hadly was up to see his brother graduate with the Class of '67.

A few new positions are now being filled by classmates in the Tac Dept: Dave Pemberton, S1, 4th Cadet Regt (Dave is the S1 at Buckner this summer); Bill Parks, OMI Plans Officer (Bill is currently escorting the First Class on their summer trip). Many classmates on the academic staff continue their graduate schooling during the summer. Russ Parsons succeeded in going a bit farther afield than most: U. of Arizona. Could the summer climate have influenced Russ?

While reporting on the activities of our classmates here at West Point, I might mention that many of them give their spare time and energy to a wide assortment of extra-curricular activities (serving as OIC's and just plain joining in). Jim Fiscus serves with the Sky Diving Club (a surprisingly active outfit with intra-Army meets at Wallkill, N.Y., and jumps on the Plain and out at Buckner, etc.), Jerry Crancer and Rich Cardillo with the basketball team, Todd Graham with the tennis team, Bud DeMaris with the Fishing Club, and Joe Franklin doubleheading with the football team and the ski team (Joe always cheers when the Point is snowed in during Gloom Period). Our last corporate activity of the 1966-67 academic season was a shrimp dinner at Camp Buckner on 9 June. Entertainment included drinking and watching Bud DeMaris in his speedboat towing Paul Parks on water skis in (seldom on) Lake Popolopen.

Turning Army-wide, I can proudly report these additional decorations earned by our classmates. Bob Johnson received the Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious service during his last assignment at the NATO Supply Center in Chateauroux, France. Bob is now serving as an operations officer with the Defense Atomic Support Agency at Fort Ritchie, Md. Skip Massey (seen in the last column posing with his pet monkey) received the BSM for outstanding service as commander of Co. D (aviation), 1st Cav Div's 15th Trans Bn. Skip also received the AM for combat aerial support of ground operations in Vietnam. Bill Burrus is shown being presented with the BSM by Lt. Gen. Weyand near Long Binh, Vietnam, on 18 April 67. Bill received the award for meritorious service in combat operations as assistant operations officer, Hq IIFF. Woody Black's brother, Lt. Col. R.R. Black, '49, who is CO, 1st Bn, 1st Inf, here at West Point, reports that Woody was a Bde S2 in the 1st Cav Div and later worked in the office of the G3, Force Development, ARVN Hq. For his performance on this Army staff, Woody received the LM. Woody extended for 6 months to become the XO of a battalion in the 25th Inf Div. He has taken over that assignment now after a well-earned CONUS leave with his family in Colorado.

On the subject of decorations, it comes to mind that Rod Vitty, now a civilian in the Philadelphia area, deserves recognition for his labor of love. Rod has conducted a "get acquainted" program for prospective candidates and their parents each year for the past several years. This program culminates in a large dinner at which those young men officially accepted as New Cadets for the following July are hosted, along with their parents, by the West Point Society of Philadelphia. This annual affair has now outgrown the Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia and has become an Eastern Regional Dinner at Fort Dix, N.J. Rod is to be commended for his efforts in furthering the Academy's mission and for bringing the West Point story to eligible young men from a large area of the U.S.

Since the bulk of school orders was covered in the last 2 columns, I will only note that Norm Sparks (the class model for the 5 o'clock shadow) completed the 18-week associate course at C&GSC, Leavenworth. That seems to be a quick way to climb one more step on the military schooling ladder!

In a reply to Dick Bean's letter of sympathy and offer of help by the members of the Class, Laura Stoekel expressed a more fitting memorial to our fallen classmate than any words I could find. Both Dick, the past chairman, and Joe Franklin, the present chairman of the class chapter here at West Point (where we currently seem to be the most concentrated), feel that appropriate portions of this letter should be included in the column lest we forget not only our deceased classmates but their wives and children who have been cut off from the Long Gray Line in some degree by their loss while still remaining a part of it spiritually. Laura writes:

It has been so very hard for the children and me to accept the fact that Chuck is dead. We were conscious of the dangers every time he took off in his fighter plane, but, for some reason, you never think it will happen to your own loved ones. We were already in San Francisco on our way to meet Chuck in the Philippines, so it was quite a shock to hear a knock on the motel door and to see an Air Force colonel standing there. I knew immediately what it was, but I still cannot believe it.

I thank God for giving me the privilege of sharing those eleven years with Chuck. I would not trade a minute of them. He was very proud of his job, and his country always came first. I felt jealous sometimes, but I knew he was right. Life in the Service is not easy, but I am glad I stood by him all this time. God could not have given him a better burial. He died doing what he loved most, and his casket was his own airplane. It is funny, but I find great consolation in that.

I have just moved back to Bordentown, N.J.—about 12 miles from Fort Dix and McGuire AFB. I bought a nice big



1955: Bill Carrington

home and would like to extend an open invitation to any of Chuck's classmates when they are around this area. *I do not want to lose contact with West Point.* I have the fondest memories of that place. I only hope that our son might be interested in following in his dad's steps. Our telephone number is 298-7640....

Yours truly,
LAURA E. STOEKEL

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The italicized sentence is my emphasis on what may be the best help we can give Laura and other bereaved families of our Class: our continuing interest and moral support. Any inquiries reference matters of this nature may be addressed to: Major Joe Franklin, Dept of MA&E, USMA, West Point, N.Y. 10996.

This brings up another important subject. Several inquiries have been received as to the procedure for initiation of the memorial obituary that appears for each deceased classmate in the back section of the ASSEMBLY magazine. It has been noted that some classes are still publishing obituaries for classmates killed in WWII. Such a situation is unfortunate and sometimes unavoidable, but it is often due to the fact that many graduates are unaware of the procedure for having an obituary published. Lt. Col. R.R. Keleher, USA, Ret, Editor of the ASSEMBLY, advises me that after an appropriate interval the widow or the parents of the deceased are contacted and asked if they wish to submit an obituary—prepared by themselves or someone designated by them. The former roommate is suggested as one who can be helpful. All classmates ought to be aware of the procedure, since it is desirable that those who knew a deceased classmate well would step forward and offer his hand at writing a fitting obituary upon learning of his death. Contact with the next of kin and your offer to help can be made through the Editor of the ASSEMBLY, your class Scribe, or any class officer. The REGISTER OF GRADUATES carries a notation under the entry of every deceased graduate indicating whether or not an obituary has been written and which issue of the ASSEMBLY it appears in (viz., "Ob-Jul 45"). Thus, you can determine by reference to the REGISTER which of our deceased classmates still require this final tribute.

One final newsflash! Pete Booras, on the way to Vietnam, has purchased a pre-fab house from some company in Virginia which preconstructs the major components to order



1955: Bill Burrus receives the Bronze Star from Lt. Gen. Weyand in Vietnam.

then ships them to the site (West Point) on a lowboy. Pete is looking for volunteers to clap it together. He needs two classmates a day for a few days and a minimum of six classmates on the final day to flip the roof on. I think the plumbing is built into the wall sections and can be hooked up to a two-way hose much like one does with a trailer. Appropriately, the construction site for Pete's monument is on Mine Torne Road in the Fort Montgomery area south of West Point where several trailer parks are located. Please cable your offers of help since Pete wants to get the roof on before the first snow in consideration for Edith and the six children!

On a lighter note, it ought to be reported that discussion continues about an appropriate class memorial at West Point. Various restrictions (cost, location, type, etc.) make the choice difficult. Many classes (as you may have noted in neighboring columns) have proposed water fountains with crests on them (underground pipes are quite expensive, so the fountain should be near a water supply, viz., 3 feet from Lusk Reservoir). Others have suggested comfort stations with memorial seat covers. Although some such engineering achievement is appropriate to this institution, it might be questioned whether adding some new device to the landscape is the best solution. A class memorial at the main gate, for example, might not be appropriate if it is not productive. Maybe a set of books or even the purchase of a rare book or manuscript for the library (such as many institutions now ask of their alumni) would be more beneficial and meaningful. I'd be pleased to have your ideas, pictures, sketches, etc. In fact, whatever you might care to say (even insults) would be appreciated. Just write!

'56

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Willie Crites forwarded a snapshot and a fine description of one of the pre-graduation bashes at Fort Leavenworth this spring, but unfortunately the Editor had doubts about the clarity of the photo so it becomes a record item in our class file at AOG. Willie also gave me a complete rundown on the new assignments of the cast of "characters" shown in the picture and even had news concerning some who didn't make the party.

Bob and Pat Hammond will be reassigned to Washington, D.C., where Bob will be with the Arty OPO. Arv and Barb West will go on either to the U. of Maryland graduate school for Operations Research or to the postgraduate school at Monterey. Jack and Diane Scholz will be living about 10 miles from Albany, N.Y., where Jack will be with the Ordnance R&D Lab. Holly and Carol Oakes and Roger and Deree Blunt will be returning to West Point to bolster its Tac Dept. Bob and Mary Quackenbush will be in Europe at the German Staff College, Hamburg, Germany. Woody De Leuil will be doing postgraduate work in nuclear engineering at the postgraduate school, Monterey.

Walt McCahan, Charlie Parker, Don Hollender, John Wall, and Charlie Poole are all heading for Vietnam. Caroline Hollender will wait for Don in Alexandria, Va. Pat Poole and Susanne Wall plan to stay in Florida. Billie Parker's and Bunny McCahan's next residences are not known at this time.

Bill and Kay Roll will follow the Hammonds to Washington, only Bill will be with the Inf OPO. Bob and Irene Bacon plan to

be with the OCSA in Washington. Jim Bolin will be reassigned to MACV, II Corps. Frank and Pat Smith will journey to California where Frank will be enrolled in the Operations Research program at the Stanford Graduate School; and Charlie (and Mary Ruth) Kottich will be taking a similar course at the U. of Arizona. Bill and Shirley Crites are due to stop off at the Duke Graduate School where Bill will soak up some more military history courses; from there they report to the USMA MA&E Dept. George and Myra Withers and Bob and Marlene Schuler are at C&GSC, Fort Leavenworth. Apparently, Dave Johnston's next assignment is either classified, unprintable, or both? Good luck, Dave, wherever you'll be!

Bob Stein has recently returned from Vietnam where he served with the 4th Air Commando Sqdn. Bob reports that both Ace Bowman and Chuck Robertson (until his untimely death) were also with the same squadron. Chuck Robertson was flying the AC-47 when he died, and Ace Bowman was flying as a navigator with the squadron detachment at Can Tho. Ace was due to return to the U.S. in June 67. Bob Stein's current assignment is in the Pentagon in the Minuteman Msl Dept of the AF. Bob is hoping to sell their home in California soon so the family can join him in DC. Bob believes that Darold Clonts will return from Vietnam soon and will be assigned to the Pentagon. Mike Alexander if flying as a FAC in the vicinity of Danang and has been in Vietnam since Feb 67. Mike's wife Brigitte is awaiting his return in their home near Andrews AFB. Don Ernst should start F-4 training soon and subsequently be assigned to Vietnam.

Latest stork report: after three boys and nearly 8 years, Judy and Ken Lang were finally blessed with a beautiful little girl. Susan Joy was born on 19 April 67.

Of general interest are the great expectations of the AF contingent with regard to "gold leaves." I hope that most of you who are so honored (even if it is long overdue) will take this occasion to drop me a line, since you will no longer have the excuse that you are wearing out your right arms saluting the Army types.

From the regular Service announcements, I have learned that Ralph Floyd was assigned to the 1st Cav Div in Vietnam in May. Al Renshaw has received the AM for meritorious achievement as a B-52 aircraft commander flying almost daily missions against targets in Vietnam. Doug Williams received the BSM for outstanding meritorious service while an assistant operations and training advisor with the Vietnamese Army III Corps. Here at home, Ernie Cross received the ACM for outstanding service as an instructor in the Dept of Tactics at USMA since Oct 64. Also, Walt McCahan received his 3d award of the ACM. This one was for meritorious service as project officer, combat vehicle division, U.S. Army Armor and Engr Board, Fort Knox, from Sept 63 to July 66. Glad to note that '56 is getting some of the recognition it deserves.

I close with my usual admonitions to talk less and write more (to me, that is).

West Point

Our detachment here has been cut in half by PCS orders. We began last year with 52 men, but 28 departed this summer. Most of this group, 21 of 28, preferred to visit two of our more popular resort areas: Vietnam and Leavenworth. Those going to Vietnam: Bob Beyer, Zeb Bradford, Bill Cody, Ernie Cross, Zuke Day, Stan Diez, Pete Lash, Gary Phillips, Gerry Richardson, Chuck Russell,

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Heath Twichell, George Wien, and finally Ernie Wilson, who will replace the 1st Cavalry Division. To C&GSC: Jim Dozier, Bill Haponski, Jerry Huff, Gus Johnson, George Loffert, Jack Munsey (who still refuses to buy the class yearbook), Jack Nicholson, and Bill Wehl.

We also had our share of the more exotic assignments. In order to assist Admiral Rickover in his search for excellence in the Navy, West Point sent Ward LeHardy to Annapolis. Bob Hull volunteered to lend a hand where it is most needed, and he moved out to USAFA. Dick Adams replaced John Foss at Sandhurst. John passed through West Point during June Week en route to Vietnam. Jim Strozier returned to Fort Sill for the Advanced Course, and Mike Sirkis went to the Armed Forces Staff College. Bob Goodwyn transferred to the AF and is now assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB. Grif McRee decided that two tours at USMA are one too many, and he resigned. His address is: Route 2, Powhatan, Virginia.

I know of only two replacements so far—Roger Blunt has joined the Tac Dept, and Dick Tripp is assigned to MA&E. I'll have a complete roster in the next edition.

The group held a farewell "go-go" party for the departing classmates at Camp Buckner during May. By any standards this must be considered one of our more unusual efforts. Barth Hall was tastefully decorated to enhance its cavernous atmosphere, erotic buttons were issued to the mini-skirted ladies and their unkempt escorts, and a triple-jointed go-go girl was imported from the Texaco station in Highland Falls. The internationally famous "Sullivan and his Night Riders" provided the necessary noise. As you might expect there were more highlights during the evening than can be, or perhaps should be, retold. However, I must make special mention of our neanderthal singing trio, "Charlie Teague and the Aardvarks." An astoundingly talented group. Charlie is an associate member of the Class. His aardvarks, Jack Woodmansee and Art Harris, will probably be laterally transferred to that status at the next class meeting.

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'57

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Well, folks, the dust is beginning to settle after the completion of Phase I of the 10th Reunion of this infamous Class and, as nearly as I can recollect, it was an unforgettable event. The biggest joke of the whole schmozzle is the idea of getting "your ol' dad" to write it up after having been much the worse for wear for practically the whole weekend. In any case, the state of my slowly healing nerves will have to account for any inaccuracies.

First, let's consider the Reunion, because it was an enormous success—in spades! The trouble began at the home of Ray Bell's parents, on Storm King Mountain. It was already evident early in the evening, that there would be an excellent turnout by everyone in this part of the world. But the hit of the evening, indeed of the whole weekend, was the arrival of a whole busload of Air Folks including: Paul Chase, Frank Knight, Owen McIntyre, Ben Waller, John V. Schafer, Hop Keeler, Don Kutyna, Bob Markham, Bill Page, Joe O'Neill, and Dean Rowland. Dick Mollicone and Ed Quill, also from the AF Academy, were here, but some-

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1957: Members of the brigade staff at Phan Rang, April 1967. Left to right: Ron Gooding, John McDonald, Dick Morton, Chuck Lea, Jerry Scott, Al Ensign.

how they seemed not to be with the others; they kept insisting on telling everyone how they used to split all the tenths in West Point between them—apparently they've forgotten about Wally Summers and Jack Vickers. But, despite all that, the Air Folks deserve a sincere vote of thanks from us all; their coming here required real effort, and they really came prepared to have a RE-UNION. Most of these guys have spent a tour in the Far East and have as many AM's as they have war stories, which makes one wonder if that's the basis for awarding them. Anyhow, considering that the 6 to 8 p.m. party was infused with winged enthusiasm at about 11:15, it wasn't such a dull evening after all; then, thanks to Sam and Liz Focer who invited everyone over to their house, it lasted until the wee hours.

The next day was the Alumni Parade and Ceremony, which we managed to attend with great decorum and more sincere emotion than most of us care to admit. Meanwhile, more and more classmates continued to arrive, so that by evening we reached our peak in terms of June Week strength. That evening we partied at Smith Rink, which would seem an unlikely place until one saw what Joe and Pattie Bishop did to decorate it. The food was great, and, when the band finally pooped out, the fliers sang lovely songs for us—anyway they fly well.

Not counting those of us who live here, there were hundreds of other celebrities. Nancy and Spoony Alsheimer stopped en route from V.M.I. to Vietnam (Nancy goes home to Chattanooga); Bob and Beth Merrick were up from Columbia; Jim and Kendra Hamilton were here from New York where he's an attorney, and she's a Ph.D. candidate in literature; Barry Fox was over from I.B.M.; Stan and Becky Jensen were up from Andrews AFB, Md., where he's a PIO man; Dick and Marge Edwards were down from Middlebury, Vt., where he's finishing a tour as PMS and is heading for Vietnam while Marge stays in rustic Vermont; Bob Leard was up from a "cushy" job in the Pentagon and was last seen being assisted home to brief his general; Don Buckner was in from grad school at Northeastern U. in Boston from whence he is shortly to depart for Vietnam; Lou Circeo was up from Fort Belvoir where he teaches Nukes; Dick Russel, whom we haven't seen since Cow year, was in from Dallas where he's an airline pilot and has seen Ken Bryan; Fred Smith, still a spinster, was over from grad school at Harvard; Joe Cygler was up from his Jersey home—he works for Minneapolis-

Honeywell in The City; "Beetle" Bailey and wife were here from Newark, Del., where he's on ROTC duty; Leon and Lolli Bieri were here from the Washington area where he's a career manager; Noel Fedje and his wife were here from civilian life in North Dakota; Ed and Carol Hickey were through here as he heads for VN and she to up-state; Dick and Audrey Caldwell were doing approximately the same—he to VN and she to Williamsburg, Va.; Ted Voorhees stopped by on his way to the Naval Postgrad School; Bob Gadd and Jerry Jagrowski were in from George AFB in California along with Les Pritchard; Giles Harlow was here en route from Hawaii to Vietnam—he must be working off a different map sheet. There were still more AF types: Dick Huie, Jerry Meyers (the new Mr. Clean), and Craig Smyser all of whom told me where they were, but I was too *hors de combat* to remember what they said; JJ Olvera was up from Homestead AFB, Fla.; Russ Ramsey and Bill Seely did one-niters owing to the exigencies of space-available travel—Russ is with ROTC in Gainesville, Fla., and Bill is in grad school in Texas; Pops Moreland returned from his law practice in Waldorf, Md., claiming to be married, an allegation unsupported by any evidence; Charlie Hug, who's also an attorney, was up from Jersey; Tom Hicklin and Frank Hanigan were both in from nearby ROTC assignments. The big money interests were represented by Joe Spector, Bill Wright, Ken Harmon, and Jack McDaniel. Speed Negaard was up from DC; Carl and Cindy Waldenmaier were here—he's such an avid asphalt contractor that he and Bob Stevens tried to re-route 9W on the way home from the Bells' the night before.

On Sunday, we rounded out our celebration with a picnic out at Stilwell Lake, which Art and Lee Johnson set up magnificently. By then, our numbers had begun to thin owing to departures, notably the AF contingent. But it was a delightful way to begin regaining one's bearings; it was the only gathering I've ever attended at which there were more sunglasses than people to wear them.

At some point during all of this, we had a class business meeting electing: chairman of local group, Bruce Turnbull; vice chairman, Jim Edgar; recorder, Joe Bishop; Treas, Jim Cortez; social chairman, Warne Mead.

While we're on the subject, we all owe a vote of thanks to some of the outgoing regime, notably: Barney Rose who, as chairman, set up the Reunion; Whit Hall who masterminded the class memorial project des-



1957: Chuck "Daktari" Lea treats a willing patient in Vietnam.

pite such tight-fisted donors as yours truly; Joe Bishop the June Week entertainment czar; Tim Murchison who, for the past year, has made the class column a real literary happening; and Ray and Marianne Bell, Bill and Bambi Ray, Les Bennett, and Bob Vermillion who quietly handled parties, registration, and souvenirs for the celebration.

All in all, it was a marvelous time, and we only regret that it could not have been shared with all the rest of you. Let's hope that we have an even larger turnout in the fall. Right now there are approximately twice as many folks signed up for the Homecoming gathering as there were for June Week.

While those of us here were "having at it," the rest of the Class was active, notably in Vietnam. There were several decorations awarded recently to members of the Class including: an AM each to Don Seitz, Stan Jensen, and Dunc Smyly, and a BSM to Bob Allen. Len Wishart, when he realized that he would not be able to get back for June Week, wrote a long, newsy letter about the classmates he had seen while with the 1st Cav as S3 of 2d Bde. In the same division are: Stan Cass, Gerry Galloway, John Dubbelde, Bobby Christy, and John Hocker; Hal Dyson is due there shortly. Len had also seen Bob Drudik, who's with the 25th Div, along with Cliff Goodson, Charlie Cooper, and Ralph Luther who are with the 18th Engrs, Stan Pore and Jim Pocock who are advisors, and John McDonald who's with the



1957: Dunc Smyly receives Air Medal from wing commander.

101st Abn. Phebe Gooding sent a photograph of the staff of 1/101st, which includes Ron Gooding outgoing surgeon; John McDonald, S1; Dick Morton, S2, Chuck Lea new surgeon; Jerry Scott, S4; and Al Ensign, Hq commandant. Phebe also notes that, since then, Skip Perrine has replaced Al.

Other correspondence includes notes, forwarded by Bill Golden, from John Politis who's in law school in San Diego and has occasionally seen Don Fitzpatrick, another lawyer, and Julio Heurtematte who is with the Inter-American Bank in DC. Tom Keeley writes from Dallas saying that he hopes to see some of the Class at the ARMY-S.M.U. game this fall and asks that those in the area contact him at St. Mark's School, 10600 Preston Rd. Tom also mentions that Jack Smith, Ken Humphreys, Ken Bryan, Ken Parker, and Gene Beimforde are in the Dallas area.

Reunions are viewed best in their proper perspective when we bear in mind that many a stern reality makes up the other side of the Long Gray Line. A reminder of this fact came when we lost Herb Rice who was shot down in April while flying an AC-47 in Vietnam. The funeral and burial were here on 8 April. We can only offer our inadequate sympathy to Denise and the family, for we realize the great extent of our common loss.

That will have to do for now, folks, as the deadline is imminent. Next time, if you promise not to write so much, I'll try to be less long-winded. Again, let's all get here for Homecoming.

'58

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It is with a sad heart that I must begin yet another class article with the news of 2 tragic losses to the ranks of '58, namely the deaths of Charles Sargeant Moore and Alfred Rex Mason. Charley was killed on 25 April as a result of hostile action. He was a senior Army aviator piloting a helicopter in Vietnam. Ray Tomlinson escorted his remains to West Point where he was buried on 4 May. He is survived by his wife Judy and their two children. Honorary pallbearers from the Class were: Dale Hruby, Rock Hudson, Paul Makowski, and Paul Johnson.

Rex was killed in Wiesbaden, Germany, on 1 June. Having only recently returned from a 100-mission tour in SEA, he was ferrying an F-5 aircraft to Iran from his home station at Williams AFB, Ariz., when, on takeoff from Wiesbaden, his aircraft caught fire. He attempted to eject but was too low for deployment. He was buried at West Point on 9 June. Ben Pellegrini, Bob McCann, Harry Hubbard, Dick Price, and Jerry and Barbara Lewis were among those close friends attending the funeral. He is survived by his wife Charlotte and their four children.

I hope we at West Point effectively convey to the bereaved the Class's total involvement in these personal tragedies—our attempt is sincere, our ability very small.

Armor: Have received word that Fred Mayer received the Silver Star for exceptional valor in action near the village of Hoa Hoi. As CO of B Co., 1st Bn (Abn) 12th Cav, 1st Cav Div, on 2 Oct he directed fire, personally led attacks, set up counter attacks, and refused evacuation (despite several wounds) "until the battle was won. In 30 hours of combat, Co. B, through [Fred's] gallantry and disregard for his own safety,



1958: Buddy Moentmann, in Tehran, Iran, following award of the Bronze Star awarded for service in Vietnam.

defeated a numerically superior enemy force..."

The Class extends hearty congratulations to Tom and Emily Carpenter on the birth of Stephen Ashby on 30 March at the USMA Hospital. Tom is with the Social Sciences Dept. Mike and Ellie Mahler depart West Point this year. Mike has received orders to the 1st Inf Div in Vietnam, and Ellie and their two daughters will live in Cornwall, N.Y. During Don Martin's tour with the Big Red ONE, Karen and the children will live in their recently purchased home in North Little Rock, Ark. (5010 Arlington Drive).

Artillery: Buddy Moentmann has been assigned to MAAG's Avn branch in Tehran, Iran. He recently received the Bronze Star for actions in Vietnam. His tour there was terminated last November. Received a card from Dave Nidever who is holding down a position in the G4 shop of the 25th Inf Div in Vietnam. He indicates that, although this is a long way from the hoped-for S3 position with a battalion, it is interesting, and prospects are that before he leaves he may yet join a battalion.

Buck Griffin is due to rotate from Vietnam soon, having been with the 14th Cbt Avn Bn at Qui Nhon since March 66. Charlotte has been living at: 1719 Blue Crest, San Antonio, Tex. Charley Clover was last reported (Feb 67) as LnO with the 3d Bde of the 1st Air Cav Div.

Dan Charlton, assigned to the 3/34th Arty, DS to 2d Bde of the 9th Div, recently



1958: Ray Riggan receives the Joint Service Commendation Medal at Ent AFB, Colo., for work with NIKE X Task Force at NORAD.

sent a most interesting letter regarding artillery operations in the Delta region. "Put the 105's on barges. We are doing it and having inordinate success—2 guns to a barge... have taken great delight in 'steaming' up the Mekong at night and pasting some of Charlie's sanctuaries... Fort Sill did not take kindly to our modified fire commands such as: 'Barge Adjust,' 'Surface action starboard,' etc. One night we fired a direct fire preparation on a landing beach from a range of 75 meters..."

Dusty Rhodes, who has been with the 97th Arty Gp in Vietnam, has returned to the U.S. and Syracuse U. for a 2-year stint prior to joining the faculty at USMA, I believe in ES&GS.

Among the many new classmates returning to West Point this year are: Don and Betty Williams (English Dept), Fred and Martha Stritzinger (Tactics), John Sampson (Spanish), Corky and Ann Henninger (Tactics), Paul and Elaine Bons (Tactics), and the Bill Edwardses (German). Bill reports to Middlebury College this summer for a 3-month course prior to a year in Germany, all in preparation for the Foreign Languages Dept. Interestingly enough, this 3-month course is conducted under a signed agreement that during the period the student will not speak any language other than German. If, in the hallways of the school, you should happen to pass your mother who speaks nothing but Serbo-Croatian, you may greet her only in German.

Engineers: Bill Wafer received the BSM while Opns and Tng Officer of the 588th Engr Bn in Vietnam. During his absence his wife Barbara resided at: 1155 Highland Ave., Andalusia, Pa. Bill has probably returned by this date.

Bill Parks will join the Mech Dept, USMA, this summer. His last assignment was with the Panama Canal Co. Bob Giuliano returns to West Point following convalescent leave. He will be assigned to the Dean's Office. Alex Johnston will have returned from Vietnam by August and has been assigned to Fort Holabird, Md. Sam and Joan Collins have departed Berlin. Sam joins the 1st Inf Div; Joan and the children will live at: 508 Chester Ave., Moorestown, N.J. 08057.

Infantry: Milt Wofford, who recently received the CIB, is an advisor with Team 96 working with the 21st Vn Div. Milt's wife Lucy is living in Fayetteville, N.C. Dave Swanson as CO of A Co., 1/7th Cav, 1st Air Cav Div, won't be able to wear his ring on the proper finger (after his ring is repaired) but counts himself lucky in surviving a burst of automatic weapons fire which took 2 fingers, grazed one arm and his head (to the extent of having a hole in the back of his steel pot!). Dave is worried about his golf game (which he says couldn't get worse) and the insurance claim on one badly mauled class ring. Dave should rotate from Vietnam in September.

Fred Mayer is in the 1st Air Aslt Div, Opns Sec. Jerry Cook flies with the Advisory Team 37, 223d Avn Bn, in support of USARV and MACV. His wife Ann is living in Newton, Miss. (Box 244, ZIP Code 39345.) Claude Fernandez, who has been S1 of the 3d Bde, 1st Air Aslt Div, reports to Leavenworth for C&GSC this August.

From the *Suburban Journal* of Houston, Tex., comes an appropriately titled article regarding Chuck Densford: "Densford's Chopper Lives Up To Its Name." Apparently Chuck has been awarded the DFC for the daring and dangerous rescue of a wounded soldier in Vietnam. The article reads: "The soldier had fallen into a rock chasm and

was unable to extricate himself. Maj. Densford, assigned to rescue him, used his helicopter rotor blades to trim off some tree limbs to make a hole through which he would descend vertically, then drop a line to the wounded man and pull him into the whirlybird. Chuck's brother, T/Sgt. James T. Densford, says, "The authorities either had to courtmartial him for improper use of helicopter blades or decorate him for superb airmanship, and they chose to do the latter." Their father, Col. C.F. Densford Sr., a contributor to the newspaper's editorial page, commented that he had earlier cautioned Chuck about trimming that foliage, stating: "Barry Goldwater merely suggested defoliation in 1964 and look what happened to him." Chuck is with the 4th Inf Div in Vietnam.

Cliff Victorine recently underwent exploratory surgery at West Point. Fortunately, all is well. Cliff is now minus his appendix, and his departure for Vietnam has been delayed for only a brief time.

The Dept of Tactics will gain 3 from the Infantry side of the Class this summer in the persons of Fred Goodenough, George Lawton, and Tony Nadal. All 3 have seen at least 2 tours of duty in Vietnam. Brad

Johnson has been flying with the 2d Avn Det here at USMA since late 1966. John Bradley goes to C&GS this August from an advisor's job in the Mekong Delta.

According to the *New York Times* Strube Jackson was a member of the Courts-Martial Board convened to hear the recent case against Capt. Levy, the Medical Corps officer whose trial captured such attention, at least in this part of the U.S. Strube was listed as the chief of the Plans and Opns Div of the G3 Sec at Fort Jackson, N.C.

Jude Theibert will report to Tulane U. in July for work on a master's degree.

Intelligence: Ray Riggan was recently decorated with the U.S. Joint Service Commendation Medal at Ent AFB, Colo. The medal was for meritorious service with the combined armed forces NIKE X Task Force at NORAD.

Ordnance: At Aberdeen Proving Ground this past May, Fred Hall presented the briefing on the SPIW weapons system to the First Class during their annual visit. Fred, who is XO of the Ballistic Research Labs there, clearly impressed the visiting cadets as well as the accompanying officers. Karl Prunitsch is also at Aberdeen, assigned to CDC, maintenance branch. Karl speaks very highly of the challenges of R&D but would like to see career patterns that permit a steady diet of specialization.

Transportation: Bill and Helen Tuttle are proud parents of Jonathan Rosser, their third child, born on 10 May at West Point. Bill is in the Social Sciences Dept.

USAF: Walt and Sue Patterson welcomed twins Walter Mead and Linda Alice into the world on 18 April at the AF Academy. Walt, who completed his M.S. in math at Syracuse, is with the Math Dept there. The Pattersons live in Qtrs. 4401-C, USAFA, Colorado 80840.

Last word placed Chuck Davis at Cam Ranh Bay flying F-4C's but due for a new assignment this past June. Bob Durkin and Leo Smith are both at Ching Chuan Kang AB on Formosa flying the C-130. Either of them can be reached through Box 5581, 345 TCS, APO SF 96319. Leo and Mary Jo had a new daughter in Oct 65. Mary Jo and family are living in Des Moines, Iowa, during Leo's absence. Leo's family, by the way, is very heavily committed to the military. His younger brother graduated from USMA in 66 and is on his first tour in Germany. He has two other brothers, one with the 173d Abn at Bien Hoa and another in the 1st Marine Div at Danang. I would have to agree that this seems to be a family affair. Three of the brothers hoped to meet in Saigon in July.

Jerry Hoblit should have completed his 100 missions in the "Thud" in SEA and should now be in the aerospace research pilot's school (ARPS) at Edwards AFB. Jerry's tour in SEA was spent as a "Wild Weasel" pilot. I understand that Frank Smith is flying from Korat after recently completing ARPS. I'm told that everyone likes to fly with him because they encounter very little flak, SAM's, or MIC's when he is along. Toby Kevin has joined the Dept of Mechanics at USMA following completion of work on an M.S. in astronautics.

Larry Asbury, whose most recent assignment was at Dow AFB, will shortly be headed toward SEA with SAC. Bob Kirtley is presently at Wright-Patterson AFB in AFIT. If you subscribe to *National Geographic*, you may have noticed mention of Dave Livingston in an article about California. Joe McElroy has recently completed specialized pilot training at Tinker AFB,

1958: American Airlines flight officers.



Gross Jenison



Joe Guenther



1958: Milt Wofford receives the CIB for service with 21st RVN Division near Can Tho.

Okla., in the newest jet transport, the C-141 Starlifter. He is being assigned to McGuire AFB, N.J., with MAC.

Civilian: Pat Kirk resigned on 31 July upon completion of his Vietnam tour. Pat and Ann thoroughly enjoyed R&R in Hawaii midway through the SEA tour and were planning on meeting in Tokyo when Pat headed home. Pat's future plans are not firm. Dick Groves returned to the U.S. in June, at which time his resignation was also effective. Dick and Margaret attended the big farewell blast here, and I believe I am correct in saying that Dick is going into research in Lafayette, Ind.

Joe Guenther and Gross Jenison have both joined American Airlines as flight officers after completing training in Los Angeles. Joe will be based in the Los Angeles area, while Gross will be based in the N.Y.C. area.

Ed Ofgant was recently elected Secy of the New England Chapter of the West Point Society. Ed's address is: 34 Chatham Rd., Norwood, Mass. I understand Bob Baker resigned this summer but have no facts. Bob Hultzen is employed by an engineering consultant firm, which, I understand, will shortly be sending him to Avco on the West Coast.

Tony and Jane Forster announced the birth of Christa Mary on 14 April. The Forsters make their home at: 30741 Calle Chueca, San Juan Capistrano, Calif. Jerry and Barbara Lewis are living in San Francisco where Jerry works for United Airlines as a data processing analyst—I believe the title is correct. Forgive me if I'm wrong, Jerry.

10-Year Book: The response to the 10-Year Book questionnaire has been encouraging. I'm told we have the makings of an interesting, informative, and somewhat humorous account of our past 10—individually and as a Class. However, we need your questionnaires to make the book complete. So, if you have not done so, please return them AND A PHOTOGRAPH! as soon as you are able, in order for us to meet our fall deadline. (If you have not received your questionnaire, send your address.)

To date, we have been unable to contact 3 classmates: Case, Matthews EW, and Dunn. If you know their whereabouts, please drop us a note. In addition, if you know the addresses of widows and families of our deceased classmates, let us have that information also. All mail should be sent to: Maj. D.J. (Don) Palladino, Dept of MA&E, USMA, West Point, N.Y. 10996.

I am moved to parody MacArthur's farewell speech to the Congress, but instead I will simply announce that Jim Ramsden will

step into the chair behind this typewriter for the next few years. With him I await an overwhelming response on the part of each of you to keep Jim informed of your activities. With you I eagerly await the opportunity to read the latest copy of the ASSEMBLY without the stale taste of having read it somewhere before. Before closing this article I would like to give very special thanks to my wife Linda for her constant assistance and encouragement through the past 9 years.

Address your future correspondence to Jim: Maj. James H. Ramsden, Dept of Chemistry, USMA, West Point, N.Y. 10996.

'59

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Polly and I were out of town and, consequently, missed all the festivities, but our reporter on the spot, Nick Krawciw, sends word that June Week went by rather quietly for our Class at West Point. There were no social events organized for '59ers, but a few classmates dragged their white beards through the Alumni Exercises on 3 June. Tom Leo was the only off-post classmate Nick saw.

For the summer, the Class has a large representation supporting the Tac Dept in Beast Barracks and at Camp Buckner, while other members take summer jaunts for academic studies or stay at home fulfilling various duties in their own departments. Pete Dawkins is going back to Vietnam for a few weeks to understudy the Revolutionary Developments program in which he pioneered during his tour in 1955-1956.

Boys seem to be in the overwhelming majority of new arrivals reported since last issue. A second child, William Peter, was born to the Ray Beurkets on 2 Feb in Heidelberg. Ray called me during his short stopover at WP (en route to Vietnam) in early spring, and spoke of seeing Doug Campbell in Berchtesgaden last November. Doug was studying voice in Salzburg and was resting up then before auditions for big things in Vienna.

A second son, Rick (Jeff is now 4), arrived for duty with Carol and Barky Norman on 1 Sept at El Paso. After completing AOCC at Bliss, Bark attended the Cbt Opns Specialist course at Eglin and the MATA course at Bragg before departing for Vietnam in January. He is presently the S2/S3 Air advisor in Go Cong Province (can't be the right name!), and Carol and the boys are at: 4442 Shaw Rd., Olympia, Wash. 98501.



1959: Bill Zierdt receives the Distinguished Flying Cross from Gen. Tolson at Fort Rucker.



1959: Dick Maglin receives the Silver Star for heroic action in Vietnam.

A third child, Ronald Timothy, was born to Sue and Fred Manzo on 15 April at Garmisch. Fred is there in the FAST program, studying Russian, and looking forward to a trip to the U.S.S.R. this summer. The Manzos will be in Garmisch for another year and would love to see itinerant classmates. The mailing address is: USA Fld Det R, APO N.Y. 09172.

Tom Roberts's letter in April announced, among other things, the arrival of two new sons among the Benning bunch. N+1, Thomas DuVal III, weighed in at 8 lbs., 9 oz. for Tom and Marty on 9 March. At the time Tom was expecting orders to American U. for a year of history, to be followed by a tour with the Soc Sci Dept. In the other corner, at 7 lbs., 10 oz. is Hugh David, who was born to Babs and Art Bair on 25 March. Art was looking for an encouraging word from the U. of Minn., where he hopes to study psychology before a return bout with MP&L.

Other poop from Benning, some of it confirming items reported before, includes Pat McLaughlin's reporting for duty with the Tac Dept in June (he's arrived), and Greek Johnson's arrival at Benning for a stint with the Engr Com. Steve Klein has been accepted by Syracuse U. and will prepare himself for a job with the Soc Sci Dept. Likewise Carl Groth, who will work for his degree at U.C.L.A. En route to Vietnam from the group are: Dave Rogers (5th S/F Gp), Frank Gercz (1st Inf), Ed Burba (1st Cav), and T.V. Borlund (?). Mike Duggan recently returned from Vietnam and has a job with one of the committees (I think) at the Infantry School. Remaining at Benning following the career course are: Lou Sullenberger, Glen Dyer, and R.B. Johnson. Monk Hilliard, as of last Founders Day, was joining an aviation unit at Fort Campbell (at least temporarily). Many thanks to Tom for the run-down.

John Shock completed his internship at Walter Reed in January. He is remaining there for his residency in ophthalmology. Mary and Bill Callaghan are at Homestead AFB, Fla. (1966-B Virginia Ave.) where Bill is Opns officer of TAC's 4550th Sea Survival School. Bill was elected secretary-treasurer of the WP Society of South Florida at the Founders Day dinner on 18 March at the duPont Plaza Hotel in Miami. Dan Webster graduated recently from the Continental Airlines jet pilot training school. He is now based at Los Angeles and flies as a second officer aboard a Boeing Golden Jet. Before joining Continental, he was with duPont in Hollywood.

Bill Zierdt received the DFC on 28 Jan



1959: Dan Webster in flight suit.

for an heroic helicopter rescue of the remnants of 2 patrols in VN the preceding April. The hazardous mission involved both the outbound airlift and the recovery of the patrols, the latter accomplished on a small landing zone under intense enemy fire. Bill is now an armed helicopter instructor at Rucker. He and Marlene live at: 114 Jasmine Dr., Ozark, Ala.

Dick Maglin received the Silver Star on 25 March for heroic leadership in combat the preceding September. Operating with his troop of the 101st Abn Div, Dick engaged a large force of VC, directed fire on them, and forced their retreat to a fortified village. He then began a search of the village and led his troop command group in a blocking maneuver to cut off the retreating enemy. He left a covered position and exposed himself to heavy fire while bringing his units into effective positions. Throughout the action he directed fire, adjusted artillery fire, and personally directed the evacuation of wounded. At the time of the award, Dick was an Ops officer in the division's 1st Bde.

Bruce Johnson relays the distressing news that, as of 9 Apr, Larry Greene had been missing for 9 days in the mountains in Yosemite. He and a friend began climbing on 30 March and were due to return to the valley floor the next day.



1959: Widow of J.M. Nash receives her late husband's medals from Col. Geer, AG USMA, following funeral services for Nash at West Point cemetery on 30 June.

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Well, June Week, mad as ever, is over and the Long Gray Line has increased another notch. Again the Hudson Valley saw a neat transition from winter to summer with no spring in between, and we are now waiting to see how cleverly it omits the autumn. Summertime brings varied odd jobs for the instructors who weren't turned out. John Berti, for instance, is spending some time at Michigan (Tdy) to be refreshed on computer design; Joe Felber is working hard from 0830 till 1130 every day doing math problems for a new text; and some, like Jon Searles and Reed Bennett (2 cases of poison ivy so far), are giving classes and grading patrols on the RECONDO committee for the Yearlings at Buckner. As for myself, I have been busily reading the letters sent to the column, all 4 of them.

Now for the business at hand. Bob Menzner (6th Bn, 32d Arty) writes that he and Grace have two boys and one girl, all under 7 years of age. Bob is the S3 for an 8-inch howitzer Bn working with the 9th ROK Div at Dinh Hoa. As of 1 June, he had not seen one classmate in-country. I hope that by now some of you guys will have come out of the bushes long enough to see him. Jim Fairchild (2d Bn, 40th Arty, 199th Bde) was the Bde fire support coordinator and was scheduled to get a Btry in May. Sandy and Jimmy met him in Hawaii in late April. Jim saw T Eubanks, CO of Co. A, 3d Bn, 7th Inf, and Bill Murphy who was assistant S1 in the 199th Bde Hq. He also saw Dan Orr and Ross Gagliano in Saigon and Frank Cremer, Bob Castleman, and George McQuillen at II FF Hq. John Gulla and Dick Cox were also in the neighborhood.

Dave Bauer (Hq, II FFV Arty) is in the same area as Jim Fairchild working in FSCE at II FF. Dave—talk about good deals—has orders for ROTC duty at the U. of Florida at Gainesville where he will report in August. He writes that Bob Castleman took over C Btry, 1st Bn, 8th Arty, and that Fred Kaiser stopped by. Fred is an advisor at Xuan Loc. Since Jim and Dave both write, I wish they would spread out a bit.

Sally Wilson (829 Arapahoe St., Cheyenne, Wyo. 82001) wrote a long, newsy letter. She and Gene have two girls and a boy. Gene has been in Vietnam since December. He is a member of Advisory Team 95 with an Arty Hq at Bien Hoa. Gene ran into Vic Letonoff who is in the 1st Div area. Bill and Anne Hanne wrote to Sally from Champaign, Ill. They have three boys and were expecting a fourth when Sally wrote. Dick and Marie Healy have two boys and a baby girl born last September. Don and Jeanie Summers are in Atlanta, Ga., while Don is attending Georgia Tech. They have two children and were expecting a third. Chip and Dee Fenton finished 2 years at Tulane in May where Chip studied nuclear physics. Joe Skinner told me that Chip has orders for Livermore Reactor Gp in Livermore, Calif. They have a daughter and two boys.

Chuck Mandelbaum (Hq, 15th Engr Bn) finally wrote a letter in which he carefully avoided giving any news that was printable. Chuck has Co. E of the 15th Engr Bn based at Long Thanh and "various spots in the Mekong Delta." For those of you who haven't heard, Chuck was married in December 1965. His wife's name is Ann, and at present there are no little Mandelbaums. Chuck did mention that Don Hubbard, who

should be home now, was with G3 at the U.S.A. Engr Comd. Tom Valente was S3, 79th Engr Gp (Long Binh). Pete Lagasse was port construction officer at the Engr Comd, and John Hixson was at USARV G3.

And those, Sir, are the letters received at Box 6, West Point. However, the AOG, having compassion for a struggling author (there's a joke there some place), has loaned me some press releases concerning the Class of '60. I know we have many, many classmates who have received combat awards, and I'm sorry all haven't been reported here in the column. Here, though, are some awards I found in the press releases. Chuck Belan received an AM and 2 BSM's for heroism while with the 101st Abn Div's 1st Bde. Chuck should be home now. Dave Byrnes received the BSM near Tan Son Nhut on 27 March while logistics plans officer with Hq, USARV. Joe Cannon was presented the BSM on 9 March while attending the Engr Officer career course at Fort Belvoir. Dick Cato was awarded the SS for gallantry while at Walter Reed recovering from a leg wound. He was CO of Co. B, 1st Bn, 28th Inf of the 1st Div when he won the award. Dick was up here a while ago doing some type of bartering with the English Dept, and he looked pretty good—for Dick.

Don Usry, a new member of our growing list of TV stars, is flying F-100 Super Sabres for the AF at Tuy Hoa. I found a few more notes in the press releases, telling us that John Willauer was assigned as Asst Intelligence Officer in Hq, 25th Inf Div, and Reed Barrow was assigned as Intelligence Officer with the 53d General Spt Gp. Buddy Mease reports to the 1st Bn, 40th Arty, near Dong Ha in late September. Buddy is now teaching ROTC at Colorado College, Colorado Springs. Ending the press releases, I see that William Keen has been awarded the silver wings of an American Airlines flight officer after completing American's school in Los Angeles. He and Ann will be based in the New York City area.

A hot news flash from the West Point area. Mary and Dane Starling had a baby boy in early June, and Rex and Nancy Good added another boy at about the same time.

Well, what else? The class constitution has been approved by the required majority. Looking through the completed ballots, some people wrote some comments that might be of general interest. Hank Watson wrote that he has completed a tour in Vietnam and is being assigned to the ROTC at Northeastern U. in Boston. Wants football tickets! John Gulla is going to Fort Sill for the advanced course in September. Tom Robinson is being transferred back to Santa Monica and Pacific Palisades. Tom writes that Dick Walter works for General Telephone up in Washington some place. Dyke and Jill Miller are settled at Knox. He is XO of the 2d Bn, School Bde. Steve Waldrop didn't write anything but his address, which is: 3618 Legendary Lane, Dallas. Tom Eynon has been assigned PCS to the 10th Avn Gp at Benning. Bob Ammerman is off to Vietnam again. And, Dick Hervert, while rewriting the constitution, says he will remain at the Ballistics Research Lab at Aberdeen for 18 more months.

One comment before I quit. As a person who has studied English grammar extensively (15th section, 1957), I quite naturally worry about the tense of verbs. The column must be ready approximately 3 months prior to publication. If you read something "is going to happen" and it has already happened, just bear with me; it *might* be a function of the

system. It is about time to start thinking of Homecoming (27-29 Oct). If you can make it, it is a good chance to compare receding hair lines. That's about it until next time from your "temporary" class Scribe. Note the address: Box 6, WP.

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The Middle East may be dominating the news on the national scene, but in this column Vietnam continues to prevail. Our classmates are serving with such distinction there that it makes everyone in and associated with the Class proud. The *New York Times* recently devoted an entire front page column to the remarks of George Joulwan regarding an operation that his battalion just completed. George is the S3 of the famous 1/26th or "Blue Spade" battalion of the 1st Inf Div. Joe Czuberki has been awarded the SS for his heroic leadership of his Infantry company in the 25th Div during "Operation Attleboro." John Mack received the BSM for Valor for leadership of his Infantry company in the 199th Light Inf Bde.

John McCormick, who is CO of Hq Trp of the 3/4th Cav in the 25th Div, has organized a volunteer patrolling unit from among his clerks, cooks, and mechanics who indicated a desire to transfer out in order to become more actively engaged in fighting the Viet Cong. Instead, they now perform their primary mission and patrol as well. They call themselves "McCormick's Raiders" and have been very effective thus far.

Denny Lenhart, who is advising a Vietnamese political warfare Bn out of Bien Hoa, has extended for 6 months and will be joining the 1st Cav in August. Denny bums cement occasionally from John Kammerdiener who has an Engr Co. just outside of Bien Hoa. He says that Serge Olive is now aide to the Dpty FF II Comdr, Gen. Echert. Joe Stewart is also working for the FF II Engrs, and Dave Miller is advising an ARVN Arty Bn just up the road from Denny.

Jack Nevins is with Advisory Team No. 1 in the I Corps area. Another I Corps troop, Jay Cook, advises 2 mobile training teams in the Tam Ky area that are working with the Regional Forces. Hampy Hodges arrived in Vietnam in time for "Operation Junction City" and worked with Larry Prather on that operation. Larry is the S5 of the 2d Bn, 34th Armor. Mike Swain is with Hampy in the 23d Arty Gp at Phu Lai. Tom Mercer is an S5 advisor west of Cu Chi and is considering extending in order to serve with a U.S. unit. (I hope this is not news to his wife.) Carl Bacon is near Tom in the Cu Chi area, but I do not know his job.

Don Sawtelle commands a company in the 1st Div and provides one of his platoons occasionally to secure the work sites of John Kammerdiener's Engrs. This proves, I suppose, that a man cannot fight by brains alone. Bill Chandler is the staff advisor for the 1st Cav Sqdn but hopes to become an advisor to a tank troop soon. Jim Tedrick commands the Long Range Recon Patrol of the 9th Div. Ray Starsman is an Arty LnO with the 1st Arty Div and often works with George Joulwan's battalion.

Webb Kremer is a G3 advisor in the 18th ARVN Div at Xuan Loc. Sam Wilder is the S2 of the 1st of the 4th (Quarter Horse) Cav in the 1st Div, presently at Phu Lai. Larry Budge is now aiding Gen. Westmoreland and was a recent visitor to West Point and other points of interest in the East,



1961: John Mack receiving the Bronze Star for Valor from Brig. Gen. Charles Ryder.

e.g., the White House. Moose Harmon has extended for 6 months in Vietnam and then plans to return to a job at OPO Engr branch. Chip Wanner is commander of an Engr company near Qui Nhon, and Bill Hathaway is a photo interpreter with the 101st Abn Bde. Ron Hannon is now ADC to Maj. Gen. Tolson, the CG of the 1st Air Cav Div.

Not everyone, however, is in Vietnam or heading there. Some people have returned recently, among them, Norm Cunningham who is going to flight school. Pete Boylan left a little early to make the summer session at Ann Arbor to begin his graduate work. Mike Ekman and Glynn Mallory are at Fort Benning to attend the career course. Cy Shearer has traded his steel pot for a slide rule and is a matriculate at Georgia Tech. Joining Cy at Georgia Tech soon will be Frank Gibson. Frank has just returned from Vietnam and will study M.E. for 2 years. Nick Gilbert is back from a tour with the S/F in War Zone C and will be attending the career course at Fort Benning.

Gail Burchell has just received an M.S. in nuclear engineering from Iowa State U. Studying at Aberdeen Proving Ground are Bill Weis and Phil Sands. Max Potter, who is at Ohio State getting an M.A. and writing a book, found time to get married to the former Susan Zivnuska at the Columbus Municipal Courthouse on 18 March. Max plans to spend the summer away from his new bride doing research back in Vietnam.

Among the Engrs on orders to Vietnam this summer are: Bill Reno, Hank Lilienthal, George Smith, Jim Crowther, Dick Jackson (tour No. 2), Ed Brown, Ron Seylar, and Frank Tilton, the latter 2 having recently



1961: About-to-be-married Jim Nicholson accepts gift from his friends in USMA Admissions Division with some doubts.

departed USMA. Gary Lord is now working in OPO, Engr branch. Also in Washington is Jack Martin who works as a duty officer in the Pentagon and Mac Compton who is teaching at the Engr School at Fort Belvoir.

John Java, now a Quartermaster, commands the Parachute Packing Co. in the 82d Div and reports that he even jumps his own company's chutes—often several times a day. Others in the Fort Bragg contingent are Howie Graves, who is Opns officer in the G3 Sec of the 82d Abn Div, and Dick Yule who commands a company in the 50th Signal Bn. Stan Clough is in the XVIII Corps Signal Sec, and Mike Maloney is the S3 Air of the 2/504th Inf in the 82d. Scooter Wildermuth graduated from Duke Law School this past May and is now a member of the JAG Sec of the 82d.

Paul and Mollie Palmer will return to Monterey, where they first met, and Paul will study for his M.S. in management/data processing at the Naval Postgraduate School. Paul and Mollie, with son Skippy, were in Augusta to see Bert Yancey almost win the Masters. So did millions of us less fortunates via television. Like they are saying at Annapolis, "Maybe next year!"

Bill Tobin, with family and golf clubs, has departed Fort Benning for a MAAG assignment in Taiwan. Jim Altmeyer and Phil Mallory have also left Benning and are en route to Vietnam. Jim is going to the 1st Div and Phil, the 1st Cav. Recent reportees to Fort Benning are: Jim Madden, Bob Frix, and Glenn Peters.

Nick Plodinec has just completed specialized training in the C-141 Starlifter at Tinker AFB, Okla., and is being assigned to McGuire AFB, N.J.

Word about the civilian population (partisans) is scarce; however, from sunny Puerto Rico has come word of the George Hendersons. George, Madeleine, and the two kids are enjoying the sun, skin-diving, and deep sea fishing of the islands very much. George is general manager of the Standard Auto-parts Manufacturing Corp. in Arroyo, Puerto Rico. Another partisan, Mike Younkin, was at West Point during June Week to watch his little brother graduate. He says that Sacramento, Calif., and his employment with Campbell Soup both agree with him very much.

New faces of 1961 vintage here at our Rockbound Home are Dutch Coulter and Gerry Dombrowski, both of whom will join the Dept of MH&M, or, Military Hazing and Mathematics. Others expected momentarily: Art Downey, Electricity; Sam Nutt, English; Jim Lynch, German; Jerry White, Spanish; Mark Popovich, Mathematics; Gene LaBorne, Ordnance; Ev Crews, Ordnance; Bruce Cronich, Physics; Frank Egan, Admissions; Joe Fishburne, Admissions. Dick Clarke will report to OPE in October when he returns from Vietnam.

A fellow once said that a man doesn't realize what true happiness is until he takes a wife, and then it's too late! Notwithstanding this homily, your Scribe was married on 25 June to the former Suzanne Marie Ferrell, a local girl from Highland Falls, a lovely girl. Please don't send color TV sets, just write and make known your whereabouts, current avocations, and any other poop that may be pertinent for the rest of us.

CLASSMATES' NOTE: *The accompanying picture shows our Jim receiving a special, hand-crafted gift from Col. Garman; it was the brainchild of Jim's co-workers in the Admissions Office. Of course the gift was only symbolic, but Jim enjoyed the joke as much as*

the donors. At this "presentation ceremony" and/or Jim's wedding were: Mick Seidl, John Eielson, Frank Egan, Mack Greeley, Frank Tilton, Carl Sciple, Ed Brown, and Mike Breslin. Suzanne was the girl Jim had been looking for all his life, and those of us who know her agree that his search was richly rewarded.

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The following letter is from Julie Keuker, our Chris's wife:

I'm writing to tell you about my husband, Christopher H. Keuker, Class of '62. He was wounded very seriously in Vietnam on 14 March 1967. He is now a patient at Walter Reed and will be for some time. He took small arms fire in the legs and head and consequently has a broken right femur (and will be in traction for some time), has nerve damage to the left leg and right arm, has lost his right eye, and has brain damage. His memory is slowly coming back, but he still has a long way to go.

I feel that any of his classmates could help a great deal by stopping in to see him whenever they are in this area or passing through. He seems to remember many things about West Point and enjoys talking about them. He has come a long way so far. The Army sent me to Japan to be with him on 7 April; we were there four weeks. Now we have rented a home in Silver Spring, Md., not too far from the hospital. I go in to be with him daily, and I take our two children to see their Daddy on Sundays.

Chris was commander of A Co., 1/22, 4th Inf Div, located NW of Pleiku near the Cambodian border at the time he was wounded.

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Marsh Carter wrote from Vietnam where he is in the G3 section of the 1st Marine Div. He described a ribbon-cutting ceremony where Gen. Walt dedicated a new school building in the hamlet of An My named for Frank Reasoner. Gen. Walt said of Frank, "I have never known a more dedicated or a braver officer."

Marsh had a rifle company with the division for about 7 months and hopes to return to Annapolis as an instructor. Already at USNA is Chris Stanat who is an instructor in the Naval Science Dept. Chris was married on 29 April to Harriet T. Knochel, a Navy widow. At the wedding, which was held in the Naval Academy chapel, were 2 ushers of note—Jim Andress and Stan Shutes. Chris should be at USNA for another 2 years.

John Sloan sent in the latest from the Canal Zone. He saw Tony Fiore who was on his way to an ARSEC assignment in Bogota, Colombia. Hap Boyd and Dean Learish are still in the 8th S/F Gp at Fort Gulick. Norm Grahn left the 508th for Vietnam, and Russ Reich is now with the 146th Engr Det of the 8th S/F Gp. John and Carol will be at Fort Knox for the career course by the time you read this. They are expecting their second in November.

Seth Hudak sent me a clipping from the *AF Times* announcing that Dwayne Piepenburg was selected as one of the outstanding young men of America for 1967 by the U.S.

Junior Chamber of Commerce. Pieps and Leslie are now in Alaska and are due to return to the States shortly, hopefully to New Mexico or to Andrews AFB in Maryland. They now have a boy and a girl, Michael Andrew (b. 1963) and Anne Elizabeth (b. 1965).

After 5 years of silence, Ed Bailey picked up his pen and wrote: "Bob Culp is still single and is currently finishing up his 2d tour in Vietnam. He has transferred from Arty to AIS and has orders to Monterey for language training. His mother is still fighting her battle against multiple sclerosis and would certainly appreciate hearing from some of Bob's friends, particularly those who have visited in their home. Her address is: Mrs. Robert S. Culp Sr., 16740 Woodstock-Cuba Rd., Millington, Tenn.

"Joe Nunnelee is also in Vietnam but is scheduled to return to the Infantry career course in July. He and Joani have two sons.

"John Fee took over Bob Greenwalt's job as Asst G4 here at Campbell when Bob left for Vietnam in January. Jim Kays has a company in the Army Tng Comd here. Glenn Blumhardt has a rifle company. Don



1962: General Walt, Marine Commander in VN, officiates at ceremony dedicating the new school in An My for Frank Reasoner.

Bergeron's wife met a tragic death in an automobile accident when she and Don took a trip to the mardi gras. Don was hurt badly but is recovering. Joe Simoneaux has an Engr company, and Paul Wertz is still aide to Maj. Gen. Sternberg. Steve Hablett is also here at Campbell, but I don't know his job.

"As for the pilots, Cliff McKeithan was flying Mohawks in Vietnam the last I heard. Dave Logan is at Fort Rucker after picking up a couple of DFC's in Vietnam. Keith Adams went through helicopter transition at Rucker last October and went to Vietnam. Matt Kambrod was in Korea with me, but we both got cut short to come home to new helicopter companies. He went to Bragg but should be en route to or in Vietnam by this time.

"As for myself, Ann and I were married in December of 1964. We have a daughter Rebecca Ann who rules the home front. After flight school, I went to Korea and came home last September. After Tdy at Rucker we came to Campbell to join a new unit. I am training officer and section leader of 6 UH-1D's. Within a week we will leave for Vietnam. Ann will go to Amarillo where she

will work as head nurse of the surgical intensive care units at one of the hospitals."

I now have later information on Don Bergeron. He has recovered from the accident and now heads the Arty contingent here (2 Btrys) from Campbell, for training of Yearlings at Buckner. He has received bids from 2 departments to teach here. J.J. Kirby is due to arrive at USMA in August and will be assigned to the 1st Bn, 1st Inf. I saw Len Henderson the other day. His wife is expecting, and she and Len were coming from the hospital. They are visiting in Newburgh prior to Len's leaving for Vietnam.

Brian McEnany sent in a Pleiku newsletter. He arrived there in March and was assigned as an Arty advisor to an ARVN Bn. He ran into Steve Sperman who is with the advisory team as G4, Air. Cal Johnson is an area Engr advisor and is in and out of Pleiku frequently. Larry Amon is the camp commander of the Duc Hoa S/F camp. Brian's wife came through with a daughter last December while they were at Bragg.

Our Fort Knox reporter, Tom Fintel, sends this communiqué: "Tom McGarry lives just around the corner from us. Tom Jr., is a fine young fellow who has just mastered the art of walking. Tom said that he had spotted Ed Rowe across a crowded PX floor but did not get the chance to speak to him. Ed's marital status, therefore, remains a mystery. Ditto for Jerry Comello, who's also here. Tom, Jerry, Ed, and I will all be attending the career course starting 5 July.

"While I was attending the junior officers preventive maintenance course last week, I discovered that one of my fellow preventers was Frank Westfall, fresh from a 4-year tour in Germany with the 8th Div, en route to Vietnam and the 1st Cav. Frank was here on leave visiting his parents and attended the course on a leave status. Since I last saw Frank, he has acquired a wife, two children, and, somehow, a Master's in international politics from Boston University's Heidelberg branch.

"When I first arrived on post, I attended the monthly "Fail and Harewell" ritual at the Brick Mess and ran into John Dilley in the receiving line. In the 2 minutes we had together, we tried to recap 5 years of history and failed miserably. I did learn that John and his Mrs. were en route to Ohio State U. for a 2-year course of study in operations research/systems analysis. Good luck! John also mentioned that Skip Holcomb was here on post flying choppers for the 17th Cav.

"Gus Fishburne, Chan Armstrong, and Frank Scharpf cleared out of here with the graduation of the last career course. Chan and Frank are headed for the 11th Cav in Vietnam. Gus is going to the 4th Inf Div via Fort Benning and the "Infantry infusion" program. Gus and Pat Fishburne have one child, a little girl, and one large dog.

"One of my intelligence sources informs me that Vin Murphy just arrived here from Sill with his wife and two children. I haven't seen him yet, but I'm sure if I keep my ears open, I'll find him eventually.

"Dave Armstrong is on post (still a bachelor) and is now attending the last associate course (short course).

"When I left Vietnam, Pete Hameister and Li Pardi were close behind. Both were headed from good old Ban Me Thuot to Benning, I believe. Rufus Crow was last seen languishing in that beautiful resort city of Phan Rang where he was in charge of S5 activities. Pete Wuerpel spent a year with an ARVN battalion in Bao Loc and was due

to move up to Div Hq for 6 months when he came down with a good case of malaria. He was on the road to recovery when I left, but I don't know his present status. Don DeSapri was last seen in Phan Thiet (Nuoc Mam capital of the world) where he was the S2 advisor. He should be coming back about now. Likewise, Dean Stanley. Dean was advising an ARVN Cav Sqdn when he transferred to the 11th ACR where he took over the job of regimental S1.

"I received a short note from Larry and Sandra Needs a few days ago announcing the birth of their second child, Robert Scott, on 28 May. Sandra also said that they will be leaving Germany in July, and Larry will be going to VN in September."

I saw Tom on a recent trip to Knox, and he and his lovely wife and 2½ children are doing fine. I still find it hard to believe that peach-fuzz Tom is so unimpeachably a daddy.

Just after the deadline for the last issue, I received the following letter from Cecilia Anderson:

"I want to thank the entire Class of '62 for the beautiful flowers they sent in remembrance of Chuck. My special thanks go to Fred Bothwell, Walt Bryde, Bob Phillips, Bill Dieal, Dick Fellows, and Alex Davidson, the bearers, and to all the others from different classes that attended the services.

"Chuck loved the Army and West Point and was proud to be associated with them. He died doing a job he firmly believed in.

"I hope to keep in contact with the Class. I can always be reached at: 1530 8th St., Bremerton, Wash. 98310."

Note: Please contact me ASAP if you plan to return for our 5th Reunion, 27-28 Oct. I must hear from you if you need assistance on billeting, etc. '61 had over 80 last year. I know we can beat that!

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It is my sad duty to announce the death of Ralph B. Walker II. Ralph was killed in action in Vietnam on 29 May 1967. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

Don Siebenaler is an aide at Belvoir after a tour with the 70th Engrs at An Khe. Al Scott is grinding through the career course at Belvoir and will head for RVN soon. Bob Boehlke, Paul Hable, and Bill Alexander are with the OCS Bde at Belvoir. Dick Scharf is also at Belvoir as aide to Gen. Ewell. Dean and Karen Dowling are at Sill attending the Arty career course. Gary, Ellie, and Gay Klauminzer are at Fort Meade, where Gary is assigned to NSA.

Rich Goldsmith attended AOAC at Knox, graduated in June, and is now Gen. Davison's aide at Leavenworth. Joe Galle is back from RVN and is stationed at Fort Lewis. Jim Lang is flying an O1 in RVN for the AF. Bob Palmer just graduated from AOAC at Knox; Bob and Diane recently had their second daughter, Tiffany.

Bob Vogel has left Knox for the new 6th Armd Cav Regt. Bill and Pam Lutz have a new daughter, Tracie Lynn; Bill is now on Okinawa with the 1st S/F. Bob and Sherry Marrs are back from a long tour (8 mos.) with the 4th AD in Germany and are now at Fort Carson with the 5th Mech.

Lou, Bambi, and Jennifer Sturbois just completed the career course at Knox; Lou is headed for the 25th Div in July. Mac Otis is also headed for the 25th Div. Craig and Wanda Turpin are in Dayton, Ohio, while

Craig attends the AFIT. Diana and Roy Clinton are headed for the 5th Mech at Carson. Tim and Jean Grogan are at Knox; Tim has an OC company but will head for RVN soon. John Dunn has just returned from Nam and is CO, Co. A, 1st Bn, 68th Armor, at Knox. Jim Blackwell will leave Knox for the 1st Div some time this summer. Art Drewry is CO, Co. A, 5/330 Armor, at Knox. Tom Vaughn, with six kids in tow, will head for the 6th Armd Cav at Fort Meade after the career course at Knox. Vesa and Sharon Alakulppi have a new daughter, Kimberly. Vesa will leave Knox for the 1st Bde, 101st Abn. Dan and Jo Willson are with the OCS Bde at Knox. Bill and Susan Boice have two boys, Bill and Burt. Bill is now with the 11th Armd Cav Regt, RVN. Mike Vopatek is with MACV as a sub-sector advisor in II Corps. Denny DeSmet is CO of an Engr Const Co. in RVN. Tim Young will finish the Arty career course in August—then RVN. George Scherrer is now attending the career course at Knox after a tour as an advisor in RVN. Curt Esposito is at Hood. Bruce Heim and Gene Cargile are both ROTC instructors. Jack Adams transferred from Arty to AIS and is with Hq, MACV. Terry and Elaine Alger are with the OCS Bde at Knox. Others at Knox include: Hank and Merry Morris, Bill and Ann Robbins, Tom and Ginger Griffith, Dick and Joan Gallagher, and Bill and Carol Coomer.

Clark, Nona, and Nona Ann Ballard have been stationed at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. Clark received his M.S. in physics and will head for RVN and duty with the Engrs. Jerry and Kristie Orlicki are also at Monterey; Jerry is working for an M.S. in physics and will graduate in June 68. Lynn Cook is aide to the CG at Ord; I believe he is on orders to RVN. Al Christensen is an ROTC instructor at U. of Delaware after picking up a Silver Star with the 101st Abn in RVN. Frank Cardile is flying air rescue missions for the AF in Nam. Jim Ruth married Heather Jane Law in Nov 66; they still reside in Princeton, N.J. Don Reid married Marjorie Ann Soto, and they are now at Vandenberg AFB. Bill and Faye Clark are at Bragg attending the MATA course prior to Bill's departure for RVN.

Brent Pope is in RVN as CO of Hq Co., IIFF, at Long Binh. Prior to this assignment, Brent and Barbara were in Iran where Brent was aide to Gen. Jablonsky. Until Brent's return, Barbara will reside in DC with Brent Jr., and new daughter, Ellen. Mike McCormack is flying choppers for the Engrs at Tan Son Nhut. Olsen Earnest drives Mohawks for the 73d Avn Bn at Vung Tau. Doug Williams is flying gun ships for the 1st Cav. Mike Summers is flying choppers for the 4th Div. Bob McCabe is with the 196th Inf at Chu Lai. Pete Buckley is with the 25th Div at Cu Chi. Andy Seidel and Gary Marchand are with the 588th Engrs in RVN. Gil Keteltas is with IIFF at Long Binh. Bud Hall zooms around in F-100's out of Tan Son Nhut. John Hayes is with the AF Engrs at Nha Trang. Al Sawin is CO of an Arty Btry at Ben Cat. Ed Carns is convalescing from wounds at Fort Ord's Army Hospital. Anyone passing through the area is urged to visit Ed on Ward C-19; the staff and nurses would appreciate a few moments rest from the antics of Capt. Carns! Jack and Susie Davis are with Divarty at Fort Campbell. Others at Campbell include: Gerry Tysver, Gerry Stonehouse, Joe Halgus, and Dick Roberts.

I have some notes of interest on AF files and would like to mention that they finally got around to pinning on tracks. De Witt

Seward is an aeronautical engineer at Bunker Hill AFB, Ind. John and Mildrid Hamel are at the Air University's Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Vic Bunze is working on test flights for the Air Force's space research program in Los Angeles. Bill Kuhns is also in Los Angeles working as a space vehicle engineer. Jim Dawson is now in flight school at Williams AFB, Ariz. Larry and Kathleen Dapra are stationed at Fuchu AFB, Japan, where Larry is CommO. Bobby Clements is at Hahn AB, Germany, after a tour flying F-4C Phantom II's out of Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand; Bobby received the Silver Star and 8 other decorations for his heroics.

Gene Blackwell is convalescing in Japan after being wounded while serving as CO, Co. B, 199 Light Inf. Ralph Mitchell is with the 9th Inf Divarty in the Delta. Bob Foley is teaching Infantry tactics at Fort Belvoir. Bob has been recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor for his gallantry in action while commanding a company in the 25th Inf Div in 1966.

Unofficial word has been received that Bill Sipos was killed in an aircraft accident. Bill's passing is a great loss to our Class and to the Service. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

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Lt. David B. Dews
Box 15
West Point, N.Y. 10996

This note is being executed in the greatest haste, since I learned only today that tomorrow is the deadline. The following letters—some dated months ago and only now rescued from imminent oblivion in a dusty letter box long fallen into disuse—are arranged in no order.

Kevin Kelley wrote. He returned from RVN on 11 Jan 67 and is now at the career course at Fort Belvoir. Also in the course are: Bernie Ferry, Joe Corey, Mike Moran, Leon Yourtee, and Bill Chescavage. Others at Belvoir include: Terry Rusnak, Bruce Foster, Fred Gray (Hi, Fred!), Don Koterwas, Jim McKittrick, Ed Schillo, Jim Harvey, Bill Anderson, Bill Vineyard (Fine, Freddie, and how have you been?). Kevin, the lucky dog, is on his way to the Colorado School of Mines where he will be an ROTC instructor. Kevin and Rosemary have a baby, Mary Kathryn, who experienced a few bad weeks when born, and we are very happy to hear that she has come through just fine.

Population Explosion

Born to Howard and Nancy Wilson, a girl, Suzanne Marie.

Born to Claudette and Francis J. Collins, a son.

(No, Freddie, I haven't heard a thing.)

Born to Chris and Nancy Bast, a girl, Megan Marie.

Born to the Ed Mackeys, a girl, Lisa Caroline.

Born to Herb and Maddy Macia, a girl, Susan Claire.

Born to John and Gay Ward, a girl, Elizabeth Ann.

Born to the George Domases, a son, George Matthew.

Born to Nick and Rosalie Nahas, a son, Michael Nicholas.

Letters Continued. . .

Jack Price wrote of multitudinous operations and a return to the combat scene with the 173d. (Freddie, you don't really mean it! I'll be switched!) Chris and Nancy Bast wrote. He is at Fort Sill at the advanced course. Bill Hoover married Laine Michele Hendrickson of Sacramento, Calif., on 10 June 67. Dick Revie—and this letter is almost a year old—wrote of his duties in Vietnam. Dick mentioned seeing Barry McCaffrey in Monterey; I saw Barry in VN. George Smith and Mike Cook were convalescing in Monterey.

Hugh and Sandy Boyd wrote from Germany where they were preparing to embark for overseas. (No, Fred, I didn't lose a lot of letters. They were sidetracked, and I got some a year late. I'm framing them.)

Changes of Address

Dennis Gillem: 101st Abn Div, Fort Campbell.

Jack McWatters: 1522 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, Pa.

Al Russo: 7820 Iowa St., River Forest, Ill.

News Releases

(Fred, that has nothing to do with it!) Carl Magnell assumed command of the 497th Engr Co. at Cam Ranh Bay, VN. Jim Harding received the BSM in ceremonies near Phan Thiet, VN. Warren Miller finished a support supply officers course at Fort Lee in March. Tom Crain, on duty in WESPAC with the Air Force, is a management engineer. Jim Grisham also completed the course at Fort Lee in May. John Mulvaney entered pilot training in Phoenix (Williams AFB). Gerry Palma received the BSM for action while serving with the 101st near Tuy Hoa, VN.

Finally, (No, Fred, your sarcastic comments won't get printed.) I am to enter pilot training within a few months. Then it's back to the land of eternal misgivings. I'll see some of you guys from the wild blue, let's hope.

I can't apologize for the wretched circumstances that denied me the use of these delightful letters for better than a year. Be assured all future poop will find its way into these pages. Now for a mad dash to the mailbox.

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Lt. J. Frank Hennessee
214 Grimes Street
Fort Bragg, N.C. 28307

From the ranks of our prosperous (who says 1st Lts. with over 2 aren't wealthy?) classmates in Germany came a letter recently from Betsy and Ted Kleinmaier. They had a happy event on 29 May by the name of Lee Edward III. Ted is in Nuremberg, a CO in Divarty of the 4th AD. He sent news of the following: Tim Timmerman is aide to the CG of the 4th Armd; Manny Maimone,

who transferred to AG, is aide to the Asst Div Comdr; Bill Lehman is also a battery commander in Divarty there, as is Jim Coughlin; John Wattendorf and Mike Viani are in the Engr Bn; and Jim Smith is in one of the Armor battalions. Outside the 4th Armored: Doug Richardson is S1, 2d Armd Cav Regt, while Terry Ryan is a CO with the 8th Engrs. Both stopped off in the States between Korea and Germany and took the big step. The Paul Barbers, in Bamberg with the 82d Engrs, have a son Paul Jr. Ted also reports, from letters received, a son born to JP and Bobbye Greene in Fort Stewart, Ga., and, Bob Belanger is in RVN as an advisor after a tour in Thailand.

Stateside, Joe Sanchez wrote from flight school in Fort Stewart, Ga. He and Nancy have no children, but their 180-lb. great dane is a houseful. Joe sends this advice for those going to flight school: "Housing is scarce; write ahead." In and around Fort Stewart in April when Joe wrote, there were plenty of classmates: Mert and Jerri Munson who now have a son, Mike Hudson and his lovely wife Lynn, Jon Thompson, Kurt Churchwell, Pat and Scottie Nelson, Jerry and Linda McMillan with their daughter Karen, Chuck and Rosemary McCloskey, Jesse Whitten, Ron Kolzing, and Mike Stanko. All those mentioned have orders for Vietnam for the fall or early winter and invite us who'll be on the ground at that time to call for some good, Army air support.

Joe had also heard from Bill and Marsha McKemey in Germany, Preston Motes who's married and on orders to Greece, and Karl Savatiel who had orders for Germany when he returned from Korea. Thanks for the letter, Joe.

A couple of hundred miles farther west in Georgia, at that bastion of the Inf, Fort Benning, Ship O'Donnell wrote from the Ranger Dept of his marriage last summer to Marilyn. Steve and Molly Philo, Jim and Sharon Talbot, Art and Carol Roth, and Bill Birdseye are all with the Ranger Dept. John Swensson is assigned to the 197th. Tommy Barron is Senior Tac for the 61st Co. (OCS), and Fred Scruggs is at the mountain Ranger camp.

From some AF news releases I read that Rick and Alice Osgood are assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB. Rick is a physicist and works in R&D. Bill and Johann Heller are at Dow AFB, Maine. Bill works as a construction engineer. Bill and Kathleen Bradburn are at Charleston AFB, S.C., where Bill's wing set a world's record for low-altitude drops by a C-141.

From much farther north came a card from Jim Long, who is an aide at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. He and Minnie Lon just had a baby boy in April. Jim wrote that Jim Hume is a CO in the 1/47 Inf at Wainwright. Jim and Claudia had a son last October.

News from various sources: Frank Skidmore married Dorrie Heiber; Pete and Heidi Lounsbury have a new son; Russ and Diane Campbell have a new son, too; George and Carole Bell also announce a new son; the

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.

Chuck Moseleys have a new daughter; Bud and Judy Fish have a new son; Mark Walsh married Linda Kuzman; Don and Sue Erbes have a new baby daughter, Sherri Lynne.

Here at Fort Bragg classmates are still coming and going. Bob and Cindy Hill are attending the MATA course, as is Don Erbes. In the 1/505 Abn Inf, Dave Gabel, Step Tyner, and I command the 3 rifle companies; Curt Adams, recently returned from Korea, is the S1; and Jim Webb is XO of HHC after a transfer from the AF. In the 2/504 Inf Harry Joyner has a company, while Duncan Brown and Dick Williams are CO's in the 1/504. In Special Forces here are Steve Spoerry, Jerry Ledzinski, and Chuck and Sue Burgardt. In the 82d Divarty Pat O'Connor is a battery commander.

Rick Boerckel sent welcome news of classmates in the Tech branches. Rick, Mark Walsh, and Tom Fergusson are all in AIS. Mark is now in Brazil as an aide, Tom is in Vietnam as a photo-interpreter, and Rick and Donna are with the 650th MI Detachment in Naples, Italy. Rick also wrote of Jack Concannon, who's AIS, but serving as an Infantryman in RVN.

From the war in Vietnam Ron Floto and Mack Gill found time to write. Ron was concerned because his sister hadn't married a millionaire. But he hopes Jay Steverson can work his way into that category. Ron is with the 1st Cav and by press time will already be back in the States. Ron had seen Zig Roebuck in Hawaii on R&R. Zig is to marry Linda Moseley in August.

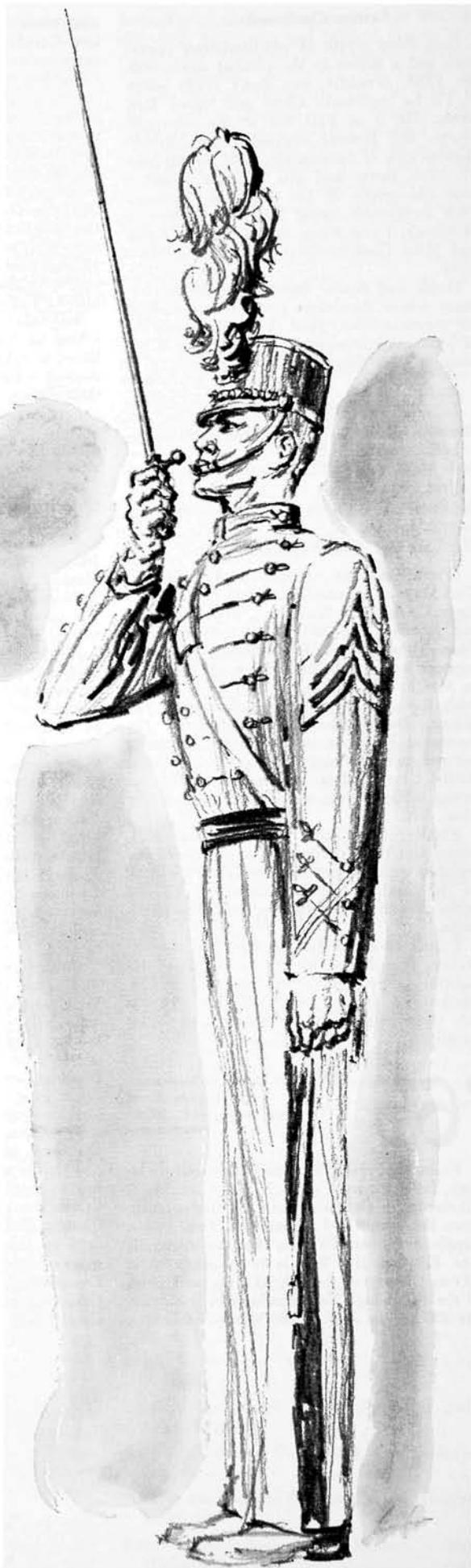
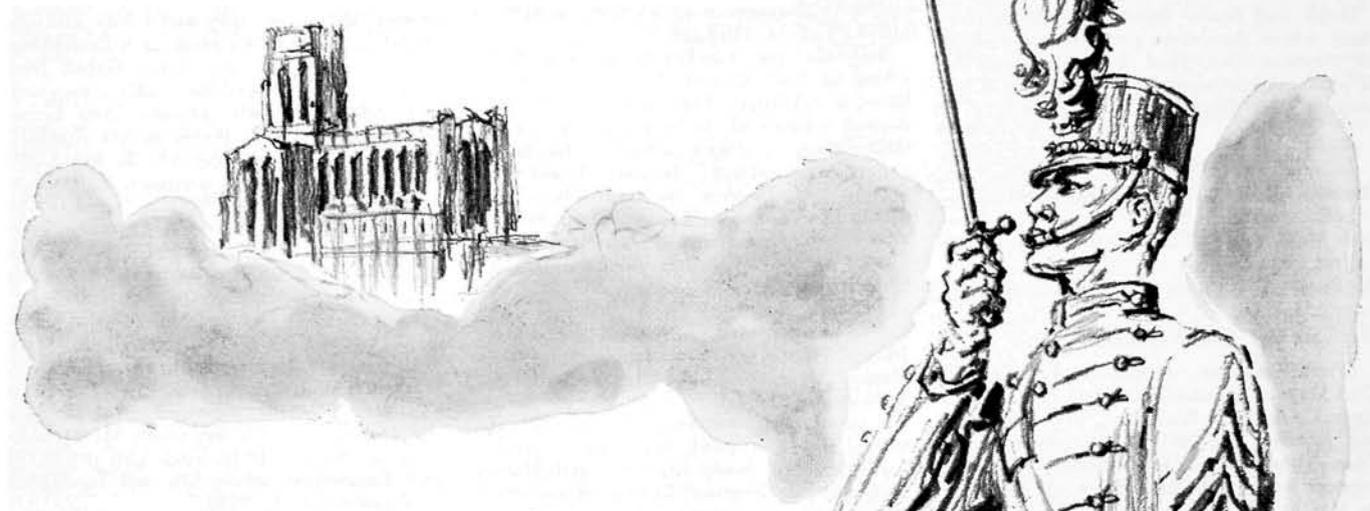
Mack Gill is with the 4th Inf along with Jim Heiber and Mike Lapolla. John Connor has been in the same battalion since January as an XO. Mack was married after Ranger school and hopes to be back in July to see Dianne and their baby girl, Jennifer, born 7 Feb of this year. Mack will be with the S/F at Bragg.

We have had several classmates wounded recently: Ron Riley was wounded while commanding a company of the 1/5th in the 1st Cav; he is now in Japan. Also, at last word, both Denny Chudoba and John Howell were hospitalized in Japan. Denny was supposed to be evacuated to the States, but John was content to stay and chase the nurses in Japan. In all seriousness, we wish a speedy recovery to all those (and I'm sure there are many more) who have been wounded in Vietnam.

As another column draws to a close, we are again saddened by the passing of 2 more of our very best, Chuck Dickey and Chuck Hemmingway. Both gave their lives, but their memories will remain, for they live on with us who truly understand their sacrifice.

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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James Craig Riddle Schwenck

NO. 5004 CLASS OF 1911

Died 28 January 1967 in Kenner Army Hospital, Fort Lee, Virginia, aged 77 years.

Interment: Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Virginia

WHEN JIM SCHWENCK JOINED his Class in Beast Barracks on 15 June 1907, he was a young lad of seventeen from the small town of Petersburg, Virginia. He had cast his lot as a West Point cadet even before graduating from high school.

Upon graduation from the Academy in June 1911, Jim was commissioned a second lieutenant and assigned to the 6th Cavalry at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. During his three years with the 6th, he moved with it to Fort Des Moines and to Texas City, Texas. In August 1914, Jim was ordered to the Mounted Service School at Fort Riley for a year, after which he returned for another brief tour with the 6th at Texas City.

Jim's next assignment was the 15th Cavalry Regiment, which was then preparing for a move to the Philippines. He served as a



JAMES CRAIG RIDDLER SCHWENCK

platoon leader with the 15th at Fort William McKinley and later filled several post positions at McKinley before returning with the 15th Cavalry to Camp Fremont, California, in October 1917. By this time he had risen to the rank of captain. There were frequent moves during the next two years: student and instructor at Fort Sill, duty with the Inspector General in Washington, and recruiting duty in Salt Lake City. In June 1919, Jim headed for Koblenz, Germany, where he served as Commanding Officer, Troop A, Mounted Detachment of the Headquarters, American Forces in Germany.

In July 1920, Jim received a permanent promotion to major and in August of that same year, was assigned to West Point, first as an instructor in the Department of Law and later as an instructor in the Department of Tactics. He remained at West Point until 1924 when he was sent to Fort Riley as a student in the officer advanced class of the Cavalry School. The following year he was a student at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and after completing that course he became an instructor with the Organized Reserve Corps in Kansas City, Missouri. In January 1928 he was named to be military attaché in Havana, Cuba.

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September 1929 found Jim reassigned to Fort Riley, first serving with the Cavalry School and then with the 9th Cavalry Regiment. In April 1934, he was ordered to Richmond, Virginia, for duty with the Organized Reserve Corps. The following year brought his promotion to lieutenant colonel and his retirement, on 31 December 1935. He had tired of desk jobs and longed for the great outdoors which he had always loved.

Returning to his home in Petersburg, Jim was determined to make a business of raising quail. But the quiet life was to last only a few short years. As war clouds rolled over Europe, Jim's sense of responsibility led him to make inquiries at the Pentagon and soon thereafter he was recalled to active duty with an assignment as commanding officer of the USMA Cavalry Squadron. He later served in the G2 office of the War Department General Staff and was promoted to the grade of colonel in February 1943.

In December 1943, Jim was retired for the second time. Again he returned to Petersburg where he bought a farm of several hundred acres for the express purpose of developing it into his own game preserve. Although he lived in his ancestral home in the city, he went each day to his farm ten miles away to devote himself to the wildlife which had always held such fascination for him.

In 1950 he moved to Daytona Beach, Florida, but returned to Petersburg each year during the warm summer months. By 1964 his failing health made it impossible for him to return to his Daytona Beach home.

Jim Schwenck was a crack shot with both the rifle and the pistol, and he was equally skilled with the saber, having won the Patton Trophy at the Mounted Service School in 1915. During his free time it was his pleasure to train bird dogs and to hunt quail. He also thoroughly enjoyed the game of golf, and those holes that he did not win by skill he would talk you out of. He was a realist who loved to needle and to debunk.

In his Cullum records, Jim noted that his hobbies were: bird dogs, horses, golf, and Kansas corn. They describe the nature of the man. The out-of-doors was his home, but his loyalty to the Army and to the country was always uppermost in his mind. The records also note that Jim considered his membership in the USMA Class of 1911 his greatest good fortune in life.

Jim died at the Kenner Army Hospital, Fort Lee, Virginia, on 28 January 1967. He is survived by three sisters, one brother, four nieces and nephews, and eight grandnieces and nephews. Burial was in the family plot at Blandford Cemetery in Petersburg. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

—Walter A. Edens, Col., USA (Ret)
A nephew, V.M.I. 1940

William Edward Whittington Jr.

NO. 5885 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 2 July 1966 in Newton Memorial Hospital, Newton, New Jersey, aged 71 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

BILL WAS BORN in Pocatello, Idaho, on 27 April 1895, but moved with his family to St. Anthony, Idaho, and attended school there. As a high school student, Bill's accomplishments knew no bounds; he was president of the student body, played football and basketball, edited the school magazine, and was a member of the debating team that won the

state championship. This latter event led indirectly to his appointment to the Military Academy, but it was his father who encouraged him to become a cadet.

The elder Whittington had served in the Army during the 1880's and again, as a captain, during the Philippine Insurrection, experiences which left him with a particularly high regard for West Pointers. It was, therefore, a source of great pride for him when Bill graduated from the Academy and for many years after, for the old gentleman lived to be 104.

Bill's carefree youth in Idaho left him ill-prepared for West Point's discipline, and as early as plebe summer camp he was already collecting his share of punishment tours. Even as he walked one of these he elected to pause at Red Irwin's water cooler, was slugged, and earned the title of Area Bird. Thereafter, always totally engaged with the academic department, he never was able to follow up his successes as an athlete in high school.

Bill was commissioned in the Infantry at graduation but, like many others, missed the chance to serve in World War I—his unit was



WILLIAM EDWARD WHITTINGTON JR.

en route to France when the Armistice was signed. When the division to which he was assigned was deactivated, Bill endured the difficult period that followed—much moving, many jobs. Finally, in 1922, while he was stationed in Panama, he elected to resign and accept a commission in the Reserve.

After some searching about, Bill became affiliated with the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company and worked with that organization in several capacities, principally as traffic manager, until his retirement in August 1955. He was on leave from the company for three years beginning in January 1941 while he served a tour of active duty, first with the 186th Field Artillery and then with the Signal Corps. With his background in the telephone company, the Air Corps gave him the task of organizing an air raid warning region after which he was assigned as Signal Officer of the 9th Air Force and went with that unit to Egypt. In August 1943 he was transferred to China and there commanded the air base at Kunming for one year when his request for relief from active duty was approved, and he returned to the States. He was promoted to colonel in the Air Force Reserve in 1946.

Bill maintained a home in Montclair, N.J., after his retirement from the telephone company, but he spent a great deal of his time

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at a small farm, in the northwestern part of the state, that he had purchased in 1935. The farm was mostly a hobby, but conveniently located as it was, close to West Point, he could make the trip to his beloved alma mater whenever the spirit moved him.

Anna Louise Moore was Bill's date at graduation hop, and the following year, on 10 April, the two were married in San Francisco. They enjoyed more than 41 years of happiness together. Their daughter Frances married William B. White, Class of 1944, and their son William III, Class of 1945, married Virginia Louise Mace, daughter of General and Mrs. Mace (USMA '29).

Bill's latter years were made happy by his marriage to Lillian Ellis Voegel, an Army widow and a long-time, dear friend of the Whittingtons. The Class found Lillian a charming addition to our ranks, and we were delighted to have her and Bill with us for our 45th Reunion. We are grieved at the thought that our beloved Bill will not be on hand to celebrate our golden anniversary with us.

—W. O. Reeder

Leo Alphonsus Smith

EX-CADET OF AUGUST 1917

Died 2 October 1966 in Trenton, New Jersey, aged 71 years.

Interment: St. Ignatius Cemetery, Yardley, Pennsylvania

LEO WAS BORN IN Fallsington, Pennsylvania, on 14 September 1895, but grew up in Trenton, New Jersey, where he graduated as president of his high school class in 1913.

After his stay at West Point, Leo returned to Trenton and enrolled in a business course at Rider College. Meanwhile, he retained his interest in things military, so he joined the National Guard in January 1916. Soon thereafter, the U.S. entered World War I, and Leo's request for a transfer to aviation had been approved. He sailed for England in December 1917. From England he was sent to France to train with Briguet 221 Escadrille and eventually became attached to the 135th Aero Squadron.

Leo fought in the aerial engagements over San Mihiel, Toul, and Nonsard, receiving the wounds that hospitalized him at Nonsard. General Pershing cited him for "distinguished and exceptional gallantry," and he received



LEO ALPHONSUS SMITH

the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, and a French citation.

Some two weeks after being admitted to the front-line hospital, Leo was transferred to Base Hospital 20 at Chatel Guyon, Puy de Dome, France, to recuperate. It was there that we met very shortly after his arrival. I was an Army Nurse, and we were introduced by another nurse who had known Leo and the Smith family in Trenton.

Upon his release from the hospital, Leo was ordered first to Colombe-les-Belles and there received instructions to report to the Chief of Air Service, A.E.F. Assigned to the Training Section, Leo now became editor of the Weekly Training Bulletin for the Training Centers. I did not see Leo again until Thanksgiving Day 1918 at Monte Carlo. I had gone there on leave with two other nurses, and Leo was also spending his leave there.

Back in the States, Leo was discharged in January 1919 at Garden City, Long Island, and returned to Trenton as a member of the faculty at Rider College. Later he went into advertising work. It was during this time, in 1926, that Leo and I were married, in Philadelphia.

During the World War II period Leo was appointed Director of Civil Defense for Mercer County, New Jersey.

After the war Leo became a socio-economist for the State of New Jersey and worked in that specialty until 1964 when he retired. He died two years later.

In a letter from the State Department, Leo's friends wrote after his death: "New Jersey has lost a faithful son, one who loved his State and its history with a religious fervor. We will all miss Leo very much."

Leo was a member of the Trenton Historical Society and the Fallsington, Pennsylvania, Historical Society. He served the former as its president during the year 1936-37. He was also a charter member of the American Legion and the Purple Heart Society.

Our son, Leo Jr., born in 1928, survives, and he has a daughter Eileen.

All of us miss Leo so very much.

—Katherine

Milo Benson Barragan

NO. 5938 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 23 October 1965 in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 69 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

WHEN HE RECEIVED his appointment to the United States Military Academy, Milo Barragan took his first step toward the realization of his fondest hope—a lifelong career in the Army. He was appointed from Minnesota after graduation from high school in Albert Lea, his home town. He made certain of being well prepared for his studies at the Academy by enrolling at the Army and Navy Preparatory School in Washington, D.C.

Born on 23 December 1895, Milo was the only son of Robert Elbert and Anna Bissenger Barragan. Both parents were descendants of early colonists in this country, and among their forebears were hardy pioneers who helped establish the first settlements in New England. The men of his family had served in defense of their homes and their country from the days of the Pequot Indian War to the Spanish-American War. Some had been officers, but none had attended West Point.

Milo would have been a success in almost



MILO BENSON BARRAGAN

any field he might have chosen. That he decided in favor of the Army was both proper and fitting for a man of his dedication, devotion, and love of country. He liked people, and his warm personality radiated trust, confidence, and reliability.

Bob Hamilton, Milo's roommate for the whole time they were cadets, recalls: "He took things as they came. Disappointments he must have had, but he never spoke of them. He never complained, and I don't remember that he ever lost his temper."

Milo adjusted easily to change, but he never allowed unimportant matters to upset the even tenor of his life. With his quiet but keen sense of humor, he enjoyed the little pleasantries of cadet life. All his classmates were his very good friends, and he stood ready to help any of them who needed his help. Because of his own thoroughgoing preparation which was reinforced by a naturally intelligent approach to all problems, he ranked high academically. He might have ranked even higher had he been willing to strive for those few extra "tenths," but the fact remains that he liked people first—books and class standing were secondary.

Graduation for June 1918 came in the midst of World War I, one year early, and Milo's first assignment was as a student at the Battery Officers Course at the Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Virginia. After completing the course he was retained as an instructor for the next class of West Point graduates (November 1918) and for the officer candidate school. His first command was a company of officer candidates, and he received a special commendation from the commandant for the excellence of training and appearance of his company. After the war Milo was assigned the highly desirable duty of executive officer of the *General Mills*, a mineplanter based at Fort Monroe.

In June 1919, Milo received orders to France, and over the next twelve-month period had several interesting assignments including command of an infantry company doing guard duty in the Army of Occupation on the Rhine.

Returning to the United States in July 1920, Milo transferred to the Field Artillery and joined the 13th Field Artillery of the 4th Division stationed at that time at Fort Lewis, but scheduled for an early move to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Serving as a battery commander and in a number of special duty posts during the next three years, Milo, with his inherent ability to handle men and to get

things done efficiently, earned a commendation from the Department Commander, Major General Charles P. Summerall.

Except for school duty—as an instructor and as a student—Milo was destined to spend most of his life west of the Mississippi. His first choice always was troop duty as a line officer. He welcomed the responsibilities of command, for he understood well the temperament and problems of the young soldier. Back in the States again in July 1923, he returned to Fort Lewis, this time for duty with the 10th Field Artillery. Milo brought his battery of recruits to such a state of proficiency that his regimental commander, the tough and colorful Colonel George Gattley, commended him as “one of the finest young officers in the Field Artillery.”

Milo returned to West Point as an instructor in the Department of Mathematics in September 1924. Colonel Charles P. Echols gave him the standard, personalized treatment he gave all new instructors and then assigned him as instructor for the yearling goats in analytical geometry and integral and differential calculus. After four years with his “goats,” “P” Echols made the unprecedented move of asking Milo to volunteer for a fifth year. This was high praise coming from Colonel Echols, and a tribute to Milo’s success as an instructor. As additional duties, Milo taught Signal Communications and coached the cadet lacrosse team.

After this tour Milo became a student himself, and during the next three years attended the Field Artillery School, the Signal School, and Purdue University where he studied communications engineering for a year. He was then reassigned to his old regiment at Fort Lewis, the 10th Field Artillery.

With the Roosevelt administration came the Civilian Conservation Corps, and Milo was one of the first of many fine officers to be selected for this new type of duty. In May 1933 he established the first C.C.C. camp in the State of Washington, serving first as a camp commander and later as a “trouble shooter” for those camps which were suffering organizational difficulties. On 1 August 1933, he was promoted to captain. While still on C.C.C. duty, he was cited by Brigadier General Joseph C. Castner, 3d Division and Fort Lewis C.C.C. District Commander, as having “the outstanding camp among the 65 activities in the Fort Lewis District.”

On 7 June 1934 Milo Barragan and Betty Gauff, of Wenatchee, Washington, were married at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Wenatchee, and together they toured the East and visited at West Point before returning to their first home at Fort Lewis.

In June 1935 Milo planned and assisted in conducting the longest march by truck-drawn artillery ever attempted up to that time—over 1,000 miles, through Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

In July 1936 Milo was ordered to San Antonio for duty with the Texas National Guard. Initially his work involved the organization of the 133d Regiment of the 36th Division into the federal service. He became a major in April 1940 and remained with the division until the end of 1941, participating in combat training of the division artillery and serving on the staff of the division commander.

Milo, as a lieutenant colonel, was assigned to Camp Barkley, Texas, for duty with the newly formed 90th Motorized Division as commanding officer of the 345th Field Artillery. In September 1942 he was promoted to colonel and assigned as executive officer of the 90th Division Artillery. In both assignments, he received many commendations for his superior performances of duty.

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In May 1943, while conducting battalion firing tests, Milo suffered a coronary occlusion, forcing his early retirement. He refused, however, to concede defeat or to admit, even to himself, that his usefulness to the Army was terminated. While still recuperating, he requested, and received permission to continue on active duty in a limited service capacity. He was subsequently assigned as Chief of Staff, Southern Defense Command, and in February 1945, became Post Executive Officer of Fort Sam Houston. He retired a second time on 30 June 1946.

In 1948 Milo and his family decided to make San Antonio their permanent home. Here Milo soon found himself working in a number of civic organizations and holding office in several of them. His affiliations included: The Texas Society of the American Revolution, The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Texas, The American Legion, The Military Order of the World Wars, The Southwest Chapter of the West Point Society, The English-Speaking Union, The State of Texas Genealogical Society, and The Retired Officers Association.

About this same time Milo became interested in finance and accounting and enrolled in Saint Mary’s University, from which he received a B.B.A. degree with honors in 1951. After four years in the business world he was invited to take a teaching position at Saint Mary’s, and for the next ten years served as a key member of the faculty in the University’s School of Business Administration.

In the fall of 1965, following an attack of virus pneumonia, Milo was hospitalized. His last appearance at Saint Mary’s was on a day when he took leave from the hospital to attend a conference in preparation for the scholastic year that was about to start. The thought never occurred to him that he would not be teaching during the upcoming term. On 23 October 1965, Milo passed away.

Planning ahead was always a part of Milo’s natural and normal design for living. He loved life and the people who surrounded him in his daily activities. He had many friends, and he will be missed greatly. His devotion to duty, to his family, to the military service, and to his country knew no bounds. To have known him and to be called his friend was a rewarding experience. Milo was a man of learning, an outstanding officer, and an inspiring teacher. He was never known to compromise with the high standards by which he lived or to desert a friend in need. His West Point background meant a great deal to him, and he returned to his Alma Mater as often as he possibly could.

Milo’s wife and devoted companion, Betty, continues to live in San Antonio. He is survived also by his only daughter, Kathryn Ann, wife of Byron L. LeFlore, and a young grandson, Byron L. LeFlore Jr., of San Antonio. —J.L.H.

Hans William Holmer

NO. 8023 CLASS OF 1927

Died 20 January 1967 in Los Angeles, California, aged 63 years.

Interment: Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California

HANS WILLIAM HOLMER WAS BORN in Montana on 20 July 1903, spent his boyhood in Oregon, and entered the University of California in 1919 to study chemistry. Two years later he left school to enlist in the Regular Army. Thus, when he entered West Point on that fateful day in July 1923, he was older



HANS WILLIAM HOLMER

than his classmates—in years, in experience, and in appearance. It wasn’t surprising, then, that he quickly earned the nickname of “Pop,” a name that soon carried a note of affection with all of the connotations of concern, consideration, and helpfulness that “Pop” implies.

Pop was never a file-boner. Naturally hived, he cracked his books only long enough to scan the day’s lessons. Rather than spend a great deal of time on his own work, he seemed to enjoy the inordinate amount of time he gave to others. He was never too busy to help anyone who came to him, and his friends beat a path to his door. Not even the pungent smoke that billowed up from his well-seasoned pipe deterred the mentally needy, nor would Pop turn them away even when they threatened to interfere with his favorite pastime, chess. His only reward was the affectionate ribbing of his classmates, which was really an embarrassed tribute to his knowledge, his sincerity, and his generosity.

Accomplished as he was in the academic arena, Pop never shone on the Cullum Hall floor. Even if he was not one of Mr. Vizey’s glowing stars, Pop could always point to the fact that he did beat some of the “elephants” to the finish line on qualifying day, and he did become something of a regular at the “feed hops.”

Despite his selfless dedication to the academic success of his classmates, the name, Hans W. Holmer, was the first one to be read when the Class graduated, for he was honor man of the Class of 1927. The diploma he received, although earned with distinction, was less significant than the respect, deep affection, and grateful appreciation of his classmates, which he also carried away that day.

As with most young officers, Pop’s early years of service were uneventful, but in 1934 he was called back to West Point for his first tour as an instructor, in the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy. Tours as a student at Leavenworth and as district engineer at Fort Peck, Montana, followed West Point, but in 1941 he was back at the Academy again, this time as Assistant Professor of Mechanics.

During the war years, Pop was assigned to Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, first as executive officer of the Engineer section, and later as Engineer, Army Ground Forces. In this demanding job he carried the many and

varied responsibilities of organization, equipment, and training of troops, and made frequent trips to the various theatres to check on the effectiveness of Engineer units in the field. Throughout this whole demanding period Pop was a tireless worker and a tower of strength to his supporting staff.

The talented Holmer was next sent to Berlin in 1946 as deputy director of the Transport Office of military government, and before the year was out he had become director. This assignment brought out a long-suspected but seldom noticed gift that Pop had—a dry sense of humor that frequently relieved the tensions of the weighty quadripartite meetings he attended. A quiet but clever Holmer pun would quickly filter through to an alert Frenchman, then the deliberate Englishman would catch it, and finally the stolid Russian would join in the laugh.

Pop retired as a colonel in December 1954 to accept a position as engineer for the Los Angeles office of Continental Service Company, the design and construction subsidiary of the Bank of America. For this job Pop had to secure a license to practice engineering in the State of California, and here again he not only distinguished himself but added to the prestige of the Military Academy. He solved, in his head, the seismic stresses in a building design while the members of the examining board were still handing him the pencil, paper, and slide rule to work the problem. This remarkable display of mental agility led the board to note that this was the smartest man ever to appear before it, smarter even than any of its members. Understandably, the work of the Los Angeles office under Holmer's guidance, was exceptional.

Pop also accepted the position of president of the board of trustees of his church and was a member of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his widow, the former Elisabeth Squire; two children, Mrs. Elisabeth H. Dungan and Hans L. Holmer; and four grandchildren.

William Kahai Blaisdell

EX-CADET OF 1927

Died 26 January 1966 in Honolulu, Hawaii, aged 61 years.

Interment: Oahu Cemetery, Honolulu, Hawaii

WILLIAM K. BLAISDELL LEFT AN indelible mark on the Honolulu Fire Department during the 34 years that he served it. He started at the very bottom as a hoseman and rose to become Fire Chief for the last eight years of his life.

Following a semester at West Point, Bill attended Bucknell for three years and completed work for his degree with a semester at the University of Hawaii.

Bill was an outstanding athlete in his younger days. In 1923 the *Star Bulletin* said of him: "Bill is considered one of the finest football players yet developed in Hawaii. He plays in the backfield and stars at line-plunging." In 1924 he made an epic 65-yard run for a touchdown, which gave Bucknell a never-to-be-forgotten victory over Navy.

At the age of 27, Bill was appointed a hoseman in the Honolulu Fire Department, having passed the civil service requirements. A short three years later, in 1937, he was promoted to lieutenant. With bigger things obviously in store for him, Bill attended Fire College in New York in 1939-1940. A year later he became a captain in the department,



WILLIAM KAHAI BLAISDELL

and in 1947 he was promoted to assistant chief. In 1952 Bill was sent to Guam to help reorganize the fire department there. The year 1958 saw the culmination of many years of hard work and devotion to duty as Bill was promoted first to deputy chief and then to chief by the end of that year.

Bill was both knowledgeable and farsighted in his field. He sought constantly to improve Honolulu's fire ratings, introducing improvements that led to lower fire insurance charges. Bill was a planner who tried to foresee the city's needs and then fought determinedly to secure them. When he was convinced that he was right, he could be unbending.

Efficiency and effectiveness were Bill's goals. He knew every facet of his department and could explain in detail what was going on at any time in any section. When there was a job to be done, no matter how dirty or dangerous it was, Bill would be there, pitching right in with his men. He was a strict disciplinarian but expected no more, and often less, from his men than he himself was prepared to give. Bill was a plain-spoken man; people always knew where he stood and where they stood with him.

As is traditional in funerals for firemen, Chief Blaisdell's casket was borne on a fire-truck. Governor John A. Burns proclaimed 28 January 1966 as a day of mourning throughout the state, and flags were to be flown at half staff. In his proclamation the Governor said: "The lives of all our people have been enriched and made safer because of Chief Blaisdell's loyalty and devotion as a public official. I call upon the people of Hawaii to pay fitting and solemn tribute to the memory of the late William K. Blaisdell."

Francis Howard Falkner

NO. 8245 CLASS OF 1928

Died 29 November 1966 in Honolulu, Hawaii, aged 61 years.

Interment: National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii

WITH THE DEATH OF FRANCIS HOWARD FALKNER, the Army and the country lost an effective soldier, an outstanding engineer, and a public-spirited citizen.

Frank's urge to attend the U.S. Military Academy and to become a member of the Army began when he was only 12. At that

time, in July of 1918, his older brother, Charles Hamilton Falkner, who had enlisted in the Fighting 69th of the 42d (Rainbow) Division at the age of 17, was killed in action during the last great German offensive of World War I.

Frank served his country well in the South Pacific and the Philippine Theatres during World War II. There he commanded the 594th Engineer Boat Shore Regiment of the amphibious engineers, a unit that contributed heavily to the many successful landings throughout the South Pacific. For his service in that area Frank was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Army Commendation Ribbon. His experience and broad knowledge of amphibious warfare led to a two-year assignment in 1951 as the Army member of the Joint Landing Force Board, where he made major contributions to the amphibious warfare doctrine currently being followed by all the Armed Services.

His accomplishments as a military and civil engineer during peacetime were no less distinguished. His special qualifications in the field of river hydraulics resulted in an assignment as Director of the Corps of Engineers' Hydraulics Laboratory in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Technical knowledge and organizational ability were critical in this assignment, and Frank excelled in both. His success at Vicksburg resulted in several subsequent assignments to major river and harbor projects throughout the United States: District Engineer in Huntington, West Virginia; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Honolulu, Hawaii; and eventually, Division Engineer, South Pacific Division. He was widely recognized as an authority on navigation and flood control in inland waterways and was listed in *Who's Who in the West* and in *American Men of Science*.

Frank also enjoyed a reputation in international circles as a highly qualified engineer. For over seven years he participated as a representative of the United States in the deliberations of the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses, was secretary of the American Section, and was one of two Americans to be elected an honorary member of that august body.

After his retirement from the Army in 1957, Frank pursued an active and productive career as a civil engineer. For three years he was general manager and chief engineer with the Los Angeles consulting engineer firm of Porter, Urquhart, McCreary and O'Brien, and from there moved to Honolulu to become



FRANCIS HOWARD FALKNER

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general manager, Pacific Area, for Lublin, McGaughy and Associates, Architects and Consulting Engineers. There, in spite of the heavy demand on his time and talents, Frank represented the State of Hawaii on the advisory committee of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, was a member of the Maritime Affairs Committee of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, was a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and served as a director of the Honolulu section of the Society of American Military Engineers.

Frank also became actively involved in Honolulu civic affairs and added to his prestige there through his efforts toward the formulation of a city ordinance designed to protect the shores of the island of Oahu from erosion and damage caused by the works of man.

Recalling Frank Falkner's distinguished career, we are mindful of his many and varied accomplishments, but more than this we lament the passing of a man beloved by his family and by all who enjoyed the pleasure of his friendly companionship.

Frank is survived by his widow, Elizabeth, who will continue to reside in Honolulu; by his son, Dr. Charles Hamilton Falkner, assistant professor of industrial engineering at the University of Wisconsin; by a granddaughter, Kristin Marie Falkner; and by his sisters, Mrs. Harold Schmehl of North Caldwell, New Jersey, and Mrs. William H. Sargeant of Attleboro, Massachusetts.

—Bartley M. Harloe
Class of August 1917

Robert Evans Arnette Jr.

NO. 9810 CLASS OF 1933

Died 27 October 1965 in San Antonio, Texas,
aged 56 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery,
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

FREQUENTLY AN OFFICER'S obituary is little more than a chronological record of his education, assignments, and decorations. Not only is such data on Bob Arnette already a matter of public record, but the mere listing of it fails to reveal the true nature of the man.

Ten years after his graduation, in the course of undergoing a routine promotion physical examination, it was discovered that



ROBERT EVANS ARNETTE JR.

Bob had mitral stenosis of a progressively disabling type, and his immediate retirement for physical disability was recommended. Determined to stay in the Service, Bob fought for and was granted a limited service rating. As a result he was transferred from the 4th Armored Division to the Armored Replacement Training Center at Fort Knox, where he commanded a regiment with devotion, drive, and determination. Subsequently he was transferred to the Tactical Department at West Point where he served until the end of World War II at which time he retired.

But Bob Arnette's service to his country did not terminate with retirement; it continued until his death. Immediately following his retirement, he accepted a position as Commandant of Cadets at Oklahoma Military Academy and continued to teach his juniors how to fight the battles he himself could not fight because of his condition. His resignation after two years, was accepted with regret, but in the short time he was there he influenced a number of his young cadets in their decision to attend West Point.

After returning to Texas where he had been stationed following his graduation from West Point, Bob suffered cardiac deterioration that caused a progressive decrease in his physical activity. In 1952, however, heart surgery, then in its earliest days, gave him a new lease on life. Although no longer engaged in the formal training of young men, he continued at every opportunity to teach the principles of Duty, Honor, Country to all the young men with whom he came in contact.

It is most regrettable that Bob was denied the opportunity to close with an enemy on the battlefield, for he was a dogged fighter. Ten years after his first cardiac surgery, he underwent and survived a second such ordeal, thereby becoming a living inspiration to the many facing their first such trial. But by mid-1965 scar tissue was again forming in heavier and thicker layers, a situation that was reducing circulation to the danger point. Again, surgery was recommended as a means of restoring him to near normal health. The heart surgeons offered Bob the alternative only because they knew that he had the indomitable will to win which they regard as so essential to survival. Although he was fully aware of the great risk involved, Bob did not hesitate to accept. The operation, involving the insertion of an artificial valve, was a success. Anchored firmly in place, it performed perfectly. But years of damage to the heart muscle could not be reversed, and before the day ended, Bob went into cardiac arrest.

The effect of Bob's lifelong adherence to, and espousal of, patriotic principle is best expressed in a letter written from overseas by a young West Pointer shortly after Bob's death. He wrote to Bob's family:

"Was very much distressed to hear of Colonel Arnette's passing. I am so grateful to him. I wonder what I would be doing now had it not been for his example. It is at times like this that the phrase 'The Long Gray Line' takes on special significance. And, in case you wonder, it is that same Long Gray Line which makes a West Pointer what he is. The pertinent part of our hymn, 'The Corps,' goes:

The long gray line of us stretches
Through the years of a century told,
And the last man feels to his marrow,
The grip of your far-off hold.

"I have seen many soldiers, but none have been so dedicated as Colonel Arnette."

—ex-Exec

Howard Lawrence Felchlin

NO. 12601 CLASS OF 1941

Died 3 August 1966 in Washington, D.C.,
aged 47 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,
Arlington, Virginia

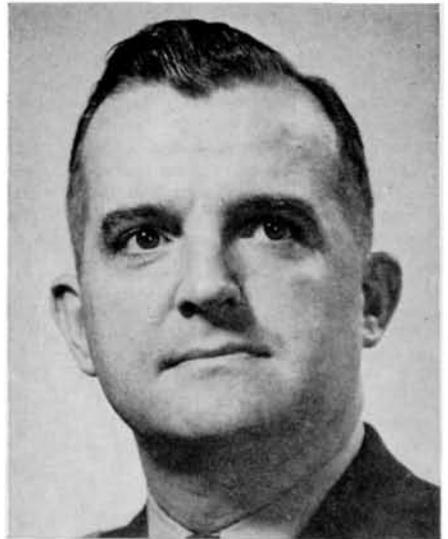
And so in the strife of the battle of life,
It's easy to fight when you're winning;
It's easy to slave and storm and be brave
When the dawn of success is beginning.
But the man who can meet with despair
and defeat
With a cheer; there's a man of God's
choosing.
The man who can fight to heaven's own
height
Is the man who can fight when he's
losing.

THE CLASS OF 1941 will long remember Howard Lawrence Felchlin, affectionately called Biddo. Howard had received an Honor School appointment to West Point from LaSalle Military Academy on 26 June 1936, and entered originally with the Class of 1940, but he was turned back and joined his new classmates after Best Barracks and went on to graduate with them.

Biddo's years at West Point were highlighted by his mastery of management techniques as exemplified by his work on the HOWITZER. The book will always attest to his dedication to his Class. He also found time to serve as a Catholic Chapel usher, and as a Sunday School teacher. This demonstrated interest in his Class, and in his church, were indicators of the paths he would follow later in life.

Upon graduation, Howard was assigned to the G4 Section of XVI Corps. Prior to leaving for an overseas assignment he married Aileen Anderson, his lifelong source of inspiration. For his service in Europe he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Commendation Ribbon with oak leaf cluster. After the war, Howard capitalized on a facility for mastering foreign languages and thereby fixed the direction that his career would follow; he became a Russian area specialist. A master's degree in political science from Columbia in 1948 led to a tour with G2 in the Pentagon where he eventually became chief of an intelligence research sub-section.

After the Pentagon, Howard moved with



HOWARD LAWRENCE FELCHLIN

Aileen and two of their three children to Moscow. It was a memorable tour, climaxed as many will remember, when, on 3 July 1954, word came over the radio announcing that the assistant U.S. military attaché, Lt. Col. Howard L. Felchlin, had been declared persona non grata by the Russian government and was given 24 hours to leave the country.

Back in the States in 1954, Howard received the command assignment he had wanted for so long, the 1st Battalion, 74th RCT. Later, he served on the academic staff at Fort Leavenworth.

By 1959, Howard had returned to his intelligence specialty, as commander of Field Detachment "R" in Oberammergau, Germany, a location which many classmates found convenient as they traveled from France and Central Germany to Garmisch.

By now, Howard's reputation as a Russophile, hard-earned through years of study and close observation, extended to the business world and his talents were much sought after. Finally, after much deep thought, he elected to retire, and in 1963, joined Research Analysis Corporation as a senior scientist of Soviet Bloc Military Affairs. Depending as it did on defense contracts, RAC not only had a need for Howard, it made it possible for him to continue in the type of work he dearly loved to do.

At the Class of '41's 25th Reunion, in June 1966, Howard was his usual effervescent self, full of good cheer, vitality, and enthusiasm. His love for his alma mater, and his sincere affection for his classmates were plainly evident throughout the long weekend, but a faltering heart had already numbered his days. Two months later he was dead.

Howard is survived by his wife Aileen, by his sons Howard Jr., and Christopher, and by his daughters Mrs. Diana Schluter, Darlene, and Deirdre. He will be missed by many.

Sam Powell Wagner

NO. 12821 CLASS OF 1942

Killed 24 November 1944 in an air mission over Tokyo, Japan, aged 26 years.

"A LARGE NEW TASK FORCE of B-29's, designated XXI Bomber Command and based in the Marianas, this week carried out the first heavy bomber attacks on the Tokyo area. On November 24th, twenty-four of the B-29's bombed Nakajima's Musashino aircraft engine plant, eleven miles northwest of the heart of Tokyo and sixty-four unloaded on the dock areas."

For all men of the 73d Wing, Twentieth Air Force, that November day began with an air of expectancy. For Lieutenant Sam Wagner, the aircraft commander of plane A-26 of the 870th Bomb Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, events leading to that historic take-off began on a hot July day in 1938 when he was sworn in as a cadet, USMA, Class of 1942.

Sam, son of Victor K. and Sally Luella Powell Wagner, was born on 5 January 1918, in Charleston, Mississippi. He attended his first year of school in Washington, D.C., but then moved with his family to Mobile, Alabama. The Wagners lived in Mobile until Sam's sophomore year in high school, at which time Sam's father, a civil engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was transferred to Vicksburg, Mississippi. Sam graduated from Vicksburg High School and, shortly afterwards, returned with his

family to Mobile. There he attended night school and summer school at Springhill College for two years while working with the U.S. Engineers in Mobile. He then completed another college year at the University of Mississippi before entering the Military Academy.

Every West Point Class is destined to have in it an unassuming man of superior intellect and outstanding talent. For the Class of 1942, this man was Sam Wagner. It wasn't long after this gallant, debonair, red-haired gentleman arrived in our midst, that we in A Company began to believe the South would indeed rise again. Provided it didn't snow, of course! Sam despised New York's windy and snowy winters and maintained that "even General Grant was at his best when he could loosen up." On particularly cold nights he would emerge from his bed-roll and blankets and mutter Robert Service's famous lines: "Please close that door. It's fine in here, but I greatly fear, you'll let in the cold and storm." Then he'd close the window that was barely open.

Midway through Military History's Civil War course, Sam set out to find the where-



SAM POWELL WAGNER

abouts of "Whistling Dick," a piece of Yankee ordnance used during the siege of Vicksburg. Discussions about the siege with two elderly family friends who had lived in Vicksburg during the campaign piqued his curiosity and spurred him on in his search. After considerable research and despite one report that the gun had been lost in the Mississippi, Sam found it. Right at Trophy Point! Thanks to Sam, "Dick's" history was eventually featured in the *Pointer* along with a number of other contributions by Sam.

As if ventures of this type weren't enough of an outlet for his boundless energy, Sam took to the road as a member of a very successful debating team for three years. Then, on Sunday mornings, one could find Sam at the Chapel teaching the Scriptures to the post youngsters. In the afternoons he might be out on the riding trails, either winning considerable victories by not losing his mount, or else he'd be galloping off in all directions.

A man of great humility and kindness, and dedicated to helping others, Sam left his mark everywhere—a mark that will never fade. Somehow, he always found time to tolerate the academics that were so hard for many of us. A few moments of intense concentration and he was ready for a cred-

itable session when we were ordered to "Take boards" the next day. He was also an extremely effective academic coach, and the success of his many efforts along this line can be attested to by the several members of all classes he helped during his tenure at West Point.

If Sam ever doubted the value of air power, the fateful events of 7 December 1941 served as the catalyst that fixed his future course in the long, arduous campaign that followed. Every step he took from that day on pointed him toward the job of being an aircraft commander. After a brief graduation leave, Sam reported to Santa Maria, California, for primary training. Here his heart was captured by Maryly Goodwin, and while Sam was taking basic training at Taft, California, they were married. Carter Williamson was best man at their wedding in Los Angeles on 19 September 1942. Sam's next station was Roswell, New Mexico, where he took advanced training, and from there he went, in rapid succession, to Hobbs Field, New Mexico; Pyote, Texas; and Dyersburg, Tennessee, for B-17 training.

He then entered the B-29 program and was assigned to Pratt Army Airfield, Kansas, in early January, 1944. In the months that followed, Sam and Maryly were blessed with a fine son, Sam Jr., born on 3 June 1944. In October, Sam set out for Isley Field in Saipan. His was the first B-29 of the 870th Bomb Squadron to land there, touching down on 19 October 1944. Immediately thereafter, all squadrons of the 73d Wing began a series of transitional practice flights in the form of combat missions against targets less vigorously defended than those on the main islands of Japan—targets which figured prominently in war plans and required good weather to be implemented.

Three times the crews left their briefing rooms and headed for the flight line in a rush of jeeps. Three times the take-off was delayed because of poor visibility and adverse wind conditions. Finally, on 24 November, the weather around Saipan cleared, and everyone knew that the historic moment had come.

At exactly 0615 local time, the first plane in the Wing rolled down the runway; it was A-1, belonging to the 869th Bomb Squadron, piloted by General O'Donnell. As the last of the Wing's 111 B-29's cleared, there was no great exultation; it was more like a feeling of awe at the sight of the great might of the United States about to unleash the first of many major strikes against the enemy.

Typhoon conditions prevailed en route, and seventeen bombers turned back because of fuel problems. In the Tokyo area, an overcast almost obscured the objectives. The first two squadrons met little enemy opposition, and bombs were seen to fall within the target area. The last squadron, the 870th, reported interception by forty Japanese planes and was under continual fighter attack for about an hour. During this engagement, Sam's plane, A-26, flying in an outside position, came under severe fire. Shortly after, an enemy fighter believed to be a Tony, came in on the tail of A-26 from about 5 o'clock. Squadron members later reported that the Tony had been fired upon by at least three other B-29's in the formation and had failed to return the fire. It wobbled through the air and crashed into the horizontal stabilizer of Sam's plane. Both ships went down in slow spirals and fell into the sea about 20 miles off the Honshu coast with the loss of all aboard.

Sam is survived by his mother, Mrs.

Victor K. Wagner, of 50 Bienville Avenue, Mobile, Alabama, and two brothers: Mr. Victor K. Wagner Jr., of 205 Colony Road, Longmeadow, Massachusetts, and Mr. Edward Wagner, of 6121 Shady Cliff, Dallas, Texas. Marily has remarried and is now Mrs. William Robert Darsie, residing at Walnut Grove, California. Her husband adopted Sam's son who now bears his name, Sam Wagner Darsie. Currently a senior in Stanford University and with a draft classification of 1A, he refused to claim his exemption as the only surviving heir of a father killed in action.

Of such convictions are our nation's heroes made. Sam's steadfastness of purpose and sincere regard for the welfare of others were his hallmarks. His courage in thought and action won the respect and the friendship of all with whom he mingled. Good night, Sweet Prince. Be Thou at Peace.

—Wyley Baxter

Austin Patrick Byrne

NO. 13032 CLASS OF 1942

Killed in action 6 August 1944 over Hamburg, Germany, aged 24 years.

OCCASIONALLY, very occasionally, one encounters a man so unconventional, so refreshingly different, that despite the beclouding influence of the passage of time his image remains crystal clear and untarnished in the mind's eye of all who were close to him. Such a man was Austin Patrick "Red" Byrne.

Red was born on 13 May 1920, in Woodhaven, Long Island, New York, the seventh of eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Byrne. He attended St. Elizabeth's School, Woodhaven; John Adams High School, Ozone Park; and Columbia University for one year, where he was a mainstay on the freshman crew.

Red entered West Point on 1 July 1938, and graduated on 29 May 1942, two dates encompassing a cadet career that followed no recognizable pattern. Red was a distinctive man physically—six-foot-four, 200-plus pounds of solid muscle, a thick thatch of flaming red hair, a handsome, freckled face, and a perpetual grin. He was just as distinctive in other ways; he was always kind, gentle, generous—and religious, words that recall dozens of specific incidents.

Red came to West Point an easygoing and



AUSTIN PATRICK BYRNE

fun-loving young man, and after four years there he had not changed one whit. Still vivid over the span of years are many wonderful memories of the lighter side of Red Byrne: his water-bag "attacks" on the sunbathers behind the 55th Division; his banter with Chuck King, our "Tac"; his midnight sallies across the ice to Cold Spring; his St. Patrick's Day custom of replacing all his uniform insignia with shamrocks cut from a green blotter; the icicles he gathered to cool beer in our wash basin; his keen card sense in bridge games; his well organized football pool; his weekly procession of "pro" drags. In every way, Red was unforgettable as a cadet.

Red's career as an officer lasted only two years and two months, but even in that short time, he established himself as an outstanding pilot, combat officer, and leader of men. Red had requested training as a fighter pilot, but because of his size he was assigned to Liberator bombers and graduated at the top of his class in flight school at Roswell, New Mexico. He was married on Christmas Eve, 1942, and his son Patrick was born on 14 December 1943.

Red was sent to England in April 1944, joined the 850th Bombardment Squadron, and began flying combat missions at every opportunity. Promoted to captain and assigned to desk duty as Squadron Operations Officer, Red insisted on flying as frequently as possible although he was not required to do so.

On 6 August 1944, while on a raid over Hamburg, Captain Byrne's plane was hit three times by antiaircraft fire and went down over the target, exploding as it struck the ground. Ten parachutes were seen to emerge from the falling plane, but the fate of the crew was in doubt until well after the end of the war. In 1949, the Air Force announced that captured German records revealed that seven members of the crew survived and three were killed. Based on these records, Captain Byrne was officially listed as killed in action on 6 August 1944.

Red Byrne was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Air Medals, and the Purple Heart. His enlisted assistant, the Squadron Operations Sergeant, added another tribute: "Truthfully I can say that I have never worked with a finer man than Captain Byrne. I flew with him, and we worked so closely together that it was easy to know all his good qualities. He was kind, considerate, religious, and understanding. His personality was an inspiration to the whole squadron. There were many who felt he was the backbone of the squadron."

He is survived by his widow Betty Jane, his son Patrick, his mother, Mrs. Thomas J. Byrne, three sisters, three brothers, and a host of friends.

—Henry Harmeling Jr.
—His roommate

John Francis Buyers

NO. 13454 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 14 June 1966 in Cleveland, Ohio, aged 45 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

JOHN BUYERS was born into the Regular Army in Boston, the son of Captain and Mrs. Archie S. Buyers. From the tales he told of his boyhood, of life on Army posts, of the schools he attended, and of his stint of home study in lieu of formal schooling, it was evident that he enjoyed the Army from the outset. Millard's in Washington, D.C., and the



JOHN FRANCIS BUYERS

University of Illinois were but stepping stones to West Point, which John entered, on a Presidential appointment, in 1940. The academic stars he wore, his many extracurricular activities, and his host of friends all attest to full, happy, and fruitful cadet days; the nickname, "Honest John," given to him by his classmates, is a key to his character.

After graduation John met Pat Noonan and courted her by mail for the next three years from Burma and China, where his unit was working on the Ledo Road.

Soon after his return from China in 1946, John was sent to the University of Illinois for a year of graduate study. It was a rewarding year in many ways, for he was able to room with his brother, and he was now close enough to Pat Noonan's home to see her regularly. John and Pat were married in June 1947, in the same church where they first met as members of the same wedding party. The Buyers' then proceeded to West Point where John began a 3-year tour as an instructor in the Department of Mechanics. With several classmates close by, and the arrival of daughter Kathleen Marie, the three years at West Point seemed to pass all too quickly for John and Pat.

After West Point, John was assigned to Fort Belvoir for attendance at the Engineer Advanced Course at the end of which John fully expected to be sent to Korea. Instead, he was assigned to the Army's Engineer School in Murnau, Germany, and his family accompanied him. It proved to be an abbreviated tour, for, after only one year, an old injury which John had suffered was now causing him to limp slightly. There followed a quick transfer back to the States, anxious months of hospitalization, treatment, and evaluation, and the seemingly inevitable conclusion that the damage was irreparable. It was the signal for the end of a very promising career. John was retired for disability in 1957.

It was only natural that a man whose life was as dedicated to the Service as John's was, would want to maintain his close association with the military. Soon after his retirement he was employed by the Sandia Corporation and spent ten satisfying years with his family in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A second daughter, Ann, was born there in 1958.

Meanwhile, there was no improvement in John's condition, and in 1966, the doctors recommended surgery. John was advised of the risk involved in the operation, but it was a risk he was fully prepared to take. He would have won except for post-operative compli-

cations which proved fatal, and John died at Huron Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, on 14 June.

John Buyers was buried at West Point, the place that was dear to him—where he and Pat had spent so many happy days together.

In addition to his wife Pat and daughters Kathleen and Ann, John is survived by his mother, Mrs. Archie S. Buyers of Albuquerque and by his brother, Dr. A. G. Buyers of Los Angeles.

Charles William Robertson

NO. 20704 CLASS OF 1956

Killed in Action 9 January 1967 in South Vietnam, aged 34 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

BILL CAME TO WEST POINT from Malden, Massachusetts, where he was the highest ranking student in his high school class. A Charles Hayden Scholarship to M.I.T. was one of the many he was offered, and he spent one year at M.I.T. under that scholarship before coming to the Academy as a member of the Class of 1956.

Bill was obviously well prepared academically for West Point, but from the first it was apparent that he was equally well qualified physically and morally. Most impressive about Bill were his conscientiousness and dependability—at West Point, synonymous with a high sense of duty. Yet, his conscientiousness was tempered by an unflinching good humor and a tolerance for the frivolity and vanity of others, even though these traits could not be attributed to him. Bill chose the Air Force for his career, believing that in so doing he could best satisfy his two greatest aspirations: engineering and the desire to fly. He was not disappointed in his expectations.

Following graduation Bill took primary pilot training at Malden Air Force Base, Malden, Missouri; in February he advanced to basic pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma. When he graduated, in August 1957, Bill was qualified as a multi-engine pilot, with a full instrument rating.

His first tactical assignment was with the 777th Troop Carrier Squadron at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina. Here he became further qualified as a tactical troop carrier pilot and aircraft commander in the C-119 and C-123 aircraft. During this tour he also became an instructor pilot.

In 1959, while still at Pope Air Force Base, Bill met, courted, and married Anne Cowman. Their first child, Elizabeth Anne, was born on 23 May 1963, the fourth anniversary of their wedding. Their son, William Douglas, was born in 1965. Bill's family gladdened his heart and added new dimensions to his soul.

He applied for graduate schooling and was accepted at Stanford University for the summer of 1959. He asked, however, for a one-year delay, and subsequently was sent to the Air Force Institute of Technology in August 1960. He received his master of science degree in electrical engineering, guidance, and control in March 1962. While at Wright-Patterson, Bill also became a C-47 pilot.

After receiving his degree, Bill was assigned to the 2802d Inertial Guidance and Calibration Group, Newark Air Force Station, Ohio. Here, for three years, he practiced

his specialty in guidance and control in the Minuteman and other related systems.

There was then a short tour as a pilot instructor with the U3-A aircraft at Kelly Air Force Base prior to his departure for Vietnam. In July 1966, he reported to the 4th Air Commando Squadron at Nha Trang, Vietnam, and was sent from there on temporary duty to Danang. There he first served as co-pilot of an AC-47, popularly known as "Puff, the Magic Dragon," and after a matter of months he was given his own crew.

At 0433 hours, 9 January 1967, Bill and his crew took off from Danang Air Base on a flare and gun-support mission. At approximately 0520, after receiving intensive hostile ground fire, his aircraft crashed at Quang Ngai. A Special Forces observer in the area reported seeing a bright flash followed by the crash in a Viet Cong-held cane field.

The ground recovery party had to fight its way to the aircraft, and the bodies were lifted out by helicopter. There were no survivors.

Prior to his fatal mission, Bill had been



CHARLES WILLIAM ROBERTSON

presented the Distinguished Flying Cross on 15 December 1966. The citation accompanying the award reads:

Captain Charles W. Robertson distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an AC-47 pilot over Southeast Asia on 26 August 1966. On that date, Captain Robertson assisted a Marine artillery unit which was under extreme mortar and automatic weapons fire from a numerically superior hostile force. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire, adverse weather conditions, and extremely mountainous terrain, Captain Robertson continually attacked the hostiles, until all fire ceased. He then attacked the hostiles' escape routes and inflicted further casualties on the unfriendly forces. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Robertson reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

At Lackland Air Force Base, on 12 May 1967, in ceremonies at the office of Brig. Gen. Frank Wood, Anne was presented with Bill's other awards: the Distinguished Flying Cross (first oak leaf cluster), the Air Medal

with clusters 1 through 5, the Commendation Medal, and the Purple Heart. The citation accompanying the oak leaf cluster to the DFC reads:

Captain Charles W. Robertson distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as an AC-47 aircraft commander near Quang Ngai, Republic of Vietnam, on 9 January 1967. On that date, while under intense and accurate fire from unfriendly forces, Captain Robertson demonstrated cool courage, undaunted determination, and superior skill in pressing home devastating air attacks against hostile positions. Persevering in the face of danger, he relentlessly and effectively aided in neutralizing the hostile forces. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Captain Robertson reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Bill was not a religious man, but he possessed the Christian virtues, and principal among these was his compassionate understanding of the human condition. He lived with "visioned help unsought, unknown." He loved his fellow men.

Thirty-four years fall far short of the time allotted most men, but it proved time enough for Bill to establish a solid record of achievement in the Service, and to earn the devotion and adoration of his loved ones.

Bill would only have been wryly amused at any speculation on the vanity or merit in the circumstances surrounding his death. He knew that for many men nothing became them in their lives like the leaving of it, and that death on the battlefield has a way of ennobling an otherwise mediocre existence. For him, the relevant question would concern itself with the merit or vanity of a particular life. Does its passing ennoble death? Bill's life was not in vain, and knowing that, the thought of his death is less intolerable.

*Seek out—less often sought than found—
A soldier's grave, for thee the best;
Then look around, and choose thy ground,
And take thy rest.*

Terry Wayne Creighton

NO. 21008 CLASS OF 1956

Died 24 August 1966—aircraft accident near Waxahochie, Texas, aged 33 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas

TERRY WAYNE CREIGHTON was the godson of the Class of 1932. With the heritage of a military environment, Terry accepted enthusiastically the challenges and responsibilities of a military career.

Upon graduation in June 1956, Terry joined the Air Force and reported to Marana Air Base, Arizona. He continued his pilot training at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, subsequently becoming an instructor there. In October 1957, he was transferred to Harlingen Air Force Base, Texas, as a mission pilot, and in May 1961, was assigned as an academic instructor at the Officer Candidate School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Terry's first overseas assignment came in March 1964, when he was ordered to Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam, as a troop carrier squadron pilot with the 310th Air Commando



TERRY WAYNE CREIGHTON

Squadron. He participated in 463 combat missions and accumulated over 521 combat hours while piloting a C-123 aircraft.

On his return to the United States Terry became an assistant professor of aerospace studies at East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas, where, in addition to teaching, he also served as commandant of cadets.

Terry's hobbies reflected his wide interests. He loved to build and to fly model airplanes and was a wizard with hi-fi equipment. He was also a licensed (K8TIP) ham radio operator. He was an active member of the First Methodist Church of Commerce and a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

During his abbreviated career, Terry was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Longevity Service Award with one oak leaf cluster, and the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon.

Terry is survived by his widow, the former Jo Ann Carlton of San Angelo, Texas, and his two children, Terri Ann 7, and Susan 3. He also leaves behind his father, Colonel S.R. Stewart, USAF (Ret) of La Jolla, California; a half-sister, Katherine Stewart; a half-brother, Cadet Kirk Stewart, U.S. Air Force Academy; and a brother, Alan Creighton, of Lansing, Michigan.

Terry will always be remembered by those who knew him as a person with a keen sense of humor. He was devoted to his family and placed Duty, Honor, and Country above self. His students prepared a plaque in his memory which they donated to the 830th AFROTC Cadet Corps at East Texas State University. It reads:

In Memory of
 Captain Terry W. Creighton, USAF,
 Who died on 24 August 1966
 In a plane crash.
 He exemplified the best in an
 Air Force officer and gentleman.
 He was the exemplar for which
 All men should strive.

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May he rest in peace.

—Teddy B. Palmore,
 Captain, USAF

Wayne David Day

NO. 21837 CLASS OF 1958

Died 11 March 1966 in Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 32 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

CAPTAIN WAYNE DAVID DAY passed away on 11 March 1966, at Walter Reed Army Hospital, stricken in the prime of life by the same fatal illness that had taken both his parents scarcely five years before. He rests today in a beautiful spot—and in excellent company—near the Old Cadet Chapel at West Point.

Wayne was born on 3 November 1933, in Lima, Ohio, and spent all of his pre-cadet years in Muncie, Indiana. As a boy he was sensitive and rather shy, by nature introspective, but with a definite strength of character which cadet life brought into full focus. He was a well coordinated athlete, and during his school years he excelled in basketball, baseball, and softball. He was always self-demanding and had little tolerance for the man who would not give his all to accomplish any task at hand.

Prior to entering the Military Academy in 1954 he attended Purdue University and Ball State Teachers College. Since he entered in what could have been his junior year in college, adjustment to the regimented plebe life was not easy, and civilian life appeared quite tempting. Some deep soul searching overcame his doubts, however, and West Point must be acknowledged as the catalyst that molded Wayne's many fine attributes—some of them latent—into the characteristics of a dedicated professional soldier. His classmates knew him as a perceptive young man, impatient with inefficiency and wasted effort, yet one whose quick wit and ready laugh could make him the life of the party. Although some might well have misunderstood Wayne's seriousness, his friends knew that it masked a warm, sympathetic personality.

At graduation, Wayne was commissioned an Armor officer. After completing the Basic Course at Fort Knox he was assigned to the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Europe where he held positions as platoon leader and S3 Air. When he returned to the States in 1961, Wayne chose to join the Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg and acquired the highly specialized skills that led to an assignment in Laos with a Special Forces Team. He earned the Combat Infantry Badge on this tour of duty.

From Laos, Wayne returned to Fort Knox for the Armor Career Course which was followed by another overseas tour, this time with the 3/64th Armor in Schweinfurt, Germany. Initially he was battalion S3, and later he commanded Headquarters Company. One of my fondest and most poignant memories is the change of command ceremony incident to my departure from my battalion in September 1964. I was privileged on that occasion to have Wayne participate as the Commander of Troops.

In 1965 Wayne was chosen by his Armor Branch to be the American exchange student at the British Royal Armored Corps School in Bovington, England. He had just reported to that very choice assignment when he fell ill.

Wayne met Virginia, the girl who was to be his wife, during his first tour in Europe, and they were married in Muncie, Indiana, in August 1961. Two beautiful children, Julie and Wayne David Jr., were born of



WAYNE DAVID DAY

that union. A true Army wife, Virginia endured the trials of separation, the many dislocations, and the temporary homes. She never left his side during his fatal illness. She now lives with the children in Boston, Massachusetts, and has assumed the role of the head of the house with a competence that would have made Wayne extremely proud.

The illness that struck Wayne down was as sudden as it was difficult to comprehend, but he never gave up. Prior to the operation that took his life, he asked if we knew what was to come. When we said we did, he relaxed, assured that all that could be done, would be done. There were no complaints, ever.

Where he rests today, the vigor and youth of countless young men in gray will provide a living memorial to those ideals by which he so earnestly sought to live. His family and his friends miss him, and there will be a void, never to be filled, but bridged always by fond memories of an outstanding soldier, an uncommon man, and a loving husband and father. We are all proud in our sadness that he could have accomplished so much in such a short time. The "Alma Mater" says it so well: "Well done, be thou at peace."

Every man is bound to do something before he dies. If it be that to which he is called, then death is but a sleep.

—His brother, James A. Day,
 Class of 1946

William Townsley Deuel

NO. 23522 CLASS OF 1961

Hostile death, Vietnam, 30 September 1966,
 aged 27 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

WILLIAM TOWNSLEY DEUEL WAS BORN ON 24 October 1938 in Memphis, Tennessee. But from the age of two months, Springfield, Illinois, was his home.

From the very first Bill was exposed to the proud traditions of the Service. In 1942, when Bill was only four, his father, Dr. Thorne Deuel (USMA 1912), an anthropologist, left his position as Director of the Illinois State Museum to return to active duty with the Army Air Corps, a tour that lasted

for three years. Dr. Deuel had served as a cavalryman from his graduation in 1912 to 1916 and had flown as a pilot in the fledgling Army Air Corps from 1916 to 1919.

During his father's absence, Bill began to develop a great love for the outdoors that was to be fostered by years of Scouting, culminating with a summer at Philmont Ranch in New Mexico. Swimming and diving also played a major role in Bill's youth. From his first high dive at the age of eight, till he was 17, he worked tirelessly on his diving technique, and in 1955 became the state YMCA champion.

In high school, Bill earned his letter as a pole-vaulter, continued to excel as a diver, and, more importantly, met Mary Jean Taylor.

Bill first saw West Point in 1952 when he accompanied his family to his father's 40th class reunion. It was probably then that the idea of becoming a cadet and making the Service his career was born. After graduation from high school, he attended Braden's, in Cornwall, with the Military Academy as his immediate goal. While at Braden's, Bill got permission from the authorities at West Point to use the Academy's pool and frequently ran to West Point and back for swimming and diving practice. He entered with the Class of 1961 the following year with an appointment from Senator Paul Douglas.

As a Plebe, Bill began as a diver with the swimming team, but on the coach's advice he switched to gymnastics and earned his numerals competing in the rings, parallel bars, and tumbling events. For the next three years, Bill was a standout on the ARMY gym team, his final, heartbreaking effort in a losing match to Navy in 1961 eliciting a personal letter from General Garrison H. Davidson, then Seventh Army Commander, and former Academy Superintendent. The General wrote:

"I learned of your superb performance against Navy. . . . You certainly carried a tremendous responsibility. . . . An underdog ARMY team on the verge of an upset victory. That you came through in such brilliant style, under such great pressure, is convincing evidence of your strength of character. . . . You gave more than your best when the chips were down, and in the eyes of observers you merited the fruits of your exceptional performance. Congratulations!"

Athletics occupied only a part of Bill's cadet days, however. He was a conscientious, hard-working student, always ready to lend a helping hand to classmates experiencing difficulties with the academic department. Throughout his cadet days Bill exhibited the same deep inner conviction, capable leadership, selfless application to duty, and humility that marked his career as an officer and caused him to stand out among his peers.

At graduation Bill chose the Infantry, attended Airborne and Ranger schools, and volunteered for duty in Korea. There Bill served with Company B, 2d Battle Group, 3d Infantry. He learned the routine of company-level operations so well that it prompted his commanding officer to remark, "I may be a captain before you, but you will be a general before I am." Somehow, Bill managed to crowd 36 hours of work into 24 and before long was commanding a company as a second lieutenant, a position he held until his rotation to the States eight months later. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his exceptional leadership and organizational abilities as a company commander.

Back home, Bill joined the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell and spent two

fruitful years there as an assistant operations officer. During this period he also qualified as a senior parachutist. For his superior performance in this assignment he was awarded an oak leaf cluster to his Army Commendation Medal.

While at Fort Campbell, in addition to his other notable accomplishments, Bill succeeded in "extracting Jeannie from the jungles of Chicago," as he liked to put it, and they were married on 4 April 1964. The young couple quickly won the hearts of a growing circle of friends, and Jeannie adapted quickly to her new role as an Army wife. On 17 March 1965 Matthew William Deuel, "the littlest soldier," was born to them.

About this time Bill was selected to attend the career course at the Armor School. Bill dug into the mechanics of mobile warfare with characteristic enthusiasm and in his quiet but professional way so impressed his Armor classmates that they spent a lot of time and effort attempting, unsuccessfully, to persuade him to switch branches.

Always ready for a new challenge, Bill volunteered for duty in Vietnam and was as-



WILLIAM TOWNSLEY DEUEL

signed as a battalion advisor to the elite 2d Airborne Battalion, Airborne Division, Republic of Vietnam. It was exactly the job he aspired to, one given on a selective basis only to outstanding Infantry officers.

Jeannie left early to settle in Illinois, and Bill proceeded to the military advisor's course at Fort Bragg. At the conclusion of the course and during Bill's few remaining weeks in the States, Bill and Jeannie managed a short, fun-filled, second honeymoon at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Bill arrived in Vietnam on 16 August 1966. Shortly before his first contact with the Viet Cong he wrote to a classmate of his desire to get into the field and to become involved in the fighting. It was typical of him to want to be a participant. He never welcomed the role of an observer.

While awaiting his first mission, Bill attended and graduated from the Vietnamese airborne school. Proudly wearing his second pair of jump "wings," Bill prepared to move to the field. He had already won the respect and admiration of his Vietnamese counterparts.

On 21 September, just nine days before he died, Bill shared the thoughts that guided his actions in life in a letter to Jeannie:

"When I was commissioned, I took an

oath to defend the Constitution and our way of life, at the price of my life if necessary. I knew you realized this when you married me. But now that I am on a battlefield and danger is close at hand, fear of death tends to cloud the mind of the non-believer. The strange thing is that fear is the greatest danger of all.

"I believe that we were all put on this earth for a purpose, and our lives will not end until that purpose is achieved. I believe that each one of us has been delegated certain responsibilities. I believe that the important thing is not how soon we can be relieved of them, but how well we manage them until God sees fit to relieve us of them. In your prayers I hope you pray not for our safety, but that we have the wisdom and courage to shoulder our responsibilities."

On 30 September, while returning from a successful mission, the helicopter in which Bill was riding received heavy automatic weapons fire from the ground. In that one unlucky instant Bill joined the Long Gray Line. He was the only man on the aircraft who was hit. He died as a soldier, in the performance of his duty, supporting the principles he valued. His loss leaves a gap in our ranks that can never be adequately closed.

Among the hundreds of letters received by his wife and family came one from Lieutenant Barry McCaffery, the junior advisor to the 2d Airborne Battalion, written from a hospital bed where he himself was recovering from wounds.

"I must tell you of the affection and respect that Sergeant Ortiz and I felt for our captain. He was a very kind man and a brave and competent officer. . . . The captain's loss stunned the battalion completely. . . . [His] sacrifice, I assure you, will not be forgotten by the officers and men of the 2d Airborne Battalion."

On 10 October 1966, William Deuel was buried in the West Point Cemetery as he had requested.

In November, at a retreat ceremony held at Fort Bragg, Jeannie and Matthew received the honors awarded to Bill posthumously: the Bronze Star for valor, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Purple Heart. The awards were presented by Lieutenant General Bruce Palmer Jr., Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps.

In addition to his wife and son, Bill is survived by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thorne Deuel, and an older brother, Thorne. A memorial fund in Bill's memory has been established by relatives and friends at the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Illinois.

*His smile was always genuine,
From boyhood days was always
Warm,
And yet
It carried a tinge of restraint,
Of disciplined reflection,
As though he was beyond
The immediate things.
He comprehended
As though he saw a framework
Beneath his time's affairs
Asking a price-making demand,
And so,
With quiet courage,
Standing beside young Nathan Hale,
He shouldered a hero's load.*

Written in memory of
Captain William T. Deuel
by Gilbert Wright, 9 December 1966

—B.W.C. III
Bong Son, Vietnam

ASSEMBLY

William Thomas Reach

NO. 24015 CLASS OF 1962

Hostile death, Vietnam, 9 January 1965.

Aged 24 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

TOMMY REACH WAS MANY THINGS to many people: husband, son, father, brother, friend, leader, soldier, scholar, but Duty and Honor always came first. His death, while under enemy attack in My Yen, Vietnam, must not be in vain. This young man's sacrifice should inspire all who come after to put forth a maximum effort toward the preservation of freedom and personal liberty. Surely, the world will be a better place for Tommy's young son to live in because his father, and others like him, have made the supreme sacrifice while in the service of their country.

Tommy was born on 20 March 1940 in the Ware County Hospital in Waycross, Georgia. His early years were active and at times hectic, but Tom had the knack of making the best of trying situations and often managed to add humor to them. A



WILLIAM THOMAS REACH

broken arm, suffered at the age of four, left him with a "trick elbow" that was always handy to surprise, amuse, and sometimes, startle, his friends.

Grammar school in Waycross was just a "breeze" for Tommy, allowing him all the time he needed to work at his then current life's ambition—to become a cowboy! Roy Rogers was his hero.

Tommy moved with the family to Decatur, Georgia, in 1952 and entered the local high school two years later. School work came as easy to him there as it had in grade school, and he devoted much of his time to the "Junior Achievement" program. Tommy had a natural talent for the modern business methods taught in the program, and it came as no surprise when his projects were highly successful. He graduated near the top of his class in 1958 and entered West Point that same year, having won a competitive appointment made available by Senator Richard Russell.

Plebe year is always the hardest, but, as usual, the resourceful Tommy actually seemed to enjoy the challenges. Periodic visits from his oldest brother, who lived nearby, helped to overcome the homesick-

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ness at first, and, in practically no time, young Cadet Reach was acclimated to his new environment. By 1960, when he might have gone home during his summer vacation, he chose instead to go to Europe with some of his friends.

The 1962 HOWITZER says of Tom Reach: "When he wasn't 'dragging,' playing tennis, or reorganizing the CCA, he was busy making friends. 'Hivey,' athletic, and active, Tom was always a big asset to his Class." He was a cadet lieutenant in his first-class year, and his extracurricular activities during his cadet days included membership in the: French Club, Debate Council and Forum, Handball Club, Ski Club, Parachute Club, and Skindiving Club. He also played squash and was on the *Pointer* staff all four years.

During his last year at West Point, the light of love entered Tom's life, and he and Rory (Rosemary) made plans to be married after graduation. Their plans materialized in the summer of 1962 when the two were married in the Yonkers Methodist Church, Yonkers, New York. The trip to Tom's first duty station at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was their honeymoon.

In July 1963, while they were stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, the happy couple was blessed with a blond, blue-eyed son, William Thomas Reach Jr.

When Tommy Reach uttered his final words in that lonely bunker in My Yen early in the morning of 9 January 1965, he knew that although he had lived a short life, he had lived a full one. He had enjoyed the blessings of a loving wife, a fine young son, devoted parents, and a life without compromise or shame.

Frank Stanley Reasoner

NO. 24302 CLASS OF 1962

Hostile death, Vietnam, 12 July 1965.

Aged 27 years.

Interment: Kellogg, Idaho

"ENCOURAGE US IN OUR ENDEAVOR to live above the common level of life." These words from the Cadet Prayer seemed to be the code by which Frank Reasoner lived—and died. Certainly on 12 July 1965, half a world away, in a not-too-popular conflict, Frank "lived above the common level of life," as he laid down his own life in order that another might live. His supreme sacrifice was in every way consistent with his steadfast devotion to duty and his concern for his fellow man.

Born in Spokane, Washington, on 16 September 1937, Frank began his military career on 2 June 1955 when he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Subsequently he won a competitive appointment to the Military Academy and entered with the Class of 1962 in July 1958. His four years at the Academy were not easy ones. Unlike most of his classmates Frank had been separated from the academic environment for a few years, but his drive and determination carried him over hurdles where lesser men would have stumbled. Although the work at West Point was hard and demanding, Frank still found time for extracurricular activities, particularly sports. He was, above all, a superb boxer, winning four different weight classes, a record unmatched by any other cadet. So high were the standards that Frank set for himself in any competition that he managed to excel in any sport he tried. Nothing short of perfection satisfied him, a competitive spirit that carried over

into his short, commissioned career. At graduation he chose to be commissioned in the Service he loved the most, the U.S. Marine Corps.

After a six-month tour at Quantico, Virginia, during which time he married Sally Jo Dimico, Frank took his bride to Hawaii where they were stationed with the 1st Marine Brigade at Kaneohe Bay, Oahu. A year later, their son, Mickey, was born.

Meanwhile, several thousand miles away, political unrest and conflict in South Vietnam were beckoning Frank to his destiny. In March 1965, the 1st Marine Brigade set sail for Vietnam. During the four months preceding his death, Frank distinguished himself in combat, earning the respect and admiration of his subordinates, his contemporaries, and his superiors. On 12 July, Frank met his death while saving another Marine's life. It was a tragic loss to his family and to his many friends. His final sacrifice earned for him his country's highest award for valor, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

On 29 August 1965, Camp Reasoner was dedicated in Danang, South Vietnam, as a lasting tribute to Frank's selfless devotion to duty. The hand-lettered sign at the gate reads:



FRANK STANLEY REASONER

This camp is dedicated in honor of First Lieutenant Frank S. Reasoner, USMC, whose courage, honor, and devotion were displayed "above and beyond the call of duty" during his valiant action at AnMy in the Danang Sector of Vietnam on 12 July 1965, while serving as commanding officer of Company A. First Lieutenant Reasoner sacrificed his life to save one of his wounded Marines. "Greater love hath no man."

On 31 January 1967, in the office of the Secretary of the Navy, the Medal of Honor was presented to Frank's widow and son. The citation accompanying the medal reads:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as commanding officer, Company A, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, 3d Marine Division in action against hostile Viet Cong forces near Danang, Vietnam, on 12 July 1965. The reconnaissance patrol led by Lieutenant Reasoner had deeply penetrated heavily controlled enemy territory when it came under extremely heavy fire from an estimated 50 to 100 Viet Cong insurgents. Accompanying

the advance party and the point that consisted of five men, he immediately deployed his men for an assault after the Viet Cong had opened fire from numerous concealed positions. Boldly shouting encouragement and virtually isolated from the main body, he organized a base of fire for an assault on the enemy positions. The slashing fury of the Viet Cong machine-gun and automatic weapons fire made it impossible for the main body to move forward. Repeatedly exposing himself to the devastating attack, he skillfully provided covering fire, killing at least two Viet Cong and effectively silencing an automatic weapons position in a valiant attempt to effect evacuation of a wounded man. As casualties began to mount, his radio operator was wounded, and Lieutenant Reasoner immediately moved to his side and tended his wounds. When the radio operator was hit a second time while attempting to reach a covered position, Lieutenant Reasoner, courageously running to his aid through the grazing machine-gun fire, fell mortally wounded. His indomitable fighting spirit, valiant leadership, and unflinching devotion to duty provided the inspiration that was to enable the patrol to complete its mission without further casualties. In the face of almost certain death he gallantly gave his life in the service of his country. His actions upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

Here, certainly, was a Marine who "lived above the common level of life."

—A Marine classmate

Michael Winston Kilroy

NO. 24857 CLASS OF 1963

Hostile death, Vietnam, 19 May 1966.

Aged 24 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

CAPTAIN MICHAEL W. KILROY WAS KILLED in action on 19 May 1966 while on duty at the Gio Linh outpost in Quang Tri Province in the Republic of Vietnam. He was assigned as the assistant battalion advisor to the 4th Battalion, 2d Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam. When his battalion was attacked at 2:30 a.m. on 19 May, Michael immediately contacted higher



MICHAEL WINSTON KILROY

headquarters requesting air support. After about ten minutes, during a lull in the enemy mortar fire, Michael left his bunker to consult with the battalion commander. Almost immediately, the Viet Cong renewed the mortar attack, and Michael was mortally wounded by fragments from one of the exploding mortar shells.

In a letter to Michael's parents, his commanding officer wrote: "As a member of this command, Michael was greatly admired by all of his associates, both American and Vietnamese. He was a thoroughly competent officer, performing his duties in a highly professional and courageous manner." His superiors also noted that Michael's timely action in requesting a flare ship served to prevent the enemy from destroying the outpost. During the Viet Cong attack, 44 Vietnamese soldiers were killed, 57 wounded, and 3 were listed as missing. Michael was the only American casualty.

Born on 10 December 1941 in Wayne, New Jersey, Michael was the only child of Harold and Helen McVeigh Kilroy. He graduated from Holy Cross Parochial School in Wayne and from Peekskill Military Academy at Peekskill, New York, where he distinguished himself as a student and an athlete. He was an all-America and all-County swimmer. At the Military Academy he continued to excel as a swimmer and was captain of the swimming team.

After advanced training at Fort Carson, Colorado, Michael volunteered for duty in Vietnam. When the local school children undertook the pleasant project of writing to him, he rarely wrote about himself in his replies but pleaded constantly for medicines and the necessities of life for the poor children in the area where he was serving. It was typical of Michael to be thoughtful of others—his generous heart won for him the esteem and affection of all who knew him.

At the time of his death Michael was a first lieutenant but was promoted posthumously to the grade of captain, effective 24 January 1966. He was also awarded, posthumously, the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the battle that claimed his life. At the same time he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in recognition of his outstanding performance of duty prior to his death, and the government of the Republic of Vietnam awarded him its Gallantry Cross with palm and its National Order, Fifth Class. In addition to these decorations his many friends and admirers, in and out of the Service, have seen fit to honor Michael's memory: Chapter 366 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of Passaic County, N.J., has been designated by its members, the Captain Michael W. Kilroy Chapter; the American advisors' compound at Quang Tri in Vietnam has since been renamed Kilroy Compound; the recreation field at Packanack Lake, New Jersey, was dedicated—with an impressive monument—as Kilroy Memorial Field; and the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel, in his home parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in Wayne, has also been dedicated as a memorial to him.

Michael was buried on 30 May 1966 at his beloved West Point. His home community paid an outstanding tribute to its hero son—a mile-long cortege accompanied the body to burial. The bulletin of his parish church included this eulogy: "First boy from Wayne to make the supreme sacrifice, our own Michael Kilroy, born and raised in our midst, the essence of vibrant, clean, intelligent boyhood, the epitome of Catholic manhood—scholar, athlete, leader, soldier supreme, graduate of West Point, intensely proud of his

Alma Mater, devoted and loyal to his country, eager to fight for humanity against the forces of oppression and tyranny. Killed in action while leading his troops in Vietnam, on Ascension Thursday, 19 May. His soul we commit to God, his body to his beloved West Point, his memory we enshrine in our hearts."

—Monsignor Edward Scully

Michael Thomas Glynne

NO. 25551 CLASS OF 1965

Hostile death, Vietnam, 28 May 1966, aged 22 years.

Interment: Laurel Hill Cemetery, Thomasville, Georgia

DEAREST MICHAEL:

I hope that you are at peace in your new world and are happy with the God you worshiped so faithfully during your life. Re-reading your many letters has helped me to accept your role as God's servant in heaven rather than on earth. It is hard for me to look back on your life and picture you as the soldier whose job it was to hunt and kill the enemy. Instead, I see you as the loving brother who never neglected his little girl friend no matter where you were or what you were doing.

As your sister I see you as the adventurous Boy Scout who always managed to bring home something new after every expedition, whether it was an Indian arrowhead or a case of poison ivy. Who could ever forget the eager fisherman at camp who put his prize catch into the camp refrigerator where it tainted the other foods stored there?

I also see another Michael, the one who always studied hard, ignoring his limitations, extending his reach beyond his grasp. Your academic reports from The Hill and from West Point were reflections of your hard work and of your dedication to learning. But perhaps the greatest tribute to your study was the knowledge you gained—not for the marks you would make, but for the sake of knowledge itself.

You began a new phase in your education in August of 1965 at Fort Benning. There, in the Ranger course, you were taught to synthesize academic knowledge, your limited experience, and common sense into an overall ability to fight and stay alive in a hostile environment. You worked hard at Benning, and you graduated confident in the knowledge that you were prepared for the future. Your



MICHAEL THOMAS GLYNNE

ASSEMBLY

future, five months in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry, although overshadowed by suffering, was nevertheless illuminating. You wrote home, telling us of the tragic inevitabilities of war that you had not fully anticipated, but reminding us that you were firmly committed to the justice of your and our country's mission. There was some comfort, at the time of your death, in recalling how strongly you believed in the cause you fought and died for.

Although you never learned to play a musical instrument, you were always musically inclined. I can remember that your voice contributed a calm and beautiful tone to the choirs and glee clubs you sang with. How can I express the pride I always felt when I heard you sing in church on Sundays, and as I watched the people around us turn and look at you with admiration? You seemed to sing with your heart as well as your voice.

You were always the great traveler, roaming the world, searching and adding to your fund of knowledge. You brought back so many interesting stories of the new friends you met and the experiences you shared with them. We at home still feel the impact of your desire to erase the "ugly American" image abroad in the letters that come for you from places I never knew existed.

But your friends were not all from foreign lands. There are those here at home who keep your memory alive and often speak fondly of you. Many of them have contributed to a memorial fund in your name at The Hill School; many of our neighbors continue to pray for you.

There are also many tangible things to remind us of you. Tributes to your bravery and devotion are represented by the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star medals we proudly display on our bookshelves at home. An acknowledgement of your scholarly achievement is represented in the family library by the Herman Beukema Award which you received at graduation. Surrounding it are the books you won as prizes for scholarship throughout your school years. All attest to the learning you loved so much.

Thus ends my humble tribute to the brother

I loved. Words can never fully describe the kind of man and brother you were. Mother and father send their love as do all in the family. In all of our prayers is the fervent wish that you have found the peace you so richly deserve.

With my love,
Your Sister, Linda

Wright Edward Noble Jr.

NO. 26655 CLASS OF 1966

Died 20 July 1966 in an automobile accident in Jacksonville, Florida, aged 21 years.

Interment: Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery, Jacksonville, Florida



WRIGHT EDWARD NOBLE JR.

WRIGHT EDWARD "BUTCH" NOBLE was well known throughout the Corps of Cadets for his athletic ability and for his wonderful sense of humor, and his memory is firmly

established among all who knew him, on both counts. Butch was an outstanding high school athlete whose dream it was to go to West Point and to play on its football team. Despite the lack of a ready appointment and his small stature, Butch attained both goals.

During Beast Barracks Butch weighed less than 150 lbs., but Coach Tipton already wanted him for his 150-lb. football squad. Butch was determined to play with the varsity, however, and nothing short of that would do. In spite of the fact that he was the smallest man on the squad, he fought for and won a starting position in the defensive backfield. His remarkable athletic ability and his tremendous enthusiasm for the game made him a standout player in his last two seasons. Nor did he limit himself to football. In his first-class year Butch learned the fine points of the game of rugby and helped that team to register a winning season.

Butch had a weakness for clowning. Whether he was on top of the world or feeling its entire weight on his shoulders, he never disappointed those who looked to him for the assurance that no setback was so great that it couldn't be dissolved by humor, and Butch's humor was richer for its spontaneity. When he was turned out in Ordnance Engineering the final semester of his first-class year, he was concerned—but he was amused, too: as a turn-out, he was excused from making the trip to Aberdeen Proving Ground. He hadn't wanted to make the trip in the first place. It was typical of him to be able to see the bright side. He had that kind of a personality.

Butch loved his country and was willing to make sacrifices for it. He was prouder of his commission than the degree he received with it. He anxiously awaited Ranger training and the tour in Vietnam that would follow.

His death came as a severe blow to his family and to his host of friends in his own Class and in the rest of the Corps. The country and the Army has lost one of its most promising young officers.

Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Spring 1967 ASSEMBLY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
William R. Bettison.....	1901.....	26 June	1967.....Rosemont, Pennsylvania
Edward L. Hooper.....	1904.....	11 June	1967.....North Andover, Massachusetts
Martyn H. Shute.....	1906.....	3 June	1967.....San Antonio, Texas
Caesar R. Roberts.....	Ex-1909.....	18 March	1967.....Upland, California
Wilfrid M. Blunt.....	1911.....	12 May	1967.....Washington, D.C.
James C.R. Schwenck.....	1911.....	28 January	1967.....Fort Lee, Virginia
John E. Feathers.....	Ex-1911.....	5 October	1965.....Barberton, Ohio
John H. Van Vliet.....	1913.....	23 June	1967.....Red Bank, New Jersey
James B. Cress.....	1914.....	27 July	1967.....Palo Alto, California
Robert L. Bacon.....	Aug 1917.....	4 May	1967.....Brownsville, Texas
Reginald Whitaker.....	Jun 1918.....	28 June	1967.....Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
John D. Armstrong.....	1919.....	5 June	1967.....Palo Alto, California
Hobart Hewett.....	1919.....	18 March	1967.....San Francisco, California
William J. Moroney.....	1919.....	5 May	1967.....Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
Regis H. Post Jr.....	Ex-1919.....	8 January	1967.....Port Charlotte, Florida
Carlos J. Rabby Jr.....	Ex-1919.....	19 March	1967.....Wiggins, Mississippi
Lathrop R. Bullene.....	1920.....	5 July	1967.....West Point, New York
Lyman L. Judge.....	1920.....	3 June	1967.....Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
John P. Kennedy Jr.....	14 Jun 1922.....	5 February	1967.....Fayetteville, North Carolina
Edgar L. Love.....	1923.....	23 June	1967.....Warminster, Pennsylvania
William J. Cleary.....	1924.....	22 May	1967.....Fairfield, Connecticut
Wallace H. Hastings.....	1924.....	7 June	1967.....Pacific Palisades, California
Earl Mattice.....	1924.....	5 June	1967.....Washington, D.C.
Gordon B. Rogers.....	1924.....	2 July	1967.....Washington, D.C.
Paul M. Seleen.....	1925.....	15 July	1967.....Washington, D.C.
Edward L. Munson Jr.....	1926.....	29 June	1967.....Denver, Colorado
Joseph P. Dawson.....	Ex-1926.....	24 June	1967.....Edgemere, New York
William P. Rupert.....	Ex-1928.....	11 April	1967.....Walnut Creek, California
Stuart F. Crawford.....	1930.....	14 May	1967.....Bryan, Texas
Seiss E. Wagner.....	1931.....	29 June	1967.....Washington, D.C.
Harry N. Burkhalter Jr.....	1933.....	15 April	1967.....Tyndall AFB, Florida
Joseph W. Stilwell Jr.....	1933.....	25 July	1967.....Lost, Pacific Ocean
Jack W. Turner.....	1933.....	7 May	1967.....Near Old Forge, New York
Henry A. Cunningham Jr.....	1940.....	6 May	1967.....Washington, D.C.
James W. Stigers.....	1941.....	27 February	1967.....El Paso, Texas
Wade H. Robert Jr.....	Ex-Jan 1943.....	16 July	1967.....Lackland AFB, Texas
Arthur A. Becker.....	1947.....	29 June	1967.....Washington, D.C.
William B. Cronin.....	1947.....	27 April	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Joseph M. Kiernan Jr.....	1948.....	3 June	1967.....Vietnam (helicopter crash)
Howard F. Reinsch.....	1950.....	2 June	1967.....Lackland AFB, Texas
Rodney H. Smith.....	1953.....	3 June	1967.....Vietnam (helicopter crash)
Charles J. Tighe.....	1953.....	23 April	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Jackson B. Carter.....	1954.....	15 March	1967.....Clark AB, Philippines
Edwin W. Martin.....	1956.....	23 June	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
James W. Stanley.....	1956.....	23 June	1967.....Peekskill, New York
Walter D. Williams.....	1956.....	10 July	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Alfred R. Mason.....	1958.....	1 June	1967.....Landstuhl, Germany (military aircraft accident)
John M. Nash.....	1959.....	16 March	1967.....Officially declared dead—Vietnam
Richard J. Davis.....	1961.....	10 May	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Ralph B. Walker II.....	1963.....	29 May	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
James C. Powers.....	1964.....	26 May	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Anthony J. Borrego.....	1965.....	5 July	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Jerry F. Clark.....	1965.....	21 June	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Charles L. Hemmingway.....	1965.....	13 June	1967.....Vietnam
Chester A. Myers Jr.....	1965.....	10 March	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
William E. Behan Jr.....	1966.....	25 May	1967.....Korea
Fred G. Bertolino.....	1966.....	19 June	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Richard E. Hood.....	1966.....	22 June	1967.....Vietnam (hostile death)
Donald R. Judd.....	1966.....	22 June	1967.....Vietnam (helicopter crash)
Frank A. Rybicki Jr.....	1966.....	9 May	1967.....KIA Vietnam

NOTE: The listing, John McGinness Ex-'24, in this section of the Spring 1967 issue, should have read: Alfred John McGinness.

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increased responsibilities of command and leadership. They faced for the first time the practical problems of controlling and administering their own organization and of planning, executing, and supervising the conduct of small unit problems and activities.

The First Class branch-training trip to Forts Benning, Sill, Bliss, Knox, Belvoir, and Monmouth is still on the schedule. As the classes grow larger certain changes can be expected. The Second Class is provided excellent Navy, Air Force, and Marine orientations by our sister Services during their June training here. Finally, the Army Orientation Training, with members of both the First and Second Classes performing lieutenants' duties for one month periods with troop units and training centers throughout the country, rounds out a busy and profitable summer.

However, the questions of how effective are the summer programs must always be asked. To provide some indication of strengths or weaknesses, General Westmoreland was asked to comment on the performance of recent graduates. His reply stated:

"After over three years of such observations here in Vietnam, I am thoroughly convinced that today's young Military Academy graduate assumes his place of combat leadership with the finest possible background. His mental attitude, his devotion to duty, his willingness to accept responsibility--in short, his ability to lead--are unexcelled on a battlefield where excellence of leadership, no matter what the background, is a standard."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "D.V. Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

D.V. BENNETT
Major General, USA
Superintendent



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