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Fellow Graduates:

A year ago this spring, the West Point Society, Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter, came into being. Its establishment, as a home chapter of the alumni society chain that now extends around the world, seemed long overdue. Certainly the need for its existence appeared obvious -- to me. But then I became aware from attendance, questions, and actions -- and the lack of them -- that the reasons for having an active chapter at West Point were not understood by many of the graduates assigned here. Hence, I outlined my concept of the "Role of a West Point Society" to the local chapter membership at its annual fall meeting. In the hope that some of my remarks might clarify the real objective of any society chapter for those graduates who have posed the same questions as local alumni, I wish to restate here the salient points covered in my talk last fall.

The basic purpose of any alumni organization is obviously to support and sustain the Alma Mater. That's easy. But how you go about accomplishing that purpose is another matter. What can and should any West Point Society do to help the Military Academy?

It can, of course, meet frequently to maintain ties among alumni in the area concerned. Such meetings, if confined to talk about the old days, are interesting sidelights but mean little to the Academy of today or tomorrow. Meetings in themselves are passive in nature, but they can be the medium for action, and active assistance is what the Academy needs.

Do I mean assistance in the form of money? No, not in the primary sense that governs activities by alumni fund raisers of other institutions. Our basic needs are met by Congressional appropriations. Fringe benefits akin to necessities come from the Superintendent's Fund and other such aids. While contributions to such funds are certainly needed and welcomed, they are not my primary concern nor should they be yours.

My very real concern is in the field of admissions. We will continue to perform our mission properly and successfully only so long as we take in candidates who have the capacity, character, and motivation to go through the Academy and engage in a productive Army career. The day that stream dries up, and the flow of dedicated graduates with it, we close our doors. Is this a serious matter today? YES! Last year, after admitting 1054 cadets into the Class of 1971, we had only 487 qualified candidates left in our pool. That's a rather shallow pool. Next year we begin taking in 1360 new cadets each July, and the depth of that pool will become critically low -- unless we take steps NOW to increase the size of the cream-of-the-crop group from which we select our candidates. Without the proper quality input, the best facilities, curriculum, and programs in the world won't mean a thing. Thus we must act, and we are acting, but we need help.

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Highlighting a long and distinguished career, we feature General John L. Hines, our Oldest Living Graduate, on the front cover. On the back, a panorama of the Illustrious Graduates Dinner in New York and some of the graduates honored.

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## ...career

Troop assignments with the 2d Infantry from graduation in 1891 through the Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection.

Detailed to the Quartermaster Department in 1901, served in many capacities at various installations until 1911.

Assigned to the 19th and 6th Infantries until detailed to the Adjutant General's Department in 1914.

Served as Adjutant General of the Punitive Expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa, 1916-1917; acting Chief of Staff of the Expedition for part of that period.

Served in the Adjutant General's Department at seven posts and as Assistant Adjutant General of the AEF in France until October 1917.

Commanding Officer, 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, November 1917-April 1918.

In April 1918, promoted to Brigadier General and assigned as Commanding General, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

Promoted to Major General in August 1918 and assigned to command the 4th Infantry Division, which he led in the Battle of St. Mihiel and during the earlier stages of the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

In October 1918, assigned to command the III Corps, a position he held through the early occupation of Germany.

On his return to the U.S. in 1919, he successively commanded the 4th, 5th and 2d Divisions, and the 8th Corps Area.

Appointed Deputy Chief of Staff on 5 December 1922.

Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, 14 September 1924-20 November 1926, with the rank of General.

Commanding General, 9th Corps Area, 5 December 1926.

Commanding General, Philippine Department, 30 September 1930.

Retired from active service 31 May 1932.

General, Retired 15 June 1940, Special Act of Congress.

# General John L. Hines '91

## ...decorations

Distinguished Service Cross "for extraordinary heroism in action near Berzy-le-Sec, France, 21 July 1918."

Distinguished Service Medal "for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service as a regimental, brigade and corps commander." 17 January 1919.

Silver Citation Star for gallantry in action against Spanish forces at Santiago, Cuba, on 1 July 1898.

Many foreign decorations, including the Croix de Guerre with palm and Commander of the Legion of Honor from France.



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Brig. Gen. Hines, with Col. Campbell King and Lt. Col. George C. Marshall, while commanding 1st Brigade, 1st Division, France, 1918

# ..Oldest Graduate, USMA

HATS off to 'Birdie' Hines of '91!"—So said the 35th Reunion Book of the Class of 1891 published at West Point in 1926, and so say all of us who point with pride to General John L. Hines, "'91's highest ranker." One hundred years young—on May 21, General Hines will add that distinction to his already impressive list of accomplishments. Besides being the Academy's oldest living graduate, he is also the oldest living Army Chief of Staff, having held that position from 1924-1926.

A combat hero in two wars as well as in the expedition into Mexico and in Indian skirmishes on the western plains, General Hines has played a major role in the military history of his country. He was the only American officer in World War I who successively commanded in battle a regiment, a brigade, a division and an army corps, and his war record at that time was frequently compared to that of "Stonewall" Jackson.

His military record, his attention to detail, and even his physical appearance were often likened to those of General Pershing and he succeeded Pershing as Chief of Staff of the Army. The two men worked closely together, bound by feelings of mutual respect and understanding. General Pershing has been quoted as saying of his successor: "Number one on the list of general officers known to me."

President Andrew Johnson was in the White House when General Hines was born at White Sulpher Springs,

Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander John L. Throckmorton helps General Hines unwrap a gift from the Corps of Cadets presented in Washington in September 1967. Looking on (left to right): great-grandson John L. Clagett; Col. Horace M. Brown Jr., Alumni Secretary; and Cadet Thomas D. Burnette.

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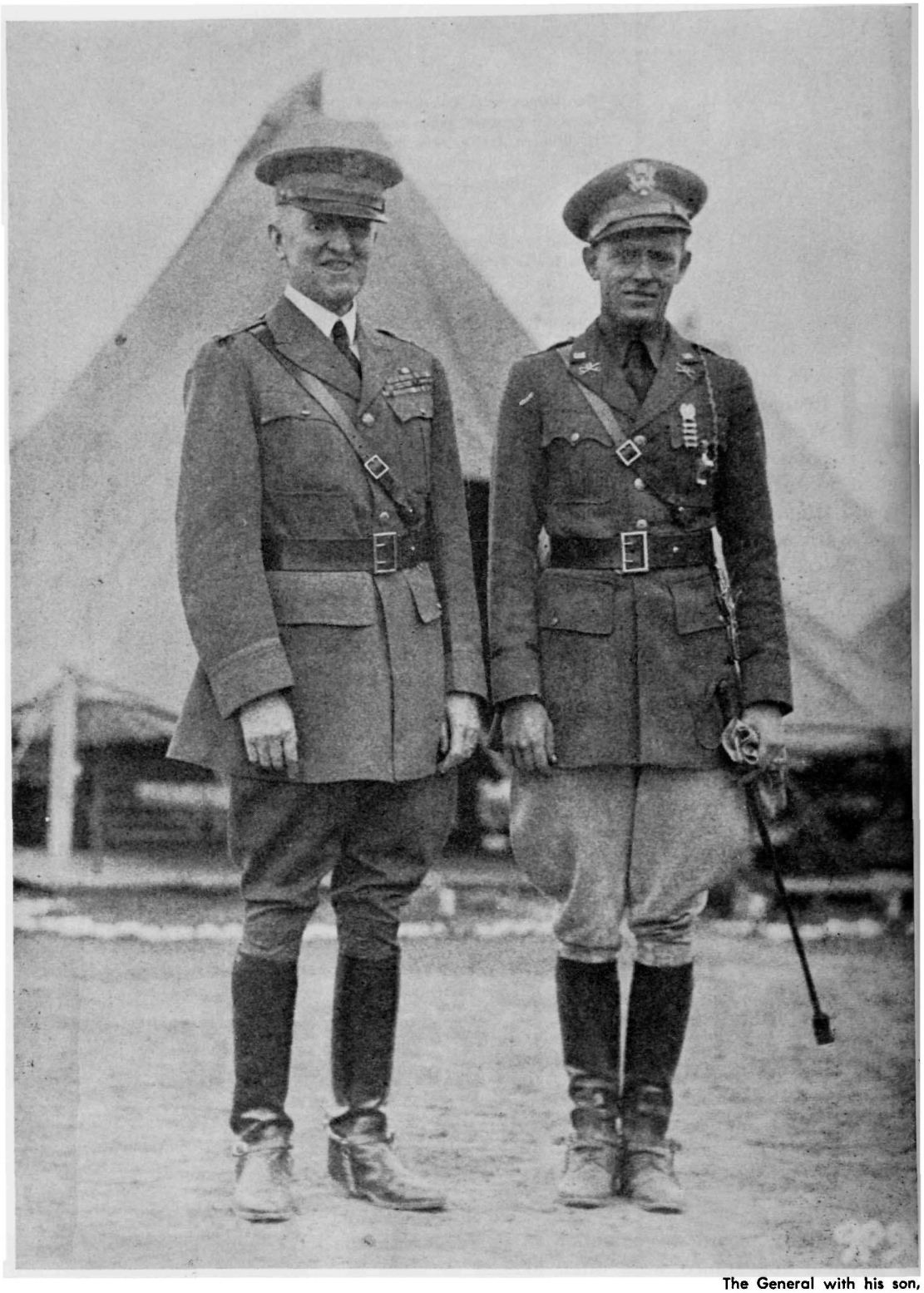
## HINES / *oldest grad*



The General with his son, Lt. J.L. Hines Jr., '27, at Headquarters, 9th Corps Area, San Francisco, 1928

W. Va., in 1868. The son of an Irish storekeeper, he was educated in a one-room schoolhouse. The reunion book says of General Hines as a cadet: " 'Birdie' was a football player, and had a laugh that made you want to laugh too. Shy of hops at first, but later became the greatest hopoid of the class." He was known throughout his life for his proficiency in dancing and in horsemanship and for his sense of humor and love of athletics.

The then Lieutenant Hines was married in 1898 to Harriet Schofield (Rita) Wherry, daughter of Colonel William Wherry, a Medal of Honor winner in the Civil War. They had two children, Mrs. Alice Hines Cleland and Colonel J. L. Hines Jr., '27, USA, Retired. General Hines has four grandchildren, Colonel J. R. D. Cleland Jr., Mrs. Lesley Thornton, Mrs. Robert H. Clagett Jr., and J. L. Hines III, as well as nine great-grandchildren.

Always known as a "fighting soldier," General Hines was not happy in his post in Washington as Chief of Staff, nor with the paper work, speech-making and political maneuvering that accompanied it. One of the few bright spots in his Washington duty seems to have been the dancing he got to do at social affairs. So, it was with great pleasure that he went from his duty as Chief of Staff to command the Corps Area farthest from Washington, in San Francisco.



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ootball team of the Class of '91
ith Cadet Hines pictured
econd from the left, third row

n 1930 he returned to the Philippines for the fourth time o succeed General MacArthur as Commander of the Philppine Department.

Upon retirement, he went home to White Sulpher prings to spend the earlier years of his retirement. He ventually settled in Washington and, enthusiastic soldier hat he was, applied for active duty at the onset of World Var II. The Army regretfully turned down his request—he vas 73.

In recent years, General Hines has been in residence at Valter Reed General Hospital where he remains mentally lert, interested in the world about him and, particularly, in his beloved Corps. On 5 September 1967, Colonel Horace M. Brown Jr., Alumni Secretary at West Point, and Cadets John Throckmorton and Thomas Burnett, visited General Hines at Walter Reed and presented him with mementos from the Association of Graduates and the Corps of Cadets. On noting the Military Academy motto on the crest given to him, he said:

"Duty - Honor - Country. They have gotten me a long way in the course of 100 years. That is the code I have tried to live by. The way I was taught at West Point. It is not so much what you do as how you do it. Put your whole soul into it, and it will be received that way. I



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General Hines examines the U.S. Military Academy crest presented to him in Washington in September 1967. With General Hines are (left to right): Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander John L. Throckmorton; Rita H. Clagett, a great-granddaughter; General Harold K. Johnson, Army Chief of Staff; John L. Clagett, a great-grandson; Colonel Horace M. Brown Jr., Alumni Secretary; and Cadet Thomas D. Burnette, Brigade Operations Officer.

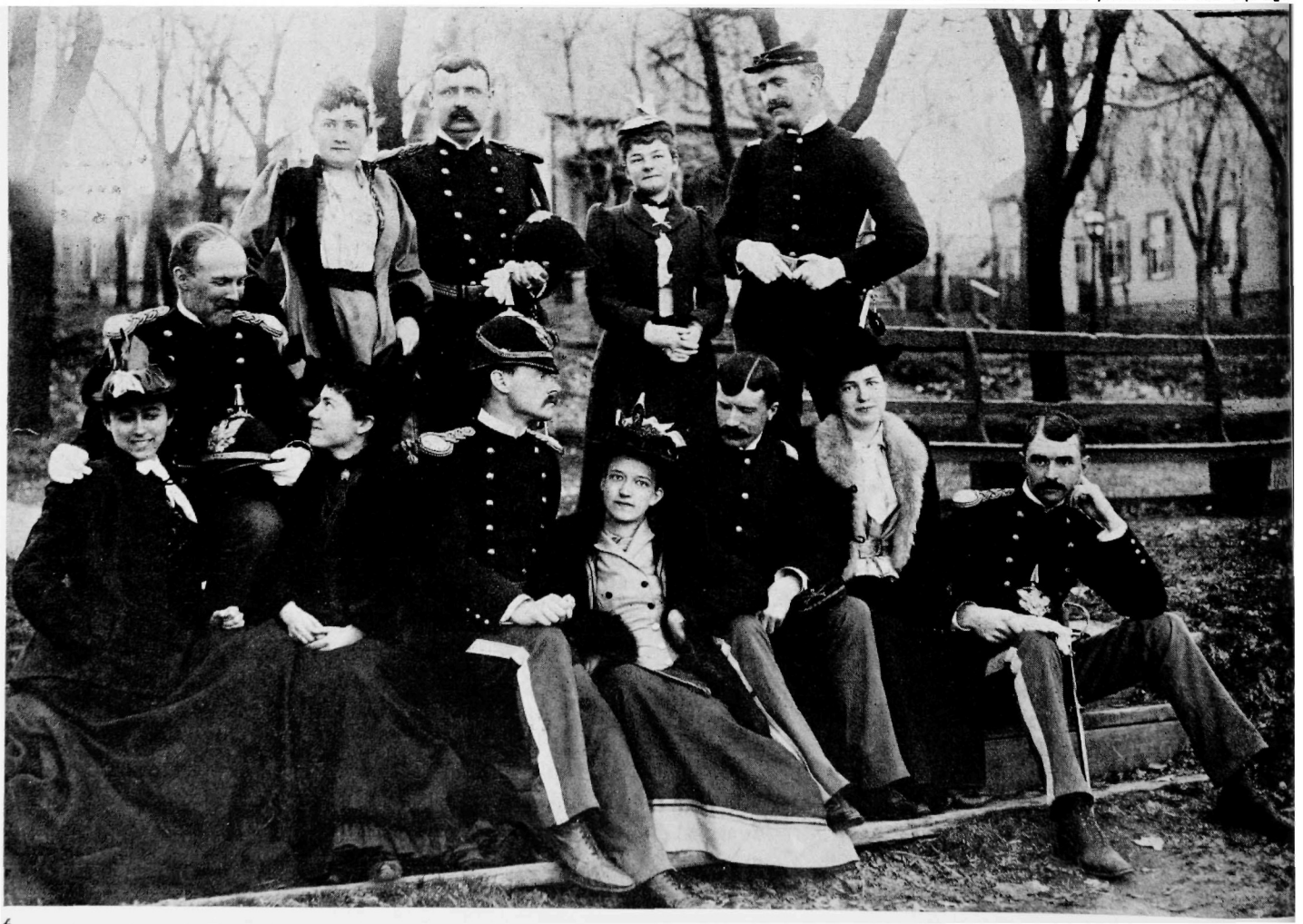
have many loyal friends and comrades made this way. am delighted to see the representatives of the Milita Academy and the Corps of Cadets."

General Hines has been out of the public eye for long time but he can look back with pride on a life o service to the Army and the nation and he will be we remembered by all those who hold dear the same concep that he has lived by for a full century.

A poem published in the 100th Night Program, 28 Feb ruary 1891, ends with this verse:

"Oh, crimson-sashed young officers,
With chevrons golden gay,
Your shining swords will still gleam bright
When years have rolled away.
One prayer will rise from beating hearts
If booms a hostile gun—
God keep those gallant gentlemen,
The Class of Ninety-One!"

Officers of the 2d Infantry pose with their ladies in the 1890's. Lieutenant Hines is pictured at the top right.





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# OLDEST LIVING GRADS THROUGH THE YEARS

FROM Heman A. Fay, Class of 1808, to John L. Hines, Class of 1891, the 36 graduates of the U.S. Military Academy who have served as the Oldest Living Graduate between 1808 and the present are a remarkble group. Since the only thing that sets this group of raduates apart from others is longevity, one might expect ıese men to be a cross section of all graduates—most of ıem dedicated professional army officers but undistinuished, a few generals, one or two prominent personages, nd possibly one or two who have gained fame in other ndeavors. Such is not the case. For among the group are umerous generals, two governors, a U.S. senator, state egislators, railroad presidents, Medal of Honor winners, uperintendents of USMA, and even a mayor of a large ity.

Records of the early graduates were not always comlete and it is not possible to identify the earlier Oldest iving Graduates. Obviously either Joseph G. Swift, the rst graduate, or his classmate Simon M. Levy was the ldest Living Graduate on graduation day, 12 October 802. But Levy's birth date cannot be established exactly o it is not possible to say which was the older.

On 13 June 1808, however, Heman A. Fay graduated t the age of 30. He had been 29 years old when he entered he Military Academy in 1807. According to the best availble records, he was the oldest cadet by some years, and ecame the Oldest Living Graduate on his graduation day. ay held that position until his death at the age of 87 on 0 August 1865. He was the Oldest Living Graduate for ver 57 years. Fay's career was not particularly distinuished as he left the Army shortly after the War of 1812 nd became a chief forage master, military storekeeper, and gent for the Quartermaster Department. However, he was he author of the "Official Account of Battles Fought etween the Army and Navy of the United States and reat Britain in 1812-15."

PERHAPS the most unusual Oldest Living Graduate was Fay's successor, Samuel Noah '07. He left the ervice in 1811, dissatisfied with slow promotions and disusted with incompetent superiors appointed over him. He oined a small Patriot Army of Mexico under command of ol. Augustus W. Magee '09. This force invaded Texas nd captured Fort Bahia (now Goliad) from the Spanish oyalists on 14 November 1812. The Royalists laid seige o the fort and Magee died during the seige which was ifted in March 1813. The Patriot Army, with Noah in command of the rear guard, received reinforcements, pursued the Royalists, defeated them in a battle at San Antonio on 4 April, and entered the capital of Texas where the governor, Salcedo, surrendered. Informed of the outbreak of the War of 1812, Noah returned to his native land, sought a commission which was not tendered to him, volunteered his services as a private soldier, and served in the New York area with harbor defense forces offering valuable technical assistance to the commander.

Samuel Noah was the Oldest Living Graduate for six years and was succeeded by Sylvanus Thayer '08. There is little need here to go into the illustrious career of the "Father of the Military Academy."

Possibly the least distinguished Oldest Living Graduate followed Thayer. Simon Willard '15 resigned a year after graduation and became an importer and dealer in chronometers and watches.

THE next ten graduates to become the Oldest Living Graduate had diversified, interesting, and distinguished careers. The ten included seven who served in the Civil War, four in the Mexican War, four in the Florida and Indian wars, one in the War of 1812, and one, Charles S. Merchant '14, who participated in all four wars. Among them were three state senators, one state representative, three associate or assistant professors at the Military Academy, two presidents of railroads, and the man who did much of the planning of New York City's elevated and underground railroads.

Samuel G. French '43, the 15th in the line of Oldest Living Graduates, was the first one who had served in the Confederate Army. He had been a major general and later helped rebuild the Mississippi levees and authored "Two Wars—An Autobiography." He was the first person to receive the Southern Cross decoration.

Oldest Living Graduate number 16 was Parmenas T. Turnley '46, a miner, farmer, and banker, who became mayor of Highland Park, Ill.

Simon Bollivar Buckner '44, the Confederate Civil War hero, was an assistant professor at the Military Academy, Governor of Kentucky, and an unsuccessful Vice-Presidential candidate on the National (Gold) Democratic ticket in 1896.

Francis T. Bryan '46, fought in the Mexican War and against the Indians on the frontier. Horatio G. Gibson '47, and Henry L. Abbot '54, were brigade commanders in the Civil War and highly (*continue on page* 30)



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*EDITOR'S NOTE:*

*This article was originally prepared by Colonel Robert F. Carter, USMA '19, and is the result of extensive research on his part. Colonel Carter has been engaged in a study of TIME covers since 1956 and his collection totals over 1400 covers. He now resides in France and is currently working on a similar project for the U.S. Naval Academy. Current revision has been made by the staff of ASSEMBLY.*

# the West

Hugh S. Johnson '03, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower '15, and General William C. Westmoreland '36, have each been selected as "Man of the Year" by **Time**. General Eisenhower was "Man of the Year" twice, in 1944 and in 1959.

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Andrews '93 — 1
Wood '00 — 2
Johnson '03 — 2
MacArthur '03 — 8
McNair '04 — 1
Stilwell '04 — 1
Andrews '06 — 1
Wainwright '06 — 1
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Chidlaw '22 — 1
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Cagle ex'30 — 1
McConnell '32 — 1
Wheeler '32 — 1
Johnson '33 — 2
Kemper '35 — 1
Abrams '36 — 1
Westmoreland '36 — 3
Woods '45 — 1
Blanchard '47 — 1
Davis '47 — 1
Borman '50 — 1
White '52 — 2

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GENERAL of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower '15, heads an impressive list of 52 West Pointers who have been featured on the covers of *Time, The Weekly Newsmagazine*, since its inception in 1923. General Eisenhower has appeared on 16 covers, second only to President Johnson, who has been featured 19 times. West Point runner-up is General Douglas MacArthur '03, with eight cover appearances. USMA graduates account for more than 4% of all *Time* covers, appearing 95 times in 45 years of publication.

*Time* has many reasons for cover selection but, in essence, they all come down to one word—NEWS. To be on the cover of *Time* can be a recognition of position or



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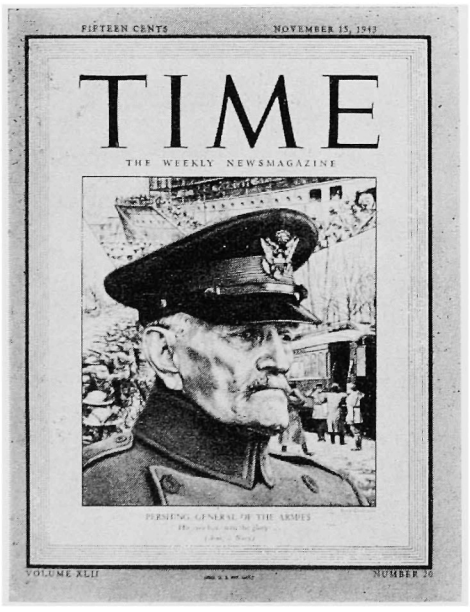

USMA personages who have appeared on **Time** covers include generals, government officials, industrialists, athletes, astronauts, an educator, and in one instance the Cadet First Captain. Left to right top row: Mason M. Patrick '86, Douglas MacArthur '03, and Omar N. Bradley '15. Bottom row: John J. Pershing '86, Robert E. Woods '45, and Glenn W. Davis '47 and Felix A. (Doc) Blanchard Jr., '47. Opposite page, top to bottom: Robert E. Wood '00; John M. Kemper '35; and current members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, John P. McConnell '32, Earle G. Wheeler '32, and Harold K. Johnson '33



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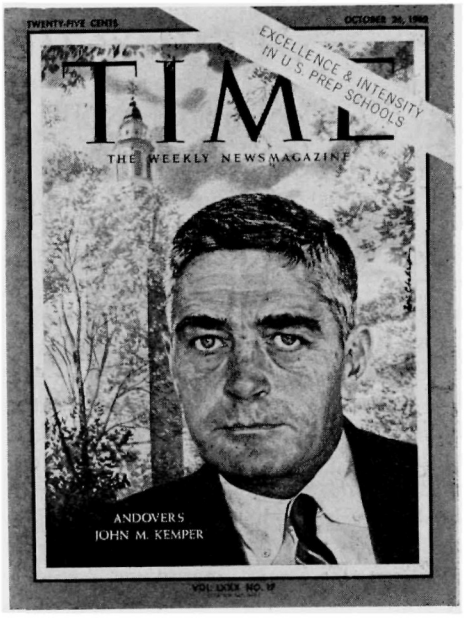
ıe achievement, but not necessarily so. As varied as life elf, *Time's* "gallery" of cover subjects is composed of dividuals well remembered and sometimes long forotten, but the criterion used by *Time* editors for cover lection has always been that the subjects were newsorthy. All West Pointers featured were selected for conructive achievement and excellence in their particular eld.

In 1927 *Time* began to designate a "Man of the Year," uming Charles A. Lindbergh for that year. USMA gradıtes have attained this honor four times. General Eisenower was selected for 1944 for his military leadership in e invasion of Europe, and again in 1959 for the Presiency. Hugh S. Johnson '03, was chosen for 1933, when headed the National Recovery Administration, and eneral Westmoreland '36, for 1965, as commander of U.S. ilitary forces in South Vietnam.

Graduates on *Time* have generally made the cover beuse of their military achievements but there have been otable exceptions. Besides the aforementioned Johnson, obert E. Wood '00, has appeared as a leader in the field business, John M. Kemper '35, for excellence in the eld of education, and Glenn W. Davis and Felix A. Blanard Jr., '47, for their football prowess. Mason M. Patrick 6, was the first graduate to be featured on a cover when appeared in July of 1923 as the only Major General earn his pilot's wings, which he did at the age of 59 ter becoming Chief of Air Service in 1921. The cover of February 1965, is notable for the fact that, in picturing ıe Joint Chiefs of Staff, three USMA graduates appeared ı one cover. The June Week cover of 1945 pictured Cadet irst Captain Robert E. Woods '45, and this is the only me a cadet in Full Dress has been featured. Covers feaıring space exploration and services to the country in the eld of diplomacy have also pictured graduates.

It is interesting to speculate on the number of gradates who might have appeared on covers had *Time* been ublished in the nineteenth century. Surely many of those amed to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans at New ork University would have graced the covers, as well as number of Union and Confederate military leaders and thers who achieved greatness in the fields of the arts, ngineering and public service.

How many West Pointers will appear on the covers of *ime* in the future? Some will appear because of military nd space achievements and others in varied fields of ivilian enterprise. It seems safe to predict that, wherever the NEWS is, there will be *Time* magazine, and that s covers will continue to reflect the fact that the Mili-ıry Academy produces dedicated servants of the United tates in all fields of human endeavor.



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The Right Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. Moore holds the sabre presented him by the Corps of Cadets at a review in his honor on 26 October. Maj. Gen. D.V. Bennett, Superintendent, and Brig. Gen. B.W. Rogers, Commandant of Cadets, are shown with Father Moore.

*the Right Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. Moore*

# 28 Years of Distinguished Service at USMA

*by* JEANNE MacWILLIAMS

IT seems most appropriate that as his last official act after 28 years of service at the U.S. Military Academy, The Right Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. Moore should offer Mass for his beloved West Point parish. So it was that on Friday morning, 27 October, at the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity, hundreds of Roman Catholics gathered at the 0630 Mass to show their deep affection and respect for their departing friend and pastor, Father Moore. It is indicative of the man, that had it been his personal choice, this is surely what he would have preferred as a most fitting and meaningful tribute to his long period of unstinting priestly service to West Point and, indeed, to the Army.

Those 28 years started on a spring day in April 1939. A young priest, then 10 years out of the seminary, arrived to take up the position of Ass't Pastor of the Roman Catholics of West Point. This assignment, with its unique opportunities and challenges was particularly appropriate for the exceptional talents of Father Moore. He grew as the Corps of Cadets grew. In August 1948, the late Francis Cardinal Spellman appointed him Rector of the Most Holy Trinity Chapel. Pope Pius XII further honored Father Moore in 1953 and 1956 with Monsignorial honors. In 1958, to meet the expanding needs of the Corps and post personnel, Msgr. Moore, with the assistance of Father Robert McCormick, undertook the expansion of the Catholic Chapel, almost doubling the seating capacity.

On 22 October our community learned that Cardinal Spellman had requested Msgr. Moore to share his talents and experience with the people of St. Joseph's Parish in Bronxville, N.Y. All at West Point responded quickly, if sadly, with a series of ceremonies intended to express their affection and gratitude.

At a review in honor of Msgr. Moore on the plain, on 26 October, the Corps of Cadets presented him with a cadet sabre, mounted and appropriately engraved. The next morning, in Grant Hall, the Superintendent, Maj. Gen. Donald V. Bennett, honored him with the Superintendent's plaque, in the presence of his many friends. Proceeding then to Washington Hall, Msgr. Moore lunched with the Corps.

Several weeks were needed to arrange a formal farewell in the WPAM, where on the evening of 12 November friends from far and wide gathered at a testimonial dinner in his honor. The toastmaster, Brig. Gen. John R. Janney '38, after introducing the Superintendent, Maj. Gen. Bennett, presented each of the speakers: Lt. Gen. Arthur Collins Jr., '38, Ass't Chief of Staff for Force Development; Maj. Gen. William J. McCaffrey '39, Commandant of the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and Lt. Gen. James B. Lampert '36, Deputy Ass't Secy Def for Manpower. Each man spoke what was in the hearts of all—of the far-reaching effect that the wise counseling and warm understanding had on their personal and professional lives; each stressed that we can never know the depth and extent of the influence and inspiration Msgr. Moore has provided for the thousands of lives he has touched. It was apparent to all, and most especially we hope to Msgr. Moore, that he has surely earned the love and deep gratitude of his world-wide West Point family.

In his Washington Hall luncheon address to the Corps of Cadets on 27 October, Msgr. Moore summed up for them his deep feelings about West Point: "It is personally impossible for any one man to live up to the ideal of the Corps in the minds of this country and in the minds of the Long Gray Line. But I would say, that there is no man who has a real sense of the privilege of being here who would fail to give it 100% effort." Msgr. Moore never gave less.

Father Robert McCormick now assumes the position of Rector of Holy Trinity, assisted by Father Edwin O'Brien.

Father Moore gives his final official address to the Corps of Cadets during the noon meal in Washington Hall on 27 October.

Father Moore in a lighter moment speaks to his many friends at the testimonial dinner in his honor at the West Point Army Mess on 12 November. Former Superintendent, Lt. Gen. James B. Lampert, and the Superintendent, Maj. Gen. D.V. Bennett, were among the distinguished guests.

*The author*: Mrs. MacWilliams, a long time member of the Roman Catholic parish at West Point is the wife of Col. D. G. MacWilliams '44, Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry.



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# WE SONS OF TODAY SALUTE YOU

A worker's view from the sidelines of the conception, planning, and execution of the Illustrious Graduates Dinner, Hotel Americana, New York City, 2 November 1967

**"For 165 years the actions of West Pointers have spoken for themselves; fighting the nations wars, constructing the railroads to the West, building the nation's great canals, improving our rivers and harbors, founding and staffing our great engineering schools, and shaping our national policy.**

**"The men who are sitting here on the dais tonight are each a product of the American way of life and a credit to that way of life . . . some by virtue of the jobs it was their destiny to fulfill or by the special talents they were able to bring to those jobs. They have achieved personal stature in the civilian as well as in the military world and their names are known to all of us here.**

**"Some will ask why did we select these particular men? By what criteria did we define 'Illustrious Graduate?' Some may argue that there are many other graduates who qualify to be among the honorees tonight.**

**"But surely none will argue about the basic goals of our West Point Society or the purposes of this dinner . . . our mission is to assist in perpetuating the welfare and principles of the Corps of Cadets and its over 27,000 graduates known as the 'Long Gray Line.'**

**"We seek the best in military leadership. The greater the number of applicants for entrance to the Military Academy and the greater the competition for appointments; the better the seed that is planted in the military system, the better the resulting leader, and the safer the nation.**

**"By honoring this small group, this handful of West Point graduates, we honor also the other 19,000 living graduates, the Academy itself, and those young men who will in future be inspired by the Spirit of The Corps."**

**Singer '38**

*by* JOHN R. SHELTER '54

THE Illustrious Graduates Dinner held by the West Point Society of New York last November was just short of a year in planning and execution. Its conception was the result of the greatly publicized and financially successful Football Luncheon held by the Society the previous December and though it seemed that everything would simply fall in place for this second "go-around" such was not the case. Because of its very scope the project was fraught with uncertainty from the very start and very nearly did not come about.

The dinner was only one phase of a three-part plan to emanate from a book to be written on the profiles of some ten or twelve living graduates who had reached success in the military field—some of whom had gone on to later success in civilian life.

Rather than biographical, the object of the book was to point up in the subject's own words what he might consider his one most important decision made throughout his career; not necessarily one such as General of the Army Eisenhower's "D-Day Decision," but perhaps, better, one made during the individual's lifetime which had the greatest effect on the course and direction of his career.

The primary object of the overall three-part plan; book, dinner and television series was:

To promote the principles and welfare of the United



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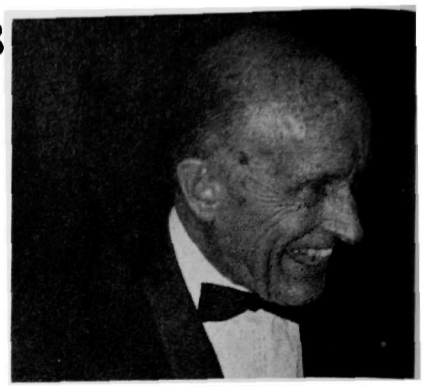

States Military Academy and our country's military services by enhancing the image of the Illustrious Graduates; and by thus dramatizing the desirability of a military career, serve to attract more outstanding young men to the nation's oldest military training establishment and the career to which a West Point education leads.

A secondary purpose of the plan was to raise funds for the Memorial Fund of the West Point Society of New York, which in turn apportions financial support to the Association of Graduates, the General of the Army Douglas MacArthur Memorial Fund, and the Delafield Memorial Fund, all of which rely on alumni contributions and are not supported by appropriated monies.

Early in February 1967 the Society's Board of Governors met at the 71st Regiment Armory in Manhattan to coordinate the 3-phase plan which was scheduled to reach a focal point by 9 December, ten months hence.

Explorations by the chapter's officers prior to this meeting disclosed that with everyone performing on the usual part-time basis (indicative of extracurricular activities such as this) ten months was not much time in which to work

## SONS TODAY / *salute*

**1.** Medal of Honor winner Tom Kelly greets Cmdr. William Stuhr and the Superintendent, Maj. Gen. Donald V. Bennett '40. A longtime friend of USMA, Cmdr. Stuhr entertained eight Medal of Honor winners from the local area as his guests at the dinner. **2.** Speaking from the rostrum with the honorees sitting on the long dais before him, Bennett '40 underscored the very purpose of the dinner: "... those of you here ... pose a most particular challenge to us; that of providing to our Army and our country today and on a continuing basis the type of highly trained, highly educated, highly motivated young officer who has those attributes and those capacities that are required and necessary for a continuing and progressive career in the Army . . . it is the challenge of filling the shoes of those of you that have gone before. You are the example ... and you, gentlemen, are that which every cadet at the Academy is trying to be." **3.** Author of many a "Gruenthergram" to superiors as well as colleagues and subordinates alike, General Alfred Gruenther '19 thoroughly enjoyed meeting old comrades in the festive atmosphere of the evening. **4** and **5.** For the man who has spent almost half his lifetime entertaining U.S. troops all over the world, this was a "command performance." Bob Hope, a professional in a similar sense to the men being honored paid his respects when he said: "... it's such a great feeling. I meant that earlier. It came out as a joke, but I meant it ... a feeling of sincerity when I sit with



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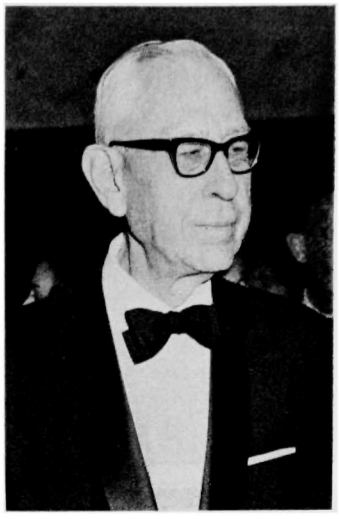

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unless a more systematized approach was adopted other than the kind of crash program *modus operandi* characteristic of the Football Luncheon. Along the line of systemizing the plan it was decided to draw up a formal schedule and budget and to assign duties very early in the game.

President Merton Singer '38, and program chairman Ted Adair '45, commenced work on a 12 page compendium of the project which they would carry with them to Gettysburg, Pa., and present to former President Eisenhower '15, in a bid to have him consent to be the principal speaker.

At a board meeting later in February, fund chairman John Baughan '50, presented to the governors a detailed budget and complete schedule of operations running from June through December covering every conceivable circumstance from the placement of bids on services through the writing and addressing of letters, invitations, acknowledgments, and ticket mailings right up to the final table assignments. Bob Lawrence Jan'43, took on the television series and Jack Lawrence '45, agreed to handle decorations for the dinner. It went without saying that the burden of handling financial arrangements fell on the shoulders of Chuck Reynoldson '45, (*continue on page* 31)

these men. I don't think we'll ever know how much we owe them. Gentlemen, this is my kind of party. Thanks very much for inviting me." **6.** Oldest member of the West Point Society of New York, Maj. Gen. Robert M. Danford '04 was present. **7.** Mrs. Clark and General Mark W. Clark Apr'17 former Fifth Army Commander in Italy and later UN Commander arrive. **8.** Eisenhower '15: "... when any of us is honored so extravagantly, I think it is only right that we should think for a minute of those thousands of unsung people who have done their best for their country. And indeed, this title 'illustrious'... well, that's a big word for me! So I think we'd better look at this 'illustrious graduate' as something to spur us on to work a little harder to honor our alma mater. Because in this ceremony, which I am sure that my associates and I appreciate so much, all we can do is try to revere her and make her feel that we are someway worthy of her great service to the United States of America." **9.** Air Force Generals Leon Johnson '26, Medal of Honor for the first low-level heavy bombardment mission which took the Ploesti oil fields by surprise in 1943, and Lauris Norstad '30, former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and later president of Owens-Corning Fiberglas. **10.** Eisenhower '15, Devers '09, Collins Apr'17, Clay Jun'18, and MacAuliffe '19 file into the ballroom of the Americana Hotel for the Illustrious Graduates Dinner.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
*Former captain of the rifle team, Shelter '54, traded (regretfully, he admits) a pair of crossed rifles and 1st lieutenant bars in for a printing business in Montclair, N. J.*



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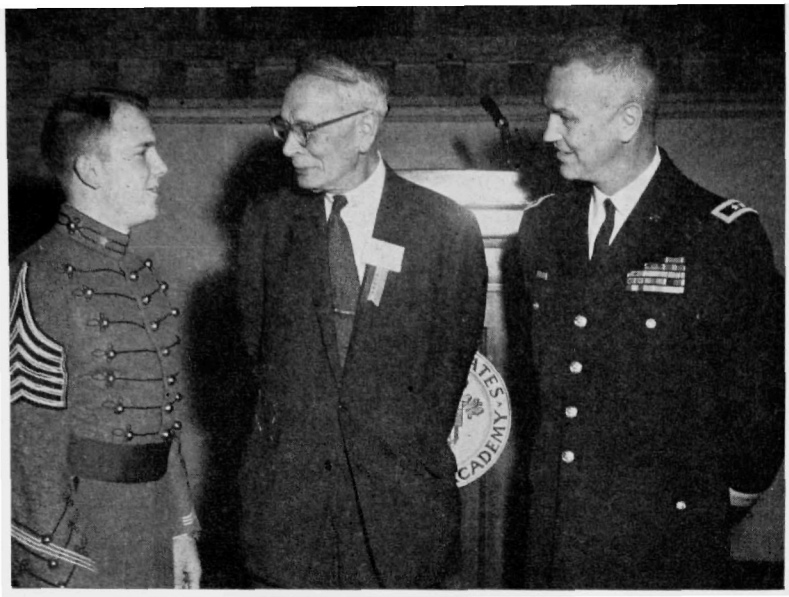
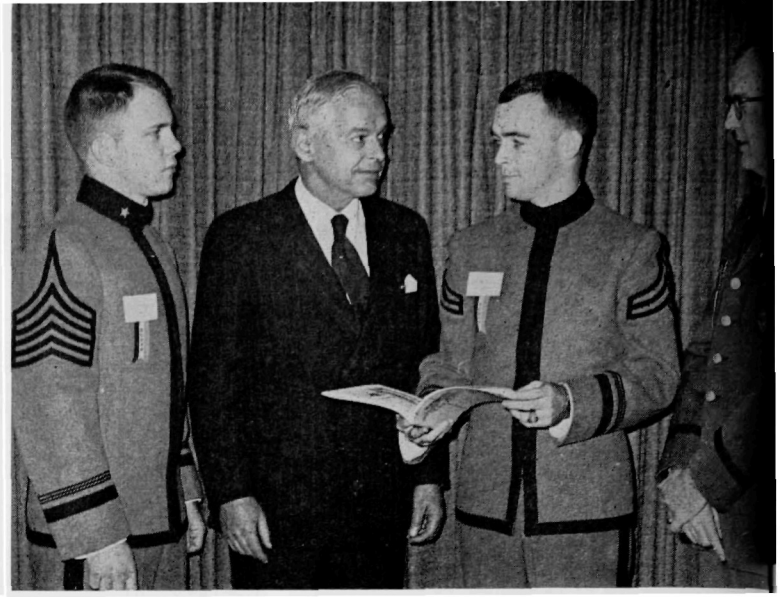
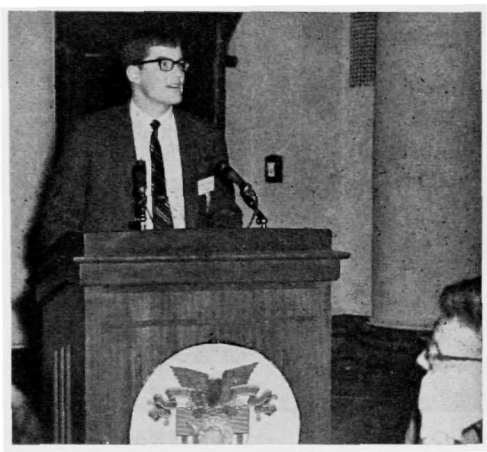




Above left: The Superintendent and First Captain discuss SCUSA XIX with Dr. Joseph E. Johnson of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace who addressed the conference at the banquet in Washington Hall. Above: Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul H. Nitze who presented the keynote address to SCUSA XIX meets with (left to right): Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander John L. Throckmorton Jr.; Cadet Lieutenant John C. Cruden, Chairman of SCUSA XIX and Colonel George A. Lincoln, Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences.



Above: At the final session selected students summarized the findings of their round table for the other delegates. Theodore S. Brewer of Amherst College makes the presentation for his group. Below: Delegates at one of the plenary sessions.

by JAMES L. ABRAHAMSON

# SCUSA XIX

## "THE SPUTNIK DECADE"

*The author*: Major Abrahamson '59, served as the executive secretary for SCUSA XIX. Currently assigned as assistant professor, teaching government in the Department of Social Sciences, he was selected as an Olmsted Scholar in 1964 and received his master's degree in political science from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1966.

Below left: Following the presentations of panel two Mr. Saville Davis of **The Christian Science Monitor** talks informally with students during the reception in Grant Hall. Below: Cadet Victor Garcia, Vice Chairman of SCUSA XIX briefs the members of panel one. Left to right: Mr. William Diebold of the Council on Foreign Relations: Dr. Wesley Posvar USMA '46, Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh: Hon. Charles W. Yost, former Deputy U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.; and Pro. Ernest R. May of Harvard.

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Above: Student delegates register for the conference. Above right: This round table on Latin America was typical of the fourteen which met in various locations of the USMA Library for discussion periods.

FROM 6 through 9 December the Military Academy was again host to the Student Conference on United States Affairs. Over 225 students representing nearly 100 American and Canadian universities were participants in the discussions. This year's conference, the nineteenth, was sponsored by the Debate Council and Forum, a cadet activity numbering some 250 cadets. The conference provides our nation's future civilian and military leaders an opportunity to exchange views under the guidance of experts in the field of international relations. This year the discussions centered on United States foreign policy during "The Sputnik Decade."

What are the benefits to the Academy of this four-day conference? They fall in three general areas: improvement of civil-military relations, enhancement of the Military Academy's reputation as an educational institution, and reinforcement of cadet instruction in public affairs and national security policy.

Many of the students were quick to admit that prior to the conference they had held a somewhat negative view of West Point and the military. Many had never before met an Army officer. They soon learned, in the words of one student, "that behind the façade of rules and formality the cadets are people like the rest of us." A student of the University of California at Berkeley wrote, "I was impressed by the calibre of man at West Point. . . . My respect for the military—heretofore questionable—is now greatly enhanced." Another delegate commented, "Many of the delegates, including myself, were very favorably impressed with the Corps itself, especially the levels of intellectual and social sophistication that the cadets seem to attain. . . . If other college students had the opportunity to visit the Academy on the same conditions that we did, I'm sure much of the misunderstanding that currently exists concerning a 'military education' would be cleared up."

Moreover, this increased appreciation for the military and the Corps was not confined to the students. Some 30 professors from many of our leading universities were invited here to guide the students' discussions. While at West Point they came into close (*continue on page 35*)

## SCUSA XIX RESUMÉ

**WHAT:** Nineteenth annual Student Conference on United States Affairs—"The Sputnik Decade"

**WHERE:** West Point, N.Y.

**WHEN:** 6-9 December 1967

**WHY:**
1. To produce an informative examination and discussion of selected aspects of United States foreign relations.
2. To illustrate to an outstanding group of college students a technique for the study of foreign policy which closely approximates that used by government officials.
3. To furnish this same group with an appreciation for the complex nature of the policy-making process.
4. To provide the potential military and civilian leadership of this nation with an opportunity to exchange views and ideas.

**WHO:** 225 student delegates from almost 100 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada and over 50 adult speakers, panelists, round table leaders, and official observers.

**HOW:** Participants were divided into round table groups to discuss U.S. policy toward a particular world region. The discussion periods were supplemented by plenary sessions with participation by prominent leaders experienced in policy making.



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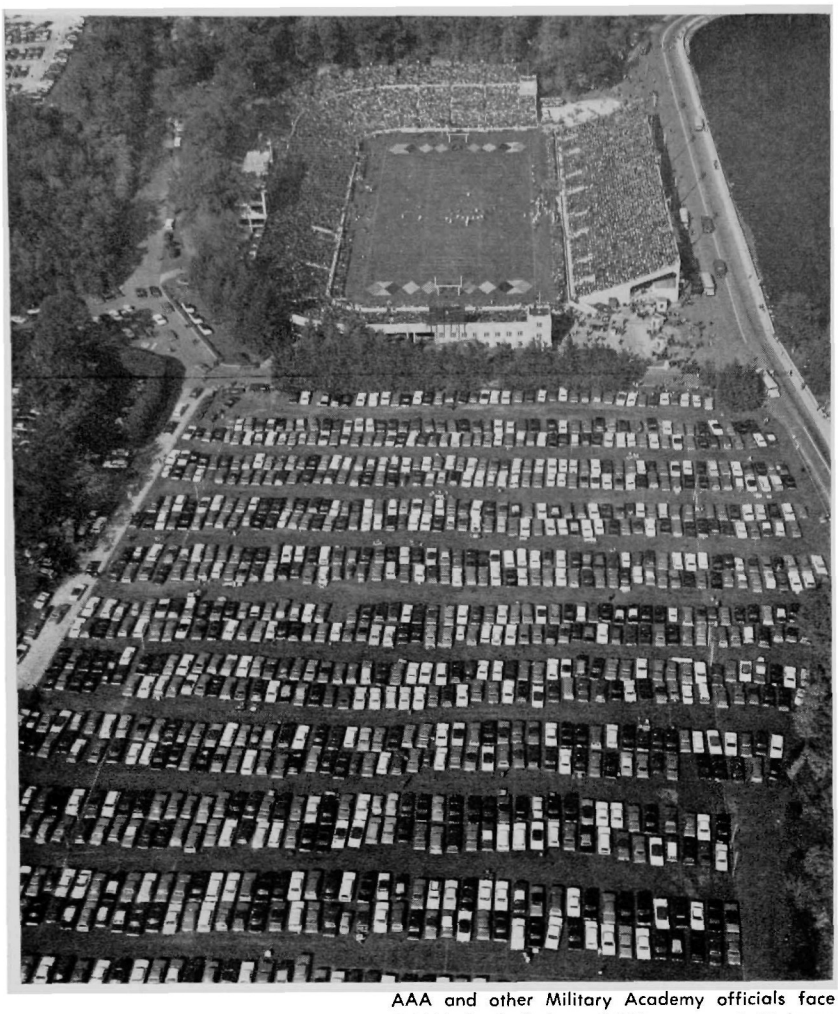
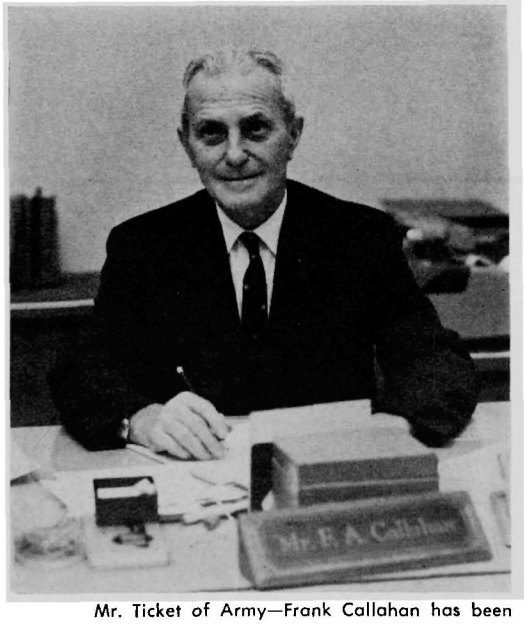


AAA and other Military Academy officials face some 35,000 football fans, 8,000 cars, and 65 buses that descend on West Point for each home game.

Early-bird customer, Maj. Gen. T.J. Sands '29, fills in his applicat for the 1968 football season tickets while Mrs. Alma Lento watches. Every fall Mrs. Lento greets all who come in person to purchase tickets at the box office window in North Gymnasium.

# Squeezin

by ROBERT E. DEARDORFF JR.



Mr. Ticket of Army—Frank Callahan has been responsible for tickets to ARMY athletic contest for 36 years. His knowledge of the problems has made the allocation of tickets an ever-improving operation.

HEARING the annual announcement that "today's crowd is 102,000," the graduate of USMA who is sitting in the end zone at the ARMY-Navy game may well wonder why he could not be sitting somewhere along the sidelines.

More and more graduates are attending ARMY football games each year. If the cadets continue to play the kind of football they have in the past, and no one expects them to perform differently, the interest in the team will continue to increase. All of this tends to add to the problem of seating the ever increasing number of Army Athletic Association members.

Annually many AAA members raise questions regarding football ticket allocations. When they receive their answers the graduates usually have a clearer picture of the situation. This article explains the policies and procedures established over the years so that all members may have a greater appreciation of complexities involved in seeing that every ARMY fan gets the best seat possible.

The Army Athletic Association, like its counterparts in other colleges and universities, must realize a sizable net income each year if the Military Academy is to continue participating in intercollegiate athletics. For this income,

*The author*: Major Robert E. Deardorff Jr., Class of '55, has served as executive officer and business manager of the Army Athletic Association since his arrival at West Point in the summer of 1967.



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Memberships in the Army Athletic Association are filed alphabetically and with an ever-moving population must be currently updated. Mrs. Virginia Wells makes some changes in preparation for the 1968 season.

Mrs. Betty Walker completes allocation of tickets for the 1967 ARMY-Navy game. With 50,000 tickets to be handled for that game and another 160,000 for the five home games at West Point, she knows that the best ARMY fan is a happy ARMY fan and where his seats are is most important.

# rmy Football Fans Into America's Stadiums

he AAA must rely on the ticket purchases by association members and the general public. They are the ones who ill Michie Stadium. For many years Michie Stadium was eldom sold out unless ARMY played a nationally-ranked eam. In the past few years, however, season ticket sales ave soared and the stadium has been sold out in advance. n fact, many requests for tickets have been unfilled. These apacity crowds have been good business and have furnished a morale booster to the ARMY football team.

THE ticket allocation policy for football games has remained essentially unchanged since the early days of he AAA. Tickets available for games both at Michie Stadium and away from West Point must be allocated in such a manner as to provide suitable seats for the Corps of Cadets, Military Academy staff and faculty, football coaching staff, and graduates. All of them are also authorized he purchase of personal-use tickets and nonpersonal-use ickets for guests. Personal-use must be understood as meaning that either an AAA member or his wife occupy one of the seats allocated in the personal-use category. In addition, there are a limited number of civilians who were granted the privilege of joining the AAA prior to 1927. Ex-cadets who meet special criteria also can become members. All of the above are eligible to purchase season tickets. After the tickets are allocated to them any seats that remain are made available to the general public. For the 1966 and 1967 seasons a very limited number of such tickets were available.

The principle concern of most members of the AAA seems to be the lack of improvement in their seating position as they gain in seniority. Several factors are working to prevent progressively better seating as a class becomes more senior. First, and probably least recognized, is the fact that the Military Academy's graduating classes, beginning with those just prior to World War II, have increased in size, and those seeking tickets are becoming more numerous each year. Second, the gradual increase in size of the Corps of Cadets itself is compounding the difficulty. For the past five years the Corps has increased in strength from its old limit of 2,496 to a figure of over 3,400 by ARMY-Navy game time last year; and, with the class entering in July 1968, that number will increase to about 3,600. And, as the strength of the Corps increases, so will grow the number of parents and guests whom the cadets may wish to invite. Since the Military Academy exists for the cadets, they, their parents, and their guests must receive good seats. The third aggravating factor is the increase in staff and faculty necessary to administer and instruct the Corps. Michie Stadium has only 7,554 side line seats on the ARMY side of the field. The other or east side is assigned to the visiting school (*continue on page* 39)



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by ROBERT B. TURNBULL

*The author*: Major Robert B. Turnbull '57, is assigned to the Admissions Office at the United States Military Academy.

# COLONEL ROBERT S. DAY RETIRES

## Professor and Director of Admissions and Registrar completes 16 years at the Military Academy

On 31 January 1968, Colonel Robert S. Day, Professor and Director of Admissions and Registrar, USMA, retired after more than twenty-three years of active, federal commissioned service.

Col. Day's distinguished Army career began in 1941. Having just graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science degree, he became a Cadet on 1 July 1941. Due to the accelerated course of instruction at the Academy during the years of World War II, Col. Day graduated from West Point on 6 June 1944. He ranked 18th in his class and received his second BS degree. His choice of branch was the Corps of Engineers, and he began his commissioned service as a platoon leader with the Armed Forces Training Center, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Col. Day joined the 1288th Engineer Combat Battalion on 1 October 1944 serving as a platoon leader and battalion S4. While assigned to this unit, he saw duty in the United States and in Europe.

From 1946 to 1948, Col. Day again became a student. Assignments during this period of time included studies at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and graduate studies in Chemical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from which he received his Master of Science degree in 1948.

His receipt of an advanced degree in Chemical Engineering led to a three year (*continue on page* 41)

Upon his retirement after more than 23 years of commissioned service, Col. Robert S. Day receives his retirement certificate from the Superintendent, Maj. Gen. D.V. Bennett.

Col. Robert S. Day is congratulated by Cadet Captain and Regimental Commander M.A. Edelman after receiving the Legion of Merit at a regimental retirement review held in Col. Day's honor on 27 January 1968.



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# Bulletin Board

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

**the spring issue by — 25 March**
**the summer issue by — 17 June.**

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

## USMA Blood Bank Privileges Extended To All Graduates

The Chairman of the USMA Blood Program Committee, Lt. Col. Charles D. Canham '51, announces that blood is now available to all graduates of the Military Academy and members of their immediate families wherever they may be located. Immediate family includes father, mother, brother, sister, wife, and children.

The USMA Blood Bank has been in operation in conjunction with the New York Regional Blood Center of the American Red Cross since 1950. During this period USMA personnel have contributed 29,750 pints of blood. Fortunately, only a relatively small portion of this amount has been withdrawn. As a result of this surplus, eligibility to draw on this bank is being extended to additional personnel.

A nationwide network of Red Cross Regional Blood Centers and cooperating blood banks throughout the United States makes it possible to furnish blood to almost any hospital anywhere in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Canada. There is no charge for the blood. However, hospitals usually require a service charge for cross matching and actual administering of the blood.

To obtain the required blood, first determine if the hospital at which the patient is being treated will accept blood from the Red Cross, and then call the Field Director, American Red Cross, West Point, New York, Area Code 914 938-4153, who will make the necessary arrangements for the blood transfer. In the event of an emergency situation in which blood has already been furnished by the hospital, the blood may be replaced on a pint for pint basis through the same means.

## Kansan of the Year

Capt. Joseph B. Anderson Jr., '65, has been named Kansan of the Year for 1967 by the Topeka, Kans., *Capitol-Journal*. Capt. Anderson was featured in the documentary television film entitled, "Anderson Platoon." The film, produced in Vietnam by a French motion picture director, followed the then Lieutenant Anderson as he led his platoon in combat. "Anderson Platoon" has been widely praised by the critics.

Capt. Anderson has been awarded the Silver Star, BSM with "V" for valor, and the Army Commendation Medal. Currently assigned as a company commander at Fort Dix, N.J., he will report to the Military Academy this summer for assignment to the Admissions Division, Office of the Director of Admissions and Registrar.

## Graymoor Press

Graymoor Press, owned and operated by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, which has printed ASSEMBLY magazine for some 10 years is going out of business. This is the last issue of ASSEMBLY to be printed by Graymoor Press.

The staff of ASSEMBLY and the Association of Graduates wishes to take this opportunity to thank the staff of Graymoor Press for their cooperation over the years.

We hope our readers will bear with us in any delay in the publication of this issue caused by the impending closing.

## USMA Prep School Receives Coat of Arms

In a recent ceremony at Fort Belvoir, Va., Maj. Gen. Melvin Zais, Chief of Military Training, DCSPER, DA, presented the newly approved coat of arms and unit crest of the USMA Preparatory School to the Cadet Candidate Battalion Commander Rolland Dessert. USMAPS currently has 221 cadet candidates who are hopeful of receiving appointments to the Military Academy to join the Class of 1972. Along with the expansion of the Corps of Cadets, the authorized student body of USMAPS has now reached 285. Interested applicants for the prep school should contact the Commandant, USMA Preparatory School, Fort Belvoir, Va. 22060, for further information on the appointments to USMA available from the enlisted ranks of the Army.

Maj. Gen. Melvin Zais presents the new USMA Preparatory School coat of arms to Cadet Candidate Battalion Commander Rolland Dessert as the school commandant, Lt. Col. Frank H. Duggins Jr., '50, and Cadet Candidate Company Commanders look on.



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## Military Art on Television

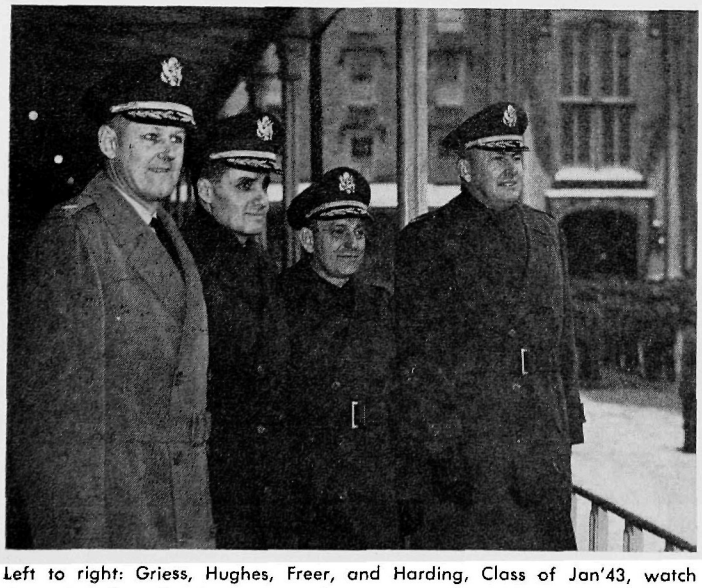
Col. Thomas E. Griess Jan'43, Deputy Head of the Department of Military Art and Engineering, recently completed a series of 20 half-hour television programs entitled "Since Wars Began." The series, broadcast in color over WNBC-TV in New York, covered the history of war from ancient Greece to the present with particular emphasis on weapons and tactics.

Col. Thomas E. Griess Jan'43, tapes one of the TV segments of the series "Since Wars Began."

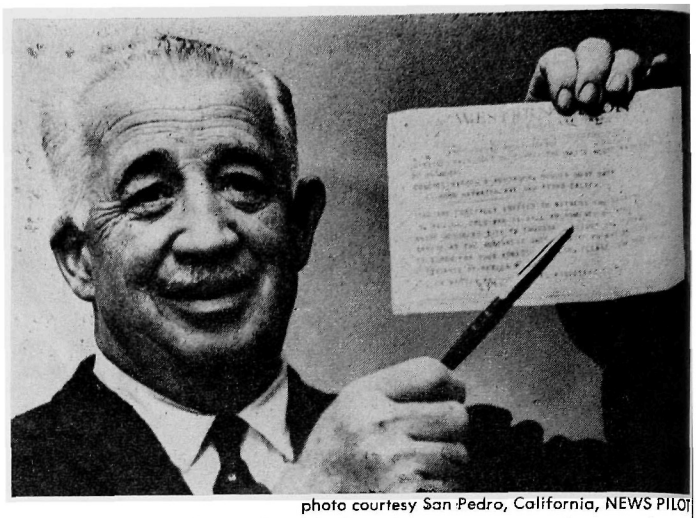
## June in January Class Holds Mini-Reunion

Four members of the Class of January 1943, all currently stationed at West Point, held a small reunion in Central Area on 19 January, the 25th Anniversary of their graduation from the U.S. Military Academy.

Colonels Algin J. Hughes, Leslie B. Harding, Thomas E. Griess, and Arthur L. Freer jumped the gun on the more formal reunion of the class scheduled for June Week 1968. Watching the Corps of Cadets form for the noon meal, the four classmates noted the weather in mid-winter 1968 was much the same as it was on their graduation day—cold, dismal, and a snow and ice covered area of barracks.



Left to right: Griess, Hughes, Freer, and Harding, Class of Jan'43, watch the cadets form for the noon meal on 19 Jan—25 years after graduation.



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Col. Warren A. Robinson '23, displays his invitation to the Presidential signing of the Cold War GI Bill of Rights and one of the pens used in the signing by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

## Graduate Witnesses Signing of Cold War GI Bill

Col. Warren A. Robinson '23, USA Ret., witnessed the signing of the Cold War GI Bill of Rights by the President of the United States on 31 August 1967. The President presented Col. Robinson one of the pens used in the signing which took place on the East Room of the White House before the Vice President, Cabinet members, Congressional and Veterans Administration officials, veterans leaders, and 100 wounded servicemen.

Col. Robinson was invited to be present for the signing as a member of the Veterans Advisory Commission which studied the question of veterans benefits for almost a year before making recommendations to the President. Col. Robinson was nominated to serve on the commission by Congressman Olin E. Teague of Texas, Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. Congressman Teague, a long time friend and supporter of the Military Academy in Congress and a member of the Board of Visitors to USMA, served as an officer under Col. Robinson's command in World War II.

In an interesting side light to one of the hearings conducted by the commission, classmates met across the conference table as Col. Harold D. Kehm '23, testified on the veterans benefit needs peculiar to the retired Regular Army officer and his survivors.

Robinson's comment that he and Kehm (on the left) were classmates in the Class of 1923, leaves Kehm nonpulsed and amuses Maj. Gen. George J. Richards '15, USA Ret. Richard's testimony covered general aspects of VA affairs while Kehm stressed the needs of retired Regular Army officers and their survivors.



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## Homecoming 1968

The weather for Homecoming 1967 was as perfect as that for 1966 was imperfect. Now that the weather jinx has been overcome, we can look forward to an even better Homecoming 1968.

Homecoming Weekend will run from Friday, 11 October through Sunday, 13 October. The 5-year reunion classes will be '48 (by class request), and those classes graduated 15 years or less—'53, '58, and '63. ARMY's gridiron opponent will again be from the Far West—The University of California. We look to a renewal of the 1966 battle which ARMY won 6-3 in Berkeley.

The schedule of events will closely parallel the 1967 program.

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| Friday 11 October | 1200 | Alumni Headquarters opens—1st floor, Cullum Hall. |
| | 1530 | Athletic events. |
| | 1700 | Reunion Class picnics and dinners. |
| | 2030 | Band Concert—North Auditorium, Thayer Hall. |
| | 2130-2400 | Old Grad's Night—Benny Havens Bar, West Point Army Mess. |
| | 2400 | Alumni Headquarters closes. |
| Saturday 12 October | 0800 | Alumni Headquarters opens. |
| | 0900-1030 | Open House at the following:<br>Cadet Barracks<br>Library<br>Museum<br>Thayer Hall: Selected academic departments. |
| | 0930-1010 | Briefings by USCC and Office of the Dean, USMA, subject "USMA Today"—North Auditorium, Thayer Hall. |
| | 1010-1030 | Briefing on "USMA Expansion Program"—North Auditorium, Thayer Hall. |
| | 0945 | Board of Trustees Meeting—WPAM. |
| | 1030 | Assembly for march to Thayer Monument—Jefferson Road and Cullum Road sidewalk. (In the event of inclement weather, Alumni Ceremony will be held in South Auditorium, Thayer Hall.) |
| | 1045 | Alumni march to Thayer Monument. |
| | 1100 | Alumni Ceremony at Thayer Monument. |
| | 1115 | Adjutant's Call for Alumni Review—the Plain. |
| | 1125 | Assembly sounded for Alumni for the Alumni Review—the Plain. |
| | 1200 | Alumni Luncheon—WPAM. |
| | 1400 | Football: ARMY vs. California—Michie Stadium. |
| | 1700 | Reunion Class cocktail parties. |
| | 2000 | Alumni Dinner—Washington Hall. |
| | 2130 | Superintendent's Reception, followed by Alumni Dance—Washington Hall. |
| | 2400 | Alumni Headquarters closes. |
| Sunday 13 October | 0800 | Alumni Headquarters opens. |
| | 0815 | Protestant services—Cadet Chapel. |
| | 0915 | |
| | 1100 | |
| | 0915 | Catholic Mass—Holy Trinity Chapel. |
| | 1145 | |
| | 0915 | Episcopal service—Post Chapel. |
| | 1100 | Protestant service—Post Chapel. |
| | 1300 | Reunion Class brunches—WPAM. |
| | 1600 | Alumni Headquarters closes. |

## Winter Sports Recovery

Paced by easy triumphs in basketball at West Point and track at Annapolis, ARMY's winter sports weekend with Navy was most successful. Seven of the eight competing teams emerged with wins as pistol won a one-sided match; swimming and squash took close meets; and gymnastics and rifle upset favored Middie teams. Wrestling lost to the undefeated Eastern champions in a meet that could have gone to ARMY until the next to the last match. Details will appear in the Spring issue of ASSEMBLY.

Maj. Gen. D.V. Bennett, the Superintendent, and Cadet John L. Throckmorton Jr., First Captain of the Corps of Cadets, stand before the plaque recently dedicated to USMA graduates who died in battle in defense of freedom.

## Cold War Memorial Plaque Dedicated

Before a small gathering of USMA officers and cadets, Maj. Gen. D.V. Bennett, the Superintendent, dedicated a Cold War Memorial Plaque in the rotunda of Thayer Hall on 15 December 1967.

The names included on the plaque are those graduates who have suffered battle deaths in defense of freedom. Only those killed in action, died of wounds received in action, or died in captured status will be memorialized. At the time of the dedication 110 names had already been inscribed on the plaque—one having been killed in the Dominican Republic and the others in Vietnam.

## Important Revolutionary War Documents Acquired by U.S. Military Academy Library

Three sets of manuscript records of Hudson Valley military organizations and seven letterpress pamphlets, all of the Revolutionary War period, have recently been acquired by the U.S. Military Academy Library.

The manuscripts are: a one volume, 1778-1779 record of a Massachusetts company commanded by Seth Drew, a two volume set of orders for Samuel Frost's company in General Howe's Division of Washington's Army, and a nine volume record of a regiment raised in New York State which fought on the side of the Crown.

The Seth Drew orderly book dates from 14 February 1778 to 7 August 1779. Drew's company was in the Massachusetts 1st Brigade, 4th Regiment. This volume, presented to the Library by the West Point Chapter of the Daughters of the U.S. Army, carries orders establishing the American Army and requiring the use of the infantry drill regulations developed by the Baron von Steuben.

The Samuel Frost orderly books are the gift of the C.F. Roe Slade Foundation in memory of Major General Charles Francis Roe, USMA 1868, acknowledging the 100th anniversary of his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy. The first of these two volumes dates from 17 September to 6 November 1780 and records Benedict Arnold's abortive betrayal of West Point to the British. It documents Arnold's escape and also the capture, sentencing, and execution of Major John André, Arnold's accom-



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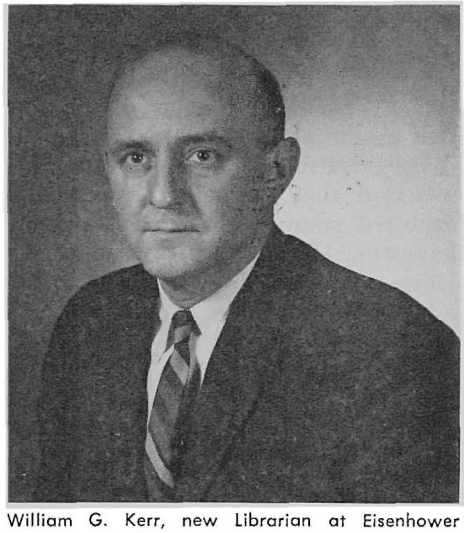
plice. The second volume, dating from 7 November 1780 to 1 January 1781, records the activities of Frost's company in the Mid-Hudson Valley area.

The third set of orderly books records the movements and actions of Colonel Beverly Robinson's Loyal American Regiment from 30 May 1778 to 21 May 1780. These books were presented to the USMA Library by Mr. Christian A. Zabriskie of New York City. The records begin with preparations for the Battle of Monmouth Court House and end with citations of valor to men who participated in the Battle of Charleston, S.C.

The letterpress pamphlets date from 1775 to 1783 and include a 1776 London edition of Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" and a 1st edition of John Lind's "Answer to the Declaration of the American Congress." Also acquired by the Library are Abingdon's "Thoughts on the letter of Edmund Burke" (1777), Thomas Day's "Reflections" (1782), Arthur Lee's "Appeal to justice" (1775), Catherine Graham Macauley's "Address to the people of England, Scotland, and Ireland" (1775), and "Addresses and recommendations to the States by the United States in Congress assembled" (1783). All are London imprints.



William G. Kerr, new Librarian at Eisenhower College, Seneca Falls, N.Y.

## Chief Assistant to Librarian Assumes New Post

William G. Kerr, who has been chief assistant to the Librarian at USMA since 1963, has been named Librarian of Eisenhower College at Seneca Falls, N.Y. He assumed his new post in January.

At Eisenhower College Mr. Kerr will be responsible for the building and organization of the Library.

Mr. Kerr has been at West Point since 1960 when he joined the library staff as a reference librarian. A native of Medina, N.Y., and a graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont in 1948, he holds a Bachelor of Library Science degree from McGill University, Montreal, Canada. After two years with the Brooklyn College Library, he was with Air Force Special Service Libraries in Europe and North Africa from 1952 to 1960.

Mr. J. Thomas Russell has been appointed to succeed Mr. Kerr at the U.S. Military Academy Library. Mr. Russell, who received his BA degree from Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, and an MA degree in library science from the University of Michigan, is a native of Washington, D.C. He resides with his wife and three children in Cornwall-on-Hudson.

## High School Juniors Should Be Seeking Appointments to USMA

Each year many young men who are anticipating college attendance delay taking positive action for admittance to the colleges of their choice. Candidates seeking admission to the United States Military Academy frequently fail to make application to the appropriate nominating authorities early enough to ensure consideration for a nomination. This is most critical, for to be admitted to West Point, each candidate must have a valid nomination regardless of how outstanding his record might be. In order to ensure timely application for a nomination, the Admissions Office at the Military Academy recommends that any young man interested in becoming a cadet take positive action in his *junior* year of high school. He should write to his United States Senators and his United States Representative and request a nomination. However, it is advisable for all potential candidates to study the Admissions Section of the USMA Catalogue in order to become familiar with the other categories of nominations available to eligible young men. An early decision and positive action on a potential candidate's part will ensure that he utilizes every opportunity available in gaining admission.

## Academic Counselling of Cadets

Since the Academy's curriculum now allows the cadets to participate in advanced courses, accelerated courses, honors work and electives, academic advising of the individual has become extremely important. Indeed, in order to help the cadets take full advantage of the options available to them, the Office of the Dean has recently completed a series of academic counselling sessions with each member of the Class of 1970. During these sessions the cadet and his advisor discuss such items as the individual's own interests and aptitudes, scheduling conflicts, prerequisites for electives, and the electives themselves. As originally conceived, the program was to be limited to Third Classmen. However, it has proved to be so useful to both the cadets and the faculty that plans are being made to expand its scope. In the future, a cadet should be able to consult with an academic advisor throughout his four years at the Academy.

## Army Football Brochure, 1967

In August 1967, the West Point Society of New York sent to each member of the Association of Graduates, a copy of "Army Football Parade 1890-1967" a valuable Army football reference. It was left to each member to either accept the booklet as a gift or to make a contribution to the Delafield Memorial Scholarship Fund. The West Point Society is most grateful to those graduates who generously responded with a contribution to the Delafield Fund and desires to remind those others that it is not too late to contribute. Contributions should be forwarded to: West Point Society of New York, Room 1510, 2 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016.



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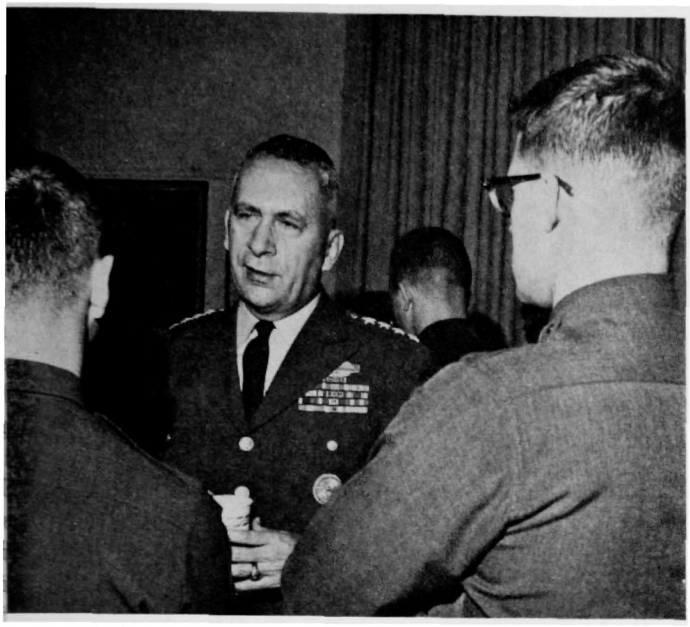

ıe Vice Chief of Staff, General Ralph E. Haines Jr., '35, talks to cadets uring the coffee break at the first Senior Officer seminar of the year.

## ;enior Officer Visit Program

Since the start of the 1965-66 Academic Year, the Inited States Military Academy has conducted an annual eries of seminars known as the Senior Officer Visit pro-ram. As a part of this program, approximately ten senior fficers from the Department of the Army Staff are invited ach year by the Superintendent to meet informally with roups of about 35 First Classmen to discuss matters of areer interest. Two seminar sessions, each of one hour uration, are scheduled on various Saturday mornings ıroughout the academic year. The senior officer is intro-uced to the group of cadets by the cadet-in-charge, and fter making a few opening remarks, opens the floor to uestions from the cadets. No-holds are barred during the uestion and answer period. Cadets inquire as to the senior fficer's opinion on such subjects as the length of the ietnam war and what could be done to shorten it; the dvisability of becoming an Army aviator and why an rmy Air Corps is not established; the advantages of becom-ıg a specialist as opposed to being a generalist; the need or airborne units with the airmobile concept proving so ıccessful; the future of Special Forces and the advisability f following such a career program; the readiness status of ıe U.S. to meet other threats while engaged in Vietnam; ıe influence of high ranking DOD officials on the mili-ary; and many other question areas. The sessions have roven to be extremely stimulating and throught-provoking or the senior officer and the cadets.

Between the seminar sessions the senior officer mixes ith the cadets over coffee and the questioning continues. ot many sessions go by that the general is not asked his ormula for success and his view of the Army as a career.

During the three years the program has been conducted, ıe initial guest has been the Vice Chief of Staff of the rmy. Other visitors have included Generals Betts, Bone-teel, Chesarek, Conway, Dick, Fischer, Hackett, Larsen, emley, Lincoln, Rich, Sackton, Throckmorton and Wool-ough. The program has been well received by the cadets nd has served to give them an insight into problems con-onting the Army at a high level and an appreciation of ıe challenges, satisfactions, and disappointments of an rmy career.

## NEW BOOK

## PRUDENS FUTURI:

### The US Army War College – 1901-1967

By Colonel George S. Pappas '44. Published by The Alumni Association of the U.S. Army War College and printed by the Walsworth Publishing Company, Marceline, Missouri, 1967. $6.50.

Reviewed by ROGER H. NYE '46, Lt. Col., Armor, Permanent Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, USMA, West Point.

Higher military education in the United States has been effusively praised, but seldom analyzed and historically recorded. This inadequacy has been partially rectified by the suggestion of the Army War College Commandant in 1966, Major General Eugene A. Salet, that Colonel George S. Pappas write a fiftieth anniversary history of the Army's senior service school. The first half of the resulting book outlines 40 years of development of the War College in Washington. The second half concentrates on post-World War II re-establishment of the College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and the subsequent attempts to find the ideal curriculum in an era when military, economic, technological, and political factors have become inseparable in national security affairs.

Colonel Pappas' selection and presentation of material is excellent, and he indirectly reveals the fundamental problem of the military's senior service schools. The War College, as a professional school, must insure that graduates have an understanding of the organization, policies, and procedures of the national establishment in which they serve; this has led to a search for the best prescribed curriculum, taught by guest lecturers and the committee solution of practical security problems. On the other hand, the College has aspired towards some of the objectives of the civilian graduate school, with attention to the development of individual talents and interests, productive research and scholarship, and the pursuit of advanced theoretical knowledge for possible future application. This has produced demands for a faculty of strong academic competence, elective courses for students, and more time for reflective thinking and writing by both faculty and students. The conflict between collective training and individual development is not unusual in higher professional education. The search for the best compromise between the two missions is reflected in constant realignment of curriculum and reappraisal of instructional method. In the case of the War College, the process is accentuated by a repeated turnover in the policy-making group, and by the reluctance of the Army "board of trustees" to provide the College with the necessary freedom from ancilliary missions and the necessary complement of highly educated military and civilian professors.

Colonel Pappas correctly praises the achievements of the War College in its first half-century of pioneering in professional military education. He also indicates the pressure points that call for relief if the College is to continue to grow with the burgeoning complexity of national security requirements in the future. This book deserves careful reading by officers who seek to perpetuate the excellence of American military education; its documentation and fine bibliography will aid them immeasurably in further research.



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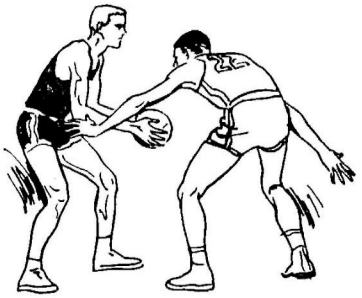


# down the field...

by FRANK WALTER

THE only thing really wrong with the fall of 1967 was the clean sweep by Navy in the four meetings with ARMY. Thus Navy continued its domination of the fall sports season, a domination that has continued for the past decade and shows the Middies have maintained an advantage across the board.

Navy won the football game, 19 to 14, and now has taken six of the last 10 games and gained a tie in another. The Middies also won in 150-pound football, 3 to 0, and so enjoy six wins in the past 10 meetings. The cross country meet resulted in a 21-35 Navy victory and a 10-year record of 6-4 for Annapolis. Soccer lost a close one, 4 to 3, and Navy now is 7-2-2 for the decade counting the ARMY win in the 1966 NCAA Regionals.

The same fall sweep took place in 1963 but ARMY came right back to take seven of the eight winter meetings and gain a tie in the eighth.

This is the type of situation that presents a real challenge to the Corps of Cadets, a challenge which has been met in the past and will be met again.

## Football Finishes 8-2 Again

ARMY became a come-from-behind team this past fall and ended the season with an 8-2 record, identical to that posted in 1966. The first four games were covered in the Fall ASSEMBLY. The record was 5-1 in the final six games.

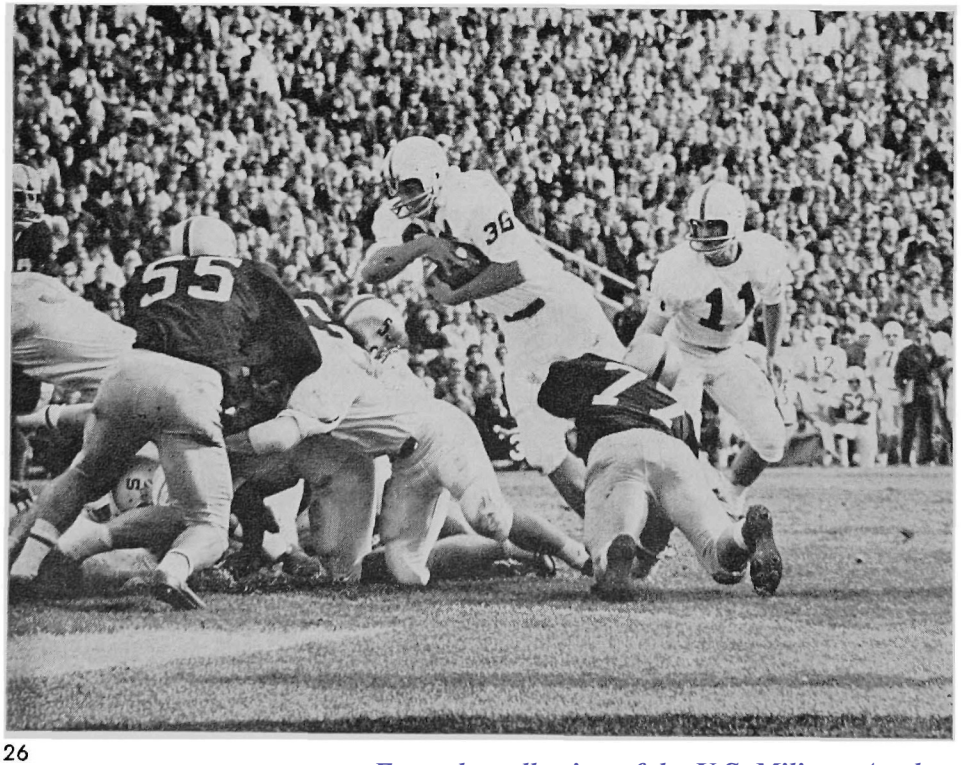
The Cadets found Rutgers stubborn as usual before winning, 14 to 3. Quarterbacks Jim O'Toole '69 and Roger LeDoux '70 manufactured this one as Steve Lindell '69 was out with a bad ankle. Fullback Charlie Jarvis '69 punched over both scores on runs of 34 and 7 yards as ARMY led all the way.

Homecoming against Stanford was a real thriller to the final gun with the lead changing hands four times. The Cadets produced the winning touchdown with two minutes remaining and then had to scramble to protect the 24-20 margin. It took two pass interceptions by ARMY in that short period to score win No. 5.

The long trip to the Air Force Academy in Colorado resulted in a 10-7 ARMY victory on a field goal by Nick Kurilko '68 and an 8-yard touchdown gallop by Jarvis. It was the first appearance in that state by an ARMY grid team and gave the Cadets the series edge at two wins, one tie, and one loss. The teams will meet again in 1969.

Utah came to West Point for the final home game of the year and went west again blanked, 22 to 0. Lindell lofted scoring passes to Gary Steele '69 (37 yards) and Van Evans '69 (20 yards) and Jarvis carried the third across from the 3.

The Pittsburg "jinx" almost held again but another rally brought ARMY from a 12-7 halftime deficit to a 21-12 victory. It was the first time that an ARMY team had ever



FOOTBALL—Stanford fullback Jack Root hits the ARMY line in a bid for a touchdown as linebacker Jim Bevans (55), center Don Roberts (53) and tackle Steve Yarnell (77) try to prevent the score. ARMY won the Homecoming game from the Indians, 24 to 20.



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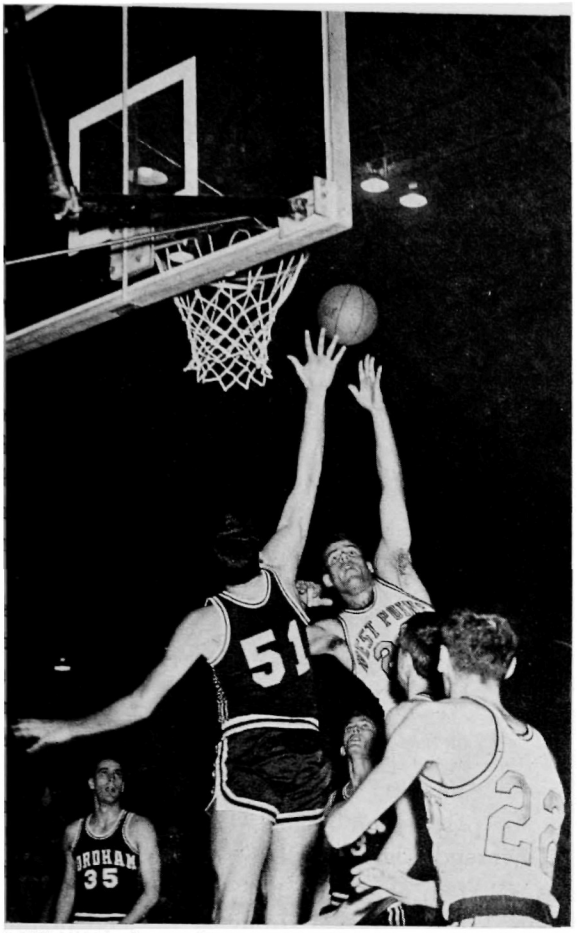
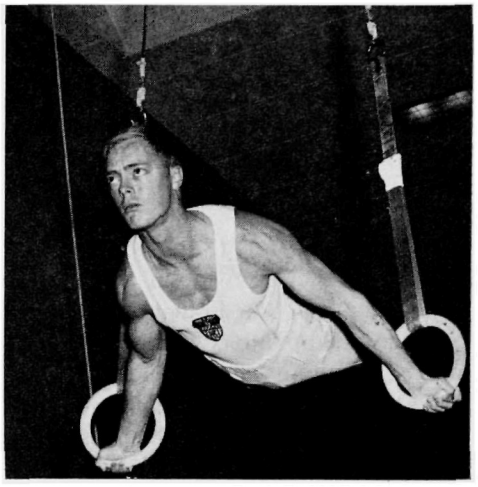


BASKETBALL—Center Steve Hunt (20) scores against Fordham as ARMY experienced one of the finest basketball seasons in its history. The 6'6" Hunt has been a leading scorer and a fine rebounder. ARMY won this game, 67 to 65.

TRACK—Bob Foos heads for the tape in the 600-yard run in a triangular meet with St. John's and New York University. Cadet Leroy Outlaw comes up on the inside. Foos has matched the Academy indoor time of 1:11.1 for the 600 this winter.

GYMNASTICS—Gym captain Charles Beckwith demonstrates his skill on the still rings, a new event for him during the current winter season. Beckwith has long been one of the top men in the side horse event but was required to add additional events by a gymnastics rule change.



won a game in Pittsburgh. Scores by Lynn Moore '70 and Lindell in the fourth period accounted for the eighth win of the year.

The Navy game can be summed up by saying that the fourth-quarter comeback, which would have been the eighth successful one of the season, did not come about. ARMY trailed 19-0 with little over seven minutes to play. An inspired Navy team had simply taken command to that point.

Fireman O'Toole went into the game and in the span of a little more than four minutes engineered a 50-yard ground march for the first score by Moore, fired a 40-yard pass to Steele for the second, and made it 19-14 with a two-point conversion pass to Hank Andrezjczak '70. A fumble after getting the ball again on the Navy 26 ended the comeback.

That wrapped up football until spring practice in April and then the opener on 21 September against The Citadel here at West Point.

For the future, the Plebes went through the year undefeated (9-0) as halfback Bill Hunter from Levittown, Pa., scored 108 points.

## Other Fall Sports

The 150-pound football team, which had lost the heartbreaker to Navy, 3 to 0, finished the season 4-2 as the little gridders edged Cornell, 14 to 6, and then were upset at Pennsylvania, 13 to 0.

Cross-country finished 9-2 as injuries kept several outstanding runners on the sidelines late in the season. New York University and Navy pulled the string on ARMY runners, the Middies getting a 21-35 win on their own course. A seventh place in the Heptagonals and 17th in the ICAA shows the trouble the Cadets had with depth.

Soccer was edged by Navy, 4 to 3, in an overtime finale after participating in a fifth straight NCAA tournament. ARMY had received a last-minute invitation even though at that time the record was 9 to 2. Trinity eliminated the Cadets in the first round of the tournament.

## Honors to Cadet Athletes

With the close of each season, honors come to many cadet athletes and fall 1967 was no exception. Here are a few of them:

Football: Defensive end and team captain Bud Neswiacheny '68 received both the NCAA Postgraduate and Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete scholarships, was named to the Academic all-America and tabbed the outstanding college athlete in New Jersey for 1967 by the Sports Writers Association of that state. Neswiacheny, linebacker Jim Bevans '68 and punter Kurilko were named on the Associated Press all-East team while linebacker Ken Johnson '69 was given the same recognition in the Eastern College Athletic Conference poll.

Neswiacheny and center Don Roberts '68 played for the winning North team in the Shrine game Christmas Day in



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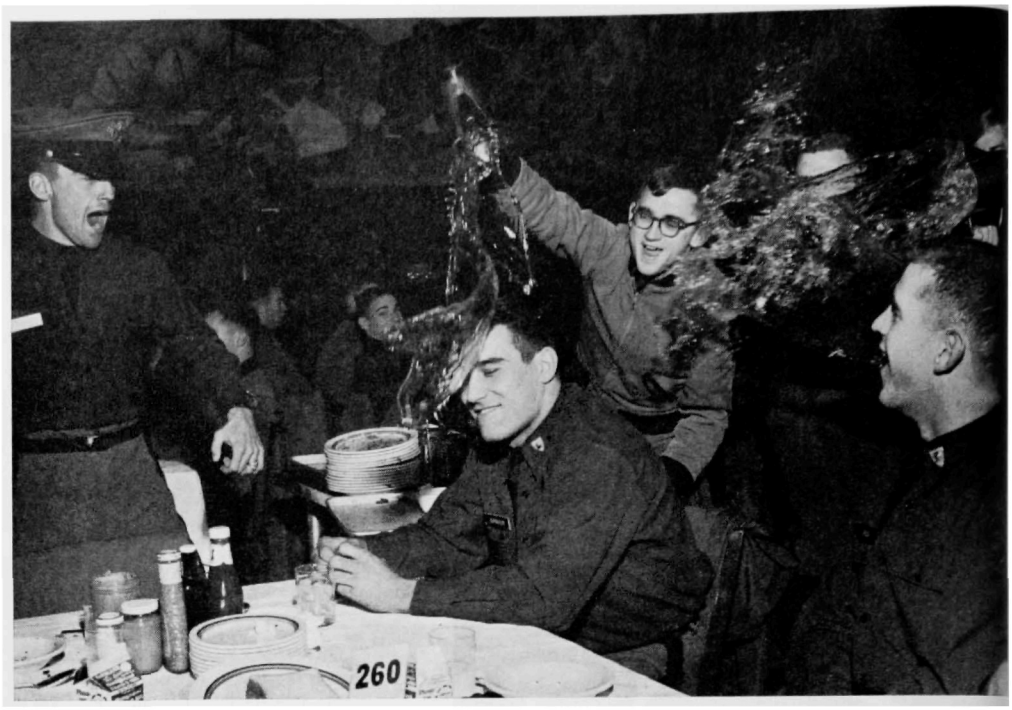


1968 GRID CAPTAIN—Linebacker Ken Johnson, Second Classman from Newburgh, N. Y., received the traditional dousing from fellow cadets after it was announced that he would be captain of the 1968 ARMY team.

## *down* / FIELD

Miami and Bevans was on the East team that won in a similar game in San Francisco.

Four 150-pounders made the all-League team including captain John Throckmorton '68 at tackle, captain-elect Ken Bevis '69 at quarterback, and halfback Harry Hayes '68 and safety Terry Strickler '69.

Soccer fullback Mike Palone '68, whose father is the varsity soccer coach, was named to the 1967 all-America team.

For those who keep football record books, the following changes occurred this past fall. Jim Bevans matched Arnold Tucker's season pass interception record of eight made in 1946. Nick Kurilko now holds the field goal record (7) and the most tried in a single season (21). Terry Young '69 established new career marks for pass receptions (94) and yards from receiving (1,239). Both had been held by "lonely end" Bill Carpenter who played from 1957 to 1959.

Roberts, Young, guard John Nerdahl '68 and halfback Carl Woessner '68 played in all 30 games during their three-year careers on the varsity.

And to the ARMY football followers of 1967 came an attendance mark. Four of the five home games were sold out and the biggest first-day crowd on record, 28,500, saw the Virginia opener.

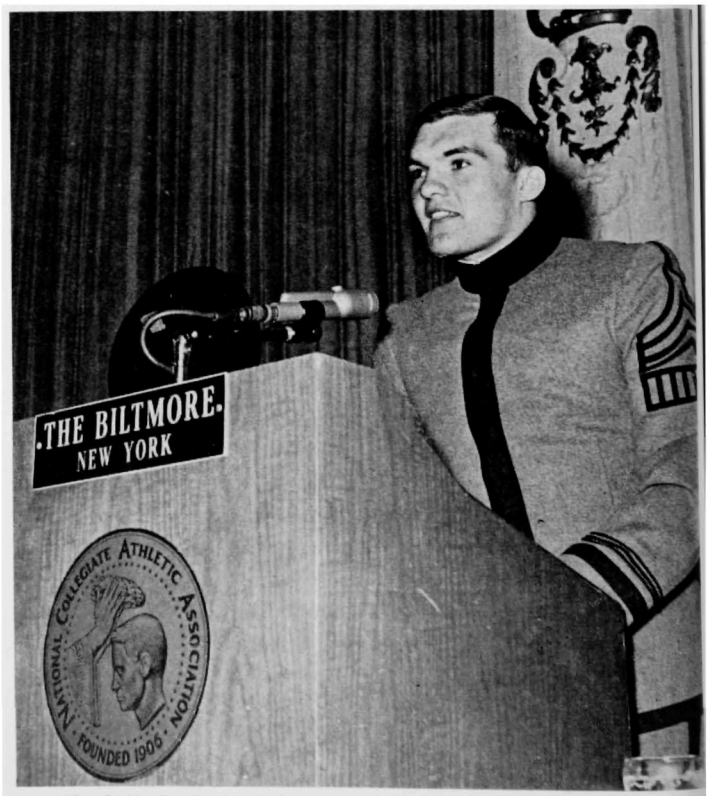
Homecoming for 1968 is the California game on 12 October. The home schedule also has The Citadel on 21 September, Vanderbilt on 28 September, Duke on 26 October, and Boston College on 9 November. Away games next fall will be Missouri on 5 October, Rutgers on 19 October, Penn State on 2 November, Pittsburgh on 16 November and Navy at Philadelphia on 30 November.

### Elect 1968 Fall Captains

Ken Johnson, linebacker from Newburgh, N.Y., will be captain of the 1968 ARMY football team. He becomes the 79th man to lead the ARMY team as the Cadets move into the 79th year of football. He was a top defensive player and came in for post-season honors. He lettered behind all-America Townsend Clarke in 1966.

Jim Lucas '69 from Seaside, Calif., will be the cross-country captain. Lucas came on strong at the end of the season after missing several meets with injuries. Lucas is also a distance man on the indoor and outdoor track teams.

Quarterback Ken Bevis from Huntsville, Ala., is the new 150-pound football captain. Bevis was an all-East selection at quarterback at (*continue on page* 43)




ARMY GRID CAPTAIN—Defensive end Bud Neswiacheny, who carried the title The General as he led ARMY to an 8-2 season, is shown accepting the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship at the Hotel Biltmore in New York. Neswiacheny won football and academic honors at the end of the season.



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# REPORT . . . from the classes

## '99

Lt. Gen. Charles D. Herron
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The trouble with class Notes is that someone must do something to make news! The old boys of '99 mostly "just set" and do not hatch anything! However, William Topping **Merry** has made some news. He has been married! We have the misfortune not to know the bride, but we are assured from long acquaintance with W.T.M.'s tastes that she is good looking and dances. We extend to him the congratulations of the Class and to both go our best wishes. They will be at home at the groom's long-time residence, Casa de Palmes, McAllen, Texas.

About the only other really live wire left in the Class is **Kelly**, who except for a few demerits, would have been our number one man. He, along with Christine, has been making his annual drive from his summer golf course in Buffalo, N.Y., to his winter playground in Coranado, Calif.

The **Herrons**, who a year ago migrated from their rose and azalea beds and kitchen garden in Bethesda, Md., to Honolulu to be near their daughter, Mrs. Richard W. Ripple, report that their retirement home the Arcadia, is a great success. However, the infirmities of age have somewhat caught up with them. Louise remains her long-time charming self, altho somewhat handicapped by emphysema. He says that his eyesight goes off further and faster than convenient, but that he can still see the keyboard of his typewriter.

**Schull** reports that he has given up his long-time home in Carmel and gone to Tucson, Ariz., to be near his son Edson, of '33. His son, Herman, '27, lives in Florida, and is general manager of the Florida Inland Navigation District. Herman Sr., as does **Herron**, has eye trouble.

## '02

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2544 Dell Road
Louisville, Ky. 40205

**Bell** and Mrs. Bell were guests recently at a farewell dinner given by U.S. **Grant** III for former District of Columbia Commissioners, their wives, and widows. Bell served as a Commissioner from 1923 to 1927. He celebrated his 91st birthday in November, and the December bulletin of the Army-Navy Club had this to say. Quote:

"Col. J. Franklin **Bell**, USA Ret, spent a quiet evening with his daughter, Mrs. Carlyle E. Maw of New York, as they enjoyed a birthday dinner at his club home.

"Appointed by President Harding in 1923 as Engineer Commissioner of D.C., Colonel **Bell** continues to show active interest in current affairs.

"Washington and Jefferson College gave to Col. **Bell** a Doctor of Science Degree and also elected him to Phi Beta Kappa. After he retired in 1930, his services were in demand by the world fairs in Dallas, New York, and San Francisco. In 1940 he became executive secretary of the Society of American Military Engineers and editor of the *Military Engineer*. In 1947 he retired to become associate editor for *Foreign Affairs* for a 10-year period, retiring for a third time at the age of 80."

**Dockery** has sold his cottage in Carmel, California, and moved to the Carmel Valley Manor, P.O. Box 6087, Carmel, California 93921. He is very pleased with the change as he has found many interesting and congenial companions there from all over the United States.

The **Griffiths** accompanied by their daughter, son-in-law, and one grandson, visited West Point for the June Week activities. After a few days on Cape Cod, they attended the graduation of a grandson from Union College in Schenectady, New York.

The latest word from **Pegram** was in August. He had just returned from a visit to his eye doctor in Baltimore and was looking forward to a return to Spain.

Our Association membership of 18,521 represents more than 95% of our living graduates.

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

His address:

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

## '03

Col. Dorsey R. Rodney
938 Huntington Road
East Lansing, Mich. 48823

Max **Tyler** wrote a short note from Washington. He signs himself "Bones." I wonder where he got that nickname, as he always looks in the pink of condition. **Colley** says that he is now OK, but he had two operations in August and September. He reports that he was 86 years old when he wrote on 10 Nov. John **Franklin** says he is getting a little older, a little less active, and has a little more difficulty in reading. But he still gets "a kick out of life." Jake **Wuest** wrote a note from Orlando, Florida. They spent a month in San Francisco and Coronado. While there he was impressed (and disgusted) with what he saw of the Hippies. Jake was preparing to enter the Florida Sanitarium on 17 Nov for a major operation.

The **Farnums** wrote from Maine. When they wrote they were having a spell of ideal weather, following a lot of mean stuff. My guess is that you will find them sneaking away some time during the winter to warmer climes. Personally, I would like to see a real blizzard in Maine—but I would like to be able to get away promptly! Clifford **Jones** says he is heading for Florida on 6 Dec for four months. Says he can't walk fast enough to keep warm way up north in Georgia. His address in Florida is 3900 Hardie Ave., Miami. **Lynn** writes that he has some good days and some not so good. His children have been to see him which helps him a lot.

The Albert **Gilmors** go to New York soon to spend the winter. They feel fine, but he says they do not do much to help along the night clubs these days. **Grant** is as busy as usual. He has several important government jobs or commission works, and he is writing a history of the life of his grandfather. **Turtle** writes that he and Maida plan to fly to Dallas on 4 Dec to hear the Dallas Orchestra give the "Missa Salumnis," which he says is the most beautiful thing in the world. He heard it in Carnegie Hall in 52 and 53.

**Rodney** was in the hospital 4 days for an operation but he is recovering nicely. When you are 87 (Gee whiz—am I that old?) you don't snap out of things as quickly as you used to, and it may prevent him from making his usual trip to the ARMY-Navy football game. One of the two jobs which he has with the university is military coordinator to coordinate the activities of the Army ROTC and the Air Force ROTC (use of drill fields, etc.) This causes no trouble—they cooperate beautifully. It is only when you get in the higher echelons (Pentagon) that petty jealousies creep in. The other job he has with the university is consultant for students who have questions or trouble about their draft status.

**Telford** died in California on 21 June and was buried at Ontario, California. **Rodney** is writing his obituary for ASSEMBLY. Fortunately, and surprisingly, Telford wrote a rather complete account of his service which he had filed with the Association of Graduates.

That leaves 12 of the brave ones still living, and 11 of these sent notes in for ASSEMBLY—a wonderful record!

## '04

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

We regret to report the death on 31 January 1968 in Denver, of Mrs. Thomas N. **Gimperling**, the widow of our classmate. Burial was at the Arlington National Cemetery on 6 February.



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## Oldest Living Grads

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decorated, receiving brevets to general officer rank.

Adelbert Ames '61, the 21st on the list of Oldest Living Graduates received the Medal of Honor at Bull Run and was a brigadier general of the U.S. Volunteers two years after he graduated. Although born in Maine he later became a U.S. Senator and Governor of Mississippi in the 1870's.

William Ennis '64, campaigned in both the Civil War and the Spanish-American War before retiring as a brigadier general in 1905.

Charles A. Dempsey '65, once court-martialed as a junior officer, went on to win the Silver Star and other decorations in the Indian campaigns and the Spanish-American War. At the age of 72 he entered active duty for five years with the Virginia Militia during World War I.

Samuel E. Tillman '69, after 35 years of duty as a Professor and associate Professor at the Military Academy, was recalled to active duty in 1917 at the age of 69 to become the oldest Superintendent. This extraordinary officer received the Distinguished Service Medal as a 1st lieutenant! Incidentally he was succeeded as Superintendent in 1919 when almost 72 by the youngest Superintendent of record, General Douglas MacArthur who was then 39 years old.

Charles E.S. Wood '74, a veteran of the Indian Wars, became a poet and James B. Jackson '77, won the Silver Star in Cuba.

George H. Morgan '80, a noted Indian fighter and rifle shot won the Medal of Honor against the Apaches and two Silver Stars in Cuba. While on ROTC duty at the University of Minnesota in the late 1890's he was admitted to the Minnesota bar!

George T. Bartlett '81, number 28 on the list of Oldest Living Graduates, after fighting in Cuba was a Coast Artillery brigade commander in France in World War I.

Wilber E. Wilder '77, won the Medal of Honor for gallantry against the Indians at Horse Shoe Canyon, N. Mex. He served in the Philippine Insurrection and Punitive Expedition into Mexico before becoming a brigadier general in World War I.

The service of the next five Oldest Living Graduates spanned the Indian Wars and World War I. Two generals who commanded divisions in France are included in this group (Frederick S. Foltz '79 and Henry C. Hodges Jr., '81).

The Oldest Living Graduate who preceded General John L. Hines '91, the incumbent, was William J. Glasgow, his classmates, who was Chief of Staff and a Brigade Commander of the 1st Infantry Division in World War I. He lived to the age of 101, the second centenarian among the Oldest Living

# '05

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

An article in the Washington *Post* is my authority for reporting that Norman F. **Ramsey** Jr., is the president of the Universities Research Association which is building the super atom smasher at Weston, Ill., for the Atomic Energy Commission. Doctor Ramsey, professor of physics at Harvard University, told a meeting of science writers that the new design would whittle down construction costs from the initial estimate of $300,000,000 to about $242,000,000. My own reaction is that a reduction in the estimated cost of any government project is sufficiently unusual to be very newsworthy.

Anne **Starkey** writes that her son McDowell, a bachelor living in Honolulu, died shortly before Christmas from a heart attack. He had planned to visit his mother in San Francisco during the holidays. Our sympathy for Anne, in this first loss of a son, is very real.

# '06

**Col. Charles G. Mettler**
**2227 Pickens Road**
**Augusta, Ga. 30904**

Too bad that fumble ruined us on the way to victory, but what a thrilling quarter. Too bad the TV was overdosed with plugs, shutting out the singing, the cheers, and even part of the plays, as well as the half-time show. But we almost took the money home.

With deep sorrow we have to report the death of Christine **Hoyle**, who has been such a strong supporter of every class reunion. Poor DeRuss. Our sympathy goes out to him and to the Hoyle and Guilfoyle families. She was buried in Arlington, and flowers were sent for the Class. A pretty funeral in a pretty place.

DeRuss had just previously written about grandson Alan Parker Armstrong presenting the family with a great-grandson, about Alan being promoted to major, and about his thesis at the Infantry School being rated number one. In September DeRuss celebrated his 84th birthday, still going strong. Do write to him in his loneliness. He needs you.

Had a nice note from Bob **White** in September that included his usual quail picture on his Christmas card. He, too, is still going strong and interested in helping get the MacArthur monument built and dedicated.

Have a nice note from Christine **Morrow**, who says that George now walks by himself, but his shaking hands prevent his writing. Christine's sister lives nearby in Birmingham, home for years. The Morrow daughter also lives near and is now a grandmother herself. The Morrows are enjoying the nursing home at St. Martins-in-the-Pines, 4941 Montevallo Road, Birmingham, Ala. Christine has had a lot of heart trouble and finds it difficult to write, but they both enjoy letters. Send them some!

A clipping from the Lawton, Oklahoma Press reports that Captain Richard Boyd Jr., grandson of the former Fort Sill commandant, Gen. Ralph McT. **Pennell**, was killed in action in South Vietnam on 29 October. He was a graduate of 1960. His parents are Col. and Mrs. R.K. Boyd of Gibson Island, Md. Richard was serving his second tour of duty in Vietnam, commanding Co. B, 2d Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. He was wearing the combat Infantryman's Badge and the Bronze Star Medal for his Vietnam services when he was killed. "Hap" is very much alone now and deeply grieved.

I am waiting to hear more from Joe King about "Pot" **Lewis's** death. I have few notes for an obit about "Pot." If you have any, please send them along.

Earl **McFarland** says that he and Edith are still doing as much as they want to do, a promising condition for any of us. He still meets with '06 at the Army-Navy Club. Earl Jr., and his wife Leslie went to the big fair at Montreal last summer, and Leslie spent part of the rest of the summer at her mother's cottage at Sea Island, Georgia.

As for this oldest member of 1906, Elizabeth and I are collecting the Christmas cards from classmates and widows, children and friends, multiplying every year; for though old friends die, new ones are made to worry the postmaster through the season. We are at the Lakeside Inn at Mount Dora, Florida, on a pretty lake, and we are still going slowly on with some help from our neighbors and friends.

Elizabeth **Parker** sent her Christmas card from her old address and is still interested in Cort's classmates.

Henry **Finch** reports that he is comfortably and peacefully resting at a nice rest home with his cataracts too bad to live by himself. He worries a bit about the long future, but remains content to rest his case on his imperfect record. Bill and Ruth **Akin** send their regards to their old friends of 1906, but regret they have seen so little of them for so many years.

Josephine **Johnson** has moved to be with Bill and his family, and is at Harrison House, 47 Judson St., Canton, New York. Joe **King** says that Marjorie **Shute** has been too busy traveling around to answer my letters for approval of Plupy's obit, but tells him it's ok, and to send it in. It's-in! Joe is still going strong in his Wildwood home in San Antonio.

We are only a few miles from Winter Park, but Mildred **Gillespie**, the artist, tells us that her son-in-law, Gordon Bartlett, is in Walter Reed for surgery, and her driver is not available. We hope to see her soon, but we need a driver, too.

All the Scribes have received the annual reports of the Superintendent, the Commandant, the Dean of the administrators, indicating the great changes that are taking place, not only in the physical appearance of the place, but also the increase in the Corps by 1972 to four regiments—12 battalions, with 36 companies, in all 4,417 cadets. Officers' quarters will be all over the place, covering the hills around Fort Put and along the Stony Lonesome road, beyond the cemetery to the edge of Crow Nest. But there is a promise to maintain the old traditions, sections of 15 cadets, teaching many new subjects, including Chinese, computers, and space age things. A terrific task is being done, and a greater one lies ahead. How different from the six-company Corps of 1906, when we all knew each other!

Wars and rumors of wars compel the Alma Mater to try to meet the demands for security and the far-flung commitments. More power to the USMA as the nation grows and fights for its place in this changing world!

Happy New Year to y'all. It will be a terrific one, so keep your fingers crossed and stay put.



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# 07

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

Sandy **Chilton** writes: "In October Omira nd I celebrated our fiftieth wedding an- versary as quietly as we celebrated the riginal ceremony. Our son and his wife came om Portland to be with us, and we had in small group of our most immediate friends. mong them were Gen. and Mrs. Briggs om Albuquerque. That same Buster Briggs responsible for one of the nicest things at ever happened to anyone on a wedding nniversary. He alerted his friends of "1928," ho, with him, had appeared in my English assroom in the autumn of 1925. It was a istinguished group of young men on the reshold of great distinction in the Armed ervices, though of course, none of them new it then, nor did I. I knew them only one of the nicest groups of young men ho had ever appeared in anyone's class- om. I shooed them into some of the less ell-known corners of English literature and d them down the path of verse-making. Ve had them at our quarters for an oc- asional Sunday morning breakfast or an fternoon tea. In response to his alert, there ame to congratulate us notes, cards, letters, nd telegrams from all over the United tates. It was unbelieveable that they could ave remembered so much detail about a ime now 40 years behind us, but that they id convinced me, as I told many of them n reply, that they had enjoyed those English essions almost as much as I had. So much eeling was conveyed in their messages that, s I told many of them, Omira and I could ot read them without getting a little damp round the edges. It was a most heartwarm- ng experience"

Sandy was an instructor at the Academy n the Department of English and History 911-13, assistant professor 1916-18, 1921- 4, and again 1925-27. For 11 years after e retired he taught English at the New exico College of Agriculture. What great leasure to record something so delightfully heerful! What extraordinary success! Sandy s a born leader, a gifted teacher.

**Waldo Potter** has moved from California. He gives his new address: 621 Golf Course Drive NE., Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. 32548. This is the address of his son Waldo F. '43, Col., USAF. He says he will be in that vicin- ty henceforth.

Jim **Laubach** sent the Washington group a et of photographs of the men at our 60th Reunion. They were shown at our December uncheon. Many thanks, Jim, for your houghtfulness and kindness. Jim spent 5 weeks in a hospital in November-December ut is home and is improving daily.

A beautiful Christmas and New Year card was received from Maria and Dick **Park** from Athens and with it a letter from Maria saying they have had many visitors, relatives, and friends from this country. They hope to come to the States for several months later in the year.

Dan'l **Boone** asked to be relieved as Secretary-Treasurer of the Class. He said he has not been well. This was a shock. He worked very hard in making all preparations for our 60th Reunion. He traveled back and forth from Stamford to West Point, and he spent himself too freely. The reunion was a complete success. Dan'l is getting stronger day by day. The Class says, "Many thanks, Dan'l." We deeply regret you felt the neces- sity to resign as Secretary-Treasurer. He rec- ommends that the funds be turned over to a bank to handle. Enrique **White** has consented to take the position vacated by Dan'l. He agrees that a bank to handle the funds seems to be the simplest and best method. Enrique left the middle of December to spend the holidays with his son, C.H. Jr., '34 and his family in San Antonio. From there he will go to Florida for a visit with a nephew. He expects to return to Washington the latter part of January when he will go into the matter of the class funds.

Jesse **Drain** spent the Christmas holidays with a granddaughter and her family in South Carolina. From there he went to In- dianapolis to visit his son, J.C. Jr., '36.

Generous Tom **Spencer** sent a check for $50 for the class fund. It was returned with thanks. The funds are in excellent condition thanks to Hans **Wagner's** able management over the years.

The excellent article in the *New York News* of October 30th by Gene Ward should please any West Pointer who read it. It dealt with our game against Stanford on October 28th at West Point and was highly complimentary of our football coach, Tom Cahill.

The West Point Society of D.C. was addressed at its quarterly meeting in January by Tom Cahill.

Miss Helen K. Carney, 4 Bennet Road, Newburgh, N.Y., was secretary to Hans **Wagner** for several years. She handled mat- ters relating to the funds. She offered to con- tinue after Dan'l became Secretary-Treasurer but it was considered more feasible to trans- fer the funds to the bank in Dan'l's home town. A letter of thanks from the Class was sent to Miss Carney, and Dan'l thanked her also. A sterling silver tray with beaded edges, 12 inches in diameter, was sent to Miss Carney from the Class. Hand engraved in script is the following:

Helen K. Carney
Our Honorary Classmate
In appreciation of
Faithful and efficient service
In handling our class fund
The West Point Class of 1907

# '08

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

Hal **Coulter** has been very ill. He spent 45 days in August and September under treatment in the hospital at Palm Springs, where he lives, and has recently been trans- ferred to the Convalescent Hospital at Indio, California, 25 miles from his home. At last report in December, he was getting along well, but was still weak and frail.

On 18 October, Adele Buckner, widow of Gen. Simon Bolivar **Buckner,** was among the distinguished guests present in Sitka, Alaska, when the Russian flag was lowered on Sitka's historic Castle Hill in a reenactment of the Alaska Purchase transfer ceremony held 100 years ago. Constantine D. Maxutov, grandson of Prince Dmitrii Maksoutoff, the last Gov- ernor of Russian America, was on hand to witness the centennial performance. Follow- ing the removal of the Russian emblem, the color guard of the 6th Battalion, 9th Infan- try, then raised the American flag.

John **Kennedy** spent the weekend of 15 October in Washington visiting old friends. He looked to be in excellent health and was in fine spirits, which he took home with him to Columbia, South Carolina.

It is sad to report the death on 20 Novem- ber 1967, in Washington, D.C., of Mrs. Miriam Clark Chaney. She had been ill for

Graduates (Henry C. Hodges Jr., lived to be 103).

John L. Hines '91, whom we honor in this issue of ASSEMBLY held the highest rank of all the 36 graduates to occupy the honored position among living graduates and on 21 May he will become the third to reach his 100th birthday.

For the statisticians the Oldest Liv- ing Graduates have lived to an average age of 92.4 years, but the last eight have averaged 98 years. From Heman Fay to John L. Hines they are an un- paralleled group. We take our hats off to them and the ones to follow in their footsteps!

## We Sons of Today

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treasurer of the Society for the past three busy years.

Enthusiastic acceptance by Gen. Eisenhower on 10 March gave a tre- mendous boost to everyone and John O'Reilly, banquet manager of the Americana Hotel confirmed that the Society could absolutely rest assured of their ability to care for, house, and feed up to 3000 persons with no guar- antee necessary until the day before. By now the board, under a full head of steam, had only to get busy and invite people.

Number one choice for master of ceremonies was Bob Hope. Hope had traveled more than a million air miles over the last 27 years (half his life- time!) entertaining United States troops all over the world and he had a great rapport with the military services. He was well known in the entertainment world—radio, television, and movies— and a professional in every sense of the word; very much in the league of the very men we intended to honor. Bob Hope was also a personal friend of Gen. Eisenhower. Because of the na- ture of the affair and the stature of the guests to be honored, it was agreed by all that Bob Hope would be certain to liven up what might become too serious an evening.

Television interest in the idea was at first very high. Finding a writer for the book, however, started out to be a problem and continued so right through to the dinner. Every military author from the well known to the not so well known was approached. The story was the same right down the line—no one writes on speculation. If we could interest their publisher (and some had agents to go through first) then the project would be feasible—otherwise much money had to come from some source before a word went on paper.

On the television end the difficulty was essentially the same—who would underwrite the series? Bob Lawrence arranged a number of meetings with private producers in the business of wrapping up "packaged" programs and selling them to a sponsor. Enthusiasm

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was always very high but results were hard to pin down.

While the book and television series hit one snag after another, plans for the dinner progressed smoothly and at a fast rate. By 1 June Baughan set in motion the operation of addressing 40,000 letters of invitation to heads of government, industry, business and education. Under Baughan, a staff from his office at Curtiss-Wright Corp. consisting of Diana Barna and a former Navy file Al Edwards became "communications central" and one of the largest fund raising dinners in the history of higher education was under way.

By now, with the small amount of advanced publicity that had gotten out, enthusiasm for the idea proved great and the requirement of choosing just who would be honored at the dinner came into sharper focus. Where Singer had stressed the importance of this chore very early, now individuals who in the beginning had ignored the problem went to work with enthusiasm. The original 12 names had swollen to 40 and not without reason: the Board had no wish to alienate any one particular group through an inadvertent exclusion. Some day an award will have to be given to the 15 members of New York chapter's board of governors who thrased out the unanimous selection of the 27 final graduates who were feted at the dinner.

By late July everything was going so smoothly that when Gen. Omar Bradley '15 phoned to inquire about our progress there was nothing to tell him other than all systems were "go!"

Shortly thereafter, in the first week of August, Singer received the following letter from Gen. Eisenhower:

> In the past few days I have been confronted with a series of circumstances that make it necessary to inform you of my inability to be in New York on the date of the dinner.

How very often in large undertakings a situation of this nature will occur! And, the ability to remain flexible is what separates failure from success.

With most of the honorees having already accepted invitations for 9 December the Society was faced with three alternatives: (1) cancel the program, (2) change the date, or (3) continue on schedule and write off the principal speaker and in most likelihood, the master of ceremonies as well.

Only once was the question of scrubbing the program broached and it received short interest. Although some leaned toward continuing on schedule, there were strong feelings that, to get our message over to the greatest segment of the country, we needed the voice of the man who had won the presidency in 1952 by 442 electoral votes and was re-elected in 1956 by a record popular vote. Singer moved a long time and survived her husband, James E. **Chaney**, by only three months.

We have lost three more classmates since the last class notes were written:

Albert L. **Sneed** died on Saturday, 25 November, at his home in Pinehurst, North Carolina, after a long and gallant fight against Parkinson's disease. He was buried at West Point on 29 November, following the return of one of his three sons from Africa for the funeral.

Henry C.K. **Muhlenberg** died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Joshua Tree, California, on 20 December. He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Telesphor G. **Gottschalk** died on 25 December in San Antonio, Texas, where he has lived since his retirement. We are indebted to "Brownie" **Nulsen** for this notice which is all the information we have at this writing.

We can ill spare any one of these fine soldiers from the dwindling ranks of 1908. It is a mournful duty to report their departures.

Med **Meredith** says that he has eye trouble which is pretty unresponsive to treatment, but he is philosophical about that and the other concomitants of 60 years on the firing line.

This is probably the last issue of ASSEMBLY that you will receive before our 60th Reunion at West Point in June 1968. Please write me if you have not already done so, about your prospects for attending the reunion and give news of yourself and your family, or any other news that might be of interest to the Class. We are well prepared to cope with the avalanche of letters that this notice may call forth.

## '09

**Maj. Gen. George L. Van Deusen**
**14 Beach Road**
**Monmouth Beach, N.J. 07750**

Sad news has been relayed to us through Claude **Thummel** and Carlin **Stokely**: Ed **Marks** died in California on or about 23 December. Burial at Arlington on 28 December was attended by classmates Jake **Devers** and Claude **Thummel.**

Catherine (Mrs. Thruston) **Hughes** died in Washington, D.C., on 4 January after being bedridden for almost four years. Burial at Arlington was attended by many friends.

Clare **Patridge** wrote as follows: "I have the unhappy task of informing you that Betty passed away on 29 November. During that month she suffered numerous strokes. The doctors assured me that she was not suffering mentally or physically."

We were notified by letter from Douglas S. Parker, 25 Alene Road, Ambler, Pa., that his mother, Margaret M. (Mrs. Robert B.) **Parker** "passed away quietly after a short illness on 14 December."

Mabel (Mrs. John C.) Baker, age 94, mother of Effie (Mrs. George L.) **Van Deusen,** died 10 January at the Wickatunk Private Nursing Home in Monmouth County, N.J. She had made her home with the Van Deusens since their marriage. During World War II she headed the Fort Monmouth unit of Red Cross volunteers for the production of bandages, etc.

The following items have been contributed by classmates or their relatives:

Jean (Mrs. Frank S.) **Besson**: "I have lost contact with most of the '09 widows except the four at the Distaff. Ethel **Matheson** plays a lot of bridge. Camille **Johnson** does a lot of gardening and spends considerable time with her children. One of her grandsons was killed in Vietnam about a year ago. Emmeline **Eichelberger** has just returned from a cruise to South America. We see a lot of each other. I have spent much of my time with Frank and Bob's families and with our daughter Jean (Mrs. Milton B.) Adams, whose husband is now an Air Force major general. Now about me. I'm on my feet but have acquired a slipped disc and an enlarged heart. The doctors tell me to be careful but who wants to?"

**Chapman**: "Sorry! Nothing to report. Best wishes"

A letter to Eley **Denson** at his son's home in Sacramento was returned "address unknown." News of his whereabouts is requested.

**Farman**: "Missed you very much this June Week. What is there to write about? We live a busy life—less free time than before retiring. Had lunch with the **Herknesses** in Florida."

Louisa (Mrs. Monte J.) **Hickok**: "I live quietly in my small apartment here in Brookline, Mass. (124 Babcock St.) Our son Marshall and family are near. His 16-year-old son is in school in California. Marsha 22 is a WAC. Margot 19 is a sophomore at U. of Massachusetts. Carolyn 9 and Robin 2 are little ones at home. Monte, Jr.'s elder son is married, lives in Honolulu, and has a 3-month-old son, which makes me a very proud great-grandmother. Lee, his younger son, is a senior at U. of Hawaii. I enjoy the ASSEMBLY class notes and am always happy to hear good news of the classmates and their families."

A Christmas greeting from Dorothy and Dotchi **McGee** (Box 142, Locust Valley, N.Y. 11560) included this item: "Framers of the Constitution," by Dorothy Horton McGee, will be published by Dodd, Mead, & Co., New York, in April 1968.

Kathleen (Mrs. Manton C.) **Mitchell**: "My life in San Francisco is a very quiet one. I do enjoy seeing some old-time Army friends occasionally. I am spending this Christmas in Oregon with my son and his family."

"Cope" **Philoon**: "We will be represented at the Navy game by four Bowdoin football players, as has been the custom for 10 years or more. We are doing quite well here, taking life very quietly."

"Admiral" **Plassmeyer**: "Your letter reached me as I was 'closing shop' in Missouri for another winter's sojourn at the Menger in San Antonio. Yesterday I viewed that hectic ARMY-Navy game as a visitor at the **Simpsons'** home. To me the winter climate here is a dreamland and living not too expensive. The surroundings are more than agreeable."

"Tups" and Jessie **Stearns** from their home in Charlottesville: "We keep fairly well, thank Heaven. We do not take any more long trips, and we miss them. Look forward to our 60th Reunion."

Carlin **Stokely**: "I still don't have any news. I note there are only four naughty-niners yet to reach the fourscore mark; **Van Deusen,** G.L., **Catron, Simpson,** and **Perego.** So we march on, led by "Daddy" **Philoon.**" "Stoke" goes into some detail about a legal and financial tangle attending the sale of the Stokely farm, Key West. Apparently this has been settled without jeopardy to his interest.

Claude **Thummel**: "Talked to **Devers.** He has been busy with affairs in his home town of York. **Mountford** golfs now and then. They are looking forward to the coming visit of a great-granddaughter. We are well and will spend a quiet Christmas at home."

Aileen (Mrs. James R.) **Hill**: "Barbara,



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my unmarried daughter, and I are both well. She lives with me and runs our home here in El Paso. My other daughter, Eileen, and her husband, Richard Mattee, also live here. Their daughter Cathy was married last August. Their son Dick has just finished training as a 2d Lt. at Fort Belvoir and reports to Fort Ord 1 Dec. He expects to be married in March. My son Jimmie is still at Los Alamos with an atomic energy company. He has four children."

Wilhelmina (Mrs. John M.) **McDowell**: "Our son Hunter (John adopted *my* son.) is the father of a son, Robert Hunter, born 28 Nov. I live here (1617 44th St., Washington, D.C. 7) with my mother, who requires much of my time. Hunter lives in Chatham, N.J., and is manager of advanced development in S-F-D Labs. His wife, formerly principal of Dana Hall School, Wellesley, Mass., has continued to be active in education through the N.J. League of Women Voters. John would have been pleased with his adopted son, I believe."

Ethel (Mrs. J. Marvin) **Wright**: "I have been humoring a sprained ankle all summer and find it slows down one's normal activities even when one gets over limping. I spent most of the summer with my sister at her beautiful place in the Berkshires. I made a few short visits to relatives and old friends. Has Effie been gathering any more fine old furniture for your new home?" (Couldn't stop her even if I wished—G.L.V.D)

## '10

**Brig. Gen. Burton O. Lewis**
**The Berkshire, Apartment 6016E**
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**Washington, D.C. 20016**

With the happy holiday festivities of 1967 over, all members of 1910 can now settle down to the serious business of 1968 which includes looking forward to our 60th Reunion, now only two years away. Recent progress reports on the new construction at West Point indicate that the goal of its completion date may be achieved in time for 1910's 60th Reunion.

John **Millikin**'s 80th birthday was duly celebrated with a surprise gathering of old friends at the home of Col. John Jr., and his attractive wife in nearby Virginia. Toasts were proposed to his good health and happiness with many reminiscences of the early Cavalry days of John's illustrious career.

After looking around for some time, Lowella **Hines** has selected her future home in New England: 37 Wilford Avenue, Branford, Connecticut 06405. We all realize that it takes time to get settled in a new town and Lowella is doing just that—making friends, joining, etc. The Class of 1910 extends best wishes for her happiness in this new home in Connecticut.

Sam **Edelman**, although retired from active business for some time, still has a number of important acquaintances in the Washington area who bring him to our city from time to time. It is always our pleasure when his visits occur at the time of a 1910 class luncheon. He is an interesting luncheon guest bringing us news of his various activities to this section of the country.

We are sad to tell you of Derryle Law **Brown's** passing at their home, Rebel Hill Farm at Scottsville, New York, on Monday, 9 October 1967. Memorial services were held on Wednesday evening at the Grace Episcopal Church in Scottsville, Rev. Thomas W. Murray, Rector.

Arrangements for interment at West Point with their sons, Carey Jr., and Alston, were very kindly made by Col. John **Ray**, son of our Martin. Graveside services on 12 October, attended by family and friends, were conducted by Rev. Murray and Cadet Chaplain Ford. Also attending were Brig. Gen. B.W. Rogers, Commandant of Cadets, and other classmates of Carey Jr., and Alston, now on duty at the Academy.

Derryle is survived by our Carey; her daughter-in-law, formerly Mrs. Alston Brown, and four granddaughters of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; her stepson Herbert W. Brown and family of Woodbridge, Virginia; and several nieces and nephews. Carey will continue to live at Rebel Hill Farm.

Fred **Carrithers**, our 1910 correspondent from Colorado, keeps very much in touch with Service activities in his great state of Colorado. Being a football man during his West Point days, Fred was very much interested in watching the ARMY-Air Force football game last fall at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs.

Ducky **Reinhardt** reports the 1910 contingent in San Antonio OK, including himself. He took a delux Caribbean cruise during the holidays and promises a detailed report at a later date.

We regret to report that another distinguished member of our class has joined the Long Gray Line. Parker C. **Kalloch** Jr., died at the Sandia Base Hospital, New Mexico, on Sunday, 12 November 1967, following a long illness. Funeral services were held at West Point on Thursday afternoon, 16 November, with a close friend, Colonel C.E. Hobgood, an Air Force chaplain of Montgomery, Alabama, officiating. Parker is survived by his widow, Eunice, and a sister, Mrs. S.C. McDaniel of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

After a noteworthy Army career including two tours as instructor at West Point (1914-1917 and 1920-1923), winning a DSC for heroic action in World War I, serving the Hoover Relief Commission in Russia, and many more, he eventually selected Albuquerque, New Mexico, as his retirement home. Parker and Eunice both loved the "great southwest country" and actively participated in the civic development of their "home" city. Eunice will continue to live at their residence; 417 Carlisle Boulevard, SE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106.

Esther **Polk** arrived back in Washington early in December from her visit in Europe with her son, Gen. Polk, and family. She was looking fine and fit and reported that she had a perfectly wonderful time.

Jane **Drake** is back in San Francisco again after her eye operations and living at 1155 Jones Street. She is probably still having difficulty with her new glasses, but I am sure she would appreciate receiving letters from her friends.

I received a newsy letter from our Class Son, "Bud" **Hines** (Colonel C.B., Ret) now an instructor at the U. of New Mexico, New Mexico 88201. He has just completed a splendid biography of his father for ASSEMBLY. With sincere greetings to the Class of 1910, their wives and widows, his letter continued, "the beautiful sabre presented to me at graduation by the Class of 1910 now hangs over the fireplace and is a great source of pride." Our best wishes to Bud for every success in his new teaching career.

A Christmas letter from Rowenah **Harmon** extended greetings to all members of 1910. She now plans to make her permanent home in Avery, California, and recently accepted the appointment as postmaster of Avery.

Dave Rumbough, who did such an excellent job as military aide to 1910 (assisted by his attractive wife) during our 55th Reunion at West Point in 1965, is now a quickly and surely to confirm a different date with Gen. Eisenhower while the program chairman re-opened negotiations with the hotel.

By 18 August, a new date had been agreed upon and everything was moved up five weeks, placing the greatest pressure on the addressing and mailing campaign. In addition, those VIP's who had already accepted the earlier invitation to attend had to be notified and a succint remark was overheard at a later board meeting to the effect: ". . . when I was a Plebe the Yearlings had this thing they used to do called 'Fall Out and Fall In Again.'"

Though early publicity generated more interest then was expected, the Society's attempts at newspaper publicity ran into some disinterest and perhaps a little skepticism as to whether a small group of alumni could really produce the men that had been named. This semi-blackout resulted in the burden of selling tickets falling on the shoulders of a small group of individuals. Leonard D. Henry '31 was one of those who took to their phones and personally assumed the responsibility informing their business friends of the worthiness of purpose of the affair that they might inadvertantly miss. They did not name Henry "Dead-Eye" for nothing!

In October, the biographies and pictures of the Illustrious Graduates were in the hands of Harold Walker Jan'43, who took on the task of editing some 32,000 words down to 5,400 to be put in the hands of the secretary, John Shelter '54, for the publishing of the dinner program. Walker, who still occasionally instructs English at West Point, accomplished the task in three working days.

One week before the night of the dinner, final tabling was done at the Curtiss-Wright headquarters. A 3 x 5 card system of recording reservations seemed almost too simple at first, but it proved its worth in saving valuable time later. All financial transactions had been kept religiously on ledger sheets which were copied and sent to board members daily, and their accuracy attested to the advantage gained from the very early planning and organization that had started almost a year before.

On Wednesday afternoon 1 November, twenty-four hours before the dinner, the secretary picked up the table chart and brought it to the hotel, setting up headquarters in New York. It was then that the glaring discrepency between the chart and the actual physical layout of the tables on the floor came to light. Also the problem of a count on the actual number of people planning to attend from West Point was still unresolved. Though the hotel management felt that neither problem was anything to worry about, in retro-

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## We Sons of Today

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spect, they were both the cause of some confusion.

On the morning of 2 November the secretary and Ed McCully, Gen. Eisenhower's Secret Service chief, went over the events coming up that evening and made a walking tour of entranceways, elevators, cocktail areas, and the main ballroom and reviewed in detail the program of events scheduled to occur. Six Treasury agents and two New York state secret servicemen were assigned to the dinner besides the Military Police and New York police detachments arranged for and supervised by John Roosma '26.

By late afternoon on the 2d the main ballroom was still occupied by a conference seminar group which did not break up until after 5 p.m. A testament to the speed and efficiency of a modern hotel was the dispatch with which the Americana staff at the direction of O'Reilly, swarmed through the dining room setting up tables, decor, and communications.

All efforts by the secretary and Mr. DeGratzia, a private security man lent to the Society by Baughan, to contain the press people outside of the cocktail area, which had begun to fill with notables, failed. By shortly after 7 p.m. the initial liquor ration, which had been budgeted, was exhausted. However, I must add that the firm, but very cordial demeanor of Bob Lawrence in handling the press went a long way in preventing utter chaos.

To conclude the cocktail hour, the Illustrious Graduates were arranged according to seating by Adair, and led by Gen. Eisenhower, they made their entrance to the Imperial Ballroom filled with an anxiously waiting audience of 1200 which rose to its feet and gave a grand applause in tribute to the men in their presence.

Notably among those in the audience was the family of Robert E. Wood '00, an honoree who was unable to attend because of his health and who sent his grandchildren in his stead. Also present were eight Medal of Honor winners who were guests of Cmdr. William Stuhr, a longtime friend of USMA. E.B. Hyde Jr., '15, and E.B. Bellinger Jun'18, original charter members of the West Point Society of New York were there as well as Robert M. Danford '04, oldest member of the Society.

On the dais were John Murphy '50, Congressman from Staten Island; James Farley, former Postmaster General; former Superintendent Maj. Gen. Frederick A. Irving Apr'17; Gen. C.V.R. Schuyler '22, president of the AOG; Lt. Gen. Jonathan Seaman '34, Commander First U.S. Army; Brig Gen. John Jannarone '38, Dean of the Academic Board; the Superintendent, Maj. Gen. Donald V. Bennett '40; and Charles B. Delafield, a direct descend-

Lt.Col. with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam. He sent the Class holiday greetings on a Big Red One Division Christmas card together with a long, cheerful letter, ending with a quote from Dicken's Tiny Tim, "God Bless Us, Every One." Our best wishes to Dave from the Class of 1910.

During the past holidays, I received many letters and cards extending best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all 1910ers, which I hereby pass along to you all.

## '11

**Brig. Gen. Harold F. Nichols**
**36 Lagoon Road**
**Belvedere, Calif. 94920**

From class committee circular No. 1, 22 Jan 38, promoted and signed by Gus **Franke**, then on a few days leave in Washington, is taken the following list of 1911 on duty there, all or part of 1937: Paul **Baade**, Karl **Bradford**, Jack **Booton**, Jack **Christian**, Phil **Fleming**, Jack **Homer**, Jesse **Ladd**, Tod **Larned**, Ben **Lockwood**, Joe **Mehaffey**, Harrison **Richards**, Haig **Shekerjian**, Bethel **Simpson**, Alec **Surles**, Charlie **Walker**, John **Wall**, Jim **Weaver**, and Speck **Wheeler**. The total was 18, 30% of the classmates then on active duty.

Dorothy and Jake **Bagby** moved at the end of October from their Palo Alto apartment to one in Calaroga Terrace, 1400 NE., 2d Avenue, Portland, Ore. 97232, which they thoroughly like. They left behind a son and his wife in Redwood City but ganged up with their oldest son, Kelly, who lives in Portland. In my last column, Polly **Blunt** was reported planning on a fall visit to Europe, but she had to postpone because of illness, from which we are glad to say she is quite recovered.

From Ross **Batson** in November: "Getty and I are somewhat more healthy than when I last wrote. Our two boys have plenty of work and both are pleased with their duties and apparently are making fine records. Our chief aim is to have this place (deep in southern Mississippi) such that they will want to come here." For re-check information on two of 1911's most outstanding sons, see this column in the winter 1963 ASSEMBLY.

Ruth and Bob **Clark** had parts of their family with them for Thanksgiving and were expecting others for Christmas. They say that it is a wonderful feeling to have none of the family in the war or on active duty, that they have had so many years of it they need a rest from worry. So say we all.

**1911:** Bill Morris, who commanded the 10th Armored Div in WWII, watches as Lester Nichols presents a copy of his history of the division to Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor.

Margaret and Jimmie **Crawford** on 19 Dec were at the Sheraton-Atlantic in New York City for the holidays and family affairs, planning to return to Auburn in early Jan. Good old Jimmie had previously written on a Christmas card, "Wish we could visit you if only for a few hours. Am all jammed up and getting nowhere on Christmas duties. 1911-she's a WINNER."

Maud Ellen **Foster**, who suffered serious injuries in a fall last July on a sidewalk near her apartment, was able after some weeks of hospitalization to go to be with her brother, a full-time operator who was 90 in September, at his home in Norway, Maine. She returned at the end of that month and was much better when she wrote in mid-November. At that time, Laconia had 13 inches of snow but by Christmas there was not much left. And, by that time, Maud Ellen was quite recovered.

Mildred **Franke** returned in September from her annual summer visit to the mountains of North Carolina. A daughter lives in Asheville. I had written her of seeing on TV her grandson, Chris Hanberger, playing a crushing part as a tackle on the Washington Redskin's defense team. Mike retorted that despite the fact that Chris has on occasion been called "The Hangman", he is a gentle person who loves little children! Her son, Gustav Jr., who was retired in 1964, took his master's degree in math at Duke U. and had been teaching at Hampton-Sydney. Last summer, however, he was sent to the U. of Wis. for a course on computers, and now plans to specialize on that work.

An October issue of the service journal stated that our Elizabeth, Col. E.P. **Hoisington**, WAC Director, had received an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from her alma mater, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, in Baltimore. Another, Elizabeth **Keeley**, says that an injury last spring to her left knee put her off her feet for several months, which we know would be mighty tough on active Elizabeth. She said, "I nearly lost my mind staying in bed. Guess I will just try to slow down, act my age, and turn into a nice old lady. To tell you the truth, I would just as soon be dead."

Joe **McNeal** wrote at Christmas time that Ellen and he were settled in their new and most comfortable apartment. He reports Ellen an old Washington hand who understands service people. Like all of us, he suffered through the ARMY-Navy game but says, "there is always next year!" In early November, the **Morrises** had a dinner at their Washington apartment at which Eleanor and Karl **Bradford**, Virginia and Speck **Wheeler**, Dorothy and Basil Lang, and others were guests. On 20 December, Bill, Karl, and Jim Mooney had lunch at the Army-Navy Club, but Speck was missing, having left on short notice for Pakistan.

A 10th Armd Div bulletin pictured Lester Nichols, author of the division history, "Impact", and Lt. Gen. William H.H. **Morris**, division commander during WWII, presenting, on 26 Sept, a copy of the book to Stanley R. Resor, Secretary of the Army, who was a war-time major in the division.

Your Scribe, no shrinking violet, must relate that on Thanksgiving he and his Greta had a family dinner for 16, with three absentees but with three great-grandchildren present. The absentees were grandsons, one on duty in Vietnam. Alice **Rader** says that she had an uneventful year at her San Diego home but is well and always appreciative of ASSEMBLY. She greatly wishes there would be more 1911 visitors down her way (almost in Baja, California!). A holiday



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card, airmailed from Thailand by Gerry **Stanton,** says, "I am on a 4-month trip by ship to the Far East. It will be a Norwegian Christmas in Bangkok with dinner prepared by a Chinese chef. Happy Holidays! Home late March."

Broadcast Christmas greetings from the **Wheelers** told of their activities during the past year and of coming trip events for 1968. A high light was their attending in November, on invitation of the West Pakistan Government, the inauguration of the great Mangla Dam, one of the treaty projects, located in a spectacular scenic area on the Jhelum River, a tributary of the Indus. Speck was for eight years a member of the World Bank Team that negotiated the treaty, eventually signed by the Indian and Pakistani governments to end the long-standing bitter water dispute. When not in far away places, Virginia and Speck spend much of their time at their "One-O-Six Farm" in West Virginia.

## '12

**Brig. Gen. Bradford G. Chynoweth**
**832 San Luis Road**
**Berkeley, Calif. 94707**

**Allen.** Terry Jr. was reported killed in action in Vietnam. Hail to another son of 1912!

**Anderson** R.E. Anne is fine. Andy is having ups and downs, but is cheerful.

**Arnold** is riding a 36" power mower, top speed 7½ mph, no jumps. He has invented a pine-needle rake and wants a lime-spreader. in a recent tournament, Arch shot 100. His partner, age 96, shot 110. His partner watched us parade for Taft in the blizzard of 1908.

**Barbur** visited Mary Hobson in July. He and Vesta had their 53d anniversary last March. They send greetings to 1912. Leonard and Margaret **Barrett** leave in December for six weeks at Kahala Hilton in Honolulu and send Season's Greetings to all 1912.

Howard and Marian **Bennion** are both well, living quietly. He is sad to lose Buddy with whom he joined C Co., as Plebes. Howard is happy to know that Ham has taken presidency, he being "wise and able." In a personal letter, Howard lamented the decline in his short-range memory.

**Bodine** lunched and growsed with Karl **Greenwald.** Burphy and Jess **Brown** reported well, though leading a quiet life. Emily and Nannie **Chase** invite any or all of 1912 to 3814 Woodley Road, NW., Washington 20016.

**Crawford** R.C. says pick up great-grandson on morning report. He's in the Navy but only weighs 7+ lbs so is no threat to ARMY football. Red notes Guy Henry was elected to the Madison Square Garden Hall of Fame. He reminds me that Guy slipped his magnificent hunter into the Hippology line and Gus Gonser marked him down with every defect from spavin to cow hocks.

Thorne **Deuel** laments his roommate Buddy **Rose.** Thorne is working on his book in re "culture origins, operations, and change." Have you read McLuhan, Thorne? Nora is working on genealogy. Thorne's intellectual girations just don't sound like an old cavalryman, somehow!

Charlie **Drake** went to Homecoming and was amazed to have to carry the wreath for Thayer, and take the review with the Supe. You're a big boy now, Charlie. Keep your eyes off Flirtation!

Earl and Florence **Dunmore** toured Europe last spring. Earl is 80 but still golfs and gardens (gladiolus) and sends greetings to all 1912. Elizabeth **Edwards** planned a trip to Greece last spring, but was delayed by a coronary. She's going to make it in 1968. D.V. sends love to the Class. Sally **Flint** sends her "dearest and best" to 1912. Grateful for news.

**Greenwald** sat near Buddy at ARMY-SMU game. "Buddy looked fine." Karl reports fine work by ARMY and reports having lunch with **Bodine** and says Bill **Weaver** is "OK."

**Hauser** on the right of the reviewers at Homecoming, made the gates of Valhalla look closer. He has shipped class property to Ham and hopes Ham will serve out his tour with some years left over. Late report: John **Lindt** reported word from Charlie **Drake** that John Hauser passed away 26 December. Our sympathies are extended to Charlotte.

Hiram **Lindt** was pleased by my note in re a bulletin but uncertain whether I meant a "real job" or just one of my usual blurbs. Just usual, Hiram. Hiram hopes to do business with Ham. Patty and he are well and send fond regards and greetings to all 1912.

John **Littlejohn** lost my last bulletin and wanted another. He seems to be on his toes, ready to go places.

John **Kelly** was reported in Brooks General Hospital, in November, by Karl **Greenwald.** Harry **Malony** regrets our Class losses. He and Dot had a good summer in their New Hampshire home but cancelled reservations for Expo 67 to avoid long flights of stairs. He reports that at noon on Saturdays, old vets of USMA meet at A&N Club for a little get-together. All classmates will be welcomed. Katherine reports Maxie **Maxwell** had a hard summer following a heart attack in May, but is getting better. He is still in wheel-chair but gets to class lunches now and then and sends greetings to all 1912. Charlotte **Morrissey** is grateful for class news and sends fond greetings.

Old Cy **Phelan** grumbles that I don't answer his letters. He doesn't count bulletins as letters. You can't win! He has had some in-and-out of hospitals and sends greetings.

Sadie reports Burton **Read** nicely recovered from surgery in February. She says he walks like a good cavalryman. (In my time, Sadie, cavalrymen scorned to walk!) They always welcome class news. Burton, Sadie, and Janet send their greetings to 1912.

**Sibert** saw Buddy and Karl at the SMU game, "now Buddy's gone!" He said Army looked good and sends best to all the Class. The Colonel **Snow** roomed with Buddy in Highland Falls at Braden's, and in 1915 they sailed on the *Logan* to the 1st Infantry at Schofield.

The Ike **Spaldings** had reunions at Thanksgiving and Navy Game time for kin folks from North Texas and California. Their son-in-law, B. G. Francis Hill, USMA '33, is a poet, fiction writer, and actor who this last year was president of the Carmel Little Theater.

Larry and Bill **Wilbur** were grieved to hear of Buddy. They returned early in November from the East and will leave for the winter in Florida the first week of December. Bill was with Geoff Keyes in Morocco and considered him tops. He and Larry send cordial greetings.

**Chynoweth.** Having no message, I nearly forgot this family. Grace and I are well and active with hobbies, children, and grandchildren. Like Howard S., my long range memory is sharp but close-up; I can forget anything. We, too, send greetings to the Class.

ant of the eleventh superintendent of the Academy.

Of the twenty-seven Illustrious Graduates, the following were present in order of their class: Devers '09, Wilbur '12, Eisenhower '15, Collins Apr'17, Clark Apr'17, Clay Jun'18, Gruenther '19, MacAuliffe '19, Lemnitzer '20, Blaik '20, Johnson '26, Kuter '27, O'Donnell '28, Lincoln '29, Norstad '30, and Kemper '35. Those honored who could not be present were: Hines '91, Wood '00, Kennedy '08, Bradley '15, Ridgway Apr'17, Groves Nov'18, Taylor '22, Wheeler '32, McConnell '32, Johnson '33, and Westmoreland '36.

Now that the affair is over and we can look back on a year's work, three things will always remain in my memory of the evening. One is the solemn sound of the Military Academy Band as it played Alma Mater at the close of the evening then swung into Egner's Official West Point March as the colors were retired. The second memory I will have is the note the Right Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. Moore struck in his invocation when he said: "bless this distinguished assemblage . . . grant our guests the satisfaction reserved for those who have lived a lifelong moment of truth for their country." And the significance of those words taken in the light of the fact that Father Moore has just ended twenty-eight years at West Point and in a very deep sense in the service of his country. And the last thing is a small article, only a few lines at the bottom of the page in the 10 November *Time* magazine, which said of the dinner: "What award could we possibly give these men?"

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contact with Army officers and government officials here for the same purpose. SCUSA thus provided the occasion for an exchange of views between some senior members of the academic community and those charged with making and executing our foreign policy. Hopefully, each group left with an increased understanding and respect for the positon of the other.

Invariably these visitors to West Point were impressed with the knowledge and comprehension of the cadets. They observed the cadets holding their own and often excelling in these discussions with their civilian contemporaries, many of whom major in international relations at the country's better schools. One senior observer of the conference commented on "the poise and maturity shown by the cadets as compared to the civilian students." The cadets' success in this academic endeavor demonstrates in a forceful way the excellence of the Military Academy's educational program.

However, the benefits are not limited to enhancing West Point's pub-

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lic image and improving armed forces relations with the civilian community, important as these may be. The conference is also an extremely valuable educational experience for the cadet delegates.

Their knowledge of public affairs is improved through the extracurricular study of some aspect of our national security ploicy in which they have an especial interest. The problems they discuss at SCUSA are similar to the ones they will eventually face during their Army careers. The cadets also profit from having to express and defend their ideas in open discussion. Being called to the conference table to defend their ideas, their country's interests, or to advise those who do has been a frequent experience of military officers in recent years. Cadet delegates to SCUSA have received early training for such a responsibility. Later in their Army careers many of these same cadets will be called upon to work closely with their civilian counterparts in the higher levels of government. The opportunity which they had to appraise the thinking and knowledge of their civilian contemporaries during SCUSA may assist them at that time.

The administrative staff of some 70 cadets draws profit from the conference. They gain valuable staff experience from the opportunity to prepare and manage such a large program.

How is the conference organized and conducted so as to achieve these benefits? SCUSA is traditionally built around five plenary sessions and an equal number of round table discussion periods. This year's meeting, by emphasizing the last 10 years of United States foreign policy, considered the important influence of history upon present problems and decisions. In the early phases of the conference the entirety of United States policy was examined. This was done to illustrate that problems do not exist in a vacuum and that decisions regarding one region or one state influence our policies elsewhere in the world.

The keynote speaker, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul H. Nitze, developed this theme in his address Wednesday afternoon. He pointed out, "This approach gives . . the sound measuring rod of history by which to approach the problems of the present and the future." In commenting upon the title of the conference he said, "The theme 'The Sputnik Decade' illustrates —as perhaps no comparable period of history does—that this is an age in which technology and its impact upon military strategy and political strategy is of significant importance."

The conference met again in plenary session on Wednesday evening. This time three panelists under the chair-

## '14

**Col. John H. Carruth**
**504 Tanglebriar Lane**
**San Antonio, Tex. 78209**

This is being written on 11 January. While many of 1914 have been too occupied with the happy and busy holiday season to write a letter to the Class, Christmas cards have come, some containing news of class interest, and I shall pass it on.

To begin, I know that all of you will agree that Charlie **Gross's** memorial article on Johnnie **Markoe,** in the fall 1967 (current) ASSEMBLY, was a beautiful tribute. It was so warm, sincere, and heartfelt. I particularly was impressed with the utter truthfulness and completeness of this moving story of Johnnie's humble and dedicated life of service to God and for the good of mankind, and of his love of West Point and his classmates.

The beautiful West Point Christmas card that came from **Gross** was probably the last one to show the Academy as it existed during our 50th Reunion. Those of us who will be fortunate enough to be there in 69 will see so many changes! Charlie's message written on the card is well worth quoting:

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new, and God reveals Himself in many ways. For too many of us, our 55th will offer the last opportunity to recreate the past before its flames have turned to ashes.

"So, lo, let's go. In 69 WEST POINT HO!"

It was pleasing to read on p. 23 of the current ASSEMBLY of the naming of Col. John S.B. Dick '35, as the head of the department of mathematics at West Point. As most of you know, his wife is the former Lucy Helen **Gross,** daughter of Charlie and Ella, who must be bursting with pride. All who attended our 45th and 50th Reunions will recall the farewell parties we enjoyed at the Dick quarters as guests of Charlie and Ella, and the hospitality of both families.

Now for some class news, which may be somewhat scrambled and lacking in unity, coherence, and emphasis—but here goes.

Previous class letters have told of all the physical troubles Pete **Bullard** had when he was living in St. Petersburg: carbon monoxide poisoning from a defective heater of his trailer, heart attacks, etc. As you know, his son Bob (Robert Lee Bullard III) and Bob's wife, Elizabeth, brought Peter up to Atlanta, where they live, over a year ago. Pete moved later into his own apartment. (See Brand's 21 Aug list for Pete's address). He writes that his health is improving slowly and he hasn't been in a hospital for about a year. Having his son and daughter-in-law living so close has been a real comfort to him, and they have helped him in so many ways—taking him to the out-patient clinic at Fort McPherson, only a mile away, for out-patient treatments, to the PX, and to the commissary. Pete wrote in a cheerful vein and hasn't lost his sense of humor. I quote from his letter: "Here's a laugh: I was too fat, so I got a no-fat diet. Then they found I had diabetes; so they gave me a no-sugar diet. Later, there came a heart attack, and they gave me a no-salt diet. Next time, I expect if will be a no-food diet." As urged by the doctors, he walks a half-mile daily, at the high-speed rate of a mile per hour.

Anyway, Pete, we are glad you are improving. Remember, you promised to provide the name cards for our ladies at the 55th.

Pink **Ward** writes: "Dear classmates, Edith and I are still blessed with good health, stimulated each summer by visits of some of our nine Spaulding and four Yates grandchildren at our summer place on the shore of Grand Lake, Colo.

"I become apprehensive when I see, for example, a 14 and a 12-year-old grandson, each in a separate canoe, with a brisk wind making white caps on the water. The reply to my caution, 'be careful,' was 'that's ok grandfather, we are both qualified life savers.'

"When taking our young 'grands' on a walk thru the hills, they can be taught to avoid falls by having them sing: 'watch where you put your feet (repeat three times), and you won't fall down.' Classmates, watch where you put your feet, and call on us if you come our way."

In December the Association of Graduates sent me a copy of a letter (to be returned) from the Aviation Hall of Fame, Inc., to the Superintendent of the Academy, informing him that on 19 December, at ceremonies to be held at Dayton, Gen. Henry Arnold, USAF (deceased) and our Gen. Carl A. **Spaatz,** USAF (meaning Toohey of course) were to be enshrined into the Aviation Hall of Fame. Toohey was to be there in person. Our heartiest congratulations, Toohey, for this so well deserved honor. Your distinguished and highly important service to the nation has brought honor to the Class. As requested, the Superintendent furnished a glossy print of the picture of Toohey taken from our HOWITZER for incorporation in a film on his career.

Gene **Villaret** wrote Skimp **Brand** in September that he was returning permanently to the United States, would arrive in New York on 3 October, and planned to later go to Washington. Skimp thought he (Gene) would probably stay with his son or his brother, both of whom live in the vicinity of Washington. Skimp wrote Gene in New York, and Gene replied that he will arrive in Washington by 31 January.

Let's turn now to Christmas card items of news. Libby **Milburn,** still working on a civil service job in Seoul, writes that she expects to return to the United States in March, by a Dutch freighter to Amsterdam, arriving about 1 May. She wrote that her trip thru the U.S.S.R. was fabulous and fun. She will notify ASSEMBLY of the change of address, probably a temporary one, as she hasn't yet decided where she will settle in the U.S.

The Christmas message from Dopey **Harrison** was really refreshing: "Hope you are feeling OK. I will see you at the reunion in 69." The card from Betty and Jens **Doe** reported everything fine, Jens is very well, and their daughter "Camie" (Camilla) on cloud 9 as she was to leave 15 December for Bangkok to spend Christmas with her husband, Lt. Paul Converse, USN.

Fred and Dorothy write that after completing a tour in Vietnam as a battalion commander, their son-in-law, Maj. John Mott C.E. is with Mary Rose and their children in Hawaii, and that he will probably be assigned as Post Engineer at Schofield Barracks and move into a four bedroom, two-servant room, set of quarters. Both Fred and Dorothy are slowing down. (Aren't we all?) Both are fine and like their new location which I shall refer to later.

Betty **Bull** writes that Pink has been in Walter Reed Hospital for some tests for a respiratory ailment. Since her Christmas card, I have talked to Skimp **Brand,** and he said that Pink only stayed in Walter Reed a short time and then returned home.

The usual Christmas card came from Muriel **Thurber,** and enclosed was this message from her home in Seattle dated 20 Nov: "I've been here since I returned from Hawaii 23 May. My daughter, Dorothy, and



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her two sons, Philip 18 and Charles 20, have been with me since Dorothy's husband, Col. Robbs, died in Norway last spring. We will all be together at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel for the holidays, the two boys coming from college where they have been since September. I plan to remain in Hawaii until about 15 May. If you know of anyone coming over, be sure to ask them to look me up. Aloha."

A Christmas card from Florence and Bill **Houghton**: "We sit in our rocking chairs facing the ocean, watching the changing moods of the clouds and the sea and the beautiful sunsets. All this spells contentment. We are so grateful that we are well and have each other, and such pleasant memories of our San Antonio friends."

Jessie **Lewis** sent a beautiful card—a colorful desert scene with a blooming Octillo in the foreground. She wrote: "Dear Friends, This view is what I see from my bedroom window. Superstition Mountain is seen in the distance. My daughter and I had a fine trip to Alaska this summer. We left Fairbanks just two days before the flood. If I had the courage to drive, I would travel a lot, but the years have taken their toll."

A brief message from Tom and Clara **Monroe**: "Last Christmas we were in Eugene, Ore., to welcome our second great-grandchild. Now, the girl is four, and the boy is one year old." (How time does fly!)

I was pleased to get a card from Juan and Graciela **Torroella**, even if it contained no news. I hadn't heard from them since our 50th Reunion, which they attended. See Skimp's list for their Cambridge, Mass., street address. Also a very beautiful card came from Xen **Price**, who wrote: "The past year has been a busy one for me, but quite uneventful as far as class news is concerned. I made one trip to New Orleans, and spent the rest of the year commuting between Eagles Mere, where I had eleven in my household, and Washington, where I am usually alone. Now and then I see a classmate, such as Dad **Ingles**, at the commissary, or Gene **Villaret** at the Army-Navy Club. I keep busy and feel fine. Best wishes." Note—The last sentence is a good example of the principle of cause and effect. Sorry I couldn't give a permanent address for Gene Villaret—Should you write him, your letter could be sent in care of the Army-Navy Club or in care of Skimp.

Well, that just about wraps up the news gleaned from Christmas cards.

As regards the San Antonio contingent of 1914, all are still present. Here's some local news. Cecile **Clark** was our hostess for the ARMY-Navy game—a delightful affair, except for the score. Cecile had recently returned from a visit to her son, Gen. Cuyler L. Jr. (now retired) and his family. Only a few days after her ARMY-Navy party, she was in Brooke Army Hospital with pneumonia. She is back home and is her usual vivacious self again. Amy and Tim **Rees** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a beautiful, and, I might add, very toothsome evening party at the Fort Sam Houston Officers Club. All the members of the Rees Clan were present—a very joyous event for all.

Lilian and Ike **Gill** made their usual annual trip by car to Connecticut to visit their daughter Patsy and her family. On the way home they left their car in New York and took a Mediterrean cruise of over five weeks, visiting 22 ports. They traveled on an American Export Line luxury cruiser. There were about 500 passengers. Ike says the meals and service were excellent, and he recommends their choice to any in the Class who might be interested.

I'm sorry to report that Elmer **Adler**, now fully retired, has had five falls, and with one of his eyes, he can only see directly to the front. He entered Brooke Army Hospital on 13 December, but fortunately was discharged just before Christmas.

I was very sorry to hear from Ducky **Jones** that Lucy has been quite ill since November 1966, but glad to know that she is slowly recovering.

An interesting letter dated 22 June 1967, too late for the current ASSEMBLY, came from Ben **Weir**. My letter is getting so long, I must summarize Ben's. He and Ruth have adopted a regular routine—six months in Maine to enjoy the cool weather, and six months in Florida to enjoy the balmy climate and get away from the Maine winters, which I judge are pretty frigid. Both Ben and Ruth are well. They apparently have picked Boca Raton as their Florida winter home but haven't fixed on any permanent location there. Apparently, they are in Florida from November thru March, and spend about two weeks traveling each way by car, varying the route and number of stops. In December, they drove from the east to the west coast of Florida, and had lunch with Fred and Dorothy **Herman**, both looking fine.

When Skimp **Brand** wrote his letter of 21 August, it was very thoughtful of him to append a list of the names and addresses of members of the Class, class widows, and others who entered with 1914 but graduated in later classes. Since then he has notified me of several corrections, and I have noted a few more from Christmas cards and letters. I suggest you make the following corrections in the list Skimp sent you. I am referring only to classmates (1914 graduates, ex-cadets, and widows). Here are the corrections:

(1) Changes in ZIP Code No.: **Kerr** to 02842, **Jouett** to 00801, **Gross** and **Whitten** to 12520. (2) New addresses: **Herman**—750 Burlington Ave. N., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33701. **Brooks**—1341 Riverside Drive, Stuart, Fla. 33494. **Ryan**—P.O. Box 2710, Carmel, Calif. 93921. Frances **Wyeth**—Change St. address to 1220 Mesa Rd. No other change. (3) Deceased: Line out Mrs. Glenn P. **Anderson** (Alice). **Brand's** letter to her of 21 Aug was returned "deceased." Line out Leroy Newton **Suddath**. His death on 12 May 1967 was reported in 1967 Register of Graduates and Former Cadets, USMA. (4) Line out **Villaret's** Paris address.

Now it is my sad duty to announce the deaths of two more members of the Class.

LaRhett L. (Blub) **Stuart** died in Hemet, Calif., of a heart attack on 5 September 1967 and was buried with military honors at the National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco beside his wife, Dorothy Clark Stuart, on 8 September. I received the news of his death from one of his two sons, Theodore Clark Stuart, 565 Requeza St., Encinitas, Calif. 92024. Although I never served with him, I liked him very much at the Academy, and it was thru me that he first met Dorothy. I am gathering data on his service and unless there is some classmate who served with him and offers to write a memorial article about him for ASSEMBLY, I shall do so. I expect to get some additional data from his family.

Then, on the evening of 5 December a telephone call came from Dr. Leon C. Hamrick, 3656 Rockhill Road, Birmingham, Ala. 35223 notifying me of the death on the same day of Francis M. (Mose) **Brannan**, of a stroke. He was buried on 6 Dec in

manship of Dr. Wesley W. Posvar, Class of 1946, now Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, reviewed some of the problems of United States foreign policy in the last decade.

Following introductory remarks by Cadet Victor Garcia, Vice Chairman of SCUSA XIX, and Dr. Posvar, Professor Ernest R. May of Harvard looked at the Sputnik decade from the historical perspective. He identified several important changes in relations with the Soviet Union, Latin America, and Europe. Particularly significant to him was the unchanging nature of our relations with China and the nations of Asia. Although the level of our activity in Asia has changed with our growing commitment in Vietnam, Professor May argued that our basic policies and attitudes have not changed since World War II.

The next speaker was Mr. William Diebold, an economist for the Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Diebold, speaking from an economic viewpoint, felt that the last decade has been characterized by the rapid growth of the industrial economies of the non-Communist world—the United States, Western Europe, and Japan—and their gradual movement toward free trade in industrial goods. According to him a major problem of the future will be to achieve greater control over the international monetary system. He argued that we must make money work for us in the world economy just as we make monetary policy serve our domestic purposes.

Our former Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations, Honorable Charles W. Yost, was the last speaker. Ambassador Yost identified our general foreign policy goals and discussed their conflicting nature. He warned of our need to maintain a reasonably united society, stressing that "no effective foreign policy can be carried out by any country unless it is organized and prepared internally to bear these external responsibilities and to meet the external challenges." Following Mr. Yost's presentation the floor was opened to questions by the delegates.

On Thursday evening, the third plenary session, also a panel discussion, was opened by Cadet John C. Cruden, Chairman of SCUSA XIX. This panel was chaired by colonel Amos A. Jordan Jr., Class of 1946, Deputy Head of the Department of Social Sciences.

Dr. Howard Wriggins, a former member of the State Department's policy planning staff, opened the discussion with his views on the problems of foreign policy formulation as seen by a member of the executive branch of the government. Dr. Wriggins outlined the difficulties of making foreign policy in a large bureaucracy, especially when it is faced with ambiguous threats such as so-called "wars of national liberation."

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District of Washington, Honorable Thomas S. Foley, in a very stimulating and frank presentation, argued that Congress had little opportunity to assert any effective control over foreign policy. He maintained that the present disagreement over the role of the Congress was due more to disagreement with the President's Vietnam policy than true concern over a Constitutional principle.

Mr. Saville Davis of the Washington Bureau of *The Christian Science Monitor* spoke about the role of the press in the formulation of foreign policy. He accepted that our press had many flaws and shortcomings that sometimes make difficulties for our foreign policy makers. However, he felt such a press provides a far better brake on arbitrary administrative action than a press which is docile or under government control.

Friday's fourth plenary session was a banquet, held for the first time in Washington Hall. Many of the women delegates expressed their delight at this opportunity to dine in the impressive atmosphere of the cadet dining hall. The evening's speaker was Dr. Joseph E. Johnson of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Dr. Johnson has long been associated with SCUSA, having been a member of the panel that advised the then Superintendent, General Maxwell D. Taylor, on the first conference in 1949.

Dr. Johnson characterized the last decade as a period of dissolution and dilution of political power in the world. Not only have the strong power blocs led by the United States and the Soviet Union begun to fragment but these two powers have found it extremely difficult to bring their tremendous power to bear in crisis situations. The United States, for instance, was frustrated in its attempts to prevent the establishment of a Communist state in Cuba, only 90 miles from its border. The Soviet Union has been particularly plagued by "polycentrism." And, China, Rumania, and other states of the former "Sino-Soviet Bloc" are now following their own courses in world affairs.

He also pointed out that the number of independent states and hence the number of independent centers of national power has doubled in the last decade, growing from 60 in 1957 to over 120 at present.

The major problem of the next decade, as seen by Dr. Johnson, will be the management of crises in an interdependent world. Associated with this is a requirement to develop some system of dealing with crises on a multinational rather than unilateral basis.

Twice on Thursday and Friday and again on Saturday morning the delegates formed 20-man round table groups to discuss United States policy

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**Brig. Gen. Hume Peabody**
**Chaptico, Md. 20621**

Johnny **Wogan** is suffering with the miseries more than somewhat and has asked me to take over for the winter issue. He hopes to be able to carry on again for the spring issue, and that is the fervent hope of us all. Let us assemble all available amulets, cross our fingers, exercise our knees, and, as Earl **Price** suggests, resort to that old cadet ploy of a leftist, constrictive nature. Just in case Johnny's ailments linger longer than they should, please send material for the next issue to the above address—also the usual blood money payments. But let us get to our ABC's:

Helen **Atkins** spent Christmas near St. Louis with Douglas, wife, and three grandchildren whose hobby seems to be raising guinea pigs. (Pick one up by the tail, Helen, and watch its eyes drop out.)

Henry and Betty **Aurand** left a week before Christmas on the annual circuit of their six grandchildren. Admiral Pete's command being off Vietnam during late 66 and early 67, wife Patty got in many a visit to oriental cities. Daughter Margaret Lucille and her husband reside in Santa Barbara. Hank, wife Marcy, and two children live in Los Gatos, and daughter Linda, husband Bill Nelson, and three sons have acquired a home in suburban St. Louis, so the Aurands will log plenty of mileage.

For a guy as busy as our Prez, there is little news of the **Boyes.** Fred and Bea spent a weekend recently at Virginia Beach. (This is not really news—just a space filler. They are always weekending somewhere.) Son Fred Jr., is now in Ankara, Turkey.

Nan **Chapin** expected to spend Christmas in Alabama where she would be joined by her Air Force son Read and family who were to fly in for the holidays. (How tempus fugits. It was 56 years ago that Nan and Det **Ellis's** sister were college roommates down South Carolina way.)

Ever since the court of claims announced that the Seminoles have a valid claim to about all of Florida, rumor hath it that John Henry **Cochran** has been maintaining continuous armed vigil over his favorite golf course. Comes a Christmas card, however, and from it we deduce that gals in tight skirts had best beware of bending when within range of John Henry's rubber band stinger. Their son John Jr., a bird colonel doing time in the Pentagon, is a gentleman of parts—spare parts, that is, supplying same for foreign equipment of dubious birth dates.

Peggy **Davison** held her annual open house for 1915 on 28-29 December. All who were ambulatory elevated many an eggnog.

Jack **Davis** reports "no news," things being very quiet around their "Ghetto." He complains of the Davis luck which to date has not produced a single Mustang, round-the-world trip, or even a "sunny dollar." However, Jack sends in many a newsy note concerning others, and serious consideration is being given to doubling his reporter's salary for the next year.

Mike **Davis** allows that Mary and he are thriving and will spend Christmas at Fort Rucker with young Mike, wife, and three grandchildren. Mike described themselves as "loaded down with grandchildren" which may cause Gertrude and Doug **Weart** to lift a quizzical eyebrow or two. It is hard to imagine Mike a grandfather as it seems just yesterday that a carefree bachelor gave me my first airplane ride at Kelly Field.

No doubt most of you caught the **Eisenhower-Bradley** Vietnam TV show. It was very gratifying to hear nothing but the most favorable of comments wherever one turned.

The gracious deeding by Mamie and **Ike** of their Gettysburg Farm to the Federal Government needs no comment since the act speaks so eloquently for itself.

September 11th was a red-letter day for 20 of us who enjoyed **Ike's** hospitality at Gettysburg: **Aurand, Boye, Bradley, Busbee, Conklin,** Jack **Davis, Ellis, Evans, Gillette, Graves, Hess, Larkin, Lyon, Marsh, Moale, Peabody, Richards, Wallington, Weart,** and **Wogan.** Greeted at the door by our host, we were ushered to a glassed-in family porch where suitable restoratives were dispensed, and while partaking thereof most of us had a conducted tour of several rooms. Even those possessing only the most rudimentary knowledge of the finer things of life were guilty many times of violating the Tenth Commandment (Ex. 20:2-17. Also Book of Common Prayer p. 69). With energies fully restored we motored to the campus of Gettysburg College where we enjoyed lunch. The inner man satisfied, we posed for the pictorial bad news and then followed our host on a half-hour tour of the battlefield, stopping at several points where Ike reviewed actions long since forgotten since those memorable three days we spent there in the spring of 1915. All in all, a wonderful time.

Whenever I feel that the current rat race is more than my aging flesh can bear I pause and contemplate the doings of our secretary, Det **Ellis.** Then I say to myself, "Little man, get going." Det and Laura were at West Point for June Week and our 52nd. Then in October to Columbia, S.C., for the very enjoyable biennial reunion of the 2d Cavalry Association which marked the 131st anniversary of the organization of the regiment Det joined as a shavetail 52 years ago. (For the edification of those of you who are ignorant of what was once the most important branch of the Service, the 2d Cavalry was a very fine outfit but of course not in the same class with the 3d Cavalry.) After the reunion they spent some time visiting Det's sister and brothers as well as many South Carolina friends. Back in DC, Det concentrated on his latest book, aided by Laura who worked at home and in the library. The manuscript of nearly 600 pages and some 70 pictures is now in the hands of the publisher. Originally intended to cover only his maternal grandfather, "Dr. Robert Lebby Jr., and Descendants," its scope was enlarged to give similar coverage to Det's great, great, great-grandfather of the Revolution, one Nathaniel Lebby, patriot. (This is Det's second book. A couple of years ago he published a similar book dealing with a granddad on the other side of the family.) All of this was accomplished while chaperoning class luncheons, acting as



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a general "finder-outer" for less informed classmates, and many other similar duties. Since son-in-law Col. Mulligan is back from Vietnam and on duty in the DC area, and with daughter Laura and two sons living in Chevy Chase just a hoot and a holler away, this should be a very Merry Christmas for the Ellises.

As usual Blister **Evans** was organizer, chauffeur, and what have you for the DC contingent attending Homecoming. The Cullum Hall squad consisted of Blister, Jack **Davis,** Tom **Taylor,** and Bill **Tompkins.** Dick **Richards,** Ed **Hyde,** and Jake **Meneely** joined for the game. Perfect weather and a cliff hanger of a victory made it a most enjoyable affair. Upon returning to DC, Blister appointed himself a committee of one to see that Walt **Hess** had a complete check-up at Walter Reed, a slight detail that Walt had overlooked ever since his retirement. Blister was also chauffeur for this operation, and it so happened that an early lab date fell on the day of the first snow storm of the year. Blister's account of the trials and tribulations he met in getting Walt home to Betty and himself back to Dorothy was most amusing and just a mere cut under Peary's account of his dash to the North Pole. (No doubt it *was* a harrowing experience for a city boy, but shucks! We country boys consider such experiences commonplace and something apt to be encountered any snowy day while going a mile to the post office or to the local "graball" for a couple of six packs.)

Lucy **Fox,** accompanied by her sister, took a trip last spring to Japan where they visited a nephew admiral. They then went on to include Taipei, Bangkok, Hongkong, and Hawaii.

Gibby **Gibson,** as usual, makes light of his "seein' trouble." Things being as they are, it is a break not to see all the loathsome hippies, but of course, he does miss the miniskirts. (Or does he?) During the summer, Mary visited in Cleveland and while there fell and broke her arm. This somewhat curtailed their activities after she returned home. The Gibsons seem to be thinking positively about 1970.

Marguerite **Gilkeson** plans on spending the holidays with her son and his family, we believe in Montana. (Brr-r!)

About mid-September Sid **Graves** treated himself to a spot of major surgery. He made a rapid recovery, and his medico has released him for full duty.

Tom **Hanley** almost made the Gettysburg luncheon but not quite, due to a very faulty command decision. He and Cecilia were close by, en route to York, and Tom considered crashing the party. However, he passed it up in favor of buying a lunch at Howard Johnson. (About a 1.0, or maybe less, on judgment, Tomas.)

Jack and Millie **Harris** spent three delightful weeks in New England returning to Washington in early October. Later they visited family in South Carolina and were considering a return there for Christmas. Jack has a cleric brother at Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbia, the church where Laura **Ellis's** father was confirmed in 1856.

For Charlotte and Tom **Hearn,** 1967 was a year of events. In June Charlotte attended her 50th at Vassar; then son-in-law Pete took off for the 4th Division in Vietnam; next Tom had himself some serious surgery but recovered so well that they will cap events with a dual celebration, when, in mid-December, the children will throw them a 50th wedding anniversary party at Moffett.

Dad **Herrick** plans to spend the holidays in the East visiting his daughter and her four children. As dad is utilizing space available, he will be solo this trip. After New Years he will spend a short time in Washington during which time, no doubt, he will brag about the new stadium and the Oakland Raiders.

Louise **Kahle** escaped to the North during the summer heat. Then in October she and Dorothy Hannum (widow of Hannum '14) sailed from New York for Panama, then through the Canal, down the west coast of South America, around the Horn, and back to New York in early December. They report a splendid trip.

Tom and Mary **Larkin** will take advantage of their children's dispersion to exercise their itchy feet. First they go by air to San Antonio where they will freeload for a couple of months with daughter Betty, her Air Force colonel husband, and three children. Then on to Newport Beach, California, for two months ditto with lawyer son Tom Jr., and his wife. Back in Washington in March they will pause to regroup their forces for a 4-month invasion of Europe during which they will visit their daughter and her family. (If it were me, my one eighth of Scotch blood would keep reminding me that I was paying eight months rent for non-occupancy.)

The John **Leonards** are well and back in San Antonio where reportedly they are once more in good standing with the San Antonio chamber of commerce, having incurred the wrath of that organization by brazenly spending a year in South Carolina.

Peg **Lindner** returned home last spring to find her home had been practically stripped. Our sincere sympathy to Peg who is staying in Maine this winter to ride shot gun on "the few things I have left."

The Shorty **MacDonalds** have sold their home and bought into a condominium. (So . . . another guy got fed up mowing the grass!) Until they move in May, Helen **Howard** will occupy their new diggings.

A letter from Jake **Meneely** saddened us with the news that Sally passed away in September. Later Jake reported that he had obtained a capable housekeeper and so would maintain his home rather than become a clubman. (Poor woman. Having kept house for Jake from 1912-15, I know what she is in for.) And a still later letter from Jake tells of a planned ski trip in Vermont during which his daughter-in-law and her three daughters will be his guests.

Harry **Pendleton** checks in from the lone star state with the news that, the good Lord willing, he'll attend in 1970.

Even though he can use only one hand, Earl **Price** continues to be an active letter writer. Certain people who have two good hands and don't write, should be ashamed. If Earl doesn't have any earth-shaking news, he writes a cheerful, interesting letter anyway, and always ends with a warm invitation for anyone in that locality to come visit him in his Cambria aerie.

According to Jack **Davis** the rumor that John **Robinson** was around Washington in October was untrue as Jack failed to cross his trail during his nightly prowls of the better class of go-go spots. However, a later report from Robby himself verifies the rumor. He and Winnie were in Washington for a short time while being whitewashed at Walter Reed. They tried to make class contacts by phone, but no soap. (Probably called before noon or after nine at night.)

Dick **Richards** took in Expo 67 and says he saw much and learned likewise. Congratulations to Dick's son Darrie who is on the BG list.

toward a particular region of the world. They met under the leadership of two adult advisors with practical or academic experience in the making of foreign policy. At the end of these sessions each group prepared a short written report on its proceedings. A selection of these reports was presented orally at the final plenary session, a luncheon in the Cullum Hall ballroom.

The conference, however, was not all work. Each evening Grant Hall was opened for an informal reception, so that each delegate, student and faculty alike, could mingle informally and exchange views. Many of the delegates found these meetings the most profitable part of the conference and several spoke of the satisfaction gained from informal discussion with the cadets where they got to know them better than during the more formal sessions. Additionally, the receptions also gave the delegates an opportunity to question the panelists and key speakers more closely.

The cadet staff organized optional visits to classes (Military Art, Foreign Languages, and Engineering), a tour of West Point which included the Chapel, the Museum, and the Academic Computer Center, and an orientation on cadet life. All were well received. The Office of the Dean gave a short presentation on the Academy curriculum to interested adult delegates.

Each conference participant—cadet, student, or adult leader—is his own best judge of the value of the conference with its four days of discussions and lectures. In the month since the conference many have shared their thoughts with the conference staff. A not untypical student comment was the "SCUSA XIX with no reservations stands out in my mind as *the* most valuable educational experience in my college years." One of the round table chairmen wrote that "as usual the conference was beautifully organized and carried out. I think that the participants at all levels experienced something of great value to them and were genuinely impressed with the serious concern for foreign policy problems on the part of the Academy which the conference conveys."

If SCUSA has made such a contribution to the education and development of the other conferees, it will have fulfilled its purpose.

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and to season ticket holders. Our more junior classes are already sitting in the end zones; and, as the graduating classes continue to increase in size, this problem cannot but be further aggravated with succeeding classes of graduates inevitably finding themselves moved further and further around the corners and into the end zone seats.

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When ARMY plays at other colleges and universities it must adhere to its hosts' policies regarding the seating of visiting schools. In every case an effort is made to obtain the best available seats for the portion of the Corps that attends the game and those AAA members who desire to attend.

A special problem which recurs every year is the seating at the ARMY-Navy football game. The fact is that between the goal lines on either side of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium in Philadelphia there are only 17,492 seats. When deductions are made for almost 3,600 cadets, tatical officers, and the USMA Band, this figure drops below 14,000. The Superintendent's guests, and the ARMY portion of the ARMY-Navy "mutuals" (tickets provided to the White House, Cabinet members, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia officials, the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Eastern College Athletic Conference) accounted for another 1,286. For the 1967 game AAA members asked for a total of 15,521 personal-use tickets. It is obvious that the sum of these figures exceeds the available between the goal line ticket total. Someone inevitably has to sit in the end zone.

As has been indicated above, the scheduled increase in the size of the Corps of Cadets to its total authorized strength of 4,417 will intensify this problem. Only at some distant time, as yet unforeseen, when more side line seats are found will there be any improvement in the situation.

Several methods of offering better service to the AAA membership are under consideration. One is the possibility of using automatic data processing equipment for handling ticket applications. This will allow later closing dates, and afford members additional time in which to submit their exact requirements for tickets to any particular game. Insofar as home games are concerned, a study looking towards increasing the seating capacity of Michie Stadium is under way. One of the requirements given to the architectural engineer performing the study is that all additional seats must be of the side line type.

The AAA ticket office staff has an aggregate of many years of experience in assisting members with their ticket requests. While the number of permanent employees is limited to two, during the football season the hiring of temporary help increases this number to 13. Despite this reinforcement the staff faces complicated problems, not the least of which is the AAA policy dictating that tickets be allotted by class and by class standing. If priorities of allocation were to be established by date of receipt of ticket applications, it would be possible to move to a fully computerized ticket allocation system,

Ed and Bess **Sherburne** have moved and are now at The Calvert-Woodley, 2601 Woodley Road, NW., Washington 20008. Bess had a stay of a fortnight or so in Walter Reed but at last reports was home and progressing favorably. Both of them have to take things slow and easy, so don't socialize much.

Helen **Stevens** is living with a daughter and her family at Redondo Beach, Calif. She says that during a recent 2-month stay at San Diego Naval Hospital, everything was "top bracket."

Scanty news of the **Stringfellows**, in form of a get-well note to Johnny, proves that Perlmutter is still out of jail and that May continues to put up with him.

Midge and Bob **Strong** took themselves to Portugal and Spain last summer. Bob Jr., is doing a Pentagon stint, and when grandson David gets his diploma at Valley Forge next June, the Senior Strongs will be there and will come later on to visit a bit in Washington.

Mike **Summers** has been sticking close to home because of his ticker and reports that there is little news there abouts. (This was written before the Rams knocked off the Packers and the Colts.) A new doctor has helped him a lot as did a very enjoyable visit from a daughter living in Bethesda.

Dorothy **Taylor** planned to holiday with son Scott and family in Vancouver. She attended Expo 67, went on to visit Quebec, and then Burlington, Vt. Stepson Henry's two boys are at Dartmouth. The eldest won an ROTC scholarship and spent 4 months in Spain as an exchange student. Last fall Tom and Hazel Taylor made an extended trip to Washington and then Tom went on to Homecoming. While there Tom noted a dearth of "old men" in the alumni column there just ahead of the 1915 group. (Composed of mere callow youths, Tom?)

Cles **Tenney** spent a good part of the summer in Wisconsin, understandably. Unfortunately he was called to Vermont later by the death of a sister. We extend our sympathy to Clesen.

Bill **Tompkins** missed the Gettysburg affair as he was still summering in New Hampshire. He took in the Virginia game with Ray Moses's son and the Boston College rumble with Ray. He also made Homecoming and that game. To wile away the long summer hours, Bill has taken on the president's job for the Sandwich Historical Society. He and Betty returned to Richmond in early October.

Roy **Watson's** daughter, Sister Miriam Joseph, left in October for duty in Caripota, Bolivia. Sister Miriam is a specialist in home economics and nutrition, has had 25 years of experience in high school teaching, and on the side is a champion swimmer. Having learned the value of a thorough reconnaissance during his many brushes with Paddy Flint and cohorts in plebe barracks, the Wop hied himself to Bolivia for a looksee. (Probably it was a relief to get away for a bit from the LA smog.) Upon his return he promptly enrolled his daughter in a crash course of jeep operation and maintenance, to include the pastime of tire changing and the know-how for emergency repairs far away from the nearest AAA garage. This is somewhat of a switch from cadet days when Roy was inclined to leap first and look afterward.

Lev **Williams** writes from Orlando that his recovery, helped in no small measure by Ecenia's fine care, has progressed to the point where the doc has turned him loose to drive his car. However, this decision resulted in a violent "nyet" from Ecenia, at least for the time being. Frankly, we think Lev rather likes to be "chauffed" by Ecenia, and who wouldn't?

Early last summer Woody and Alice **Woodruff** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party at Fort Sam. Daughter Dorothy, whose husband is Fourth Army inspector, of course lives nearby, and Woody Jr., and his family came down from Washington. With six adults and nine grandchildren, no doubt the joint was jumping. Woody dug out his sabre, unused since Tac days of 32-36, and cut the cake. He says he cleaned it beforehand. (The sabre, not the cake.) Then in August they spent three weeks in Colorado's west slope where Woody made the trout unhappy and Alice provided the necessary base maintenance. At last report our Doughty Nimrod was piping the quail and deer season. This involves a tremendous amount of preparation, according to Woodie. First, he must needs learn to shoot left handed to protect a somewhat tender right eye. Ok, we'll go along with that. Then moccasins must be soaped, cooking utensils must be assembled, menus must be prepared, food assembled, trigger squeeze exercises must be practiced, etc., etc., . . . well, all that can be said is that some guys will go to almost any extent to deadbeat a little work around the house. Also from Woodie is a report that Billie **Halcomb** broke his hip in a fall in his back yard. He is back from the hospital and coming along fine.

Next comes a nice, long epistle from Mason **Young** who, last February, betook himself to England, Scotland, and Ireland. He did his Christmas shopping early in London and Dublin and the heck with the dollar balance. Back in Londonderry he planted his garden, gave it tender care during the growing period, did a mite of visiting when time permitted, and then harvested a bumper crop, not only of vegetables but also of flowers. His orchard ticked off over 7,000 bushel boxes of apples of the top quality grade, thus bringing Mason's rating with the American Medical Association to an alltime low. Agricultural duties fulfilled, Mason plans on Christmasing in Curitiba, Brazil, with younger son Bill who is advancing in the Foreign Service by leaps and bounds. Bill's children are rapidly adding Portugese to their French and English. Mason's trek will include Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Santiago, and the West Coast. His oldest son Jim, a chicken colonel in Vietnam, has a yearling son at the Academy. Mason's oldest daughter lives near Cleveland and the youngest in Danville. This tribe has produced ten grandchildren. (You are still safe, Doug, but don't get too complacent.) With the oldest grandun a naval lieutenant, one a cadet, and the others either in college or preparing to go there, Mason has every right to swell up like a poisoned pup when he relates their accomplishments. But he did have a small gripe. It took an unusually long time to get a dental replacement. (My goodness, Mason! You mean you don't have all your own teeth?)

As for your temporary Scribe, the **Peabodys** are quite well, thank you. Slowed up only slightly by major surgery last summer, Elinor still continues active in a multitude of community affairs. Her major concern is with our hospital, where she heads the auxiliary and veeps the board of directors. If I were given to boasting, which I am not, I would mention that the new $500,000 40-bed wing is the "Elinor Peabody Wing." (I guess that makes me Mrs. Peabody's husband.) The Alcoholic Beverages Board, Old



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Age Commission, Red Cross, and tending the store keep me out of trouble. I did attend the Navy game, and thereby hangs a tale. On my application for tickets, I stupidly reversed my AAA number (63-15), and my personal tickets were with the Class of 1963 almost out of the stadium. A frantic call was made to the AAA office, where those fine people told me to send back my ducats, and I would be bailed out. Like those of our Class who attended, I was in Row 51 on the 45 yard line but some 20 yards away from my nail-chewing classmates. There was no loss of social standing, however, as I was just behind the Supe's seats. Moral: At our age, don't trust your memory. Look it up.

The December Washington class luncheon polled only eight comestible consumers, an unusually low attendance. However, there were good alibis: Fred **Boye** was detained unexpectedly; Omar **Bradley** and Blister **Evans** were out of town; John **Conklin** was conked with a bad cold; Sid **Graves** had a must date with his doctor; Ed **Sherburne** was indisposed; and Ed **Wallington** not only didn't show but his phone was unanswered, and when was the last time we had the class fund audited?

The Late, Late News: (Mostly gleaned from the **Ellis** Christmas cards.) Dee and Carl **Bank** are well but sticking close to the fireside; Katherine **Bethel**, daughter Adele and doctor husband live at Lookout Mountain, Tenn; Helen and Lew **Davidson's** son Douglas is with the state department in Teheran; Ed **Hartigan**, our Monsignor, recently celebrated his golden 50th of entry into the priesthood; Helen **Howard** has had a rugged year physically and is headed for Florida to recuperate (she can be reached through the **MacDonalds**); Blister and Dorothy **Evans** were called to Montclair by the illness of Dorothy's sister; Betty and Cliff **Jones** are well but staying close in; Paris greetings were received from Jim **Hodgson** and Marguerite **Serles**; Mary and Cliff **Tate** were expecting one of their daughters and family from Chicago for Christmas; Helen Woolard, Doc **Waldron's** daughter, reports the marriage of her daughter Shirley and son Bob a frosh at U.C.L.A.; Tom and Hazel **Taylor** were called to San Antonio just before Christmas by the illness of Hazel's brother—glad to report he is much better; and Florence **Wallace** is a great grandmother!

LEST WE FORGET: (1) Drop Johnny a card or note and mark it "NAE" (no answer expected). (2) Whoever is fingered for the spring issue must have his copy in the ASSEMBLY office by 10 April. While it is not imperative, it is always nice to have a day or two for editing and compiling.

*Hasta luego, amigos.*

## '16

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May I, at the outset of this my second assemblage of class Notes, express my appreciation for the support by way of news submission and personal letters that so many of you have given me? You classmates and class widows are truly living up to president Bill **Hoge's** plea to help me in this activity by "furnishing the news."

In our Notes for the fall ASSEMBLY I summarized all class golden weddings with a purpose of making that a feature for the future. I now have another to add, that of Lillian and Pick **Pickering.** They celebrated with a party for their many friends at Atlanta and vicinity at Fort McPherson Officers Club. Two of their daughters and their husbands were with them. Joining with them, other guests were Maxine and Pat **Flanigen** and George **Blankenship.** Pat reports that Lillian and Pick appeared to be in the pink, healthwise. This makes eleven golden weddings for 16. Please keep me informed as others come along. As to great-grandchildren, I haven't heard of any new ones since my last report.

Tom **Finley** writes that Bill **Hoge** (without his dog) visited them in their new house at Colorado Springs in early November and saw the ARMY-Air Force game with them on 4 November.

A note from Joe **Grant** from El Paso in September told of Hearse **Henderson** suffering a fall and breaking his ankle. Surgery was required at Beaumont Hospital. A couple months later Hearse wrote that he was making a good recovery but that it may be several months before he is able to walk with ease.

Joe **Grant** also says that Nellie **Russell** had a severe heart attack which kept him in bed several weeks. Joe says he is not well either, listing several illnesses including a slight stroke. Martie and he represented the Class at Ray **Rutherford's** funeral several months ago.

Jean **Brundred** has moved from San Diego to Virginia where her address is Oaklawn, Earlysville, Virginia 22936. She made the move to be nearer both of her children.

Woody **Woodward** went to Washington in November when Celeste was buried at Arlington. Classmates and wives there turned out to honor her at a graveside service. Woody then went to North Carolina to visit an aunt. While there he looked in on Jeannette and Doc **Reinhart** at Hendersonville. He returned home via San Antonio to be with his daughter-in-law (Hunter's widow). He saw all the classmates located there. He returned to Sacramento before Christmas, where his daughter-in-law and two grandsons spent the holidays with him. He continues playing his 18 holes of golf several times a week; has an electric cart.

Willy and Dolly **Wilson** are apparently in good health if we can judge from the list of activities he recites. He invites Sixteeners to contact them when in southern California.

Cramp **Jones** says Harriott and he are "always busy" with civic affairs, social welfare, social events, etc. Harriott continues with her painting and writing.

Boots and Bill **Spence** flew to West Point recently to visit son Craig (major, teaching math) and family. He represented the Class at Mike **Mitchell's** funeral there (see below). Bill plays golf about five times a week—but only nine holes—which he does in his electric cart.

From Florida, news comes of Craigie **Krayenbuhl** and Irene **McBride** in Winter Park, Anne **Andrew** in DeLand, and Buddie **Guyer** Townes in Palm Beach. Martha and Craigie, accompanied by Irene McBride, drove to Pinehurst, North Carolina, in October, where Craigie played in the "Three Score and Ten" golf tournament. He did not say how he scored! Anne Andrew lives in her own home at DeLand, chosen for its location on the St. Johns River where Andy loved to fish. She flew west last summer and spent some time with her daughter at Boise, Idaho, and at Christmas time went north to attend the wedding of her granddaughter Anne Elaine, her son George's daughter. Buddie Guyer Townes recently motored to then when all tickets were exhausted the computer would reject further applications. This would be an impersonal approach, however, and the AAA staff takes pride in giving a personal touch to its service.

These are some of the realities that we of the Army Atheltic Association face. Assured of an attitude of understanding on the part of our membership and other ticket purchasers, the Army Athletic Association pledges to give the best service possible to each individual, to seek improvement in the facilities for home football games, and to obtain the best available seating arrangements when ARMY plays away from West Point.

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assignment at the Army Chemical Center at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland. His tour of duty there included experimental work in chemical warfare agents and attendance at the Army Chemical Corps School.

Col. Day was assigned to the U.S. Military Academy in the Department of Physics and Chemistry in 1951. While performing his duties as a chemistry instructor, Col. Day applied a concept he had long believed in—"failure of a cadet to understand a subject was half the fault of the instructor;" and he worked diligently to insure that no cadet failed to understand chemistry due to a lack of ability or understanding on the part of the teacher. On 1 July 1953, he was appointed assistant Professor in the Department of Physics and Chemistry and served one year in that capacity prior to reassignment.

Upon leaving the Academy in 1954, Col. Day was assigned to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Colorado. As munitions production officer and chemical engineer he found a most challenging and interesting assignment to which he devoted his full energies until his return to the Military Academy in September 1955.

Thus Col. Day began his second assignment at West Point, one that was to become the major challenge of his military career. His new duties were as Director of Admissions and Registrar, and, from 1955 until his retirement on 31 January of this year, his full energies and intellectual capacities were directed toward the successful organization and operation of this critical function at the Military Academy.

Beginning with a small office staff performing all the duties of admissions and registrar, Col. Day refined and expanded the office of the Director of Admissions and Registrar to provide for more effective admissions effort, designing programs to promote more interest in obtaining outstanding cadet candidates. His concern centered on

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raising the input standards involving a "Wholeman Concept," whereby candidates' entire records were evaluated from the standpoint of academic proficiency, athletic ability, and leadership potential.

The application of this concept has strengthened and molded the Corps of Cadets into a highly qualified group of young men, who, upon graduation, will continue to serve with distinction and merit as career Army officers. The importance of selecting only the most outstanding young men to become Cadets was always a foremost concern of Col. Day, and his accomplishments in this area are truly significant in that they will provide a firm foundation for future admissions planning at the Military Academy.

Col. Day's outstanding service in the field of education was equally recognized at the national level. In connection with his duties as Director of Admissions, he served on the executive board of the Association of College Admissions Counselors from 1959 to 1962 and served as Secretary-Treasurer of that association in 1961-1962. He was appointed to a four-year term as a member of the board of trustees of the College Entrance Examination Board in October 1966, and in April 1966 he was elected Vice President of the New York State Personnel and Guidance Association. During a sabbatical absence in 1964-1965, he served on the staff of the Dean of Admissions of Stanford University where his keen knowledge of and insight into the field of admissions were of invaluable assistance to that institution. In addition, this experience provided Col. Day with new concepts in the admissions field which were applicable to his duties at the Military Academy.

His contributions in the literary field were frequent and included articles published in the field of higher education in the *Journal of the Association of College Admissions Counselors* and the *Educational Forum*, and a recent article appeared in the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine* entitled "The Lifelong Association of Thayer and Tichnor."

A major contribution to the Office of the Director of Admissions and Registrar has been Col. Day's stature as a speaker and educator. His organization and conduct of the Educator Visit Program, whereby hundreds of secondary school counselors and others in the field of education annually visit West Point, has been instrumental in projecting the true image of the Military Academy.

The long association of Col. Day with the complex field of education has been fruitful and rewarding not only to him, but to his associates and the United States Military Academy. His distinguished career was cul-

Tampa to see son James '51 and family, two grandsons, and a granddaughter. Juliette Mumma and Katharine Teale (Apr '17) met her for lunch at Clearwater Beach.

It seems to be necessary to report sadness, too. Mike **Mitchell** died 10 September at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He was buried at West Point (see above). Mike's first wife died several years ago. He remarried, and he is survived by his wife, his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Miller of Miami, Florida, and his son High Jr. (USMA '49), Lt. Col. Air Force overseas. Louis **Hibbs's** wife died at Schenectady, N.Y., about mid-September. Nola **Miller,** Maurice's wife, died from a fall aboard the Matson liner, *Lurline*, 24 October, en route to the mainland from Hawaii where she and Maurice had spent the previous two months. Nola is survived by Maurice, a son, Col. Maurice G. Miller '41 stationed at San Antonio, and two daughters, Mrs. Betty Barrett of San Antonio, and Mrs. Barbara MacDonald of Alamo, Calif. There are also nine grandchildren. I am sure that all Sixteeners join in extending sympathy to all who knew and loved these wonderful people.

Bill **Styer** says that Doe has recovered nicely from the broken hip she suffered in a fall two years ago and is mobile with the slight assistance of a safety-precaution cane. Bill sent a San Diego newspaper clipping telling about Madeline Sharrer Poland (Bob **Sharrer's** widow—remarried) who visited San Diego in Early October. Dr. Poland was director of the San Diego Fine Arts Gallery 1936-1950 before he went to Atlanta. He and Madeline were honored at a reception at the gallery on this particular visit. They had recently returned from Greece and Spain. The Greek government gave Madeline a grant for study and painting in the Greek Isles.

Caroline and Murph **Irvine** had son Tommy and daughter Helen (complete with her Navy husband and 2-year-old son) at home for Christmas.

Marion and Holland **Robb** are spending several weeks this winter at their old home town, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, settling the affairs of Marion's deceased sister. They expect to return to North Carolina some time in January. Holland boasts that he shot a hole-in-one on one of the local golf courses during the past year.

Ray **Moses** says that Marjorie and he will be at their Sandwich, N.H., home until about year's end. Tom **Martin** at Tucson says Molly and he are living the good easy life, would love to have classmates drop in, and send their best to all members of '16. Ham **Maguire** wrote in December that Anne and he drove to Richmond to visit daughter Mary and to see their newest grandchild—no. 16. As she is the eighth child in her family, she is named Octavia. They also visited son Edward there. He graduated last year from the Harvard Law School and is with a Richmond law firm.

There are notes from several class widows. Bobbie **O'Hare** tells of a '16 ARMY-Navy game gathering with Helen and Ferdie **Gallagher.** Therese **Hudnutt** spent Thanksgiving with daughter Barbara in Richmond and Christmas at New Canaan with daughter Phyllis and her family. Hazel **Marriott** from Honolulu says her activities center in the church work and with senior citizens. Jean **Lange** accompanied daughter Hope and her husband and granddaughter Barbara, aged 14, to Hawaii over the Thanksgiving holidays. She was most enthusiastic about perfect weather, wonderful swimming, and a fine luau.

DZ **Britton** says that Ellen and he had their daughter and four granddaughters with them while their son-in-law, Maj. Cox, was in Vietnam. He is back now, and the family celebrated with a big Christmas and a trip to the Orange Bowl on 1 January. The Brittons spend six months each year at their home in Thomasville, Georgia, and have a home in Highlands, North Carolina, where they spend the other six months. He says he plays less golf each year but does play a lot of bridge.

Laura and Dwight **Johns** heard just before Christmas that their son-in-law, Lt. Col. Rob Rusvold, had been wounded 20 December in Vietnam as the result of hostile action. His wounds are reported not to be serious.

Virginia and Carl **Doney** entertained classmates at San Francisco for the ARMY-Navy game. All was wonderful except the game results!

In order to be sure to get his news to me on time, Dick **Birmingham** sent an air mail special delivery letter, mailed in Washington while Elizabeth and he were en route to Florida. I call that cooperation! Earlier they had been to Montreal to Expo 67 and to Cape Cod for several days. Still later they visited Dick's brother in New York and then took in the ARMY-Navy game at Philadelphia. Now they will spend January, February, and perhaps March at Winter Haven, Florida. They send greetings to all.

Blanche and Roland **Shugg** drove to Mexico in late October and returned home in time for the ARMY-Navy game assembly at **Doneys's.** They then spent Christmas at Corvallis, Oregon, with their daughter and her family.

Virginia and Carl **Doney** flew to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to spend Christmas there with their daughter Caroline and family. They report a delightful visit.

Eve and Bob **McBride** drove to the Los Angeles area to spend Christmas with Eve's son, Maj. Stephen Place, Air Force, USMA 1957 and his wife. Eve and Bob returned home 4 January.

A recent note from Joe **Grant** says his younger son is a lieutenant colonel in Vietnam, winner of the Bronze Star medal; and his older son, with two Purple Hearts, is a colonel due to go back to the Far East.

I have undertaken to add to the addresses of class widows which Brig **Bliss** so effectively built up. I am therefore asking all Sixteeners reading this to send me addresses for the following widows they may know: **Cunningham, Bonfils, Ramsey, Chapin, Sasse, Cureton, Herkness, Chambers, Walbach, Carr, Hemphill, Bennett, Halpine, Freeland, Jones** A.M., **Morehouse, Ruddell, Goodman,** and **Dempsey.**

May 1968 be good to you all.

## APR '17

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A happy event on 17 Oct was the marriage in Charleston, S.C., of Mark Wayne **Clark** and "blonde, effervescent" Mrs. Mary Millard Applegate, of Muncie, Ind. Mark writes, "I appreciate the welcome that you and the Class of '17 have extended to my Mary. I want you all to meet her, and the first time that we can get together, we'll do so." Congratulations and best wishes to Mark and Mary.

Another happy note is that Gay and Kewp



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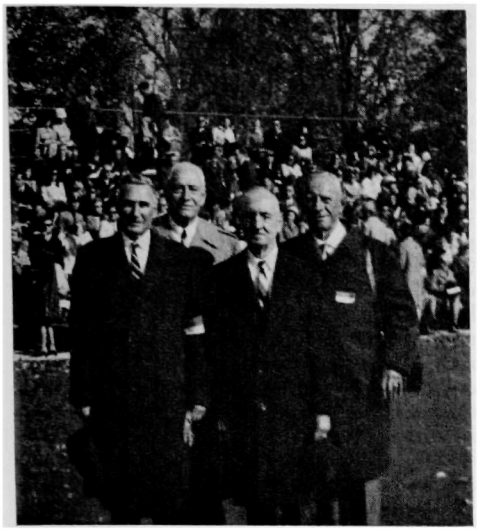

**Apr'17:** Members of Apr'17 at Homecoming 1967: Irving, Nygaard, Swanton, and Hayden.

Yuill have a new grandson, born on 1 Jan in Dallas. He is Thomas Andrew Yuill, son of Charles Jr., and his wife.

Alice and Bill **McMahon** recently completed a 6-week trip to Holland, England, Scotland, and Ireland. In Edinburgh they saw the celebrated Tattoo.

During the autumn Dorothy and Lawrence **Mitchell** spent two months in Europe and Asia. Highlights were a tour around Sardinia, a trip through the Greek islands, a visit to Yugoslavia, a tour of the battlefields of Gallipoli, and an extended automobile trip through western Turkey, where Dorothy's brother, Parker T. Hart, is the American Ambassador.

In his Christmas letter Joe **Collins** wrote: "Gladys has been in the hospital for the past three months because of a ruptured disc. She was operated on successfully a few weeks ago, but it will be some time before she will be firmly back on her feet. Fortunately, our son Jerry returned home, muchly-decorated, from Vietnam just before Glad's painful bout with sciatica. He served for a year in Vietnam with the 1st Bde of the 101st Abn Div, the last seven months in command of a battalion of paratroopers.

"We are happy also to have Nancy and Michael Rubino, with their fine collection of four girls and two boys, home again from Brussels after an absence of four years. Gladdie and Jerry Stenger and their wonderful aggregation of four girls and four boys are in Tokyo, where Jerry is with the American Embassy. Their eldest girl, Marion, is a freshman at Trinity College in Washington, much to our pleasure."

Evelyn and Spec **Irwin** are enjoying their retirement, traveling hither and yon, mostly in California. Their son, Maj. Wm. R. Irwin, USMC, is at the command and staff school at Quantico, where he will be until May 68. Kenneth Irwin, their younger son, is the assistant golf pro at the Contra Costa Golf and Country Club at Concord, Calif.

In October Jane and Love **Mullins** traveled across the country, visiting West Point, Texas, and Arizona. In San Antonio Love received a portfolio as honorary mayor in recognition of his part in establishing the Academia Militar de Nicaragua in 1939. In Nicaraugua on 1 May 67, Mayor McAllister of San Antonio received a review given by the cadets of the A.M. de N. during the festivities attendant upon the induction into office of President Somoza. Jane and Love were guests of the new president at the time. In Nogales, Ariz., they visited old Army friends as well as civilian friends they had made in that area and in Nogales, Mexico, while Love was manager of the chamber of commerce in Nogales 1954-1959.

On their return to San Francisco they received a letter from Love's grandnephew, Charles Love Mullins IV, stating that he had graduated from Air Force OTC and was assigned to Laredo AFB for primary flying training. He is the fourth direct descendant of the original Charles Love **Mullins** to be a commissioned officer in U.S. armed forces in time of war.

During the past three months Marge and Syd **Young** have been trying to find the answer to Syd's glaucoma. Faulty diagnosis three years ago permitted the malady to get a big jump on required remedial action.

In June Marian and Dutch **Keiser** went to Carmel to visit Helen and Count **Melasky.** They reported that Helen and Count were in pretty fair shape, although Count's emphysema is quite bothersome.

Charlie **Gerhardt** writes that "Happy" (Mrs. Sterling A.) **Wood** is now living at 500 Osceola Ave. in Winter Park, Fla. 32789.

Col. Henry J. **Schroeder** Jr., is now in command of the 1st Inf Div FA in action in Vietnam.

Helen **Brown** reported from San Antonio that Moose **Harper** has emphysema and bolsters himself with a portable oxygen tank in his home. Betty **Hutchings** is active at the bridge table and gets around to various social gatherings.

While Laddie and Jim **Hayden** were at West Point for Homecoming, they saw and entertained grandson Cadet Thomas Robert Watson Jr., '71. Later in the year they planned a Christmas trip to Hawaii to visit the Watsons Sr., Bobette, and her family.

Bertha and Doc **Johnson** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on 2 October, giving a buffet supper for 30 guests at the Bath Club on Redington Beach near St. Petersburg. Their daughter Patricia and her husband, Col. Glenn S. Finley Jr., were able to get to Florida, away from the rigors of the Detroit Arsenal for a day and two nights.

For the Warfield **Lewises,** "The big thing of course was our 50th wedding anniversary 5 Sept. Our kids did themselves up proud in putting on a party for Emilie and me. It was held in the Saddleback Inn in Santa Ana. All our local friends, plus a number of old Army friends, were present, including Milt and Katherine **Halsey.** I had to cut a wedding cake with my saber. I think Emilie got as much, if not more, kick out of this than she did out of our wedding. Bud (Warfield Jr.) and his family have moved from Hawaii to West Point, where he is on duty with the math department. Ruth, our second daughter, and three of her children were with us all summer. Her husband Joe Cullen is now stationed at Lowry AFB in Denver."

Eve and Bill **Harrison** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 13 December. For that occasion they planned to be at their daughter's home near Philadelphia, where the other children were to assemble with the grandchildren. Bill wrote, "We are thankful to God for our blessings over the years."

It has been sad news to all of us that we have recently lost three classmates and Salome **Whitcomb.** With a new treatment, Salome seemed to be making excellent progress in her battle with leukemia. However, she took a turn for the worse and died in November. Matt **Ridgway** and "Corp" **Warner** represented the Class in the funeral at

minated with the award of the Legion of Merit for extremely meritorious service as director of Admissions and Registrar, and he was presented this decoration at a review of the Corps of Cadets at West Point on 27 January 1968. In addition to the Legion of Merit, his decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), and the National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. Col. Day, his wife Marjory, and sons Winfield S., John W., and Robert S. Jr., now live in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, where he has entered the real estate and insurance business.

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the end of the past season and averaged better than 100 yards per game on offense in 1967.

Bob Behncke '69, a center halfback from Fort Lee, N.J., was selected to lead the soccer team. Behncke was among the top ARMY scorers in 1967 with nine goals and three assists. He scored six times in the final five games of the season.

## Winter Sports Program Underway

With 10 varsity winter sports on the schedule, fencing having been elevated from a club level in December, ARMY teams were having their share of success by early February.

Basketball was on its way to the best season since the undefeated years of World War II. The Cadets were 16-3 including wins over such teams as Cornell, Illinois, Rice, Southern Methodist, Georgetown, Temple, Penn State, NYU, and Syracuse. All-America candidate Bill Schutsky '68 and center Steve Hunt '69 were the big guns in the attack but a stubborn defense figured prominently. The ARMY was ranked fourth nationally in defense.

Fencing was one of two undefeated teams, winning the first seven matches. A quartet of club members who had competed on a national level, including Mike Romash '68 who was ranked 10th in 1966 in the saber, offered a good foundation for the sport. ARMY was second in the 1966 NCAA meet, having been invited when the Ivy League entries elected to pass up the nationals.

Gymnastics found injuries to three top performers a difficult obstacle to overcome and after two wins dropped four meets. But Coach Frank Wells feels that things will improve before the end of the season as several newcomers show definite promise.

Hockey offered a strong first line

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with fine scoring punch and was playing above the .500 mark at mid-season. Four one-goal losses in the first two months, including an overtime game with Northeastern, makes the rest of the season a real challenge for the icemen. Highlight in the 8-6 season to date was an upset win over a strong Brown U. team. The top scorers are the Minnesota Second Class trio of Dave Merhar, Tony Curran, and John Ahlbecht.

Pistol was the other undefeated team with Captain Bob Merritt '68 coming close to the Academy record almost every week. Included in the string of wins was a victory over the Air Force Academy. This could be the year that the national crown returns to West Point.

Rifle ran into trouble in January and dropped a pair of matches to CCNY and West Virginia. However, with Dave Taylor '68 setting a new Academy record in the win over the Air Force Academy and topping all shooters, things could improve in the second half of the season.

Squash always finds the Ivy Leaguers difficult and this year is no exception. Harvard, Pennsylvania, and Yale were winners as the ARMY reached early February with an impressive 8-3 mark.

Swimming looked good against Eastern Champion Yale although the Eli won, but two weeks later ran into a balanced Dartmouth team and entered the final relay tied only to lose a close race and the meet. Coach Jack Ryan had guided his team to a 7-2-1 mark on the individual efforts of a handful of swimmers.

The track team saw its win string broken in the opener against Harvard but the Cadets came back to take the next five meets. This offers promise for the indoor Heptagonal title defense in March at Cornell. Larry Hart '68 set new marks in the shot-put and dominated the 35-pound weight throw. Captain Greg Camp '68 in the 1000-yard run and Van Evans '68 in the 60-yard dash were two other top performers. Camp ran a strong second to Villanova's Dave Patrick in the Philadelphia Track Classic in early February. Gary Steele '69 high jumped 6′ 7″ in the same meet in his first appearance of the year.

Wrestling finished second to Maryland in the Coast Guard Invitational then dropped a dual match to the Terrapins. After that things changed as ARMY won four straight including victories over Pittsburgh and Syracuse. Talent in the heavier classes had to come through to overcome leads built up by the opposition in the lighter weights.

West Point. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Whit.

On 22 Nov Bob **Kunz** passed away suddenly at Ormond Beach, Fla. Huyler and Bob had gone shopping, and while they were temporarily separated Bob was suddenly stricken. He died in an ambulance on the way to the hospital. The burial took place at Arlington on 27 Nov. Many classmates have expressed their sympathy for Huyler.

And now news has just been received of the death of Paul **Brown** on 2 Jan. Paul and Ida were at our 50th, and both seemed fine. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Ida.

In a letter last fall Ray **Lewis** reported that his two youngsters, Sandra and Stephen, were doing outstanding work in junior high school, and that he and his family had moved to 3675 Lincoln St., Corvallis, Oreg., "in a nice neighborhood, convenient for Jean to get to her job. She is smart enough to realize that she might be left to bring up two youngsters alone someday and is establishing seniority and tenure at the university." Then, on 3 Jan, Ray died at his home. Our sympathy to Jean, and best wishes for her task of bringing up those two fine youngsters.

## AUG '17

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Our annual heterosexual luncheon was most enjoyable. A pleasing feature was the charming representation from among the second generation. Present were: Victoria **Almquist**; Bob **Bacon**'s boys, Bob and Garry, with their wives; Loessa **Coffey**; Joe and Bessie **Cohen** with their daughter and her husband, Dr. Hoge; Leo and Miriam **Conner** with the Greens, daughter and son-in-law; Hi and Rae **Ely**; Marguerite **Eyster**; Henry and Rachel **Gantt**; Lew **Griffith**; May **Heavey** and her daughter, Mary; Dorothy **Huff**; Janis **Jones** less Larry; Biff and Elizabeth (last name furnished upon request); Parry **Lewis**; John Martin and son John, now a prominent Washingtonian; Dorothe **Matlack**; Dutch and Teddy **Gerhardt** with Esther **Anderson**; Anne Minor (Jerry and Anne's daughter); Al and Louise **Paca**; Bill and Grace **Reeder**; Harry and Harriet **Rising** with daughters Tina and Sally Carey and Col. Carey; Honus and Dorothy **Wagner**; Red and Dorothy **Warner**. Five of the scarves which Doc **Faust** so generously gave the Class were door prizes; they fell to Bessie Cohen, Dorothe Matlack, Anne Minor, Janis Jones, and Marguerite Eyster.

When your Scribe and Grace lunched with the **Sharps** at their Dennysville home in October, Skinny warned that he couldn't make the luncheon. Closing up before departing for the South was the given reason, but I think the hunting season was even more important. What Skinny did not predict was that cold weather in the hunt would lay him low. When his Washington doctor sighted him, Skinny was ordered into the hospital forthwith. Rest and rehabilitation did the trick; on December 18th he was able to report his arrival at their winter habitat in Charleston, S.C. He asked me to thank those who sent cards and to explain to all and sundry that because of his incarceration in G.W. Hospital, they hadn't been able to send Christmas cards this year.

While in the ailment area, a progress report on our peerless leader, Biff, is due. Several years ago he suffered a detached retina, was operated on, and made a fine recovery. Last year he developed cataracts. One was removed successfully. Then, among other favorable omens, he received a letter from Glenn **Anderson**, from which I quote pertinent excerpts. "I have had two cataract operations in Daytona Beach 23 and 27 July —got my Bosh (sic) and Lomb aspheric plastic lenses a month later. Drove up here (Highland Falls) 10 Oct., not much difficulty." Thus encouraged, Biff went back to have his second cataract removed. That was all right, but again he had a detached retina. An operation to fix that didn't turn out as hoped, and on 7 January, Biff is back in the hospital for patchwork. As Anderson said, the recuperation is tough, and Biff has had a long siege of it. May God bless him this time.

Alice **O'Keefe** had a close call. Trouble with a wisdom tooth was not correctly diagnosed promptly enough, and she wound up in Walter Reed. There the pundits said that she got her nose under the wire just in time. Praise be, she is now out and circulating. John **Fye** was hospitalized for pneumonia and as of 17 October was recovering slowly—too slowly to make the luncheon. Pete and Gertrude **Purvis** having both been in poorish health, now plan moving into an apartment. They had to miss both the 50th and the luncheon.

Two more items on the sorrowful side. Gretl **Bertholet** died in late November. No further details available to your Scribe. Our Burr **Parker** died 5 December in Vandenberg AFB Hospital and was buried two days later in the cemetery of the Presidio at San Francisco. This too we learned of belatedly.

Chronicling local events for a bit. Only four made the October class luncheon. November is noted above, and the one in December was called off on account of proximity to a West Point Society function. The ladies missed in October for a very sound reason but had a very successful affair at the Kennedy-Warren in December. Attending were: Mme. **Almquist, Bellinger, Coffey, Counts, Conner, Eyster, Harloe, Huff** (hostess), **Jank, O'Keefe, Shaffer,** and **Sharp.** Treasurer **Durfee** reports donations from: **Ringsdorf, Schaefer, Day, Chapman, Fye, Lewis,** Dorothe **Matlack,** Marguerite **Eyster,** Lois **Stamps,** and Red **Warner.**

Bart and Virginia **Harloe** were in town for a while in the late fall. Their visit was a stop in a round-the-world trip to visit friends and see sights. Loessa **Coffey** gave a delightful party for them on 5 December. It was interesting to note that five of those present had lived in the same block at West Point in the mid-twenties. Anne **Counts** got back to the country 2 December and paused before going on to El Paso for a visit with her daughter, Anne Minor.

Miles and Ann **Cowles** are planning another of their safaris and threaten to settle down thereafter. Leo and Miriam **Conner** scampered out to New Mexico and vicinity in October but hurried home for the heterosexual. Ed and Ruth **Leavey** are setting up another round-the-world trip by air this year and then hope to enjoy their new apartment. We hope these travelers will include Washington in the itinerary and when here, make their presence known. Bill **Chapman** reports that Jack **Knight** was in San Diego for an MOWW meeting (Ed. What's that?) and Bill hoped to see him. Bill also said that Bob **Bringham** had been able to reach Fort Sheridan for a visit with son Bob.

On 7 January, the children of Harry and Harriet **Rising** gave a delightful reception



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for them to celebrate their golden wedding. We hope that during the first half century of marriage Harriet and Harry have adjusted their mutual differences and that they may now have many a year of placid coexistence.

Dorothy Huff has won a vicarious distinction and thereby reflected credit on the Class. Her name is Dorothy Ashley, and since her granddaughter has the same name, confusion was avoided by calling the younger, "Ashley." Granddaughter, aiming for a college education, took all the tests offered and knocked down very high scores. She hoped that her marks would impress the schools to whom she applied but she was not prepared to receive a strong letter from the Naval Academy hoping that Ashley would soon apply for a midshipman's slot. True to her Army background, Ashley has thus far declined to apply.

## JUN '18

**Col. Walter E. Lorence**
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There have been many holiday greetings to the Class and with them many comments as to activities in 1967. But the best of all were the many postscripts which said, "looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th." There are Christmas and New Year greetings to the Class from Wilma **Achatz**, Inez **Adcock**, the Agnews, and the **Axelsons.**

Betty Barragan in her holiday greetings to the Class spoke of how much she enjoyed reading of Mike's classmates in both ASSEMBLY and our class letters. Said she knows few of the Class personally—only through Mike's thoughts and our letters. Thus, it will be nice to meet everyone at the reunion. She took our December class letter to her daughter and family to read the seasonal picture of the beauty of nature in our Xmas greeting. This past summer Betty spent a month visiting in Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, and Expo '67 which included the exciting day when President DeGaulle arrived aboard his gunboat. Now she is looking forward to meeting us all at the reunion, and we, Betty, will be greatly delighted to meet the wife of classmate Mike **Barragan.**

In October Bill **Barriger** wrote that Mickey had to return to Walter Reed for a brain tumor operation. We have since learned Mickey was able to move into a nursing home to recuperate. Claudia **Hanley** wrote in her holiday greetings that she had seen Mickey several times, that she is now walking and using her hands, and her courage is wonderful, even going for a ride with them. Claudia's daughter is now in Canberra, Australia, where her husband, a foreign service officer, is on duty at the American Embassy. They have three wonderful boys, ages 12, 11, and 5½ who have promised their grandmother they will be with her sure next Xmas.

The Bit **Barths** send their best for 68. They hope to make the 50th since they missed the 45th in spite of being all packed to go. Bit got too ambitious doing maintenance work at his summer place at Hague, fell off a ladder, and wound up at the Ticonderoga hospital. Mary, keep all ladders away from Bit, at least until after June. They had a brief visit from Bud **Miley** who flew out to Leavenworth for the funeral of his brother Jack '16. Even though under sad conditions, Bit was happy to see Bud looking in fine health, very mature, and dignified.

Agnes **Bell** in her Xmas message wrote, "long may you continue to enjoy your beautiful wood." To which we reply that there is beauty in the hearts of well-wishers because the beauty of the great outdoors has been absorbed by them.

Postcard from London from the **Bishops** leaving for the continent for the grand tour of Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and France before returning to Washington. And best wishes to the Class from Louise, Mary Louise, and Bob.

Greetings from Eve and Charlie **Blanchard** upon their return from Saltillo after a bit of golf and a relaxing rest. They are looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th.

The **Caseys** spent the holidays at Fort Campbell, Ky., with daughter Patricia and her three children home on their Xmas vacations from school. Son-in-law Frank Clay left for Vietnam some six weeks previously for duty as Asst Div Comdr of the 101st Abn Div. The Caseys will winter in the southland until 15 May at 836 Chestnut Court, Marco Island, Fla. 33937. Marge and Lucius **Clay** both fine, reported Pat. Good reports have been received from Frank who is quite well and active on his new assignment. Pat and Dorothy are looking forward to seeing us at the 50th after which they head for their summer place at Bradford, Vt.

Greetings from Meyer **Casman** who reported he saw only Connie **Jadwin** and Leo **Kreber** at the ARMY-Navy game. Greetings from the **Cobbs**, Jigger reporting, "Nell and I are looking forward to seeing all in June." Grace **Corpening** also sent holiday greetings to the Class.

Julia and Squire **Foster's** greeting said they will be seeing us at our 50th. A special heartwarming message came saying, "And many blessings to you in the cold North Land from Peggy **Francis** in the South Land." We thank you Peggy from the bottom of our hearts. Just to know that all goes well with you makes us grateful.

A clipping from Phil **Gallagher** and a confirmation from the Association of Graduates told of the death on 8 Sept 67, of Julian **Lamar** in Atlanta, Ga. In our last quarterly letter we asked for information of Jake's sister, who we understood at one time lived in Augusta, Ga. A follow-up by Phil and your Scribe now has his sister's address. Thanks a lot Phil. Your Scribe would appreciate any other information on Jake or other members of his family. Pierre **Agnew** sent some data from a letter he received from Jake last July. Any other contacts or information?

Phil wrote further that he and Leila would be off in December on a sentimental journey of one month through Spain and Portugal—Mallorca and Lisbon mainly. They will redo a journey made during 1955, but this time returning to places and hotels they liked the best.

In the holiday greetings from the **Georges**, Frances wrote that Paul had lost control of his right hand last May and has been advised to keep quiet and not take long rides; so he will not go to the reunion. And by phone to Woodley Acres from Northfield, Vt., came word that Tommy **Tompkins** won't be able to attend the reunion. As you all know, Tommy had a serious back operation last year. Tommy said, "I'd just have to sit in the room and that wouldn't be any fun." We keep hoping and hoping that things will mend by May in both cases.

Helen and Jack **Grant** send best wishes to the Class and are looking forward to June.

Mike **Grenata** reminisced on his tour of duty in command of a CCC company at Seboowook, Maine, on Moosehead Lake, after reading your Scribe's description of the change of scenes during 67 in the North Country. "I understand this," wrote Mike, "because there one experiences a closeness to nature and our creator that comes only when one is alone." Mike is now engaged in a civic duty which means no pay, but he calls it a most interesting diversion. He has been appointed and is serving as chairman of the Engineering Technology Advisory Committee, No. Virginia Community College. The college is setting up the same type of 2-year associate degree courses in engineering which Mike had 10 years experience teaching in the Penn State system. They wanted him to teach, but he told them after retiring from two professions he would stick to the voluntary work only. More power to you, Mike, because I believe you still run your farm as well as engage in other civic activities.

Steve and Growley **Gruhn** in their zeal of 50th reunion activities added their Xmas greeting in the spirit of Benny Havens. Looks like Benny Havens did all right. In our quarterly letter, your Scribe wrote to add the **Mussils**, Birdie **Hewitt**, and Frank **Cintron** to the 50th list. Now I receive word to add the **Bagbys** and son. Our percentage is picking up speed and momentum, and by the time you read this you will already have read Growley's 1 Feb reunion bulletin.

Bob **Hamilton** in his summary for 67, emphasizes the quiet way he and Marguerite live in retirement at Moorestown, N.J. There is a famous inn at Wilmington, Vt., named the Hamilton Inn. Bob's son owns and operates it, and the Hamiltons have given Anna Mary and your Scribe the promise that when they visit Vermont they will cross the river and visit New Hampshire and Woodley Acres. We are hoping that 1968 will be the ripe time because they haven't been up to Vermont for some time. Perhaps soon after our reunion, because their letter states that they will be at the reunion. In the meantime, Bob, just carry on those so-called chores that seem to be of no importance to anyone but you and Marguerite but keep you so busy that time passes too swiftly. Looks to me that you folks have learned the secret of true living.

In his greetings to the Class, Lane **Holman** hopes to see us in June and deliver in person those same greetings.

We gave you Bob **Horr's** change of address from San Francisco to San Antonio. Bob's change of address card said "details later." None arrived, but via the grapevine—and your Scribe has an efficient one—we heard that Bob was passing out cigars. Oh no! Not an offspring, but because in July he became a happy bridegroom. Welcome to the June '18 family, Katherine. The Xmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Horr confirmed the rumor and the fact that they also are looking forward to the reunion.

In many letters that classmates submit they often tell of personal matters and state they do not wish them published. Your Scribe always honors these requests. Daddy **Holt** is one of these with the result that I do not often have much news to give of Mary Mason and Daddy. Now comes a letter from Cornelius DeWitt ex-'32 concerning the part played by Daddy in behalf of Cornelius's son Spotswood DeWitt '65, who was killed in action in Vietnam just the day before his unit was rotated from the combat zone. Daddy not only attended young DeWitt's funeral and military burial but the ceremony at which the Bronze Star and the Purple



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Heart were presented posthumously. Now, just recently at the request of the AC, Daddy, at the U. of Richmond, presented posthumously the National Order of Vietnam and the Gallantry Cross with Palms to the Rev. Joseph T. Heistand, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond, who received the medals on behalf of the family. Both the DeWitts and the Holts are members of St. Paul's congregation. In fact, Daddy's son, H. Winston Holt III, is the usher chairman of St. Paul's and the Rev. Heistand is a veteran of WWII. And so as one son's work is done, another son of WP takes time out to tell the world, "Well Done, Be Thou at Peace."

Additional holiday greetings to the Class from the **Hudsons**, the **Hurts**, and the **Jadwins**. Lola and Paul Hurt express great anticipation of seeing us next June. Peg and Connie announce they are taking a 2-month cruise in the Mediterranean.

Alice Kramer and son Bunny flew to Conchas Dam to attend the unveiling and dedication of the handsome bronze plaque, on a pedestal of native stone, honoring Hans **Kramer** who started the project from scratch and brought it to completion. Alice went there as a bride, and Bunny spent most of his childhood summers there, so it has a large place in their memories.

A postcard from the **Krebers** from California show some of our Class on the go. A pleasant visit with Birdie **Hewitt** in El Paso; Colorado Springs and the ARMY-AF game; home again until time for the ARMY-Navy game; then home again for the holidays where they sent greetings to the Class and a note that they are really looking forward to 1968 and the reunion. By the way, the Krebers' new address is 1960 Suffolk Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221.

And again a "looking forward to seeing you at the reunion" note on the holiday greeting card from Frances **Lewis**. How heart warming are these messages and what fine visits there will be on our 50th.

As you have probably noted from the deadline dates listed in the quarterly letter, your Scribe only allows himself a day to write the class column for ASSEMBLY. This includes time out for assembling letters as well as re-reading other materials to catch up-to-date after a lapse of three months. Yesterday afternoon and evening your Scribe wrote alphabetically to the **Lorences** figuring he would have a short paragraph on them in the morning. Up in the North country we become weather conscious, not worried about our physical well-being because environmental adaptation takes care of that, as well as thermostatic heat control of each room in the house. But we are weather conscious of our growing flowers, vegetables, plants, trees and bushes, and our birds and animals, not just in winter but at other seasons of the year. When your Scribe descends for breakfast, a look at the outdoor thermometer is in order. AM records the score on the calendar. Well, I couldn't find that little red column this morning. Then I discovered it hidden behind the bottom steel hasp that holds the tube upright. Yes, it was 39 below zero, the coldest we have ever experienced since coming to the North Country. And still it doesn't appear any different. One of our friends over on the Lisbon Road told us their thermometer read 46 below this morning. No matter how trying the season, nature can never be ugly. The wind-tossed trees, green, colored or barren can have the picturesque effect of paintings set against the lights and shadows of the woodland, the meadows or the distant hills, green or snow-clad. A noble hemlock, a tall elegant pine, a sturdy oak, or a gnarled butternut can be seen on the edge of snow-clad Woodley Acres against the thicker darkness of evergreen woodland. People from the cities who have learned to ski now come to our mountains by the thousands. They too have discovered a new winter world and go back after their weekends with glowing health to tackle their problems, big and little, with renewed vigor remembering that up here they can always find in our countryside, the wind, the snow, the rain, and the sunshine and in the sky above at any season of the year the glorious sunrises and sunsets, the soft, silvery moonlight, and the myriad of stars—all our kind of weather. Our country folks are rugged people. If they don't die of old age they just don't seem to die at all. Simple food and plenty of fresh air seem to do the trick. Oh yes! There are some who die younger as in other regions, but they are usually the ones who came up here to live too late who had inhaled the air and learned their ways of life elsewhere. The miracle of the rising sun should be as stirring to us as it was to Adam and Eve, to Plutarch, to Cicero, to Columbus, to Washington. No man, great or small, had any better heritage than we of America.

Now we come to the **McKees'** greeting card, postcard, and letter telling us of their coldest day for 50 years, a 38 at night and 50 in the daytime. You have your Scribe's answer in the previous paragraph. Best of all we liked the "looking forward to seeing you next May." In his letter Dick wrote that our good earth and country living discussions took him back to his youth when he spent his summers at his grandfather's farm in Maine. No mechanization; all muscle and sweat for man and beast; the rides down to the woods accompanied by the dog bringing the cows back for milking. Later, when in high school, Dick says he could pitch hay or grain sheaves faster than his grandfather. And the food, how good it was. Then, says Dick, we came to California where we learned that a stick (cutting) poked in the ground would grow. Louise and I started experimenting budding and grafting trees and found that our good earth produced all year round. Louise, Dick, and daughter Nan plus two of her children took the grand tour of America in a Volkswagon. A bit crowded but they liked it so well they will repeat the program in 68 right after our 50th reunion. We hope it will include Woodley Acres.

The **Malones**, Marguerite **Marks**, and Maurine **Mielenz** send seasons greetings and best wishes to all in the New Year.

Alexia and Harry **Mewshaw** spent Xmas with daughter June, the grandchildren, and husband Col. Harry E. Rubsaw who commands the 82d FA. They are quite horsey, "thank God," wrote Harry. Granddaughter Joey and her dad were hunting at Southern Pines the day they drove up. Grandson Harry, now 19, became a W.O. helicopter pilot when he graduated at Fort Rucker on 14 Feb.

Andy **Moore**, after his return from Europe and while visiting daughter Marian and family in Canton, N.Y., drove over to Woodley Acres for a visit. On his return to Canton we loaded him up with small lilac trees, white pines, and butternuts. The trees were immediately planted by Eddie, Marian's husband, and when grandson Mark came home from school he spied the butternuts and proceeded to shell and extract the meat from about a third of them. Mark knew the nuts well and was delighted that they had been dried. And we found out that lilacs are Marian's favorite flower. Even Andy, in spite of his long sojourn in the Florida clime wrote, "I can see why all the projects in progress on Woodley Acres make life so interesting that you do not need to rove for recreation." His greeting card said, "I suppose your landscape is entirely white and a real Christmas scene. Ours is that of Palestine when Christ was born! Each is beautiful. Have happy memories of my visit and your hospitality." To each his own.

As we wrote in our class quarterly letter, it was during Andy **Moore's** visit that we learned that Heinie **Baish** had suffered a severe stroke while vacationing in Maine. He was taken to Walter Reed but we have no further information. Washington classmates, wives, or widows please check.

Greetings from Grace and Tex **Mussil** from Eglin AFB in Florida where they spent the holidays with their daughter and family. They also regret your Scribe will give up his duties at reunion time. However, your Scribe does not think of it as a question of replacing him, but rather as a time when a change of pace is essential. After all, seven years of your Scribe's style of writing and from a rather isolated viewpoint, should be replaced by someone at one of the hubs of larger groups of classmates and activities.

The **Neilsons** flew to Florida and embarked on the *M.S. Renaissance* for a Caribbean cruise, visiting Nassau, Jamaica, Curacao, Santa Lucia, Guadeloupe, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. While they have cruised the Caribbean before from New York to Panama, this is their first island-hopping series of visits. Murray winds up with "see you next June."

An interesting letter from Hugh **Murrill** and a copy of his public affairs presentation on Vietnam gives an example of classmates keeping their hand on the throttle of public affairs. Hugh wrote that ordinarily he tries to stick to the things he can do something about: golf, shooting, bridge, and trying to be nice to those about him. But in the case of Vietnam, he felt it was necessary to speak out because of so much uniformed dissent. AM and your Scribe cover many current event subjects, as well as American history, policy, and literature during our winter evenings, and Hugh's discussion was one of our most interesting ones.

"Hope this finds you both well and enjoying your winter wonderland," wrote Helen **Newman**. "All is well with me and looking forward to the big event in June." Yes, our winter wonderland is wonderful to behold and we too are looking forward to the big event.

And from the land of palm trees, orange groves, and snow comes holiday greetings to the Class from the **Offleys**. "Yes snow," wrote Bob, "we've had a touch of winter to add spice to our usual sun-drenched beach beside the blue Pacific." Seems to your Scribe he read news accounts of the Indians in the Southwest digging their cattle out of six feet of snow. So says your Scribe, "To each his own."

In her greetings Mildred **Pichel** adds her thanks of being able to keep in touch with class activities. In mid-December Mildred flew to Detroit for a visit and thought she might go on to Europe.

Jo **Rice** wrote, "have no car so why don't you two come to Maine sometime and see me." Sounds like a good idea so think AM and I will make a date with Jo. Also from Maine come the seasons greetings to the Class from the **Richardsons**.

A bit farther south in New England the



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**Robinsons** send their greetings. Robbie is looking forward to retirement on 1 May and the reunion in June—an uninhibited reunion with all stops open and no holds barred.

"See you at WP," wrote Marian **Ross.** "Looking forward to it."

The **Rundells** drove to Eglin AFB to spend Xmas with son Bud, Nancy, and the girls. Bud is now there on duty as deputy chief of the AF Armament Laboratory. They arrived back home in Florida to find their home had been broken into. Bee's eye operation was a complete success, and she now has her second contact lens and 20-15 vision. So she feels the year closed with many blessings for them, and the 50th reunion preceeding their 50th wedding anniversary looks like another good year ahead. Earle stays well, watches his diet, and keeps his weight down. Looks to your Scribe like Earle has gone into training for his next five-year tour of duty at the refreshment stand come June.

Sylvia **Shattuck** is now back in her home in Highland Falls as son Blanny changed station from London to Vietnam where he is now chief of the Logistics and Electronics Div of the Army Concept Team.

The **Shermans** sent seasonal greetings. Harry had been in the hospital for a month following a slight stroke and goes back to the hospital in January which might make June Week questionable for him. However, he still added he hoped to see us in June. More power to you Harry.

Greetings from the **Siberts** with the hope that we all keep well for June of the big year 1968.

Looking forward to seeing all next June Week wrote the **Smiths.** For the second year since retirement from college teaching they have been enjoying life at Scott AFB with their son '43 and granddaughter. PW's grandson, still in the Marines, returned safely from duty in Vietnam.

A clipping sent by Scip **Axelson** tells of a new floating nuclear power plant, designed for towing to any port in the world to be used in support of military operations or to provide electric power in disasters. This plant has been named "The **Sturgis**" for our Sammy. It can produce 10 million watts of electricity a year without refueling, the equivalent of a diesel power plant consuming 160,000 barrels of fuel for that same year.

Bob and Peg **Deylitz** Sutton send their greetings to the Class from the land of sun in Arizona. I beg your pardon, the land of snow this year. Peg wrote there was snow practically all over the state. It just blew snow for two days and they were glad to see the sun again. In the North Country our snow stays put so that artists can draw pretty Xmas cards for you folks in the Southlands.

From Jody and Pat **Tansey** the joy of Xmas with its hopes ever stronger and brighter as 1968 rolls on.

And from the **Townsleys** a message of cheer to the Class for the New Year and that they are looking forward to seeing all of us at the 50th. Clarry says he digs queer excavations on the golf course while Elsie gets in a bit of bridge; otherwise, as the old morning reports used to put it so succinctly—no change.

The **Wards** sailed early in January on P & O from San Francisco for Hawaii, Hong Kong, Japan, and the general Orient. Chesty has staged a good recovery from his recent operation.

Sincere wishes from Betty and Jawn **Weeks;** and from Margaret **Whitaker,** who wrote that grandson Joe, who is on active duty at Redstone Arsenal, is the proud father of a girl born 31 Oct, a day after Reg's birthday and his first great-grandchild.

Again we are down to the end of the alphabet with the wishes of Ann and Joe **Zak,** that the good will and peace of the Xmas season be with all of you throughout the year of 1968. Joe and Ann both come from Wisconsin, and the descriptions of our North Country render them homesick. That type of homesickness is easily cured by attending our 50th reunion where the scenic Hudson bends round Crows Nest and the good fellowship of classmates, wives, and widows once again are fulfilled.

## NOV '18

**Brig. Gen. G. Bryan Conrad**
**White Post, Va. 22663**

Since our last class Notes went to press, several of our number have joined the Long Gray Line.

On 27 Sept Marion **Van Voorst** died quietly at the DC Suburban Hospital. Van had had several painful heart attacks, but mercifully his last was not like the others. He had been confined to his apartment recuperating from an attack, was much better, and, with his doctor's agreement, was lunching with a friend at his country club. After lunch he felt an attack coming on and lay down. An ambulance was called, and he was taken to the nearby hospital. Van's funeral services were at the Fort Myer Chapel 3 October. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery with a most impressive service. Alicia will continue to live at 2500 Q St., NW., Washington, D.C. 20007.

Andy **March** died in his sleep at the Los Gatos Hospital, San Jose, Calif. on 2 November. After his retirement he and Josephine lived in San Antonio. After Josephine's death he moved to San Jose to be near his daughter, Mrs. Robert J. Mayer. He was buried beside Josephine in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on 6 November. **Dunkelberg, Knudsen,** and **Pearson** represented the Class. Besides Mrs. Mayer in San Jose, there is another daughter, Mrs. Carroll R. Powell, who lives in Omaha, Neb., and Andy's son, Francis Andrew March Jr., who lives in Alexandria, Va.

"Maud" **Muller** died suddenly in Hawaii on 14 November. He was buried at the National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco on 18 December. Fred **Butler** wrote from San Francisco: "Maud Muller was buried Saturday morning at the Presidio, and the Army set up a most impressive ceremony. Don't ask me how the arbitrary Washington decision against burial in a plot that other members of his family were offering to make available came about, but it did come about in a hurry! Ben Harrel, Sixth Army commander (a member of the Truscott 'circus' in Italy) and with whom I was closely associated at Anzio and in southern France, got off a late message Wednesday, and by mid-morning Thursday the green light came from your beloved city. Services were in the Catholic chapel at the Presidio. Everything was there except the caisson—full Sixth Army band, 200-man escort, Army commander, et al. Maude's wife had requested Johnnie **Stokes,** Mac **Monroe, Erickson, Al Miller,** Frank **Gillespie,** and myself to be honorary pallbearers. The gravesite is less than half a mile from the chapel, and band and escort went all the way. Everything clicked perfectly." In addition to his outstanding military career, with which we are all familiar, since retiring from the Army, Maude has been most active and successful as assistant to the president of National Van Lines, a job right down his alley which required continual travel throughout all of the 50 states.

Jesse **Gibney** died 23 December at Morton Plant Hospital, Clearwater, Fla. He was buried at Arlington the following Thursday. Despite the seasonal Washington weather, rain, snow, slush, and cold, he was accorded full military honors. **Peckham, Yoder, Graham, Fellers, Hastings,** and **Holbrook** represented the Class. In early December Fred **Stevens** wrote: "Lou Gibney is seriously ill (probably cancer). He has been in the hospital since early October. Both sons come to see him when they can. Lou Jr., (Lt. Col. USMC) is stationed at Camp Le Jeune, N.C. Lt. Col. John (Jack, USMA '52) is at Norfolk attending the AFSC. He returned from *Vietnam in August. It is very sad* and depressing. Helen is holding up wonderfully." Helen plans to remain at her house in Clearwater. It is her home and will be a home base for Jesse Jr., and Jack and their families. The address is 1448 Crestview St., Clearwater, Fla.

Few of us had contact with John **Pence** since he resigned in 1922. I knew that he was in business in Tacoma, Wash., but little else. Then someone told me that they had seen his obit in the *Army & Navy Journal.* Letters to the old Tacoma address were not answered, so I wrote to his cousin, our Arthur's brother, Maj. Gen. George D. Pence, who replied: "John Perry Pence was our first cousin. He died a number of years ago. His son wrote me at the time. He was a brigadier general in the National Guard, probably of the state of Washington. I believe that I had read of his retirement in the *Army & Navy Journal* some time before he died. I saw him once during the war when he dropped into my office in Italy. At the time he commanded an AA Bn in Italy, and I believe he went on into southern France. It is too bad he didn't stay in the regular Army, as he was a likeable person and was a good soldier. I am writing to the West Point Alumni Association as apparently they did not have his later record either."

"Bud" **Goodin** died sometime last year in The Old Soldiers Home, Washington, D.C. None of the Class knew that he was there or of his death.

Richard R. **Spring** died recently. The simple notice of his death came to me from the Association of Graduates. If anyone knows any more details please let me know.

It is distressing to lose track of classmates so completely.

Bill **Blair** write from P.O. Box 272, Sterling, Colo. 80751: "It is good to get your news. I have been in the process of winding up the farming, ranching, and cattle business. It seems to take almost more skill with good planning, to stop such a business successfully, with all the tax angle and other problems, than to start and conduct it. I have to stick rather close, but I will be at our 50th."

Pansy and Sam **Walker** write from 810 Orleans St., New Orleans, La. 70116: "I hope we can get together at the reunion." Fred and Marie **Stevens** write from 161 Florida Ave., Dunedin, Fla. 33528: "See you late in May at West Point, if not before." Jack **Winn** writes from Box 2869, Carmel, Calif. 93921: "I fear that we will not make it to West Point. Ginnie's eyes just are not up to situations like that." We are all dis-



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appointed, Jack. We hope circumstances make it possible for you both to come.

The Mark **Rhoads** write from 4109 Oriole Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla. 32019: "Hope to see you at our 50th," as do the **Trichels** from 616 Puritan Rd., Birmingham, Mich. 48009. From Box 142, Rt. 1, Carpinteria, Calif. 93013, the **McReynoldses** write: "See you in June." Muriel **Searby**, Ned's widow, has moved into Distaff Hall. Her apartment is just across from Milly **Stice's**.

The **Peckhams** and **Chorpenings** joined up at Myrtle Beach, N. C., for a few weeks holiday in the early fall. The Peckhams drove back to Washington by way of the Great Smokies and Skyline Drive. At Rocky Mount, Va., they visited the Dick **Lees**.

**Johnson** D.T. has moved to Columbia, Mo. I would like to have his address.

From 15 Sunset Lane, Pompano Beach, Fla., Mike and Barbara **Jenkins** write: "I understand all 'points' lead to WP in 68. What fun it should be! Better enjoy it while we can!? We've had a delightful Thanksgiving with Bud and his family in Greenwich, Conn. He was sent to the New York office of Continental Can last June. He loves it all except the daily trains into New York and home. We were here (Pompano Beach) for Christmas with Barbara and her family. It is good to have one family near. Mike and I are both in fine health. I really think the golf course has been fine for Mike. It surely keeps him busy every day. See you in 68."

Helen **Williamson** writes from 754 Lancaster Rd., Augusta, Ga. 30904: "Everybody in my family is fine. I hope to be in Washington in May because I'm representative to Georgia for the Washington National Cathedral Association." Cindy and Martha **Watkins** write from Box 526, Midland, Ga. 31820: "We continue to be interested in horses. We have a pet, Tim, age 34 (1 Jan), the last of the Fort Benning horses. He owns us. I am sorry that I will not be able to make the reunion."

The **Gillands** write from 295 Buckingham Way, San Francisco, Calif. 94132: "We continue in our quiet but pleasantly busy routine with our healths holding level. We were saddened by the death of Maud **Muller**. The Line gets thinner each year. Sorry we won't make the 50th next year but will render such support as we can."

From 12140 Tiptoe Lane, Los Altos, Calif. 94022, the Allison **Millers** write: "Following Christmas past, which was celebrated with our family at Tom's home in Woodland Hills, we drove to Scottsdale, Ariz., to visit Ruth's cousin and Lee and Charles **Bathurst**. Ten days were spent visiting friends, but Al had to be back to hold his last meeting as president of the Peninsula Retired Officers Club. We have enjoyed visits from Archie **Colwell**, Marguerite and Gail **Peckham**, Lee and Charles Bathurst, and Dorothy and Elmer **Barnes**. Al had a case of diverticultis in July and was operated on in August. All went well, and he is now better than ever. Thanksgiving was spent at Tom's home; we will all be at Donald's in San Luis Obispo for Christmas. Our plans for 68 include the 50th Reunion at West Point, the trip to start as soon as Ruth gets new D.A.R. officers elected after two years as regent."

Margie **Aaron** writes from Diocesan House, Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813: "I got a letter from Hunk about the reunion. I don't think I could take it without Tommy. Margie and I live together, and the other night we got out *the book* and talked about all the classmates we knew. Jack **Mickelsen** is living out here now, and the **O'Rouarks** come each year. He isn't too well, so I don't know about this year. My other daughter is living in American Samoa, and I went down and had a very pleasant three weeks."

The **Badgers** are traveling, and they write: "No trips outside the U.S.A. Only to Florida during January and February and Rehoboth Beach during the summer. We move to Rossmoor (Leisure World), Maryland, before next Christmas. Bill Jr., moved to Annapolis, Md. He is still with Koppers Co. on air polution abatement. Fred and family are still at West Point. Bob is now in Vietnam while Jeanne and the children are at Cornwall." Latest news is that Laura Belle fell and broke a foot but is in a cast and off to the South for a winter trip.

The **Schows** write from Box 361, Rt. 2, Falmouth, Va. 22401: "Skipper made major in March and came home from Vietnam in July; now on duty in Ch Engr Office, Gravelly Point, so available at times. But the same week daughter, Bobbie Ann, her husband, and our two grandimps, now 10 and 7, departed to live in Atlanta. However, we get good news of them. Have a new farm in the Allegheny Mountains—Highland County, the Switzerland of Virginia, and we've been commuting since early June. We even had 72 Black Angus, but disposed of them in October. We did all right at our first venture in livestock and may get some more next spring and in the summer graze them on the marvelous bluegrass. Also have a mile of trout river in the valley with the not-too-dainty name of Bull Pasture. There are trout. I've seen them but to date have caught only one little fellow. The turkeys continue to hide from Bob, and the deer disappeared from our vegetable garden the moment Skipper appeared with a gun. Now our neighbor writes that they are again pawing in the garden. The **Stokes** are leaving for Europe in May, so won't be here for the 50th. We hope to be there, God willing."

Fred **Pearson** writes from 110 El Rancho Way, San Antonio, Texas 78209: "Jodie enjoys her usual excellent health. My tendonitis has stuck with me and goes up and down. However, I manage to get around and keep busy. In March we were called to Missouri by the passing of Jodie's brother. In May Jodie drove up to visit her sisters. Ann came from Benton Harbor, Mich., to visit her mother and other relatives while Jodie was there. Ann, who has been with a CPA firm at Benton Harbor for 10 years, decided to change climate and moved to San Francisco in June where she entered Price, Waterhouse & Co. She had always loved California. In June Jack got his promotion to major in the Air Force. He has been very busy with tours of duty in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Philippines, and Vietnam. He returned the early part of December from a 2-month Tdy in Vietnam. In August he got leave and visited us. He and Sheila and her sister and husband took a 3-day trip to Mexico, and we kept the grandchildren. Needless to say, with three healthy youngsters aged 10, 6, and 4, there wasn't a dull moment.

"In October with other West Point grads we went to Dallas by chartered bus to the ARMY-SMU football game. It was a good game. We were pleased when ARMY won. Jim **Keasler** sat near us. I went to the ARMY-Navy game. There was about 11 inches of snow. The day was beautiful but very cold. Of course the outcome didn't warm me up! Jodie has kept up her activities at Boysville Auxiliary, Protestant Women of the Chapel, and other religious and civic affairs. I work around the house, yard, and premises during the week, am an usher at the post chapel at Fort Sam Houston, and teach an adult Bible class.

"'Corny' **Hahn** and Ethel, with their house trailer, left Denver for more southern climes. They plan to visit both San Antonio and Tucson. The **Gildarts** went to Australia to spend Christmas with their son. At the ARMY-Navy game I saw the J.T. **Browns** from Atlanta, the John **Binders**, 'Fuzzy' **Fasnacht**, the **Holbrooks** and two grandsons, and Bonner **Fellers**. It was the first time I had seen J.T. Brown since our graduation over 49 years ago. His face seemed a bit familiar but his figure was different. He has a son at the Air Force Academy who graduates next June, so he probably won't be able to be at the 50th. I had a nice letter from my kadet wife, 'BJ' **Slifer**. He plans to return for the reunion. He says it is quite the talk out on the West Coast. Many are planning on being there. Hope to see you at the 50th."

Jim **Styron** has been very ill in the Fort Sam Houston Army Hospital. He is reported to be on his feet again and looking fine. Chris **Knudsen**, who has had trouble with his ears and has lost one ear drum, is considering having an artificial one installed by a specialist. Joe **Glasgow** has been in the hospital at Fort Sam. Bill **Blair**, "Corny" **Hahn**, and Otto **Praeger** were at the ARMY-Air Force football game last fall. All are reported as planning to be at the reunion. Jake **Freeman** was hard hit by hurricane Beulah but survived by boarding up the house. He was without electricity for days and had to live in a rather primative way, but did escape the floods and boasts a 13th grandchild.

Bill Quinn, USMA '33, chairman of the Benjamin F. Castle Award Committee for the DC West Point Society, asked in October that the Class nominate a member of the Class who:

(a) Has most distinguished himself in exemplifying the ideals of West Point in either a military or civilian capacity; and/or who has rendered outstanding service and dedication to the Academy.

(b) Is personally available for the presentation ceremony at the Washington Founders Day dinner.

The four class officers available in the Washington area met and selected **Groves**. His nomination has duly been submitted to Gen. Quinn, the committee chairman.

Arch **Colwell** writes from 2703 Cranlyn Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44122: "Here's to our 1920; here's to our kadet days. Hope we'll be singing that in June. I'm limbering up my stiff fingers already, and Bob **Coolidge** will bring his mandolin. I think the committee has done a grand job. Going to Del Ray for March and hope to see some classmates down there."

Your committee on the 50th Reunion, 29-31 May, is busily making progress. We have heard from 85 classmates and widows as of the end of December. Of this number 41 are coming with wives, 9 alone, and 3 of our widows have signed up, and one sister. There were 29 classmates and 3 widows who said they could not make it. This attendance takes 103 of 156 spaces in two motels and at the Thayer. The two motels are new and located on the west side of the main road through Highland Falls at the south end of town. At the Palisades Motel will be **Barnes, Bennett, Binder, Blair, Butler, Chorpening, Groves, Gullatt, Holbrook, Lee,**



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McAllister, Moss, Peckham, Sherrill, Valentine, Yoder, Hastings, and Dunkelberg; and at the Academy Motel Chadwick, Christiansen, Colwell, Coolidge, Fellers, Gorlinski, Bathurst, Welch, Jervey, Al Miller, Norman, Rhoads, Stevens B.G., Taylor D.A., and Trichel. At the Thayer will be Elon Beers, Bowman, Brimmer, Cocke, Canan, Carter, Ericson, Evans, Huston, Kelly, McReynolds, Mendenhall, Mary Munford, Pinto, Mary McCone, Monroe, Quinn, Sheridan, Stevens F.A., Millie Stice, Twichell, Vidal, Wanamaker, and John Lewis.

The committee is hoping all the rest of the Class will try to make it. There is still room left, so continue to send in your reservations to K.L. Hastings, Care-Medico, 2007 Eye Street, NW., Washington, D. C. 20006.

Monk Dickson is striving manfully over the class history. He needs badly more information about many of the Class. As printing costs are high and Monk wishes to do justice to all, he is urging the committee to adopt the following financial plan (in Monk's inimitable prose): "A combination of the old-time Town Topics and Who's Who type of Compendium of Great Men. Our tariff for subscribers reads: Immortality $100; Honorable Mention $75; Clean Bill of Health $50; Dignified Silence $25; others will regret not subscribing. A sample of the treatment accorded non-subscribers follows: 'And where was Old Dumbjohn when gallant men were storming San Juan Hill and winning at El Caney? He was miles from the front hitting the bottle and bawling for women, that's where he was.' Since the kids do not know one battle or war from another, this is pretty effective stuff. If our supreme Soviet will pass this finance plan with a voice vote we can enter our history for both the Nobel and Pulitzer Prizes—it will be a shoo-in for both."

As for the Conrads: Young Bryan, who did so well a year ago with his splendid pony, Bamboo, still prefers something with wheels. Just 12, he won't get his license for another few years, but he drives any and all vehicles around the farm with proficiency. On a tractor he helps with the plowing and in the summer rakes and bales hay. Ethel sticks to the horses and has had wonderful hunting. In October Bryan felt a large lump right where one sits. This made riding painful. Several doctors assured that it was malignant, though they had never seen such a thing before. However, it should be removed poste haste. After the operation the surgeon told Ethel that it was "bursitis of the ischial tuberosity." Apparently everyone has two ischial tuberosities. They are the two seat bones which make those dents in the saddle. It is not the ideal spot for bursitis. There is now a thick sheepskin pad to go over the saddle and an adaptation of the old Army packmaster's daily rearrangement of the aparejo for sore-backed mule. The boy is fascinated and is looking for someone who chews tobacco. We made two short trips this past summer, one to Williamsburg and Old Point Comfort where he saw quite a bit of Mike Kelly. We leave 16 January for England for a short visit which will include a posh wedding followed by a reception at St. James's Palace. The local tailor is having considerable difficulty trying to increase the girth of the morning coat and striped trousers, not worn since 1941, by four inches.

Willard A. Holbrook, Mark IV, model of 1968, has arrived at Fort Bragg. Infant, parents, and grandparents are all doing well.

# '19

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According to a very brief note which passed through several hands, Bill Barton died at his ranch in Montague, California, on 8 October. No further details have been received. We lost another member of the Class when Herb Semmelmeyer died in San Carlos, California, 10 November. Herb resigned from the Army in 1922 and was thereafter in the insurance business in San Mateo for many years. He served in the Artillery for two years (1942-44) as a lieutenant colonel, AUS. He was buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery. Unfortunately, no member of the Class was notified so that we could send flowers.

Al Wedemeyer has been doing some preparatory work on the 50th Reunion and urges all members to keep themselves physically and financially solvent for the great event. He proposes to designate representatives in various parts of the country who will beat the bushes for maximum attendance. He also says that he and Herb Jones may visit West Point in June of this year, observe details of the reunion procedure, and get pointers on how to make our party a success.

Count Wilson reports from San Francisco that he has been bringing up to date his list of classmates on the coast and that there have been many changes of addresses in the past few years. Among visitors to San Francisco were Bob and Helene Carter, who were on another of their many trips between France and the United States. Count persuaded Bob to talk to a Commonwealth Club group on Bob's hobby of collecting autographed magazine covers. Count says the talk was interesting and informative, and enjoyed by those present. To supplement this report, a Christmas card from the Carters leaves one struck with admiration for their travel stamina. In about a 2-month stay, they visited Maine, New York, Expo, Chicago, and, of course, San Francisco. They expect to see the winter olympics in Grenoble, go to South Africa, and come again to this country for the political conventions. A trip to the 50th Reunion will be a breeze for the Carters.

Chic and Elsie Noble had a very active fall during which they saw many football games. They accompanied Rhoda and Bob Springer to the ARMY-SMU game in Dallas. They saw Whitey and Bobby Gard and Tex Warren there. The Nobles were at West Point for Homecoming at which time they watched varsity, plebe, and 150 pound ARMY teams. Nichols, Chadwick, Domniney, and Meyer were also in attendance. Another trip from San Antonio took them to the ARMY-Air Force game in Colorado Springs. They saw Chapline, who lives in Kansas City, at this game. Chic wants us to have our 50th at Homecoming, principally because of football games at that time.

Lil Frederick has decided that Ken Pierce should replace him as Florida west coast representative. Accordingly, Ken submits as his first news from that sunny shore an account of a party at the Fredericks: "As they have done for several years past, Toots and Lil Frederick had a gathering of classmates and others to watch the ARMY-Navy game on TV at their home. Among those present were Rose Bennison, Katherine and Bill Kean, Marge and Dave McLean, Nancy and Irish O'Connor, Marie and Ken Pierce, Alex and Jack Raaen, Lee Syme, Marjorie and Walter Winn, and Ruby and Zim Zimmerman. As far as is known, this was a 100 per cent turnout of both class residents and transients in the Clearwater area. After the game, Toot's buffet dinner made a big hit. The only flaw in the festivities was Navy beating ARMY." I suppose for the next issue Lil will take back the job so that he can write about a party at the Pierces.

Stu Barden has sent in a number of letters from Packy McFarland in Scottsdale, Arizona. Packy maintains a lively interest in football, golf, and bridge. From his remarks on football, one gathers that he knows thoroughly the Southwest teams, as well as principal teams throughout the country. He mentions golf at Guadalajara Country Club in Mexico and says he plays at home five times a week and fills in his spare time three or four afternoons a week with duplicate bridge. The McFarlands are talking about a trip in June by P&O liner from Los Angeles through the Panama Canal to Trinidad and thence to the East Coast.

Ike Lawrence gives us the word on his recent travels with Margie to Hawaii and the Orient in a letter: "Our cruise to the Orient was most delightful; the lazy man's way to travel. We had only three days in Yokohama in which to visit famous shrines and points of interest in Tokyo and Kamakura, and could have spent three weeks in Japan without running out of interesting places to see. Hong Kong, as billed, was a shopper's paradise for the ladies, who loaded up with beaded bags and sweaters at bargain prices. Honolulu was the highlight of our trip where we stopped off for 40 days to celebrate our anniversary. There are many new apartments and hotels going up throughout the islands, and we enjoyed our stays in a number of the new ones. Waikiki is getting very crowded but there are still plenty of quieter places in the outer islands. We spent a delightful evening as guests of Mike and Vi Makinney at the new Outrigger Canoe Club, prior to which we assembled for Mike's delicious Mai Tais at their mountainside home overlooking Kahala beach and Diamond Head. Ben and Bernice Byrne were also there to greet us. On hand to greet us at the pier in San Francisco were our youngest daughter, Marjorie, her Air Force husband, Maj. John des Islets '51, and their four youngsters. They were recently transferred to Fort Ord where John is studying German at the Language School prior to being sent to Germany to teach English to German staff officers. On our way home we stopped off in Detroit to visit our second daughter, Beverly Bennett, and family of three children, thus accounting for seven of our ten grandchildren." Flip Sutherland has sent a note of appreciation for help given her in the arrangements for Ed's funeral (noted in last ASSEMBLY) and for the flowers sent in the name of the Class.

Members of the Washington group were to be found in New England during the latter part of the summer. Anabel and Herb Jones, Dorothy and Bud Ferenbaugh, and Marje and Mike Brannon all visited the White Mountains of New Hampshire. On the way home, Herb checked on accommodations at the Thayer Hotel at West Point for 1969, while the Brannons visited Lee Syme at his delightful farm in New Vineyard, Maine. Lee was planning to spend the winter months in Florida as usual. Mike talked to Henry Nichols on the telephone but was unable to arrange a meeting.

At the October combined classes luncheon at the Army-Navy Club we were represented by Ferenbaugh, Herb Jones, Ovenshine, Odell, Hammond, Young, Murphy, McAul-



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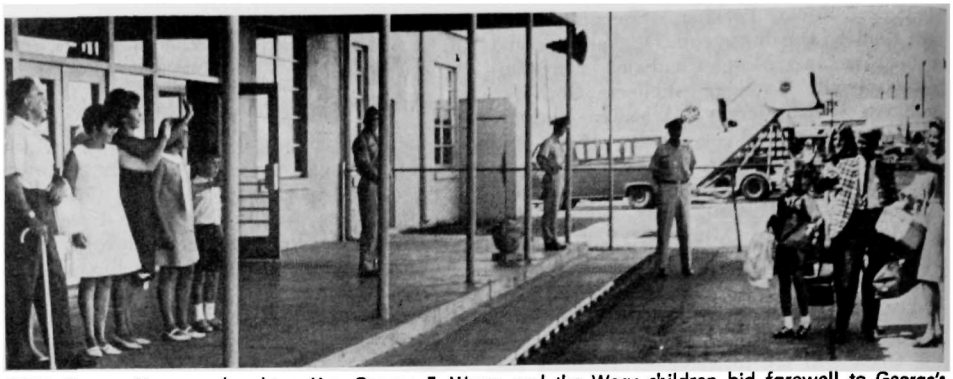
iffe, **Brannon, Flory, Palmer, Crichlow, Gruenther, Wedemeyer,** and **Starr.** This was one of the largest turnouts of recent months.

From Ham and Viv **Hamilton** in El Paso comes an account of their experiences during 1967, which were highlighted by several trips in their trailer. The principal event was their summer participation in a trailer caravan through western Canada. There were more than 300 trailers and 700 people on the caravan. Ham writes: "Nothing we've done in many years has given us such zest and new enthusiasm for living like caravan life. Most of the people were over 50 and were friendly, thoughtful, and very enthusiastic. We never felt in a hurry. The world and its problems faded. It was like being in mid-ocean on a ship; We did lots of walking, felt younger, and got slimmer. There was always something interesting going on and always someone to visit with. Both of us did the driving and are so used to the trailer following us that we didn't mind touring at all. We ate in good restaurants when we found them and skipped the mediocre ones. We went through heat and dust, cold and rain, and fair weather. We look forward to joining another caravan to go other places some other time. It was a happy summer."



**1920:** George Honnen; daughter, Mrs. George E. Wear; and the Wear children bid farewell to George's daughter, Mrs. Charles F. McCarty, and her children as they board a plane at Charleston AFB for Bangkok to join Lt. Col. McCarty.

# '20

**Col. John D. Mitchell**
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We are saddened by the loss of four classmates during the last few months. Larry **Schick** died at the Community Hospital in Carmel, California, on 14 October. He had suffered serious illness some time ago and made a splendid recovery, but had a relapse recently from which he died following an operation. Rhu Taylor wrote Don **Leehey** of memorial services held in Carmel and attended by **Plank, Sand** A.G., **Taylor, Howard,** and **Reuter** among others. Bill **Bessell** and others reported the burial at West Point Cemetery 25 October which was attended by the Bessells, **Chitterlings, Hasbrouck,** the E.C. **Johnstons, Lanahan,** and **Reierson** from the West Point area and **Byers,** the **Farrells,** and **Rehm** from the Washington area. Larry leaves his wife Frances, a son, Maj. John L. Schick USMA '55, a daughter, Mrs. Paul C. Root, and four grandchildren, among them Lt. Paul M. Root USMA '66.

The Secretary of AOG advises that John F. **McBlain** died in Santa Rosa, California, on 22 October. Mac's son, John F. Jr., graduated from the Academy in 1959. No further details are known at this time.

Tracy **Davis** died 31 October at The Medical Center in Columbus, Ga., after a long illness. He was a prominent insurance executive in Columbus and had been active in civic affairs. His survivors include his widow, a daughter, Mrs. James K. Spencer, and four grandchildren.

Freddie **Hamilton** died 9 December in Tuscon, Arizona, from heart failure after a long illness with Parkinson's disease. Memorial services were held in Tuscon and burial was in Arlington National Cemetery. The following classmates attended graveside services: **Burns, Casgrain, Downing, Farrell, George, Holle, Merritt, Mitchell** J.D., **Rehm, Samouce, Stratton,** and **Tully.** Among survivors are his wife, Edna, and a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Blucher of Tuscon.

There is cheerful news, however. Volney **Poulson,** whose death was reported in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Alumni News, subsequently writes from his home in Managua, Nicaragua, that this report is somewhat exaggerated; that he has been in poor health for the past two years but is improving.

Willis **McDonald** writes Clovis **Byers** that a recent major operation prevented his attendance at the Homecoming game and the board of trustees meeting 28 October, but that he was able to get to the Utah game with Earl **Blaik** two weeks later.

It is worth special note that Eddie **McGaw** came all the way from California and Gloomy **Hasbrouck** left house guests in Stone Ridge, N.Y., to attend the meeting of the class governing committee in Washington 11 October. Eddie told of Betty and Bob **Kreuter** being on a year-long round-the-world tour. Lou and Gloomy had been on a visit to the Southwest where they saw **Schabacker.** Schabby was having a battle with emphysema.

Much news comes from classmates paying dues and other correspondence with class officers. Frank **Henning** wrote George **Rehm** from Sarasota that he was celebrating the birth of a first grandchild. Frank has made good recovery from removal of cataracts from both eyes.

Pinky **Loupret** saw **White** D.G. recently at State College, Pa. He says that D.G. looks just the same as years ago.

George and Marguerite **Rehm** made a leisurely trip through Canada and the Pacific Northwest, stopping for a few days in Tacoma, Washington. Jack **Goff,** Hippo **Swartz,** and Ray **Welch** gave George a golf lesson, and Hippo took them on a tour around Mt. Rainier. The three Tacomans play regularly together and often with George **Bare.** Ray Welch reports that Hippo saw **MacMillan** A.R. recently. Sandy was in Seattle on an Episcopal Church convention and is still with the university in Carbondale, Illinois.

**Bessell** and **Chitterling** both reported on the Virginia game. Between them they saw **Blaik, George, Hasbrouck, Johnston** E.C., **Lanahan,** and **Raymond.** Red **Blaik** and Alex **George** were paid special honors between halves as former ARMY football personages. The Bessells and **McCulloughs** had had a day in Stone Ridge with the Hasbroucks at their fine stone house in the wooded setting.

Later Bill reported on the Homecoming game with Stanford 28 October. The Class made quite a showing, competing well with the younger Classes having reunions at that time. Those present: Lillian and Bill **Bessell,** Marie and Clovis **Byers,** Rose and Jim **Cullum,** Ruth and Morris **Chitterling,** Lou and Gloomy **Hasbrouck,** Helen and George **Honnen** and daughter Betty, Marion and Johnny **Johnston,** John **Reierson, Smith** C.W., and Foxy **Sturman.** George Honnen has had a remarkable recovery from a very severe stroke and was hospitalized from February until August. This was his first long excursion since his illness. Besides seeing the game, George also attended the Supe's luncheon and the trustee's meeting, and Clovis Byers saw him at the chapel service on Sunday morning. George sent the accompanying Charleston *News and Courier* photograph giving visual evidence of his recovery. The date was 25 August 1967. The caption read: "Three Generations of Military Family Join in Airport Adieu."

"Retired Army Maj. Gen. George **Honnen** (left) and his family bid good-bye to a daughter, Mrs. Charles Francis McCarty (far right) as she leaves the terminal at the Charleston Air Force Base to board a plane to Bangkok with her three children. Mrs. McCarty and her three children will join Lt. Col. McCarty, who recently was transferred from Vietnam to Thailand. With Gen. Honnen are granddaughter Patricia Wear, daughter Mrs. George E. Wear, grandaughter Jessie Wear, and grandson George Wear (Staff Photo by Murton). Mrs. Wear is the wife of Col. George E. Wear USMA '44, who was commanding a brigade in Vietnam at the time. She lives with their children in Charleston. Lt. Col. McCarty is class of '46."

Don **Leehey** is the source of considerable news this month, much of it resulting from his correspondence with Bill **Nye.** Bill is publishing his eighth book. He claims that he writes "only as a hobby as there is but little money in it." Bill told that Bugs **Raymond's** wife, Mildred, wrote the distressing news that Bugs had lost the sight of one eye. This is a tough one for Bugs, as he is an avid reader and also writes for publications on historical matters. Incidentally Bugs recently wrote George **Rehm,** "nothing to report for the benefit of the Scribe."

Don further reports that he has successfully challenged Bill's claim to being the first great-grandfather of the Class, offering as credentials a great-grandson Robert E. Bronson IV, born 17 November 1966, the father being Robert E. Bronson III ex-'66 and Don's grandson.

Warren **Rutter** and Tinsy have had a 5-month tour through Europe and southern Asia and are now traveling in Texas and Mexico.

Larry **Bartlett** writes; "Helen and I went to the ARMY-SMU game at Dallas, and who should appear and claim adjacent seats but Al **Fulton** and his wife. Al was my wife at the Point. Also saw **McCullough** at the game."

Jack **Hastings,** our first class treasurer, writes that he has been Chief Justice, U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th District, in Chicago, since 1957, and finds it a most interesting experience.

Anne and Charles **Holle** were on a recent automobile trip to Florida and saw many classmates, among them Esher **Burkart** and



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Pinky **Gilbert** in Fort Myers. Both seem well on their way to recovery from recent illnesses. Pinky remarried last June. Esher has since written Charley that Pinkie got his name in the paper in connection with a family reunion honoring Pinky's son, Lt. Col. E.A. Gilbert III, wife, and sons, home from Ethiopia and on his way to Vietnam. The young Lt. Col. Gilbert is USMA '52. Others whom they saw or talked to were **Henning, Smith** R.O., suffering from emphysema, **Daniel, Morse,** recovering from cataract removal from both eyes, **Van Sickler, Crist, Travis, McNulty,** Leland **Smith,** and **Gleason.**

There seems almost an epidemic of cataracts. Fred **Pitts** writes that he is recovering from a cataract operation.

Bob **Durst** repeats the invitation for classmates to stop and see him and Cora in Springfield, Missouri.

Rip **Brady** says that he and Polly will be at the American Motel, 725 State Street, El Centro, California, from January through March and would like to see any of the Class who are out that way. They expect to see the **Langevins** in Tuscon.

**Higgins** W.B., in Palos Verdes Estates, California, suffered kidney failure and disrupted heart rhythm last September, underwent surgery, and nearly died. Charles **Holle** has word from Higgie and his wife Lois, verified by Eddie **McGaw,** that he is home from the hospital and improving after a bout with hepatitis. His doctor said that Higgie was the sickest man he had ever operated on and who survived the operation.

Eddie says that Frank **Roberts** in Claremont is now over a heart attack but is suffering from cataracts.

The class luncheons on the second Monday of each month at the Washington Army-Navy Club continue well attended, often with visiting firemen. As Wilmer **Merritt** says in his reminder notices, "out of town guests, last minute or otherwise, are welcome." October and December gatherings established records for attendance. The 17 present in October were: **Casgrain, Dillon, Downing, Farrell, Fisher,** Gunn D.M. ('23 ex-'20), **Harris** F.M., **Hayden, Hine, Holle, McGaw** (Eddie was in town for class governing committee), **Merritt, Mitchell** W.L., **Seybold, Stratton, Trimble** R.S., and **Tully.** The December gathering, held a week early to accommodate out of towners making the ARMY-Navy game, saw 20 of '20 including, among those not mentioned above: **Gillette, Hinds, Mitchell** J.D., **Swartz, Van Sickler,** and **West.** The latter three, Hippo, Van, and Charlie, visited in the Washington area en route to and from Philadelphia and occasioned several pleasurable gatherings including classmates. They reported the Class seating somewhat scattered at the game but saw **Harding, Horn,** and **McMillian** W.W.

George **Rehm** and John **Cassidy** got in a few rounds of golf with Hippo but it's not clear who did what to whom. Hippo was visiting his daughter, Maj. Jo Swartz, WAC. Charlie visited his daughter Marie, wife of Col. E. Parmly IV, USMA '46, and son Maj. Tommy West USMA '55. Van said that his wife surprised him recently by having **Daniel, Henning, Morse,** and **Smith** R.O. and spouses in for a birthday celebration.

**McGaw, Miller** H.T., and **Stace** were together viewing the Navy game in Los Angeles. Hal Miller, a widower for some time, remarried last summer. Don Stace lost his wife about a year ago.

Ted **Gilette** has remarried and is now living in Bowie, Maryland. Don **Burns,** Ted, and Jimmie **Stratton** are all three new and welcome residents in the Washington area.

Last minute from Loper **Lowry:** Betty and Bob **Kreuter** are wintering in Spain, Morocco, and Portugal; Alma and Jack **Goff** spending January and February in Honolulu.

Joe **Dillon** has just left on a leisurely cruise in the South Pacific.

Most of the rest of us shiver.

## '21-'22

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Those of us who were at reunion last June remember that Frank **Mulvihill** was there in spite of being in very bad health. He had been for some time in the spring a patient at Walter Reed but we all worried about him. He and Rosalie came to every one of the class events but sometimes she had to take him home early. Frank died at the West Point Hospital on 17 October and was buried at the cemetery there with a number of classmates as pallbearers. Rosalie has no announced plans but we know that she had expected to spend Christmas with their son and his family in the Carolinas and then to return for a while to the house in Newburgh.

Spud **Spalding** could not make reunion because he and Dorothy were planning another European trip. They visited their son, our Class Godson, in Frankfurt, Germany, when Spud had a stroke. He died on 14 December as the result of a second stroke a few days later. Several classmates again were pallbearers for his funeral on 22 December at West Point. Dorothy visited relatives near the Point, and we believe she has returned to their house in Florida.

Meps **Smith** rested up from her attendance at reunion by taking a 2-week trip to Hawaii and visiting Ham and Catherine **Meyer** in Sonoma, Calif. (Note that the town is Sonoma. There is a mistake in your class address list.)

Dot and Bill Kyle recovered from reunion by going to Europe from August till October and had a great time in London, Paris, Switzerland, Italy, and Portugal. They are now back in Florida.

Gim **Mudgett** wrote Bill **Lawton** that he is "beginning to detect a spark of life in both body and spirit" and he hopes there will be enough to get them on the road to Washington.

The **Mathewsons** flew out to California for the arrival of daughter Ellen's third child, then drove south so that Matty could show Rosa the country of his early military service, Arizona and south and west Texas. They found the **Mudgetts** and Bob **Pierces** in good shape.

Babe **Bryan's** son, Maj. B.M. Bryan Jr., USMA '54, was killed last fall in a helicopter crash in Vietnam.

Bill **Lawton's** youngest son, John, was wounded by small arms fire on 8 October while commanding A Co, 1st Bde 101st Abn Div—broken left leg, broken right arm, and lesser injuries. He was evacuated within an hour to a surgical hospital and two days later to Japan, and has been a patient at Walter Reed since Thanksgiving Day. The leg is doing nicely but the right arm is to have a good deal more surgery.

Harry and Hazel **Haas** went from reunion to visit their daughter in Nova Scotia, then for a month's vacation on Cape Cod. A few medical troubles interrupted that, and they were in the hospital at Otis AFB and Walter Reed for several spells but both recovered completely and returned to Florida in August.

Ed **Lynch** couldn't make reunion because of his obligations at U. of Texas where he is one of the "old timers" in the management department and is working full time with tenure to "age 70." He and Bea took a trip last summer to the East Coast, visiting principally in Boston and with her relatives near Annapolis. Their son has moved from California and enjoys the better air of Athens, Ga.

Wes **Yale** has retired for the second time and is permanently at Box 2043, Pebble Beach, Calif. 93953. His last assignment at Stanford research was in a consulting capacity with several months in conferences at all the higher headquarters of the German Army, quite in contrast to his present (as of last August) scene which is 400 yards from the first tee of an excellent course.

All Orioles join Marcia and Frank **Greene** in their grief over the death of their daughter, Marcia, in an automobile accident last fall. I think she had just finished a course at the U. of Edinburgh and had started in teaching. They have a son who is a banker in N.C. and another daughter.

Beverly **Kane** was in the North, spending Christmas and long visits with the families of son Frank Jr., who is a colonel on the faculty of the Army War College and young Bev whose husband is one of those fine non-grads who is a Tac at West Point. Bill **Lawton's** son, George, is also a Tac.

The Toy **Gregorys** came all the way from Las Vegas to the ARMY-Navy game last fall! After having been at West Point for reunion in June! What a loyal rooter she is!

The Washington luncheons, with 10 or 12 attending, are held normally on the third Monday of each month at the Army-Navy Club. Try to time your visit to join us. We'll even let you join us in rolling for the drinks.

## '23

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### 45th Reunion—Report from Bill Biddle

By the time you read this in ASSEMBLY, you may have received our third memorandum on the reunion. That memorandum will, in the main, ask for firm attendance intentions and request funds needed to finance class activities not handled on a Dutch-treat basis. Obviously a prompt and definitive response will be essential!

As of right now (5 January), about 65 classmates have indicated they plan to attend, some 55 staying at the Holiday Inn at Newburgh, most of the remainder presumably in barracks (with their ladies at Ladycliff). It is hoped that these figures will rise. In this connection some 10 vacancies remain in our block of reservations at the Holiday Inn. Since they cannot be held indefinitely, early action by classmates wanting to stay there is enjoined.

May I call attention of classmates to the article entitled, "June Week 1968" on page 22 of the fall 1967 issue of ASSEMBLY? Its summary of June Week alumni activities reflects the Alumni Association's program changes which we described in our second memorandum (17 November 1967). I want to emphasize that those changes in no way altered our program of class activities as set forth in enclosure 1 of our first 45th Reunion memorandum (in the May 1967 class bulletin).

Maj. Hugh P. Johnson C.E., USMA '58 and a math instructor, has been designated by the Secretary of the Association of Grad-



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uates, as our USMA aide. His help is warmly welcomed and will be invaluable. The committee expresses its appreciation for it in advance.

To conclude, things are shaping up quite well for the 45th Reunion. Its success will be guaranteed by good attendance. That's what you can ensure what we are hoping for!

Scribe's comment; they are shaping up because Bill works hard, long, and efficiently at the job and all the coordination it involves!

### From and About Breidster

Fritz sends each of you his best wishes for an especially happy 1968 and urges you to ensure one period of that happiness by attending our 45th Reunion. He is grateful for the good response to calls for the support of the MacArthur Memorial. He is particularly impressed by the letters so many of you sent him when you made your donations.

Some years ago, you, for better or for worse, made the Washington group the executive agency of the Class. Accordingly, we responded to the invitation from the Association of Graduates to nominate a candidate for a Vice-presidency of the Association. We nominated Fritz for that honor. We believe you will all agree that the nomination is amply warranted by the devotion to the Academy and to the Class that he has demonstrated in many known, and perhaps more unsung, services he has rendered.

### Washington Group

The highlight of our first fall luncheon was the presence of Pat **Timberlake** from San Antonio. He recently retired from Northrop but is still on a sort of consultant basis. Pat briefed us on the aches, pains, and condition of servitude of some of the San Antonio contingent. We were particularly impressed by the dope on **Jamison**'s activities in politics, on **Dodd**'s growing fame as a cabinetmaker and his fine spirits, on **Schlatter**'s concern with class affairs, and on Charlie **Lawrence**'s business venture that tickles one's admiration and his palate!

**Scheetz** and P-roy **Dwyer** came down from Philadelphia for the second one. They gave an account of their own activities and those of others in their area. Too bad they arrived after Wendell **Johnson**'s supply of film gave out, so they do not appear in the picture that is somewhere in these notes.

We all enjoy such visits and believe you will, too, so try to make one of these sessions. They have to be more or less, "movable feasts." Whenever there is a prospect that you might be in the area get in touch with **Shafer, Roper, Kehm,** or any member of the locals to get the date and place.

### The Superintendent's Fund

You will recall that a few years ago samplings of class opinion revealed that the sentiment was that contributions to the various Academy and Association funds should be matters for individual action and there should be no drives for class contributions as such to these funds.

At our 40th Reunion some classmates expressed their embarrassment when there were formal class contributions from the other major reunion classes and none from ours. A few individuals have raised this subject since then.

We have no evidence that there is a change in sentiment on this matter. In class bulletins and in ASSEMBLY Notes we have commended these funds for your favorable consideration. There has been no intent to suggest any change in the sentiment cited above.

About two years ago we announced methods for having individual contributions to the Supe's Fund credited to the Class. Again, there has been no thought to change the basic concept that contributions are a matter for individual consideration. The latest check reveals that some 23 classmates have arranged to have a total of $732.00 in contributions credited to the Class. Contributions of $1,000.00 or more are recorded on a major contributor's plaque. As you may have noted from ASSEMBLY, three classmates have each contributed $1,000.00 and are recorded as major contributors. This matter is brought to your attention at this time so that if any of you are contemplating a contribution to this fund, you may be aware of the way to have it credited to the Class. If a total of $1,000.00 should be reached by reunion, it would be possible to have this recognized at that time.

The procedure for having a contribution credited to the Class is to make the check payable to West Point Alumni Foundation; mark it for Superintendent's Fund, credit Class of 1923, and mail it to: Secretary-Treasurer, West Point Alumni Foundation, West Point, N.Y. 10996. Questions on the matter should be addressed to Wendell **Johnson.**

### Navy Game

While we were all disappointed by the results of the Navy game, we did take a measure of comfort from the fact that the team fought valiantly if not so well as we had anticipated. Even those of us who Monday-morning-quarterbacked the coaching, saw some merit in sticking with players who had an off day but who had given their best all season and might perhaps get a hot hand at any moment. Anyhow, wait til next year! The classmates I saw or who were reported to me as present were: the **Kings** B.R., the **Kings** J.C., the **Grombachs** with Olga's brother, Harry **Scheetz** and drag, **Dwyer** and son, the **Tredennicks**, the **Tullys**, the **Biddles** with two daughters, the **Carrolls**, the **Serigs**, **Kehm** with daughter, son-in-law, and drag.

**1923**: At the class luncheon at Fort Myer in November. Clockwise from the left front: Salsman, Mahoney, Guevara, Carnes, Fry, Shafer, Kehm, D'Espinosa, Biddle, Johnson W.G., Bromley, Roper, Stodter.

### Author!

Just about the time you read this, National Press Inc. will be publishing Jim **Fry**'s second book, *Combat Soldier.* It will have a foreword by Gen. Mark Clark and a strong recommendation from Gen. Jim Gavin. Those of you who recall Jim's other book, *Battle Drill,* and his stories in *The Saturday Evening Post* will know that you can count on a good product from Jim. He has arranged to autograph copies at the publishers. In response to suggestions on this matter, the autograph will comment on the service of officers and men who served with him if they wish. I'm sure Jim will count our kaydet days as "service," even if the Department of Defense does not! If you get in touch with Jim or the publisher, you can have your military service suitably authenticated. Incidentally, the house number in Jim's address has been changed from the one given in the class address list. It is 3276 Juniper Lane.

### Robinson's Commission

The summer issue of ASSEMBLY noted **Robinson**'s appointment to the Veterans Advisory Commission. The commission met twice here in Washington. Unhappily it was impractical to arrange a group meeting with Robby. As shown elsewhere in this issue, his presence on the commission made my appearance before that body pleasanter than it would have been had he not been there. All of us have an important interest in what the commission will propose and in what is done about its recommendations.

### Sad Note

We recently reported in this column that Dotty **Oliver** had moved to San Antonio. Unhappily, I must now report that she died there in the early fall and was buried here in Arlington with Bob. We had no word of this sad event until after it was all over.

### Get it on Paper

I am informed that a goodly number of us have not forwarded to the Association of Graduates information on ourselves they requested a few years ago. The idea is to establish a "data bank" that will be available for you-know-when and for other purposes as well. If you can't remember whether or not you gave them the poop, get in touch with the Association. If they find your cupboard bare they will send you a form to remedy the situation. Even if you provided the basic information and have since been elected sheriff, painted a picture, been awarded a degree or won a beauty contest, get the dope to the Association. Sending in such material is recommended to the wives and other friends of those in the Class who are too modest or too forgetful to do it. Be sure I get a copy of anything that has not yet appeared in this column! If any of you want it that way, I will be pleased to be the channel to get things to the Association.

### Vietnam

Though many of you are probably aware that Babe Bryan's son was killed in Vietnam after we had turned in our Notes for the last ASSEMBLY, I'm sure you would all want me to note our sadness at this tragic event and give Catherine and Babe our most sincere sympathy.

The number of class sons doing their job



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**1923:** The Wendell Johnsons flanked by their sons and daughters-in-law in the front row at the Duke game.

in this difficult war increases as you have seen from comments in other places in these Notes. In an earlier issue, I noted that so far as I knew none of us old fuds had gone there. In a letter on other matters Bill **Craigie** tells me that last July he and his son, on temporary physical disability retirement from the Air Force, took a trip to Thailand and Vietnam. They covered 14 bases including Khesanh near the DMZ; Kham Duc, a Special Forces camp in the mountains not far from Da Nang; and An Khe, headquarters of the 1st Cav Div and other bases in Vietnam, plus four in Thailand. Bill added that he came back with a tremendous respect for the professional job that is being performed by our units in Southeast Asia. He then went on to make some comments on our national strategy, with which I am sure the vast majority of us would agree fully. However, I do not feel that I can stick *his* neck out by quoting them, but I can say a loud, Amen!

### No Party-Poopers, They!

The magnet of togetherness continues strong in the Far West, and the results are a high degree of congeniality among our braves in that area. We have reports of happenings in September, October, and November with the **Buckleys** and **Endertons** hosting the first one and the **Peseks** and **Pitzers** doing the honors at the other two. I hope I have selected the best photograph and the one introducing the greatest number of new faces (no pun intended). We haven't had a picture of the Pitzers, **Gjelsteen's** daughter nor Mike Buckley's son before. In other pictures Walter French and his wife were included. In one, **Pierces** showed up none the worse after their round-the-world trip. The photographer is none other than our one and only Trooper **Price.**

### Gleanings from Christmas Cards and Other Sources

The **Webber's** Christmas poem as usual, contained at least one paragraph that tickled my, perhaps distorted sense of humor. Here it is for those who didn't see the card. Those who did can stand an encore. In reference to the Webber's efforts to learn Spanish in Mexico, it says;

> Venerable Master painfully
> Talkee Spanish like old Chinee
> Honorable Miss, wily Texan
> Habla alle samee Mexican
> Piwacket cat in million
> Now purr in pure Castillian.

**Polly Barton** tells that her son David Jr., is engaged in designing atomic power plants. He has also given her three granddaughters.

**Tormey** got a Christmas day pass from the hospital at Dix. His son Jim and family came up from Washington where he is now in the OCE and about to become a colonel. I had asked the Tormeys to see if they could help in locating Miles **Reber** who has not responded to several efforts to get in touch with him. Louise enlisted some of her friends in the effort, but so far no luck!

Opie **Newman** notes that the doctors say he is making a good recovery and prescribes exercise which he enjoys doing. He and Muriel are already signed up for the reunion. Are you?

**Goddard** told of a visit to West Point where he was overawed by the new construction and the parking problems. He reports visits from the **Hardys** and says there are lots of graduates near him in Shalimar, Fla. I'm not sure what we are to understand from this comment on the end of an invitation; "Come on over. We are 2 miles from a fine new hospital."

The Lueders report they are well and happy in Mexico. This was confirmed by Gen. and Mrs. J.H. Harper who visited them late in the year and add that the Lueders have a beautiful place and are wonderful hosts.

Deke **Stone** tells us that **Rosenberg, Short,** and he participated in the annual San Diego custom of having cadets to a Christmas holiday luncheon. He noted that in one respect cadets have not changed. Not a speck of edible food was left on the table! They lunched in perfect comfort on the patio on 27 December! John **Stodter** told me that when he attended the annual meeting of the Military Order of the World Wars, the San Diego Military Academy provided the color guard for the formal opening ceremony with Deke, in tropical worsted blouse and slacks, in charge. According to John, Deke looked great, and his color guard did a first-class job of posting the colors. Chest up, Deke! Incidentally, Deke reduced the number of missing names of wives in our roster by informing me that his wife's name is Louise. Have we got your OAO's moniker?

**Gjelsteen** informs us that his daughter, Ruth Ann, elected to leave an order of Catholic nuns to continue her study of French begun at U. of Maryland in Munich and at Smith College, with a view to a career in teaching that subject. She is now in Paris studying at the Sorbonne and living in International House. A cheery Christmas card from Ruth Ann reveals that she is busy and enthusiastic.

I'm sure you all share the sadness of the **Rosenbergs** on the loss of their grandson, Tim, in a jeep accident while hunting in New Mexico.

**Laning** tells us that his efforts to get in touch with his "ex-wife" **Mergens** have to his great chagrin, been unsuccessful. He will retire from teaching this summer and is looking forward to the reunion.

The **Endertons** spent the holidays celebrating wedding anniversaries and a family gathering at their son's (Herbert) home in Berkeley. Early in 1968 they will take a trip to Arizona as a warmup to the 45th Reunion.

Damon **Gunn** did a tour in Walter Reed with a heart problem. He is now home, in fine spirits, and apparently doing very well.

The **Buckleys** had a brief stay here during the holidays to visit their son, Fletcher, on duty at the Pentagon. In a phone conversation with Harry **Roper,** Mike reported that Mike Jr., has just gotten his Ph.D.

The **Bowens** have two sons stationed at the Pentagon. One of them, Jim, will be going to the Army War College. The other returned from Vietnam in August with a couple of DFC's. Aida is busy with Red Cross, Planned Parenthood, and duplicate bridge. No wonder Jim does all the cooking!

The **Pierces** spent the holidays in the San Francisco area. They are looking forward to reunion but regret that son, Dick, now stationed at West Point, will be off to Vietnam before we get there.

Katherine (Dits) **Roper** is recovering from a badly shattered knee. Such things are a slow process but she and Harry are not discouraged. Their Army Engineer son will attend the next session of the Air War College.

Jim **Torrence** has had an operation on one of his eyes, with good results. He faces one on the other eye as soon as conditions permit. Currently, I understand, he sees things a

**1923:** At the Buckley-Enderton Cook Out. Rear row from left: Marian Beadle, Alice White, Elizabeth Palmer, Fitzmaurice, Virginia Post, Palmer G.H., Verne McGehee, Enderton, Louis Rutte, Mike Buckley, Harriette Pesek, Harmony, Father Mike Buckley (Mike's son, a priest), and Beadle. Middle row: Eleanor Buckley, Jess Binns, Gjelsteen, Binns, Marian Enderton, Lucile Rutte, Genevieve Gjelsteen, Pesek, White J.H., and Jawn Pitzer. Seated on the floor in front: Marian Harmony, Rula Pitzer, Ruth Ann (Gjelsteen's daughter), Marge Fitzmaurice, and MeGehee.



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bit double. This does not seem to impair his accuracy in reaching for a drink!

Virginia **Post** had a busy and merry Christmas with her daughter, Patty, and her family and young Ed's wife and family. I'm sure you will be as impressed as I was by the following extract from her letter. "Ed Jr., when he went to Vietnam in July, was given D Co 1st Air Cav Div. On 31 August he was scouting caves in front of his company in a helicopter. They found a good cave with smoke and called back for the company to move in. Suddenly his pilot said he'd been shot. Ed radioed for the medics and landed the chopper. Only then did Ed realize that he had been hit too, in the shoulder and neck! A medic plane landed at once; put both men aboard; and they were back at the hospital, operated on, and in the recovery room in one hour. Ed was in the hospital about two weeks on the Doc's insistance, and then was put in another job. He was very sad at not going back to his company but I guess that is the policy. He is now in a new job, G3 rear Hq and Hq Co 1st Air Cav Div." Virginia adds that Ed will have R&R in February when Joyce, his wife, will join him. She adds like many of our 1923 grandmothers do, "I baby-sit." From the context of her letter, I gather the baby-sitting hasn't been as troublesome as she anticipated when Ed began his tour.

Meta **Beckley** is piping the return of young Stu and his wife from Thailand where he has been on duty several years. At the end of his leave he will return to Southeast Asia to serve on a mission in Loas. You may recall that he had a number of fine articles published in *Armor* and has been an instructor in Special Warfare. Since he has also served in Vietnam, he is fast becoming a specialist on the Southeast area. Meta is planning on a Caribbean cruise on the *Bremen* in March.

In October a card I addressed to Lou **Haskell** was answered by his son Lou Jr., who is stationed here. The latter told me that Lou had gone to Brady Hospital at Colorado where he had been treated in the past. A combination of paranoia and Parkinson's disease have taken their toll, and Lou is in a wheel chair. Young Lou says that his father's memory of past events is quite good but that matters of the recent past and present are confused. He said he felt that Lou would recognize classmates and events of our cadet and service days but would be confused about their present status. I was unable to reach Lou Jr., before submitting these notes to determine the present situation.

The J.H. **Whites**, during their trip to Hawaii, had a chance to visit with the **Neals** and the **Hayseldens**. They report that Don Hayselden is an ardent fisherman and has a fine boat to use indulging in his hobby. They were impressed with the beautiful home of the Neals and the view therefrom.

Fran **Love** will stay on in Florida but was planning Christmas holidays with her daughter in Charlotte. She enjoys the friendships she made among our class family.

An unusual Christmas present resulted from efforts to locate and find out something about **Davidson**. Both Larry **Barroll** and Frenchy **Grombach** got the dope. Frenchy must have employed some of the sleuthing techniques he has learned in his admirably checkered career. Davidson had been a consulting engineer in New York for a number of years. Poor health caused him to move to the address in Florida given in our latest list.

Alice Bascom, formerly Mrs. R.G. **MacDonald**, has asked to have her name taken from our mailing list. She says she is unable to attend affairs such as reunions because recent eye surgery has slowed her down.

**1923**: Dwyer, Harriman, Johnson W.G., Early and Tredennick at the Duke game.

From **Short** comes word that he is now happily settled in La Jolla, Calif. As noted somewhere else in these Notes, he is already meeting up with classmates and others from USMA. He provided the interesting bit that **Dunne** is busy as a councilman in Carlsbad. The Shorts plan a trip to Europe right after the reunion. Jim says he may take the bar (legal that is) exams to "keep my hand in." In where, Jim?

Etta **Lowe** has become Mrs. J.M. Ross but still lives at her St. Petersburg, Fla., address.

**Harmony** and **Scheetz** continue most helpful with information and ideas. Most information has found its way into various items in these Notes. May I make a Biblical suggestion? "Go and do thou likewise!"

Arline **Phillips** writes that Freddie is continuing his valiant fight to the amazement of the doctors treating him. She believes that he has fleeting moments of understanding and is in no serious pain. Both she and Freddie merit our concern and admiration.

It is unfortunate that we so often find it impossible to get together with members of the class family when they are here in Washington. Usually visits are too short or other complications prevent it. We were particularly unhappy not to get a chance to see Lucille **Tudor**, Ruth **Johnson**, and the **Buckleys** when they were here. Lucille returned to California via Florida and met up with some of the tribe there. Each of them participates regularly in class doings in the active San Francisco group.

SEE YOU AT REUNION!

## '24

**Brig. Gen. Monro MacCloskey**
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It is our sad duty to announce the deaths of E.L. **Andrews** and Robert J. **Selway** Jr. Andy died in Tuscon on 22 August 1967. He had requested that funeral services be held in Gulfport, Miss., where he once lived. Interment was in McDonough, Georgia, beside his deceased wife. Martin **Hass** attended the services and expressed the condolences and sympathy of the entire Class to Andy's sister, Mrs. Allin, and her husband, the Reverend Mr. Allin. Bob died of a stroke on 12 September 1967, at March Air Force Base, Calif. Services were held in Riverside, and he was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

Rosemilie **Sibley's** mother, Mrs. Rose Curry, died on 22 October 1967. Mrs. Curry, who was 98 years old on 14 October, had made her home with Rosemilie and Sib for many years. Requiem Mass was offered at St. James Church, Falls Church, Va., and burial was at Leavenworth, Kan. A note from Rosemilie asks that I express to the members of the Class her deep appreciation and thanks for their sympathy and the basket of flowers sent to the funeral services.

On 10 December 1967, Wendell **Blanchard's** wife, Marcella, died suddenly at Suburban Hospital, Bethesda, Md. Memorial services were held at Fort Myer and burial was in Arlington. Many classmates and their wives attended the services.

The annual meeting was held at the Army-Navy Club on 14 October 1967. The officers elected for fiscal year 1967-68 are: president, Cleland C. **Sibley**; first vice president, Noah M. **Brinson**; second vice president, James E. **Moore**; secretary-treasurer, Monro **MacCloskey**.

The following committees (Chairman named first) were appointed by the president to act during the year: ways and means—**Lee, Vogel, Bidwell**; entertainment—**Glasgow, Mead, Beurket**; personal service—**Hart, Evans, Davis** (Windsor); correspondence—**MacCloskey, Royce, Hincke**; contact —MacCloskey, Royce, Hincke.

A total of 90 classmates, wives, and widows attended the cocktail-buffet which preceded and followed the business meeting. Among the out-of-towners present were Martin **Hass** from Biloxi and Cary and Neppy **Hutchinson** from El Paso, who came from the most distant points.

The monthly stag class luncheon of the Washington group is held at the Army-Navy Club on the *second* Thursday of each month, March and October excepted. If you are planning to be in the area, please schedule your time to join the luncheon group.

Despite their promise to attend the annual class party on 14 October, Peyton and Esther **McLamb** didn't make it. Esther wanted to visit her 93-year-old father, and Peyton's ambitious motor trip took longer than planned. During their travels he saw or talked on the telephone with Sandy **Goodman**, Ken **Strother**, Walter **Buck**, Slicker **King**, Ray **Coombs**, George **Vaughn**, Helen **Stewart** (John Archer's widow), Bill **Forbes**, Emil **Lenzner**, Ben **Mesick**, Bill **O'Connor**, Andy **Frierson**, Bill **Reardon**, and Pete **Shunk** —all of whom sent their best regards to all. Peyton also saw Dan **Hundley** and John Gilbert **Moore** in St. Louis on his way home. The McLambs arrived back in New Jersey after 38 days and 8,500 miles exploring "America, the Beautiful" with "no injury and no arrest for traffic violation, but weary from a long drive at this 'Social Security' age."

Sam and Emo **Fisher** took an early fall month-long trip into Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. Sam played in two American Lawn Bowls Association tournaments in Seattle and Oakland. He reports having had a grand time though winning no prizes. They visited Sam and Gerry **Strohecker** in their lovely home in Seattle, and Sam apparently looks just the same as he did 20 years ago. The Fishers' younger son, who returned from Vietnam a year ago, is going back in January for a fourth tour.

Dave **Page** writes from down under that he returned home to Australia in late August after a final eye operation in Boston. His sight is now just good enough for a driver's license, but he doesn't plan to push his luck that far.

Ralph **Glasgow** and Ginny took a fall drive through New England to Boothbay Harbor, Maine, and Rockport, Mass., on the tip of



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Cape Ann. Fishing for lobster, eating seafood, and breathing unpolluted air were their objectives. They had such a fine time that they came home only long enough to go to the annual dinner, read the mail, pay the bills, and send out the laundry before taking off again for the "Lobster House" at Cape May, N.J., for another refresher.

After a 36-year career with the company, Briant **Wells** retired as president of the Title Insurance & Trust Company in Los Angeles. He will continue as a member of the board of directors of that company and of the Pioneer National Title Insurance Company. He is also a member of the board of directors or the executive committee of such community activities as the Central City Association, the Goodwill Industries of Southern California, the Braille Institute of America, Inc., the American Gold Star Home, Inc., the California College of Medicine, four clubs, and our own Association. This is retirement?

Tom and Lucie **Holmes** paid a short visit to their granddaughter at Lake Tangiopiha, Miss., and their few-month-old great-grandchild. They can hardly believe it themselves. Tom's first published book, *Bayou Cook Book*, is at the printer's. Best wishes from a fellow author for an enormous sale.

John D. **MacRae's** name has just been added to the class mailing list. He has been practicing medicine for the past 17 years in Fayetteville, N.C. He has occasionally met classmates at Founders Day Dinners at Fort Bragg, but we never got the word here. He sends regards to all and hopes to attend a reunion.

Earl and Mabel **Scott** celebrated the birth of their fourth grandchild, Joseph McMillin Scott, last February. That makes two of each.

Tom and Helen **Allen** sold their farm, broke ground for a new home about Memorial Day, and moved in on 15 August. It is located just 3 miles from Gettysburg Square. They entertained 138 friends at their housewarming in September and are ready to celebrate the visits of any classmates who come by.

Bill **Forbes**, Ben **Mesick**, and Emil **Lenzner** are the only classmates now living in Tuscon. George **Lightcap** resides in Sun City, a retirement community on the outskirts of Phoenix. He used to attend the Founders Day Dinners in Tuscon occasionally but missed last year. Bill and Muriel **O'Connor** have a ranch house in Hereford, a small community near Fort Huachuca where Bill has worked for a number of years. Muriel has not been in the best of health lately so their visits to Tuscon have become rather infrequent.

Ben and Evelyn **Mesick**, according to the latest reports, are still on an extensive trip overseas.

Emil and Nell **Lenzner** took their daughter, Jan Stewart, and her two daughters, Laurie and Laddie, to Laguna Beach, Calif., for a summer holiday. Jan and Lurie both graduated from the university this past summer, receiving degrees in art, history, and English respectively.

Helen **France**, Adelaide **Friedersdorff**, and Gerry **Hulley** are enjoying gracious living at the Army Distaff Hall, though Helen did considerable roaming last year. In July she visited her son Bob and his family in Bogota, where Bob is advertising manager for the Spanish magazine, *Vision*. In September she flew to London and then to Berlin to visit a nephew who is a Pan-Am pilot. Later she took a 10-day luxury cruise on the Rotterdam to the Caribbean. Adelaide had a happy time over the holidays visiting her son Chad and his family at Sandia Base.

Armistead and Mary Bruce **Mead** sold their home in Arlington, Virginia, and moved to historic Williamsburg just in time for the holidays. Their new address is: 291 East Queen's Drive, Williamsburg, Va. 23185.

The many friends of Gerry and Dede **Sullivan** will be glad to know that their son, Gerry Jr., is making a slow but satisfactory recovery and was expected to leave Georgetown Hospital in January. He was brutally attacked and seriously injured by robbers early Thanksgiving morning.

Susie **Smythe** returned home on 6 December after many months in Walter Reed. The bad break in her leg developed complications but she is making good progress now. The many visits, letters, and cards she has received from classmates and their wives were much appreciated by Susie and George, too. Their son John, his wife, Judy, and their five children were Christmas guests.

Clyde and Lorraine **Eddleman** spent 15 days in the 50th state during the late summer. They say their first week at Waikiki was "Coney Island on the Pacific" but they are nearly lyrical about Maui and Hawaii.

Eleanor **Clyburn** has moved from Fayetteville, N.C., and is now living at 208 N. Gordon St., Arlington, Va. 22304, with her daughter and her son-in-law, Lt. Col. James F. Workman USMA '50, and their seven daughters.

Albert and Juanita **Foote** are busy with community affairs in McLeansboro, Ill. Al is particularly interested in the Hamilton County Fair, in jumping his new horse, and operating his 10-acre "horse farm." Juanita's specialty is club work, and she put on a very successful antique show not long ago.

Dorothy **Ford** is gainfully employed at the National Institute of Health. Her story is that she has to work to support her horse and four dogs. She also has 13 grandchildren but says they are doing nicely on their own.

Virginia and Dan **Hundley**, who cruised the Mediterranean this past summer on the *Caronia*, are planning a Caribbean cruise on the *Carmania* in February and hope some classmates will be aboard.

Janet **Berry** is practically a commuter between Washington and Torrance, Calif., visiting her daughter, son-in-law, and their family. She usually sees the **Wallaces** in Rosemead while she is there.

Larry **Adams** contributed the following poetic masterpiece:

"What retirement means, to the
woman of the house
Is half as much income, and
twice as much spouse."

Mae **Elliott** became a great-grandmother when Dorothy Elliott Trevey's grandson was born last summer. Mrs. Trevey and her husband, Sid, live in San Jose, close by the whole Elliott clan.

Miriam **Tacy** telegraphed us to express her appreciation for being included in the activities of Joe's classmates. She has recently moved to the Isle of Palms, South Carolina.

Among the many classmates who visited Expo 67 were Charlie and Daisy **Royce** and Monro and Betty **MacCloskey**.

Dick and Bettie **Stephens** went to Mazatlan, Mexico, early last year and made a number of side trips to Guadalajara and Mexico City. They liked Mazatan so well that they planned to spend two months there this winter.

Noah **Brinson** has retired again, and he and Thelma are taking a 42-day winter cruise on the *United States* to South America, Africa, and Mediterranean ports.

Dan and Margaret **Healy** sent greetings from Louisiana. They are well and happy and enjoy periodic trips to Texas to see the children and 21 grandchildren.

Doretta **Murphy** visited her youngest daughter, Nancy, and her husband, Maj John L. Baldner, who are stationed at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Hobart was one of the first men to open what was then Ladd Field, and the Murphys lived in Fairbanks for over a year and a half prior to WWII.

Gil and Ann **Miller** have been staying pretty close to home this year because Gil has some trouble with polycythemia. Ann, however, is feeling better than she has for several years.

Cy **Caywood**, Frank **Kreidel**, and Duke **Arnold** all had hospital bouts during the past year, but at last reports all were feeling fine. Duke and Lib's son Joe is a captain stationed at Fort Ord after duty in Vietnam.

Hank and Scotty **Scott** are enjoying the hard (sic) life in Florida—golfing four days a week, swimming at 5 p.m., then cocktails and a picnic on the beach.

Red and Ruth **Trew** are also enjoying life in Florida, though Red would like it better if the shrubs and grass didn't grow so fast. He says they interfere with fishing, his only sport since golf and his sacroiliac became incompatible.

Sam **Strohecker** has been taking it easy since his illness early last year, and he now reports "feeling better than ever." Onto and Max **Bragan**, who have been living in Sacramento for the last 13 years and playing golf daily, called on Gerry and Sam while driving through Seattle, and the four of them had a fine evening.

Sandy and Josie **Goodman** took a short vacation last summer, driving to San Diego where they reveled in such things as the Sea World and the zoo. In nearby Tia Juana they placed a few bets on jai alai (no results to interest Internal Revenue) and enjoyed some special "chow." On their way home they detoured to Escondido to spend an afternoon with Ray and Peggy **Raymond** in their beautiful hilltop manor. They left laden down with avocados, lemons, and limes, all grown by the Raymonds.

In October 1964, Mair **Stevenson** planted 200 tulip bulbs in Kosciuszko's Garden at West Point, which made a gorgeous display the following spring. The Post Engineer's office suggested that a fund be raised to keep the garden restored in perpetuity. The Polish American Veterans of Massachusetts agreed to adopt the project. Charlie asks that anyone of Polish descent, or otherwise, who would like to contribute to the Kosciuszko's Garden Restoration Fund to please send him a check so marked, payable to the West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc. He will insure that it is properly deposited. Or send a check direct to the foundation, marked "for Kosciuszko's Garden Restoration." Charlie asked to be advised of any direct donations. For those who may have forgotten, or never knew the area(?), the garden is at the southern end of Flirtation Walk.

Charlie has written a historical book, *But As Yesterday*. It is a chronicle of the century-old St. Ann's Episcopal Church of Sayville, N.Y. It is a centennial gift to the parish with the proceeds of the sale going to the church. Copies of the $5.50 book are available now.

Charlie and George **Smith** went up to the homecoming game and participated in their first fall alumni ceremonies. He writes: "We were only 12 classes from the head of the line (1912). Too close!" George **O'Neill**, Tad **Tasker**, Jake **Moon**, and Harry



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Davis were also in the parade. Later at the game they saw Sullivan, D.D. Martin, Merrill, Grimm, Pasolli, Finlay, John, Storck, and a number of the wives.

Keg Stebbins made the arrangements for the semi-annual dinner for classmates in northern California which was held at the officers club at Moffett Field on 28 October. It was a delightful affair and 26 attended: the Bertsches, Bragans, Coombs, DuVals, Mae Elliott, Sam Fishers, Frenches, Gerald Gibbs, Malins, Corinne Outcalt, Raymonds, "Doc" Smiths, Stebbins, Leonora Tandy, and the Vaughns. The next dinner will probably be held in May and any classmates in the area are invited to contact George Vaughn for further information.

On 31 October Emma Marcus was operated on in New York City, and a non-malignant tumor was removed from her head. She is now home and although unable to see, she reports that she feels better than she has for a long time, and is hopeful that her sight will eventually come back. She wishes to thank the many classmates and wives who have sent her cards and letters during her long illness which began in December 1966.

Pat Pasolli and Frank Lazarus represented the Class at the gala illustrious graduates dinner dance, sponsored by the West Point Society of New York at the Americana Hotel on 2 November. Thirty of the Academy's most celebrated graduates, including Generals Eisenhower, Gruenther, and Norstad, were present as honored guests. In October Pat was the guest of the Academy admissions division along with 28 New Jersey high school counselors. Excellent orientation briefings were presented during the 2-day visit to the Point, with the object of attracting outstanding high school graduates to the Academy.

Jesse and Helene Wells enjoyed their summer trip to Mexico. They drove to Mexico City and Guadalajara and visited a number of very interesting small towns and villages.

Your class Scribe, in addition to the class duties and completing his 19th book, is now also the executive director of the Air Force Historical Foundation with headquarters at Bolling AFB; so he and Betty are really looking forward to their annual Caribbean cruise aboard the *France* in February.

**1925:** At a class party at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington. Left to right: Ginny Black, Daddy and Gladys Dunn, Claude Black, Pat and Don Dunford, Don Bailey, Ruth Barnes, Van and Tippie Van Brunt, Russ Randall, Jeannie and Walter Bryte, Liz Cole, Jackie and Pearre Cabell, Marie Lou and Mac McManus, Peggy and Bill Nutter, Betsy and Harry Crandall, Bessis and Bruce Clarke, Henrietta and Pete Liwski, Hubert Cole, Amy Bailey. Diz Barnes (not shown) took the picture.

# '25

**Col. Floyd E. Dunn**
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The year 1967 brought some very wide swings in '25 that resulted in numerous permanent-address changes and lengthy travels of which several reports are still outstanding.

The Searses report from their Liberty, S. C., country farm that their soy beans are in storage, and that they are bedded down for the winter. We thus judge that if Ralph continues active as a broker, he is in an excellent position to sell short or hold long in anticipation of a nervous 68 market. They plan to visit daughter and family in Germany this spring or summer.

Versa and Swede Underwood completed the transition from Professors Row at Penn State to their near-water retirement home at Hampton, Va. (Lat. 37° 04′08″N, Long 76° 16′09″W). Versa greatly enjoyed a visit to daughter Joyce and family in England while Swede built a new and larger wharf, bought a new 18-foot Thunderbird runabout, and made plans to anchor their house for safety during the hurricane seasons.

The Kidwells enjoyed a real good 1967 up to the middle of October when Aggie had a bad heart that necessitated some 2½ weeks hospitalization. She was expected to be completely recovered by the end of January.

Alice and Dave Tulley greatly enjoyed the annual visit of Louise and Carl Meyer, and all enjoyed a 4-day jeep trip through the San Juan Mountains. Their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Grayeb Jr., reported that Peg and the Sheik had visited them in Germany and that a similar visit is planned by the Tulleys this spring.

The Gillmores made their customary wild swings around the universe in 67; actual mileage not recorded. Started with the Bing Crosby Tournament, then after many farewells and a San Diego visit, they began their trip "Down Under" on 12 February via the SS *Iberia*. Routed north to Vancouver, then Honolulu and to Suva, Fiji. Intrigued by the picturesque islanders, then to New Zealand for a 2-week motor tour through lush country sights and beautiful scenery. From Melbourne, Australia (via air 15 March), they toured the country by train, plane, and the coast line by yacht. Five days in Sydney then a return via New Caledonia, Fiji, Samoa, and Honolulu to the U.S. by 16 April. To their second home in Lewiston, in May, then in July, back to Carmel where they built a cottage (apparently for sports events headquarters and guest entertainment). Good dove shooting the end of August, followed by a short deer jaunt (negative), then the duck season at Tule Lake. Later came the pheasant season, the goose shooting, Thanksgiving at Walnut Creek, Christmas in Fresno, then a planned excursion to Yucatan.

Mary Louise and Mac McManus are leaving DC for Australia and parts southwest the middle of January. We will await their reports with much interest as they plan the western part of Australia of which we have not heard nearly so much.

Dottie Pheris orbited a bit, starting with some good friends for an Hawaiian trip via SS *Lurline*. They did the four main islands: Kaui, Maui, Hawaii, and Oahu. Two more weeks at Waikiki then home by way of Corpus Christi, Texas, where her youngest granddaughter had been hit by a car but was OK. Meanwhile, her mother, left with a nurse and housekeeper, was not doing well and was finally placed in a Richmond Hospital. She passed away peacefully some 3 months later. In the summer Dottie visited relatives in Michigan and in September to Expo 67. Homeward bound, she visited friends in Vermont and Pennsylvania, then back to the garden clubs, etc. around Weems. Thanksgiving with daughter's family back in Michigan, which included the Detroit auto show and Big Ten football. Headed for Corpus Christi for Christmas and holidays with daughter.

We enjoyed meeting Charlotte Freund and daughter Connie in the Pentagon one day when they were waiting for Connie's husband (just promoted to a full colonel). We had visited them all at West Point several years ago, but it made us feel our age to see the second generation overtaking the rank of the first.

Carolyn Burns reports that they finally decided to give up their beautiful home in Maine and were moving to Alexandria, Va., which is certainly more convenient for contacts with the members of their very large family. They began 67 by a 6-week tour of Mexico and flew to Honolulu in March. Carolyn sold her Atlanta home, then welcomed home Don Jr., in July and drove up to Expo 67 in August. In September she flew to California and brought her mother back from LaJolla to reside in Alexandria also. Children and grandchildren galore are all well and enthusiastic.

We are very distressed to report the passing of Clarissa Long on 3 Nov 67. She and Red had been visiting daughter Myra (Mrs. G.B. Jordan) and family at Fort Hood when, on the way home, she suffered a fatal heart attack. Clarissa was a real southern girl (Memphis), and during her school years in St. Louis she was Maid of Honor at the Veiled Prophets Ball. Her grandfather (Maj. Givens) was an officer in the CSA. We



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enjoyed the Longs so much in the P.I. (Los Baños) years ago and were looking forward to their planned visit to the East (en route to Europe) this spring.

Duke **Gardner** has retired and is planning a tour of Europe from March to November after which they will "See America."

**Nicholas** writes that their 68 address will be in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Peg and Dave **Bradford** circulated through the southern States and enjoyed seeing Lucy and Jack **Horner** in the fall.

Our class party at the Army-Navy Country Club on 17 November was really a thoroughly enjoyable affair. It took quite a bit of arranging what with the picture taking for the ASSEMBLY, etc. Don **Bailey,** Walter **Bryte, Bill Nutter,** and Earle **Barnes** did most of the arrangement with Diz, Don, and Walt taking the most of the pictures. With the exception of those unavoidably absent, we had a near perfect attendance of the local group plus Russ **Randall** representing the West Coast.

Dell **Hall** sold their home in Hawaii and is now living with son Ed and family. Both Ed and wife attending the U. of Southern California and working for their Ph. D's.

Genevieve and E.L. Johnie **Johnson** at West Point for Christmas with son Bruce. Son Doug flying combat in VN and also an advisor to a VNAF Squadron.

John **Lance** is now president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Indiana. He located and paid a call on Dorothy **Woods,** who lives on the same street but across town from the Lances.

**Linkswiler** in Walter Reed trying to have the loosened retina in his left eye tightened up so that he can resume flying.

Amy and Don **Bailey** vacationing in Florida.

The **Clarkes** in Texas visiting sons David and Gordon. The former in U. of Texas Medical School and Gordon working on his master's degree in civil engineering at Texas A & M. Our Class Godson's son, Bruce III, due for college this next fall.

Sam **Lansing** was in upper New York this summer but by-passed DC. Reported that daughter Sally, a librarian in Orlando, was lucky in escaping an auto accident w/o injury.

Sorry to report Mike **Garaghty** not doing too well, but we are waiting and hoping for better news from Helen.

Sue **Heacock** very pleased with her new location in San Antonio.

Anne **Damas** is now the receptionist instead of housemother at the Vernon Court Jr. College. Son Steve a sophomore at the U. of Rhode Island and majoring in electrical engineering.

Clare and Ed **Jones** off for Florida in February.

Lief **Neprud** wrote, as of 15 Dec, that they were having a rousing snow in El Paso. Two days later we heard the snow was still falling there.

We received returns on the last Notes from: Mrs. **Huysson, Ackerman, Hankins,** and **Elsie Kengla.** Also a note from Mrs. Croswell that **Gaddis** passed away 7 Aug 67.

Dick **Clark** reports that, following Minnie's major surgery in February, they took to the road in May and enjoyed seeing grandson graduate from high school in Salt Lake City. Later great trout fishing at Schofield Dam. In September visited children in Utah and Colorado and more trout. Later several trips to nearby lakes. Saw Buddy and Leif **Neprud** while shopping. Dick working part time.

**Linkswiler** shortened stay at Walter Reed and now located at Merritt Island, Fla., P.O. Box 1177, ZIP 32952.

Don **Mitchell** back to work—now a real estate appraiser. Pat still maintains doll museum for interested friends, but no longer open to the public.

Dort and Red Reeder at Route 9-D, Garrison, N.Y. 10524. Red maintains an office in Cold Spring to avoid rusting away.

Ralph **Bartz** sold the Santa Monica home after Anita's death on 24 Sept and is now at 12186 Lomica Dr., San Diego, Calif. 92128.

**Cleaves** retired from Jackson Laboratories 31 Dec after 12 year's duty. Hack was an administrator handling public relations and fund raising. Newspaper reports that he was eminently successful and also doubled for United Fund and Community Chest drives.

Don **Bailey** has logged 10 solid days of golf in Florida, where he and Amy are having a most delightful vacation with beautiful weather.

**Bolducs** report Junior back from VN and scheduled for the French War College. They visited daughter Anne in New Jersey for Christmas. And now hear this! They are now taking reservations from classmates for the 2 Nov 68 Penn State game. They can accommodate 24 on a first-come, first-served basis. (We think that *we* will move in on them one week early!) Tel: 814-237-7741.

The **Dunns** had their Christmas on New Year's Day with daughter Carol and family in northern New Jersey. Both families lost the holiday week due to illness, but the grandparents made the 7-hour trip on the last day of the year, driving in falling snow every inch of the way. Their most pleasant event of the year was the christening of little granddaughter, Karen, in the National Cathedral and the reception afterwards with many family and in-laws present.

With many more of the Class on the move in 68, we look forward to reports of more contacts and more interesting news items.

## '26

**Maj. Gen. Francis L. Ankenbrandt**
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**Villanova, Pa. 19085**

As I mentioned in a recent issue, an orderly desk and an efficient set of files are a definite must in this business. Alas, mine aren't, and I have more material from the regional scribes than I thought possible! Oh well, it is fun, and I hope you all enjoy the results as much as I enjoy putting this column together.

The first item is one I can proudly relate, as I was fortunate to be a participant in one part, and to have a full report on the other. The great esteem in which Ludy **Toftoy** was held by his classmates and his many friends in the missile world could hardly have been more emphasized than by these two events. The first occurred on 3 Nov 1967 at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala., where a huge new academic building was dedicated as Toftoy Hall at an impressive ceremony.

Ludy was cited for having been instrumental in recruiting and bringing to the U.S. the team of 125 German rocket scientists, with establishing the foundations for the huge missile and space research and development center now located at Huntsville; and finally for his direction in the development and launching of *the first* U.S. space satellite in 1958 when he was in command at Redstone.

The second event occurred only three days later, in Arlington Cemetery, when an impressive memorial tombstone was dedicated in his honor at his gravesite, located just across the drive from the administration building. The memorial was given by Dr. von Braun and his German associates, and the ceremony was performed by Chaplain Day, Col. Jim Hammill, Ord (Ret), Dr. von Braun, our own Admiral Sims as class president, and Maj. Gen. Eifler, Comdr. Redstone. Hazel and her immediate family were there, as well as about 10 NASA representatives, about a dozen classmates—many with wives—and quite a few other friends. Hazel will be back at her home in Treasure Island, St. Pete—at least for the time—after a rather extensive Caribbean trip with friends that commenced in late December.

Harry and Elizabeth **Grizzard** visited the East Coast—especially the Washington area —in December, attended the ARMY-Navy game, and visted their daughter in Springfield, Va. Harriet is married to Lt. Col. Guy S. Meloy '53, son of Stan Meloy '27. Guy has recently returned from SEA and is presently assigned to DCSOPS in the Pentagon. They have three young ones; 12, 10, and 8. Harry has re-retired after teaching math, physics, and chemistry at Brown Military Academy in Claremont, Calif., where he still lives. He was there for the past seven years, and some former students are presently in all three service Academies. What would "P" Echols, "P" Carter, and "P" Wirt Robinson have thought of that?!

Some news finally reached me from Parker and Gwen **Reeve,** who live in Williamsburg, Va., where Parker is director of purchasing and estimating for Col. Williamsburg. Sounds pretty important, and we hope the salary is up to the name! They report their name is in the phone book and that they would love to hear from any visiting classmates. They started their family 20 years behind everyone else, so they say, and as a result all that supposed gracious living enjoyed by their other retired friends is still in the future. However, they are doing a pretty fine job with their family (4 children, all in school). Gwen writes: "We fill in parents' financial statements till our brains reel and our souls are bared. Andrew, just turned 22, is a senior at William and Mary, majoring in English and French on the side. John, now 20, a sophomore at Princeton, is on the big rowing team, is a history major, and is in Naval ROTC (how did *that* happen, Parker?). Christopher, 17, a senior at St. Andrews Prep in Delaware, is mad about football, playing linebacker and defensive end. He also rows crew in the spring, and the U. of Penn is chasing him for their crew when he graduates. Susan, 15, is at St. Catherines in Richmond and is our star tennis player—ranked 1st in doubles and 3d in singles in Virginia. So, Parker and I have patches on our pants paying for all this, and look forward to the day when all this high-priced education bears fruit." As an aside, apparently this tennis item stems from the distaff side, as Gwen plays a lot of first-class tennis herself. As for Parker, the story was not at all specific!

Word at last has come in from Jimmy **Burwell** and Nell, who recently visited the Washington, D.C. area and checked in with some classmates. The real reason for this visit was to visit their son and daughter-in-law at Fort Belvoir, where Maj. Jimmy '59 is an Army Signal Corps pilot on duty with Combat Developments Command. His wife was "Miss Holland," and their children are Lynn 6 and Pat 5. Their daughter Kay Wallace is married to an American Airlines captain, and they live near Fort Worth, Tex., with their four children. More on the Bur-



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wells indicates Jimmy is the complete hunter (shoots, dresses, freezes, and cooks) and that he has the limit, two buck, to show for his season's effort. His final comment indicated that his son Jim got to be a major in about the same total time as Jim Sr., took to become a 1st Lieutenant. Promotion is no longer slow in the Army, as we all know!

News also arrived via Ralph **Osborne** about Trooper and Polly **Doyle**. Trooper has entered the education field as Professor of Transportation and is seated in the MacDonald Chair of Transportation at Texas A&M. Ralph writes that Trooper's main task is to broaden the field of interest in matters connected with logistics. On the side he is busy with speaking engagements, two committees of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (both of which are out-influenced by 1600 Penn Ave.), and as Gov. Connolly's representative on the 12-state Governors Transportation Committee. It sounds most interesting and rewarding, Trooper. Keep it up! Finally, like so many of us with young warriors in our families, Jack Jr., has recently returned from SEA as commander of a helicopter gun company and is now at Fort Rucker, Ala. This is a new weapon system which is reported as being very successful over there in combat.

Ralph also reports that Bill **Dean** remains busy as ever, his latest venture being a super-de-lux mobile home park in San Antonio. Apparently it is being held up somewhat, awaiting city utilities and other facilities. However, "he expects to have his Hemisphere Trailer Park (at least the campers portion) ready for the Hemisphere Fair 68, which starts in April." I suspect that a lot of friends will be visiting that event, and, no doubt, will see Bill and other folks down there.

Ralph and Kathleen had little to report about themselves except that Ralph is now past president of the San Antonio Retired Officers Assn, where he was an effective subaltern to Red **Corderman**, who is still doing a great job as national president, and that he expects to have more time on his hands for other things, including class notes from his very large area and increased travel as the whim dictates. He had no real word from Johnnie and Muffet **Johnson** from Harlingen, Tex., as to how they survived Hurricane Buelah, but those of us that got Xmas cards from them have no reason to think they didn't survive, so no news must be good news.

Some interesting news reached me via DC from Red **Duffy** and his wife, who are enjoying life on a farm in north-central Michigan. Their address is Redbob Farms, 1955 Ray Road, Oxford, Mich. 48501. Red writes: "I retired from the Ford Motor Co. on 1 May 1966, and we have finally completed building our new home at the farm and settled down to the life of breeding and racing thoroughbred horses. I am still involved in a number of outside business activities, including membership on the Board of the Gillette Co., which keeps me in contact with the business world. However, now I do enjoy the luxury of controlling my own time in major part." The name of the farm is no doubt from "Red" Duffy and "Bob" Borg, his partner in this venture. Sounds most interesting, and we'll look for the colors and name when we get over to Hialeah near Miami one of these days!

One of those very embarrassing things happened when I cleaned out some papers in the cellar in Villanova before starting out for Florida in late November. I found a fine letter from Babe **de Shazo** from Alexandria, Va., dated—of all things—2 Jan 1967. You can see that the "efficient filing system" mentioned earlier is still a hope and not a reality. My apologies to Tommy and Babe for this oversight. The occasion was to report the engagement of their daughter Lissa, then a student at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va., to Mr. Joseph Gordon Willis of that city. Babe reports: "We are delighted that Lissa (Miriam Elizabeth) is engaged to such a fine lad with such a nice family. You know in this day and age, one could end up with a beatnik or worse for a son-in-law!" It seems to me I heard recently that the wedding took place in December, but cannot find Freddie **Munson's** note so cannot verify.

Harry **Storke** sent in a bit of news from the Northeast, including a nice letter from Al and Lou **Heidner.** Al is some sort of city manager for Newport, N.H. They report they are both in good health and really enjoy the beautiful country up there. I gather there are thoughts of re-retiring but so far, nothing definite. Their oldest daughter, Betty, lives in Glassgow, Va., where they have a farm and raise Black Angus. There are two grandchildren, Don 17 and Wayne 15, who had the pleasure of visiting the grandparents late this past summer on the occasion of the wedding of their other daughter, Carolyn Ann. It was a fine family reunion during a wonderful time of year. Carolyn married Dale Gates, and they now live in Middlebury, Vermont, where both are employed by the college. We drove through that country this past fall and were fortunate to see the brilliant foliage at the very height of its color—what a sight!

Other grist from Harry **Storke** (he is president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass., in case you didn't know) and Lois is worth repeating: "**Reeders** and Storkes swapped visits the last two weekends of September. While at "home-plate" in Garrison, N.Y., we all went over to the Virginia game and not only saw a very satisfying game but also a number of other 26ers such as **Roosmas, Cordermans, C.R. Smith,** Tommie **Whites,** and the **Heibergs.** Red Reeder had all the dope as usual. The following Friday, Dort and Red stopped by for the night en route to Summeralls, Boston College game, and a week's vacation down Maine with other friends like John Kiernan, etc. I can only report that the Readers keep going on and on, and that Red gets faster on his physical feet and in his mental agility than ever, while his best sellers keep rolling." Connie and I can certainly attest to the above, as we sampled the new Reeder menage earlier in the year and found life with them absolutely delightful.

What do you know, I have run out of time and space, and still have quite a bit of news as yet undistilled. Some of the people involved include Johnnie and Marge **Roosma,** Ken and Beth **McNaughton,** Pete **Pringle,** Hal and Betsy **Forde,** Aline and Art **Kirchoff,** Ruth and Alex **Sewall,** Bob and Biggie **Nourse,** and Gen and Spud **Murphy,** all from the West Coast, as well as considerable grist from the Washington, D.C. area from Strick and Floss **Strickler,** and some fine letters from the **Condons,** the **Van Hornes,** the Bill **Deyos,** and the Olaf **Pearsons,** all from Florida. These items I will save for the spring issue, as none of the news seems all that perishable, and should be almost as newsworthy then.

I cannot close without thanking profusely the area scribes, who are doing a whale of a job keeping in contact with the people in their area. If we can all continue to keep old and develop new contacts with all our classmates, it should help greatly in stimulating interest and attendance at the 45th Reunion, which is already in the planning stage and will be held in June 1971. As I said in the last issue, Connie and I have plans to make a swing thru the West before too long and hope to see some of you guys and gals that we don't get a chance to see too often. In the meantime, our best to you all.

**1926:** Shown at the dedication ceremonies of Toftoy Hall at the U.S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School on 3 November 1967 are: Dr. Wernher von Braun, Director, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center; Hazel Toftoy; Major General Charles Elfler, Commanding General, U.S. Army Missile Command; and Colonel Paul Schuppener, Commandant, U.S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School.



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# '27

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This has been a period of many sad losses for us. Dean John Donne long ago observed, "Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind." Those who are cited here were truly of us; their passing diminishes us the more.

Charlie **Wesner,** Henry G. **Douglas,** Joseph W. **Vincent,** and Max S. **Johnson** took their places in the Long Gray Line. Charlie and Fran were summering in their native Wisconsin when he became ill. He died at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Madison, on 9 August, with burial in Oshkosh on 11 August. Charlie is survived by Fran, their only daughter, Mrs. Emmet Buford of Memphis, and three grandchildren.

Doug **Douglas** died at Letterman Army Hospital on 11 November, with interment on 15 November. Doug is survived by Janet, their son Henry G. Douglas III of Mill Valley, Calif., daughter, Mrs. Terence R. Cummings of Chicago, and six grandchildren.

On 19 December, at Boston, Joseph W. **Vincent** died, perhaps more vividly recalled to many by his cadet name, Joseph V. Woitkievicz. Resigning in 1930, he finally settled in the Boston area where he had resided for several years.

On 6 January, Max **Johnson** died at The George Washington University Hospital, Washington, D.C., with interment in Arlington Cemetery on 10 January. He is survived by Helen, their son, Capt. Max S. Johnson Jr., on duty in Brussels, and a daughter Helen, Mrs. Robert Myers of Camp Hill, Pa.

Belatedly information has come that Ralph **Mercer,** well-known ex-'27, long active in New York City, died some three years ago.

On 19 November, Capt. Duncan P. Smyly '57, Air Force, the second and remaining son of our Jim and Mazie **Smyly,** was killed in action in Vietnam in execution of a bombing attack. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery on 22 Nov. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, three sons, and a daughter.

To the survivors of all of these fine people is extended the deepest condolence of the Class of 1927.

From Peg Verbeck came an inspiring letter concerning the official naming on 28 October of the main gate at Fort Devens as "Verbeck Gate," in memory of William Jordan **Verbeck,** our Bill. Maj. Gen. Kelley B. Lemmon Jr., CG XIII Corps and Fort Devens, delivered the dedicatory address. Attending with Peg were the two sons, Bill and Charles, Bill's wife Joyce, and their 4-year-old daughter Peggy. Peg considered the dedication "most impressive and moving" and wishes that we all "could see Verbeck Gate some day." So we shall, we hope!

Woody **Burgess** contributed the after-action report on the Homecoming Weekend for 67. The game with Stanford, "a real thriller right to the last second," was witnessed from right at the ARMY bench. Woody and Jean saw Mike and Helen **Pegg,** Bernard **Rose,** Larry and Ethel **Kuter,** Blair and Dottie **Garland,** Mone and Ruth **Asensio,** and Hal **Jordan,** who was staying with his daughter whose husband '60, is stationed at the Point along with son Hal '57.

From Frank and Dorothea **Ostenberg** comes, first, the proud announcemrnt of the arrival of the second grandchild; the birth on 20 December of a son to daughter Jane and husband Capt. Phil Florence '62. Secondly, son Tom '62, is now at Stanford U. studying for his M.A. in civil engineering.

Bob **Turner,** Blacksburg, Va., sent in his welcomed annual report on "Things Turner." They are doing well for the population explosion! They have 12 grandchildren "scattered about the country" and "everyone is present or accounted for." The eldest son, Jim '52, is a Lt.Col., Inf, and a student at Fort Leavenworth. They say, "We are thankful to have gotten him back from Vietnam last July." Younger son Robert, in Blacksburg, is working on an advanced degree in sociology while he is also Asst Dir of the local Upward Bound project. "The older daughter Phebe, married to an Episcopal minister, lives in Buchanan; the youngest, Jenny, is working for the Peace Corps in Educational TV in Columbia—still unmarried." Bob is still "pushing along" as Asst Com for V.P.I. while Jans is a school librarian.

An amusing and informative letter came from Fox **Conner** in reaction to the revelation in ASSEMBLY of the misspelling of his middle name Brandreth in the 1927 HOWITZER. Fox confirmed the story, stating, "40 years did indeed elapse before the fact that my middle name misspelled in the HOWITZER was noticed by me." Continuing, he remarked, "My own inability to spell anything more difficult than *cat* led me into an interesting experience as a cadet." Fox then recalled what most or all of us have forgotten, that, at the Academy in those distant plebe days, since a cadet had a standard dictionary available, it "was the custom to consider a misspelling as a breach of discipline instead of an academic failure." Well, Fox admitted, he had made considerably more than several spelling *fautes* by the end of our plebe year—so many, in fact, that his father, then Army Deputy C/S, was chagrined at the year's end to find Fox trailing everyone else in conduct. General Conner dispatched a friend and colleague (Fox's godfather), William P. Ennis '01, (well and affectionately known to the Field Artillery as "Bull") to, as Fox puts it, "straighten me out." Despite certain amusing interruptions during the ensuing spirited conference or lecture, Fox did finally manage to make the point to that inquiring officer that a major percentage of his demerits could be attributed solely to his misspellings. As Fox proudly summarizes: "At any rate, shortly thereafter misspelling was changed from a breach of discipline to a loss of tenth's, and I have always felt that this was at least one thing I did for the Corps of Cadets." Such an opportunity for single contribution is not given to all of us! It would seem that kaydets of the past 40 years owe Fox Conner a resounding thanks for a job well done.

The annual **Burgess** "Plenary Session," as Woody and Jean term it, an enthusiastic gathering of the Washington area to greet the New Year, was interfered with on 29 December this year by the A-something virus that so well counterfeited Asian flu, and squads of celebrators were unable to assemble in Vienna, Va. Perhaps this calamity was also felt nationwide; thus many disappointed readers may have so crept up on the Leap Year.

For Dutch and Donnie **Holland** it is necessary to call attention to their removal from Chicago to Los Angeles. Their new address there is 450 North Rossmore Ave., 90004. Dutch has been administering an estate, "working six days a week," but expected "some golf" to start again with the New Year.

In reveiw this column seems to be short and generally somber. It should alert warm readers to dispatch that sprightly informative card or letter to the Scribe in the early days of spring, beautiful spring. In fact—

Come, fill the Cup, and in the
Fire of Spring
The Winter Garment of Repentance
fling:
The Bird of Time has but a little way
To fly—and Lo! the Bird is on the Wing.

So let Persian Omar Khayyám and Victorian Edward Fitzgerald urge us to communicate.

# '28

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Reunion plans are shaping up rapidly. Two class sons now assigned to USMA have been designated class aides for June Week; Maj. S.L. **Myer** Jr., and Maj. Hawley **Oakes.** They will assist in handling many of the details connected with June Week activities.

Completed questionnaires have been received from 146 members, and 84 classmates have indicated plans to attend. They will be accompanied by 72 wives or dependents. Those who want motel reservations are urged to send in their deposits as early as possible since we must take up our reservations well in advance.

The 40th Reunion fund is approaching the $6,000 mark. One classmate sent in a check for $200 for $40 contributions in the name of the following deceased classmates: **Mansfield, Schermacher, King, Daley** E.K., and **Dwyer.** As of now contributions have been received from 128 members of the Class. Contributions have also been received from Mary **Donald** and Jo **Wyman.** Dave **Heiman** and Frank **Falkner** sent in a contribution before their untimely deaths.

Skip **Seeman** writes that the Washington group is planning a get-together for 6 January. Blondie **Sunders** is visiting his son in Washington and will be available. Fran **Boos** writes that he has retired from United Services Life and moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. He reports having seen Carl **Sturies,** Del **Spivey,** and Russ **Blair** at Founder's Day dinner in Chicago last March.

Skippy **Harbold** reports from San Antonio: "I went up to ARMY-SMU game with Charlie Lawrence '23. It was in Dallas and we spent the night with the **Borns.** Charlie had a coronary (infarction) but is feeling quite well since he is doing what the doctor says and has slowed down a bit for a change. He has retired from work with Texas Instruments. Present also were Harry **Weiner,** Hal **Halff,** Sam **Lane,** and Howard **Hasting.** All except me had their brides with them.

"As a sequence, Hal **Halff** instigated a gathering while he was visiting in San Antonio. This was held at the Fort Sam Officers Club 4 December, so it was designated a 39 One/Halff Reunion (lacking four days) in recognition of Hal's brainstorm. Present were Hal and Maureen Halff, George **Cole,** Frances **Travis** (Bob's widow), George and Marion **Willette,** George and Billie **Baker,** Howard and Margaret **Hasting,** Skippy and Steve **Harbold,** Harry and Estele **Kirby,** Harry and Pauline **Weiner,** and Elmer and Betty **Gude,** who recently moved in from Colorado Springs. Al **Parham** was the only absentee (sick).

"To demonstrate our ecumenical progressiveness we included those ex-'28's that ended up in '29: Billy and Helen Greear, Lou and Mary Lou Hammack, and Carl and Carolyn Jark.

"A good time was had by all, and photog-



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rapher George **Willette** took lots of pictures. Prints will be forwarded as soon as obtained.

"Ted and Wilda **Landon** were through here in November—departed replete with Mexican food. Fran (S.L.) **Myers** called on her way through to Mexico for a wedding."

Homecoming 1967 saw 13 '28ers here. Annie and Luke **Finlay**, Betty and Ed **Reber**, Sally and Ray **Raymond**, Janet and Steve **Reynolds**, Beulah and Tom **Rich**, Eleanor and Bob **Fleming**, Sheila and Dave **Traub**, Florence and Roger **Goldsmith**, Ruth and Ralph **Butchers**, Jean and John **Morrow**, Myrtle and Bill **Billingsley**, George **Brickman**, and Ted **Ellsworth.**

Our sympathy is extended to Bryant **Boatner** for his great loss. Bertha was beloved by all who knew her.

## '29

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The Class responded generously to the request for a group contribution to the Air Force Village project. In fact, our contribution to the Air Force home for widows slightly exceeded the one made a few years ago to the Army Distaff Hall. The accompanying photograph shows **Smith** F.H. Jr., our senior Air Force member, and class vice president **Lindsey** presenting a check for nearly $1,300 to Nelson M.R. '26, president of the Air Force Village, and Mr. James Stattler, AF Village executive director. We can all be gratified with the Class's effort for this fine cause.

The fall luncheon of the Washington group was a good get-together on the eighth floor in the Sky Room of the Army-Navy Club. Joe **Colby** was in the city for the annual meeting of the Association of the U.S. Army and brought as his guest for the luncheon Col. Willard F. Rockwell Sr., of the North American Rockwell Company. Col. Rockwell, who is well known both for his participation in country-wide Army activities and for his and his family's contributions to the improvement of cadet life at West Point, was a most welcome and interesting addition to the luncheon meeting. Attending from the Washington area were **Conley, Graul, Hall, Hubard, Jones** S.W., **Lindesy, Reilly, Smith** F.H. Jr., **Strauss, Stubbs, Thompson** W.J., and **Vittrup.**

Slim **Vittrup** had just accepted a position as senior vice president of Potter and Kornmeier International, a Washington-based management firm, and was closing out his local real estate connection. Slim and Muriel's son-in-law is back from Vietnam, will take post-graduate work and then become an instructor in Abe **Lincoln's** social sciences department at West Point which will put the Vittrup grandchildren within easy visiting distance.

Freddie **Chaffee** from the Washington group attended the fall Homecoming weekend at West Point and saw, at various times, in addition to the local contingent of **Lincoln, McAneny,** and **Sands,** Ed **Cruise,** Roger **Browne,** Harley **Parks,** Rennie **Renshaw,** Jim **Stephenson,** and Don **Stevning,** the latter all the way from California. Some of these gathered at the Lincolns' quarters for a get-together after the game. Don Stevning, in addition to managing his large orange business, has developed an interest and expertise in the art of the old Far West and is extensively engaged in the art business.

Speaking of the Far West, our own West Coast correspondent, Johnny **Theimer,** reports that he and Grace had a fine trip last fall to the Eastern U.S. and to Europe, where they visited Johnny's daughter, son-in-law Charles B. Lee '49, and grandchildren in Munich. In the Patton Hotel in Garmish the Theimers ran into Dave and Charm **Angluin** (now back for duty in Zweibrucken), and the four of them went out on the town for beer drinking and *schuploettler.* (The latter, as I recall, is not something to eat.)

Johnny took Grace to West Point to acquaint the bride with our rockbound highland home, and they successfully made it to Flirtation Walk (taking the back way for evasive action), though Johnny says it was hard to remember the exact location of Kissing Rock. (Since there's been no report of its having fallen, I'm sure they found it.)

Paul **Freeman** and Doc **Kearney** were the star attendees at the fall luncheon of the Bay Area group; Paul as a new addition to the contingent and Doc to display his proficiency with the electronic larynx. Johnny says that Doc is doing fine with this device. Larry **Brownlee's** fencing and other activities were interrupted by some surgery at Letterman, but Johnny says that Larry seems to be doing well now. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Ernie and Davie **Heidland** spent the holidays in Mexico and Guatemala, and Dutch and Betty **Kraus** from Pebble Beach rendezvoused at Waikiki, Hawaii, with Jim and Marge **Sladen** from Tacoma.

Chan and Jo **Chandler** write from Honolulu that the visit of the **Krauses** and the **Sladens,** plus the arrival of Warren and Beth **McDermid** from California, made the holiday season in Hawaii a series of '29er "happenings." Before the arrival of the McDermids was known, the Krauses and Sladens were hosts at a dinner party at the Moana Hotel on Waikiki. After the McDermids got in, they were hosts at a beautiful luncheon at the Pacific Club at which all the class scuttlebutt was exchanged. The Chandlers gave a swimming party and luncheon at their beach house at Lanikai, which included the Krauses' daughter, Fritzi, and her young submariner husband. Chan says: "Jo served real Hawaiian food; poi, lua luas, lomi lomi, salmon, etc. Everyone ate like real kanakas. All in all, these class contacts made this Christmas season a memorable one for us."

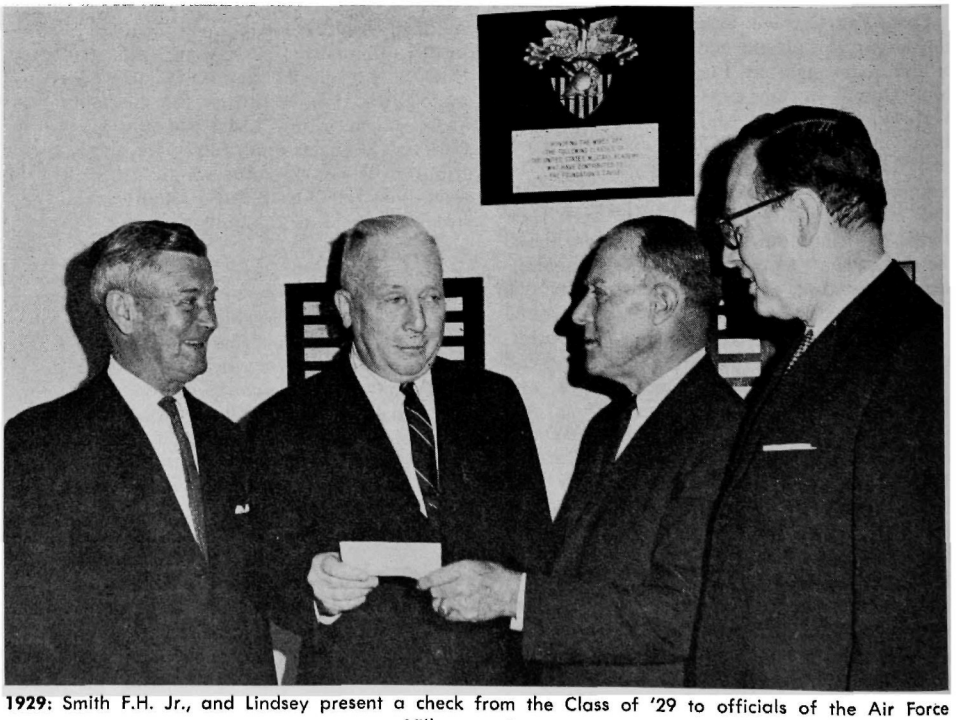
The Chandlers also had the pleasure of having son Hap home for the holidays from his teaching fellowship at the U. of California, and Chan expected to do a few weeks substitute teaching himself—math at the Fort Shafter school for GI's.

Back to the West Coast for a couple of items: Glen **Williamson** has moved out of the big house he and Bea occupied and finds that better for him. His new address is 3709 Edison St., San Mateo, Calif. 94403. Whitside **Miller** in San Pedro is being very generous about the cup he and Maxine received from the Washington group on the birth of their daughter Linda, now 12. Since they have reinforced their claim through the arrival of Debora, now 7, Whit says he will have the cup re-engraved and bring it to the 40th Reunion for presentation to any class couple having a younger offspring than Debora. While I am loathe to encourage the population explosion, or to cause anyone additional fatigue or labor, I have no alternative but to report Whit's offer.

Our most ardent devotees of trailer travel and living, the **Hamlins** and the **Stevensons,** have been all over again recently. Bill and Ruth Hamlin went to Expo 67 and back to Florida in the late fall. They stopped in Atlanta for a reunion with Joe and Celie **Ranck.** Joe is active in the Kiwanis and USO, and Celie is painting quite seriously and doing well. She even sells some. The Hamlins have acquired a new 25-foot Avion and intend to keep up their mobile-home life.

Hugh and Mabel **Stevenson** departed the Washington area by trailer in the fall and intended to spend most of the winter in Arizona, with a month in San Antonio and a couple of weeks in Roswell, N.M. John and Mary Lee **Hammond** of Sun City, Ariz., report that the Stevensons did indeed arrive there and at last word had purchased a small apartment. We hope this doesn't mean they are going to abandon the Washington area as their home base.

The **Hammonds** travel extensively out of Sun City, mainly in pursuit of their coin-collecting hobby. They have garnered many first places from their showings, and John won Best-of-Show at the Arizona State Show



**1929:** Smith F.H. Jr., and Lindsey present a check from the Class of '29 to officials of the Air Force Village project.



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in Phoenix. They also participated in coin shows at Cheyenne, Wyo., Palm Springs, and Los Angeles, and still found time at home to show their garden and oriental collection to Luke Air Force Base people.

The news from Texas for this issue is from the **Hannigans** and the **Hortons.** Jim and Doris Hannigan at College Station had both sons home for Christmas—Capt. Jim (Skeet) now an M.A. from Cal. Tech. and teaching computers at West Point, and yearling son Tom, who likes being a Yearling better than being a Plebe. ("Rich is better.") The Hannigans attended the ARMY-SMU game in Dallas and saw Paul and Betty **Harkins** and Cowboy **Connally.** For their own college football, they were looking forward, and well they might, to Texas A&M's participation in the Cotton Bowl game, after having won the Southwest championship.

Jack and Virginia **Horton** in Austin have an annual New Year's date with the Norm **Poiniers** and the Dave **Browns** for bowl-game viewing. They also see Chris Clarke, '30 and ex'29, fairly often and the Chan **Robbinses,** who live out from Austin, less frequently. The Hortons and their two sons, Wilmot 17 and John 12, did much traveling last year, individually and collectively—Expo '67, San Francisco, Hawaii. Jack flew to Hawaii to see Wilmot in school there, and the two of them toured Oahu, where Jack was stationed some 35 years ago. The Hortons invite class travelers to stop to see them en route to the Olympic in Mexico and to San Antonio's Hemisfair this summer.

Paul and Della **Caraway** have sold their Heber Springs, Ark., house and plan to settle in the Washington area. Della was here briefly in November to house hunt in suburban Virginia, and they expected to be moving soon after the first of the year. The Washington group looks forward to their return with great pleasure. In the fall the Caraways combined a visit to Expo 67 with a meeting in Kingston, Ontario, of the Fellows of the Company of Military Historians "of which I am one," says Paul. The highlight of this meeting was a formal dinner with everyone who had regimentals and medals wearing them all (Paul compromised with a dinner jacket and miniature medals), toasts to the Queen and the President, and much parading in and out of skirling bagpipes. "A very impressive occasion," says Paul, "although being in a banquet hall with skirling bagpipes is something like having a steam calliope in the living room." En route home, the Caraways had intended to stop in Indianapolis to see Dobie and Marty **Kraft,** but a preliminary call to Dobie found that Marty was in the hospital, so they by-passed Indianapolis. They later heard from the Krafts that Marty was on the mend.

We get direct news of the Florida contingent occasionally from Kai and Emma **Rasmussen,** who come to the Washington area to visit daughter and son-in-law here and other relatives in Aberdeen, Md. Ruth **Mays** has been touring Europe, and the Bob **Wards** are reported to have added a large boat deck to their Largo house.

Direct from Tom and Marion **McDonald** in Maitland, Fla., we learn that both sons (Tommy, Maj. '57, and Randy, Duke U. regular AF, and about to be a major) now have their master's degrees. Tommy is in Vietnam and Randy at Norton AFB, Calif. Tommy's wife and the three McDonald grandchildren are durating (good old WWII term) at Fort Benning, which puts them not too far from Tom and Marion.

Bill and Dot **McCulla** got back to their Largo, Fla., house just before Thanksgiving, after having spent the summer and fall at their Cape Cod inn. They report terrible weather on the cape this past year and a bout of illness for Dot, from which she is now fortunately well recovered. The McCulla family is scattered and separated about as far as it could be, with daughter Jean and husband, Capt. David K. Riggs '62, in Geneva, Switzerland, where he is studying on an Olmstead Scholarship, and son Bill Jr., Maj. '55, and his family now on Taiwan. Bill McCulla Sr., is still doing consulting work and travels a good deal on this.

Fred and Cora Lynn **Dent** in Shalimar, Fla., feel that they were lucky in that the winter tornado that hit their area did no damage to their house, although they lost about a dozen trees and the place, in their words, was a mess. Dent had recently seen Pearl **Robey** in Tucson, where he is in real estate, but giving it the soft sell, and **Napier** in San Antonio. Zeke had sold his big house there and bought a duplex, in one half of which he keeps tenants most happy by his masterful plumbing repairs, according to Dent. Fred also keeps in touch with Weary **Wilson** in Mobile, Ala. (I suppose that Mobile is the largest city in that part of Florida, just as Memphis, Tenn., is the capital of northern Mississippi.) Weary is active in the USO fund drive, as well as in his Southern Industries Corp. Weary himself writes that he and Jeanne have completed their year as foster parents with the return of son-in-law, Capt. Robert Amos, from Vietnam and the departure of the Amos family for their new station at Fort Belvoir. The Wilsons' oldest son, Maj. Walter K. III '60, and family with three children are on Taiwan. Younger daughter Margaret is working in Washington, and son Fred is a junior at the U. of South Alabama.

We have just received a report from Ran **Kutz** that his wife Hatta, better known as Kitten, died on 16 Oct 67, after a long illness with cancer. Burial was in Arlington, and Ran's daughters joined him for a memorial service on Thanksgiving Day. The Class extends its deep sympathy and heartfelt condolences to Ran and family. His new address is 6513 Santona St., Apt. 10, Coral Gables, Fla. 33146.

Those of you who peruse the back pages of ASSEMBLY may have noted a fine picture of Ed and Alice **Lasher** with son and daughter-in-law in the '52 Notes of the 1967 summer issue. The Lashers had gone to Radford, Va., for Ed to present the Legion of Merit to son Lt.Col. Donald R. Lasher '52, for his service with the DCSLOG Data Processing Center. Young Lasher is now a student at Leavenworth and will probably go to Vietnam from there. Ed himself still heads the North American Car Corp. in Chicago and says that he "can modestly brag a bit" that the company's earnings have increased by record amounts during his nearly 10-year tenure.

Jeff **Seitz** and actress wife Jessie Royce Landis commute between their New York apartment and their Ridgefield, Conn., place. Royce keeps up her theater work and has been starring in the "Anta" matinee series in New York. Jeff says that following the stock market and developing a country place keeps him in the trim.

John and Sara **Philips** in Raleigh, N.C., were expecting son David, his wife Sharon, and four grandchildren for a visit in the early winter. David Philips, Capt. '62, was wounded in Vietnam the last month he was there, but not seriously the Philips say, and will now go to R.P.I. in Troy, N.Y., for postgraduate math study, then to teach at West Point. Younger son Richard returns from Korea in March and will probably do more postgraduate work following his Army tour.

Jack **Hornor** sends a handsome printed notice of the winter meetings of The Mells Fox Hounds, of which Jack and wife are joint masters, and which originates at the Hornor place, The Mells, in Pulaski, Tenn.

Dan and Ruth **Sundt** in Newark, Del., announce a second granddaughter, courtesy of daughter Christine, who lives in nearby Wilmington. Daughter Karen has a research fellowship working for her Master's at the U. of Delaware, where Dan continues to teach math. Son Danny is a sophomore at Brown U., where he majors in engineering and minors in trombone, being a member of the Brown marching and concert band. The Sundt family had a fine visit with Ruth's father and other relatives in Atlanta and spent a few days at Jekyll Island and Callaway Gardens.

Pinkie and Marion **Conner** of the Washington group flew to California for a vacation in the fall and toured the "Big Sur" country on a motor trip from San Francisco to Los Angeles. They spent Christmas with son George, his wife, and the granddaughter, age 1, in New Jersey.

Mish and Martha **Roth** were through Washington in the late fall for a one-night stand with Don and Maggie **Graul** en route to Florida. The big travelers from the Washington group in 1968 will probably be Nick and Jackie **Nicholas,** who plan to go to Russia for a meeting of the World Power Conference in the late summer, and the Grauls, who plan a 6-week trip to western Europe beginning in September (if the save-the-dollar program doesn't prohibit all this).

Here is the Washington group schedule of activities for 1968. 24 Apr: Stag luncheon at Patton Hall, Fort Myer. 30 June: Family picnic at the Nichols' Maryland farm. 25 Sept: Stag luncheon at the Army-Navy Town Club. 23 Nov: Cocktail-buffet with the ladies, Fort McNair Club.

Put these dates on your calendar and come and join us.

## '30

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The fall months before the Christmas rush were a typical melange of movement and "happenings"—some happy, some sad, but all indicative of the continuing activeness of the gang as a whole. Freddy **Atkinson** sent me the completed obit on Stu **Crawford,** an excellent piece of writing and a most appropriate memorial. In his letter transmitting it, he commented on a pleasant visit that he and Claire had with Paul and Betsy **Yount** at their place in Elderton. "It's a lovely home, surrounded by many thousand Christmas trees, and Betsy's Mother's Day gift was a farm tractor! She's an expert farmer; has to be, because Paul is back in harness and spends most of his waking hours in Tempo-7." Freddy himelf is back at his teaching job for the seventh year.

Another fine obit, the one for Bob **Ports,** was sent to me in September by Ed **Berry** and forwarded to West Point for publication. Ed had collaborated with Kay Ports in writing it, and the result is an exceptionally fine tribute.

Bing **Kunzig's** widow Betty died on 20 October, and Herman **Ohme's** widow just three days later; I have no particulars in either case. We lost another member when



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George **Perry** passed away in early November and was buried at Russelville, Kentucky. He had had recurring trouble with asthma ever since his retirement in 1959 and succumbed to a combination of this and emphysema. All of these deaths are noted with great regret.

Turning to cheerier things, it is a pleasure to quote bits from JoJo **Carrithers'** letter of early December. On the letterhead of Kendall Realty, he writes: "As you can see, I am off on a new vocation. Although horse activities have kept me busy, they didn't keep me so busy that I couldn't find time to try something else. The California State Horsemen's Association reelected me president for the coming year, but it won't be as hard as the last because all my committees are appointed and at work, and things are running smoothly. So I can devote most of my time to the new business. I'm not sure of the outcome yet, but here I am. We had our annual convention in November in Fresno, and Beth and I had Mary Lou and Jim **Herbert** as our guests at the installation dinner. They are both in good health."

Honors continue to fall on the shoulders of some of our more illustrious members. Spike **Eckert** received a scroll of appreciation from the Air Force Chief of Staff for his contributions to the morale of servicemen in Southeast Asia. Ham **Howze** was elected president of the Army Aviation Association of America—a pretty logical selection, needless to say. And Larry **Norstad,** as if he didn't already carry around more kudos than most mortals, has received a Doctorate of Humane Letters from Westminster College, been elected chairman of the board of Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation, and also become a member of the board of directors of Continental Oil Company. Wonder when he finds time to eat!

Don't know how many of you have heard of the very worthwhile organization that Jim **Richardson** has helped put together in the San Francisco area. Called "Careers for Retired Military," it is a "no fee" nonprofit organization set up to assist retirees in securing employment in that area. Seems to me it's typical of Jim's continuing and compassionate interest in people and their problems; I'm sure he'll welcome inquiries from any of you who are interested, for yourselves or on behalf of others.

In October, while Dolly and I were briefly sojourning in Florida, we had a most pleasant rencontre with Fergus and Marion **Wall.** They moved last year from the Boynton Beach place to a charming house on the ocean. It's a lovely spot, with all the amenities, and they gave us a delightful dinner. Fergus keeps fit by daily swimming, either in his own pool or the one at the nearby ocean club. The new address, by the way, is 2985 North Ocean Drive, Delray Beach, Florida 33444. On a second trip in early December, we drove both ways and made an overnight stop, both going and returning, at the house in Sea Island, Georgia, that Al and Anne **Watson** acquired while he was CG of Third Army. It's contrary to my policy to put commercial plugs in this column, but that Sea Island setup is as nice as any we've ever seen, and the Watson hospitality is likewise. Incidentally, Dolly and I are not "moving to Florida," as some of you have apparently been hearing; we were just "prospecting" for a place that we can use parttime when the spirit moves us.

We in the Washington area were happy to welcome as residents a couple of last summer's retirees, to wit, Andy and Ellen **O'Meara** and Tom and Marguerite **Stoughton.** The former are located at 4001 North River Street, Arlington, Virginia 22207 and the latter at P.O. Box 5052, Alexandria, Virginia 22305. Both Andy and Tom are looking for full-time employment, but I gathered from chats with Ellen and Marguerite that they'd just as soon their guys stayed home for a while! Anyhow, these additions bring the GWMA complement back up to T/O strength of 38, offsetting the summer defections of **Ammerman** and **Nyquist.** Also during the autumn I noted new addresses for Freddie **Crabb,** now at 264 Belhaven Circle, Santa Rosa, California 95405, and for Bream **Patrick,** now at 522 Cottonwood Road, Palm Springs, California 92262.

The Christmas mail brought quite a raft of cards (always most welcome) and a number of newsy notes. Percy and Nancy **Brown** reported that "Percy is in his sixth year of teaching math at Admiral Farragut Academy. He loves it, and both cadets and faculty love him and his marvelous dry wit and humor." Does this sound familiar?

Wank and Reba **Ewbank** did quite a bit of traveling during 67, but the big news of their year was the acquisition of a grandson when their son John and his wife Marcia adopted a baby boy. Wank and Reba are delighted with this addition to the family and report that they are both well and still enjoying Florida.

Seafood and Mary **Garton** mentioned that there's a rumor they're going to be moved again, but have no details as yet. These big corporations seem to be worse than the military when it comes to moving people around.

Lou **Heath's** letter is practically a travelogue of comings and going, mostly with members of his family. He says: "Between times have fed, watered, and groomed myself and policed my quarters. Wini had this place so well planned and fixed that I can keep myself with little effort. Have had house guests. Have guests to dinner once a week and play bridge weekly. Have no plan to move, could not leave the desert living, with its sun, blue sky, clear dry air, and a terrific view of beautiful mountains. Wini and I built our home here and we were content. The tremendous beauty of land and sky still exists, despite Wini being gone."

Hutch and Rhea **Hutchinson** gratefully acknowledge having much to be thankful for, especially the safe return of young Dick from his year in Vietnam. He is now out of the Army and back at Georgia Tech working for his Bachelor's degree. Almost as important was the fact that the forest and brush fires that ravaged a considerable area of Orange County in late October were no threat to their home. In a philosophical vein, Hutch says: "Rhea has spent much of her time working for the local and state Republican cause. (You Democrats may skip this paragraph.) To us, it seems that the handout is becoming a way of life and we wonder what will happen when we all decide to live on welfare. In many respects, maybe we ought to throw out the whole bunch in Washington and start from scratch again. Let's get rid of the politician and go back to practical common sense." Me, I'm with Hutch, but I've an uncomfortable feeling we belong to a small minority.

Dodie **MacLean** sent me an announcement of their daughter Cathy's engagement to Lt. David Peixotto, an Engineer of the Class of '67. Dodie says: "Her fiance is a fine lad who adores her. I never saw anyone wage a 'courting campaign' with such dogged determination. He spent his 3-month summer leave here with his parents, and he shows that same determination in his career, he'll go places! Above all, I know that Mac's girl will be in good hands."

Robin **Odenweller's** card enclosed a brief note: "Charles and I were divorced earlier in the year. He is still living in Castine, Maine. I was married this summer to Ted Gillette '20, whom some of you may have known in the Army. We are living in Maryland, having spent three wonderful months touring Europe." For the record, their address is: Brig. Gen. and Mrs. E.C. Gillette, 2603 Lyric Place, Bowie, Maryland 20715.

And for a pleasant post-Christmas Happy New Year note I am happy to cite the marriage of Chris **Clarke's** son to Miss Judith Davis in Akron on 3 February. Young Chris served his two years of military service with the 18th Inf, graduated from Washington and Lee in 1965, and is now with Braniff International Airways in Houston.

Good wishes to all hands for 1968.

## '31

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Sometimes you have too little news and the next time you have too much news. This time I am fortunately afflicted with the latter. First of all, Betty and I wish to express our sincerest thanks to those of you who took the time and effort to send us all those lovely Christmas cards.

To start at the back end of the alphabet for once so that those who are there will not be subject to the frustration of always standing at the end of the line, Curly **Wilson** attended the Navy game (if I may be permitted the mention of that event) and reports the following also present: Benny **Krueger,** Bill **Jones,** Al **Gay,** Patsy **Hunter,** Lightnin' **Brown,** Quinney **Brown,** Bill **Hardick,** Sam **Smellow,** P. Otey **Ward,** Jiggs **Mahoney,** Johnny **Ruggles,** and Duke **Ondrick.** Curly said that they all didn't sit together, so part of the above is rumor, as would be any notice that wives were along. Johnny **Waters** was present in the Supe's box and Bob **Quackenbush** was around, but in his capacity of president of the WP Society of Philadelphia, was kept busy hosting various and sundry events connected with the game. The following juniors were present: John Waters, John Hunter, Mark **Guenther,** and Bill Jones.

Chet and Imogene **Young** report the arrival of the first grandchild in October. He, the grandchild, has other famous grandparents also, Lawrence and Mary Lincoln, he being presently CG Fourth U.S. Army at Fort Sam.

Speaking of grandchildren, Gus **Schomburg** comes forward with the question, "Can anyone top thirteen grandchildren?" Address all replies to Gus and Fern. Gus, by the way, is busy doing consultant work for DOD in addition to writing articles for the *ANAF Journal.* Don **Yates** checked in with a no change, meaning presumably that he is still working at the same address. Gus **Wirak** has his day with my remarks about his offer of savings bonds in his classes. He now has two co-eds in his calculus courses, and both will pass (Gus always was a gentleman). Total cost so far of the Wirak experiment, four $100 bonds, probably deductible as an educational expense. Unfortunately, in addition to the above expenses, Gus had to shell out five cents for a stamp to tell me all this, since I forgot to enclose the stamped envelope.

Doc Welch has moved to Marblehead after re-retiring from work in Baltimore. Doc says the latch string is always out for class-



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mates who happen to get by that area. If I were Doc, I would restrict that invitation to winters and would lock my door in the summer when it is so pleasant there. I can't see many of us visiting him in the winter when the temperature is always in the low lows.

Don and Alice **Webber** say that they like it so much at the University of the South that they have purchased a house only 6 miles from Interstate 24, 50 miles from Chattanooga.

P. Otey **Ward** was rather put out that anyone else would consider himself class poet without even consulting P. Otey. To further his claim, he weighed in with the following, which I think is worth repeating: "In far away Rhodesia, Neath Argentina skies, Lives my Acapulco sweetheart, With her Massachusetts eyes." It has a good rhythm and also teaches one a bit of geography. The gates are open, my friends.

Roger **Urban** says that he has received his master's degree in American history from the University of Alabama and is now considering working on his doctorate. His son, Roger, is squadron commander of the CAP in the Norfolk area.

Tricky and Lucy **Troxel** report being A-OK as do Norm and Sabina **Tipton.** Norm said that he had dinner with the above mentioned Gus **Wirak** recently in St. Petersburg and that Gus looked disgustingly young.

Alex **Sutherland** stopped by the place on the Hudson and reports that he approves of the changes being made. You know, I shouldn't fault you people when you write in and give me some news, but you could mention the fact that the better half was along. I could get into some serious trouble by reporting yes or no on that fact. Seriously, it would help me if you did indicate that little item.

Johnny **Sullivan** and Doc **Strother** reported in, but that's about all that they did. Which reminds me that I saw Sandy Stone '30 at the local post office the other day. I think he was stocking up on five cent stamps to beat the price rise.

Joe **Carroll** is still teaching in Santa Rosa. I got into this part of the alphabet accidentally, but I might as well stay for a while, Jim **Baker** is a member of the board of directors of the WP Society of New York and has joined the Watervliet Officers Club, making life a bit more enjoyable. Carl **Carlmark,** still in Honolulu, has two sons in the Navy. One is in Vietnam and the other is just entering the service after graduating from college.

May and Big Swede **Carlson** have a temporary address until May 15 in Florida. The closing remark on their Christmas card was "Swim, fish, golf, and sun. Ah!" Some people sure know how to hurt a guy—as I look out my window while typing this and see all the snow around. Pat **Carter** is recovering nicely from a disc operation, with his greatest difficulty being the inability to sit down. I think I will let that remark stand on its own merits. I had the usual note from Al **Cassevant:** I'm doing OK, hope you are the same. I guess Al doesn't believe in wasting words.

**Bill Cassidy** is still flying around the world in his helicopter, as witness the stirring picture in the latest *Journal.* He reports visiting Ted and Nina **Parker** at their shack in Belgium and seeing Tick and Alice **Bonesteel** in Korea in September. And that is quite a trip by helicopter. Tick and Alice are enjoying life in the New Korea and keeping very busy by their own admission.

Leo and Clara **Cather** sent in word that Pippa passes. That's what they said; I seldom editorialize. Did I remember to mention that in casual conversation the other day, I found out that Diane Woodward, who is in one of my classes at school, is a niece of Bill **Woodward.** It is a small world, isn't it? Johnny **Cave** received mention from several of his observant classmates for his work in professoring. Johnny is apparently doing rather well at the job.

Bill and Betty **Chandler** wrote that all is well with them. Son Bill '61 is due home soon from Vietnam and hopes to go to Germany after a short stay here. Bill, senior, also sent in a new address for Parks **Houser,** which I will try shortly. Phineas **Adair** was, as usual, one of the first to return the questionnaire and enclose a check. Life seems to be going well with the Adair family. Jack **Barclay** is still trying to get along with the space and missile boys in Huntsville. He saw Jake **Smart** recently, just after Jake had returned from the bank counting his money. Jack speaks of Huntsville as a forlorn outpost. Some of you'all get down there to see him'all.

Johnny **Barr** is now associate professor of math at Baylor University in Waco. Thanks to good old "P" Echols, many of us are able to find a job to eke out our pensions. Willie and Barbara **Bell** have finally moved into their new home and are in the phone book but with the wrong number. They would like to hear from any north-south traffic that passes by, and their correct phone number is 272 5041.

Fred and Val **Berg** had some ideas about coming to visit us here in Washington from Puerto Rico, but then they read the weather reports and decided to go in swimming instead. As Fanny Macon once said, "The same goes for you, Freddy."

Bob and Barbara **Hackett** are now living next door to Bob and Mary Hall **Lee** in Colorado Springs. Bob, Hackett, that is, will probably retire this summer and plans to remain in that area and enjoy the horseback riding. He and Barbara recently spent eight and one half hours in the saddle in one day—shades of Patsy **Hunter.**

Johnny **Hauck** is addressed as "His Honor," having been reelected mayor by a large majority, crediting part of the victory to best wishes expressed by the Class. Johnny and Billie celebrated by spending a couple of weeks in the Bahamas where Johnny qualified as a catamaran skipper.

Bill and Dorothy **Hampton** keep me posted on the news from the Colorado Springs area. Ruth **Stayton** is still there and keeps busy at her job at Penrose Hospital. All the group see each other every so often. Eloise and Johnny **Hansborough** took off on a trip to Europe this past summer to see John Jr., in Mannheim and also other people and places. They did see Warren and Margot **Hoover's** daughter and son-in-law in Madrid, but missed Chet **Ott** in Munich. They are now back in Austin resting and saving money for the Fortieth.

While I was in the back of the alphabet, I forgot to mention that I had a very interesting letter from Jaime **Velasquez** in the Philippines. The letter is quite long, so I will try to extract the pertinent information. Jaime retired from the Philippine Armed Forces in 1950, went into business, and for a while was Commissioner of Customs for the Island. He re-retired from business when he reached 60 and is now a consultant for the same company he used to work for. Jaime, unfortunately, had some bad luck with some foot trouble and now walks with a cane, but gets around well. He has two boys and two girls, ages not specified, and I presume a wife. The boys hate mathematics. Maybe some of us math teachers might be able to do something about this condition. Loren **Ayers** and wife stopped in Manila about a year ago and had dinner with Jaime and family.

Don **Little** sent along an address for Parks **Houser,** the same as the one I had from Bill **Chandler.** Clyde **McBride** and Charlie **McNair** both attempted to set me straight on the wash-out from Clyde's yacht that I reported on in the previous column. Seems it was not one of ours that went overboard, but a member of one of the junior classes. Since both agree on the story, must accept this overwhelming evidence. Clyde and Shorty **Rothrock** made a tour of the Eastern Shore in September, completely without incident and also without catching a single fish. Charlie McNair had a short stay in the hospital for a minor operation but was out and around again soon.

You all may enjoy the remark sent in by A.J. **McVea,** "Ho Hum." Bill **Mahoney** checked in with another long message, "No change." Herb and Vesta **Mansfield's** brood of grandchildren took a big step upward with the arrival of twins to their daughter Mary, who is now in New Zealand with her husband. That makes five now for Herb and Vesta. Elmo and Ginger **Mitchell** checked in from College Park in Georgia with the same complaint as Gus **Wirak,** no envelope. I am not sure which one of the family is responsible for forgetting to stuff the envelope, but I will keep a closer watch next time. Speed and Jim **Mooney** sent happy Halloween greetings from Mississippi—time really stands still out there. Mick and Grace **Moses's** children are scattered around with Edward in Vietnam, Charles in C&GS, and John at V.P.I.

Jugen **Olson** is still teaching Eskimo kids in Alaska, but says he is not sure what he is teaching them. He was pleased to see that his classmates in the picture seemed to be of the same age as he. Phil and Martha **Bethune** have moved to El Paso, where he is on the faculty of U. T.E.P. He doesn't have a permanent address as yet, but they can be reached at the University. Gordon **Blake** commutes between Washington and Randolph Field making trips about once a month, consulting for Comsat. Van and Judith **Bond** wrote from Tennessee. Van is taking life a bit easy after his heart attacks, but says that he plays golf, fishes, and takes care of the yard. Quinney **Brown** is still helping AMF pay me dividends. We did have one defeat in our political ranks. Sid **Brown** lost out as city alderman in Holmes Beach, but now has a job as librarian of the county law library, which doesn't require as many hours per week.

Champ and Chickie **Buck** have already left on their usual annual cruise to Florida this winter and are planning to look up classmates in the area of Pompano Beach and Ocean Reef. I think that I would become a yacht salesman, except that Betty gets seasick just looking at water skiing on television. Dan and Mary **Callahan** and family did me a big favor this summer by moving to Florida. Now I don't have to worry about spelling Grosse Pointe any more. As another small added attraction, he also moved in order to operate a small plant that Chrysler has in Cape Canaveral, just outside Cape Kennedy. Harry and Marianne **Candler** were at the SMU game but missed seeing Pablo and Grace **Mayo,** if the latter were there. The Candler's youngest is now in Vietnam with one of the local divisions.



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Forrest **Caraway** decries the lack of news from Arizona, at least as far as he and family are concerned. Bob and Mary **Cardell** are very pleased with life in San Diego, their only complaint being that they have to go to the Bay Area to see classmates. Harry **Cooper** says that he and Norma did attend Ernie **Easterbrook**'s retirement ceremony, but had to leave before the picture was taken. He notes that the group in the Bay Area have had several get-togethers during the past year, including one at his place in Menlo Park and is pleased that Bill and Charlotte **Train** have moved to increase our representation in that area. Ernie and Nancy Easterbrook are now in Japan, at least that is where their Christmas card came from. It is not a permanent change of station, however.

Frank **Corbin** says that he has not been out of Universal City for six months. I don't know if this is good or bad, since I don't know too much about Universal City. Marv **Coyle** sent along a note to change his address by dropping the % E.D. O'Brien. Gordon **Cusack** was a slight Beulah casualty. His boat capsized and sank at its mooring as an aftermath of the hurricane. Fortunately, Gordon was not in it at the time. Carl **Damberg** in an unusual display of domesticity has been helping Wanda paint the kitchen of their house. Carl didn't say if he was available for other handyman chores, but you may wish to contact him personally. Dick **Danek** said that he hoped to get to San Antonio to see some of the Class in that area, but that he had grown so fond of the climate in Albuquerque (that's the most horrible name to spell) that he hated to leave the area even for a short visit to such a lovely place as San Antonio.

And now for the type of letter that all of us correspondents look for. This is one written by Les **Kunish** after he and Nonie had just returned from a trip through northeastern Canada. On the way back home in Ohio, they took the opportunity to stop by and visit several classmates. They say Mickey and Maxine **Moore** in their attractive home in Raymondsville, New York. Mickey is wheeling and dealing as a vice president at Clarkson College. Next, they saw Don **Yates** at the Raytheon building in Lexington, Massachusetts. Don looks just as sharp as a civilian executive as he did in uniform. Les and Nonie drove through Boston, which he described as quite an experience in itself. While in that area he talked on the phone with Howard and Caye **Reed**, Howard the Fiorello Laguardia of Medford. While Les was talking to him, Howard had to get his fire hat and go out and supervise some firemen.

Next on the list was Marc and Pat **Duffy** in Barrington, Rhode Island. Les says Marc is doing very well, and the family is enjoying the Yankee way of life. Breakfast was next with Bo and Betty **Beishline**. Bo has taken a sabbatical from his chair of business management at NYU and will stay home for a while to take care of Betty while she convalesces from a recent operation.

Les and Nonie then went on to Cambridge, New York, and saw the New England squire, Charlie **Raymond**, and family. Charlie is quite a fire buff, a member of the local volunteer fire department and has quite a collection of some truly exquisite models of fire engines and equipment that he built himself. The last stop on this safari was at Duanesburg and Scott and Jackie **Dickson** at their home on the shore of Duane Lake. Les says they remind him of the pictures of the contented couple that you see in the real estate ads, especially when Scott lights up his corncob pipe. In conclusion, Les says that the pleasure and warmth of seeing classmates was one of the best parts of the trip.

I haven't run out of news, not by any means, but I have run out of space, and I think that the letter above is a fitting way to bring this column to an end. I hope to have a class letter on its way before this is available to you. There will be more there, so until later, keep the news coming.

# '32

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Your correspondent is taking a partial holiday on this issue due to a temporary handicap. Though operated on for cataracts in October 1967, I will not receive the lens until February 1968. This has kept me incommunicado as well as unable to read, drive, etc.

News was carried in the Chelsea, Mich., *Standard* that a new junior high school will be named for Gen. Dwight E. **Beach**, a native son of Chelsea. Plans are for Dwight to be present at the dedication ceremonies to take place in February or March.

Shortly before the holiday season, we had a telephone call from Del **Pryor** who is at present residing outside Harrisburg. He was looking forward to spending time during the holidays with Lynda, who lives in Nashville, Tenn.; Ralph ('62), now aide to the CG at Fort Benning (Maj. Gen. John M. Wright Jr.); and Phil ('58), who is commanding a battalion at Fort Bragg and looking to another tour in Vietnam. Del spent Thanksgiving at Benning with Ralph, wife Marilynn, and grandson Tommy.

Christmas cards that carried messages with them included one from Isabel and Harry **Porter** who report they still enjoy life in Minnesota. Marion **Hardy** writes that Don is the happiest retiree she knows . . . they have taken an apartment in Puerto Rico for the winter and enjoyed their cruise on a freighter to the Mediterranean last year, leaving the Middle East six weeks before the shootin'. La Trelle and Pop **Duncan** are busy in their new civilian roles, and Pop finds little time to look back. A later note from La Trelle mentions that one of the prized baby chimps has been named "Duncan" and is valued so highly that at the slightest sign of a sniffle, the head pediatrician from Emory Hospital rushes over to care for him. Mary Lou and Frank **Britton** expect to move into their new home late in January. After 1 Feb their address will be: 207 Poinciana Lane, Largo, Florida 33540. Mary Lou, although limited in activities, is well on the road to full recovery after her disc operation last May. Dot and Rush **Lincoln**'s card announcing Rush's return to Washington also states that Dot will remain in Wellesley Hills, Mass., through the school year. Mary and Lou **Coutts** were looking forward to daughter Kathy's visit for the holidays from Fairfax, Va. A beautiful card from the **Kambhus** had no personal note, and many others were the same, but we were happy to hear from all.

Joslin and Luke **Morris** had a pleasant vacation trip through Scotland in the autumn visiting friends there and relatives in Denmark.

I am adding to Ken's comment re Betty **Descheneaux**—a cerebral hemorrhage left her in a coma for several weeks so it is hopefully assumed that she did not suffer. Betty was buried at West Point; she loved and was loved by the Class of '32.

In addition, Mary **Cain**, visiting in Florida, reached us here through Tom **Darcy's** support regarding Ray **Stecker's** death. Arriving here pronto, Mary carried through to the funeral also held at West Point. Finally, Tom **Hannah's** prompt detailed report about Bill **Mikkelsen** was very helpful. These comments are made as indications of the cohesion of our classmates. Although aware that official channels fulfill the basic requirements, it is a wonderful feeling to know that memory and sentiment are still very much alive.

A Christmas card from Ed W. Wallnau, 310 S. W. 1st Avenue, Boynton Beach, Fla., expressed a request that a note be made in the ASSEMBLY column of '32 giving his address and stating that the welcome mat is out for all his friends in the Class.

From associate columnist Ken **Zitzman**, Secretary:

Oh, brother! Shower me with paper and call me Snowflake. "The Ballot" was dispatched in September, and more than 23 of our classmates who still have discernible reflexes responded. As is their wont, they responded with ascetic ascerbity.

As it happened, the new, up-dated class by-laws were mailed separately two days after the ballot with its explanatory letter. As might be expected, the early replies were a tribute to the democratic process, viz., and to wit:

"I haven't seen the by-laws yet, but what else is new?"

"Approved."

"It is my considerable pleasure to approve the by-laws as written—assuming they have been written."

"I like your approach—I'm going to use it when attempting to get approvals from our board of directors."

A few gave way to a truant streak of decency and said, "I haven't seen the new by-laws yet, but if you wrote them, I approve." They didn't fool me a bit, however, because roughly translated, it means, "The food is terrible, but I don't want to be mess officer."

My ex-roomie, Red **McKeown**, really does care, though. He voted the straight slate except for Secy where he wrote in some guy named H.C. Minh. As soon as I can locate his address, I'll cable that in a landslide, Minh is in like Flynn.

My only regret is that I did not have time to answer some 145 letters individually. I picked off the urgent ones, and this is my apology for the others. In any event, virtually all copies of the by-laws were received even before the literary gems responding to same were dispatched. The new slate of officers is in like Minh, I mean Flynn, and you should have received your latest list of class addresses before you see this. Address all complaints to you know whom.

To sum up the news in the windfall, jobs that are new or newly reported are varied and interesting. Give the off-beat prize, at least temporarily, to Ed **Rowan** of the New York branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. In mid-winter, anti-Viet beatniks released a flock of pigeons in the huge Grand Central Station during the evening rush hour, and six of the birds are still there. It's Ed's job to get them out, but it's warm inside, the cavernous ceiling is 116 ft. high which allows plenty of maneuvering room, and there are 50,000 commuters a day to bomb and strafe—enough to delight the heart of the most sanguine pigeon. When asked what he was doing while Ed tried to



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lure the pigeons out, the stationmaster said, "Ducking!"

Hal **Walmsley** is Asst to the chairman of the board of McNamara (no relation) Vans and Warehouses in San Antonio. Their trademark is a pic of the famed Venus de Milo with the slogan, "If McNamara had moved her, she'd still have them." To which I might add, if Walmsley had known her when he was a cadet, she'd really need them.

Gary **Hall** is a logistics specialist with the G.E. APOLLO Support Dept at the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral.

Chih **Wang** is in the History Dept of Central Michigan U. at Mount Pleasant, Mich., lecturing on contemporary China, and if anyone can do it better, his name must be Chiang Kai-Shek. Chih is on a Fulbright Visiting Lecturer's tour in the U.S. for a year, and, when he returns to Taiwan in June, he would like to represent some U.S. business companies there. With his knowledge of the U.S., his bilingual ability, and his connections with Chinese government and business, he should be terrific if he gets some opportunities.

We're glad to welcome Rush **Lincoln** back to Washington where he is president of Transportation Consultants, Inc., a subsidiary of Commonwealth Services, Inc., of New York.

Todd **Slade**, who wrote his Ph.D. thesis in Spanish at the U. of Mexico and later taught in the U. of Madrid, continues to expand. He is now Professor of Spanish and French at the American Institute for Foreign Trade in Phoenix, which was founded by Lt. Gen. Barton Yount (USMA '07) in 1946.

Milt **Ogden** is manager, Plant Engineering, at R.C.A., Moorestown, N.J.

Hank **Britt**, who lives in Palmetto, Fla., is a sportswriter for a small Florida paper which he says keeps him busy, happy, and fed seven days a week. Not a bad trio of adjectives, any way you arrange them.

And trust old Pop **Duncan** to come up with a job that calls for warm human relations while being well within his own capabilities. Pop is Asst Dir of the Yerkes Primate Research Center at Emory U. Pop hastens to add that he is one of those outside the cages and only gets uneasy when he sees one of the chimps making notes on him. What disturbs Pop are the mistakes in spelling. He'll get over this stage but advises anyone who might phone him not to try to date his secretary until they've visited his office at least once.

Speaking of occupations, here's a chance for any of you to be a big guy. Isabel **Herman** writes that Charles (or Gates as many of us called him) is still 100% disabled but keeps his spirits high and is an ardent philatelist (stamp collector, if it makes you dropouts feel more comfortable). He would love to get any unusual stamps that you send him.

And when Bob **Scott** decides he wants a new job, he starts a new company. This time, it's Jet Craft Corp. of Reno, Nev., and Van Nuys, Calif., of which Bob is executive vice president. Impressive inauguration ceremonies in Las Vegas featured the governor of Nevada, with the executive VP of the 1st National Bank as master of ceremonies. Our Bob (who else?) was principal speaker.

The company's product is a 9-seat business jet that cruises at 500 m.p.h. at 40,000 ft., with a range of 2,000 miles, and goes for a paltry half million. I've already photocopied and had notarized Bob's statement that as soon as the Class of 1932 can hold a meeting in Las Vegas, he'll be selling enough executive jets to entertain everybody FREE (caps his). Assuming that Bob has retained the same copilot he wrote about in 1944, I don't see how he can miss. In view of the statement in the brochure that each jet "will comfortably seat 11 passengers *or be utilized for five stretcher cases*," I accepted on behalf of our Class.

Unfortunately, we have had more than our average share of losses during the last six months. Sincerest condolences go to George **Descheneaux** who lost his lovely Betty, drag and bride since cadet days and sprightly '32 member who enlivened all of our reunions. Also to Lazy **Lazar** whose youngest brother died suddenly in September.

Tom **Darcy** is writing Ray **Stecker's** memorial for ASSEMBLY, and Tom **Hannah** is doing the one for Bill **Mikkelsen**. Any of you who have memories of incidents that demonstrate the fine type of men that Ray and Bill were, please write to one of the Toms. The ASSEMBLY articles are probably the last that will appear regarding them; we've all moved around a lot in our careers, and to do them justice, the writers need help in filling in the gaps in their own experience. As of the moment, I do not know if one has been designated for Buck **Thielen**, but I'll follow up.

Even as we add to the Long Gray Line, it's reassuring to see how our guys keep the input up to West Point standards. Lou **Coutts**, the good guy in dry goods, is in his second year as president of the San Francisco Bay Area West Point Society, one of our largest alumni groups. They give a West Point Leadership Award to seniors of eight high schools in the Bay Area and a Best ROTC Battalion Award covering four school districts. Lou also writes that Walter **Goodrich** has recently joined Bill **Kunzig** and many others that we have in the Bay Area.

News of the juniors indicate that when they're not following firmly in father's footprints, they're out front by several steps. Gary **Hall's** oldest son, Frank, USMA '63, recently completed a tour in Vietnam and voluntarily extended. His youngest, George, Indiana '66, left for Korea in October.

Gordon **Seaward** Jr., Red's first son, is on his second tour in Vietnam in Army Avn, while Richard, USMA '60, Red's second son, is in his first year as a USMA instructor. A classic combination of the frontal attack and boring from within.

Pres. Bill **Culp** of the Ohio College of Applied Science reports that in the somewhat younger bracket, young Bill 20 and Mildred 19 are in Knox College, and Ed 16 is in Kentucky Military Institute near Louisville.

Maybe the following shouldn't be grouped with news of the juniors, but I leave it to you to classify. When Jim and Eleanor **McCormack** spent the Xmas holidays at their new retreat on Hilton Head Island off the South Carolina coast, considerate Jim put two spanking new bicycles under the Christmas tree. Came Christmas morning, Jim, trim as the day he graduated from USMAY, wheeled out his cycle with the old Oxonion flair, cut across a grassy patch where there was this concealed shallow rut, and—you guessed it—hi ho and over the handlebars; fractured clavicle. Phoning a doctor she didn't know, Eleanor was all apologies for disturbing him Xmas morning with the story of an injury due to a new bicycle. The doc was the soul of consideration, however, and his only question was, "How old is the child?" I think Eleanor can be forgiven if she mumbled over the first digit, and only "seven" came through.

In closing, the years must pass with their ups and downs, but it's always sad to see a classmate drift into senility. Davey **Schorr**, for example, was one of our best. As a cadet he was a second baseman par excellence. Strong going to his right for ground balls, a good arm, and a better batter than the average. Later, he jumped out of airplanes (this may have been the first indication), but he won a Silver Star and other decorations as a paratroop commander in World War II. Years later, as a BG, he jumped with his newly commissioned son, Capt. David E. Schorr, USMA '57, Vietnam 64-65. (May we have another 1,000 of this kind before we're all gone.) Dave now teaches math and molds character at Duke U. But Dave's reply to "The Ballot" was a jolt. I could take the remark, "Next time I visit Washington I'll Comsit at Comsat with you," as the kind of flash aberration that anyone might have. But, in his own handwriting, he wrote, "For some time, both before and after retirement, it has been my cogent observation that our Class has been better organized and has preserved a degree of togetherness and unity unrivalled by any other Class. . . ." I knew the guy had buckled. I personally can remember the day when anyone who betrayed a flash of sentiment or looked as though he might advocate law and order would have had his class ring reversed and been denied bar privileges for two full hours. Take care of him, Mary, he was a good guy before he cracked.

To the rest of you, please keep writing and don't wait until the next ballot because I may not survive it. Anything that appears here is what *you* wrote in.

Best as always,

KEN ZITZMAN

# '33

**Col. Harrison King**
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**Washington, D.C. 20007**

Helen **Chapman** reports that she is busy with Red Cross work; son Don is a major on ROTC duty at Western Maryland U., and daughter Mimi (Jones) and family were here for Christmas. **Bernard's** son, Gregory, has moved to Houston. Gordon **Larson** is with Franklin Institute in Philadelphia; he and his new wife added luster to an already brilliant '33 party in December. Bill and Annie **Calhoun's** son, Bill Jr., gets an M.A. this June, goes to Vietnam for a full tour, and will then become a USMA English

**1933**: Secy of the Air Force Harold Brown gives Tom Moorman a letter authorizing AFA Foundation, Inc., to proceed with the development of an Aerospace Education Center at the AF Academy.



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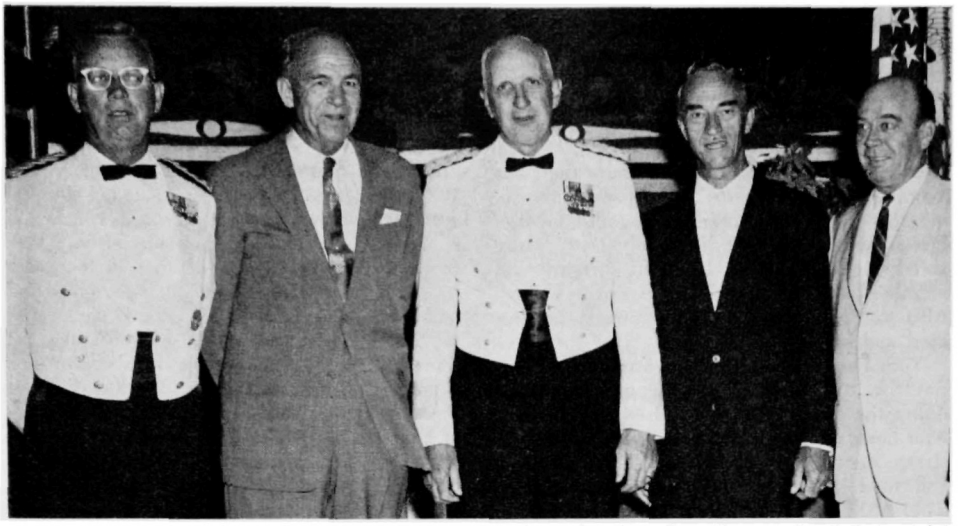

**1933:** Abe Lincoln (center), new Fourth Army CG, is welcomed to Fort Sam Houston by (left to right) classmates: Dahlen, Hetherington, Frentzel and Harris.

instructor. Sam is a sanitary engineer with T.V.A. in Chatanooga. Their youngest son, Tyler, is in a prep school in the same city. When they sell their house here in DC, they'll go to Florence, Ala., to live.

**Parker** has been studying longevity statistics and says that since about ¾ of the Class are still around, at least ½ of '33 should still be breathing 17 years from now. Dan and Helen had their Danny with them for Christmas. Betty **Quinn** reports the visit of daughter Donna and her little boy from Oakland, where her husband practices law. Sally works here at the Smithsonian Institute. Son Bill is a student at the U. of Arizona.

Roy and Eleanor **Reynolds** went to Philly where they commiserated with other '33ers. Roy had a Christmas card from Jim **Boswell** saying that son Jim "was just like his dad, undisciplined and a goat." On his card to me Jim wrote: "Pat is going to Africa for a month in January with the Archeological Society in connection with getting her M.A. from San Francisco State College. I am gainfully (?) employed in Palo Alto and will stay home to tend the store. Jimmy is a soph at Marin Junior College; Roz a frosh at Berkeley; John 15 is at Thacher School in Ojai and is in love—with his horse. Johnny **Johnson** spoke at the Commonwealth Club; I sat with Mo **Edwards** and saw Ben **Harrell**. For the ARMY-Air Force game weekend, we stayed with Miss Atha and Tommy **Moorman** one night and with Ruth and Cal **Smith** the other. Saw Betty and Dave **Gibbs**, over from Rifle, Colo." **Ryan** reports that Billy **Harris, Frentzel, Ray, Guiney, Whipple, Bodeau, Eyler, Heintz, Remus,** Frank **Henry, Broshous, Otto, Vidal, Summerfelt, Elliott, Moorman, Reynolds, Miles,** and **Senter** were at the game.

**Bellican** is representative for Sea Train Lines (a New York firm) in Saigon. Pete and **Parr** have gotten together in that confusing city. Ivan is there in a civilian capacity; his two sons are on active duty in Vietnam. He wishes to thank the Class for the martini pitcher presented to Mike. Blanche Bellican sent Pete 20 small packages for Christmas gifts to his Vietnamese friends.

It must be reported that we have lost four of our most stalwart and cherished members. Joe **Pittman** died in Denver as the result of a heart attack. The ceremonies in Arlington for Ab **Huntsberry**, who also succumbed to a heart attack, were attended by 21 classmates. Jack **Turner** left us at Old Forge, N.Y. Joe **Cowhey** passed away in Connecticut after a long illness. With these classmates we grip hands and say, "Well done."

Bert and June **Sparrow** proudly announce that son Skipper and his wife will soon have their third child, and daughter Virginia (Smith) will have her second. **Clarke** reports that his Lindy (Colella) and her husband both graduate from Drew U. this June; they spent Christmas in Puerto Rico. Son Bill works in the Rayburn House Office Building helping congressmen prepare TV and radio tapes for use in their home districts. Billy continues with RAC as do **Breit, Parker,** and **Whipple.**

Ruth **Carroll's** Robert was awarded a Silver Star in Vietnam and is now a schoolboy at Benning. Son Dave is with Pratt and Whitney's man-orbit lab in Hartford. **Cleveland's** address is: 1 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020. Marjorie **Crawford** says that Joe is fine; their Anne is, for awhile at least, with them. Wag **Kleitz'** Tony is in his second year of study for an advanced degree at Fletcher Institute of Law and Diplomacy in Boston and presently has a desk in the U.N. offices in Geneva. Katy studies the flute at the New England Conservatory of Music. Wag's other two are in school in Arlington.

Dot **Hartel** writes that Linda's husband, Eb **Downing's** son, goes to Benning this summer; *Newsweek* carried an article about the exploits for which he was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with gold star. Karla, who has just been commissioned in the ANC, "doesn't mind in the least saluting, not even her father." Their Mary and her husband, Maj. Stan Domal, return from Iran in July. "Fritz and I simply cannot find the time. . . . Maybe he should be back on active duty. The **Calhouns** and **Parkers** and Ruth **Carroll** spent a weekend with us. The **Kaisers** were here for the Navy game; we didn't let the game spoil our fun." Earlier, Bill and Marge **Ryan** were their guests.

**Cairns** writes: "Julie and family were here for Christmas; Al is stationed in nearby Anaheim. Mimi and family are in Dover, N.H., while David takes graduate work. Rob's family is in Lawton until he gets back from Thailand and goes to Madison to get an M.A. in Phys Ed from the U. of Wis.; later, he will report to the Master of the Sword's Dept at USMA. Lil and I took a very interesting trip to the Far East this fall. In Thailand we visited Rob, on duty there with JUSMAG. We had three delightful days of golf at Baguio and found Hong Kong interesting. In Honolulu I happened on to Ed **Raff**; he was there from the Cook Islands where he has his home. He makes the South Seas inviting."

**Dunn** is back home with Dana after almost two months in Walter Reed. "Until the liver mends I shall be somewhat restricted and will have to be careful the rest of my life." **Douglas** has moved from Fredericksburg to Pomona Hills, RD 5, Westchester, Pa. 19380, near Cowboy **Elliott.** In October, Hadley and Hester **Richardson** made a tour, in their Volkswagen, of the Brittany Peninsula—"I'm afraid we are bewitched." Recently they have gotten together with the **Fletters** and the **Kaessers. Akers** plans to come back to the U.S. and will probably settle in Colorado. For the present, mail may be addressed to him in care of his mother: Mrs. R.F. Akers, 201 N. Wayne, Arlington, Va. 22201. **Edwards** hopes to visit Vietnam with a Stanford Research Institute team and see his son Dick who is there with the 4th Inf Div. Ray and Marjorie **Corum** took a trip to Hawaii to celebrate their 30th anniversary. They planned to visit many of the exotic places there and hoped to see **Tubbs** and **Hurlbut.**

Bev **Jones** continues in French and Spanish at Miami U. He also teaches Sunday School, works in his local Christian Science Reading Room, and takes piano lessons. Lib is working toward certification in library science. Mimi is a junior in Coral Gables High, and Sally brings home an excellent report card from junior high. Mira **Stilwell** has been made an honorary lifetime member of the Officers Wives' Club of the John F. Kennedy Center for Special Warfare.

Many classmates and other friends were with Steve **Fuqua** at Fort Myer and Arlington to honor the memory of Mary Ann. Kay and Charlotte **Kaesser** now have a swimming pool. They recently had a visit from Ned and Gladys **Gee,** who happened to be out West. They hope to visit Hawaii this summer "if all goes well." Plans for our 35th Reunion are progressing; so far 65 have indicated their intention to be there. We have one Class Son in the graduating Class, Lamar **Ratcliffe;** and Red **White's** son, Larry, will become a second classman, but he will *not* go on furlough.

**Rothwell's** post card from Switzerland said that he, Mickey, and their daughter Terry "did" that country before she entered a school at Villars sur Ollon. "Mickey and I are going on to the Greek Islands, Istanbul, and Italy." **Hurlbut** says, "I got to Washington a week too late for the class party!" And the card from him and Polly adds: "Sandie, now a senior, was queen of the junior prom at St. Andrews priory last year. Steve made the honor roll in the seventh grade. His greatest disappointment in being promoted was that he is now required to wear shoes to school."

**Hackman's** son, Emory Jr., graduated from West Va. U. as a DMG, went on active duty in Feb 67, graduated with honors from MI school in April, was commissioned RA in June, and is now on duty in the Canal Zone with an airborne Infantry unit.

On 25 Nov, at the Army-Navy Country Club, 56 of us put on what we all conceded to be the best demonstration of having a good time—ever. On 25 Sept, at Fort McNair, Dick (R.D.) **Meyer** formally retired; there was a reception for Dick and Lovey at the officers club. He had asked that his classmates in the area be notified, and many were there. Their address now is: 368 W. Fairlawn Blvd., Akron, Ohio 44313.

One of the pictures included shows Secretary Brown presenting Tom **Moorman** a letter authorizing the AFA Foundation, Inc., to proceed with the development of an $8,000,000 aerospace education center.

Apologies to Gabe **Disosway** for not listing



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his son, Cadet John F. Disosway, as a Yearling at USAFA. Bob and Posie **Neely** were here from the Boeing office in Germany for, among other things, the class party. Their John is stationed in Germany, and Tom is at Sun Valley. **Fairchild** writes: "On 18 July, I had my second coronary; in a great display of togetherness, Nancy followed 10 days later with her first. We are both recovering nicely, but I must terminate at M.I.T. In early January we will move to Fort Worth where we'll take up residence. Our daughter Diana, her husband, and their three children live there. Son Peter, USMA '66, is at Edwards AFB. My temporary address is: c/o D.R. Gray, 3113 Fuller Ave., Fort Worth, Tex. 76133."

**Dahlen, Hetherington, Lincoln, Frentzel,** and **Harris** gathered at the reception at Fort Sam for Abe, the new Fourth Army commander. Billy, who sent me this picture, says that Frentzel is getting an M.A. in math from Trinity U., and he is studying business administration there.

At long last, word from **Armitage** who teaches in San Antonio: "Our son John and his wife are getting Ph.D.'s at the U. of London. They returned from a trip to Russia and eastern Europe; he is going on a climbing expedition in the Alps. **Dahlen**'s daughter, Sydney Jean, was married while home from Berlin to W.E. Elstran who also teaches in Berlin. They departed right after the wedding for Berlin. The **Grubbs** had a blast at The Game. With Rosie's mother, they sat in the horseshoe end, made snowballs, and threw them at Navy. The **McClellands** had their four daughters with them for the holidays. The **Gretsers** had their traditional open house at Christmas; no word yet of their son, an AF captain, missing over Vietnam. We still meet every month at Fort Sam."

# '34

**Brig. Gen. John D. Stevens**
**6313 Villa Lane**
**Falls Church, Va. 22044**

Since all of you received a report on our pre-Homecoming get-together with the **Seamans** in October and on the West Point Homecoming rendezvous via our class bulletin on 10 Nov 67, no account of these fine partial reunions will be repeated in these Notes. I would like to report a gratifying response to that bulletin in the form of: checks for Emory **Lewis,** treasurer, who will be glad to continue receipts for the current year (30 June 67-30 June 68) in the amount of $5, addressed to 3011 N. Military Road, Arlington, Va. 22207; and news items to your secretary which will make these Notes more worthwhile. Following are these items from around the country and the world.

What our class community at the mouth of the Rio Grande experienced from Hurricane Beulah may be reflected in this note to Gene **Corrigan,** from Hank **Neilson,** 1121 La Vista Drive, McAllen, Tex., as of 21 Sept: "Since Hurricane Beulah has made it impossible for me to go to my orchards—or to leave the house, for that matter—we are checking up on some administrative details. Hence the dues at this time. We came through the hurricane and floods OK. Flooding was the worst, and that isn't over yet due to the continuing rains. However, the hurricane did extensive damage to my orchards and crop. Hope to see some of you at the ARMY-S.M.U. game 13 Oct." Absentee landlord, Jack **Schaefer,** reports he took a lot of crop damage, too, but was lucky on his tree damage. We hope Bill **Gross** and Tom **Wood** got off as well as possible, too.

"Moose" **Donovan** writes as of 20 Nov 67: "I've been here as the U.S. Representative to the Permanent Military Deputies Group, CENTO, since the first of August and have had a wonderful opportunity to see quite a bit of this part of the world. CENTO exercises have been primarily responsible for my travels throughout Turkey and Iran. Most of family here with me—one girl is in Madrid at the university, but the other girl and the boy are here. Hope to be back in the U.S. for the reunion in 69. Present address is: Lt. Gen. S.J. Donovan, U.S. ELEMENT CENTO, U.S. Embassy, APO New York 09254.

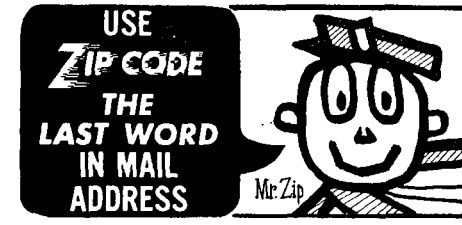
Pop **Warner,** 2769 Donna Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43221, submits the following as of 20 Nov 67: "I am still with Ohio State U. I am currently serving as Asst Director, Engineering Experiment Station, College of Engineering. E.O. **Davis** also works for the College of Engineering. He runs the Civil Defense extension course program presented all over the State of Ohio. Ken **Cunin** was a third member of the university staff until last September. He gave up his position in the office of the dean of men to go into the insurance business. He reports that he is enjoying the change—especially getting away from the fixed hours. J.J. Davis '35 (ex-'34), is also in Columbus. He works for the Ohio Dept of Highways."

Jack **Stanley** writes from Tokyo on 6 Nov that he is working for Fujita Tourist Enterprises and also acts as advisor to two other Japanese companies. He also has a hand in a travel agency, a mail order catalog company, oil investments in the U.S., representing Allied Van Lines, and a few other sidelines. He says this keeps him busy, and he enjoys it greatly. Jack advises that Georgie is living in California for a while, close to their daughter, who is married and pursuing a Ph.D. on a scholarship. Jack plans to make a 2-week visit to the States 17 December (apparently for a stateside family Christmas). He says if any classmates come his way, he hopes they will look him up.

This next one from Jack **Benner,** Apartado #332, Cuernavaca, Mexico, 22 Nov 67, is one to delight any class Scribe. It shows so much of the versatility that was Jack's and is so reassuring as to what a young man of 56 can do, I feel sure you will all enjoy his letter as much as we did. "Thanks for the 10 Nov bulletin. I was very glad to receive it, and I cannot think of a better slate of officers than have been chosen to head our Class. My best wishes go with all of you in keeping '34 together. (I rather believe I am in arrears in class dues so if you'll let Emory **Lewis** know what I owe, I will send a check.)

"After so long a time, it must be rather like hearing from the dead. And I should not wonder. I should write more often but somehow I'm always too busy. That is a hell of a poor reason from one living in 'manana land.' But somehow, it is only too true. And then there has been a lack of incentive. True, Bill **Stone** and his wife were here on some sort of business seminar, but I only saw them for a drink here at the house and have not heard from them since. Larry **Sanders** wrote me about the time he was retiring, and, although I wrote to him and Bea, I've not heard from them. Each Christmas we get a newsy note from Bill and Peggy **Craig,** and recently I had a line from Jerry **Higgins** saying they were coming down about 1 Jan for several months in Acapulco and would stop to see us if possible. All in all, I've rather lost touch with all the Class, and that is more a reflection on me than all of you.

"I shall try and bring you up-to-date on the house of **Benner.** It may or may not be




of interest to the rest. I was retired in 57 on a limited disability, and, after batting about looking for a home, we finally decided to buy a home here in Cuernavaca. We were here for almost five years when the SecDef revoked my retirement in March 1962, and I was returned to duty at Fort Hayes, Ohio. I went to numerous schools to bring me up-to-date on such things as cost accounting, etc. All very good but not quite my cup of tea after so many years with troops or in 'lively intelligence' work with NSA. And I must add it was rather a cloak and dagger sort of thing from time to time.

"Unfortunately, the medics did not go along on my return to duty and, after a siege at Valley Forge Hospital, was ordered re-retired. I was not at all unhappy although I had had to buy a complete new wardrobe of greens. I was told I had to stay on for another five years and no promotions—over age in grade. So I retired again and on my own, much to the unhappiness of Franklin '33, who had expected me to take Fort Hayes off his hands.

"We returned home to Mexico—had left the house as is—and resumed life in Cuernavaca. All in all, it has been a most satisfying life. I am busy most of the time and, contrary to some, never seem to have enough time. I work much in the church, St. Michael's and All Angels (Episcopal), where I am organist, choir director (hell of a choir), senior warden, sub-deacon, etc. The bishop has been after me for some time now to take orders, but I don't feel ready to take that step as yet.

"And speaking of that sort of thing, I have not completely forgotten USMA. Our vicar, Father Belleville, a former artilleryman, later an IG, is now in orders and a hell of a fine priest (should one say that?). He desired 6 new tall candlesticks for the service candles on the retable, so I gave them in memory of friends: 1933—Winton Summers Graham, Donald Gordan McGrew; 1934—Paul **Burlingame** Jr., Jack Jerome **Neely,** Thomas Hogan **Hayes** VI; 1939—Richard VanWyck Negley Jr. They were suitably inscribed and are now in constant use. There were many others I should have liked to remember also, but these were very close to me at the Academy. All died in the service of the country. You won't remember Negley—he was a Plebe when we were First Classmen, was found, and returned to graduate in 39, only to be lost in a Flying Tigers raid in China during the war. We became close friends while I was going through Randolph and Kelly and before he returned to the Academy to finish. He and his family were very kind to me while I was in San Antonio (his home) and before he returned to graduate in 39. If there is any way of notifying the families other than the Negleys, I should appreciate your assistance. They have not been forgot.

"Sentiment aside—and the church—I have been busy in other things. I returned to modeling here in Mexico and, although not as lucrative as in the States, have done a good many ads and TV programs for Ford, Samsonite, Superior Beer (local), Clairol, etc. I am now one of the highest paid models in



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Mexico. I've also done a couple of movies, most of which have ended on the cutting-room floor. But it still pays very well.

"In addition to all this, and you won't believe it, I took up bull fighting under the great Carlos Aruzza, a good friend, and I'm sorry to say he was killed, not in the arena but in an auto accident. Later I studied under the Bolanos brothers and Gabriel Espana. I fought my first fights at a *lienza* or *tienta* last year about this time—two bulls, small, but with horns able to gut you. My second was last spring, again at a private ring. Now I have been asked to fight for a charity affair, put on by the governor's wife, for crippled children. Unless I take more instruction, I am afraid to accept the invitation. In fact, I'm damn well afraid at any time when I fight. But it does keep your figure down—you can't fight with a big belly, and I've got mine down to 32-30. Not bad for one who wears a 42 coat. I sound as if I'm bragging and doubtless so. But for a 56-year-old, playing a 25ers' game isn't easy. One thing, you have to be 'brave'—your legs won't move fast enough to get out of harm's way, so you stand and hope for the best.

"My stepson, Laureen's son, whom I reared from 8, is doing fine as VP and general manager of our factory. He has three children who are kind enough to call me grandpapa. My own son, Wolfgang, is a sophomore at Trinity U. in San Antonio and No. 1 in his ROTC. He will go on to the advanced course and hopes for a commission in Artillery. He couldn't make the Point—eyes. But he is doing all right and, thank God, has no time or patience for the 'flower children' or the hippies. And neither do his friends, which gives one a renewed belief in our offspring.

"Laureen and I plan to go to Europe in late February, she to visit friends in Spain and I to take more lessons in flamenco dancing in Granada—I still dance professionally from time to time. Then we go to Greece and the islands for a month, back to Italy, and then to Cannes to see my two godchildren. After that we fly from Nice to London and from there down to Devon and Cornwall and on up to Scotland as the weather betters but leaving before the host of tourists arrive.

"Now, I have given you a resumé of my life. How about a long detailed letter of the **Stevenses** and our classmate friends. I am planning on coming to the 69 reunion.

"You may make such use of this letter as you choose. Please give my best to all and do remember I'm still alive. So many times I've wished to see all of you. But, please, do not try to come during the Olympics. My stepson is arriving with 6 guests, and I still have not been able to get the tickets. Except for Oct 68, my house is open to all my friends of '34. (Remember 'Tuffy' Matheson? Said I'd never learn Spainish. *Mi casa es su yo*?)

"I've much more to ramble on about but best stop now. It seems odd that so many years can slip by, and yet I feel as though it were yesterday I said, 'Farewell.'"

Bob **MacDonnell** writes as of 15 Nov: "Sis and I are still enjoying Vicksburg, although we travel a lot. We borrowed a granddaughter, aged 13 months, for a month to let daughter Mickey get used to a new one she had just brought home. The experience left us exhausted but a little sullen about having to give her back. Mickey has two daughters, Dick has one. Bob Jr. will be married in California in February. Our latch is out for any who come our way."

Rip **Winkle** writes: "All goes well here. My young son (Class of '84) was 4 years old on 30 Nov. Warm regards to all." I think he just wrote in order to brag.

Okie **O'Connell** writes from Cincinnati: "I am one of those ungrateful wretches who fails to appreciate the great effort a handfull of my classmates are exerting in behalf of our Class and the Corps, to bind us closer together, etc., etc. Joann and I are going to make every effort to be with you all in June 69. We hope to bring along a few of our daughters. To bring you up-to-date on our family status, we have: one daughter (23) with Delta Airlines; a son (20) at Wheeling College, W. Va.; a daughter (19) who is a sophomore at U. of Cincinnati; a daughter (17) who is a senior in high school; a daughter (13) in 8th grade; and a son (9) in the 4th grade—just think, when he graduates from college I will be 72, if I'm still around. I was admitted to the bar (legal) of Ohio last year and do a little legal work along with teaching high school math in a private school here. No other classmates are around. Bill **Denson** drops in occasionally when on a business trip. Joann and I got away *alone* last August, first time since we were married. Went to Frisco, LA, and Vegas; had a fine visit at Mary and Trav **Brown's** and at Hank **Davall's.** Had a phone visit with Catherine and Frank **Caufield.** I enclose a check for current dues plus at least a couple I missed. Kindly give my best to all the gang. If anyone gets to Cincy, please call: 321-4548."

From Mim and Alex **Stuart** in El Paso as of November: "Suzy arrived home from Texas U. last night, she is really enthusiastic about learning to be a teacher of deaf children. Mim is finishing up a good year as president of the 'Old Wives' Club' (don't believe that "old" stuff). Doug has orders to the Philippines and is very happy. Sandy has until April in Vietnam. My happiest moments professionally have been when I was invited as a guest panelist for the Texas Mental Health Assn on subjects concerning programmed instruction. Am also back on the tennis courts, although now I amble around the court at a most leisurely pace. Axel **Waugh** is our most energetic alumnus, going to far away ARMY games, etc. The rest of us are thoroughly enjoying the numerous advantages of El Paso and Juarez. Sandy **Moorman** married an El Pasoan last summer and is continuing in college here. Joe **Piram** and Charlie **Elliott** report no change. We hope for a big turnout from El Paso for the 69 event."

Dale **Smith** sends literature from Palm Beach, on the Graham-Eckes School, which he heads (looks like a good school). Dale sends his best to all and says: "Tell the Rabble to drop in when down this way."

Joe **Surratt** writes: "I am still a broker with Thomson & McKinnon, and my wife Mary Alice still practices medicine 'parttime' she says. Two daughters, Nancy a sophomore and Cathy an 8th grader, are still at home, and we have eight grandchildren. Yard work and house improvements keep my free time occupied, and M.A. sews, shops, and runs errands just for the h--l of it." All sound busy there.

**Rogers,** W.L., as director of Water Resource Development and an associate professor of civil engineering at the U. of Tenn. sends an impressive brochure on the offerings of his department which looks very interesting.

Johnny **Franklin,** from Hq Sixth Army, writes: "I was quite interested in Tom **Foote's** request for ideas regarding the 35th Reunion, i.e., whether accommodations should be barracks for the men with separate housing for the gals or an entire motel for the whole Class. I realize the appeal of staying in barracks once again, but at our stage of life I just feel that the motel, along with our wives, has considerably greater appeal, and I vote for this." Incidentally, the majority thus far appear to favor the motel; I'm not sure whether it's the stage of life or being with the gals.

Harry and Eddrea **Hillyard,** from on the road, write: "We will spend Christmas in Nebraska with my family where we will be joined by Captain Fred, who received a Silver Star from the President at Fort Benning, and also with Fran whose husband is still in Vietnam. After Christmas, we will go to California, and then, after staying with Frances until her baby arrives in March, we will go to Florida for house-hunting. We are still playing like we are on leave. We want to thank all who gave us such a grand farewell from the active Army and welcome to the retired ranks at the 'regional homecoming' at Meade."

Via the **Gerharts,** from the **Voehls** in Davis, Okla.: "Bill is now president of the Davis Kiwanis Club, representing it at the Texas-Oklahoma District Convention at Tulsa, accompanied by Carolyn. During the summer Bill attended East Central State College where he made the Dean's List; if all goes well, he should be teaching in the Oklahoma school system by fall. Daughter Valerie had an Hawaiian vacation where she saw Ted and Irma **Hoffman.** A visit was made to all the old posts of the once-renowned Harbor Defenses of Honolulu."

From the **Mossmans** in Ventura, Calif.: "We had a rather quiet 12 months last year. Other than ventures with the kids, our lives here in Ventura have been fairly routine with various civic meetings and trying to keep abreast of Mother Nature in the yard (we know what you mean). Son Al, with wife Willie and granddaughter Sabrina, live in Oakland; Al works with the Dept of Agriculture, in Albany. Daughter Li, and husband Reed Volin, live in Frisco; Reed works with State Highway, and Li is working in a brokers office in San Francisco. Li has announced that she expects to establish a new family birthday in May. We do plan to be with you in 69 and are starting to save our pennies."

From Bill **Tank** at Norwich: "Youngest daughter, Barbara, was married a few weeks ago, so I rattle around in this house. Oldest daughter, Sally Ann, presented me with a grandson in October. Patsy is on the West Coast waiting for her Gerry to complete his tour with the Marines in Vietnam. I may move back to Newport News—and have a better chance to see you and other old friends." You're welcome any time, Bill.

We have just learned that Jack **Seaman** was awarded a 2d Oak Leaf Cluster to his DSM, in September, for duty while serving as CG, II FF, Vietnam. We all extend congrats, Jack.

The Washington chapter held its annual joint luncheon with USNA '34 as hosts at the Naval Gun Factory on 16 Nov. Jack Martin of the Navy was their chief honcho. They missed a chance to recoup past losses on the ARMY-Navy game by not pressing us for any bets (good thing). The following USMA '34 made this formation: **Betts, Barnes, Beazley, Corrigan, O'Hara, Walsh, Higgins, Edson, Lewis, Foote, Schaefer, Kern, Tyson,** and **Stevens.**

Hal **Edson** thoughtfully arranged an evening dinner with femmes for our 18 Dec meeting at Arlington Hall Station, even though he had to stay home and do his American U. school homework. It was a fun



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chance to extend personal holiday greetings among the following: Rosa and Fred **Barnes**, Franny and Bert **Spivy**, Elinor and Jim **O'Hara**, Hope and Gene **Corrigan**, Ceil and Jack **Schaefer**, Sallye and George **Gerhart**, Ginger and Burt **Bruce**, Ara and Paul **Barton**, Edie **Kenerick**, Faith Edson, Louise and Lou Walsh, Betty Ann and Dan **Cheston**, Nancy and Bob **Fuller**, Louise and Tom **Lipscomb**, Lil and Bob **Tyson**, and Francie and Johnny **Stevens**.

Ed W. Wallnau requests we mention that the welcome mat is always out for all friends in the Class, at Ed's Florida home, 310 SW. Ave., Boynton Beach, Fla.

George **Gerhart** has recently been in the hands of the docs at Walter Reed getting work done on his internal plumbing valve. After some rough times we are happy to report that he is back in shape and is now teaching at Harker School in Potomac, Md.

As the year ended we were saddened by news of the death at Walter Reed of Robert J. Renfroe, following an operation. Hal **Edson** flew up to represent us at the funeral at West Point on 30 Dec. Your Scribe sent a note of collective condolences to parents Ruth and Jack **Renfroe**, in the name of the Class.

Fortunately, there is joy as well as sadness in this life; it just comes to each of us at different times and in different ways. Bob and Lil **Tyson** celebrated the marriage of their daughter Lucy to Mr. Richard Stewart Huffman on 28 Dec. Our good wishes to the newlyweds.

Thanks for your fine response to our bulletin in the form of both dues and news. Keep them coming. From all of us here to all of you everywhere, every good wish for 1968!

# '35

**Col. Ivan C. Rumsey**
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**Silver Spring, Md. 20910**

The year 1967 turned grim, claiming three more of our classmates during its last quarter. Clyde **Sims** died suddenly of a heart attack on 6 Oct in Philadelphia. Early in December Pope **Blackshear** died of a heart attack while on his way to see his doctor in Millersburg, Ky. On 8 Dec Ray **Pillivant** died of a heart attack in New York City while on a visit there with Louise from their home in Acton, Mass. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved wives and families of these gentlemen, our classmates who have joined the Long Gray Line. Our hearts also go out to Rube and Helen **Tucker** who lost their son Bruce in Vietnam last year.

The only promotion reported is a 2d star for Frank **Murdoch** who is now Dpty CG for Reserve Forces, Hq Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Tex. 78234.

Curly **Edwards** retired at the end of the year from his post as C/S, Sixth Army and, at his last report, was looking for a job. Curly also reported that he had quite a gathering of our classmates on 12 Nov, including: Bobby **Morris**, Tom **Gillis**, Benny **Heckemeyer**, Monty **Saxton**, Ed **Kraus**, Sal **Armogida**, Art **Frye**, and Brad **Means**.

There have been a number of moves and perhaps the longest was made by Bill **Lapsley** who departed his post as CG, Tank Automotive Comd in Detroit and is now addressed: Box 13, Hq MAAG (GPV) APO San Francisco, 96263. I understand this is Taiwan.

In reverse direction, Jim **Lang** left his engineering job in Honolulu and now lives at: 401 Burr Road, San Antonio, Tex. 78209.

George **Oglesby** made a good-sized jump from Long Island to Florida. His address is: 2120 NE. 42 Court, Lighthouse Point, Fla. 33064. George writes, "If the rest of my classmates are as nomadic as I, you must have a . time keeping the class roster current." George left a good job as plant manager of a chemical firm in Hicksville, Long Island, explaining, "For reasons not too clear to me yet, I became involved in the manufacture of PVC and associated products. No complaints about the job, but I gradually became disenchanted with the business world in general and the idea of my continuing to work in specific. Both my daughters long married, me a grandfather 5 times (3 girls, 2 boys), and still single since June died way back in '58—so why was I struggling with profit and loss statements and fighting the snow and ice in New York. So I retired again. This time I have no intention of doing anything but improve my golf game (it needs it) and maybe finding out what there is to this fishing business, and whatever else may develop. Here I am in the the sunshine state, and I'm going to give it a try. My youngest daughter is over in Germany where her husband is working off his ROTC commitment. My oldest still lives up in central New York State. Had a nice visit with Professor Walt **Bryde**. He's teaching up in Tavares. By the way, in case you haven't received word yet, his address is: 1525 Orange Avenue, North Lakewood Park, Tavares, Fla. 32778." George also reports that from the recent class roster he found Frank **McGoldrick** living only about a mile away and had a nice visit with him. (At this point I am confused because Frank lives in Deerfield, Fla. 33441, and I had already located George's Lighthouse Point in the Gulf of Mexico, just south of Tallahassee, and the only Deerfield my atlas shows is on the Atlantic coast. I can only hope that, for George's sake, there is a new community named Lighthouse Point nearby!) He closes by saying that we can count on him for the 35th Reunion and offers to help any way he can.

**1935**: Ralph Haines visits Harry Critz at Camp Red Cloud, Korea.

Another substantial move was made by Jack and Arlene **Howell** who left the Washington area last summer and are now at: 4147 Nisidia Place, Jacksonville, Fla. 32210. Jack reports that he is teaching math in a junior college there and saw Fred **Hall** at a football game in Tallahassee. He sends best regards to all and says they miss all their old friends in the Washington area but are making up as best they can with a lot of salt and freshwater fishing in a new 25-foot fiberglass cruiser with all the trimmings, as well as golf at the Naval Air station.

As an indication that more moves are still to be made in the future, a report from Jim **Worthington** says that he and Kay reconnoitered Florida and South Carolina for two weeks last August looking for a final retirement locale several years hence. He invites suggestions on places down that way, on or near the ocean, with good fishing handy. Since his Army retirement in Aug 66, Jim has been with Research Analysis Corporation and lives with Kay and younger daughter, Kathy, at: 1316 Macbeth St., McLean, Va. 22101. Kathy is a senior in high school and is busy college-hunting. Older daughter, Aileen, lives in Atlanta with her husband, who is a PHS doctor, and their baby daughter and son. Capt. Jim Jr., Artillery, is taking a course at Fort Sill since returning from his tour in Vietnam with the 173d Abn Bde. Dr. Mike is taking his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Tommy **Lang** came home from his job as CG, Seventh Army Artillery in Stuttgart and found he was slated for NORAD in Colorado Springs. He says he was so appalled at the idea of spending the last four years of his active duty "in the shadows of the Air Force Academy" that when the Martin Co. offered him a position in Orlando he put in for retirement fully expecting to be turned down because of the VN buildup. Instead, his "pride was sorely pricked when they accepted with undue alacrity." He and Sallie have bought a home and are enjoying the weather, the golf, the tennis, and everything about Florida. Tommy says his only complaints are only two weeks leave per year and no coffee breaks at Martin but plans to put up with it until he finally retires for good.

Bun **Wilby** wrote from Houston that he wants his ZIP number in the class roster to be corrected to 77025 and also that Bill, 23, graduated last June in his father's footsteps—straight from the area to graduation ceremony. After that the Wilby family went to Expo 67, camping. Bill has now finished Ranger school and, after Fort Gordon, expects training at Fort Monmouth and an assignment in Germany in the spring. He writes, "Bill went Intelligence basic and Signal Corps combat." (This must be the new Army.) Their oldest daughter, Mary 18, is now a freshman at U. of Colorado, Boulder. Bet 10, is a Girl Scout in Houston, and Tom 4½ will keep the P.T.A. alive in the Wilby family for many more years. Bun writes that he and Routh have been helping friends repaint a Chinese junk and find it lots of fun for parties, but the junk will "not go to windward worth a hoot." (This should be no surprise.)

John **Williamson** writes from Melbourne, Fla., that after two years of commuting 40 miles a day in traffic to Kennedy Space Center, he went back to teaching the new math in junior high in Eau Gallie, which is only 20 minutes from his home. John claims to have the most widely scattered family—son John is in Bogota, Colombia, with Esso; Peter is in Tokyo with I.B.M.; and Kathy is with her husband who is vice-consul in Belize, British Honduras. Young Mike, 16, is a junior in the Melbourne high school, is on the football team, and gets "respectable grades" in academics.

Charlie **Leonard** writes that he and Marge will definitely make the 35th Reunion because that is also the year of Chip's graduation. (Chip is Henry Alden Leonard.) Charlie is now with the U. of Washington in the Physical Plant Dept, and he and Marge keep busy with the many friends they have made in the northwest. Last summer they were quite busy with Mike coming home from



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Vietnam and Peggy home for a couple of months from her faculty job with the German Dept at the U. of Maryland. Mike is now at Holabird and expects to be stationed in Washington. The last one at home is Dutch, a sophomore in high school who does well in academics and practices lacrosse. Charlie hopes that some day Dutch may play forward for ARMY.

Ducky **Farnsworth** writes from: 2480 Malabar Drive, Eugene, Ore. 97403, that he has an assistant professorship with the Division of Continuing Education and is now integrated into the academic world, accepting things now that used to make him shudder. He says the welcome mat is out for all and warns that wine-making is one of his hobbies. Ducky also says he is going to make the 35th Reunion even if he has to thumb his way across!

An old friend of our Class, Ed Wallnau, writes from: 310 SW. 1st Avenue, Boynton Beach, Fla. 33435, to say that his welcome mat is also out to all his friends in the Class of '35.

Duke **McEntee** sent in a news item about his son, Air Force Staff Sergeant Ducat McEntee II, who has been awarded the AM and first OLC to his DFC for service in Vietnam as an aerial gunner in the AC-47 (that's Puff, the magic dragon) providing close air support to the town of Hung Me and the outpost Ki Loy which were under heavy attack. SSgt. McEntee is now with the 41st Air Div and lives in Yokota, Japan, with his wife Fumiko and their two young children, Yuki and Ducat III.

The news in December carried a notice of the engagement of Miss Mary Lynne Randall of Hanahan, S.C., to Patrick Edward Ferris, son of Col. and Mrs. E.H. **Ferris**, USA Ret. Pat will graduate from The Citadel in June, and a June wedding is planned.

The 12 Nov *New York Times* carried a picture of a very lovely young lady, Elissandra Nicole Fiore, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Caesar F. **Fiore** of Eatontown, N. J., and Panama City, and a news item of her engagement to Mr. James Stapleton Roy who is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate from Princeton and is now with the Foreign Service.

A class supper-dance at the Army-Navy Country Club turned out 38 classmates and wives on 14 Oct 67. The evening was a great success. We are indebted to Russ **Hawkins** for handling the affair. Luncheons were held on 7 Nov with a fair turnout of 24 and on 11 Dec with only 14 showing, which made it the smallest class luncheon in several years.

Russ and Ruth **Hawkins'** daughter Carole is a 1st Lt., Army Nurse Corps, now stationed at Fort Benning. Last summer she had a wounded patient returnee from Vietnam, Capt. Geoffrey **Ellerson** Jr. These two had been friends years ago at Fort Monroe while their respective fathers were assigned to CONARC. Young Geoff mended promptly and was returned to Vietnam. Latest word (as of January 1968) is that he is back on Carole's ward again, this time not only wounded but with a mean case of hepatitis. Let's hope these ailments all clear up soon and that Geoff Jr. gets reassigned stateside.

The accompanying photo shows a very small but star-studded reunion which took place at Camp Red Cloud, Korea, last fall when the Vice Chief of Staff, Gen. R.E. **Haines** Jr., visited the CG, I Corps (Group), Lt. Gen. Harry **Critz**.

# '36

**Lt. Col. Philip S. Gage Jr.**
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Was it a good omen when this New Year's morning I was the only one down at the office and the first letter I opened was one from Westy? Was it a portent of peace that his greetings were written on Christmas day? I'm with Jeane Dixon's predictions of Cong negotiations in the spring. Logically and realistically, then, the systematic attrition that our powerful leaders, ABC (Abe, Bruce, and **Childs**), have imposed on North Vietnam will force the break in hostilities that everyone so earnestly desires. As we all know numbers of our class sons are deeply involved in this war which has now reached the proportions or being our longest, our costliest, the most bombed, and, except for the Civil War, WWI, and II, involving the most men. As in 1966, in 1967 an only son of one of our Class paid the highest price on the battlefield. For those who missed it, young Lt. **Fergusson** was awarded the DSC for his inspirational feat near Tam Ky. No member of our Class nor any class son has acquitted himself more gloriously than young Bob. And we also know this is scant compensation for his loss.

It was observed that the President passed out Christmas presents to Abe, Westy, and Bruce in the form of DSM's.

Howell **Estes** again made a Christmas contribution to ABC by bringing in the 101st Div with record-breaking statistics. Naturally, he piloted the lead bird. The 101st was young Bob **Fergusson's** outfit.

One day in October, Gordie **Austin** dropped into Atlanta on a trip to Florida. His is an itinerant operation between DOD and people who trade with same. Son Ted is a restauranteur in France. The Austins spent Thanksgiving on their island, in a snowstorm; they arrived via bush pilot plane.

One of my Christmas surprises was hearing from Kelly **Bagby** who lives in Portland, Ore., and of whom I haven't heard "boo" since those vanished days of 1939. The **Barretts** have been in Tallahassee for three years. Wally is a Civil Defense consultant to the state. Two daughters are married to AF pilots. Don **Bodine** insists he is in "full" retirement at Annapolis. Dave **Chaffin** said Betty and kids went to Livorno when the Israeli war started. He went to Italy to visit them in July, but I think everyone is back in Beirut now.

No one knows better than I how loyal most of the Class is; when Lucy **Chiles** found out that pages 9-10 of the address list was missing, she personally made extra copies and sent them to me, for you-all. Gordie and Marian **Holterman** were visiting from Wisconsin. Myra and Bill **Hay** dropped in at Sheridan for "a social." Lucy reports that Mike's oldest, Skoshi, is at Stephens. Ben **Turnage** was the star at a recent fashion show. Jack Hall Chiles is holding his own as a Plebe.

Kay **Christensen** wrote than son Don is a lieutenant with the 25th Div in Vietnam. She spent Xmas in Houston and is thinking of a vacation to Nairobi. Caline and Bub **Clark** were home in Langley for the holidays. Cec **Combs** also came through Atlanta in the fall. Bill and Betty **Connor** are sinking deep roots in Charleston where they've been for more than a year now. Cassie and Patrick are in college, and Bill Jr. is expecting another Connor out in Hawaii. He volunteered to go back to Vietnam, but the hospital hasn't OK'd it yet.

The **Cordes** had a pleasant summer with visits by their two beautiful blond daughters who came with husbands and three grandchildren. Rick graduates from U. of Puget Sound in 68. Claude and Virginia **Crawford** wrote from Madrid where he is teaching while studying for a doctorate. His present endeavor reminds me of Johnny and Nonny **Heintges** who did the same thing at Heidelberg almost 20 years ago. The Crawfords just visited them there recently, by coincidence. Claude said he saw Jerry **Duin** in Wiesbaden. The Crawford address is: U.S. Army, Box R, APO N.Y. 09285.

The **Currans** were in their home in Bradenton for the holidays. I received news and pics of Ben and Aggie **Davis** on Okinawa. Ben commands Thirteenth AF and sees Howell and Westy quite often as the two go through. T.R. **Davis** and Barbara wrote from San Antone. This reminded me that Charlie **Tyler** is working for a department store, Bill **Davis** is still in school ROTC biz, **Bartella** is also in the area, and Eddie **Dunn** is still C/S of Fourth Army.

All the **Dawalts** were together for a happy Christmas. Randy **Dickens** reports that last summer **Katz, Beard,** and he all got their master's degrees from Duke, and all are teaching math. Henry was No. 2 in the class at Duke and it now teaching there. Randy is at the Fort Bragg branch of N.C. State U. Skip is at Brevard.

Young (Major) Gil **Dorland** is back in Vietnam with the 196th Lt Inf Bde. John is PMS at U. of S. Miss. while Rickey is a Sp4 with the 336 Avn Co. in the Mekong Delta. **Drains** greeted the Class from Indianapolis. The **Dunns** are retiring this year. Their recent graduate son is a ranger. Nan **Estes** wrote that Howell IV is now 2 months old. The **Evans** have a home in Falls Church, Va.

Bob and Charlotte **Fergusson** spent about the most eventful days of their lives between October and November and between Saigon and West Point—and all the places in between. After 13 years as your Scribe I have never seen more class concern and interest in any other family than was demonstrated here. Although nothing can replace their loss, the Fergussons felt the warmth and love of many old and close friends, and I know they would like me, in my ease-less way, to so express it.

I heard from Josh **Finkel** on several occasions. He's trying to assist son Marshall with a choice of medical college, and Emory is high on the list. J and Hazel took a trip to Berlin in October and visited "her folks" in England. Rudy **Ganns** is still breaking records for the Class; he swears he has now been sworn in four times as a colonel. But, alas, he's re-retiring again. Wants his new address to be: 900 E. Harrison, Pomona, Calif. He has a son at Humboldt studying forestry.

The P.S. **Greenes** conveyed greetings from Coventry, R.I. Phil is guidance director, and Helen is school psychologist. **Thompson, Whipple, Miller,** and **Mucci** are in the area, says Phil. Heard from Bill **Grohs** in Universal City, Tex. Bill and Marian **Haneke** are in a new home at: 8320 Chippenham Rd., Richmond, Va. On 1 Jan 68 Bill started work at Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. Capt. Tom **Hayes** IV is with the 1st Div in Vietnam. I was fortunate to have lunch with his father on 20 Nov which was Tom and Jean's 25th anniversary—Jean couldn't be with us. Tommy was awarded the DSM on 8 Dec here in Atlanta.

Doris and Dave **Hiester** are in the new home they built in Aberdeen. Dave has decided to stay as active in civies as he was in uniform. Daughter Darrell is with husband



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at C&GSC and expecting No. 5. Gen and Will **Hendrickson** are in their second year with Jr. ROTC. Will has learned (again?) to roll his own with "factory performance." Trish has two daughters; her husband has his father-in-law's formula!

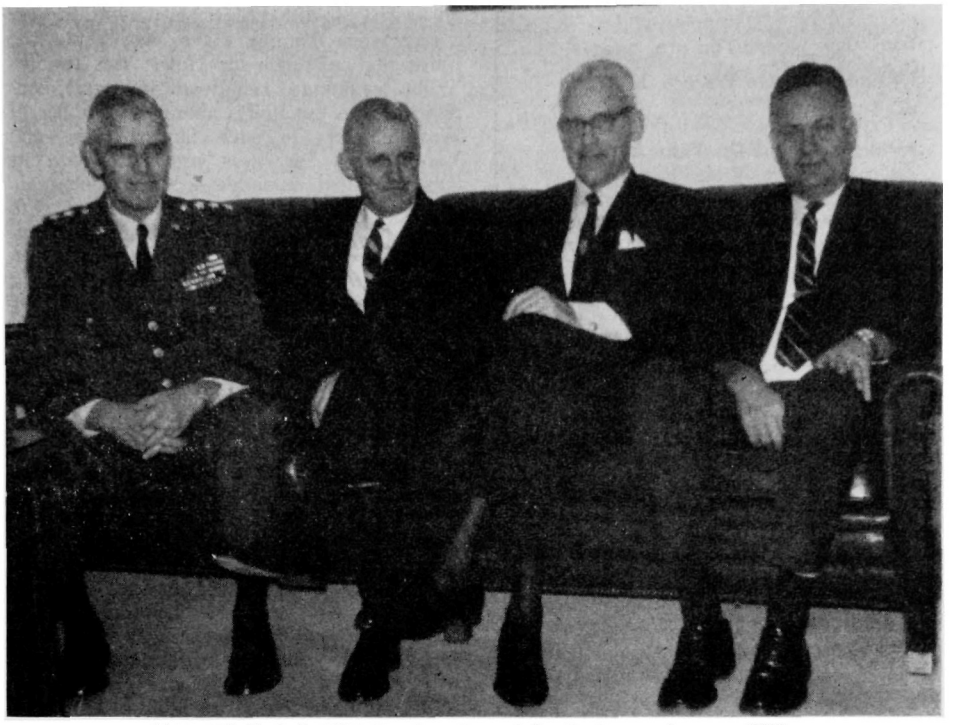
One of my best contributors, Helen **Hess**, has a technique quite unorthodox. It runs something like this: she accuses me of not answering her letter; so I write; she loses same; she writes a long letter; that's right, and loses it; she finds mine, hers, writes another and sends all. But this isn't the best. She says since Liz won't ever write her, she's coming to Atlanta. To prove her intentions are good she plans to go to Rome for Christmas to see my son Phil; but she doesn't quite make it, and so she and Whitey have a wonderful holiday in Madrid. But what she doesn't know is how very much I *do* want her to come see the famous bar she painted for me years ago.

Dutch **Hartman's** daughter was married on 30 Dec—that's all I heard. Got a pic of Wright **Hiatt** and Joe **Yost** up on the DMZ in Vietnam. Hi is constructing barricades up there; the job is not too dissimilar to work he did on airfields for Chenault in 44-45. Steve and Elsie **Holderness** are building at Hilton Head, S.C. They will move in after January. Kay and Bruce **Palmer** have a lot there. Betty Holderness wrote from Clifton, N.J., where she and daughter are awaiting No. 2, while young Steve is in Vietnam. Harriet **Holton** married Lt. Timothy Phalen on 19 Dec at Fort Benning. Except for bad rain, Liz and I were looking forward to an attendance.

News from the **Hosmers** is that they have finally entered their fabulous new home, with ultra-modern facilities overlooking the bayou; it's at: 39 Longwood, Shalimar (of course), Fla. Maj. Brad has been in Vietnam; son-in-law, Don, is at OCS, Fort Benning; Phil has a delightful bride and is a sergeant on a KC-135 fleet.

Betty and Jim **Illig** sent greetings and an announcement of their daughter Sally's husband's promotion in the J. Hancock insurance biz. Hadn't heard from Jake and Dale **Jacoby**, so it was a special treat to get the latest, which is pretty much the same as far as the house department goes. They, too, are building the biggest, the best, and the prettiest—but also the expensiv-est! The address of the new mansion is Rt. 1, Box 2870, Russellville, Ark. There's lots of riding and fishing. Like our other Duke grads, Jake is a math teacher at Ark. Polytechnic College (dear ol' "APC"). He said he likes teaching the kids, but some abuse the privilege of being stupid. He also says that out there, taking ROTC is considered a "blessing"; nobody ever heard of burning a draft card, and LSD is supposed to be the latest Ford sports car.

From Eleanor and Bill Jones: Dad is a hard-working real estate salesman; Eleanor and husband are living in Santa Cruz; Marylin is a working girl living near home; Emilia is still in high school; and Capt. Brice is stationed at Myrtle Beach, S.C., Air Base. Pete and Lois **Kieffer** from Vermont write that youngest daughter, Heidi, didn't return to Agnes Scott, Atlanta, but is planning art in Boston. Bill and Dette **Kimball** are still at Gordonsville, Va.; he is debating whether he's better off not working but looking anyway. Jim and Gerrie **Lampert** sent greetings from McNair. Nita and Jim Billy **Leer** disagree with the rest (but conform to my thinking), "remodeling the homestead is for the birds!" After 35 years they're back in blue grass country: RR#2, Carlisle, Ky. Bill **Longley** wrote that he was undergoing eye surgery again (on 1 Dec). We hope it was successful.



**1936:** Bill Shuler's 1936 Headquarters at the Pentagon, January 1968.

From the north countree: Al and Maddy McCormick seem to have moved again: 1690 James Rd., St. Paul, Minn. Howard **McManus** really brought me up-to-date: He attended U. of Ill. and got a Master's in education. He has taught in a small school since; he's the whole math department. He says this eliminates so many problems. He has a son at Va. Poly; his oldest daughter, Roseen, graduated from college three years ago and edits two insurance trade journals. He also applied for a subscription to ASSEMBLY because, he said, "I will always try to do anything Bill **Connor** recommends." Does anyone disagree with this endorsement? Sis and Ed Miles are still in Solvang, Calif. Jean and Ace **Miller** wrote from Connecticut. Aside from a greeting they expressed dismay that pages 9-10 of the address list was missing. (Can you imagine the depravity of a Scribe's mind who would stoop so low just because he knew he'd hear from more people?)

From Ed and Nancy **Mohlere**, typical retired '36ers, i.e., they bought a new home high on a hill with swim pool: 8715 Edgehill SE., Huntsville, Ala. Daughter Melinda was trapped in Israeli flap and disappeared (to parents) in Rome. Capt. Dick returned from Vietnam and is on his way to M.I.T. for a Master's in electrical engineering. Ed's main occupation centers around the mighty SATURN.

Received an invitation to visit Offutt; the company, Helen and Joe **Nazzaro**, was most desirable, but the distance—ugh! Jane **Neff** still keeps in touch with the Class from San Antonio; she's one of the most stalwart of '36ers. A lousy Christmas present was Bobby **O'Brien's**; he had to undergo stomach surgery over the holidays at George Washington U. Hospital.

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Tommy **Hayes** offered, and I accepted, and we spent a day flying up to the Pentagon and back, where I met with a few of our finest. Talked with Bob **O'Brien** who is now out of the hospital and says he's recovering rapidly and well. He is business manager at Marymount College of Virginia in Arlington.

From Bill Davis comes a strong pitch for Hemisfair 68 in San Antonio—April to October. He says it's to be the greatest! Sent Nip **Page** a '36 blazer patch to wear in the '36 climate of Raleigh, which includes Skip **Beard**, Ned **Broyles**, and Pete **Gaston.**

The Class acknowledges the passing on 10 Dec of Bruce **Palmer's** sister, Mrs. Marcella Palmer Blanchard. She was buried in Arlington. Bruce wrote, as usual, numerous times from Vietnam. He was undoubtedly the most solicitous person at the time of young Bob **Fergusson's** action. He continues to relay, as time permits, information concerning our sons in Vietnam. I wonder if any other group of young soldiers could boast of a more compassionate and interested mentor than this great man of our Class?

Another brilliant Bruce, but this time a son, is an associate physics prof at Princeton. Rhodes Scholar, Bruce **Partridge's** job was described by Bob and Tuck in a Xmas note. And, would you believe, as I opened to read their legitimate partridge-in-a-peartree card, the radio switched to "The Twelve Days of Christmas?" Bob is working on anti-ballistic missiles at Cornell and will transfer to Bangkok to assist the Thais for about two years.

Pete and Virginia **Persons** were with the **Furphys** at the ARMY-AF game. Daughter Nancy is at home while husband is in Vietnam. Bob **Quinn** changed from his museum job to director of Civil Defense in Rome, N.Y. Son, Capt. Rob, returned from duty with the 4th Div in Vietnam and is now at Fort Benning. Juana said Rob briefed Abe and Westy once but wouldn't dare tell them who he was. Charlie **Redman** is still surveying Kennett, Mo. Dick **Ripple** Jr. is through Harvard and attends the U. of Hawaii; he looks just like papa.

All of the **Westmorelands** and Herrons were at Dick and Jimmie's for Thanksgiving dinner. T.C. **Rogers** wrote that he's with the First Nat'l Bank of Arizona and lives at: 4117 E St., Joseph Way, Phoenix. He saw Nick **Grothaus** who's a "wheel" in Alcoa.

At Bliss Bob **Safford** is still with Air Defense. Chuck is an Airman 1st class; Larry's at Cornell; Lolly's husband won a DSC and is now back from Vietnam. Jane



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**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.**

**Schwering** got to Homecoming and ran into Gordie **Austin.**

I am serious as hell when I say that the Class is about 100% more effective since Bill **Shuler** got into the Washington Chapter slot. We are not only indebted to him but are plain fortunate to get a break of this type and at this stage of our lives. Since the last Notes writing I've received 7 full length news letters from him (and, of course, Libby Clein, who's also completely "gung-ho" '36). I report some of the additional info received from 3E-611 ('36 Hq in Pentagon): Ned **Norris** went skiing in Europe this winter. More and more attend class lunches at the Pentagon: **Albro, Breaks, Haneke, Hiester, Illig, Kelly, Evans, Shores, Kinard, Lampert, Layne, Lynch, O'Brien, Oswald, Shea, Sibert,** Ridge **Smith, Spencer, Twaddell, Yarborough,** Shuler, **Austin,** Ike **Smith, Kerkering, Clifton, Dawalt, Dickson, Gaston, Ryder, Landrum,** and **Kimball.** Twaddell bought a house at 7000 Hopewood St., Bethesda. Ridge Smith is portrait painting for a living. Bill Kimball is director of Project Hope, the Virginia League for Planned Parenthood. Bill Ryder is in Athens, Greece, as our country's director for his IESC firm. Bob O'Brien had lunch with Dick **Carmichael** before the former's operation. Hap **Dalton** has not been too well. Bill and Libby have been unable to locate addresses for: Nap **Duell,** John **Singletary,** Eugene **Patterson,** and Fred **Walker.**

In December B. **Shuler** got in touch with Charley **Segrist** (first time in 30 years); he retired on 31 Oct and is job looking. A committee under **Austin** selected Westy as our nominee for the Castle Award. Bill (and Libby) arranged a lunch for me when Tommy **Hayes** and I flew up; only Jim **Lampert,** Jack **Kelly,** Ben **Evans,** and Bill could get together on such short notice. Kelly's oldest son is back from Vietnam and at Benning; son who graduated last summer is in Germany; one is at the Academy; and one is still at home. Jim Lampert's recently married, Hester, is in Germany with her husband Lt. Hill.

Gil **Dorland** (son) was in Walter Reed. Apparently he was injured as result of a Viet action about Thanksgiving and was sent home before his family could change their Christmas news letter. Gil's condition will be OK. I had a pleasant phone chat with **Austin.** Joyce was going to New York to do some writing. Ben and Midge **Evans** kindly joined me for an extremely early dinner on a cold evening, then drove me to Tommy's plane out at Dulles. Liz and I missed seeing the Evanses last June, so in a way this helped catch up. Steve **Smith** retired a year ago and received a DSM for his 4 years of exceptional work as Hawaii's Div Engr. Jane and he built a house at: 4120 Puente Way, Sacramento, Calif. Daughters are married in nearby Berkeley and LA; Patty is at U. of C., San Diego. Steve is now principal engineer for California Water Resource Dept.

**Sikes** is still soaking up sunshine in Key West. I have chatted frequently with Howie **Snyder** in Columbus. He's worked hard opening his Bradley Center—a new mental health hospital in Columbus, Ga. Luckily I had lunch with him in November when he went up to Washington to see his parents. It was a day when Tommy **Hayes** was again the transportation angel—for Howie this time.

The **Swains** are keenly sensitive and competitive with the **Kellys** about the number of West Pointers in each family. Oren and Vera's Xmas note was very cute with its large marginal numerals opposite each male and denoting his class, i.e., '36, '61, '66, '70. Mike, '61, is an Arty Btry CO in Vietnam. Vera still excels in her painting skill. Oren ran into **Streeter,** who is an avid tournament pistol shooter.

Freddy and A. Lee **Terrell** are happily located at: 1341 San Julian Lane, Lake San Marcos, Calif., about 20 minutes north of San Diego. He is engaged in real estate ventures. Daughter Pat is married to a Kaiser Aluminum executive. Son Ken is a campus politician at Boulder U. in Colorado. Edgar **Thompson** is one who missed pages 9 and 10 of the address list most 'cause the "T" section was in it. As an exec on the Dallas Council on World Affairs, John and Missie **Torrey** are very contented. Bob and Muriell **Trout** are living at: 5419 Lake Lindenwood Dr., Waco, Tex. He is teaching business and economics in junior college. Ben **Turnage** is keeping the Fifth Army store open, while Mike and Jack do the travelling.

Peggy **Vincent's** yearly report was, as usual, bubbling with enthusiasm, activity, and tremendous pride in her young 'uns. Pat, who was Miss Wool of Texas, occupied most of Peg's paragraphs. She finished at U. of Texas and is now an American Airlines stewardess. Young Casey can't wait to get back to college from the Navy. Peg is still in modeling and advertising and, in addition, was made a Sears fashion consultant. She plugs hard, too, for next year's Texas Hemisfair 68.

Ed Wallnau had a year-end cocktail party at his Boynton Beach home for many of his friends and well wishers. We received a wonderful fruit basket from him at Christmas, which again caused me to wonder, why is Florida fruit always so much better than the local fruit that says "Florida grown?" Chuck and Betty **Waters** are doing fine in Cajun country: 923 Ridgefield Rd., Thibodaux, La. Capt. Chuck Jr. is flying C-141's all over the world out of Dover AFB. Daughter Brooke is stationed with her husband at Fort Eustis. Mimi and Ben **Whipple** wrote from Massachusetts that they still have the wander lust but have no place to go. Wort and Patty **Williams** are plugging hard for beautiful Washington (state); they should be receiving dividends from the state chamber of commerce.

Tim and Fran **Willis** are still working with their bridge game. Joe **Yost** and Wright **Hiatt** are the only retired members working in Vietnam. Joe is and can be pretty objective about the success of Westy and the winning of the war. There were some added "upjoiners" to ASSEMBLY and the AOG as a result of address-list comments re the subject. There are still a number of 1936, however, who will *not* read this!

The following comments are written over Van **Sutherland's** signature: "In his conscientious husbandry of the Class of '36 records, Phil **Gage** has developed the information that no less than 18 of our classmates, some deceased since WWII, have not as yet had their obituaries published in ASSEMBLY. Since its commissioning, our Class has been so actively engrossed in the affairs of the Army, including three wars, that this situation is understandable. But it is one that should be corrected: that we recognize without further delay those who have passed on is imperative. To search out a person willing and knowledgeable enough to write an appropriate obituary is always a difficult job and one susceptible to inevitable delay. In light of this Phil and Bill **Connor** have decided that the desirable thing to do is to publish rather brief and factual statements of the military service of our departed classmates, thus far unmemorialized, in successive issues of ASSEMBLY, at the rate of several each issue. We are indebted to the Army Administrative Center in St. Louis for kindly furnishing the official data on which these are prepared. In so doing we will be giving all too modest recognition to those officers who in a real sense are among the scouts of our Class, our advance guard in joining the Long Gray Line's ghostly assemblage. Although such accounts can do little more than suggest the magnitude of their contributions, to their classmates and friends, these brief records will speak ample volumes."

### Distaff Briefs

My first and very own column—this privilege being granted by the senior officer (She's gotta mean age. PSG) in the **Gage** household. It really is fun getting all those letters addressed to *me* with news which I refuse to share with Phil until he reads it in ASSEMBLY. Lucy **Chiles** writes that Lucylee is art director at Pembroke Country Day School in Kansas City and that Joy is a senior at Missouri U. and president of Delta Delta Delta. Marge and Louis **Chappelear** met the **Dorlands** in Mexico City and spent a few weeks of the *manana* life—wish we'd been with them. No news from Dette **Kimball.** Carolyn **Clark's** daughter, Carolyn, and her four young children are living nearby while her young husband is on duty in SEA. The Clarks now have six grandchildren and wonder if this is a record for the Class. Virginia **Persons** keeps in touch with friends throughout the country, which I hope to do with letters from any and all of you. Thanks to Nan **Estes** and Lyn **Hosmer** for writing about their grandchildren whom they are spoiling. Phil just informed me there is no more space for his column. Do write. s/Liz.

Late, late news: Herb **Cady** retires! Herb who ranked No. 1 in Class of 1935, graduated with us and went immediately into the insurance business. He retired after 32 years with a record of being the outstanding man, probably, who ever worked for the Connecticut General Insurance Co. He set record after record, maintained a West Point image in Philadelphia the whole time, and even hired two graduates one of whom, Rod Vitty, '55, is trying hard to equal Herb's mark. It seems to me that Herb should be about a lieutenant general in the insurance biz.

## '37

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As the result of a rigged election at the October class luncheon you see the name of your new class secretary and, concurrently, ASSEMBLY Notes Scribe at the head of this column. I was too taken by surprise to remember to record the names of those present (although I should have, for future revenge), but I can tell you who showed up for the 30 Nov affair a month later—two stalwarts only, Jim **Pearsall** and Bob **Stumpf,** made it to Arlington Hall in the midst of the earliest and one of the worst snow storms in Washington history. Since they both somehow also managed to get home, I guess they couldn't have got too smashed drinking the martinis laid out for a dozen.

This has been a bad season so far for



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class luncheons; 28 Dec was another snow day, not quite as bad as November but bad enough. Six made it: **Bissell, Dorney, Maliszewski, Pearsall, Stumpf,** and **Zehner,** but not yours truly. Remember that the Washington area luncheons are held at noon on the 4th Thursday of each month (except November when Thanksgiving forces us to use the third or fifth), at the Arlington Hall Station Officers Club. Out-of-towners, please call Choppy **Brett,** OIC of luncheons, at the Bretwalda Corp., 1518 K St., NW., telephone: 638-1918, for reservations. But if you arrive too late for that, come anyway, there is always room for another classmate.

Surely the biggest event of the fall military social season in Washington, and the poshest, was the wedding and reception that Tense and Bob **Seedlock** gave for their daughter Elizabeth on 25 Nov at Fort Belvoir. Beth was married to Maj. Norman H. Morrissette, Corps of Engineers, at the Main Post Chapel, at 4 in the afternoon. It was a beautiful ceremony, and a magnificent reception followed at Mackenzie Hall, the Engineer Mess. The bride was lovely in white, Tense ditto in pink, and Bob and the groom in blue(s). I have seen quite a few proud fathers march down the aisle with their daughters in my time, but none more so than Bob, and with good reason. Among the Class present I noted, besides the **Dierckses:** the Fred **Clarkes,** John **Cromelin, Dorneys, Hyzers, Luteses, Robbinses, Shives, Stumpfs,** Betty **Spengler,** Bob **Taylors,** and the **Williams.** If you were there, and I failed to list you, please excuse me for missing you in that crowd. I must say it was a pleasure to see Big John Cromelin again after too many years, and appropriate, too, since we were stationed at Belvoir together shortly after graduation—so long ago (along with the **Sollohubs, Stanns, McAfees, Mitchims, Fishes, Fairbanks, Abercrombies,** and **Ellises**). But enough reminiscence; in concluding my society reporter stint, I can't help but repeat that it was some wedding, though I'm glad Bob is paying for it and not me. The weather was beautiful too, incidentally; quite a contrast to five days later (see luncheon notes above).

Well, the ARMY-Navy game has come and gone (more gone than we bargained for, of course). Harvey **Dorney** reports the following at the game in Philadelphia, based on his and Gus **Prentiss's** observations: **Chabot, Connor,** J.P., **Cullen, Davis,** W.E., **Diehl, Dooley,** Dorney, **Klocko, Oden, Polk,** Prentiss, and **Strandberg.** Harve says he and Gus *think* Marty **Green,** Monk **Montgomery,** and Finn **Unger** were also there but aren't certain. I'm not quite sure how to comment on that information, so I won't. For those who couldn't get to Philadelphia, Bud and Trix **Zehner** again invited the Class to watch the game on TV at their Arlington *chez.* Kate and I couldn't make it, but I know many did, and from past reports it must have been a blast (except for the game's outcome).

Harve **Dorney,** who pinch-hit for Jack **Donohew** on short notice in the fall issue of ASSEMBLY, asks me to apologize for him for a couple of errors. First, the class picnic at the **Seedlocks'** quarters at Fort Belvoir on 9 Sept also included: the **Greens** (Marty), **Robbinses, Stumpfs,** and Gashouse **Martin.** All are visible in the photo, especially old Stumpo hogging the limelight in the foreground in plaid shorts. How Harvey missed him I can't imagine. Also, Harve listed Duffy **Brown,** who retired 31 Jan 67, and Bob **Taylor,** who retired on 30 April 67, as still on active duty in the Washington area. Sorry about that!

I am also indebted to Harvey for the following pieces of information. (You can see he has made a major contribution to this column.) Duffy **Brown** joins Don **Shive** at Stanford Research Institute in Washington. Bruce **Bissell** is now working for Better Homes Realty, Inc., in Arlington, Va.; phone: 532-5100 (adv.). Bob **Gildart** has an administrative position with Montgomery Junior College, Takoma Park, Md. George **Maliszewski** is an electrical engineer with Potomac Electric Power Co. of Washington, D.C., evidencing a hidden talent I must admit I didn't know George had.

As most of you have probably read, Dick **Klocko** has taken over the Defense Communications Agency and received his third star. Congratulations, Dick.

Jim **Pearsall** reports that Bob **Marr's** wife Laura died on 5 Dec on the West Coast from injuries suffered in a fall. Our deepest sympathy goes to Bob who is remaining in the Monterey area according to Jim.

Another sad note, the *Army-Navy Journal* reports Cecil **Himes's** son, Marine Pfc. Michael B. Himes, was killed in action in Vietnam on 7 Sept 1967, age 21 years. A tragedy for the Himeses; may it be the last such for the Class.

Parker **Calvert** writes that he has now completely recovered *legally* also from the effects of World War II and is enjoying life and handling his own affairs again in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he is president of the local Army-Navy Club and studying photography. It was good to hear from you and receive your good news, Parker.

I noticed Woody **Stromberg's** and Eph **Graham's** retirements recently in the *Journal,* but I have no details of their future plans. A surprise announcement from Bob **Seedlock** is that he is retiring as of the end of January from his assignment as commanding general of the Engineer Center and Fort Belvoir to accept an invitation to join a "private business corporation engaged in heavy manufacturing, mining, and engineering." Good luck, Bob. They are lucky to get you. (Name of the company will be available for the next issue.) Bob states that Obie **Oberbeck** is coming in to replace him on 1 March from his post as CG, Test Command, DASA, and Commander JTF8 at Sandia. This makes three members of the Class to command Fort Belvoir in turn, Fred **Clarke,** Bob, and Obie. Quite a record.

Since the election of new class officers took place after material for the fall 1967 ASSEMBLY had gone in, here is the current slate: president; Harve **Dorney;** vice-president, Trapper **Drum;** secretary, **Diercks;** treasurer, Gus **Prentiss;** luncheon chairman, Choppy **Brett;** party committee: Steve **Stevenson,** Scotty **Hall,** and Don **Shive.**

Remember, this column can only have as much news from out of town as you people send in. Please keep it coming, and I promise to transcribe it, not, of course, with the flair of the incomparable Doug **Quandt,** but faithfully, in my fashion.

## '38

**Maj. Gen. Neil D. Van Sickle**
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Ed and Jean **Bailey** are planning to retire to Washington State, but he didn't say when. Thanks go to him for most of the information in this issue on "Happenings '38."

Curley and Fran **Harvey,** now at Redstone Arsenal, are working on plans for a house to put on their lot in Carmel, Calif. Son Jim is at Fort Sill; sons Dave and Bob are at USMA.

The **Baileys** visited Andy and Midge **Anderson** (C.H.) at Hannover, Germany, last summer. He and Midge have a cozy setup near stables where Andy is putting into practice the results of his years of research on advanced dressage training. Daughter Carol is married and living in England; son Nicky is married and living in Seattle, Wash.

G.G. **O'Connor** is moving from command of the 9th Div in Vietnam to Hq CONARC in mid-March. Mel and Frieda **Russell** think now that they will settle in the San Francisco area. Clancy and Pat **Beck** are returning to Hawaii. Al and Kay **D'Arezzo** are retiring to the U. of Texas where he plans to get his doctorate and to teach.

A long letter from Wally **Ford** tells of his and Betty's life in Florida, where he is Asst General Manager of North American's launch operations for APOLLO at Cape Kennedy. Their eldest daughter and their two grandchildren live in Kuwait, Arabia. Their second daughter is also married and living in Hastings, Mich. Brian, their eldest boy, has just enlisted in the Marine Corps after three years of college and went to boot camp at Parris Island. The youngest son is a senior at Satellite, Florida, High School. Wally is in his 11th year with North American. Boating and fishing keep them busy off duty.

**Pattison,** J.B., writes that he and OAO Olive are living in Taipei, Taiwan, teaching mathematics in the Taipei American School. He has been there since 62. Son John III recently graduated from the U. of Southern Mississippi and is back doing graduate work in management. He married a Taipei H.S. classmate of 63.

Bob **Kuhn** and Pauline live in Fairborn, Ohio, where he is semi-retired from the sports car business. His family is well grown. Chris is a professional photographer in Washington, D.C.; Louis is with AID in Bangkok; Robert III, 2d Lt. USAF, is in Intelligence school at Lowry. Miday is married, has two sons, and is a registered nurse. And Kitty is a student at Wright State U.

Carter **Duncan** writes in inimitable style that he is living, but not working, in Menlo Park, Calif. He claims no grandchildren, no books, no fishing, no records, no money, and a project rebuilding a 40-foot power cruiser for a proposed trip down the West Coast this coming spring. Pat is his third wife, after six years of bachelorhood. He reported that he has heard from Mimsey Jones, widow of his roommate R.A. **Jones.** She is living in Lakenville, N.Y. **Hallinger,** he says, lives in Palo Alto and works for Philco.

Maj. Gen. Tony **Chanco,** retired from the Philippine Army, visited Ken **Wickham** the other day. Tony is head of the Manila Vinnell Corp., with home office in Los Angeles.

Jack **English** retired on 29 Dec and received an OLC to his LM along with the retirement certificate. Ken **Wickham** read the retirement order, and Bill **Beverley** and Ed **Machen** were present, along with Dorothy and their six children. They have two in college, two in junior high, and two in elementary school. Jack has moved to Kansas City to work for Booz-Allen. Dorothy says they will join him in the spring. All are very happy, and Dorothy assigns as a reason that Jack has Army blue blood running in his veins. Al and Macon **Weinnig** announced the marriage of their daughter Macon, on 20 Jan at the Fort Myer Chapel. He works for TRW here, and they live in McLean, Va.

Bud **Mearns,** commanding the 25th Div, is reported to be enjoying himself.

Bill **Ekman** is putting in some time get-



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ting a good checkup at Walter Reed. He had a close call from infectious pneumonia before Christmas but spent the holidays at home. He expects to be out in a few weeks. Pete **Sights** reports that he recently got a typically non-committal letter from Bob **Ashworth** who is at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Phil **Feffer** is the newly appointed director of the Philadelphia College of Textiles' new apparel research center; he will also develop the college's 4-year courses in apparel, which lead to a B.S. degree. After leaving the Army in 1942, he did graduate work at Johns Hopkins U. in 1948-49. He and his family live in Baltimore.

Bill and Jean **Johnson** are moving from Greenwich, Conn., to Canton, N.Y., where he has been appointed Associate Professor of English of New York State Agricultural and Technical College. Son William G. recently graduated from Alfred U. School of Ceramic Design and plans to teach and study toward his Master's at Corcoran School of Art in Washington. Catherine, 19, is now a student at Alfred U., also studying ceramic design.

Johnny **Jannarone** added the following at West Point: "Art **Collins**, acting for class president G.G. **O'Connor**, recently sent a letter to all members of the Class of '38 asking for donations to the class fund, to take care of recurring expenses for flowers and for gifts presented to Class Sons upon graduation from USMA, and to finance a proposed $1,000 gift to the Superintendent's Fund on the occasion of '38's 30th Reunion. Checks should be made out to Class Fund, Class of 1938, and should be sent to our Assistant Treasurer: Colonel E.W. **Amick**, Family Housing Division, West Point, N.Y. 10996."

As a last note, Marge and I are proud to have produced a fourth grandchild just before Christmas at Williams AFB, Ariz. My oldest daughter, Anne, Mrs. (Capt.) A.J. Fredrick, was a great help.

Thanks for all the help on this report. If you send it, I'll see that it gets reported sooner or later.

**1939**: At Helen and Bob Schellman's quarters in Wurzburg, Germany, 17 June. Starting clockwise from the host in the foreground: Jeanne Williams, Mary McCaffrey, Allys Krisman, Ken Collins, Bill McCaffrey, Frank Mildren, Bob Williams, Allie Lou Collins, Audrey Mildren, and Mike Krisman.

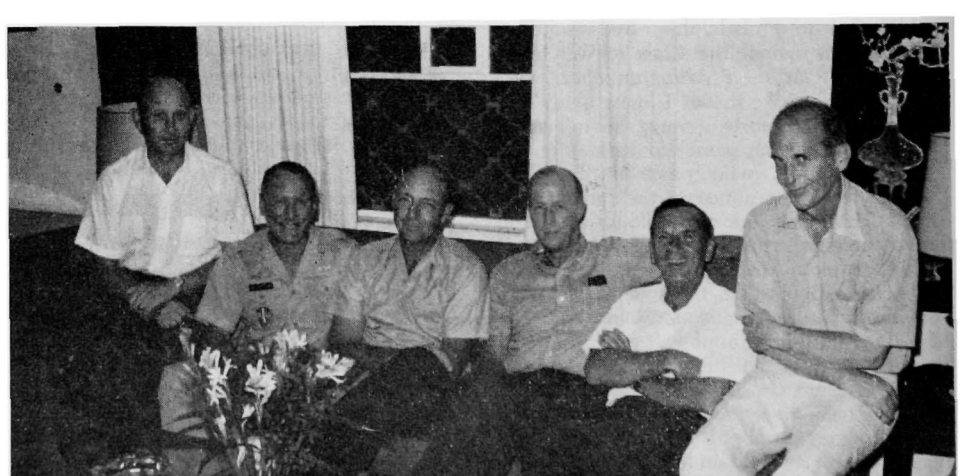
**1939**: At a class brunch in Wurzburg, Germany, on 18 June. Left to right: Schellmans, Carl Buechner, Krismans, Williamses, Collinses, Mildrens, and McCaffreys.

# '39

**Mr. Charles D. Kepple**
**6912 Floyd Avenue**
**Springfield, Va. 22150**

We appreciate the response to our plea for news from several of you around the world, and those close in too. A few letters, notes, and some scribbles, along with photos and snapshots have been received this past quarter.

Bob **Curtin** obliged with two color pics of a very distinguished looking group of gentlemen and their gals—all pretty ones—taken in June 67 at Wurzburg brunch hosted by Bob and Helen **Schellman** while Bob was still in command of the 3d Inf Div. Guest names follow: Carl **Buechner**, Allys and Mike **Krisman**, Bob and Jeanne **Williams**, Ken and Allie Lou **Collins**, Frank and Audrey **Mildren**, Mary and Bill **McCaffrey**. Other '39ers still in Europe at the time were Jack **Merrell**, Vice Comdr, USAFE, at Wiesbaden, and Tom **Dolvin**, CG, 3d Armd Div, Frankfurt. Schellman has since moved to EUCOM J3, while McCaffrey, Bob Williams, Walt **Brinker**, and Herb **Price** have returned stateside. Rumors are that Jim **Schwenk** and Roger **Phelan** are also in CONUS. Perry **Hoisington** is thought to be retired in Geneva (unconfirmed).



**1939**: Members of the Class gather informally in Saigon in November. Left to right: Van Harlingen, Brownfield, Davidson P., Kerwin, Ginder, and Duckworth.

**Van Harlingen, Brownfield, P. Davidson, Kerwin, Ginder, and Duckworth** got together long enough in Saigon, last November, for



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**1939:** Four members of the Class of '39 are shown at a CDC conference at Fort Ord in September. Left to right: Maj. Gen. George L. Mabry Jr., Ewell, Kinnard, Davison, and Lilly.

the accompanying snapshot, courtesy of Frank **Kobes.**

George **Winton** writes from Fort Sill (where he used to romp as a boy) that he and Lucille are comfortably settled on Leever Ave., named for our deceased classmate, Ed **Leever.** Bill **George** is his neighbor, and Al **Rollins** is there, too. George expresses his deep appreciation to Frankie Joe for arranging the presentation last June at the West Point Army Mess of the class gift to son George Beverly and speaks for Bob **Hill**, Vern **Gilbert**, and Joel **Walker** whose sons, Thomas, Timothy, and Robin, were similarly honored. Demonstrating a new whirly-bird at the Arty & Msl School was Bob **Cassidy** from Lockheed at Burbank. George says he looks real fine. The Wintons extend an invitation to any and all classmates who are passing through.

The fall notes remarked on the class impact in the educational, military, and civilian fields. It is equally appropriate to take notice of the '39ers impact on Combat Developments. Four of the five generals shown in the accompanying photo, taken at a recent USACDC conference at Fort Ord, **Kinnard, Davison, Ewell,** and **Lilly,** are recognized as those who donned the blue with the rest of us a couple of years back. The fifth in the picture, George Mabry, a colleague of your Scribe on the S&F at TIS 20 years ago, though not a classmate, is also known to many of the class doughfoots. (Roger has since become CG, 2d Region, Army ADC.)

The Washington contingent enjoyed an informal dinner-dance at Arlington Hall in November. Around the four tables were: the **Allens, Lennhoffs, Cleverlys, Boles, Morrisons, Meyers** and Jack's Mother who was visiting for her granddaughter's debut, **Kunzigs, Farrells, Simons, Mancusos,** Bob **Williams,** Bob's brother and sister-in-law, Walt **Brinker,** Jim **Keller** (of Arlington Hall), and the **Kepples.** It was an appropriately dignified affair broken only by the loss of Mary Allen's contact lens.

Stan **Dziuban** sent greetings to Springfield from Falls Church, whence he now commutes to his several Eastern Airline construction staffs in New York, Miami, and throughout the system. Come spring when school's out, he may move the family to Miami. Betty Ann is recovering nicely from a November auto accident; Stan Jr. sports a green beret at Bragg; Steve is still a Doolie at USAFA; his other two sons and daughter are well and engaged in their educational programs.

Seth **Hudgins** asked for the following insertion of interest to all: "The 1939 Army Distaff Foundation fund drive resulted in a net collection of $328.08, which has been contributed to the Army Distaff Foundation. The files pertaining to the fund drive have been forwarded to Frankie Joe **Kobes.**"

Dave **Dillard,** retired and working for Grumman Air, has plenty of room to bed down visiting classmates in North Shore, Long Island, home just south of Oyster Bay. Write or call at 28 Highwood Road, East Norwich, N.Y. 11732. Bride Bridget concurs.

Finally, Season's Greetings from an old friend of the Class, Ed Wallnau of the Piccadilly Hotel, during our cadet days. He extends a welcome to all at his home, 310 SW. 1st Ave., Boynton Beach, Fla. There are a few of us who'll not soon forget Ed's gracious attention to Earle **Lerette's** mother, that grand lady, when she was painfully injured by a fall in New York on our yearling Notre Dame trip. Ed arranged hospitalization, sent flowers, and visited during her stay, thus relieving Earle's concern so he could return to the Point.

And that's it for now.

**1939:** Dave Goodwin receives the Legion of Merit for service with OPO, DA. Making the presentation is Brig. Gen. James F. Hollingsworth, Dpty CG, USA Test and Evaluation Command.

# '40

**Lt. Col. Henry R. Brewerton**
**New York Military Academy**
**Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. 12520**

Seeds will be popping, snakes will be changing skin, and "the voice of the turtle shall be heard in the land." The spring of 1968 finds us still spread out, hard at second careers, or still pursuing the first.

Robby **Light,** our class godson, is with Bell Telephone Research Labs according to Peggy Light who married Maj. Gen. Mel Zais on 6 Aug 67. Rocket **Crockett** also remarried. Bob **Williams** has assumed command of the Army 1st Avn Bde in Vietnam. **Scott, Shoemaker,** and **Leahy** got their 2d stars. Ro **Gleszer** also got a 2d one pinned on. Paul **Cullen** has been appointed president of the Artillery Board at Fort Sill, Okla.

Jerry **Addington** was awarded the LM for his duty as CG, 31st Arty Bde, Oakdale, Pa., from July 1965 to August 1967. His next assignment is Chief, U.S. Military Mission, Saudi, Arabia.

The Air Force game brought out an unusually articulate class gathering. Don and Bets **Bennett** were there to give it class. Bill **Clark** reports he is retired and a consultant; his home is at 13 Oak Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80906. Skip **Fowler** has decorated a hilltop with his own house near USAFA. Helen and Page **Smith** were on hand to report that Bonnie, her eldest, has two little girls. Other voices heard from were: Sal **Gasperini,** Bill **Shanahan,** Al **Richards,** Bill and Kathy **Porte,** Greg and Oz **Osborn.** The **Shoemakers** were co-hosts. Don **Yeuell** and Bob **Warren** were also present. Dick **Abbey** and Ross **Milton** were at the Supe's festivities but were not able to make the Fowler-Shoemaker love-in. Art **Barry** is a professor at the U. of Denver College of Law. Art **Frontczak** retired and is living at: 7095 South Cook Way, Littleton, Colo. 80120. Willy **Buck** is also retired and living at: 334 Hidden Valley Trail, Sherman, Tex. 75090.

Oz **Leahy** is the CG, II Corps, with station at Fort Wadsworth. Red **Gideon** is CG, Warner Robins Air Materiel Area. **Wetzel** retired on 10 July 1967 and is working with the U.S. Embassy in Karachi, Pakistan. Pink Miner is teaching school in Binghamton and directing those interested to USMA. Jack and Ruby **Beiser** will move to: 2201 South Homer, Pittsburg, Kans. 66762, from Silver Spring, Md.

Myra Paulick, daughter of BG and Mrs. Michael **Paulick,** Fort Campbell, Ky., married Army Capt. Robert L. Johnson USMA '64, at Fort Campbell on 30 Sept 67. Mrs. Ruth Dulac **Ferry** (widow of Barney) and

**1940:** Jean and young Alan Cunningham accept Hank's 1st oak leaf cluster to the Legion of Merit awarded posthumously, and presented by Col. Henry L. Gordner, Post Commander at Fort Monroe, Va., in October.



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**1940:** Jerry Addington receives the Legion of Merit for service as the CG, 31st Arty Bde from July 1965 to August 1967. Maj. Gen. Melville B. Coburn made the presentation at Stewart AFB in October.

Mr. Jacques Michael Wright announce their marriage on 16 Sept 67 in Hunstville, Ala.

Jake **Taylor** is Asst CO of the Air Defense School at Fort Bliss. Chuck **Beaudry**, former chief of the Army's European Research Office in Frankfurt is now assigned duties as Chief, Army Field Office, AF Western Test Range, Vandenberg AFB, Calif. Russ **Manzolillo** is acting as USMA Admissions Program Ln O for First Army.

Does anyone have an extra HOWITZER 1940? If so, get in touch with Lt. Col. C.K. **Wilcox**, 33 Meadow Brook Road, Bedford, Mass. 01730.

Alan Cunningham, son of the late Col. Hank **Cunningham**, recently accepted the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the LM for his father from Col. Henry L. Gardner, Post Commander, Fort Monroe, Va., as his mother looked on. Sam **Goodwin** moves from Korea to the Berlin Bde. Mark **Klunk** is assigned to Hq Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco.

Frederick A. Praeger, Inc., Publishers, announce a new book by Bill **Kintner** entitled, *Peace and the Strategy Conflict* with the date of publication on 25 Sept. Dave **Parker** was promoted to MG, AUS, and Frankie **Devlin** was ordered to Hq XIII USAC at Devens.

Barbara Knight **Warren** was married to Richard Lawrence Nelson Jr., a medical student. **Clapsaddle** was reassigned to USAREUR in Heidelberg. **Coats** is the new Dpty Chief of Information. Tom **Scott** is CG of 1st Logistical Comd in Vietnam. Dick **Abbey** went to Ent AFB as Dir of Combat Opns Cen, J3, NORAD. Loretta and Ivan **Sattem** are still in Tokyo. Joe **Mastran** went from Hawaii to Hq MDW, DC. **Dunham** is still working for the state at Harrisburg, Pa.

Jack **Wright** is shown greeting the President as he visited TIS. **Winton** went to Campbell. John **Pidgeon** cleaned out his desk at Rutgers and reported to McPherson for his final assignment. Walt **Swank** is CO, XXI Army Corps at Indiantown Gap, Pa. Lannie **Witt** is C/S, USAADCEN, at Fort Bliss. Sam **Patten** is now the PMS at Syracuse. Ford **Fuller** holds the same job at PMC, and Steve **Silvasy** at St. Josephs in Philadelphia. Fran **Mueller** is at: 2424 Union Street, San Francisco, Calif., while George is in Ethiopia. Lee **Cagwin** heads the board which selects colonel, AUS. Vic **Conley** finally moved and is living at: 149 Logan Loop, Fort Sheridan, Ill. 60037. Jim **Loewus** retired last July and is teaching; he will be working on a Master's in education. I have a report that **Watrous** and **Wilderman** are also retired. The **Penneys** are at: Qtrs. 22A at Fort Myer, Va. The **Podufalys** are now at Fort DeRussy, Hawaii. Jim Rat **Moore** is at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Note: Ed Wallnau can be reached at: 310 SW. 1st Ave., Boynton Beach, Fla. 33435. Wally **Clement** went to Leavenworth. **Chandler**, H.B. plans to retire at the end of July. **Prann** retired and settled in Bradford, Conn. Urey **Alexander** is now at USAWC, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. 10713. Steve **Morrissey** is in St. Petersburg, Fla. Jane **Biswanger** is at 6420 N. 8th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19126.

# '41

**Col. Burton C. Andrus Jr.**
**American Embassy**
**Bern, Switzerland**

Well, they beat us fair and square, but we sure scared their bell-bottoms off in the last quarter. We can be very proud of Coach Cahill and the Big Team. And start boning a victory in 68! In total 67 was a good year —*major military victories in VN and DC.*

Wire **Coakley** reported, "On 21 Nov the first *joint* class luncheon was held with 20 USNA types. **Bagshaw, Camp,** Coakley, **Forsyth, Greene** MJL, **Millikin, Mitchell, Powell, Root, Woolwine, Brooks, Clark** HW, **Deane, deJonckheere, Hays, O'Connor, Reed,** and **Tanous** constituted our lineup. Tommy Blount, USNA, was toastmaster and mentioned among other things, the following '41 comparative statistics—graduated: USMA 424 vs USNA 399; active: USMA 160 (including 40 AF) vs USNA 97; Washington area: USMA 70 vs USNA 93; class sons: USMA 18 (My records show 21 sons graduated plus 17 on board at the 3 academies.) vs USNA 12; general/flag officers: USMA 38 (including 11 AF) vs USNA 13. Billy Mitchell took eloquent issue with these figures. Blount and Milliken drew chances in the name of each Class on The Game. A grand time was had by all."

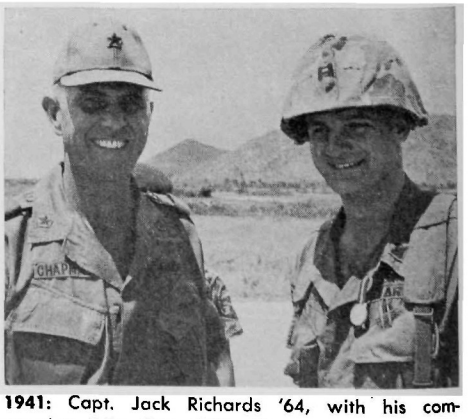
The Christmas letter lifted off on time with an appropriate cover by Bill **Vaughan** (American disenchantment with the Vietnicks is growing steadily). A record 187 participated, and happily 15 of our class families joined in: Mrs. Dorothy **Cramer** (Fritz's mother), Leanor **Driscoll**, Edee **Durr**, Bea Higgins (**Ward** JH), Blanche Johnson (**Cummings** RL), Helen Mahone (**McDaniel**), Leonore Mudge (**Gillis**), Jean **Moody**, Betty Shearer (**Waitt**), Mrs. Elizabeth Stafford (daughter of **Hetherington**), Dan **Tate** (Joe's brother), Judy **Tyler**, Petey **Woodruff**, Sybil Wilson (**Lokker**), Capt. John H. Ward Jr., '64 (son of Ward JH). We are delighted with their participation and hope that more will join in next year.

Frank **Linnell**, CG 196th Lt Inf Bde, had the words for it: "Our greatest blessing in this country is our young people who become such gallant soldiers, airmen, and Marines in this tough Vietnamese war." Curt **Chapman** sent a picture of himself and Capt. Jack **Richards**, '64, on his *second* tour in SEA. Capt. John H. **Ward** Jr. is with the 25th Inf Div. Capt. Rusty **Elder**, USAFA '64, is in SEA, and Lt. Larry **Greene** commands a Cav Trp. Matt **Harrison** Jr., '66, is with the 173d Abn; 2d Lt. Joe **Knowlton** is an FO with an Inf Co. in the 4th Div. Capt. Paul Morgan (Bill **Vaughan's** son-in-law) has just finished his tour, as did "Pistol" **Boswell** now teaching Navy VI cadets. Mike **Rhynard**, USAFA '66, and Walt **Mather** Jr., '67, are scheduled to go in April to an F-4 Sqdn and Ranger Co. respectively. Doug **Yates** is alerted. Scott G. **Peddie** returned after Xmas leave with Scott and Mary Lib.

Besides Frank and Curt, Mac **Jones**, Woody **Garrett** (Ret and with USAID), Bill **Gleason**, Chuck **Cannon**, Joe **Grygiel**, Auby **Hauser**, Walt **Mather**, and Wendy **Knowles** are keeping the heavy hand of the law in position. Nearby, where there is still the sound of shots fired in anger, are: **Burnside Huffman**, Felix **Gerace**, Charlie **Fletcher**, LP **Collins**, HV **Ellis**, Joe **Myers**, Sam **Magruder**, Hal **Tidmarsh**, and Baron **VonSchriltz**. As always the U.S. presence has an appropriate density of '41ers. Nor is the distaff side unrepresented. Susan **Durr** of the Peace Corps was evacuated from Biafra. She is now in N.Y. at Columbia grad school.

The Christmas mailbag makes for max input to this column, but alas the publisher ran a cost analysis and found that ours is the alumni magazine with more old grad coverage than any. Add to this the fact that the "1,200 mule team" is now closer to 4,800. Ergo, we, like the space program must miniaturize. Recently retired are: **Adjemian, Atkinson, Berger, Coker** SY, **Harris** JF, **Fisher, Flanders, Gurfein, Gray, Johnson** RP, **Knowlton, Moore** WL, **Perkin, Pittman, Strain,** and **Starr. Mullane** and **Upton** are boning their second retirement. New jobs are reported for: Atkinson in securities at 108 26th St., W. Bradenton, Fla. 33505; Fisher as Dir of Strategic Studies, Browne & Shaw Research Corp., Waltham, Mass.; Flanders at U. of Va.; Gurfein at U. of Md.; Gray with G.E. in Syracuse; **Greene** LV as ADC, 3d Inf Div; **Gerig** as a doctor of C.E.; **Hayduk** in securities; Johnson RP with NASA in Mississippi; Knowlton as Dir of Dev, Museum of Science in Boston; **Linton** as CO, Colo./Wyo. Res Ctr in Denver; **McKee** as senior Engr Spec and Opns Analyst with Litton, Rte. 2, Box 3385, Carmel, Calif.; **Kuzell** as SSDSG, Rm 2A886, JCS; Moore WL with Lockheed at Marietta Ga.; Perkin as Opns Mgr, Infilco Div, Gen Am Trans Corps in Tucson; **Peddie** as "Priest-in-charge" of St. Christopher's and Good Shepherd Mission in Sumter, S.C.; **Powell** as Dir of Army Avn; **Robinson** as a registered C.E.; **Ramee** with the Engr Sec, Hq VII Corps in Stuttgart; **Scott** with the U.S. Army Element, AFCENT in Brunssum, Holland; **Seawell** as senior VP of American Airlines; Starr as Asst Prof at the U. of Ky. College of Business and Economics; **Seneff** as CG, 3d Inf Div; **McMillan** with Westinghouse in Friendship, Md.; **Brown** EV as Asst Dean at Columbia Law School.

New grandparents are: **Atteberry**—Christopher; **Cochran** HW; **Detwiler**—two new ones, total five; **Faulkner**—Tara McCaffrey; **Goddard**—3d grandchild, 1st boy; **Gerace**—Brian Flatley Jr.; **Hendrickson**—David Allan; **Monson**—James P. Warner III; **Mather**—Rebecca Talbot; **Milliken**—Katherine Ann; **Purdy**—Melanie Morris; Stafford (**Hetherington**)—Haley Elizabeth; **Tyler**—Judy reports, "Max's and my second grandchild



**1941:** Capt. Jack Richards '64, with his commander, Brig. Gen. C.W. Chapman Jr., '41, CG, 20th Engr Bde and a classmate of Capt. Richard's father, Col. J.R. Richards, USAF Ret.



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expected in early December;" **Woods**—3d, Monica Lyn Prater.

I have several weddings to report also: **Cooper** D—David to Barbi Short; **Grace**—Callie to Bradley Bryant; **Hall**—Nancy to James T. Lovitt; Mudge (**Gillis**)—Georgia to W.R. Carroll Jr., of Emory U., Atlanta; **Moody**—Jean to Joseph Ramano; **Spiller**—Teddy on 9 Sept; **Thomas** AR—Jacquelyn to John A. McPeak.

After building the ASSEMBLY to the high quality of a top level alumni magazine, Ren **Keleher** took Horace Greeley's advice. Perhaps the old hoss soldier is looking for new remounts to break. His journalistic talents must have come to the attention of some well-funded publishers. At any rate, his nimble pen, subtle humor, and excellent craftsmanship will be sorely missed. And we wish him every success. Horace **Brown** continues as secretary and helps Charlie **Schilling** and **Bob Samz** hold the key to the Hudson.

In response to a request from here, the AOG reported the following: 34 '41ers (1 general) are not members of the Assn; 27 obituaries have not been completed; and a whopping 176 do not subscribe to the ASSEMBLY. A fast eyeball from here finds these figures not completely accurate. Nonetheless, they do suggest a disturbingly out-of-line index of the cable-tough bond that exists between our gang and our Alma Mater.

Other Christmas inputs include greetings from: Pete and Tulah **Crow**; Bob and Jo **Kramer**; Pooge and Bucky **Curtis** with news of a new job for dad with Lockheed Missile & Space Co. and a promise to invade Switzerland next summer; Bill and Ruth **Gurnee** who, along with Jack and Muriel **Christensen**, are trying to give the West Coast some Pentagonian organization and Virginia culture.

Bill and Jerry **Brier** report son John on the dean's list at USAFA. Ben **Mayo** beat the surgeon out of an ulcer rap, and Joyce is beating all the Little Rock lady golfers. Tom **Cleary** is editing USAWC *Commentary*, and Davy is recovering from playing midwife to a German shepherd who put her through 10 lessons. Lid and Fox **Rhynard** are appreciating the beauties of Oregon and not missing Norway too much. Babe and Marjorie **Hendrickson** report son Tom on the dean's list at USMA and Roy II with a principal appointment to USMA and an alternate to USAFA. Pattie and John **Locke**, enjoying the "brier patch" of San Antone, saw the **Henschke**'s in Denver recently—all are fine. Martha and Chuck **Schilling** are sweating out a sabbatical in Europe. Dennis and Luci **Grace** with all *kinder* married are sharing per diem on Dennis' extensive Tdy tours. Carmen **Knowles** reports it is now Doctor G.B. **Moore**, and Penny is so much a Lawrenceville fan that she may find a sweatshirt under her Xmas tree.

Jane and Lyman **Faulkner** report Dad has laid aside his body cast and is back on the "boards" from whence he got the concrete waistcoat. Wray and Charlotte **White** continue to find city management much to their liking. Ruth and George **Johnson** survived the move to Heidelberg and are looking forward to the next displacement to CONUS. **Alicia Salinas** is well and looking forward to the Xmas letter; Hilda and Fitz **Fitzpatrick** report sweater weather in Lisbon and a "thank goodness that the Pent has forgotten they are there." Bill and Judy **Seawell** are hoping for a real trip to Europe after Bill's Tdy look at the Concorde in January. Dick and Peggy **Scott** are hoping for a trip to Suisse. Arn and Libby Phillips are building a new home in St. Louis. Fred and Kay **Ascani** are happy to be back home at Wright-Patt. Sybil and Bob Wilson (**Lokker**) are looking forward to a first grandchild in April and a trip to Africa this summer. Jane and Johnny **Brooks** are apartment dwellers on this tour in Washington. Julie and John **Easton's** card was a typically cute job on Julie's part featuring an "instant replay of a condensed year" which accounted for their move to: 29 Tory Hole Rd., Darien, Conn. 06820. Pete and Maxine **Tanous** continue to dazzle Washington's social circuit as well as the international set. Ann and Mike **Cochran** are holding their own in the bull fighter circuit.

Here are some *Journal* clips: **Gerace** to Army Natick Lab, Natick, Mass., in April; **Easton** to Bristol Myers Co.; Roy **Atteberrry** to Hq Seventh Army, Heidelberg; Col. B.S. **Thompson** (father of DV) to 7709 Broadway, Apt. 116, San Antonio 78209; Lloyd **Salisbury** to Attaché, Ivory Coast; **Clark** HW to Engr IG, Belvoir; **Day** to USARPAC APO 96558; **Tarbox** to USA Engr, N. Chicago; Pudge **Kennedy**, OPO USAREUR; Joe **Reed** to ADFSC Belvoir. Paul **Skowronek** got the DSM for his outstanding job in Berlin.

The AOG announced the death of Jim **Stigers** on 27 Feb 67 and of Bill **Cummins** on 19 Sept. I have no additional details available regarding this sad news. Sad, too, was the report about Mark **Clifford** who suffered a critical head injury in an automobile accident on 12 June 66. Bill and Marie say in their Christmas letter, "The prayers of all our good friends have worked miracles for him so far." Bill is at Carlisle with the Army's Institute of Advanced Studies.

Wally and Doris, pilot and copilot from John Bunyansville, talk of asparagus growing wild and everything from water skiing to mountain climbing within a 30-minute drive. They had to buy a second freezer to keep all the goodies in during hunting season—Jeff, a deer with first shot; Wally, still shooting. Doris is chairman of the Okanogan County (3d largest county in the U.S. and bigger than Connecticut) District Campfire Girls.

Besides the Citizens' Committee for Peace with Freedom in Vietnam, Joe **Gurfein** reports that, "More and more now we hear pro-U.S. voices in America." He added a clipping by Crosby S. Noyes from the 26 Dec Washington *Post*, entitled, "Professors Issue a 'Manifesto of Moderation.'" The thrust of the article makes it clear that the majority of academic leaders in this country are not opposed to the war and the policies of the government with respect to Asia.

Among the nicest things that happened to us this past year were visits by classmates Skip and George **Brown** and Bill and Nancy **Vaughan.** We had a chance to show them the beauties of the Alps and the Swiss people and to show them off to our Swiss friends. We live very near to cloud nine, and we wish all of you could come by and let us share it with you. However, in deference to the new restrictions on travel, don't come as a tourist—come on orders.

67 was a rough year in many ways, but we have much to be thankful for. Our profession continues to stand tall under the severest tests. Most important, our nation's stature continues to grow and gain respect even when seen through eyes of envy and hate. Happy New Year and bring on 68!

# '42

**Maj. Kenneth F. Hanst Jr.**
**1050 26th Road, South**
**Arlington, Va. 22202**

Here are a few moves and assignments to show that stagnation has not yet set in. Bob **Berman** is now comptroller of the AF Log Comd at Wright-Patterson; Ink **Gates** has made it back here to the Materiel Comd, though not yet as a major general as indicated in one of the service papers. Danny **Halpin** drops from the morning report at The Citadel and takes over as Editor of this fine publication (which should make him a great candidate for class Scribe!). Al **Hunter** is here in DCSLOG; Sam **Koster** has turned up as CG of the Americal Div, aided and abetted by Bud **Ryder**; Ted **Marks** is back in DC, having returned to California after the loss of his father, for which we extend sympathy. Just before leaving VN, Ted upheld the reputation of the senior soldiers by beating a young captain to a foxhole but found a break in the small bone in his leg the price for the added protection. Butch **Offley** has also made it here from Vietnam to the R&D Opns Research Advisory Gp. The trip he and Bobbie made to DC from California via Mexico sounded much more debilitating than the prior assignment. Eric **Orme** will be on the receiving end of the schooling he has been dishing out, in preparation for a tour in Taiwan. Garth **Stevens** is to be found at the Foreign Science and Technology Center in the munitions building. Jim **Vivian** heads for Hq II FFV, APO San Francisco 96266.

It was good to see Cuth **Reinert's** name on the latest Army colonels list. Congratulations also to Pete **Flor Cruz** for his Legion of Merit "for exceptionally meritorious service as CO, USA Tropic Test Center" and to Frank **Clay** for the same decoration, awarded at Fort Campbell prior to his departure for VN with the 101st Abn.

The DC November luncheon was honored with the presence of BG John **Atwood**, in for a quicky conference; Ec **Cutler**, here with Ginger for an AER meeting; Wayne **Bart**, playing hooky; and Rip **Young**, getting organized for his new setup at Huntsville. Bettye came back just in time for Xmas visits with the respective parents, but the great circle route to Alabama did not include Washington, unfortunately. Ginger Cutler not only continues as president of the Army Relief Society but has also seduced Lynn **Koisch** into membership on the board of managers.

My travels have provided a most pleasant visit with the secretary of the Artillery school, Phil **Riedel**, and the respected member of the Army War College faculty, Bob (Bullmoose) **Spilman.** In evidence at the AUSA convention here were: Bunny **Bonasso**, Crit, G. **Foster**, Danny **Raymond**, Hal **Rice**, Phil Riedel, Tom **Rienzi**, Bud **Roecker** (now CG of the CDC Experimental Comd at Fort Ord), Joe **Schmidt**, Garth **Stevens**, Pat **Timothy**, and Bill **Zimmerman** with whom I enjoyed a martini lunch while cleverly declining the opportunity to sup with the latter two.

The *Journal* has been doing well by us, advising that: Bob **Terry** is Comdr of ASTRATCOM PAC at Schofield Barracks, that Wes **Hyde** is ditto at Williams AFB, that Ted **Michel** is likewise of the 381st Strategic Missile Wing at McConnell AFB, that Peyt **Tabb** is heading a study of the feasibility of a sea level canal based on shipping needs (**Sheffey** should be able to induce him to drag that one out until John is ready for a second retirement). It also pictured BG Bill (they said it) **Gernert** discussing the U.S. nuclear weapons program with DASA bigwigs



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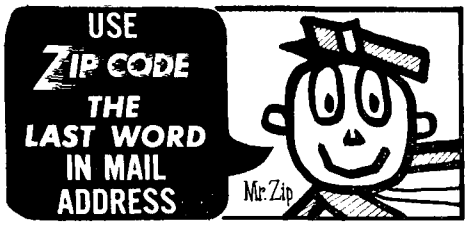


from DC, the Bob **Clagett** offspring helping grandpa (Gen.) Hines, the oldest grad, celebrate his 99th, and Andy **Low** bemusedly inspecting a brick plant at Tuy Hoa AB in VN.

The **Rowlands'** son Bruce suffered a severe leg wound in VN and is faced with an extended hospital stay in N.Y.—prognosis indefinite as yet. Charlie and Beth **Hill's** cadet son is reported to have found a taker for a miniature.

The local temporary widows seem to be verifying the travel agents' praises of Hawaii as they return from the extended madness which DA calls R&R, but which sounds to me like a cadet's dream of a weekend at the "Pic" in N.Y.C.

Too late for the Newsletter were cards from Tom **Crary**—first grandchild, a boy, Robert Thomas Scoville, arrived 1 Oct—and John **Mattina**—moved north in September from Kaiserslautern to Frankfurt. Thus, Nell has been able to get into another sightseeing orbit. We celebrated Rip **Young's** much deserved promotion to BG and then had to see him leave to build anti-missile bases in CONUS. Nell has recovered wonderfully from her operation. Son John is at Fort Knox waiting for OCS and a chance to get to Vietnam.

Bob **Bringham** writes of a misspent (evening? night? day?) with Tom **Rienzi** and a somewhat better-behaved affair (his Dad was chaperoning) with the Roger **Barneses** at the **Brughs.** Larry **Lahm** pleased Ed **Aileo** by pleading for a copy of the Newsletter when his went astray. Bill **Plott** has been muttering vague threats about coming up from Lexington to visit the big city but, as seems to be more and more common among the "older" men, so far nothing but talk.

A Xmas card from Dottie **Robbs** and sons to the Class, "Thank you so much for your kindness and sympathy. After 'the world fell down on us' following Gene's death, I thought so often of each and every one of you . . . and remembered how important Gene felt his friends in the Class were to him. God be with you always. We'll try to carry on as tradition demands. We appreciated the Class letter as always."

Another card from Frank **Williams.** "Got married 22 Oct, but it was too late to announce it in the class Xmas letter. Suddenly we have seven children. Sorry I missed the 25th. Hope to make the 30th." And a card from Ed Wallnau advising that his home address in Florida is 310 SW. 1st Ave., Boynton Beach 33435; phone: 732-2076; and that the welcome mat is out to old (?) friends in the Class.

A fine article in *Air Force Times,* "Introducing Holloman's Mrs. Buck," tells of George and Jane's career, background, divertissements, and family, including that 3-year-old caboose.

Reported at that ARMY-Navy fiasco—I still say they didn't play enough chukkers—were: **Bartholomeeses, Beerses, Cages,** Lu **Flanagan, Gateses, Horridges, Josendales, Krafts,** Dick **Mileses,** Mary Jean **Murphy, Raymonds, Reids, Rices, Rienzis, Shedds, Sheffeys,** Stanns, Baldy **Uhler, Watkins, Wilders,** and Wymans. Many had offspring, and I'm sure that my helpful informants missed some of you, but I plead innocent due to absence, intentional, since ARMY hadn't lost in the previous three years we stayed away. Now that the string has been broken, the **Hansts** can think of returning in 68.

Deserving special mention is a card from West Virginia family friends of many years standing who went to St. Croix for the winter. Unfortunately, the realtor they hooked up with was George **Rew;** they had Xmas cheer at his house and will probably never be heard from again.

The official word contained the news of Judy **Garland's** 2d star and many lies about his career from the Georgia National Guard days. It took two releases to tell about BG Sam **Koster's** receipt of the Americal Division's colors and Sam's being frocked (Army's word, not mine) with his 2d star by Westy—no pay, just glory. To quote Westy, "I have promoted Maj. Gen. Koster to his present rank because of his demonstrated ability and performance. He has earned this tribute." Considering that Sam is working for the Marines, a promotion is probably the least that could have been tendered as a tranquilizer. Also included was word that Rock **Obenchain** had been assigned as Asst Dpty Mgr, National Communications Systems, and that the senior advisor assisting the Vietnamese Army's I Corps, Carl **Ulsaker,** had been awarded the AM. Since he'd already qualified for the heir medal, many times over, I don't know why the special mention.

Word has it that young Jim **White** is taking unto himself a bride. A dandy class outing was held at the **Cockrells** while the weather was still clement enough for boat rides on Lake Barcroft and boozing outdoors in the mist. It was an outstanding affair with a fine number of guys, either spindly looking in their shorts or unfortunately otherwise, and delightfully summer-costumed female types. The late word there was that Hank **Urrutia** had had a siege at Walter Reed to be divested of a giblet or two. All is apparently OK now.

A publication, "Taking Command," edited by Sam **Hays** and favorably reviewed in the *Retired Officer Magazine,* details the art and science of effective military leadership. Sam was supposed to have that hip socket reamed so we hope to see him kicking up his heels again soon.

Tom **Rienzi** is reported to be the first president of the new West Point Society in the Fort Monmouth area. A few of the hardy attended the ARMY-Georgetown basketball game in early January (Mary Jean **Murphy** is such a nut that she made it the night of her dawn return from Hawaii R&R) and were rewarded, somewhat uncomfortably 'tis true, by watching ARMY's record move to 8-3.

A closing comment on the splendid tributes paid to Sam **Wagner** and Red **Byrne** in the obituaries prepared by Wyley **Baxter** and Hank **Harmeling.** Each did an exceptional job of recreating the individuals for us and set a high standard for future labors of love—and appropriately so. Sam was responsible for the freshness and individuality of our HOWITZER biographical sketches. Let's keep that quality evident in these final tributes we pay.

Thanks to all for the Xmas cards, notes, etc. The best of everything to each of you in 68.

## JAN '43

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The arrival of the New Year also signaled the beginning of our 25th anniversary year, a year which is to be highlighted by our 25th Reunion at West Point from 30 May to 1 June and by the publication of our 25-year book under the direction of Pete **Grimm.**

Meanwhile, the volume of news from classmates everywhere continued to expand handsomely; many thanks to all who contributed. From Europe, Flip **Fenili,** ADC of the 4th Armd Div, writes that he saw Bob **Burlin,** who is CO of the 555th Engineer Combat Gp, and George **Weart,** who is Opns Officer of the Seventeenth Air Force, at the critique following the Seventh Army CPX, LONG PLAY. He also sees Jim **Cobb,** Arty Comdr of the 3d (Rock of the Marne) Inf Div, and Virg **Antonioli,** G5 of VII Corps, quite often. Also close by is Randy **Foster,** G1 of VII Corps. Flip claimed that he would "flip" if he had to leave "the troops" to return to the Pentagon. On a Christmas card from Berchtesgaden, Jim Cobb reported that Flip departed for Washington and the Pentagon in January. Cobbo also stated that Jamie **Huntley** was organizing a 25th reunion party for classmates in Europe. Now that Cobbo's been Arty Comdr of the 3d Inf Div for all of 6 months, he's talking about rotating to still another job in Holland or Belgium next summer. Wait till LBJ sends him a copy of his latest "tourist regulations." George Weart also wrote from Europe to say that he saw Darrie **Richards** at Coleman Barracks and Doug **Blue** in Heidelberg.

Here in the U.S., Andy **Anderson** wrote, on his departure from Fort Bragg, that his wife (Rosalind) and daughter (Rosalind, too) will reside in the Washington area while he's serving a tour with MACV. From Toledo, Ohio, came word from Bob **Smith,** M.D., that he's up to his ears in patients and "fighting off the inroads of big government" into medical practice. Bob is also a grandfather, a member of the council of the Ohio State Medical Assn, and an Ohio delegate to the American Medical Assn. Go, man, go!

Ralph **Hofmann** is CO of the Armor and Desert Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., and writes that he and Jeb **Stuart,** who is at Norton AFB, participated in a San Bernardino parade as military representatives. Ralph has also visited Cleo **Bishop,** CO of the 831st Air Div at George AFB, Victorville, Calif. Also in California with Ralph is Vic **Cherbak** who works for Northrup and resides in Hawthorne.

About the same time that Mitch **Goldenthal** left the Satellite Communications Agency at Fort Monmouth to join the Plans and Policy Directorate of J5, OJCS, here in Washington, Dave **Lowe** assumed command of the Air Force Satellite Control facility out in Los Angeles. A Christmas card from Jeanne **Rebh** advised us that George, who was the Tulsa District Engineer, is now the Dpty Div Engineer and contracting officer of the newly formed Huntsville Engineer Div.

Up in the original land of winter (Duluth, Minn.), Ed **Nygard** reports that he's happy teaching physics and math and having enough time on the side to build a heated garage and workshop with radio-controlled doors. Meanwhile, Anne is in the real estate business and "trying to sell every house in Duluth." Bill **Neale** is happy to be back with Dolly and the family at the Army War



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College as Dir of the Individual Research Program. Down at Fort Sill, Okla., Bob **Fiss** is enjoying his tour of duty as the "old man" of the Arty Tng Center. His son Dick is an OCS candidate at the center and may have somewhat different sentiments. A recent letter from George **Kinney** indicates that he's still with J7 of Strike Comd at MacDill AFB in Tampa, Fla. He reports that Hank **Sayler** is a state senator (Republican, that is) living in St. Petersburg and that Glenn **Turner** is with Goodbody & Co. in Tampa.

Meanwhile, here in Washington, the football and holiday seasons of 1967 triggered their own small reunions of the June-in-January classmates. A Washington contingent of the "lost 50's" M Co. assembled around a television set to watch ARMY down USAFA. Present and accounted for were: the Brad **Lundbergs,** the Bill **Starnes,** the Gray **Wheelocks,** the Kilburn **Roachs,** the Joe **Conmys,** the Rex **Mincklers,** and Johnny Moses (from June 1943). Kilburn Roach is the new chief of the Army War Plans Div in ODCSOPS. A few weeks later, another June-in-January crew, variously attired in F.D. jackets, B-robes, and full-length cadet overcoats assembled around a battery of television sets to watch an unhappy event commonly known as a Navy upset. Present and accounted for in this motley lot were: the Jim **Hacklers,** the Jim **Frankoskys,** the Lou **Wilsons,** the Eddie **McGoughs,** the Ace **Elliotts,** the Em **Princes,** and the Rex Mincklers.

During the Thanksgiving holiday period, el presidente Jack **Armstrong** presented a silver, engraved candy dish to Allen Lundberg (USAFA, 1967) with an appropriate speech in behalf of the Class of January 1943. Thanks to Ed **Faust,** a similar token of our esteem is being presented to all class sons who graduate from any of the Service Academies. Wherever possible, the presentation will be made by a classmate. Also adding to the color of the Christmas season were the weddings of Pamela Wirt (daughter of Yutta and Charlie **Wirt**) to Charles Cornelison in Washington, D.C., on 16 Dec, and Barbara Hahn (daughter of Marian and Bill **Hahn**) to Ward Evans in Bronxville, N.Y., on 28 Dec. Earlier in December, I met Dimitri **Kellogg,** who is "Mr. Operations Research and Systems Analysis" of the Army Management School, and Larry **Bischoff,** from Joint Task Force 2 at Sandia Base, at the 20th Military Operations Research Symposium which was held at the National Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, Md.

News from our indefatigable correspondent in Vietnam, Bill **Knowlton,** was delivered in person when Bill returned to the Washington area for a short vacation before becoming Asst Div Comdr of the 9th Inf Div in the Mekong Delta. Bill's newsbriefs included the following:

"Bill **Criss,** who was the Comdr of U-Tapao Air Base in Thailand, has become Vice Comdr of U.S. Air Forces Southern Comd in Panama. Britt **May** is the Air Force Director of Nuclear Safety at Kirtland AFB in New Mexico—that should certainly prevent any more bombs from spoiling Spanish crops and swimming. Orders have been published transferring Pete **Pavick** from the Command and Staff Dept of the U.S. Army Air Defense School at Fort Bliss to command of the 64th Arty Gp at Duncanville, Tex. This group defends the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

"I recently saw John **Norris** at a briefing in Saigon. It was the first time that he had left his unit in three months. The 54th Arty Gp that John commands is located outside of Xuan Loc and provides fire support for the 18th ARVN Div whose senior advisor is

**Jan'43:** Class President Jack Armstrong presents a silver dish to 2d Lt. Allen Lundberg USAFA '67 in behalf of the USMA Class of Jan'43. Present for the ceremony were, from left to right: Boots Minckler, Rex Minckler, Jackie Armstrong, Jack Armstrong, Mary Dee Starnes, Brad Lundberg, Allen Lundberg, Bill Starnes and Millie Lundberg.

**Jan'43:** Bill Knowlton, new ADC of the 9th Inf Div, and Hal Barber, Senior Advisor to the ARVN 23d Inf Div, survey the highlands of Vietnam.

**Jan'43:** On his departure from Vietnam for Boston, Bill Wade receives the Legion of Merit for his outstanding service as the MACV Historian.

**Jan'43:** General Frank S. Besson Jr., CG, USAMC, presents first oak leaf cluster to the Legion of Merit to Mitch Goldenthal, departing commander of the U.S. Army Satellite Communications Agency.

George **Maertens.** As the MACV IG, Bob **Cook** is injecting new life into the system by means of a series of joint inspections with his Vietnamese counterpart whenever a flap occurs. Although word was received that Hank **Cronin's** second son was badly wounded in Vietnam, he's now reported on the road to recovery. Like his father, John also graduated from V.M.I. but went into the Marine Corps and was a member of the Stingrays, a long-range patrol group, when he was wounded. I see Bob **Baden** every now and then when he escapes from the G3 Plans Div in USARV and gets into town. Living near Bob is Bill **Pietsch** who has some of the jazziest calling cards in Vietnam. Under Bill's name is 'Operation Friendship' in English and Vietnamese.

"On the way through Hawaii with General Westmoreland in November, I saw **B'wig,** who had just finished a JSOP exercise at CINCPAC, and Tim **Brown,** who's really enjoying Hawaii. I also talked to Don **Griffin** by telephone. Don and Dagmar have been stationed at Hickam AFB for the past few years where Don has been involved in the civil engineering side of constructing airfields and like installations. When I spoke to Don, they were in the process of clearing quarters and moving into their new home at Kaneohe. He's taking a job with a civilian development concern on Oahu. On another flying trip to Clark Field in the Philippines, I met Don **Wilbourn** who is the deputy post commander on Okinawa. The only other classmate on Okinawa is Joe **Stabler,** who is still a bachelor and located in the Political Section of the High Commissioner."

Back once again to the Washington scene for a few well-chosen messages from your class president, Jack **Armstrong,** and your investment-minded treasurer, "Fat Jack" **Daye.** A letter was dispatched to each of you by Jack Armstrong on 31 Oct 67. This letter is actually a progress report on the following three class activities: the life membership fund, the 25th Reunion, and the 25-year book. If the change in postal rates or the poor weather resulted in your letter going astray, just drop us a line, and we'll send you an updated reprint. Suffice to say that you should notify Tom **Griess** (Dept of MA&E at USMA) by return mail if you do plan to attend the 25th Reunion and do desire accommodations while you are there (30 May to 1 June). Jack Armstrong also urged those who have not sent in their 200-word biographical sketches and photos for the 25-year book to do so without delay. There's still time while the editor-in-chief, Pete **Grimm,** is planning the lay-outs and setting up the "dummies." His address is: 3304 Carolina Place, Alexandria, Va. 22205.

Finally, on the subject of the life membership fund, "Fat Jack" reports that the following classmates have already subscribed: **Ardery,** Edward R.; **Armstrong,** John W.; **Barger,** David H.; **Curtis,** Wesley J.; **Cutler,** John M.; **Daye,** John F.; **Dempsey,** James R.; **Donaldson,** Thomas Q.; **Doran,** Edward; **Faust,** Edmond; **Frakes,** James F.; **Frankosky,** James O.; **Gean,** Kirby A.; **Hackler,** James F.; **Hahn,** William R.; **Harrington,** Robert E.; **Heltzel,** Charles L.; **Henry,** Gregg; **Hillman,** Robert G.; **James,** Lee B.; **Johnson,** John F.; **Jones,** Jack J.; **King,** Frederick M.; **Kuffner,** John E.; **Lundberg,** George B.; **Marston,** Arthur A.; **McDermott,** Robert F.; **McGough,** Edward A.; **Mesereau,** Thomas A.; **Minckler,** Rex D.; **Moore,** Clifford J.; **Powell,** Donald F.; **Pritchett,** Harry H.; **Prince,** Altus E.; **Pitts,** William F.; **Russell,** John T.; **Ruyffelaere,** Raymond F.; **Sanders,** Roy A.; **Shaffer,** John H.; **Smith,** Russell J.; **Spann,**



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**Jan'43:** On his departure from the AFA for Vietnam, Ted Seith extends his greetings to the new Commandant of Cadets, Robin Olds Jun'43. Also greeting the new commandant was Cadet Colonel Ralph E. Eberhart, Commander of the Cadet Wing.

Frederick G.; **Starnes,** William L.; **Stoll,** Albert E.; **Wheelock,** John G. III; **Wilson,** Louis L.; **Wirt,** Charles A.; and **Wood,** John S. Jr.

The funds solicited have already been wisely invested by "Fat Jack" and business tycoon, Jack **Shaffer,** in Pacific Tin Consolidated and Diamond Shamrock. As "Fat Jack" explained in the circular, the fund will be used to provide suitable expressions of esteem (to sons of members graduating from the Service Academies), floral tributes to departed members, and some welcome flexibility in other class overhead expenses and functions. If the fund is successful, contributions, assessments, and dues will become the tools of other, less perceptive management systems. If you wish to become a paid-up, life-time member of the June-in-January Class of 1943 fund, just drop a check for $15.00 in the mail to: "Fat Jack" **Daye,** 11006 Gainsborough Road, Potomac, Md. 20854. The check should be made payable to: Class Fund, January 1943.

So, once again, it's time to close another column from the "nation's ulcer-go-round" and put up the flag on the mailbox for the mailman to pick it up. Remember the watchwords: Keep your Scribe posted so that everyone will know where you are and what you're doing.

JUN
# '43

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Late in September Joe **Weyrick** advised me that Arturo R. **Espaillat** passed away on 26 Sept. Anyone desiring to write a letter of condolence should write to: Sra. Ligia Fernandes de Espaillat, Hermanos Deligne #25, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Joe and the family leave the Dominican Republic and, by the time this is printed, will be assigned to the Army staff here in Washington. Their exact address is not known at this time.

Danny **Cullinane** has written me from Vietnam where he is Secy General Staff, I FFV, in Nha Trang. He said Pete **Langstaff** moved on to Saigon on the MACV IG staff. Pinky **Winfield** is 1st Cav Divarty Comdr in Vietnam and is scheduled to report to Fort Leavenworth. Johnny **Bell** is I FF Engineer. Harvey **Short** is the senior advisor to the ROK's Capital Inf Div. These are all the classmates that are with I FFV, but Danny advises Birddog **Spaulding** is with MACV and is scheduled for Fort MacArthur, Calif. Jack **Kidder** is exec of the Avn Bde, and Jim **Phillips** is now the advisor to the Vietnamese Military Academy in Dalat. Dave **Conard** is leaving Vietnam and is scheduled for the Army Map Service. There are undoubtedly other classmates in Vietnam, but Danny hadn't heard from them. Everyone over there, of course, has our best regards.

Norm **Keefer** just received the LM for his duties at the AF Space and Missile Systems Division. Congratulations, Norm!

Hank **Romanek** goes to Thailand. Steve **Brown** retired on 31 Dec and is now working for the Secy of Transportation. Bob **Mathe** also retired on 31 Dec and received the DSM for his services as Washington's Engineer Commissioner; he was honored by a review at Fort Belvoir.

Had a letter from Jimmy **Bower** in Hawaii where he says that Bill **Ross** is busy engineering for the Army in Hawaii.

Jess **Fishback** has reported on the following engineers. Jim **Nash,** retired in May 67, and Bea are at: 4914 Poplar Dr., Alexandria, Va. 22310. Trev **Sawyer** has left USMA for a tour in Vietnam. Ed **McCabe** comes home from Germany and goes to STRICOM. Sam **Pinnell** retired in September and is working for B.C. Morton Investment Corp.; home address remains the same. Doug **Parham** has left Japan to report to Fort Campbell. Jack **Morris** departed USMA and is Deputy Chief, Office of L&L, Dept of the Army; Jack received the first OLC to the LM in November. Dave **Chamberlain** left SEA and is now Director of Civil Engineering, TAC, Langley AFB. Warren **Rogers** retired and is the post engineer of the Atlanta Army Depot.

Rollo **Brandt** returned in December from Royal Defense College in England to ODCS/Personnel, MDW. Fred **Proctor** returns from Thailand in March 1968 to ODCS/Personnel, Chief of the Engineer Branch. Jess and Jane **(Fishback)** are still at: 415 Grayson Drive, Nashville, Tenn. 37205. One of the children is at USMA, another at Memphis State, and the remaining four are at home. If it weren't for Jess, I wouldn't know where any engineers are—being a goat myself!

Charlie **Reed** left USMA last July and is now with Hq, Engineer Comd, Vietnam, as ACofS in charge of base construction, APO San Francisco 96491. Rachael is staying at: 5312 Ferndale St., Springfield, Va.

George and Eleanore **Moe** are at Canyon Lake Heights, Rapid City, S.D., where he is head of the Dept of Languages and Social Sciences at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Their oldest daughter, Margaret, is finishing college in Germany, and Marian and George Jr. are at home.

Les **Hardy** now commands the 36th Arty Gp, APO N.Y. 09162. When Les assumed command, Betty and he entertained Caroline and Dick **Shaefer** and Peg and Wally **Magathan.**

**Jun'43:** Norm Keefer receives the Legion of Merit from Maj. Gen. Paul T. Cooper.

Hal **Parfitt** graduated from the 52d session of the advanced management program of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Jimmy **Keck** left Ramey and now commands the 17th Strategic Aerospace Div (SAC), Whiteman AFB, Mo. This move was occasioned by Jim's promotion to BG. Billy **Ray** received the LM when he retired in December. Billy takes a position with the Professional Football Assn in New York City.

T.K. **Oliver** retired and is now associate professor of electrical engineering, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Nancy and he make their home at: 3860 Riverdale Drive, Rapid City. The oldest girl, Susan, is attending Smith, and the other three children are at home. Between Oliver and Moe it sounds like South Dakota is in for more than pheasant hunting!

Hank **Schroeder** left USMA and assumed command of the 1st Inf Divarty in Vietnam. Anne is staying at: 570 Cataline Drive, Stratmore Hills, Colorado Springs, Colo. Robin Lee **Hogan,** Anne and Lee's oldest daughter, was married to Mr. Jon Brosseau in 19 Aug at Minot AFB Chapel.

Since we are all interested in statistics, Johnny **Moses** has furnished me with some more Army statistics. There are now a total of 140 Army types on active duty; 5 BG's, 111 colonels, and 24 Lt. colonels. Total non-active duty: 153; this includes sick, lame, lazy, retired, and deceased. For the first time there are fewer classmates on active duty than off. Of the 62 classmates who were Engineers, 20 retired, 7 resigned, 3 died, and 1 was discharged; 3 BG's, 27 colonels, and 1 Lt. colonel. Their ratio is exactly 1:1 (compliments of Jess **Fishback**). Since the above statistics were furnished by

**Jun'43:** Classmates and wives help the Les Hardys celebrate his assumption of command of the 36th Arty Gp. Left to right: Dick and Caroline Shaefer, Betty and Les, and Peg and Wally Magathan.



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**Jun'43:** Maggie Ray inspects Bill's Legion of Merit on the occasion of Bill's retirement at West Point in November.

**Jun'43:** Anne and Lee Hogan's daughter Robin Lee is married to Mr. Jon Brosseau at the Minot AFB Chapel in August.

both John Moses and Jess Fishback, I know they are correct—both are Engineers!!

Those of you who have not replied to the letters concerning the 25th Reunion and the 25-year book, please do so. Even at this late date we would all like to see you and at least have your pictures for the book. See you at the reunion.

# '44

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Congratulations this time go to Bob **Ginsburgh** who had his star pinned on New Year's Day. Can't think of a better way to launch a new year! It was well earned and really, no surprise. Bob is still with Office, Chairman, JCS.

All the news can't be good, it seems. By now most readers know that our good friend and classmate Tammy **Flynn** was killed in a tragic chopper accident in Europe last fall. Those of us fortunate enough to know Tammy will be especially aware of our loss. He had just taken command of an Artillery group before it happened. Casey is settling at Carlisle, Pa., at: 375 W. South St., and know she would appreciate hearing from you.

One of the things that class Scribes look forward to is a newsy letter from a classmate who will take the time and effort to assemble class news and forward same. The hero of this edition is Lee **Smith** who, on New Year's Eve, wrote us a 9-page letter from Vietnam. Lee is doing great, and I have a report on his activities which may come to him as something of a surprise. He is (or was) Vice Comdr of the 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, Bien Hoa Air Base. The following is my report of two of his recent highly successful missions:

Col. Smith and a fellow F-100 Super Sabre pilot inflicted heavy damage on a vital enemy target. After completing a resupply escort mission, the colonel and his wingman attacked a Viet Cong troop concentration. An estimated 150 enemy soldiers were in a scattering of military structures along a canal. After the FAC marked the target and came under intense ground fire, the duo dived in with rockets, 500-pound bombs, and 20mm cannon fire. "During one of our strafing passes," recalls Col. Smith, "we either knocked out or silenced one of the automatic weapon positions which had hit the FAC aircraft." The flight is credited with destroying 8 military structures, 2 sampans and causing one secondary explosion. It also damaged 4 fortified positions and another sampan.

Here then is Lee's excellent message. As each of you reads it, please ponder the gratitude you are in for if you will just send me a few lines now and then. Now for Lee's report, dateline Tan Son Nhut Air Base, 31 Dec 1967:

"Don **Carter** is in MACV Hq in the USAID Revolutionary Development side, after being CO of the 1st Bde, 25 Inf Div. Ozzie **Duttweiler** is in MACV also; he and Don are holding forth together again as roommates after 26½ years (longer than most marriages) as the greatest team since Haig & Haig. Corby **Truman** is also in MACV Hq looking so young that he could put on a cadet uniform and not be noticed in ranks.

"George **Blanchard** is Chief of Staff, I FFV (a U.S. Corps), after serving as Asst Div Comdr, 1st Cav Div. As usual, he keeps many things moving at once and well. Pete **Almquist** is the Air Ln O with the 1st (and only) ARVN Abn Div. Not only is he their air advisor, but he runs around jumping out of airplanes with them just to show our Army classmates that fighter pilots can do the "Airborne!" bit as additional duty. He looks great in his jungle pajamas.

"Dave **Henderson** arrived from his last duty as Asst Com at USAFA to re-don his sweaty fighter-pilot flying suit as Vice Comdr, 31st Tac Fighter Wing at Tuy Hoa. These days the old gay warrior is tearing up the jungles around Dak To with his bombs and helping George **Blanchard** and other "grunts" get the Charlies.

"Ken **Cooper** is in Thailand working on a project which nobody here in Vietnam knows anything about, but he is keeping his colleagues happy with his singing sliderule.

"Bo **Bottomly** spent the period 1 Aug-15 Dec in Vietnam testing in combat the A-37 attack airplane which is a flying Ferrari with bombs, rockets, and guns. I flew with his folks a couple of times, and they operated with much dash as Bo's boys always do. Task Force Combat Dragon was a fine outfit, and Bo did a great job leading it.

"P. J. **Hamm** is in the Air Force's Del Webb at Tuy Hoa Air Base. Although he's not building a "Sun City," P.J. has enough beach and sand to care for all the beach boys and cats in the world. Meanwhile he's completing the building of the only air base in Vietnam built within budget and completely on schedule, and it was built by the USAF. (All Engineers, please note.)

"To skip around, Bill **Steger** is Mr. Esso for the Air Force in San Centonio where he buys and ships gas, fuels, and propellants for the whole AF. My "no-nox" has been giving good mileage, Bill.

"We were all real proud to see Johnny **Calhoun** go over to FAA in Washington. Maybe he can straighten out the traffic in our crowded skies. Chuck **Sampson** is our Dpty Chief Civil Engineer for Seventh Air Force. Chuck is the guy we have to sell our projects to in order to get a new ramp, runway, barracks, or hangars. He is shaping up the programming and ramrodding the contractors all over Vietnam.

"Ace **Edmunds** is in the Office of the Chairman, JCS, with Bob **Ginsburgh** at last count, continuing the '44 tradition of riding herd on our distinguished chairman. Noble **Greenhill** is Vice Comdr of 315th Air Commando Wing at Phan Rang Air Base. 'You call, they haul,' and they have some rather interesting cargos from time to time. His lads do the defoliant spraying so there's a pretty good VC price on his head.

"Bill **Fairbrother** is at PACOM Hq up the hill from where he lives at Hickam. He and Jane were most hospitable when I came through there last April en route to Vietnam. A tall drink on their cool patio after 5 hours in a trusty F-4C en route from California made my stop in Hawaii very pleasant.

"Bernie **McKeever** was keeping the VC out of Saigon as Comdr, 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div, about 50 miles N. of here. They have had some bloody battles, but the Big Red ONE is unbowed. We're all proud of them especially that 1st Bde.

"Mick **Mickelwait** is the Asst DCS/Opns of 7/13 Air Force and their Director of Combat Opns at Udorn, Thailand. He is orchestrating lots of action of tremendous importance to our whole effort in SEA.

"Although he went home over a year ago, Bill **Charlson** left a legacy of trained Vietnamese AF fighter pilots who are developing into a first-rate force in the unit he is in now.

"In April I saw Cas **Myslinski** at Victorville, Calif., where he planned to retire. I see by the *Army-Navy Journal* ads he's in the real estate business in Apple Valley, Calif., a real beautiful place in the high desert's high-rent district.

"Doc **Boutwell** is Opns Officer of the 56th Air Commando Wing which does outstanding work using his old Korean handiwork on the NVA and VC.

"Howie **Tanner's** at Shaw AFB in Recon. There's a war on, so if we just wait by base operations somewhere, he'll be along. He "started" the Suez thing while serving with the RAF in 56. I haven't heard for sure, but I'll bet he was in the Israeli affair this past summer, and, if not, Junior **Merritt** must have been. They always turn up where there's a fight. (I'm going to keep away from them both from now on!)

"John N. **Johnson** III, and Meg are in Uruguay. That can only mean that Punte del Este has a secret ski slope. They're never far from one with their handsome family of skiers. Meg passes for one of



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**1944:** Mac MacWilliams, Professor of Chemistry at USMA, receives congratulations from Brig. Gen. John R. Jannarone, Dean of the Academic Board. Mac received his Ph.D. from Rensselear Polytechnic Institute in May.

their daughters and is a stunner on skis or off.

"Your irregular correspondent spent 5 months in the 3d Tac Ftr Wing and now spends his days cowering behind bunkers of papers as Dpty Dir, 7th AF Tactical Air Control System, mothering FAC's, ALO's, and the conduct of the in-country air operations hour by hour. He still gets to fly a couple of missions a week which he spends in mortal terror. However, time really flies. Audrey and I will be leaving for Germany in May from Tucson where she and the children are enjoying the desert sun and the ski slopes on Mt. Lemmon. Our only regrets are in advance—that we may not get to be at the 25th Reunion of the Class of '44 in June 69. And since this gang looks so young and lusty, I wonder how many will miss the 25th because their wives are pregnant?"

We all thank you, Lee, for that great contribution to our column. Don't know who I'll recruit as a replacement for SEA news when you leave, but I am getting an idea who to look to for news of Europe starting about May. Our very best wishes to you and Audrey for your reunion and new overseas tour.

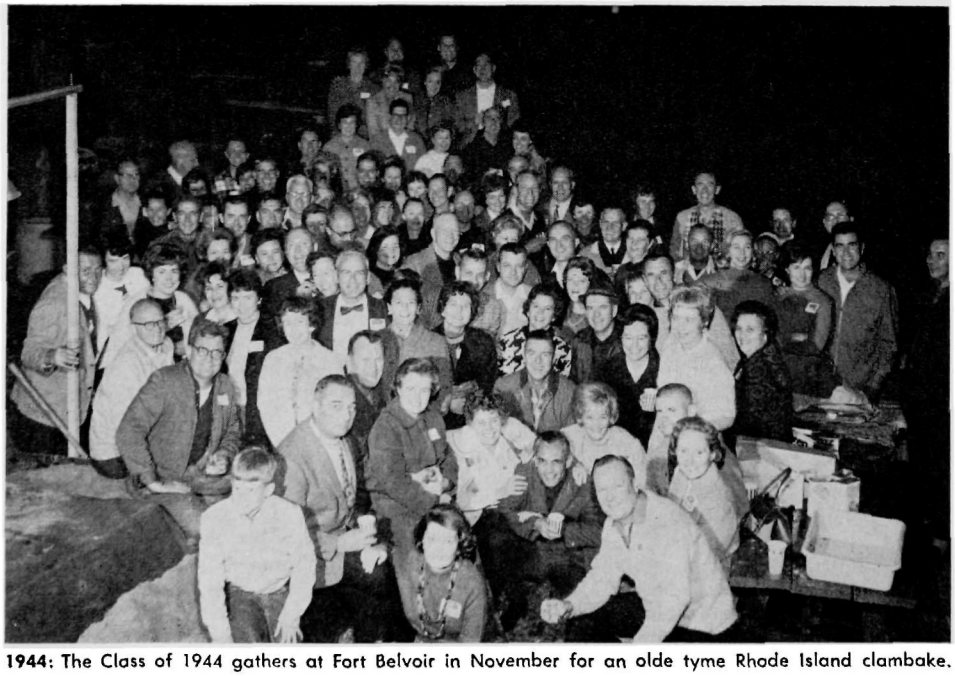
Speaking of a young and lusty gang, get a load of those cute kids in the group picture which I hope they are printing with this column. The occasion was a fancy olde tyme Rhode Island clambake beautifully staged by Scotty again this year, this time at the River Annex, Fort Belvoir Officers Club on 4 Nov. It was a huge success, and, as you can see, there was a good turnout. The picture was arranged for by Ed **O'Donnell**, earlier reported at Belvoir. (The first class reader to send me names of all classmates shown receives a free-for-nothing framed copy of the picture.) Our next affair was a formal dinner-dance at the Washington Naval Yard on 16 Dec, arranged by John **Desmond** and committee. A great time was had by all.

Had a nice letter from Buford **Norman**. I appreciate his kind words of sympathy. As you know Bufe was in excellent charge of this column for some years. (Why'd you quit? I thought you were doing great, and I always intended to write you a long letter!) Buford and Patsy are well and still living happily in Memphis, where Bufe is manager of an insurance agency. He reports the following: Red and Sugar **Aldrich** are in Rochester, Mich., (where I'm sure he is still with G.M.). Their daughter Ann was married on 26 Dec. Steve **Mulkey** is living in Carrollton, Ga., I believe teaching at a military school in the area. Anne and Jelks **Cabaniss** are returning later this year from a tour in Heidelberg, Germany. Sam and Barbara **Hesse** are in San Angelo, Tex., where they have been since the end of WWII. Sam is in the real estate, insurance, and appraisal business and doing quite well. They bought a large home last year, remodeled it, and are now happily enjoying it. Kern and Ginks **Pitts** are leaving for Pretoria, S. Africa. (Yes, they have just left Washington.) Bill **Milnor** is retired and lives in Memphis.

Buford reports further that his son graduated last June from Davidson and won a 4-year fellowship to Yale where he is now working on his Ph.D. "A chip off the old block; smart as a whip!" The Normans' address is now: 515 Williamsburg Lane, Memphis, Tenn. 38117. Buford has been working for 10 years with the USMA admissions committee and observes that it's hard these days to get the boys interested in the military.

It was great hearing from you Buford; many thanks for the poop and please keep it coming.

Now for a few random notes: Bill and Bette **Henderson** are in El Segundo, Calif.,



**1944:** The Class of 1944 gathers at Fort Belvoir in November for an olde tyme Rhode Island clambake.

**1944:** Betty Losch watches as the Superintendent awards the second OLC to the Army Commendation Medal to Joe on his departure from West Point in June.

where Bill is assigned to Air Force Space and Missile Systems Organization (SAMSO) and is director of the VELA program. The effort was undertaken by the U.S. following the Geneva test ban negotiations in 1959 and has provided us with 8 satellites orbiting 60,000 miles above the earth ready to detect any nuclear testing in space.

Bill **Jones** has been Chief of Admin Sec, U.S. Mission, Berlin, and is now attending ICAF. Joe and Mary Grace **Cutrona** are in Washington; he is in J3. By now Dee and Jackie **Pettigrew** have reached Madrid. Phil **McAuliffe**, still in the chairman's office, has switched over to exec, and John **Donaldson**, for a while in DCSOPS, has joined the chairman's office. George **Pappas** heads the U.S. Army Military History Research Collection at Army War College, Carlisle, Pa. John **Carley**, recent arrival here, is with OPO, Army staff.

Doug **Kinnard** has departed for his new assignment as Asst DCSOPS Hq, CONARC, Fort Monroe, Va. I understand Bob **Day** is retiring from West Point and will live in Rhode Island. We're all sorry to see him leave but know he will be most gainfully occupied.

Gene **Steffes** and Lloyd **Pugh** are here on the air staff. Saw Jim **Campbell** the other evening; he is here with Cornell Aeronautical Labs and working hard—he says.

Ran into Phil **Grant** in the hall recently. He was here on Tdy from Alaska where he is Comptroller at Hq, USARAL. Son Phil Jr. is a Plebe at WP. Bruce and Betty **Staser** have joined us here; he is in OSD, Public Affairs. (You can have them, Bruce, I prefer private ones.) Jim **Cumberpatch** is nearby at Hq AFSC, Andrews AFB.

I'm told Larkin **Tully** is transferring from Hq, Southern Command, Canal Zone, to Operations and Training, Hq, Fourth Army, San Antonio. Jim **White** went from CO, 2d Engineer Construction Gp, Korea, to Detroit District Engineer. Bob **Conant** is in San Francisco at Western Area, MTMTS.

Time has again run out on me, and I must go to press. Again, another plea; if you enjoy these articles, please support them with your contributions. I have received no feedback from our note in the last ASSEMBLY regarding suggestions for some recognition of our 25th—only a year and a half to go.

After going to press I find some additional and important timely information to pass along. Many of you may not know that we have 5 sons graduating from the Rock with Class of '68: Mike **Bressler**, Francis **Cooch**, Jeffrey **Rogers** (Harry), Harold **Wilhite**, and Charles **Steel**. On behalf of '44, heartiest congratulations to all!



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# '45

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Promotions, Homecoming, and many letters and news items highlight the past few months. I will not list all the promoted and promotables. It suffices to say—congratulations to us all!

### Homecoming

With the departure of Hap **Argo** for Vietnam (Chief of Military History Branch, MACV; Jane and family at 16 Paula Court, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. 12520), George **Garman** for Hq USAREUR, and Ray **Smith** to attend the NATO Defense College in Rome, only Bill **Love** and newly arrived Jerry **Briscoe** remain at West Point to carry on for '45. On the assumption that Bill Love was too disorganized in his new job as a regimental Tac (borne out by the fact that he still answers his own phone), Jerry took on the task of class Homecoming coordinator. His letter urging those in the eastern area to make known their Homecoming plans was a masterpiece and provoked remarks such as these—Doug **Kenna:** "I have read your letter 9 times. What does it say?"; Gar **Landrith:** "Your letter was the deciding factor [to attend];" and Hap **Adams:** "And we enjoyed your letter very much—you write well. You must have been a 1st section type." Despite the varied opinions, you done good, Jerry. We were well represented at Homecoming.

Those reported to be at the '45 cocktail party were: Betty Lou and Ted **Adair,** Doody and Hap **Adams,** Harriet and Scott **Adler,** Faye and Jake **Bennett,** Nancy and Jerry **Briscoe,** Elaine and George **Casey,** Joyce and John **Coulahan,** the Fred **Einsidlers,** Bobby and Toby **Gandy,** Jacque and Bill **Glynn,** Bill **Greene,** Barbara and Bob **Guthrie,** Joyce and Ted **Halligan,** Lois and Shorty **Harman,** Sugar and Buster **Hayden,** Dot and Don **Henderson,** Janice and Larry **Jones,** Doug **Kenna,** Lola and Larry **Klima,** Ken **Ladensohn,** Sam **Lessey** and "Wow!", Bob **Lindsay,** Miriam and Bill **Love,** Pat and Gar **Landrith,** Bob **Mantey,** Bob **Marben,** Julie and Hal **Moore,** Bobbie and Phil **Polak,** Ann and Tony **Parrish,** Dot and Chuck **Reynoldson,** Lois and Bob **St. Onge,** Shirl and Ed **Saxby,** Sybil and Jack **Spiller,** Mary **Stoer,** Jean and Warren **Stumpe,** and Mary and Ray Unger (honorary classmate at West Point). At the game but not at the party were: Bob **Granik,** Harriet **Eyster,** Betty and Dick **VanHouten,** and the Jake **Wuchters.** As stated in Jerry's letter, our attendance was "only exceeded by the 3 reunion classes attending and the 1913 population of Highland Falls."

**1945:** On the way to Michie Stadium for the Homecoming game. Left to right: Sugar Hayden, Jessie Sibert, and the class Scribe all done up in black, gold and gray.

### Odds and Ends

Sam **Lessey** forwarded clippings from Fran **Barnard** (now Mrs. J. Clinton Bagwell of 909 Cherry Hills Lane, El Paso, Tex. 79912) which tell of two big weddings. Young Bruce III, now a junior at the U. of Texas at El Paso, married Miss Peggy Lynn Beckstrand, a sophomore at the U. of Texas at Austin, on 21 Nov 67. Both will continue school in El Paso and make their home at: 806 N. Ange, same city. Earlier, on 19 Aug 67, Frances Barnard became Mrs. James H. Polk III, and is now living with her husband in Baumholder, Germany. Nice going, Fran!

Tom **Schwinn** has been recommended for promotion to lieutenant colonel and for assignment as operations officer of the 69th Inf Bde, Kansas National Guard. Active in the National Guard since 1952, he has served as the IG and JAG of the brigade. Civilianwise, he is a legislative agent for the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Assn and since 1966 has been associated with the Wellington, Kans., law firm of Schwinn, Ferguson, and Schwinn.

Hear this! I received a Christmas card from Ed Wallnau at: 310 SW. 1st Avenue, Boynton Beach, Fla., 33435—telephone: 732-2076. He wants it known that all friends in the Class are welcome. (Editor's Note: This is the seventh class to report this in this issue so far—I hope all the addresses read the same.)

New York class members had their second cocktail-dinner gathering at the University Club on 14 Sept. (Their first was held at the New York Athletic Club last spring.) Shorty **Harman** reports that Ted **Adair,** Fred **Einsidler,** Ted **Halligan,** Jack **Lawrence,** Sam **Lessey,** Gar **Landrith,** John **Murphy,** Paul **Nelson,** Chuck **Reynoldson,** Bob **St. Onge,** Perry **Wilcox,** and John **Wood** attended. He also forwarded a list of the class members who are in the New York area to include their home and business addresses. A very imposing list! Who runs New York? We run New York! (Note: The list has been reviewed by Will **Rogers** for inclusion in the '45 roster, soon to be published.)

A nice note from Claire **Gilland** was a clue to what's in store for this new Scribe. She was shocked to read in the ASSEMBLY that Jim had retired. If this is true, she wants her husband back from Vietnam! Jim is with Advisory Team 59, APO 95363; Claire is waiting patiently at: 1524 Haker Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819.

Staying with the B-1 files, Nape **Napier** tells us what he has been up to. His nose has been in the books for the past two years at Tulane. Last June he received a Ph.D. as his reward. On 1 Sept 67, he became the Asst Professor of Management at the U. of Arkansas (940 E. Elm, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701). He sees Dan **Perry,** who commands a fighter interceptor base nearby and would like to see others.

Bob **Krebs** continues to send in poop. On a boondoggle to Europe, he saw Ray and Jane **Dietsche** and Nancy **McCarthy** (Joe in the field with the Seventh Army) in Heidelberg, and Jim and Babs **Patchell,** Phil and Betty **Lansing,** and Bud **Weaver** (Where's Rita?) at SHAPE. He also reports that Dipper **Dallman** will turn down his promotion to bird and will retire at the end of January to take a position with Merrill, Lynch in Chicago. He and Betty will live in Lake Forrest, Ill.

Marilyn **Day** writes that Steve is enjoying his brigade in Korea (3d Bde, 7th Inf Div). A Christmas card from Steve verifies this. He boasted of a 73 round on the local golf course, then added that par for the course is 58! Steve should be home (761 Hamilton Street, Carlisle, Pa. 17013) on R&R this February. Marilyn adds that Joy **Jones** (waiting for George at: 804 Hamilton Street, Carlisle, Pa. 17013) had heard from the **McMurdos** in Thailand. Mary Jane and Mick are living it up in a big house with three servants and are back in the old rat race—party, party, party! Mick, they sure needed you and your mule at the Carlisle pre-ARMY-Navy game rally this year. How about that, Jim **Ingham?**

The 13 Jan 68 issue of the *Journal of the Armed Forces* has a picture of Col. Devol **Brett** being pulled into a Jolly Green Giant in a rescue made 10 minutes after Sunny ejected over the South China Sea from his F-4C jet. He was shot down by enemy fire during a strike against North Vietnam. Welcome aboard, Sunny!

Dick **Hartline** departed for Vietnam (Chief Advisor to the Vietnam Engineer) in September. Harriet threw a big farewell party to shellerbrate (?) the event. Present were: Ernie and El **Denz,** Orv and Fran **Post** (Orv left for Vietnam in January), Chuck and Stella **Curtis,** Doc **Hesse,** George and Katy **Dexter,** Skip **Hoge,** Rusty and Nancy **Heilbronner,** Bates and Shirly **Burnell,** George and Theo **Bush,** Ed and Dot **Gudgel,** Russ and Nancy **McGovern,** Bill and Sally **Wolfe,** and I guess others.

Other news on our Vietnam types... George **Hoge,** back home in January for another brief R&R with Skip, is taking over a brigade in the 25th Div (George, I'm relieved to know that your Div CG is a good artilleryman!). Dick **Crane** departed on 3 Jan for his Vietnam tour. Pat and the children will wait at: 750 Hamilton St., Carlisle, Pa., 17013. (Hamilton Street has become '45 row!) Arch **Arnold** is in his glory as the CO, 41st Arty Gp at Phu Cat. Barb boasts that he has 8 battalions and an area 190 miles long and 60-90 miles wide to support. She is assuring everyone that she is adjusting to life without Arch, i.e., no golf, discipline shot, TV dinners, and no one to do the new math homework. In February Barb will travel to Hawaii to meet her OAO, and Dot Root will accompany her. After his R&R, Walt **Root** will return to Vietnam to take the Spt Comd, 1st Inf Div.

There are high hopes for continued success in the 1st Cav Div. Bill **Wolfe,** back with his boss Bates **Burnell** after a false start on a civil affairs assignment in Vietnam, will regroup at the Pentagon and then take command of the 1st Cav Divarty in March. He'll provide artillery support for Bob **Mac-**

**1945:** Julie and Hal Moore at the Homecoming football game.



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kinnon who will take Snapper **Rattan's** 1st Bde in May and for Chuck **Curtis** who will soon take one of the other brigades. Because of their new locations, Claud **Hamilton** (Bn Comdr in the 101st Abn Div) and Jim **Herbert** (Province Senior Advisor; Alice and daughter at home in Annandale) sent benos to Jerry **Briscoe** in response to his request that they attend Homecoming. George **Benson,** fresh from his Pentagon tour, is taking over the 3d Bde, 9th Inf Div. Likewise, Larry **Jones** departs the puzzle palace soon to take the Divarty, Americal Div. Snapper Rattan, Zoot **Johnson** (1st Bde, 4th Inf Div), and John **Powers** (Dpty CO, 173d Abn Bde) were in the thick of it during the big Dak To fracas. Dick **Gorder** is the G1, I FFV. John **Stoer,** transitioning in F-4's in Florida, will soon go to Vietnam; Mary will stay with her folks.

Andy **Carhartt** reports from his Linwood Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Mo., that Bob **Calvert** is living in Berkeley, Calif., and is working on his Ph.D. in accounting. Bob taught at New Mexico State U. until June 1966; he had Bruce **Barnard's** son in one of his accounting labs! Andy also forwarded a report by Senator Long of Missouri, which includes a picture of Bill **Kratz** (Distict Engineer in Kansas City) assisting the Senator and other dignitaries in the dedication (ribbon cutting) of a new power plant.

While in California, Pops **McNeil** picked up an 8 Oct 67 copy of the Sunday Los Angeles *Times.* The magazine section highlighted an article, "Las Vegas, Our Hometown," which led off with an interview with J. Kell **Houssels** Jr., president of the Tropicana Hotel. Ike is reported to have 1,100 employees and a $20 million a year business! In George **Withey's** March 1965 ASSEMBLY column, Ike was credited with only 937 employees—the increase must be due to automation?!

Mel **Price** is enjoying his retired life in Albuquerque, N. Mex. In his words, he and Barbara have much more time to enjoy the children and a few more dollars to do it with. He would like for us to come visit and to share the great outdoors with him in his new pickup camper.

Harry **Stewart** is with the Westinghouse Corp. as the resident engineer in charge of the construction of a new nuclear turbine manufacturing plant to be built in Charlotte, N.C. He reports that for the first time he and Ruth have lots of room to take care of classmates in or passing through Charlotte (3601 Mill Pond Road, 28211). So y'all come!!

A long Christmas note from Joe and Nancy **McCarthy** sums up the situation in Germany. They moved from SHAPE to Opns Div, USAREUR and Seventh Army, in July and, soon after, were given less than two weeks notice to hightail it, NLT 4 Dec, to Fort Campbell, Ky., to bolster the newly formed 6th Inf Div. Joe will command a brigade there. At a recent Heidelberg party, they saw Jane and Ray **Dietsche,** recently from the AWC to Hq USAREUR; Pat and Dodie **Powers,** up from Schwaebisch-Gmuend where Pat still commands the 56th Arty Gp; Helen and Jack **Rhett,** recently from SHAPE to become the CO, 11th Engr Gp; D.A. and Bill **Hankins,** just returned from Vietnam to DCSLOG, Hq USAREUR; B.J. and Jack **Burke,** also with DCSLOG; Pat and Jim **O'Brien,** with the PIO, Hq USAREUR; and George **Garman** (Frances was in Paris!). A final note, Joe's book, *Illusion of Power,* was published in August by Carlton Press, N.Y., and is enjoying modest success as a definitive book on American policy in Vietnam.

On a recent trip with Jim **Rasmussen,** Les **Ayers** saw Ted **Wagner** at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and J.J. **McDonald** in Denver. Ted has been at Oak Ridge (Union Carbide, working for the AEC) since 1951 and is searching for collegiate-level talent. So, anyone with a college student interested in a life of physics, laboratories, and other long-hair pastimes, contact Ted Wagner. Jim Rasmussen has since retired to head up the Western Research Center of the Stauffer Chemical Co. His business address is: 1200 South 47th Street, Richmond, Calif.

Bill **Sibert** has left the Pentagon where for three years he labored in the Avn Directorate of ACSFOR. Most deservedly, he received the LM for his work. Currently, he is a student at the Defense Attaché course here in Washington, D.C., preparing to go to Peru in August 1968. Of interest, Bill, Larry **Jones,** and Jim **Zeller** all have sons at the St. Andrews Boarding (Prep) School in Middletown, Del.

I visited Sandia Base, N. Mex., and Fort Bliss, Tex., in late September, early October. At Sandia I had a nice visit and drinks with Marty and Jane **Brewer** (with Joint

**1945:** At Homecoming in Michie Stadium are seen Jessie Sibert, and Elaine and George Casey.

Task Force 2). At Marty's insistance, we took some time off from my "busy" schedule to play the Municipal Golf Course. Using Jane's clubs, the final tally was: Brewer 96, **Hayden** 103—'nuff said. I had dinner with Arch and Liz **Patterson** (stationed at Kirtland AFB with Wee Wee **McGlynn**) and drinks at the base officers club with Pat **Hurley.** Pat is now single, flies F-100's with the local guard unit, and is painting to his heart's content. His paintings are being shown throughout the Southwest, in San Francisco, and in New York. At Fort Bliss, Bill and Betty Ruth **Wakefield** housed and fed me in their El Paso home. Ray and Ouida **Cavanna** hosted a fine dinner in their spacious quarters on-post and invited Bud and Carmen **Pitzer** to join us. Oh, I like that Southwest!

And now to jump around a little . . . Frank **Smith** (A-2) has been seen selling insurance/stocks in Carlisle, Pa. Bill **Walker** has moved from the Army Staff to the Office, Asst Secy for Atomic Energy at the OSD level. Larry **Klima,** retired in August 1966, is now Chief, Facilities Engineering Office, Div of Military and Naval Affairs, Executive Dept, State of New York, with his home at: 26 Par Del Rio, Elmira, N.Y. 12065. Jim **Root** is now chief of Project Team V at the CDC Experimental Comd at Fort Ord, Calif. Aus **Yerks** frequently visits the Pentagon as a consultant for Systems Development Co. He's working on a project to computerize the action officer! Johnny **Johnson,** with the Eastman Kodak Co., represented the Supe at the dedication of the Fine Arts Center in Rochester, N.Y. John and Peg **Murphy** are retiring and are hunting for a job.

Seen at the Utah game were: Flo and Jack **Kennedy,** Dot and Chuck **Reynoldson** who were down from the New York Military Academy, and as always, Tom **Nichols.** Tom **Musgrave** was married, promoted, and went on his honeymoon on Friday, the 13th day of October, 1967. Chris **Christiansen** went to Korea in July; Martha is holding out at: 2225 Lake Ridge Circle, Waco, Tex. 76710. Bill and Betty **Zook** are bolting the Washington area to take over a training brigade at Fort Lewis, Wash. Bob and Gene **Ives** have returned to Washington. Bob is back from Vietnam where he terrorized the natives with his battalion and now puts in his time with the newly formed Joint Continental Defense Systems Integration Planning Staff (JCDSIPS). His first job is to find a new name for the outfit!

### A Word About the Kids

Young Jessie **Gatlin** was a battalion commander at Camp Buckner this past summer. In keeping with established '45 traditions, he has also been slugged for "public display of affection!" Bill **Zook** has been known to make the Dean's list from time to time, a truly remarkable accomplishment if heredity has anything to do with it. And more of the same, Vince **Arnold** is maxing academics?? Mr. Austin **Yerks,** you prophesied the season correctly (see last ASSEMBLY), but you sure goofed on the Navy game. Wait 'til next year. And, here and now, a special bouquet to Harriet **Eyster** who is keeping a daily vigil over the Corps and our boys in particular.

Speaking of these sons of ours, the time has come for some of them to join our ranks from the Service Academies. In 1968, 5 sons at West Point and 1 at the Air Force Academy (John B. **MacWherter**) will graduate. It is customary for each Class to make a small presentation to the class sons upon their graduation. If you have any ideas, quickly contact Jerry **Briscoe** (West Point 4600) or Bill **Love** (West Point 2904).

And finally, a word on the educational assistance program. Bart **Kerr,** chairman of the memorial fund, reports that the fund is becoming operational. $2,500 is now in use (or designated for use) in supporting the education of deserving class sons and daughters. One loan of $500 was made in 1966 and three more totalling $2,000 were made in 1967. As the year ended, three more letters indicating interest in obtaining educational assistance were being processed. In November, the fund sent a personal letter to each of the class widows on the assumption that some of them might not be fully acquainted with the fund. As you can see, the trend for fund use is definitely upward. Be ready to support this worthy effort if the fund becomes oversubscribed in 1968. Incidentally, the fund board has been informed that scholarship aid for the 1968-1969 year may be available for attendance at the U. of Wisconsin at Madison. If interested, write to: Chairman, Class of 1945 Memorial Fund, Inc., Box 45, Fort Myer, Va. 22211, for particulars.

Late note: Hannah Hynds, widow of Wally **Hynds,** is now living at: 700 Harris Drive, Gallatin, Tenn. 37066.

Thanks for the mail. Keep smiling.



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# '46

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No. 85. The second meeting of the class committee was held on Thursday, 19 Oct 67, at Dick **Kinney's** quarters. DeBow **Freed** will perform the annual audit. Ed **Saunders** was given approval to spend up to $25 for a class party after the Stanford-ARMY game. A proposed letter of solicitation for the class fund was presented in draft form. After discussion it is being revised. A card file with addresses, as known, of class members was turned over to Jess **Fields** for revision and correction in an effort to obtain the best possible up-to-date addresses of the Class. 18 May 68 has been proposed as the date for the spring party in the Washington area and will be the date for the annual business meeting. All class members, far and wide, are invited to attend. Place to be announced. Andy **LaMar** will check with Roger **Nye** to see if an earlier contract for 50 bookends is binding; pending the outcome of the contract, Andy will determine how many bookends are needed as presents for Class Sons in the next two or three years. Three names have been mentioned as possible candidates for editor of the 25-year book. Kibbey **Horne** sent in some suggestions for getting started. Further action has been put in abeyance pending outcome of the search for an editor. That is the end of Fields's report.

The following men began a 10-month course on 18 Aug at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces: Joe **Rogers,** 4145 Minton Drive, Fairfax, Va.; George **Hall,** 7108 Reservoir Road, Springfield, Va.; Charley **Daniel;** John **McWhorter,** 303A N. Hamilton St., Richmond; and Kyle **Bowie,** 305 Timber Lane, Falls Church, Va. Hall was last stationed at Fort Hood, Tex. Daniel was last stationed in Vietnam and in 1963 received his M.S. from Tulane. McWhorter received his M.S. from Lowell Tech in 1949.

Vietnam—At Pleiku AB will be found Bill **Studer** flying transport aircraft. Before his arrival there, he was assigned to the Naval War College, Newport, R.I. Bill earned his M.S. in nuclear engineering in 1952 from North Carolina State. Shown receiving the BSM during ceremonies near Saigon on 19 Aug is Gunnar **Andersson.** Brig. Gen. Robert L. Ashworth, commanding general of the Army Hq Area Command is making the presentation. The award is for outstanding meritorious service in combat operations from Aug 66 to Aug 67 while serving with the U.S. Army Hq Area Comd. Gunnar's last assignment was at Ent AFB, Colo. His wife Anne is awaiting his return at: 716 Scorpio Circle, Colorado Springs. Lew **Tixier** left Fort McNair and arrived at Hq, USARV, near Long Binh last 26 Aug. He is chief of doctrine and systems training in the Hq Opns Sec. Lew's wife Phyllis is at: 1920 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Va. Walt **Dumas** has been assigned to Advisory Team 96, advising the Vietnamese Army's IV Corps, near Can Tho. He left Carlisle Barracks for Vietnam. Katherine Dumas is staying at: 10237 Tarpon Drive, Treasure Island, Fla.

Charley **McCarty** has received the LM for meritorious service as plans officer with the office of the Asst chief of staff for plans, Hq, U.S. Mil Assistance Comd, in Vietnam from Sept 66 to Aug 67. The award was made near Bangkok, Thailand, where he is presently stationed.

Shown receiving the Joint Service Commendation Medal during his retirement ceremony at Ent AFB, Colo., is Dick **Bacon.** Bacon, a programs officer, received the medal for his meritorious service with the North American Air Defense Command staff at Ent.

The **Colladays,** Marty and Danny, will be starting the second year of their tour in Washington. Marty is chief of the General Officers' Branch. He was ordained a deacon of his church last year and has been named chairman of the board of deacons this year. He also finds time to be VP of the men's group of their church. From Austin, Tex., I have received word that Bryce **Poe** is Vice Commander of the 75th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing (RF-4C Aircraft), Bergstrom AFB. He and Kari left Washington, the Pentagon, and Legislative Liaison last July for Bergstrom. Bryce is a colonel. Since arriving in Austin, they have met Tom **Gee** and his wife. Tom is an attorney in Austin. Gee and Poe had served together after graduation and until Tom resigned.

Received a note from Pat **Lobdell** to bring me up-to-date on their doings. "H" has two squadrons of EB-66's based in Thailand at

**1946:** Dick Bacon receives the Joint Services Commendation Medal from Maj. Gen. Greasley on the occasion of his retirement at Ent AFB.

Takhli and, as of 10 Nov, had 46 missions and had completed almost half his tour. He recently received the LM for his previous work in the Pentagon. Their son H III is a Second Classman now, and, along with **McMinn's** son, they are the only ones of the original 5 Class Sons left in the Class of '69. H III visited with Col. Whitey **Yeoman** on the soccer trip to USAFA. Whitey's son, Allen, is at the U. of Arizona. My previous report that Cal **Benedict** was at the War College is incorrect. He has been delayed a year to serve as Bn Comdr, 1st Bn, 16th Inf, 1st Div, in Vietnam where he has been since last June. Gene and family are living in Arlington with the exception of Cal Jr., who is a Plebe at USMA and on the dean's list. Lobdell's address is: 2765 S. Ives St., Arlington, Va. 22202. Oh, yes, Pat mentioned that **Yancey's** son, Bill III, is on the Oriskany pushing planes around and enjoying life in the Navy.

Bob **Wayne** has been flying all over Vietnam while earning his 2d and 3d Silver Stars, 4th DFC, and 21st and 22d AM's. Bob received these awards last fall at the Pentagon and was cited for his gallantry, airmanship, and outstanding achievement during his tour of duty as an F-105 Thunderchief pilot and Comdr of the 357th Tactical Fighter Sqdn at Takhli AFB, Thailand. He is now with the Joint Chiefs of Staff Special Studies Group and was promoted to colonel on 20 Sept, along with other members of the Class including Bob **Stewart** and Earl **VanSickle.** Bob and Eloise Wayne reside at: 8418 Alyce Place, Alexandria.

On 1 Dec, Jack **Whitener,** Chief of Staff, USMA, was promoted to colonel. He and Martha and their daughter have been at the Point since last summer. Walt **Mattox** received the LM in Heidelberg, Germany, on 26 Oct. The award was presented by Brig. Gen. C. W. Clapsaddle Jr., for outstanding service from Oct 64 to July 67, while Mattox served as deputy comptroller and then as assistant chief of staff for operations and training for the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Benning, Ga. He and Betty have been in Germany since August, where he is now assigned to the office of the comptroller with U.S. Army, Europe, Seventh Army, where he is deputy chief of the plans and programs branch.

After a busy summer Lee and Marie **Parmly** are now settled in at: 5617 27th St. N., Arlington, Va. 22207. Their daughter Barbara is a freshman at Elizabeth Seton College, Yonkers, N.Y., majoring in art. Joanne, Mike, and David are still at home and going to school in Arlington. Lee is on the list for eagles this summer. Received a note from Ginny and Joe **Finley** who are located in Izmir, Turkey, (USA Elm LSE Box 3, APO N.Y. 09224). Also holding down the southeastern flank of NATO and located in Izmir are Bob and Betty **Richmond,** LSE, and Sue and Cornelius **McMillan,** SEATAF. They all expect to return to the U.S.A. this summer but do not yet know assignments.

Joan and Dave **Peters** are at the Army War College, Box 163, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. 17013, having been there since last July. While Dave is studying hard with his course, the three children are attending grade school at St. Patrick's in Carlisle. Dave is on the promotion list for probable mid-year acquisition. Other classmates presently students at AWC are: O.D. **Street,** George **Webb,** Norm **Watkins,** Kibbey **Horne,** Bob **Myer,** Art **Pence,** and Bill (Fields) **Shelton.** On the faculty we find: Ed **Weber,** Ken **Barlow,** Jack **Hoefling,** and Hal **de Moya.**

Last fall, Sam **Title** attended the 11th Presidents' Club of National Life Insurance Co.'s conference at the El Mirador Hotel, Palm Springs, Calif. He earned this privilege by his sales efforts for the past year. Art **Murphy** has been appointed an Associate Professor of Law at the Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, Pa. He had been a trial judge with the U.S. Army Judiciary, Office of the JAG, Washington, D.C. Art received his L.L.B. with honors from Harvard in 1952. He is a registered attorney with the U. S. Patent Office and a member of the bars of the Supreme Judicial Court of Mass., the U. S. Court of Military Appeals, and the U. S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals.

Walt **Frankland,** who joined the Silver Users Assn, Washington, D.C., in July 1966, has been appointed its executive director. He and Virginia reside in Arlington. Bill **Kenney** has been named a senior vice president of The Bank of New York and is in charge of all of the bank's data processing activities. Bill joined the bank in 1960 as an Asst VP and was appointed a VP the following year. The Kenneys live in Spring Lake, N.J.

Received a note from Brig. Gen. D. F. Johns '16, who is Bob **Rufsvold's** father-in-law. Seems Bob was wounded in Vietnam as a result of hostile action on 20 Dec 1967 (his birthday) while a passenger in a military aircraft. Latest word is that the wounds are not serious. Bob **Kren** has settled into his job as Associate Director, Office of Public Information, U. of Missouri, with home address of: 1205 Woodhill Rd., Columbia, Mo.



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**1946:** Gunnar Andersson receives the BSM from Brig. Gen. Robert L. Ashworth in ceremonies near Saigon.

65201. Apparently, there are a number of retired and active duty officers living nearby, so things haven't changed that much. At the request of the AOG, Bob represented USMA at the inaugural of the new president of North East Missouri State Teachers College, Kirksville, Mo. Classmate Gov. Warren **Hearnes** delivered the greetings from the State as well as the principal address at the luncheon. Bob talked to Warren briefly before he had to dash off for a TV appearance.

Skip **Strain** let me in on their 1967 saga. They started the year out by arriving home in Alabama at 6:30 a.m. on 1 Jan and finding a power-off refrigerator full of spoiled food, their approach to germ warfare. They made several trips back and forth across the country while Skip was looking for something to keep him occupied after retirement on 1 Oct. He is now with Lockheed in long range planning in missile systems at Sunnyvale, Calif. Home address: 116 Hillbrook Drive, Los Gatos, Calif. 95030. His last assignment was as Director of Space, W.S.S., at the Air University in Montgomery. Their son Glenn is at Calif. Poly studying aero-engineering and hoping for an appointment to USAFA, which he came close to last year. Their daughter Debbie is at Birmingham Southern College, and their daughter Barbara is working for Farmers Insurance Group in Orange, Calif.

A number of the items included in this column were taken from Xmas letters mailed out with cards. It is a most interesting way to receive the news. One of these letters

**1946:** In Heidelberg Brig. Gen. C.W. Clapsaddle Jr. presents the Legion of Merit to Walt Mattox for service at Fort Benning from Oct 64 to July 67.

came from Will **Joffrion** who is in the insurance business in Baton Rouge, La. (3875 Churchill Ave., 70808). He is president of the Baton Rouge Insurance Exchange which has given Will and Beebe trips to Biloxi and Las Vegas. Last April Tacho **Somoza** made an official visit to Louisiana, and Will saw him at a luncheon at L.S.U. That evening Will and Beebe were invited to a formal reception at the Governor's mansion in honor of Tacho. Beebe was in San Francisco last summer and was able to visit the Harlan **Kochs** and their new shop, Fabulous Things. Will is a lieutenant colonel in the Reserves and spent two weeks active duty at Knox this summer.

A gentleman by the name of Ed W. Wallnau, 310 SW. 1st Ave., Boynton Beach, Fla. 33435 asked me to include the above address for use by his friends in the Class. To conclude this report, I would like to mention that I was elected to my third 3-year term as a councilman here in Verona last November. On 1 January, I was sworn in along with a new mayor. With the Presidential election year upon us, it will be interesting to see if what happened this last fall in New Jersey is any forecast for this November—a Republican landslide!

I received the following information after mailing the main article but was able to forward it for inclusion in this issue. This is Jesse **Fields**'s third report. The third scheduled meeting of the class committee was held on 12 Dec 1967, at the Fields' home. All class officers in the Washington area attended. Class Fund: The annual audit was completed by D. **Freed**. Net working capital as of 1 Oct 67 is $6,410.65. The solicitation letter is being redrafted by Dick **Kinney** and will be passed around to members of the committee to review before final acceptance. Andy **LaMar**, class president, will instruct Ed **Saunders** to invest $2,500 of the class fund with the Americal Investors Mutual Fund. Card address file: Cards obtained from the AAA and divided up into companies were passed out with the understanding that Bob **Stewart** would coordinate companies in the 2d Regt and Jess Fields would coordinate companies of the 1st Regt, the ultimate objective being to get correct addresses for all members of the Class. Various members within the Washington area will assist in getting correct addresses within their own companies. By 30 Jan they expect to have the majority of addresses confirmed. The Class is committed to purchase 50 gifts for Class Sons graduating from USMA. Ed Saunders will arrange the purchase. Arrangements will be made to auction off one set of bookends (Class Sons' gift) at a future party. No firm arrangements have been made for the 25-year book, but Phil **Farris** and/or Walt **Frankland** will be contacted to arrange for an editor-in-chief. Ed **Roxbury** is making arrangements for the next class party. The next committee meeting will be held on 30 Jan at Jake **Burney's**.

George **MacDonald** is still with Cadillac parts out of Troy, Mich. He was at the S.M.U. game in Dallas. Paul **Kelley** has moved into his area. Paul and George got together with Navy people at Selfridge Field for the A-N game and were outnumbered 50 to 6 West Pointers. They expect Gen. Bennett to be with them for up-coming Founders Day.

I asked the question in the last issue relative to whether **Parmly's** daughter was the first to get married. Buck **Buckingham** has written to indicate otherwise. On 1 April 67 Gloria and Buck's daughter, Peggy Elizabeth, was married to Robert S. Barrowclough in the base chapel at Bolling AFB with the reception afterward at the officers club. Their nephews, John and Jim Querns, sons of Buck Milam (Class of '44 deceased) were best man and usher respectively. Classmates and/or wives attending were: Merl and Millie **Hutto**, Pete and Eleanor **Bowers**, Bob and Louise **Lowry**, Bobby and Penny **Wayne**, Earl and Jean **VanSickle**, Frank and Queen **Lester**, Ann **Minor** (Max was off flying), and Gloria **Birdsall** with children Gary and Madeleine (Al was out of town).

**Birdsall** and **Buckingham** were in Colorado Springs for the ARMY-Air Force game. Afterwards they stopped by Twill and Dottie **Newell's** for cocktails. Also there were: Si **Hunt** and "Bugeyes" **McCoy** with wives up from Albuquerque; Bill **Moore**, Whitey **Yeoman**, and **Heiberg** from the AF Academy staff; and Ed **Brechwald**, whose son Jim is in his second year, up from Redlands, Calif.

## '47

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We have a brand new year plus a respectable batch of mail and news. So, I guess the best thing to do is start writing. First, a word about Jack **Dunham** who, as you know, was downed by a heart attack last September. Jack's recovery went smoothly with no apparent complications, and he is now back doing business as before at Fort Fumble. Glad to have you back at the store, Jack.

Turning to the mailbox, Dick **McClure** writes that after 17 years he has escaped temporarily (?) from SAC and is attending the Army War College. There, like Dave **Odell** and others before him, Dick will be enlightened concerning what is happening in the primary armed force. Hopefully, he will begin to see things in their proper perspective and then go on to spread the gospel among the rest of the windy ones. The McClures now count five girls (ages 2 to 19) and one 3-year-old tiger in their brood, with the oldest girls attempting to establish some West Point contacts.

An AF press release notes that Gerry **Wojciehoski** has recently been awarded the JSCM for his work with DASA at Albuquerque. Gerry is currently with Hq Seventh AF at Tan Son Nhut. And from UNIVAC comes an announcement that Forest **Crowe** has been appointed VP of Systems and Applications for Sperry Rand's UNIVAC Federal Systems Div.

From Vietnam some disquieting news—Bert **Brennan** is MIA. His F-4C was shot down in North Vietnam near Dong Hoi on 25 Nov. The aircraft was apparently hit by ground fire while on a dive bombing run. Other aircraft in the area picked up "beeper" signals from the vicinity of the downed plane indicating that one or both crewmen had survived the crash landing. However, SAR aircraft were driven off by heavy ground fire and were unable to make any determination concerning survivors. Mary and the family are currently residing in Tampa, but she may decide to move to the West Point/Newburgh area this summer. Ed **Robertson** has been keeping close touch with Mary and will let us know if Mary needs any assistance. Meanwhile, we all join in the hope that some good news about Bert will come through soon.

December produced an Army promotion list and senior service school list, with '47 doing well on the first and poorly on the second. Air Force nominations are not available as of this time, but only 3 Army types



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**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.**

from the Class will attend a war college next summer: Bing **Perry**, Tom **Perkins**, and Wally **Nickel**. On the other hand, Army colonels-to-be are: George **Bland**, Norm **Rosen**, Doc **Haskin**, Pete **Boerger**, Dick **Steinborn**, Lou **Rachmeler**, George **Haugen**, Harry **Ball**, Hank **Hill**, Frank **Taylor**, Jim **Johnson**, Dick **Rantz**, Bing **Perry**, Howie **Sargent**, Jack **Dunham**, Bob **McCord**, Tod **Mallett**, Goose **Gossett**, Hugh **Bartley**, Tom **Benson**, Jim **Mattern**, John **Lauterbach**, Bob **McNeil**, Wayne **Hauck**, and George **Maloney** —25 in all. Hearty congratulations to all of you, and may the next lists be even longer.

Some interesting (if unofficial) statistics show that of 96 currently active Army '47ers, 56 are or will be colonels by the end of 1968; while in the Air Force, of 47 now active, only 5 are colonels (but the next AF promotion list should improve that ratio). My unofficial figures also show 40 retirees now—23 Army and 17 Air Force.

Past issues of the column have been somewhat devoid of news on AF classmates, so I asked George **Harrington** to see what he could find out about those on active duty. George responded nobly, and, in the hopes of stimulating some correspondence and renewing old acquaintances, I shall report his findings. In Vietnam we find: Don **Robb**, Len **Staszak**, Gerry **Wojciehoski**, Dave **Odell**, Bill **Kuykendall**, Bert **Brennan**, Leon **Hudgins**, and Jim **Ryan**. Thailand has: Fred **Jacoby**, Al **Learmonth**, and Doc **Blanchard**, while Ted **Garrabrants** is on Taiwan and Bill **Gray** in the Philippines. Wink **Scoville** operates out of Hawaii, and Arnold **Tucker** from Japan. Jim **Breedlove** and Chuck **Stewart** are in Europe. Washington boasts: John **Mock**, Ed **Robertson**, John **Lerohl**, Herb **Pinkerton**, Brent **Scowcroft**, Casey **Kaericher**, George **Harrington**, Ed **Cottongim**, Jack **Young**, Clyde **Reynolds**, Bill **Carpenter**, Mike **Bellovin**, and Jack **Coyne**.

The remainder are scattered in CONUS—Roger **Bate**, Fred **Knauss**, Cecil **Fox**, Bob **White**, and Marc **Kinevan** at USAFA; Buck **Fernandez**, Les **Stevens**, Bob **Griffith**, and Joe **Johnston** with Space Missile Systems in LA; Jack **Pearce** and King **Simon** in Albuquerque; Dean **Gausche** at Scott AFB, Jim **Enos** at MacDill, Dave **Dunham** at Wright-Patterson, Frank **Perry** in Arizona, Bob **Lilley** in North Dakota, and Dick **McClure** at Carlisle.

I could probably have done a similar sort-out for the Army types, but I think the Editor might shoot me for using too much space. So, for the Army, we'll just note changes as we hear of them, such as Bill **Grant** commanding a tank battalion in Vietnam, Bob **Koch** an Arty Gp in the same country, and Hank **Hill** a signal battalion. Tom **Rogers** is due to move from Georgia to USMA this summer, where he will become an associate professor in the Math Dept. Bernie **deGil** is moving from Belvoir to Bliss some time in February.

The Washington whirl has had two '47 parties, one in November at Arlington Hall (set up by Bob **McCord** and Tom **Perkins**) attended by about 65 classmates and/or wives, and the other a pre-New Year's Eve affair—formal, if you please. Hosted by Jack **Schuder**, Jim **Mattern**, Bill **Brown**, Wayne **Hauck**, and Tom **Benson**, the attendance was smaller but, if anything, more vigorous. The party broke up only when the waiters started to roll up the table cloths—and then only because it seemed likely they might also roll up a couple of our less-than-wary classmates. Bob and Doris **Peckham** found their way up from Charlottesville for this one. Bob is still engaged there in the JAG school on the campus of the U. of Virginia. Tough duty!

The ARMY-Navy game was less heavily attended this year by '47ers—at least I didn't see as many. Maybe our seats had something to do with it, for instead of moving toward the center of the field (maybe the 20-yard line?), we are moving toward the end. For example, the **Lynns** were right on the goal line and the **Faiths** on about the minus 8-yard line. Others present and seated roughly between these extremes were: the **Haldanes**, **Greenes**, **Haigs**, and **Hayes**; also, Howie **Sargent** (but not Meg), Locker **Bentley**, Jim **Coolbaugh**, Ike **Snyder**, George **Goldsborough**, Bob **Beckelman**, and last but hardly least, Anne **Baer**. Learned at the game that Bentley and George **Levenback** are soon to open the first of a string of steak houses in New England. If they'll pass on some details to me, I'll pass them to you (free ad, George).

Turning to the pile of Christmas cards, George **Dell** resolves to have some copies of his reunion pictures made in 68. Betty and Bill **Conger** are enjoying Merrye Olde England, while the **Malletts** are doing a split Xmas—Vietnam and Denver. Jo **Hoover** reports that she took a trip with John to Bangkok—he to work and she for fun. They also found time to spend a couple of days on the "Big Island" of Hawaii watching the volcanoes pop off. Joe and Laura **Addison** have finally sold their old Arizona homestead and have more or less settled down to routine life in California.

Al and Bobbie **Geraci** expect to return to the States this summer, as do the **Haskins** and the **Richardsons**. Al, who is now with USAREUR, states that he is not enchanted with life in higher headquarters. Wait till you hit the Pentagon, Al! Mary and John **Delistraty** write that Greece is exciting—in view of recent developments, that has to qualify as an understatement. George **Bland** finds Vietnam exciting, too, as he sloshes around in the Mekong Delta. Jean and June **Burner** are still at Fort Knox, maybe leaving this summer, maybe not. And, Joan and Dick **Allen**, now settled some 30 miles north of Chicago, are happily getting accustomed to Dick's retired status and his civilian job.

Finally, a note from John and Jane **Mastin** included a wedding announcement from Bob and Gloria **King**—daughter Linda Lee was married in December. Jane thought this might be a first for the Class, but I know of at least one other (and prior) wedding. The **Robinsons**' oldest daughter, Lannie, has been married for over a year now. The Mastins also note that Buster **Little** has a battalion at Fort Carson, and that Jake and Ginny **Jacobson** are heavily involved, both socially and officially, at Fort Leonard Wood. Rosemary and Jack **Thompson**, now in Peru with the IAGS, expect to return to the States in July. Finally, Ike and Mary **Ickler** have settled just north of San Diego. Ike is in systems analysis for Corvair, and their home is complete with corral and horse stalls. How about the horses, folks?

That does it for this column except for one last suggestion. The Class is planning to produce a 25-year book, and right now is *not* too soon to start sending in ideas and/or things useful in such a publication. Co-chairmen of the project are Charlie **Shields** and George **Maloney**, and if you have something to put in the mill and don't know where those gentlemen are, send it to me, and I'll pass it along.

# '48

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A reminder: the 20th Reunion will be held during Homecoming this fall. As the senior class present, we will get first call upon all facilities. You will receive an individual mailing later on this matter.

John and Connie **McEnery** and sons Doug and Jack are enjoying the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala., but they miss Spain. Lee and Johnsie **Doyle** are shivering at the Naval War College at Newport, R.I. Although I am not sure of the spelling of the name, their latest addition is a girl, I believe. How about vital statistics, Lee? The Jim **Halls** are still enjoying the pleasures of New England, Bev reports.

Dick and Joan **Weber** miss the Washington area, and she is still getting settled down. At the risk of repeating, their address is: 5113 Wooddale Ave., Edina, Minn. 55424. Dick is Dir, Opns and Development Planning, Systems and Applications, UNIVAC, Federal Systems Div, in St. Paul. Norm and Carol **Robinson** are winding up a 3-year tour in Naples. Robbie expects the Far East next. Sid and Anne **Berry** are living in Qtrs. 411b Shore Drive, Fort Totten, Flushing, Long Island, N.Y. 11359. Their quarters are large and have a beautiful view of the water.

Jack and Tomi **Miller** are now in Kassel, Germany. Bill and Maria **Smith** are also finishing up their tour in Germany. They moved to Sembach last July where Bill has the 603d Wing. He and Ash **Foote** have been able to at least talk by telephone. Bill also saw Fred **Chanatry** who is at USAFE in Wiesbaden. Ash and Marian Foote somehow ended up at Ramstein AFB, where he is with the 4th Allied Tactical Air Force. That's pretty good for an Army man. Marian is with G.E. washers, dryers, and dishwashers, she says.

Bill and Casey **Burns**' first card was lost in the New York Post Office fire. They are still in Brussels, but they, too, are due home soon. Sam and Joan **White** already appear to be planning on the 20th. The picture of Harwell and Louise **Smith** shows Harwell III, about as tall as his dad. In fact, Louise can look down only on Wayne these days.

Joe **Meyer** is back from SEA and has gone to Fort Hood, Tex., as CO, 1st Bn, 6th Arty. Bill and Donna **Cook** manage to enjoy themselves in spite of Bill's busy schedule. They, too, look forward to the 20th. Bob and Peg **Van Arsdall** find the year at Naval War College both fun and challenging. When the year is up Peg and children will return to McLean, Va., and Bob expects Vietnam.

Anne and John **Bellinger** will finish up in Ansbach this spring. They saw the **Lovejoys** who are in Nellingen. Bob and Jerrie **Whitfield** saw son Rick at Columbia, S.C., in the fall when West Point was down for a debate tournament. I met Rick while at West Point in October. He certainly is a credit to '48. Lew **Chandler** and family are in San Francisco, where he is in graduate school in the field of business and economics. Their mailing address is: Box 18111, Sta. M, ZIP



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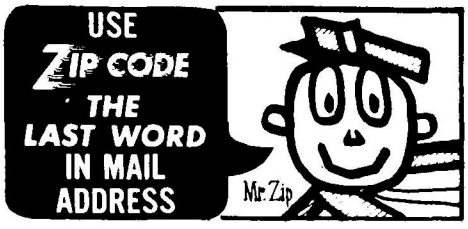


94118. Their home address is: 121 Lake Street, SF, same ZIP. If I decode the writing, Lew's wife's name is Nauces (please forgive me if that isn't right), and they have two boys, Lewis Matthews and Howard Fielding.

Jim and Ann **Hooker** were anxiously awaiting orders when they wrote. Tom should be joining Ann **Ware** about the time this is published. Joan **Tyree** got out to Hawaii to see Tom for an R&R. They await his return here in Alexandria.

Charlie **French** sent a very newsy letter. Daughter Casey entered junior high, thus closing out the elementary grades for the family. She is a diver and a dancer. Pat was one of six 8th graders to letter in junior high football as a defensive middle guard. Excellent, particularly in view of the fact that the high school was first in the state. Pat now wrestles, plays the guitar much, and studies somewhat less. Terri was the hit of the chorus line in the school show and is leaving a trail of broken hearts among her fellow sophomores. Mike has been troubled by knee operations and had to forego football. He's the mainstay on the basketball team, however. He is also sports editor of both the school paper and the yearbook but still finds time to be president of his junior achievement company—a fine program. He's now eying various colleges.

Steve **Griffith** and family are spending this year with the Berlin Bde, Hq Special Troops, APO N.Y. 09742. Joe **Gorrell** and Frank **Williams** received their silver leaves last fall. Congratulations, men. Marianne **Kiernan** reports that in addition to those medals previously reported, Joe received posthumously the SS (first OLC), 2 AM's (6th and 7th OLC's), and the Armed Forces Honor Medal, First Class, from the Republic of Vietnam. He also had received the ACM with "V" device.

I found to my surprise that one of our number has retired: Phil **Porter** took the plunge last spring. Bill **Buckner** still heads the West Point Society in Kansas City. In answer to a query from Tom **Clark**'s nephew about the medical program at West Point (the young man is interested in military medicine), Bill held forth at length on the hygiene course. Quick thinking, Bill.

Bill **Kaula** paid the town a visit last fall. He is now a full professor at U.C.L.A. in geophysics. Fred and Joyce **Tibbets** have completed a new home (vacation or retirement?) in Steamboat Springs, Colo. Russ **Ball** sent a very gracious invitation to all in the Class who were attending the Navy game to a buffet at the Philadelphia Country Club. We didn't make the trek, and as it turned out, while we surely missed the party, we were just as happy to have watched the game on Bob and Carol **Pomeroy**'s color TV.

Clarence **Elebash** was in an aircraft accident. He was one of the fortunate ones and is all right now.

The Army colonels list had every eligible man on it and 5 below the zone. Congratulations to: **Adams, Alfonso, Barnett, Beinke, Bowen, Bratton, Burns, Callanan, Clark, Cockerham, Cushing, Egbert, Hallahan, Jones, J.L., Jones, T.T., Kean, Marshall, McNeely, Olson, Pabst, Packard, Rudd, Schlotterbeck, Tibbets, Waggener, Ware, Webber,** and **Reynolds.**

Shortly thereafter the senior school list came out. Plaudits to: **Olson**—National War College; **Meinzen** and Wally **Williams**—ICAF; **Ware**—Air War College; and **Bellinger, Doty, Hallahan, Hatch,** and **Whitson**—Army War College. Sam **Holliday** is on the S&F at Carlisle.

By way of the Fort Sill *Cannoneer*, Jack **Capps** learned that Whitey **Emerson** had assumed command of the 3d Bn, 32d Arty, there. Monk **Doty**, now back home, received the SS for heroism in action against the VC. Mary Virginia learned of it through a radio broadcast.

Received a nice letter from Rees **Jones**. They live at: 3720 Beacon Lane, Virginia Beach, Va. 23452. He spent a year in the J3 of MACV, and is now Senior Army Representative, COMPHIBTRALANTFLT, Little Creek, Norfolk, Va. 23521. Margery and their daughters Susi and Cindi are there, too, while son Tom is a freshman at Kansas U., along with the oldest **Starry** boy. George **Swearengen,** now at 1st AIT Bde, Fort Dix, N.J. 08640, has orders for MACV in May.

I received a poem in the mail from a '48 wife. My only clue was the postmark—McLean, Va. It is too long to include here but will be highly appropriate for the 20-year book. I would like to find the author, however. Come on, confess. Late word has Bob **Hallahan** in this area, though I cannot say where as of now.

Happy Easter!

# '49

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Many congratulations are in order this column what with the publication of lists of Army types selected for promotion to colonel and/or attendance at one of the senior service colleges. The 36 selected for promotion are: **Balmer, Buckingham,** John **Chandler, Connell, De Correvant, Donohoe, English, Forrest, Fullerton, Gower, Griffith, Hervey, Hodes, Howell, Keith, Kingston, Kirby, Lamar, Lauer, Maihafer, Mathews, Maurer, Morton,** Bob **Nelson, Nulsen, Olentine, Puckett, Rank,** M.C. **Ross, Sickafoose, Stauffer, Surut, Tallman, Tracy, Wagner,** and Murray **Williams.** Those going to school this summer are: Army War College—**Bender,** Howell, **Lowrey, Lynch, Nordin,** Nulsen, Rank, **Schulz, Strohecker, Vollmer;** National War College—**Feir,** Olentine, **Townsley;** Air War College—**Swett;** Industrial College—**Hayes, Monahan, Norman, Schwarz.** No one seems to have a count on the number of colonels now in the Class or how many have attended the senior schools, but apparently the Class is well represented. Again, congratulations to all.

Received a short note from Doug **Weart** at the AWC with a class photo including: Betsy and Dick **Connell,** Olwen and Dan **Williamson,** Joan Weart, Fran and Craig **Betts** (on the faculty), Katy and Hayes **Metzger** (visiting), Lee and George **Tracy,** Anne and Joe **Muckerman,** Adele and Hal **Lombard,** Teddy and John **Costa,** Cindy and Charley **Adams,** and Weezie and Dick **Bundy.** Maryanne and Dick **Morton** (on the faculty) were absent. Also received a letter from Norm **Eaton** at the Air War College enclosing a photo of Ernie and Donna **Roberts,** Bert and Vonnie **Turner,** Chuck and Terrie **Reed,** Mal **Agnew,** Frances and Gene **Hustad,** and Norm and Jean Eaton.

Bob **Bradley** wrote from Munich where he has a tank battalion with the 24th Div. He reports that Chuck **Lee** and Pat **Donohoe** are neighbors and that all are waiting to see what happens with the return of the 24th to the States. Bob also reports that Al **Hale** just left command of a tank battalion with the 24th and is headed for the NWC—which isn't in keeping with the list we have of those going to school.

Between Gene **Marder** and Snuffy **Smith** a rundown on the class goings-on in Washington was received, most of the news garnered during a November luncheon at the Pentagon attended by 50 stalwarts. I was unable to decipher all the notes but: Charley **Lehner** is the project manager, SEA NITEOPS, Hq, AMC; Harry **Spillers** is with

**1949:** An informal gathering of the Class of '49 in palatial College Arms at the Army War College.



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1949: Classmates and wives gather at the Air War College.

Air Lift Requirements, Hq, USAF (Harry visited USMA with his oldest son for the Utah game trying to soft sell him on the benefits of a service career.); Abe **Greenleaf** is still supporting Mr. Nitze; Ed **Yellman** is with OPO; Tut **Hendricks** is with ACSFOR; Norm **Katz** is playing war games with ACSI, USAF; Ted **DeMuro** is on the Air Staff; Kirby **Lamar** is with OSD and John **Poulson** with War Plans, Hq, USAF; Huck **Long** is with OSD (Manpower); Harry **Maihafer** is with OSD (Public Affairs); Lee McCrary is with SAF-LLI; Joe **Eagers** is Dpty District Engr in Baltimore; Jack **Kiely** is retired and working for Raytheon in Bedford, Mass., as an advanced planner; Al **Singletary**, who visited USMA for the Duke football game, is with DCSPER; Skeeter **Meek**, also a USMA visitor, is with ACSFOR; Bill **Huber** is with OPD, OPO; Bob **Ennis** is with OPS Review Gp, Air Staff.

Snuffy **Smith**, with the OCSA as Chief of Correspondence Branch, reports he saw Ted and Joyce **Marley** in Madrid, as he took the long way home from SEA; Ted now has a battalion at Fort Sill. Ogden **Jones**, with OAVC of S (Director of Studies) after returning from Spain nearly two years ago, reported that Lew **Baumann** also is with D of S and that Tom **Stockton** is en route from the same office to VN. Bill **Liddicoet** is with Hq, USAF (AFRDS); John **Chandler** is at ICAF; Terry **Powers** is with DCSPER; Duane **Smith** is with JCS; Harry **Griffith** is working on Ballistic Missile Defense, ARPA; John **Walter** is with DCS/P&O. Dave **Parrish** talked his way into heading up the January class luncheon; Dave is with AFROS, Hq, USAF. Bob **Noce** is at ICAF; Clint **Norman** is with DCSOPS; Hugh **Kinney** is with G.E. in Bethesda; Norm **Hopkins** leaves for overseas in March; Bob **Nulsen** is with DCSPER; Bob **Swantz** is with Res Analysis, OSD, and also visited USMA for a football game. Chuck **Olentine** is with NIKE-X System, OCRD; Jack **Albert**, Jack **Bender**, Bill **Hiestand** and Mo **Mathews** were also at the luncheon. Gene **Marder** is with the Comptroller; Buzzy **Gillespie** is with the snoops in ACSI; Chuck **Spettel** is in OPO with Clay Moran; Jack **Hodes** and Phil **Feir** are reportedly assigned to the Officers' Athletic Center; and, finally, Walt **Milliken** is continuing to serve as Mr. Class of '49, Washington.

1949: At Fort Benning, the Commander-in-Chief awards the Silver Star to Ted Swett for gallantry in action in Vietnam.

George **Crall**, seen at a USMA home game, is with Squibb & Sons as manager of the Planning, Engineering, and Construction Dept and living in New Brunswick, N.J. Tom **Luzon** is a frequent visitor to Michie Stadium throughout the season living just an hour from USMA. Joe and Penny **St. Clair**, up for a football game, now live in Philadelphia.

News from VN is mostly outdated, but I did receive IO squibs on Jack **Bender** receiving the LM and 3 AM's. Bob **Nulsen** received an LM and an AM; Bill **Rank** was presented the Chuong My medal by VP Cao Ky; and Joe **Gibson**, now at Fort Dix, received a BS and AM. Les **Harris** is with an Air Commando Gp flying AC-47 Dragonflys out of Pleiku, and Don **Klein** is flying B-57's out of Phan Rang. Chuck **Heiden** took command of the 1/10 Cav with the 4th Inf Div last August.

It is also good to announce one more lifetime contribution to class dues received from Tom **Burt**.

That wraps it up for this go 'round. My thanks to all those who sent the news this quarter and a request to keep us posted again with a short line.

# '50

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Here it is January, with snow covering the ground; it's hard to imagine spring weather, which we all should be enjoying soon after this issue reaches you—I'm all for it.

The month of December was a big one for some of the Army classmates: both the school list and the promotion list came out. Several people managed to make both, and my only question to them is: what do you do for an encore?

Due for promotion are: Walt **Adams, Bolduc, Crawford, Crittenberger, Crockett, DeGraf, Dielens, Eek, Eshelman, Franklin, Gard, Gorman, Greer, Hanna, Hansen, Hergert, Johnsrud,** John **Jones, Knapp,** Burke **Lee, Love, Mackmull, McDaniel, Mueller, Read, Roush, Sachers, Shade, Skelton,** Rufe *Smith, Smithers,* Jim **Thompson, Tilson, Tormey, Warner, Watters, Wickham,** and **Wyrough.**

Off to school at Carlisle go: **Barnes, Creuziger, Detherow, Doughtie, Durst, Eek, Fife, Hunt, Jackley,** Emmett **Lee, Love, Lynch, Parish, Read, Rogers, Sibbles,** Rufe **Smith, Steele,** and **Trefry.** Jim **Kelly, Palmer,** and **Warner** will go to National (Patti, Julia, and Janice are happy not to move, I'm sure). **Boylan, Fye, Glenn, Pick,** and **Shade** will be at ICAF. **Hansen** and **McDowell** will join the Navy for a year, while Blackie **Bolduc** will replace Ross **Franklin** at the French War College for a 2-year stint; Mary, you'd better polish up that French again!

The ARMY-Navy game score left something to be desired, but it was great to be there and see lots of old friends. Kelly and Betty Jane **Veley** did their usual superb job of making arrangements for '50 to have dinner together at Weber's that evening, and a good time was had by all who could make it. Seen at the game, the QM Depot, or at Weber's (not in alphabetical, chronological or any other kind of order) were: **Blairs, Bardos, Pigman, Heit, Cosentino, Gottesman, Werners, Herberts, Camerons, Pattersons, Lockwoods, Hoffmans, Wagners,** Allens (Jack and Eloise), **Veleys, Mackmulls, Brandeses, Tilsons, Spences, Lunns, Koehlers, Paynes, Tormeys, Picks, Woods** (Spike and Helen), **Blanchards, Mathers, Davises** (Bill and Sue), **Phillips, Grosecloses, Rutledges,** Tates, **Foxes** (John and Jane), **Garretts, Pintos, Byers, Barry** (Ray), and Jim **Thompson.**

What would I do without wives and mothers who send on the scoop about '50ers? I must admit I don't do much corresponding myself, so I can't pick on my classmates—but keep it up, ladies!

Sam **Lockerman's** mother sent me the word that Sam is in Thailand with the 4258th Strategic Wing (SAC) after 5 years at Offutt AFB; he is Dpty Comdr Opns and Training; Barbara and the children are waiting out the year in Nebraska; their seventh child, third boy, was born last August.

Marilyn and Leo **Romaneski** are winding up their fifth and final year in Stockholm; they will be sorry to leave, but Leo expects orders any time, since he has volunteered to go to VN. Joanne will have her senior year at Frankfurt High where she was homecoming queen this past fall; Marilyn, Mark, and Peter are undecided as yet but may come to the Washington area.

Florence **Underwood** writes from Florida that she hasn't played bridge in three months—quite a change from the past few years! Within 10 days after Herb left for VN, the



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**You** know where **You** are, and
**You** know where **We** are, but
**We** don't always know where **You** are.
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car had a broken drive shaft, and the freezer gave out. What a start for the year!

Jeanie **Steele** writes from Carson where Sid has the 1st Bn, 11th Inf. With them are the **Detherows** (Ralph has the 1st Bn, 61st Inf.) and the **Smithers** (Sam has the 2d Bn, 11th Inf.). On Labor Day weekend, the Smithers had a barbecue for classmates and wives; from the AFA came the **Prossers, McCutchens, Pennekamps,** and Stu **Woods.** Not there, but also at the AFA: Monty **Coffin** who is assigned as the proposed head of the Math Dept and the **Zagorskis.** The Colorado Springs group included the **Mathiessens** and **McCormicks.** Others in the area, but not at the party are: the **Mielenzes, Lobes,** and Barbara **Leiser** who lives in the Springs while Lou is in VN.

Ruth and Sandy **Sanderson** are at Bragg, where Sandy has a Bn. The **Lombards** are there, too; Reg has the 2/504 Abn Inf Bn. G.G. **Thomas,** who was Div G4 for 8 months, now has the 2508th. Jim **Irons** had that outfit for a year and is now the Div G1.

Shirley **Adams** writes from Thailand that Walt has gone to the 25th Div; she and the children are remaining in Bangkok. Robin **Maresca** says she nearly falls apart each day when her butter and egg man comes with his basket of goodies—he's an Indian, wears a white turban, has a long beard, and speaks English with a British accent. Pookie **Crittenberger** described her Bangkok garden with poinsettia trees, gardenia bushes, palms, a papaya tree, cherry tomato plants wound in and out of a Norfolk pine—what a combination! They all talk about the heat.

Joan **Fye** writes from Heidelberg how much they've enjoyed their time in Germany; we were so glad to see Stan here in the fall. John **Jones** has the 2d Bn, 33d Armor, and Eileen described nice big quarters (5 bedrooms, 4 baths) and a swingin' social life. Pris **Glenn** writes enthusiastically of Stuttgart and side trips they've taken—hope they get that ski trip in, since they'll be heading home after only a year in Germany. The **Shemwells** are there too. Anne **Leavitt** writes from Bitburg that the pilots and their wives seem so *young;* she and Dick were able to spend Thanksgiving in London with Phyllis and Bolo **Brunson.**

Vietnam is always in the news, and we have so many classmates there. I'm especially grateful when you let me know who they are. Treva **Rein** wrote a long newsy letter; Dick has the 7th HAWK Bn of the 2d Arty at Sihung province, and he saw Glenn **Knauer,** who is with a Target Requisition Bn at I Corps. He also saw George **Morris** who has the 2d HAWK Bn, 71st Arty, of the 38th Bde. Joe **Griffin** wrote when he had only seven weeks left over there (and still no orders) how nice it was to work with old friends. Ken **Murphy** is the MACV advisor in Binh Thuan province; Paul **Mueller** has the same job in Lam Dong province; Chuck **Graham** is I FFV Plans officer. Joe said it's been a great year, but he's ready to come home.

Paul **Ingram** has a tactical fighter squadron at Bien Hoa AB. Jack **Parish** left 9 Jan for VN and will return in time for the start of classes at Carlisle. Bob **Eastman** has gone over from Fifth Army; Cynthia is in Lawton, Okla., while he is gone. Ernie **Thomas** joins the crew there in January when he will be with the 315th Aero Commando Wing at Tan Son Nhut; Judy will be in San Francisco for the year. Jerry **Monson** is now at Bergstrom AFB until he goes to VN in February, where he will fly RF-4C's. Lou **Rising** has left Dix for MACV. Herb **Underwood** is with ACTIV-GCD at Long Binh. Pete **Nibley** went over in August with an Air Comd Sqdn; he's flying out of Danang. Dave **Hughes** had six months commanding the 1st Bn, 27th Inf, (Wolfhounds) and now is Chief of Plans, G3 Sec, with Hq II FF.

Bill **Aman** has seen a lot of classmates in the past few months and had news of others there: Lou **Leiser,** Ray **Bonanno,** George **Ball,** Pat **McGill,** Larry **Lodewick,** Eddie **Ramos,** Ed **Gradoville,** Jere **Sharp,** Blackie **Bolduc.** Ev **True,** flying C-130's out of Clark AFB, was in Saigon for two weeks in October. Dick **Wyrough** is the senior military advisor with the VN Military Academy at Dalat. Many of you may know John **Wickham** is home after receiving grenade and bullet wounds when his battalion command post was infiltrated by a VC suicide squad in October. He is assigned to Walter Reed for recovery until spring, and, although these months are not easy ones for him, we are so happy for Ann and the children that he is here with them.

Louise and Pete **Abbruzzese** are waiting for orders any day. They're still in Italy and have no idea what's in store for them. Walt and Jane **Price** are still at O.S.U. Nate **Gallagher** is at Clark AFB with Dick **Cody,** Bennie **Davis,** and Ev **True.** Boe wrote that Charlie **Kuyk,** Clark **Duncan,** and the **Marescas** had been to Clark—it's a real crossroads. John and Margaret **Irwin** are still living in Claremont, Calif., where they've taken lots of trips in the trailer they bought last year. Bess and Grady **Banister** are in Orange, Calif.; Grady works for Planning Research Corp. where he is director of Tactical Data Systems and site manager of the Huntington Beach office. The "Southern **Bells,**" George and Bette, are down at the Air War College with the **Hendrys** and **Currys,** where it sounds as if golf is replacing bridge. Joan and Terry **Parsons** are at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, where Terry is now CO, Special Troops, as well as ACofS, G4, Yukon Comd. Terry received a USARAL certificate of achievement for his work during the earthquake last June.

Mitch **Hutcheson** is living up in Maine while Phi is in VN (commanding the 7th Bn, 13th Arty). She has the exalted position of town clerk, issues permits to transport everything from cadavers to Christmas trees; people go to her for fishing, hunting, dog, and marriage licenses, and she is paid the munificent sum of $12.50 a *month* (New Englanders are big spenders.). Joan and Al **Fern** are really enjoying their year at the Naval War College with Jack and Sara **Hurst;** they went to WP for Homecoming and saw lots of old friends.

I had a nice note from Barbara **Reinsch,** telling me that she and the girls are comfortably settled in a new home in San Antonio, and that they would enjoy a card or visit from any members of the Class. The address is: Mrs. Howard F. Reinsch, 3203 Tophill Rd., San Antonio, Tex. 78209. Sherry Lee **Fitts,** Bill's daughter, is attending the Browns School in Texas; she has been selected as one of the finalists in the Austin, Tex., area to compete in the foreign student exchange program for 1968. Wouldn't Bill be proud of her? Carl and Dottie **Stone** are still at Grand Forks AFB, N.D., but expect reassignment in the spring. Last August Carl received his M.S. degree from the U. of North Dakota.

Chuck **Tonningsen** still lives in Seattle where he works for Boeing; he received his Master's in business administration from the U. of Washington; he gave a full beard and handlebar moustache a try, but at the last report was again minus both. He said it was very interesting, the reactions he got from people. I'll bet! A newsy letter came recently from Phil **Samsey** who is down at the AFSC at Norfolk; he was reminiscing about Gail **Wilson** when they were at the Armor advance class back in 58-59 at Fort Knox. To quote his letter, "What you may not know is that he pooled the Infantry officers together and came up with an award for the officer in the class who scored highest on the Infantry exams. At the appropriate time, Gail obtained some time from one of the presentations to present the award. He read off a scroll extolling the virtues of the officer who was to be named. The winner was our one French officer, a Capt. Bidault, who came down to the front where Gail pinned a blue scarf around his neck, neatly tucked it into his blouse, and then kissed him on each cheek. As you can imagine, that was something the Frenchman will never forget, nor will most of the rest of us." Phil will be assigned to the Joint Engineering Agency, USFRG Tank Development Program, Warren, Mich. 48090. This will be a utilization tour for his M.S. in Mech Engrg. Pat and Elaine **Wilson** are at Norfolk, too, and Phil says Elaine will be living in the Washington area when Pat leaves for VN.

The DC contingent continues to grow. There were 153 on the roster that was printed in October, and since then Al **Flynn,** Phil **Harper** (at Fort Holabird, Md.), Frank and John **Howard,** Reed **Davis,** Chuck **Eshelman,** Bill **Gearan,** Bill **Read,** and Paul **Triem** have arrived. Who's next?

The only new baby who has arrived recently is Thomas Bruce **Mangas** born on 1 Nov 1967, weighing 8 lbs., 9 oz. This is Joan and Cloyce's fourth boy. Any other boys or girls my spies haven't reported?

That seems to be all the news for this time. When this arrives, and you realize all the information I haven't put in the column, get inspired and write me a letter about any and all of '50 whom you've seen or heard from. If you can get something to me by the first week in June, I should be able to get it in the column for the issue that arrives at your doorstep in September. I don't imagine this will arrive before the next deadline of 25 March, but if it does, fire something off to me fast.

## '51

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For those who have noted the new name at the head of this column and do not recognize it, let me put your minds at ease. You have not forgotten one of your old classmates. During the executive committee elections held at the '51 business meeting last Homecoming Weekend, Jay **Luger** proposed that some of the class associate members here at West Point be put to work. Suggesting that as an instructor in the English Dept, I was a suitable candidate to replace John **Daigh** (who had been elected VP), Jay's on-the-spot campaign convinced the classmates present, and I was tabbed



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as the new Scribe. Although, as an Infantryman, the majority of my acquaintances among the Class of '51 have been "ground pounders," I'll have the new executive committee officers, Chuck **Canham** (Pres), Don **Peifer** (Secy), Bill **Stockdale** (Treas), and VP John Daigh, readily available to poop me in on those I do not know personally. They and the other '51 grads here at the Academy will also keep me straight on vital statistics, family, and other background data concerning individual classmates.

Unhappily, my first scribal effort for the Class must begin on a sad note with the announcement of the death of Harold A. (Hal) **Barton** at Fort Knox, Ky., on 2 Dec 67. He was the commander of the 3d Howitzer Bn, 3d Arty, 16th Armor Gp there. Death was due to a heart attack, and burial was at West Point with John **Daigh**, John **Hook**, Don **Peifer**, and Chet Bobinski (associate classmate) acting as honorary pallbearers. Also present at the services were: Roy **Herte**, Kermit **Johnson**, Bob **Rachek**, Chuck and Jackie **Canham**, Bill and Alice **Stockdale**, and Margaret Daigh. Alice learned that Hal's widow, Louise, and the four children—Karyn, Douglas, Twyla, and Steven—were returning to Lawton, Okla., where they will live. The Class extends its sympathies to them on their loss.

Several of the items which follow were among the material passed on to me by John **Daigh**, and they are presented as his swan song. A "temporarily retired" Mike **Simpson** checked in with a letter to say that he had sold the fertilizer manufacturing plant which he had built and operated for 11 years in Demopolis, Ala. Although professing to be "a strong believer in retiring now and working after 65," Mike plans to stay with the "retired routine" for only a year or two but gave no indication of future plans. In his new role, however, he has been doing a lot of traveling. His secret—"no dependents!" During an Aug 67 trip to California, Mike reports that he visited Ray **Sargent** who has a laundry and dry cleaning business in Santa Barbara and saw H.C. (Howdy) **Williams** in Los Angeles. Tom **Odderstol**, who lives on Long Island, was visiting Howdy at the time. In September, he had lunch in Atlanta, Ga., with Pete **Clay** who is with Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Smith there. Mary Agnes **Evans** writes that husband Henry received the LM last summer for outstanding service during a 3-year assignment with the Office of the Asst Chief of Staff for Force Development in Washington. The award was presented in Vietnam where Hank was assigned, following his Pentagon tour, as commander of the 5th Bn, 16th Arty, 4th Inf Div. Bob and Shirley **Chapman** sat near Dick Peroz at the ARMY-Air Force game last fall. Bob is in charge of the executive incentive program at Martin Aircraft in Denver.

In October, following his release from Walter Reed, Chuck **Canham** arrived at West Point to assume his new duties as the post IG. Shortly after Chuck's arrival here, Superintendent Maj. Gen. D.V. Bennett presented him with the LM, SS, BS with 1st OLC with "V," and 5th-8th AM's. The awards were for service as commanding officer, 5th Bn, 7th Cav, 1st Air Cav Div, in Vietnam. As mentioned at the start of this column, Chuck was elected president of the class executive council at the Homecoming general membership meeting and in this capacity has begun preliminary checking on the form and sources of money for a gift to the Academy on the occasion of the Class' 20th anniversary in 1971. A few other West Point notes: "T" and Ruth **Nance**, en route home from a vacation in England, stopped at the Academy in October to visit their son John, Class of 1971. On 30 Nov Kermit **Johnson** was named Post Chaplain, and in December he was promoted to LTC.

Perhaps the only good thing about the Navy game in December was the opportunity to see old friends and classmates. Doing his bit to get his nominee for class Scribe off to a proper start with the ASSEMBLY column, Jay **Luger** gathered the following information on '51ers who migrated to Philadelphia for the big weekend: (Jay is directing Land Forces and Manpower for OFC, Under Secretary of the Army.) "George **Orton**, back from a tour in VN, was at the game with Wilma. George is now getting the U.S. Senate straight as a liaison officer for OCLL, DA, in Wash. Viet returnee Lane **Holman**, who was a Maintenance Bn CO during his RVN assignment, is now setting up the NIKE-X program for OCRD in DC. Lane, Virginia, and their three daughters are cooking in a barn in McLean, Va., until they move into their new home near Mt.

**1951**: Chuck Canham receives congratulations from the Superintendent after having been decorated for service as a battalion commander in Vietnam.

Vernon. John **Tatum** was down from Fort Dix. Tom and Jane **Williams**, who now have four children, attended the game. Tom is in charge of Quality Engineering at G.E. Norm **Jorstad**, with NMCSSC, finally put down his sliderule to make the Philadelphia scene. Joe **Fant**, who is trying for 1st man (Arty, that is) in his Class at the War College at Carlisle, welcomes all to their spacious quarters in the Pennsylvania hills. George **Psihas**, now with Chrysler Corp., was seen lobbying for contracts with the class DC contingent. Mel **Snyder** is now with OCRD in Washington. Bugs **Sines**, who hasn't missed a game, cheered to the last second. John **Hemphill**, also a War College student, was down for the game and the after-action happenings at the Defense Personnel Support Center."

Other classmates in the Washington area include: Tom and Gloria **Stumm** (Tom is with DASA in the Pentagon), Otto and Martha **Doerflinger**, and George and Pat **Gardes**. George was assigned to OCRD following his return from a Vietnam tour last summer.

One other school note: Jim and Kay **Boatner** are at Maxwell AFB, Ala., where Jim is a student at the Air War College. He came to the college following a tour as a Bn CO in the 196th Lt Inf Bde in Vietnam.

News of classmates in Latin America comes from Chuck **Wallens**. He is CO of the STRATCOM facility in the Canal Zone and, as part of his duties, visits the STRATCOM "outstations" in all of the Central American republics, in La Paz, Bolivia, and in Quito, Ecuador. As yet, Betty hasn't complained about Chuck's frequent travels, for she issues him a "goodies" list for each trip and is "enjoying all the spoils." The Wallens' two girls accompanied Daddy on a 2-week Central American jaunt last summer, and they stopped in San José, Costa Rica, where they were entertained for four days by Susan and Ted **Picado**. Susan is teaching in an English-speaking school in San José, while Ted "manages the 'Ponderosa' of Costa Rica, flies his own plane, operates his own radio station, and has several other interests, all of which combine to make him the entrepreneur of the Class." Chuck has also made contact with Larry and Lia **Mintz** in Cali, Colombia. Lia visited Panama with the children, but Larry, who usually does his two weeks' active duty with the Reserves in Panama, had not been up during the Wallens' tour there. Diego (Jim) **Jimenez** is in business in Panama City, and the '51ers hope to get him out at least for the Founders Day activities. The Neil **McCrays** arrived in Panama early last fall for duty with J5, SOUTHCOM. Neil's job takes him to the luxury spots of the area, and he is fast becoming "the expert" on Rio de Janeiro. Frank and Ann **Winfield**, the class old-timers in Panama, expect to leave this summer. Currently, Frank is with G3, USARSO, where he runs the AOC and is the speech writer for USARSO CG MG Johnson. Frank was also the area's representative at the Navy game. Bill **Grugin**, stationed in Bogota, Colombia, attended the Latin American MILGP commanders' conference at SOUTHCOM in November. Betty, who accompanied him on the trip, is recovering from a serious operation on a pinched nerve in her neck. However, she was able to shop and party successfully during the Panama visit. Charley **Crowe**, MILGP Argentina, was also present at the November conference.

Bill **Stockdale** and John **Hook** provided the following info on several Air Force classmates: Larry and Vivian **Eppley** are at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. Al **Esser** returned from a Vietnam tour in mid-January. He, Jean, and the five children go to Hawaii for their next assignment following leave in the States. Bill **Cuthbertson** is at Homestead AFB, Fla., flying F-4's in preparation for a Vietnam tour this spring. He is on the LTC list and likes the flying job. His address is: 478 TFS-CMR, Box 6064, Homestead AFB, Fla. 33030. John **Osborn** should have made LTC in December and is "somewhere in Vietnam."

A check of the Christmas card notes to classmates here at West Point has produced the following data on '51ers now in Vietnam and other overseas locations. Elmer **Pendleton**, still single and still avoiding a student tour at the Air War College, is G3 of the 1st Inf Div and in his third year in RVN. Dan **Foldberg** is the XO of the 3d Bde, 101st Abn, which arrived in Vietnam in December. His address is: Hq 3d Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO San Francisco 96383. Mary and the children are living in Ponca City, Okla., while Dan is away, and she reports that "the town couldn't be friendlier." The church they attend is already sponsoring Dan's brigade. Earl (Pud) **Keesling** also went to RVN with the 101st after a few months at Fort Campbell. Joan and the children are staying in Silver Spring, Md. Gil **Stephenson**, who commands a battalion in the 1st Div, was operating in the same area as the 101st troops when Dan and Pud first arrived in RVN, but his unit has since been transferred elsewhere. Troops from a company of a 101st Bn commanded by Bob **Yerks** were featured in an hour-long docu-



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mentary entitled, "Same Mud, Same Blood" on NBC television in November. NBC reporter Frank McGee, who narrated the program, did a 15-minute interview with Bob for use in the presentation, and Iris and the children spent the entire hour waiting for "their man in Vietnam" to appear. Unfortunately, the interview must have wound up on the cutting room floor, for the Yerks family's attentiveness went unrewarded except for a fleeting glimpse of Daddy in the background of one scene. Associate classmate Peter Field, the first British exchange officer from Sandhurst to be stationed at West Point (1965-1967), has returned to England from duty in Aden. He, Dianne, and the family are fine, but they all miss the U.S.A. in general and West Point in particular.

To bring the Class up-to-date on the '51 contingent now at the Academy, I am closing this column with the complete list of the regular and associate classmates stationed here. 1951 USMA grads and their department affiliations are: Chuck **Canham**, IG; John **Daigh**, Mechanics; Roy **Herte**, OPE; John **Hook**, Foreign Languages; Kermit **Johnson**, Chaplain; Jim **Kintz**, Dean's Office; Don **Peifer**, CAO; Bob **Rachek**, OMI; and Bill **Stockdale**, MA&E. Associate class members are: Chet Bobinski, AG; Max Clapp, OPE; Sammy ElBeheri, USAH; Ken Hindle, Chief, Sec Div; Buddie Hoff, Chemistry; Bill McDonald, 4th Regt; Walt McMahon and Tony Spiro, English; and Frank Tennant, Dean's Office.

# '52

**Lt. Col. David C. Ahearn**
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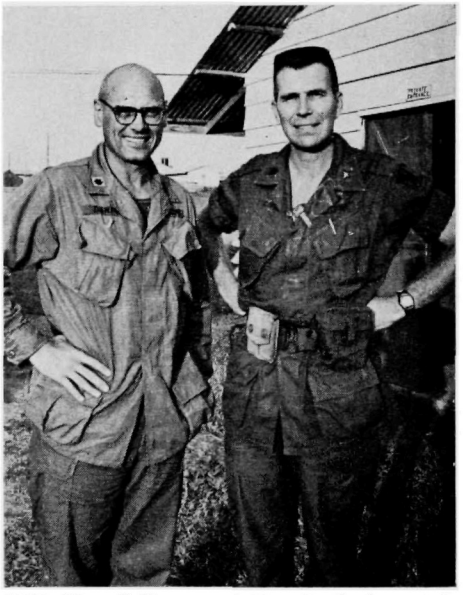
On hand for the gala 15th Reunion last October were: Bob **Ackerson**, Dave **Ahearn**, Ronnie **Alderman** (Craig is in VN), Tom **Ashton**, Tom **Ayers**, John **Bart**, Don **Barton**, Bruce **Beard**, Dan **Boone**, Mike **Boos**, Frank **Boyer**, Jerry **Brisman**, Buster **Brown**, Dick **Bullock**, John **Claybrook**, Ralph **Cline**, Tom **Cole**, Phil **Coleman**, Tom **Collier**, Mal **Craig**, Bob **Craine**, Al **Crehan**, Dan **Derbes**, Tom **Dowler**, Mike **Duerr**, Bill **Duncan**, Harry **Dutchyshyn**, Clyde **Earnest**, Warren **Eisenhart**, Swede **Erickson**, Tom **Fiala**, John **Garver**, Jack **Gilkey**, Al **Gorby**, Al **Griffin**, Warren **Hayford**, Herb **Hollander**, Fish **Ireland**, Bud **Jenkins**, Mike **Juvenal**, John **Kenney**, Glen **Kingsley**, Karl **Klein**, Jeff **Knight**, Stan **Kuick**, Bob **Lamb**, Al **Lawrence**, Bob **Leach**, Carter **Lehman**, Ralph **Leonard**, Al **Lorenzen**, John **Lewis**, Bill **McCullough**, Bob **McGarry**, Ivan **Mechtly**, Charlie **Meikle**, Laura **Meyer** (Hank is in VN), John **Misch**, Dennie **Mullane**, Tom **Murphy**, Bill **Myers**, Gerry **Naber**, Tom **Nelson**, Steve **Nichols**, Jim **Paris**, John **Pelton**, Bob **Pfeil**, Bruce **Pickering**, Bill **Raiford**, John **Ralph**, Benny **Reaves**, Tom **Rehm**, Bill **Reilly**, Tex **Ritter**, Don **Ross**, John **Roosma**, Bob **Rounding**, Gerry **Ruff**, Bill **Sadler**, Joe **Santilli**, Herb **Schandler**, Gil **Scott**, Charlie **Sell**, Dave **Smith**, Dexter **Smith**, Ashley **Speir**, Jim **Spence**; Dick **Stanier**, Dale **Swanson**, Don **Swygert**, Bob **Tanguy**, Ed **Thompson**, George **Tronsrue**, Bob **Vining**, Ray **Wallace**, Skip **Wensyel**, Dick **Weyhrich**, Deryle **Whipple**, Dick **Wiles**, Karl **Woltersdorf**, Pappy **Yocum**, and Chuck **Youree**.

**1952**: Hank Meyer receives his battalion's colors upon assuming command in October.

The festivities began Friday evening with a roaring welcome party hosted by John **Garver** and Swede **Erickson**. Highlights of the evening (barely to be heard above the joyous din) were a football pep talk by Coach Meek, a skit by the Washington players (Bill **Raiford**, Tom **Murphy**, Dexter **Smith**, and Al **Griffin**), and the playing of Bill Raiford's original composition ("The Sesquicentennial March") dedicated to the Class of 1952 and a tribute to all the "waiting wives" of '52, graciously accepted by Laura **Meyer** on behalf of all the patient ladies who have waited, who are waiting,



**1952**: King Coffman and Dan Danford meet in Vietnam.

and who will wait for their soldier husbands to return from distant places.

A memorial service for deceased classmates at the Old Cadet Chapel, Alumni Exercises at Thayer Monument, a parade on the Plain, a class luncheon, the football game, a cocktail party, and finally the Superintendent's reception and dinner at the Cadet Mess were somehow all crowded into Saturday. Fortunately, daylight savings time ended that night, and everyone welcomed an extra hour's sleep prior to the farewell brunch at the officers club on Sunday.

At the business meeting it was decided not to move the location of the class executive committee from West Point to Washington at this time. It was decided, however, to make such a move feasible in the future by amending one of the by-laws of the constitution. The amended by-law (section I, paragraph 4) now reads as follows:

> The class president is empowered to change the location of the class executive committee at any time he feels that the administration of class business could be better carried out at a different location. In the event that the executive committee location be changed, all provisions in the constitution and by-laws that pertain to the executive committee at West Point will apply to the executive committee at its new location.

**1952**: Bill Spencer receives the BSM in ceremonies at Fort Leavenworth.

The reunion memento, an engraved pewter mug, was well received, and the selection committee outdid itself by procuring special mugs (no bottoms) for members of Group II. The reunion also provided an interesting commentary on traditional flanker indifference. Company M-2, repeating its 1962 coup, again was represented by the most returnees. Fully 50% of the M-2 fraternity—including the classmate who came the farthest, Bob **Pfeil** from Alaska—were on hand and renewed their ritual of attempting to contact by phone those company-mates unable to attend. Brother **Earnest** was the gracious host at the call-in during the early Sunday morning hours.

To Bob **Ackerson** and Clyde **Earnest** go our unbounded praise and sincere thanks for a reunion program well conceived, thoroughly planned, and ably administered. Their painstaking efforts resulted in a never-to-be-forgotten weekend that could hardly be improved upon. Whoever plans the 20th indeed has a tough act to follow. Of all the reunion memories, however, surely the one that stands out most vividly in each of our minds is the heartfelt eloquence of Skip **Wensyel** in the Old Cadet Chapel. His stirring evocation of each deceased classmate's name and personality payed magnificent tribute to those whose premature departures have left the many keenly felt gaps in our ranks—"Let them know that on this day they were remembered."

Ed **Gilbert** passed through USMA the day after the reunion on his way from Ethiopia to Vietnam. Pat White visited West Point earlier in October and talked with many of the class wives. Pat was back east to receive the St. George Award posthumously awarded to Ed as an outstanding layman by Old St. George's Methodist Church, Philadelphia. Ed has also been memorialized by the high school from which he graduated. Western High School in Washington has furnished and decorated a new guidance library that is being designated the Col. Edward H. **White** Memorial. Proudly displayed in the school's auditorium is a picture of Ed inscribed: "To the students of Western High—Learn your lessons well. The sky is no longer the limit."

King **Coffman** writes from Vietnam that he is enjoying his staff assignment but is looking forward to becoming CO of an Infantry battalion in the 25th Div. King recently visited Dan **Danford** in the 101st Div and accompanied Dan's battalion in an air-



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**1952:** Bill Gordon receives the DFC in Vietnam.

mobile assault for which King had written the operation plan. I believe the operation was a success even though one of Dan's platoons spent considerable time in the lofty tree tops when their camp was overrun by a family of irate elephants (King's plan unfortunately provided no guidance for such an attack.) King has seen Bob **Burke**, Art **Deverill**, Nib **Niblack**, and Wayne **Elliott**. Nib and Wayne met unexpectedly the night of the 15th Reunion and swapped war stories over a few tall ones; Wayne has since become CO of an Artillery battalion. Bud **Lichtenwalter** writes from sunny Saigon that he has seen Bert **Stubblebine**, Jack **Driskill**, Norb Szymczyk, Don **Pafford**, Willie **Ross**, Pete **Hains**, and Craig **Alderman**. John **Hill** commands a battalion in the 9th Div; Ann recently met him for a week of R&R in Hawaii. Bill **Boyles** is enjoying AFSC and expects to join the Vietnam gang in February.

Hank Meyer assumed command of the 2d Bn, 40th Arty, near Cat Lai in October, and Bill **Reilly** took his Engineer battalion to Vietnam in November. Hank has seen J. J. **Sullivan**, Al **Bracy**, Bill **Schroeder**, and Homer **Kiefer**. Laura Meyer and Peg Reilly are staying near here with their children; they have become most welcome additions to the West Point group. The highlight of the local holiday season was a family Christmas party that featured a delightful puppet show by the talented Mickey **Knight** and the magical appearance of Santa Claus bearing gifts for all the children.

Jim **McInerney** recently completed his 100th combat mission over North Vietnam. He served as commander of the 44th Tactical Fighter Sqdn at Korat Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, and is scheduled for reassignment to Pacific Air Forces Hq in Honolulu. Jim has received two SS's, 4 DFC's, and 10 AM's. Bill **Gordon** has been decorated with the DFC at Nha Trang AB, Vietnam, for contributing to the successful completion of a highly classified reconnaissance mission in support of combined allied ground operations. Bill **Spencer**, currently a student at CGSC, recently received his 3d award of the BSM for outstanding meritorious service in combat operations against hostile forces in Vietnam from July 1966 to June 1967. Bob **Hand**, currently stationed near Danang, Vietnam, is the author of an article entitled "Deception Planning" in the September issue of the *Military Review*.

This summer will find Jim **Jaggers** at the National War College, Harry **Roper** at the Air War College, and the following at the Army War College: Tom **Cole**, Stan **Kuick**, Bob **McGarry**, Dick **Miller**, Harvey **Perritt**, Loyd **Rhiddlehoover**, Al **Thieme**, George **Tronsrue**, Walt **Ulmer**, Don **Weinert**, Drake **Wilson**, and Chuck **Yarbrough**. Ivan **King** is guarding the peace in Korea while his family is trying to figure out a way to ship their newly acquired saddle horse in hold baggage to their next station. Ed Wallnau (Hotel Piccadilly) would like to be visited by any '52's in Florida; his address: 310 SW. 1st Ave, Boynton Beach.

As most of you know, Bill **Geatches** recently succumbed after a long illness. On Christmas morning, in response to an urgent plea for blood donors, the following classmates and wives donated blood in behalf of Bill at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda: Carol **Cline**, Joe **De Angelis**, Al **Griffin**, Marilyn McGarry, Chase and Bill **Raiford**, and Karl **Woltersdorf**. In addition to these seven, the following four people also attempted to donate blood but were turned down because each had recently returned from Vietnam: Stan **Kuick**, Al **Lawrence**, Bob McGarry, and Tom **Nelson**. Bill rallied for a while, but death finally came on 5 Jan. Funeral services were conducted at the Naval Academy Chapel, and interment followed at the National Cemetery in Baltimore. In addition to four of his Annapolis associates, the following classmates served as pallbearers: Bill **Harrison**, Bill Raiford, Bob **Turner**, and Drake **Wilson**. The response of classmates in the Washington area was indeed heartening, and I am sure that their response has been a source of strength to Bill's family. The Class has also been shocked and saddened by the untimely deaths of Terry **Allen** and Bob **Kimmel** in Vietnam. Terry was buried in El Paso, and Bob was buried in Arlington. The sympathies of the Class have been extended to all three families, and perhaps they may derive some small comfort from the knowledge that their grief is being shared by each and every one of us.

**1952:** At the 15th reunion during Homecoming weekend. Left to right: Bill Reilly, Gloria Scott, Harry Dutchyshyn, Tom and Mary Ann Nelson, and Val Dutchyshyn.

# '53

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We sadly pass on to the Class the news from Vietnam that John Olin **Cooper** III was killed in the crash of an evacuation helicopter on 26 Oct 1967. John was serving in the 5th SF Gp at Song Be near the Cambodian border. Our sincere condolences go to Ann and the children Elizabeth and John.

Al **Grum** has a good rundown on the Class in Vietnam. He does qualify that he cannot be sure of the accuracy of some of the list, as it is 3d or 4th hand. Here it is: Rog **Peterson**, CO, 1st Engr Bn, 1st Div, at Di An; Jim **Lammie**, CO, 14th Engr Bn at Dang Ba Thin; Chuck Fiala, CO, 87th Engr Bn at Cam Ranh Bay; J.R. **McDonald**, CO, 577th Engr Bn at Tuy Hoa. The last three battalions are in the 35th Gp. Pity the Gp

**1953:** William Bauman receives the Silver Star from Maj. Gen. Seneff at Tay Ninh.

Comdr. Continuing: Bob **Ayers** is CO, 70th Engr Bn at Pleiku. Al mentions that the higher the number in an Engineer battalion, the better it is. Al is CO of the 589th Engr Bn, scattered from Qui Nhon to An Khe. John **Martin** is S3, 45th Engr Gp; John **Angstadt** is Engr 1st Sig Bde; Lou **Manfre** is in the Engr Advisory Sec, MACV; George **Waters** is in with the 92d Engr Bn; Dan **Rickard** has a Bn in the 1st Cav. Also in the 1st Cav are Harry **Halterman** and Leroy **Ades**. Charley **Zipp** is in G3 plans, USARV, as is Mike **Cousland**. Bob **Barton** was in G3, but went to MACV. Lee **Rew** is in the TO&E business at G3, USARV. **Miotke** is in Military Assistance, USARV. Tom **Canham** and Gordon **Curran** are in Signal Sec, USARV. John **Ceglowski** is in G1, USARV. Jim **Sibley** is with G3 Sec of USARPAC; Doc **Stinson** is with J3 of CincPac; and Joe **Wilson** is a briefing officer in Hawaii.

From Mike **Cousland** in Vietnam comes a verification of his hunting exploits while in Kansas, which I had put in the rumor category. Accept apologies for my suspicious nature. Let me quote from his letter (edited a bit). "... I'm sure you recall my professional motto: 'Do or die for Tdy!' As a result, I've been traveling a good deal since I arrived here, and I hereby appoint myself 'Order of Battle Keeper' by reason of seeing so many classmates. John **Seigle** is CO of the Cav Sqdn, 1st Inf (He protects Dave **Rumbough**.). and Clay **Jackson** is a FAC with same division (He protects John.). Neal **Creighton** is S3, 11th Armd Cav Regt. Al **Lindholm** is Arty Bn Co in 25th Div. Hiram **Tompkins** is also a Bn CO in a big logistics empire here. Jim **Pigg** advises the Vietnamese staff on how to scrounge from city dumps —you recall his expertise at West Point. At MACV, Bob **Barton** is with J3 and Jim **Stuart**

**1953:** Ted King greeted by Lt. Col. Wacht on return from his 602d mission.



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**1953:** The Washington area Christmas party at Fort Belvoir.

with Combat Operations Center, while Paul **Suplizio** is with Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development. At USARV, John **Ceglowski** is with G1, Gordon **Curran** a big communicator, and Bill **Miotke** with MAP. Leland **Rew** and Cliff **Neilson** are with G3 at the same funny farm. Hal **Rhyne** commands a tank battalion in the 25th Div and is looking more like Rommel every day. In closing, I think special mention must be made of John Seigle's history-making exploit. After much research I can proudly announce that John is the first man in the history of warfare to be shot down in a helicopter by a landmine. (Seriously, he wasn't hurt too much—a black eye and a cracked back. He is fully recovered and back on the job.) I will not presume to tell how John accomplished such a feat. The curious will have to wait for John to publish his memoirs." Thanks, Mike. Keep us informed on the exploits of '53.

From the "bucolic Vietnamese countryside" as Dave **Rumbough** calls it, some more on the Class. Dave mentions seeing John **Seigle,** Hank **Davisson,** Rog **Peterson,** Bob **Glasgow,** and Mort **O'Connor.** Here is more on the exploits of that Mike **Cousland:** "Following his long-standing tradition at one-upmanship on the heels of his barracuda and buffalo, his latest exploit has been to shoot (from the rooftop of USARV Hq at Long Binh) down the largest butterfly ever seen in SEA. Mike says it belongs to the genus *Lepidoptera Corona,* though some of the 'fly boys' insist on calling it an HU1D!" Thanks for the word, Dave.

Rog **Peterson** reports that he saw Dave **Rumbough,** S1 Support Comd; Pete Sillecks, XO II Forces Engr; Art **Wells,** CO Arty Bn, 1st Div; and Mike Mahler, XO, 3/5th Cav. Bob **Breckenridge,** also in Vietnam, sees Neal **Creighton** quite often, as they work together. Neal is S3 of the 11th Armd Cav Regt. "I attached one of my batteries to an Arty battalion in the 1st Div last week and discovered that the battalion CO was Art Wells." Ed **Davis** is an AF advisor with the Seventh AF. Bob mentions seeing Bill **Rawlinson,** Chief, Fire Spt Element, 9th Divarty. He adds that Nola and the children are staying in Sacramento, Calif., until he gets back in May. Bob is commanding a 105mm Bn, the 7th of the 9th.

Ed **Reed** in Saigon writes that Bob **Barton** is with J3 at MACV. Bob **Laflam** is III Corps Signal advisor at Bien Hoa. John **Seigle** mentions that Tony **DeLuca** was evacuated from Vietnam with an eye condition but is much improved and back in VN. Bob **Glasgow** left for USARV Hq, and Hank **Davisson** is CO, 2d Bn (Mech) 2d Inf.

From the ASSEMBLY files comes this information: Theodore **King** finished 602 missions as a FAC. He has 1,000 hours of combat time in the O-1 Birddog aircraft. A grenade was planted in his plane one night, but, luckily, he was not in the plane when the grenade exploded. Lewis **Andrews** received 8 awards of the AM at Langley AFB, Va. He now has 14 AM's. Clay **Jackson** was decorated with the DFC at Lai Khe, Vietnam. William F. **Bauman** received the SS. He was flying as air mission commander during an attack on Viet Cong positions near Saigon. He effected the rescue of 5 downed crews, coordinated recovery efforts, and directed air and artillery strikes in the area. Thomas **McKenna** received the BSM while advisor with the 21st Inf Div of the Vietnamese army. Arthur **Spooner,** a C-47 pilot, received an AM at Pleiku, Vietnam.

Also from AOG files, Don **Becker** was appointed senior purchasing agent at Campbell Soup Co. in Nebraska. Rand V. **Araskog** was elected president of the I.T.T. Defense Communications Div, at Nutley, N.J.

Ross **Kenzie** is VP of the Akron office of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, & Smith, Inc. Ross saw Sarkis and Annette **Semerjian,** who were en route to C&GS. From Louise **Eineigl** the word comes that Jim **Hogg** is president (and founder) of Anchor Wire Corp. of America in Goodlettsville, Tenn. Kemp **Dozier** is with Morgan Guarantee Trust in New York.

From the European area Harry **Dunivant** is at Rhein Main AB in Frankfurt, Germany. He will leave Wiesbaden in July after a 3-year stay there. Bill **Cole** is in Ankara, Turkey, where he is on the MAAG Staff, G3 Sec. Curt **Brewer** is in Izmir.

A few days after the last column was in, I received a clipping from Ruth **Brain** about Tom. He is commanding the 47th Direct Spt Gp at Fort Meade. There are three battalions in the group. Also mentioned were Stan and Darie **Wielga** who had just left for Hawaii. Thanks and sorry for the delay, Ruth.

Assigned as students at Leavenworth are: Rolfe and June **Arnhym,** Russell and Mary **Baker,** Jim and Shirley **Bambery,** William **Crim,** Robert and Jane **Daly,** Ed and Sue **Dinges,** George and Joanne **Egbert,** John and Nettie **Fitch,** Eugene and Cynthia **Fitzsimmons,** Herbert and Lenora **Friesen,** Leonard and Mary **Greeley,** Thomas and Faith **Holcombe,** James and Lucille **Jackson,** Clifford and Jan **Landry,** Montegue and Gail **Lowry,** Stuart and Abbie **McLennan,** Jack and Barbara **Merrigan,** John and Edy **Oblinger,** Henry and Judy **Purcell,** David and Alice **Rice,** Sarkis and Annette **Semerjian,** Lowell and Betty **Skidmore,** Roland and Barbara **Sullivan,** John and Peg **Tanzer,** William and Ruth **Walker,** David and Mary **Wells,** Robert and Susan **White,** Clifford and Lillian **Worthy,** John and Inge **Young.** John **Brown** is in CDC. On the S&F are Const and Jackie **Blastos** and Bob and Sue **Fernandez.** Marily **Seigle,** Diane **Satchell,** and Joan **Ventrella** are staying there while their husbands are in Vietnam. Rolfe **Arnhym** had been "snow-birding" prior to the beginning of school as liaison officer to the state chamber of commerce. His office was in the Playboy Club building. Any distractions while there? Thanks for the letter, Rolfe.

Jack **Merrigan** mentions that Cadet Horst Sperber, Class of 1968, is the stepson of Jack **Young.** "Kind of amazing to think that one of us would be having a son graduate this year, isn't it?" I agree with you, Jack.

The Washington group has been keeping me up-to-date on their activities, and they have had some great parties. On 28 Sept a luncheon was held at the Fort Myer officers club. They determined by general agreement that no one had aged since graduation. Later Jim **Pfautz** spoke for the group and expressed his appreciation to all who worked on the 10-year book for a job well done. All newcomers to the Washington area, please contact Ralph **Greer,** 6928 Old Stage Road, Rockville, Md. 20852; telephone: Charlotte 881-0418.

Just received the pictures from the '53 Christmas party at the Fort Belvoir Engineer Mess, of which Jack **Hayes** was chairman. Movies of our cadet days and tapes were part of the entertainment. There are about 75 classmates in the area. The men in the photo are identified as follows: Ed **Andrews,** Jack Hayes, Tom **McGregor,** Jim **Bleecker,** Ken **Heitzke,** Don **McNutt,** Tom **Brain,** Bob **Hess,** Hay **Myrah,** Jerry **Brophy,** Gary **Hutchinson,** Max **Noah,** Lee **Crosby,** Bill **Jolin,** Don **Ramsay,** Larry **Davis,** Bob **Kaplan,** John **Scoblick,** Norm **Delbridge,** Al **Mathiasen,** Andy **Simko,** Rog **Ellman,** Howie **Matson,** Bud **Tardiff,** Rod **French,** Jim **Miley,** Bud **Zimmer,** and Ralph **Greer.** The beautiful girls were unidentified!

Tom **Williams** was in from Fort Polk, La. He was escorting educators from the region. Tom is Bn CO, 3d Bn, 1st Bde. Fred **Glauner** is post AG at Fort Polk. From Tom comes word that Art **Cates** is at AFSC.

James **Dade** is a member of the AF team at Los Angeles whose project was the launching of Surveyer to the moon.

Seen during the football season at West Point were Rand **Araskog,** from Smoke Rise, N.J., and Jack **Johnson,** VP of the Bergen Wire Rope Co., who was in from Old Tappan, N.J. Al **Paulekas** received recognition as captain of the 52 football team at halftime of the Virginia game. Dick **Hoyt,** Jim and Bette **Hogg,** Bob **Scofield,** Rick **Gilmartin** were also seen. Norm and Margi **Delbridge** were here with the children and their poodle. Rick Gilmartin is with the Telephone Co. and is living on Long Island. Jim and Myra **Endler** were also here.

Bill **Jewell** is now assigned as technical director of the U.S. main battle tank, Ln O in Augsburg, Germany. Dave **Motycka** is with Pratt and Whitney. He came in from Connecticut with some friends to see the Rutgers game. Bill **Horton,** returned from Vietnam, is now with SHAPE at Casteau, Belgium, where he will be in the Logistics business. He invites anyone in the area to stop in. Gray **Kinnie** is at Fort Monmouth.

At a get-together *chez* Mike and Jackie

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**Kallman** I received the following information. Vic **Luby** is with Burns & Roe, as an architect-engineer at Oradell, N.J. Jack **Hughes** and wife Louis are with Armstrong Cork at Lancaster Pa. He is assistant general manager of office services. Jim **Miley** was just returning from Vietnam. Others at the party were: Jim and Shirley **Sammons**, Bob **Bartlett**, Dick and Liz **Hoyt**, Art and Lee **Phipps**, and Tom **Jones**. Bud **Zimmer** called while on a business trip. Bud is in Washington. Spike **Flertzheim** came up with Betty; they were at the Heibergs for awhile. He is en route to Vietnam.

Jim **Donahue** deserves our thanks for the fine job he did on our yearbook. He took over and brought it to a successful finish. In line with publishing, word was received that there are 50 copies of our 1953 HOWITZER available. If you are interested, here is the address: Cadet-in-Charge, HOWITZER Circulation, West Point, N.Y. 10996. Delivered at West Point, the cost is $5.

Margaret Ann **Zipp** sent a picture of the class godson. As you recall, he was born on 2 Feb 54. He is 5′ 9″ tall, lettered in football (a West Point candidate?), and, as Margaret says, he is a typical lad in all ways. Charles, his dad, is in Vietnam, at Long Binh, as XO Comd Gp USARV. Thanks for the card, Margaret.

A note from the ASSEMBLY concerning pictures: they should be large and in black and white. Also, the Supe sent the Scribes his annual report. It would be of interest to anyone concerned with the Academy and the Army. I would like to give it the widest circulation. Send ideas on how, please. From it comes the following: the current course has 173 credit hours for graduation; about 8% is in foreign languages. About one quarter of the faculty are non-graduates. One of the greatest needs for the future is motivated, capable candidates for the Military Academy.

Bob **Zargan** needs some addresses to forward the 10-year book. If you know these addresses, please forward to: LTC R.T. Zargan, Qtrs 289, West Point, N.Y. 10996. The people are: L.P. **Ades**, R.A. **Baker**, H.E. **Friesen**, L.J. **Greeley**, H.J. **Hall**, B.F. **Hurless**, S.J. **Vogel**, and P.C. **Vose**.

The baby corner: William and Ruth **Walker** had a son. Al and Sally **Mathiasen** are the parents of a girl born on 18 Sept; her name is Janis Lynn. Louise and Ray **Eineigl** had a girl Elizabeth Ann born on 3 Oct. Jean Alice was born to Jackie and Mike **Kallman** on 3 Nov.

Keep those cards and letters coming. Good Luck!

# '54

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The Class is saddened by the death of Bob **Gross** who died on 10 Dec 67 of burns suffered in a helicopter crash in Vietnam. Bob arrived in Vietnam in August 67 and was assigned as S2 of the 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div. On 27 Nov he was aboard an H-13 helicopter conducting a search for a missing soldier when sudden mechanical failure necessitated a crash landing. The helicopter burst into flames upon impact; Bob and the pilot were severely burned. Bob's death occurred at the 106th General Hospital in Kishine Barracks, Yokahama, Japan; requiem mass and burial took place at West Point on 20 Dec. Bob is survived by his wife Rita and two children: Courtland 2, and Gabriella, born 3 May 67. Bob was an outstanding officer and an exemplary human being; his loss affects us all.

Last summer Ken **Bell** concluded what has to have been an eventful tour as an F-105 pilot in SE Asia. During this last sojourn, Ken, who is now commanding a desk in the Pentagon's rarified heights, made his presence felt on numerous occasions while executing key, low-level strikes against North Vietnam. On 10 March 67 his mission was SAM suppression in support of strikes against a large industrial complex. Intense groundfire had knocked out the flight leader's aircraft and severely damaged all other aircraft of the flight. His plane damaged to the extent that control was barely marginal, Ken remained in the target area, and, with "complete disregard for his personal welfare in the face of overwhelming odds," he executed three additional passes through heavy flak "until he had the key missile installation shattered and burning." On a later strike under poor weather conditions, under attack from interceptors, SAMs, and heavy conventional flak, Ken demonstrated similar gallantry and absolute devotion to duty. Another citation describes an action required to destroy a thermal power plant in a heavily defended area of North Vietnam. For these missions and for his generally outstanding performance as a combat pilot and leader, Ken was awarded 2 SS's, his 3d DFC, and 11 AM's.

**1954:** The BSM is awarded to Wilbur Brickwell.

Roy **Muth**, also gainfully employed in VN, earned 6 AM's, a BSM, and the LM for his outstanding service in support of combat operations as Div and Bde Opns officer and Bn XO, during the year ending in March 67. Wilbur **Brickwell**, coming off a tour in Turkey, picked up a BSM for his superlative performance in combat operations as an Asst G3 at Hq, II FF in VN during the year ending August 67. Also carrying the war where it belongs, Ken **Haff**, Jim **Stanley**, and Jay **Edwards** are currently flying missions north from South Vietnam.

Otherwhere, the following were also reported among the various, multifarious activities involving '54 since the last ASSEMBLY: Bill **Schulz**, now president of W.R. Schulz & Associates, a real estate management and development company in Phoenix, has been elected to the Young Presidents' Organization, which is an international organization restricted to men who have achieved leadership of significant companies before the age of 40. Keep your powder dry, Barry! John **Shelter** is hereby commended for his persevering toil as secretary of the N.Y. Chapter of the West Point Society in organizing the details of the recent highly successful N.Y. dinner which honored illustrious graduates of West Point from around the world. The presence of President Eisenhower, a score of 4-star generals, several holders of the

**1954:** Roy Muth receives the Legion of Merit from Maj. Gen. M.S. Davison at Fort Leavenworth.

Medal of Honor, and Bob Hope contributed to what must be considered as an august and profoundly enjoyable occasion. A release from Hawthorn Publishers announces that Jack **Galvin** has put it all together in a book about the Minute Men. (Rest easy, comrades, he means the originals.) Jack's point is that the men at Concord brought not only patriotic fervor to the battle, but were already part of a distinguished American tradition in the profession of arms.

Tex **McVeigh** has surfaced in Wichita Falls, Tex., to write in about the gathering incident to ARMY's defeat of S.M.U. last fall. Present for attendant festivities were: Tex and Martha, Freddie **Attaya**, Bill **Acers**, Ed **Bavaria**, Ed **Knoff**, Jan **LeCroy**, John **Lohman**, Jesse **Moore**, Jody **Rude**, Dave **Scott**, Tom **Stark**, Neil **Sullivan**, Gerry **Moore**, and offensive linecoach Bob **Mischak**. Don't wait another 13½ years to check in, Tex.

Paul **Lansky**, write to Walt **Evans** (2887 West Ritchie Pkwy., Rockville, Md.). Walt also writes that Dave **Harris** and Erna, now with the Post Office Dept, are on duty in Paris. Ed **Cutolo**, recent father of a baby boy and presently an Abn Advisor, MAAG, Argentina, expects to be back in the States by June.

From Christmas cards: Jan **Parshall**, who is in Milford, Conn., sitting out Jerry's SEA flying tour with children Jerry, Eddie, and Jimmy, wants to get in touch with other class wives in the area. Spike and Ellen **Briggs** have moved from Travis AFB to Clark AFB in the Philippines and send their regards to '68. Bill **Clarke** is Aircraft Comdr for Gen. Dwight Beach, and he appreciates the opportunity to work with the Army again. Bill reports the following sightings in the balmy breezes of Hawaii: Gene **Allred**, Walt **Shrupp**, Ken **Haff**, George **Kourakos**,

**1954:** Ken Bell being congratulated upon receiving two Silver Stars and Air Medals.



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Bud **Gurney**, John **Zartman**, Dick **Bentz**, Larry **Drum**, and John **Wesner**—all are stationed in the area or have passed through recently.

As usual, the stateside and long tour contingents of the Class are fairly uncommunicative. However, the VN crew performed nobly with typewriter and pen during the past few months. Norm **Bedell** describes getting up at 0330 hours to cheer for ARMY during respite from his duties with J3 (War Plans Branch). He has seen: Tom **Poor**, J6; John **Purdy**, MACDC; Bill **Hannon**, MACV; Ames **Albro** and Fritz **Anklam**, Engr Sec; Norm **Matthias**, II FF; Maury **Leiser**; Ray **Pace**; Bob **Riese**; Will **Buckheit**; Bob **Tawes**; Jack **Porter**; and Jim **Mehserle.** In November, Bob **Elton**, describing his duties as Bde S4 as "challenging," was enthusiastic about the efficacy of operations fielded by the 1st Bde of the 101st. Also in the vicinity of the Americal Division and 101st are: Fred **Qualls**, Asst CofS, Americal Div; Jim **Chapman**, Dick **Diller**, and Bob **Chapman**, Bn XO's. Bob **Morris** is S1 of the 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div. Since arriving from Japan last August he has encountered Dale **Vesser**, XO of a Cav Sqdn; Jack **Miller** and Shellie **Burnett**, advisors to an ARVN Cav unit; and Bob **Badger**, XO of a Duster Bn. Bob, with fire units spread all over lower III Corps area, has met Bob **Goodwin**, Asst G4, USARV; Wade **Hampton**, advisor to the 7th ARVN Ranger Bn; Ed **Moses** and Dick **Grinder**, both with II FF.

The time for seasonal peregrination is at hand. Now that you have your orders, check in before the end of May. Let the world in on your activities.

# '55

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News for the column for this quarter was largely gleaned during home football game halftimes. Bob **Pheiff**, Air Force, was seen at the Rutgers game after having found a house for his wife Ann and two daughters. Bob was on his way to Vietnam where he is assigned to the 12th Air Commandos (Operation Ranch Hand/Defoliation) at Bien Hoa. Bob told of classmates who graduated from the Air Command and Staff College with him. Tony **Hansell** (has two girls and a boy) is now flying F-4C's at George AFB; Jerry **Samos** is flying F-4C's at MacDill AFB; Kenny **Wilson** is flying Gooney Birds in a classified operation at Tan Son Nhut, VN; Bill **Hock** is flying Puff-the-Magic-Dragon in VN; and Bud **Hall** is squeezing in flying between desk duty in the Pentagon

**1955:** At Fort Leavenworth, Zach Hagedorn receives the BSM for service in Vietnam.

**1955:** A mini-reunion of Dempsie Davis, Tom West, and Dan Dugan.

and guard duty in the Pentagon—fielding hippies crashing through the windows. Tom **Mullan** was also up for the Rutgers game, and he reports that he was slated for Germany, but new orders have sent him to the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif., as a student majoring in operations research (whatever that is). Word was also passed that Dan **Troyan** was seen in Saigon checking out black market prices.

At the Stanford game (Homecoming) a large squad tent was set up for serious post-game drinking. Much was learned between quaffs. Rolly **Nordlie** turned around from the bar to explain that he had just returned from England where he was flying F-4C's. He is now at MacDill AFB, Tampa, Fla., as an instructor in F-4C's. Pete **Hornbarger** appeared from behind a glass to report that he is still enjoying civilian life in Buffalo, N.Y., as an insurance broker. Standing next to Pete was Press **Mayson** who had just returned from Vietnam where he was with an Army Field Hospital. Pres is now stationed at Walter Reed; he is a radiologist. Tom **Bell** looks as healthy and imposing as ever, even in a crowded squad tent. He runs the civilian PT test, I hear, and is with the Stanley Works in New Britain, Conn.; his home at Northford (Acon Lane) is open to classmates.

We all joined together at Round Pond to watch the Air Force game on TV and to have a friendly round of drinks. We did! We really did, and I fear I snarled all my column information up. All I can remember is that Jerry **Tebben** came with a sign he exhibited in the classroom (ES&GS—what we knew as "Squint and Print") which states: "Beat Air Force ACADEMY." As a member of the men in blue, Jerry is sensitive to abbreviated slogans.

At the last home game (Utah), an unholy four was invited to attend by the AAA in recognition of their efforts as football pointers (talent scouts for future teams): Pete **Fikaris**, Jerry **Hagan**, Quent **Bates**, and Don **Smith.** Also seen were Joe **Thomer** and Rod **Vitty.** Jerry **Crancer** was also passing through, and he looked hail, hearty, and on the road to complete recovery. Jerry tells me that Rex **Perkins** works for the AC/S for Intelligence in Washington.

On a fast business trip to Europe this fall, Dave **Young** saw Mac **McKelvey** at the U.S. Air Base in Upper Heyford, England. Mac was headed for a 90-day Tdy assignment in southeast Asia. Dave also saw other classmates on his regular swing around the U.S. Matt **Schepps** is the "P" of the ROTC at Claremont College in California. Ray **Gunderson** was reassigned from OPO to the 173d Abn. Bill **Hadly** (I took his brother up the Hudson for a cruise on his graduation last June Week) has been reassigned from II FF to 1st Cav Div in VN.

Jim **Fiscus**, acting as OIC of the cadet Parachute Team, was pleased to report that they won the intercollegiate parachute championship at Tahlequah, Okla., (Fred **Bliss's** home town), thus returning "Gavin's Gavel" to the Academy for the third time in four years. While returning through Tulsa, Jim met Ben **Franklin** who had resigned and is now in the prefab home construction business and is an area representative for West Point. Ben expects to visit the Academy with a group of Oklahoma educators through Dave Young's Admissions program.

Charlie **Gersitz** was at West Point this fall to inspect Reserve troops ("B Teams" from Savannah) who were taking part in S/F Exercise "Cold Sweat" at Camp Natural Bridge. Chuck transferred from Armor to Ordnance in 1959. He was in Vietnam as CO of a light maintenance company (COSTAR), 62d Maint Bn, and he is now subsector commander and senior advisor (Macon, Ga.) in the 12th Corps (Reserve). Howie **Stone** appeared in the September issue of the Army R&D magazine which reported that he was reassigned to the Air Movement Branch, Air Mobility Division, after having graduated from the AFSC (Howie has also been to the C&GS course). Prior to this assignment, Howie was S3, 5th S/F Gp in Vietnam. Bill **Cummings**, who transferred to the Transportation Corps in 1962, has been reassigned from Vietnam to Tripoli. Dick **Lilly** was up for a class lunch at USMA recently. Dick is with I.B.M. with his office in Boston. Paul **Smor** is reported to be a GS-15 working for NASA in California. Jon **Vanden Bosch** visited Dave **Maurer** at West Point recently. Jon has returned from the 15th Engr Bn, 9th Inf Div in VN. Jon is now Post Engineer at Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

A note with accompanying photo from Tom **West** reports his get-together with Dempsie **Davis** and Dan **Dugan.** Dempsie, who is at the AF Special Weapons Center, Indian Springs, Nev., flying UH-1F helicopters, turned up at Fort Eustis for a maintenance test pilot course. Dan Dugan attended Cobra flight training in preparation for his present tour in Vietnam. Bill **Welter** also attended Cobra training prior to reassignment to Vietnam last January. Bill **Graham** has left the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Md., and he is also flying Cobras in Vietnam. Tom West is now chief of the Flight Research Branch, Applied Aeronautics Division, USAAVLABS, Fort Eustis, Va.

Carl **McNair** writes that he completed a 3-year tour in OCRD at DA where he found Shirley Highway, leading to the Pentagon,

**1955:** Dan Moses receives the Soldiers Medal, BSM, and AM's for Vietnam service from the Commandant of C&GSC, Maj. Gen. M.S. Davison.



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**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.**

to be the longest and costliest parking lot in the world. Carl is now in Vietnam with the 1st Avn Bde, USARV. Carl reports that Bob **Newton** is with the 1st Cav Div. Both Carl and Bob left their families in Columbus, Ga., while they complete their Vietnam tours. While at DA, Carl saw Rawleigh **Ralls** who came up from CDC at Fort Belvoir to work in the Systems Analysis Office of the AC/S. Hank **Meetze** was down the hall in the Office of the AC/S for Intelligence working on new reconnaissance and surveillance systems, while Carl was a few doors away working on new aircraft systems. Also joining this high powered planning section was Norm **Sparks**, a Signal Corps electronics hive. As noted above, it was Howie **Stone** who replaced Carl in OCRD. Carl visited Ed **Nidever** in Atlanta where Ed is in real estate as a developer of commercial property. Carl and Jo Ann have had three children to match their three overseas PCS's! Rather hard on family planning. Howie and Helen take their role as the McNair replacements seriously. They arrived and immediately had their third child within two weeks of the McNairs' third child.

Fred **Bliss** reports that the current crop of classmates at Leavenworth who are due to graduate this June are: Don **Andrews**, Fred Bliss, John **Brown**, Bill **Burrus**, Bob **Camp**, Bob **Chapman**, Clarence **DeLong**, Bulldog **Drummond**, Clif **Fralen**, Zach **Hagedorn**, Jack **Jeter**, Clif **Jones**, Irv **Katenbrink**, Leon **McKinney**, Mick **Meekison**, Dan **Moses**, Ski **Ordway** (still single!), Paul **Parks**, Ted **Patterson**, Bill **Peters** (now in the MP's), Al **Raymond**, Bill **Robinson**, John **Schick**, Chuck **Schuh**, Bob **Strati**, Stan **Sydenham**, Rod **Waterstrat**, Ed **Vulgas**, Whit **Whittaker**, and Zabo **Zaborowski**. Bulldog Drummond was alerted for the Spanish War College but was rescheduled for the Canadian Staff College, so he won't need the Spanish primers which he received from Joe **Grubbs** in the Foreign Language Dept at USMA! Wayne **Smith** is on the S&F at Leavenworth and working nights on a master's degree from Kansas U. Also on the S&F at Leavenworth is Bill Chance. Bill imparts his Vietnam S/F experience in the Special Operations instruction. Fred has seen Jerry **Crancer** who is preparing for next year's course while on convalescent leave. Jerry had already settled his family in a house in the city of Leavenworth (Jerry's home town). Fred agrees with my estimate of Jerry's good recovery. Fred also saw Bob and Jill **Wiegand** this fall. Bob left Jill in Leavenworth when he went to Vietnam. He is now a student at the Indian Defense Staff College in Wellington, India. A utilization tour in that area is anticipated upon completion of the course. While on leave together, Jill cost Bob $5 by making a hole-in-one on the Leavenworth golf course!

**1955:** Bob Strati receives the ACM from Col. R.S. Crandall at West Point for service as OIC of the Cadet Mess.

Marlowe Viney writes that Jack has resigned. The Vineys left El Paso and the Army this January. Jack and Marlowe have settled in the Los Angeles area where Jack is working with one of the aircraft companies (the decision as to which one had not been made at the time of my information). Jack feels he will still be contributing to the national defense. The Vineys have three daughters.

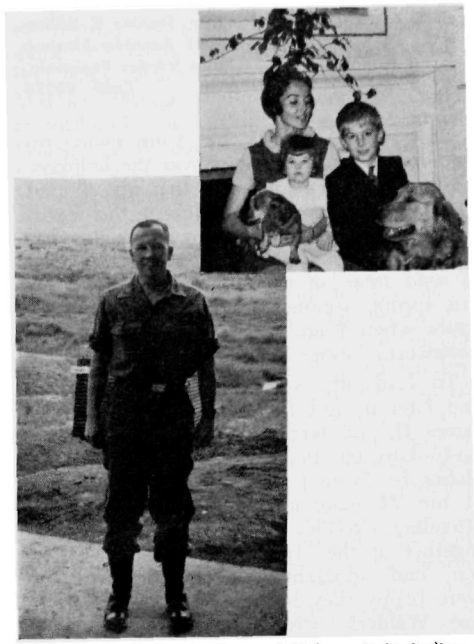
Flo Sherman writes that Sherm is the new manager of R&D for Central Texas Iron Works in Waco. Sherm spent 6½ years at Texas Instruments in Dallas, but he finds his present position more challenging, since it is the beginning of an expanding department. The **Shermans** now have three daughters and a spacious, renovated house with grounds that Flo states seem right out of "Gone With The Wind!" All classmates are welcome: 3001 Maple Ave., Waco, Tex. Be careful, though, or the Shermans will have you picking the cotton crop.

Bill **Carrington** wrote a nice letter cheering the column along. Bill completed a tour flying all over SEA (mainly in Vietnam but also in Thailand, the Philippines, Okinawa, Japan, etc.) with base in Formosa. Bill flies C-130E's (the long-range model). Ed **Rumsey** (Wing Personnel Officer) and Dick **Masson** were also in the same outfit. Bill's wife, Jo Anne, managed to get a degree from Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Ala., while tending the children in Bill's absence. She had a double major in math and psychology. Bill and Jo Anne should now be on an accompanied tour together.

Norm **Smith** just wrote from Vietnam where he is a district advisor with Advisory Team 51. He is isolated in the Bia Rai District in Boc Lieu province down in the Delta, but he is quite busy in both counter-VC operations and pacification program activities. Norm saw Carl **McNair** who is commanding the aviation unit at Soe Trang now. Norm also saw Frank **Schlotter** in Saigon where Frank is on the QM advisory team. Vi, who is living in Greenville, Ala., hopes to meet Norm in Hawaii (Norm's old stomping ground) for R&R.

A capsule report from Jim **Seay**, still flying C-130's out of Travis AFB to SEA, says he has seen the following flying in that area: Chuck **Flynn** (A-1E's), John **Pickitt** (F-4's from Danang), Ron **Rule** (seen at Clark AFB, Philippines), Bob **Wray** (Tan Son Nhut).

The trail of our classmates is marked by citations and awards which turn up in news releases to which the AOG is privy. Here are the latest reports. Roy **Lynn** was in the news for helping to evaluate lessons learned in Vietnam at a special USAF-industry life support conference in Las Vegas, Nev., from 28 Nov to 1 Dec 67. Over 600 military and industrial personnel from the U. S., Great Britain, and Canada were on hand for the purpose of improving the protective—or life support—equipment used by air crewmen. Roy's special area was in-flight egress. Roy and Sandra live in Arlington, Va., where



**1955:** While Sally, Leslie, and Bob wait in Indianapolis, Dick Bean is with the 1st Cav Div in Vietnam.

Roy is assigned to life support requirements, Hq USAF. The release noted that Roy received his M.B.A. from the U. of Chicago in 1965.

An accompanying photo shows Zach **Hagedorn** receiving the BSM at a ceremony at Fort Leavenworth. Zach received the award for meritorious service in Vietnam. Another photo shows Bob **Strati** receiving the ACM during ceremonies at West Point. Bob received the award for meritorious service as OIC of the Cadet Mess from June 64 to Aug 67. Beside feeding 3,000 cadets, Bob had to put up with a lot of rubbernecking classmates (not in the award description).

Dan **Moses** received the Soldiers Medal—highest Army award for noncombative heroism—and four other awards (BSM and the 2d through 4th awards of the AM) from MG Davison, CG of Fort Leavenworth and Commandant of the C&GS College. Dan rescued two pilots from a burning helicopter in which Dan was riding. Though dazed in the crash, Dan jumped out, forced open the door to the pilots' compartment, unstrapped the pilots, and carried them to safety. The citation doesn't say whether Dan carried them both at once or whether he made two trips. He might have copped a weight-lifting record at the same time!

As this goes to press, I have learned that Joe **Franklin**, president of the executive committee of our Class (here at West Point) has orders for the Command and Staff School at the Naval War College in Providence, R.I. Joe **Skaff** is presently there. Joe is currently with the Dept of MA&E, at USMA.

I had a phone call from Jack **McAuslan** who was a member of our Class but left the Academy at the end of yearling year. Jack said that as an intern, Pres **Mayson** cared for his father (retired Army colonel). Jack is a computer specialist in Civil Service and works at Homestead AFB. His home address is: 11451 SW. 201st St., Miami, Fla. 33157.

In closing, I wish to express my delight at the mail and photos which I am receiving. I can normally reply only through the column, so thanks sincerely. Unfortunately, my career as columnist is growing short. This June should find me doing a tour in Vietnam. But keep addressing your news to Box 55, whoever might be opening it.



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# '56

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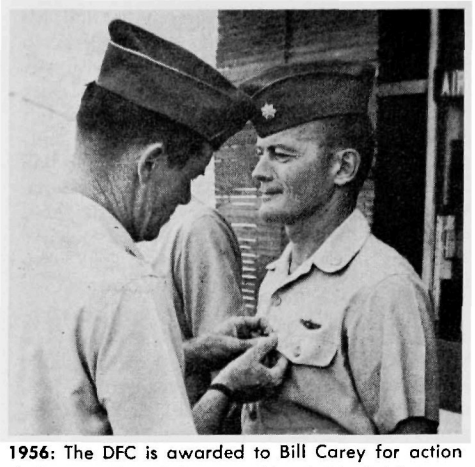
Once again, thanks for your many remembrances and greetings over the holidays. I will apologize in advance that my allotted space does not permit including in this report all of the news forwarded to me, but it was all most appreciated. You are encouraged to send more of the same, particularly for the spring, summer, and fall ASSEMBLY issues when I am usually in great need of newsworthy items.

To lead off, we received both a letter and later a card from Jim and Joan **Lane**, James II, and Jennifer. Besides bringing me up-to-date on the Lane doings, Jim also claims he "volunteered" to write on behalf of the '56 gang now at Fort Leavenworth attending C&GSC. They had a recent get-together at the Hunt Lodge for some reason, and apparently those who attended were happy they had a reason. Fortunately, Sue **Waldeck** was also able to join the festivities. She was, at the time, awaiting Jim's return from Vietnam. For those of you who wish to update your address books, the '56ers at Leavenworth (the school) are: Chris and Nancy **Allaire**, Charlie and Patsy

**1956:** In Norfolk, Rear Admiral L.R. Daspit, commandant of the AFSC, awards the BSM and AM to Dick Rinker for service in Vietnam.

**Bagnal**, Tom and Betty **Bowes**, Steve and Margaret **Boylan**, Joe and Annegret **Carraway**, Harry and Kitty **Crandall** (they welcomed a son, Michael Wilson, on 8 Nov 67), Dick and Mary Lou **Curl**, Jim and Judy **Dozier**, Phil and Carlisle **Farmer**, Bob and Sue **Flory**, Gene and Evelyn **Fox**, Chuck and Mariel **Gorlinski**, Bill and Sandra **Haponski**, Carl and Ann **Herrmann**, Jerry and Barbara **Huff**, John and Mary **Johnsen**, Gus and Ellen **Johnson**, Sam and Ann **Kem**, Ken and Rita **Knowles**, the Lanes, George and Gloria **Loffert**, Dick and Sue **Mackin**, Frank and Bonnie **Matthews**, Greg and Kay **Mitchell**, Jack and Joyce **Munsey**, Jack **Nicholson**, Don and Betty Jean **O'Shei**, Jon and Alice **Porter**, Ed and Cathy **Rhodes**, George and Birgitte **Rostine**, "Soop" and Jan **Saferstein**, Bill **Schrage**, Bob and Marlene **Schuler**, Bob and Kay **Sullivan**, Bill and Jan **Weihl**, Les and Attilia **Weinstein**, and Ken and Myra **Withers**. The Lanes also report that John **Kallfelz** who holds a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from Karlsruhe, Germany, has left his professor's position at Georgia Tech and moved on to Illinois to work for industry. His exact current address is not known. Bob and Marlene Schuler informed us that they had a wonderful time in Brazil, attended more parties and receptions than can be recalled, and were honored by a farewell party attended by approximately 1,000 guests. After his return to the States, Bob spent about a month traveling around the U.S. escorting a group of 95 Brazilian officers. Their daughter Chris is in the first grade now, taking piano and ballet lessons. Bob said he had heard Jerry **Wynn** had been killed in Vietnam.

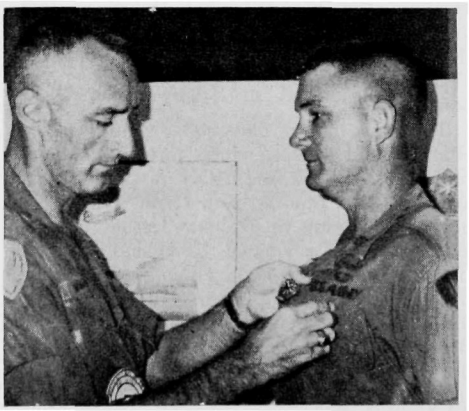


**1956:** The DFC is awarded to Bill Carey for action during a strike mission near Hanoi, North Vietnam.

The Pentagon seems to have the right idea about maintaining good relations with our Latin American neighbors. Since Bob **Schuler** is now at Fort Leavenworth, they have recently assigned Jim **Spires** to Dept of State duties in Buenos Aires. Jim's travels have been quite extensive. From India, he was assigned to Vietnam (first as an advisor and later with the 1st Cav Div), thence to Fort Benning for 7 months, and now Argentina. While Jim was in Vietnam, his wife Jeanette presented him with a daughter Ann.

We were pleased that Jerri **Sutherland** and son Jim have found a permanent home just 10 minutes drive from Scott AFB. Their address is: 30 Coachlight Dr., Mascoutah, Ill. 62258. Jerri's card indicated they would be with Scott's brother's family in South Bend, Ind., for Christmas. The **Cannons**, Ray, Carolyn, Janice, and Donna Ray, claim that their previous tour of duty in southern California was very quiet and calm compared to Ray's Asst Flight Comdr duties at Craig AFB, Ala. The Cannons were invited to Montgomery, Ala., by Mary and Don **Ernst** to view the ARMY-Navy game. Apparently, Don will leave for Vietnam soon but will attend a few schools here before making the big move.

Neale **Luft** returned from Vietnam last October and was assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB as a technical management officer for the Civilian Institutions Div of AFIT.



**1956:** Jack Dunn receives the AM near Tuy Hoa, Vietnam.

In short, his job is to coordinate AF programs with college officials and with AF students enrolled in the various colleges. Their seven children are well, and five are in school now. Bonnie Luft visits occasionally with Pat **Dougherty** who is awaiting Paul's return from Vietnam. Between the Lufts' seven children and the Doughertys' eight, the oldest being 10 years, those visits must be truly memorable experiences. Bob and Judy **Goodwyn** and their three children, Leslie, Tyler, and Reid, are also at Wright-Patterson. Bob has switched from the Army to the Air Force. His exact assignment is not known.

Bob **Pearson** spent the majority of 67 in Vietnam flying more than 200 combat missions in the RF-4C. He was awarded the DFC and the AM with 12 clusters for his heroism during that time. His wife Pat and their children, Mary, Barbara, Jimmy, and Janice, are delighted to have him home now and assigned to the air staff as an "action officer" in the Far East branch of War Plans. The Pearsons are settled in a house of Cape Cod design in Falls Church, Va. Their son Jimmy underwent an operation recently at Walter Reed Hospital to repair an eardrum perforation that occurred some three years ago, and we are happy to report it was a success.

The **Le Hardy's**, Ward and Judy, it must

**1956:** Lt. Gen. S.R. Larsen presents the BSM to Steve Boylan during ceremonies near Nha Trang, Vietnam.

be said were in the "front lines" when our annual battle with the Mids was staged. Ward is an exchange officer at the Naval Academy and apparently still has the scars to prove it. The Le Hardys hosted a party at their home following the 150-lb. ARMY-Navy game. Those in attendance were: Rita and J.J. **Clark**, Maude and Rude **De France**, Kay and Keith **Barlow**, Mareth **Ellis**, Penny **Nicholson**, Jan and Bill **Baxter**, Waydine and Jim **Blewster**, Carol (Mrs. Stainton) **Smith**, Mary and Pete **Vann**, Robin and Fred **Holmes**, Pat and Don **Morelli**, the **Irwins**, the **Holloways**, Kay and Bill **Roll**, Nancy and Jerry **Amlong**, Pat and Doc **Bahnsen**, the **Cavenaughs**, and Mary and Dick **Woods**. Incidentally, Ward expects to be heading for Vietnam this coming year.

Gerry **Richardson** writes from Vietnam that his current assignment is with the 53d General Spt Gp which covers both the III and IV Corps zones. His wife Barby and their three sons, Bryan, Wayne, and Gordon, are awaiting his return at Hemet, Calif. Gerry has seen John **Polickoski**, but, otherwise, no other '56ers are out that way. Farrell and Nancy **Patrick** are back in the DC area after Farrell's Vietnam tour. Fortunately, he was able to stop by the **Sutherland** home in Texas and see Scott just one week



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before his passing. Farrell is in OSD in Dr. Enthoven's systems analysis group. In his "spare" time, he teaches three nights a week at American U. and at George Washington U. on Saturdays, he coaches a soccer team of 8-year-olds from the Annandale boys club.

Bill, Barbara, Scott, Jeff, and Penny **McPeek** are enjoying all of the blessings of the Rocky Mountain area. Bill is assigned to USAFA and, since January 67, has started back to school again, this time at Denver U. working toward a Ph.D. in higher education. The big event in their lives has been the ski cabin they recently built in Breckenridge, Colo. From the picture I saw, it looks perfect for the kind of ski living I know they love so well.

By Feb 68, Jesse **Blackwell** will have presented his thesis to the U. of Pittsburgh for his master's degree in international affairs and will start packing his gear for a Vietnam assignment. Cynthia will remain in Pittsburgh until school for Fran and Ben ends this June and then will return to their permanent address (38 Lincoln Street) in New Haven at least until the beginning of 1969.

Bill and Eva Jo **McClung** and their family, Mary Ellen, Jeff, James, two Persian kittens, and three gold fish have settled in a home in the extreme northwest part of the Cincinnati area. Bill is an instructor at Colerain High School near there, has taught math and is now teaching electronics. He spent last summer in grad school and is now taking night courses. Eva Jo has been teaching the first and second grades and expects to be a substitute teacher at least for the time being. Their address is: 3307 Melody Manor Dr., Cincinnati, 45239 (Phone: 729-1615), for those of you passing through.

Connie, Lesa, and Eric **Diez** are staying in Cornwall-on-Hudson, while Stan serves with Hq USARV at Long Binh, Vietnam. Stan hopes to transfer to the 173d Abn or the 196th Lt Inf prior to his return stateside this coming July. Dick **Crews** is teaching ordnance engineering at West Point. He's also getting in some hunting, and his wife Mary and their little ones, Jeanne and John, seem to like the living on the Hudson also. We received greeting cards from Paul and Mary Kay **Jakus** (Paul is with I.B.M., and they are living in Endicott, N.Y.), from George and Barbara **Woods** (now at West Point), from Rina and Frank **Bonnarens** and their five children (stationed at Fort Rucker), from Judy and Irv **Mayer** and their four young ones, and from Margie and Greg **Wold**, Vicki and Becky (from Livonia, Mich.).

Judging from the news releases, '56 seems to be winning its fair share of medals for its activities in Vietnam. Jack **Dunn** and Porter **Medley** have received the AM. Jack received his award for combat aerial support of ground operations in Vietnam while commanding the 180th Aslt Spt Helicopter Co. Porter, now at Naha AB, Okinawa, was decorated for his airmanship and courage during air action in Southeast Asia. Bill **Carey** was awarded the DFC for heroisim when his flight of Phantom jets successfully fought off 16 enemy MIG's attempting to attack an American bomber force. Steve **Boylan** received the BSM for his service in combat operations in Vietnam from July 1966 to December 1966. Steve is an Asst Opns officer with Hq, I FF, Vietnam. Dick **Rinker**, currently a student at the AFSC in Norfolk, earned both the BSM and the AM for his service in Vietnam from July 1966 to May 1967. **Denny Butler** recently completed his 100th and final combat mission flying an unarmed RF-101 Voodoo reconnaissance jet on photographic missions with the 32d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing out of Udorn Royal Thai AB, Thailand. Mike **Alexander** is one of the first pilots to fly the new Air Force O-2A Super-Skymaster over North Vietnam. Mike, a forward air controller, flies this plane just north of the demilitarized zone to search for and direct strikes against military targets.

At home, we were surprised to talk by phone with Janet and Mike **Esposito** during one of their recent trips West. Mike has changed jobs and now holds the position of physical scientist and senior staff member of the National Highway Safety Bureau, Dept of Transportation. According to Mike, this means that he must now drive his car with the safety belts buckled. The Espositos celebrated the birth of another child early last year (would you believe January 1st?!) and now reside at: 8511 Beechtree Rd., Bethesda, Md. (Phone: 365-8083).

As the saying goes, it's the same old "seven and six" for the **Wilkers**, but we have much to be thankful for and are looking forward, along with the rest of you, to a very happy and successful 1968.

**1956:** Porter Medley receives the AM for air action in SEA.

### West Point

I'm reaching back into the past somewhat, but our memorable Homecoming reunion deserves some mention. Dave **Palmer's** entertainment committee arranged an opulent affair to be held at the Stewart AFB club following the Stanford game. Three days before the scheduled event, Dave advised us that the club had declined the honor and that all other facilities in the area were taken. Imagine our gratitude when Dave promptly offered to cater the party at his quarters for essentially the same price plus cloak room charges. It was a pleasant evening, and several out-of-towners dropped in; among them were: Jack **Scholz** (from some Ordnance ou'post in upper New York), J.J. **Clark** and Doc **Bahnsen** (from Washington), and Ev **Yon** (from Bragg).

Our football season was quite successful; this was especially so because it featured two unusual entertainments: the Duke and Navy games. The Duke game was a spectacle of reciprocal courtesy; we insisted that they win, and they insisted that we win. We eventually prevailed, and Duke won the game. We employed a different approach in the Navy game. We tried to dazzle the Middies through lethargy, and we were astonishingly successful for three quarters. Coach Cahill, however, unwittingly sent in O'Toole who disrupted the game plan by engineering two quick touchdowns. Fortunately, time ran out before more damage could be done.

Our class chapter held an election of officers in January in spite of the protests of Mike **Conrad**, who felt that his group deserved another chance. In a viciously fought campaign, which certainly reflected favorably on our class esprit, the reform party swept the incumbents aside. Our new officers are: chairman—Dave **Palmer** (of Homecoming fame), vice chairman—Randy **Parker**, secretary—Elmer May (the minority candidate), and treasurer—Dick **Tripp**.

As we stumble downhill towards June and the end of another year, we view the future with varied expectations. Those who are "truly outstanding" will find themselves on the LTC promotion list, and a favored few will transfer their credits to C&GSC. As for the rest of us, a Hudson River dayliner will commence loading at South Dock on 1 June; destination: Vietnam.

In closing, I must add some more friends to our class casualty list. Don **Holleder** and Jerry **Wynn** were killed in Vietnam. Woody **Martin**, whose death was reported in the last edition, was awarded the Silver Star posthumously.

## '57

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We must pause in order to express our respect for two fine men. Since our last column, Barney **Rose** and Dunc **Smyly** have been killed in Vietnam. Barney was with the Engineer battalion of the 1st Inf Div and was killed on 4 Nov during the early phases of the battles along the Cambodian border. Judy and the children are living at her home in Manhattan, Kans. Barney's work as president of the West Point contingent included the June Week reunion and much of the preparatory work for Homecoming, for which we are most grateful. Dunc, who was an F-100 pilot and had been awarded the DFC and AM for his work, was killed on 19 Nov while on a close support mission. Dunc's wife, Helen, and their four children are in Alexandria, Va. I know that each of us realizes that he has been diminished by the passing of these two greatly respected and admired classmates.

On the West Point scene, the biggest action of the period was, of course, the official 10th Reunion during Homecoming. And, if numbers of people returning and the degree of revelry involved are the proper standards, this was surely an *official* reunion. Much of the credit for the success of Homecoming goes to Bob **Stevens's** committee which included: Dana **Mead**, Whit **Hall**, and Jim **Edgar** who worked on the entertainment; Tim **Murchison** and Hal **Jordan** who arranged the football seats; Bob **Winters**, of the many neckties; and Tom **Garigan**, the innkeeper. All deserve a vote of thanks for their efforts, as does Joe **Bishop** for arranging Coach Cahill's speech. The course of events, as nearly as anyone seems to be able to recall, ran something like this. Friday evening: cocktails, dinner, and dancing



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at the Thayer; Saturday morning: class picture (never saw so many dark glasses), alumni ceremony, and alumni review; Saturday afternoon: a nerve-shattering football victory over Stanford; Saturday Evening: Alumni dinner-dance in Washington Hall; Sunday: dedication of the class memorial at the cemetery entrance followed by a brunch and . . . return trips and attempts at recovery.

As with any such gathering, it was impossible to speak to everyone who was here, but this is what I learned or was told had happened or been said. Among the civilian classmates, Joe **Quiros** is at Columbia U. for an M.B.A. and will then return to Shell Oil's London office. Bob **Dagle** is in Belpre, Ohio, as a construction engineer with duPont. Nick **Monaco** lives in suburban Maryland and works with the AEC as a wealthy "feather merchant." Charlie **Quinn** is with I.B.M. in Atlanta and occasionally sees Jack **Solomon** who is also with the firm and doing very well. Jack is now in Chamblee, Ga. Jim **Trainor** did not make Homecoming because he has left his job as managing editor of *Armed Forces Management* to become a special assistant to the mayor of Detroit. Glen **Runnion** was also unable to make it, as they were moving from Florida to Mt. Prospect, Ill. Julio **Heurtematte**, still a bachelor and still with the Int'l Development Fund in Washington, did make it and, along with Berni **Loeffke** and Joe Quiros, seemed to be plotting a coup.

Bob **Jones**, who flies for Eastern, came over from Connecticut, and Bill **Wheatley**, a sociology professor, was up only briefly from Princeton. Ken **Bryan** was here from Dallas, and Bill **Huckabee** was up, taking a break from lumbering around North Carolina. Don **Jenis** was down from Scotia, N.Y., where he is with G.E. The legal profession was represented by Brian **Kennedy** from Jersey, Don **Fitzpatrick** from LA, and Pops **Moreland** from Waldorf, Md. Ray **Karsian** came east from Denver, Colo. Jerry **Longo** was up from Philly but says that he is moving very shortly to the Mid-West.

The Boston I.R.A. contingent was represented by Leo **McEvoy** and "Oke" **O'Connor**. John **Kilpatrick** was up from Norristown, Pa., where he's with G.E.; Dick **Murtland** was up from Atlanta; Gene **Beimforde** was in from American Airlines in Dallas; Waxie **Gordon** was up from the city and a hard life flying for T.W.A.; Freddie **Koehler** was over from Poughkeepsie. Unfortunately, there were many others to whom I did not manage to talk, among these were Larry **McNeil**, Charlie **Hug**, Chip **King**, Bob **Arnold**, and Mike **O'Neal**; to these I offer as amends to publish any poop that is sent in.

Among the Air Folks who returned, Paul **Chase** had the most interesting story; en route to WP he dropped his wing tank "travel pod" over the desert and had to land and have it retrieved. Generally, the Air Folks were few in number, but Fred **Freathy**, who goes to VN this summer, was here from USAFA. Fred says that Rip **Lynde** is at Altus, Okla., flying jet tankers. Jack **Gleason**, who has since been selected to train at the Aerospace Research Pilot School, along with Jay **Tieber**, was here from Shaw AFB, S.C. Stan **Jensen** was up from Andrews AFB outside DC, as was "Snake" **Christensen** who is at Hq, USAF. Dick **Huie** was also over from Massachusetts.

The Army folk were, naturally, the biggest contingent present—you can't keep class down! Len **Hanawald** who is an Infantry career mangler was here and reported that Leon **Bieri** has been awarded the DSC for heroism in Vietnam. Leon is also now in Infantry Branch, OPO, along with Dick **Scholtes**. Bill **Webb** is also somewhere in the DC welter as is Joe **Tedeschi** who is completely recovered from his air crash injuries. Our spies report that Speed **Negaard** is ADC to—would you believe—Gen. Throckmorton. The irony of it all! Bill **Campion** was down from Syracuse. Bud **Langworthy** was here, but I neglected to ask what he was doing. Stan **Cass** was hoping to come from Rucker but did not make it. Bruce **Glen** was up from Tampa. Tom **Adcock** was here from DC where he is with Defens Communications Agency. Ted **Felber** was here from Wright-Patterson. Steve **Glick** was here from Belvoir. I know that the 58 of us here were glad to have seen all of those who made it back, especially now that we have recovered.

Now for some serious gossip. The news since Homecoming features, first, another letter from Esther **Smith** who reports that J.D. is still with the 1st Bde of the 1st Cav and has seen Don **Bowman**. In the same

**1957**: Jack Gleason as Roger Ramjet.

letter, she notes that Bob **Faulkender** is at Belvoir teaching operations research; Barry **Fox** is back in the Army and is at Huachuca briefly before going to Thailand; and Ed **Wilhelm** is just back safely from VN. Bill **Golden** cut out an article from *Army* which mentions George **O'Grady** as the innovator of a new helicopter gunsight. A long letter from Fletch **Elder** (HHC, 11th Avn Gp) reports that he has seen Jack **Vickers**, Ole **Olson**, "Bagga" **Stein**, and Vel **Varner** who are all affiliated with the 1st Cav along with Dan **DeLany** who is aviating with them. Fletch wrote as he was leaving closely behind Gerry **Galloway** who had left his job as Div G3. Sam **Focer** is with the 11th Cav as the S1, we are told by Liz who is living in Cornwall. Tommy **McDonald's** wife wrote that Tom is in VN with the Signal Bde while the family's in Columbus.

By way of non-Vietnam news: John **Stokes** wrote a long letter about his tour through the States as he went from VN to Germany where he is with the 18th Avn Bn at Hanau. John saw Gordon **Williams** in California. Gordie's on a liaison tour with the Navy; John went through Washington where he saw Bob **Leard** and Charlie **Coates**, Pentagon bachelors. John also reported that John **Witherow** is a broker with Merrill, Lynch, etc., in Menlo Park, Calif., and that Bob **Tener** was leaving Frankfurt for VN.

Rudy **Pataro** also wrote to report that he had returned to Bragg in October but had passed Stu **Wright** in VN who was then coming into the 4th Divarty. Rudy also sent word that Bob **Drudik** is now ADC to Gen. Michaelis. Dick **Morton** sent a note saying that he's now in Rio studying in order to come teach "Geese" here next year—some people! Tom **Runyan's** wife writes they were blessed by the arrival of young Thomas Kirk on 23 Sept; Tom is a resident ophthalmologist at Walter Reed and has won an award for medical illustration. Bill **Seely** wrote from Austin, where he is preparing to be a psych "P," that Charlie **Williams** is at Fort Sam as ADC to Gen. Lincoln. Dick **Pfeiffer** made the *New York Times* of 24 Nov as a participant in the fighting around Dak To.

Christmas card notes were also numerous and much appreciated. Hawk **Conrad** wrote from Tam Ky, RVN, where he is advising. Ed **Quill** also wrote from Bien Hoa where he is "Puffing" and has seen Jack **Farris** and Freddie **Wells** who are at the same field. Ed saw Jim **Kaiser** and Frank **Mastro** at Nha Trang. At Tan Son Nhut, Ed ran into Jerry **Dwyer** and Brad **Bradley** who were incoming, and, at Song Be, he saw Byron **Fitzgerald** who is an Air Ln O. Marge **Edwards** wrote that Dick is with the 4th Inf Div; Jane **Vaughn** did likewise re Norm who is an RF/PF advisor, as did Doris **Hall** re Clancy who is an advisor near Vinh Long, Jeannie **Comeau** re Bob who is Asst Staff JA of the Americal Div, and Sue **Houser** re Parks who is on his second tour, now with the 101st Abn.

Nearer home, Don and Diane **Schafer** are in Duluth; Len and Sandy **Wishart** are at Benning with CDC; Bill and Frances **Burke** are at the Naval War College at Newport; Chico and Jenny **Stone** are studying at Champaign, Ill.; Bill and Cynthia **Davies** are on ROTC duty at Arkadelphia, Ark.; Champ and Pat **Buck** are at Leavenworth as are Don and Nora **Whalen**.

Well, if this amount of poop will not fill the bill, none will. My thanks to each of you who make time to either let us see or hear from you. Esther **Smith** deserves special "mention in dispatches" for her efforts; and, in the first ASSEMBLY with a fold-out, I will recommend her as Pen Pal of the Quarter.

# '58

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Greetings from the land of the curtailed tours (at least for some of us)! Before getting started on the news, I want to thank everyone who sent in cards and letters with poop on themselves and other classmates. Keep up the good work. One word of caution, however, on the timeliness of the news. It

**1958**: Tom Orr receives the BSM from Col. R.B. Pridgen in October near Chu Lai, Vietnam, while serving with the 15th Support Bde.



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1958: Herb Puscheck congratulates ARMY football coach Tom Cahill on his birthday in October following talk at USMA class luncheon. Left to right: Herb, Coach Cahill, Asst Coach Bill Meek, Stew Willis.

takes about three months from the time the article is written until you see it. Most of the news is already two to three months old when received, so what you read is usually six months old; i.e., assignments may have changed, etc.

Jack **Bradshaw** announces that the proposed class constitution was ratified by a vote of more than half the living class membership and that the first class executive committee was duly elected on 11 Oct 67. The chairman is Herb **Puscheck,** and other members include: Bradshaw, Bob **Giuliano,** Gary **Graves,** and Sam **Myers.** This committee is separate from our permanent class officers which, as most of you know, include: Pres, Jack Bradshaw (presently at USMA); VP, Tom **Claffey** (working for Insurance Securities, Inc., in Calif.); Treas, Bin **Barta** (S&F at Fort Sill); Historian, Frank **Waskowicz** (attending C&GSC); and Secy, Tom **Davies** (with the 504th Tac Air Spt Sqdn in SEA).

On with the news. I understand the '58 contingent at USAFA now includes: Chuck **Davis,** Mike **Dugan,** Jim **Chapman,** Frank **Crowley,** Chuck **Hansult,** Joe **Krankel,** Chuck **Mitchell,** Louis **Prime,** Walt **Patterson,** Dick **Price,** and Frank **Wright.**

Frank **Waskowicz** informs me that the following classmates and wives are at Leavenworth: John and Ann **Bradley,** John and Carol **Devens,** Bob and Jo Ann **Dey,** Dale **Cockle,** Pat and Betty **Donovan,** Claude and Anna **Fernandez,** Peter and Pat **Hidalgo,** Pete and Ann **Kusek,** Duff and Maria **Manges,** Bob and Mary Ann **Pointer,** Doug and Linda **Sedgwick,** Joe and Brenda **Shea,** Chuck and Karen **Teeter,** Van and Sue **Van Fleet,** and, of course, Frank and Linda Waskowicz.

1958: Bob Tredwey receives the Purple Heart in October for wounds received while in combat with 11th Armored Cav Regt near Long Giao, Vietnam. Bob has also received the DFC.

### Armor

John **Schneider** returned from VN in November. His last job was S3, 1st Bn, 14th Inf, 3d Bde of the 4th Inf. Div. Besides gaining a wealth of knowledge about airmobile Opns, he had experience with civil affairs and psychological warfare. Fran and the children are with him at Fort Monroe where John is assigned to Hq CONARC. John said Butch **Saint** was S3 of the 1st Sqdn, 1st Cav, at Chu Lai.

### Artillery

In December Mike **Harvey** returned home well-decorated from his second VN tour. His awards include: the DSC, SS, 3 DFC's, and the PH. He was an armed helicopter Trp Comdr (1/9th of the 1st Cav). Mike is presently assigned to OMI, USMA. Other redlegs in VN include: Bob **Finkenaur** (S3, 3d Bn, 319th Arty) and Jack **Burke** who heads a 6-man advisory team about 60 miles north of Saigon. Bob expects to join the ES&GS Dept at USMA this summer.

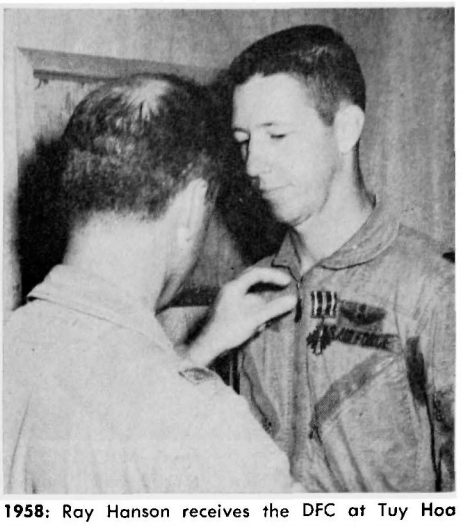
1958: Will Roosma, recently returned from Vietnam, is now the senior Army instructor at Culver Military Academy, Indiana. He received the Legion of Merit for outstanding service during combat in Vietnam with the 196th Lt Inf Bde.

Mike and Myrna **Daley** expect to be in New Mexico until fall. Mike is a physicist in the weapons division of Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. Will **Collett** is the O/S Replacement Comdr at Fort Dix, N.J. His VN tour was with the 5th S/F Gp. Vince and Ann **De Boeser** adopted Thomas Anthony on 15 Dec in New Mexico where Vince is assigned to Sandia Base. Jim and Sue **Kernan** are finishing up a civil schooling tour at Johns Hopkins U. in Baltimore and join the Chemistry Dept at USMA in June.

From the grapevine I hear that Glenn **Lane** is at Fort Bragg, and Wally **Ward** is with Eighth Army Hq in Korea. Bob **Tallgren** stopped by USMA for the Va. game and told me he was attending the TC officer career course at Fort Eustis; he expected a subsequent tour with the USAAV Labs there. He had just returned from a year in VN with the 334th Armed Helicopter Co. at Bien Hoa.

### Chemical Corps

Without the letter from Kelly **Robinson** this article would have been much shorter.



1958: Ray Hanson receives the DFC at Tuy Hoa AB, Vietnam, for heroism as a FAC near Suoi Tre.

He is still with the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory and says, "This tour as a semi-civilian has been a real taste of paradise. Mary has 2 horses, and the children have 2 Great Pyrenees dogs, 8 rabbits, 1 snake, and 50,000 honey bees." Thanks for all the poop on classmates in the New Mexico area, Kelly. If I ever have a strange pet to give away, I'll know where to send it.

### Engineers

Sam **Collins** is the G3 Air officer for the 1st Inf Div at Lai Khe, 40 miles north of Saigon. Joan and the children are spending the year in Moorestown, N.J. I understand John **Hill** is the Engr officer of the 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div.

### Infantry

Bob **Clark** is with the 196th Lt Inf Bde at Chu Lai, and Ron **Turner** is (was) S3 of the 1st Bn, 12th Inf, of the 4th Inf Div. Linc **Jones** was Asst G1 of the 4th but is now with the 3d Bde.

Here in the States Dave **Swanson** is at Fort Campbell after being discharged from Fitzsimmons Hospital. He received a leg injury in VN. Jae **Stanton** is attending the Air Command and Staff College at Montgomery, Ala. Mel **Drisko** and Bill **Buchly** are supposedly with the CDC at Fort Benning, and Dick **Bauchspies** is assigned to the Avn Gp there. Palmer **McGrew** sent me some poop on I-2 files. He has an ROTC assignment at St. John's U. in Collegeville, Minn.

1958: John Schaefer receives the USAF R&D Development award at the Pentagon from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. McConnell. John, who has his Ph.D. in E.E., was cited for his accomplishments in the field of automatic control of aerospace vehicles.



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# '59

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**1958**: A gathering at Donovan's of C&GSC group for the ARMY-Navy game. Standing left to right: Chuck Teeter, Bob Pointer, John Devens, Claude Fernandez, Doug Sedgwick, Pat Donovan, Pete Kusek, Duff Manges, and Mrs, Manges. Sitting: Brenda Shea, Joe Shea, Carol Devens, Linda Waskowicz, Linda Sedgwick, Ann Kusek, Anna Fernandez, Karen Teeter, Maria Manges, Betty Donovan.

### Army Intelligence

Nat **Crow** is in Hawaii with the 500th MI Bn. He sends his best to all and asks that you drop by to see him. It seems he's the only '58er in the area.

### Ordnance

Lorin **Farr** completed a tour with the "Redball Express" office in VN and is presently attending the Msl Center School at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Jay and Jeanie **Levasseur** are in New Mexico where Jay is chief of the nuclear training branch, Field Comd, DASA, at Sandia Base. According to Kelly **Robinson**, "Jay devotes much of his time to tropical fish, orchids, and butterflies. His garage is sort of a jungle with about 15 tanks and tubs of fish, orchids growing from the walls and ceiling, and the entire room full of butterflies in various states of growth." Oh yes, the Levasseurs had number five, Cynthia Noelle. That's my Jay!

### Signal Corps

Clyde **Brown** is with the 1st Sig Bn as Plans Officer. I know the Signal Corps can communicate, so let me hear from you.

### USAF

In ceremonies conducted at Edwards AFB, Jerry **Hoblit** received his 2d SS, the DFC, and other awards for the extremely hazardous missions he flew over North Vietnam. As a "wild weasel" pilot, he often deliberately became a target for missiles in order to protect fighter-bombers. Jerry is now at the USAF Aerospace Research Pilot School. **Ab Abernathy** has also received the DFC for heroism. While an F-105 Thunderbird pilot attacking the Mu Gia Pass, he was shot down and, even though badly burned, directed his own rescue operation.

Bob **Grete** is stationed at Nakhon Phanom, Thailand, and has started a people-to-people program between the local Thais and the residents of Newburgh, N.Y. (Bob was at USMA prior to the tour.) Trinky is assisting in the program of sending clothing and other necessities to the needy Thais. Al **Chase** has received his Master's from Okla. State in mechanical engineering and is now training in the RF-40 (recon version of the F-4) in preparation for a VN tour. Jack and Arlene **Halsey** are still at Lawrence U., Appleton, Wis., where Jack has an AFROTC assignment. He expects orders for VN in the summer. Last but by no means least, I understand Bernie **Card** is still in Japan. Just checking, Bernie.

### Civilian

Tommy (T.K.) **Smith** resigned recently and is now working for an engineering company in St. Paul, Minn. He had served as adjutant of the 18th Engr Bde in VN. Pat and Ann **Kirk** have settled in Portage, Wis., where Pat manages two large "muck" farms (potatoes, carrots, onions, etc.). Pat likes his new job, and they plan to build a home soon. Betsy, Jennifer, and little Ann expect a sister or brother in July. Jack and Dee May are still in Florida in the real estate business and are looking forward to seeing many of you during June Week.

Dave **Parsons** left the seminary and recently married T.K. **Smith**'s sister, Jane, in Minnesota. They plan to work for the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. Bill and Renee **Mathews** live at: 11021 Cordova NE. in Albuquerque, N. Mex., where Bill is manager of the greater New Mexico agency of Fidelity Union Life Insurance Co. They ask classmates in the area to drop by. Bob **Huskinson** is with Kirtland and Packard, a law office in Los Angeles, and hopes to see many of you at the 10th reunion.

Bob **Foster** is attending the College of Law at the U. of Fla. Up the coast, Mike **York** is now with the legal department of Dow Badische Co. in Williamsburg, Va., and Al **Claflin** is working for the AEC in Washington, D.C.

On behalf of the Class I want to express thanks to Bill **Harrison** (ex-'58) for the outstanding contribution he has made to USMA. Bill is the VP of the Kansas City, Kans., West Point Society and has been very active in USMA affairs in that area. He has assisted a great many classmates and done much for the Academy.

Before signing off I want to remind you of the unofficial reunion for June Week 68 (30 May-2 June) and the official reunion during Homecoming Weekend, 11-13 Oct. Army plays California that Saturday. We here at the trade school hope to see you then. Be sure to keep the AOG posted on your most recent address.

Some of you might be interested in knowing that 54% of the Class is still on active duty in the Army, 19% in the Air Force, and 23% are civilians. Sixteen members of the Class are deceased.

That's it for now. Keep all those cards and letters coming in to Rae and me, and take care.

Although Pete **Dawkins** is still looking for a volunteer who will edit the class 10-year book, and Fred **Wilmoth** is still looking, several of us have found things since last issue. Marty **Plassmeyer**, for instance, found a girl, Christine Landroche, who thinks she can put up with him, and the two are planning marriage. Those of us who have not been to VN found, shortly after Christmas, a DA letter informing us that we will indeed go after completing two of our three years at USMA. This last item, of course, has increased the buzz level around here by a few decibels.

The annual election of the class standing

**1959**: Denny Walter receives 1st oak leaf cluster to Air Medal for aerial operations in VN. Presenting the award is Col. Broshous, Head of the Dept of ES&GS. Denny and Yvette are in quarters at West Point.

**1959**: Ed Robinson is awarded the senior aviator's badge by Col. Harry F. Boyle of the Transportation School. Ed and Pat are at Fort Eustis.

**1959**: Bill Schwartz breathing hate at the Navy bonfire rally.



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1959: Class wives model fashions for one another at a fall coffee to welcome new members to West Point. Left to right are Kathy Garcia, Gerry Hilmes, Carol Beach, Nancy Neal, Pat Karl (associate member), and Susan Buell.

committee at West Point found Rush **Yelverton**, Jim McKnight (associate member), and Rod **Ferguson** relinquishing the reins after a successful and commendable year to Jim **Abrahamson**, Pat Kelly (associate member), and Don **Davis**. The standing committee plans, among other things, our social events; and the Homecoming party they arranged at the golf course clubhouse was executed in the highest tradition of '59 socializing. Classmates from off post who joined us included: John **McNerney**, Bob **Rizzi**, Claude **Lynch**, John **Cohan**, Don **Coen**, Chuck **Darby**, Steve **Werbel**, George **Friedel**, Rog **Ware**, Fitz **Chandler**, Norm **Rosner**, Tom **Roberts**, Dar **Boyd**, Bob **Ranalli**, Art **Griffin**, Tom **Leo**, Ron **Templeton**, Ed **Robinson**, Frank **Salvatore**, Paul **Sper**, Connie **Boyle**, Steve **Klein**, Bill **Weber**, Bob **Shapiro**, Guy **Heath**, and Jim **Krulcik**.

None other than our own Bill (Destroy 'Em) **Schwartz** was the featured speaker at the Navy rally, and his diatribe inspired a contingent from the Class to make an assault on Philadelphia. Don **Davis** led a small advance party on Friday because, he said, he knew the location of the finest restaurant in the city. He and his party looked for this restaurant for some time, so the story goes, making a long trek up and down the waterfront. Finally, it is said, the group was informed by one of the local denizens that the very fine restaurant had fallen into the river last year. Typical Artillery-type recon, according to Lou **Hightower**, and the restaurant is now known as Davis's Sunken Treasure. A large party in John **Corby**'s room at the Ben Franklin followed the game, all classmates leaving their own ratholes, I am told, because John had managed to acquire a bridal suite. The group included: John and Bev, Bill and Ellen **Zaldo**, Don and Maddy Davis, Lou and Betty Anne Hightower, Monk **Hilliard**, Harry **Walters** (in from Wisconsin where he works for Kleenex), Chris and Carole **Thudium**, Ollie and Diane **Langford**, Tony and Connie **Pokorny**, Jack and Arlene **Bohman**, and Ron and Arlene **Brass**. The party moved from the hotel to a feast at Bookbinder's, which Davis and company managed to find.

1959: Dick Maglin receiving oak leaf cluster to the Army Commendation Medal for a task force operation in VN from Col. Hughes, CO, 2d Regt, USCC. Dick is a tac and has quarters on post with wife Margaret and the three children.

The **Friedels** write that George changed positions in October. He is now a program director, one who sets up and supervises teaching programs for people in research and development, with the American Management Assn in N.Y.C. He is still going to Newark College of Engineering at night for his Master's in management engineering, a goal which remains about three semesters away. The family lives at: 15 Stephen Terrace, Parsippany, N.J. 07054, and there are three children: George 7, Chuck 5½, and Jeanne 2. George and Barbara, incidentally, would appreciate a current address for both Wayne **Mercer** and Al **Phillips**.

Howie **Stiles** has returned from VN, where he was OpnsO for the 129th Assault Helicopter Co. and then Asst S3 of the 10th Avn Bn. He and George **Day**, another Asst S3, same battalion, helped mastermind support for the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. George returned for R/W instrument training at Hunter Army Airfield (Fort Stewart) and was hoping to become an instructor upon completing the course. Howie is back at Benning as Asst AvnO for the Infantry Center, and from there he sends the following poop. Ed **Netzloff** and Bob **Shain** graduated from the career course in late summer. Ed remained as an instructor at the school and, according to a later report from Howie, relinquished his bachelorhood on 14 Oct. Bob was scheduled for Cobra training at Hunter followed by a return trip to VN. Others working at the Infantry School include: Greek **Johnson**, Engr Comd; Charlie Getz, commanding the Florida Ranger camp, Mike **Duggan**, aerial Empl Comd; and Tex **Turner**, huffing and puffing with the Benning Ranger Comd. Bob **DeMont**, an Armor type, is there with CDC. Three others mentioned by Howie were: Fitz **Chandler**, back from VN and headed for Belvoir as Asst Com of USMA Prep; Ray **Ramsey**, back from VN and scheduled for a job in Washington; and Gil **Roesler**, going back to VN after taking the rotary wing qualification course at Rucker.

Congratulations to Ray and Mandy **Fisher**, who became parents of a new boy, Michael Allen, on 5 Dec. Their first son, Raymond Paul, will be 4 on 13 March. Ray is currently CO, 3d Warrant Officer Candidate Co., at Rucker and writes that quite a clan of '59ers is gathering in the area. Bill **Zierdt** is instructing both flight and ground school portions of the helicopter transition courses. Johnny **Carroll** is with school support, and Wally **Wosicki** is a helicopter instructor's instructor. Darel **Johnson** is a flight commander with the rotary wing department, and Don **Smart** is writing the annual aviator's exam for the Dept of Instruction. All of these, with the exception of Johnny Carroll, are enrolled in the Master of Aerospace Operations Management Program offered by U.S.C. at Rucker. It's two nights a week and a hard way to go to school, says Ray, but a real help in combating the cranial cobwebs.

Other classmates mentioned by Ray included Jerry **Mills**, who is assigned to Hunter, and Larry **Struble**, whom Ray visited last June. Larry was at home at: 3250 Northwest Blvd., Warren, Ohio. Although he was flat on his back, as he has been since he broke his neck in 1963, Ray reports him in good spirits and as worried as the rest of us, at the time, as to when the majors list would be out.

Congrats also to Connie and Buse **Tully** who became proud parents of an 8 lb., 11 oz. girl, Eileen, on 16 Nov. Buse thinks his ROTC assignment at Ohio State is good for another year, as is his current address: Qtrs.

1959: Al Baldwin, looking like an astronautical engineer with the AF Space and Missile Systems Organization. He and Sarah are in Los Angeles.



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18, Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio 43215. And leave us not forget Mark, the first son of Elsa and Rick **Kocienda**, born some time before the arrival of his parents' Christmas card. Rick is still at Belvoir, and the address is: Apt. 411, 5801 Quantrell Ave., Alexandria, Va. 22312.

Charlie **Hayes**, on a recent trip to Minneapolis for Control Data, spoke briefly with Jerry **Lhotak** over breakfast. Jerry is currently a new design manager for the Omni Design Co. Don **Tillar**, here with the Dept of Ordnance, tells me that John **Ruth** is now Far Eastern Division Sales Manager for John Deere Intercontinental. Bruce **Porter** is with the Payne and Weber investment firm in Washington, D.C., and Pete **Keogh** has taken a position with ITT in N.Y.C. Freeman **Howard** is at the medical school of the U. of Kentucky in Lexington and is, I am told, the first RA officer to join the medical corps under a new program that does not require a leave of absence. Dave **Gray** is coming to West Point this summer to join the Dept of Law, the first of our classmates to do that.

Bob and Anne **Rizzi** have two girls, Kathryn Anne and Cheryl Lynne, both in school; and they all live a stone's throw from the Tappan Zee Bridge at: 4 Glenwold Park, Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591. Bob joined the New York Telephone Co. in 1962 as a data processing manager in the Bronx area, and he has since been transferred to the commercial department where he manages something to do with something called "the collection trend." He completed work for his M.B.A. at the Bernard M. Baruch School of Business Administration in June and was hoping to teach at Pace College in Westchester two or three evenings a week beginning this year. Bob writes that Jane and Tom **Leo** have bought a home in Ossining. Tom works for Fisher Body in North Tarrytown.

Wiley and Carol **Harris** are here with Kevin 3, for Wiley's tour with ES&GS. From them comes news of Wiley's A-2 roommates. Louin **Beard** is in Germany with Allison and the three girls, and the address is: ODCS CE Hq USAREUR, APO N.Y. 09403. Rich **Skowronek** is presently in VN with Adv Tm #100, CMD (G3), APO SF 96243. Mickey and the children await his return in September at: 12526 Rosemary Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48213. And Vic **Fernandez**, who returned from VN last June, is an ROTC instructor at Colorado State and lives at: 2637 Avocet Rd., Fort Collins, Colo. 80521.

Joe and Terry **Enright** are in Bloomington, Ind., (P.O. Box 673, ZIP 47401) while Joe works for his Master's in operations research at the Indiana U. School of Business. He will get the degree in January 1969, he says, if he can manage to get by the math P's. The Enrights have two children: Mike 6, and Kristine 5.

# '60

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By the time this is published, we should all have our hats paid for, be paying for the shoulder boards, and have the tails of the leaves pointing outside. At this time of year, WP is beautiful with its gray buildings, gray skies, gray grass, and gray trees. But, signs of spring are coming; even the Gray Ghosts are starting to bloom. Expecting this spring are: Judy **Skinner**, Sheila **Hickman**, Mari Lou Gilbert, and Gladys **Seaward**. Corrine and Bill **Cary** have a new daughter, Sharon, born on 18 Jan, and Tom and Gail

**1960:** John Lenti is awarded the BSM at a ceremony outside Saigon.

**Throckmorton** have a son, Tom Jr., born on 17 Jan.

It seems some other couples took my statistics in the last column seriously. Chuck and Betty **Dwyre** (134 Cambrian View Way, Los Gatos, Calif.) had a baby girl, Michele, in August. The Bob **Burnell**'s had a baby girl, Amy June, also born in August. Paul and Tina **Mandry** were expecting in early January, but the news hasn't reached me yet concerning sex, name, etc. Paul, by the way, is working with a law firm in Manhattan, and they are living on Staten Island.

And now down to business. Following my strict organization, the first letter I come to in the stack is from John **Lenti** (Abn Div Adv Tm, APO SF 96307). He arrived in country last June after the Infantry career course and seems to be enjoying his job. He saw Jim **Dougalas**, who is a Ranger senior advisor; Wally **Crum**, at IV Corps Hq; Bax **Mowery**, sub-sector advisor in II Corps; Dan **Campbell**, aide to the CG of the 173d; and Fred **Johnson**, sub-sector advisor in I Corps. John received the BSM with "V" while advising the 8th Abn Bn and should now be relaxing as G1/4 advisor in Saigon.

Russ **Baldwin** (Hq 1st Sig Bde, APO SF 96384) writes that before arriving in Vietnam he finished his M.S.E.E. at the U. of Arizona. He's now the Secy of the GS and plans to come back to WP in physics. Russ was with Jim **Ramos**, Stan **Hickman**, and Bill **Harnagel** at A.S.U. Jim went to Fort Huachuca, and Stan is here in Mechanics. Bill Harnagel is now at Fort Lee, Va. Bob **Ammerman** is in the Signal Bde Opns Directorate. Bob got his M.S.E.E. from Georgia Tech and is coming back to WP in June. Russ has also seen Phil **Walker**, Asst G3 Advisor in II Corps Area, and Hal **Ladehoff**, who is assigned to a signal group at Long Beach.

Bob **Mills** and bride Gena departed in

**1960:** John Wilkes receives the BSM during ceremonies near Cam Ranh Bay.

October for a 2-year assignment in Korat, Thailand, with the Agency for International Development.

Dave and Edith **Bauer** (2252 NW. 19th Lane, Gainesville, Fla. 32601) write that Dave is teaching juniors in Military Science at the U. of Florida, as is George **Finley**. Fred **Kaiser** and Bob **Rudesill** are ROTC instructors at Auburn; Bill **Martin** is at Vanderbilt; and John **Crump** is at Oklahoma. (If somebody would read this to John and someone would write a letter for him, I'd like to hear from him.) Edith added a footnote. She and Dave have two children; George and Doris Finley have a boy; and John and Juanita Crump have one boy.

Ken and Pat **Richeson** (2094 Donald Drive, Moraga, Calif. 94556) wrote a long newsy letter in sympathy for my lack of news. Ken is attending the U. of Calif. at Berkeley where he's working on an M.S. in political science. They're coming to WP in Social Science in 68 or 69. Ken was at Fort Knox in the tank career course before going to school and writes news of classmates he saw. Ed **Post**, Mike **Mierau**, and Jack **Yeagley** are all CO's in the 1st Air Cav Div. Ed was wounded in the left shoulder last August but returned to duty in September. Bill **Scudder** is a Bn S3 Air in the 1st Cav. He was married last year at Fort Knox, and his wife's name is Kaye. Ken saw Ora "Oz" **Caldwell** in a barber shop when he was heading for MACV. Mike **Plummer** is at the U. of Indiana, and Budge **Parker** is at the U. of Wisconsin. Both are working for an M.S. in P.E. They will be coming to WP in 68 to act as Masters of the Sword, junior grade. Tom **Haycraft** and Joe **Cote** are studying at the Naval Post Graduate School. Jack **Burden** was commanding an armed chopper platoon expecting to deploy to Vietnam when Ken left Knox. Ken asked me to print his telephone number so that classmates can call when passing through. The way things are going now, 379-3392 is going to be a busy number.

Tom and Deane **Veal** (1133 Frayser Blvd. No. 2, Memphis, Tenn. 38127) broke 7½ years of silence with a letter. Tom has been out since December 1965 and began dental school a week later. At present, he's a research fellow doing toothbud transplants from day old mice. He finishes in December 1968; place of practice unknown. Dick **Sutton** also graduated from U. of Tenn. as an M.D. and is interning at Beaumont G.H. in El Paso.

Don and Joyce **Stukel** (1427 Glendale Dr., Fairborn, Ohio) bring a bit of news from the Air Force contingent. Don is assigned to the Aerospace Research Lab at Wright-Patterson AFB and is working on his dissertation in solid state physics. He and Joyce have four children.

Joe and Arlene **Jascewsky** (Liaison Field Det, Box 36, FPO N.Y. 09510) will finish a 3-year tour in London in June. Joe has been with the British Army in the Ministry of Defense in Whitehall. Hank and Sharon **Drewfs** joined this team last August with their two kids. Joe says that Dick **Holleman** is still with I.B.M. on Long Island, and he and Ruth have three children now. Bob and Barbara **Marcinkowski** with two children are in Milwaukee. Bob is working for Ordnance Procurement.

Dick and Jean **Carnaghi** (4104 Zion Ct., Alexandria, Va. 22312) seem to be enjoying DC now that Dick is assigned to the "5-sided funny farm." Dick is with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Pat **Allen** (2721 S. Rita Lane, Temple, Ariz.), like many other wives of the Class, is waiting for D.K.'s return from Vietnam



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where he is Asst G2 with Task Force Oregon. In between caring for the four children, she wrote a long letter. D.K. finished his M.S. in I.E. at A.S.U. in June 67. While he was there Jack **Humes** returned from Cam Ranh Bay and is working on a Master's in June. Bill McFaul got his M.S.C.E. at A.S.U. and is with Hq EASCOM in Korea. Les Beavers was at Bragg last summer before going to Vietnam. He received his Master's in nuclear engineering from Tulane. Doc and Terry **Sutton** had a baby boy in the spring of 1967. This makes four children for the Sutton's. Doc is working for North American Life Insurance Co. in Mobile. They live in Daphne, Ala.

The Homecoming party was quite nice, so I'm told. While looking through my jacket pockets, I found some notes that looked like my handwriting. Tony and Jody **Baker** have four children now and are living in Wayne, Pa. John **Gibbs** is with the ROTC at Montana State U. Bill and Doris **Danforth** and two children are at U.S.C. Bill is finishing an M.S. in mechanics this year. Chuck and Carolyn **Wood** are living in Piscataway, N.J., with one child. Chuck is in systems analysis with A&P. Chuck and Ann **Mandelbaum** gave me a list of people in EOCC at Belvoir. Included in the list are: Glenn **Lehrer**, Tom **Valente**, Bob **Totten**, and Ercole **Barone**. Terry **Rich** is teaching down there. John **Hargrove** gave me his shot record at the party. Before he had a flu shot in October 67, it says here that he transferred from the Air Force back home to the Army. He, wife Barbara, and 2 children are at the Signal career course at Monmouth. The rest of the card is blank. He's in for a jolly time when the medics find out. Jim **Lincoln** is working for an M.B.A. at the U. of Pa. He was married when he got back from Vietnam last year. He and his wife have a son now.

I found out last week (I'm writing this in January, deadline +10 days) that I'm going to VN this summer. Now I'm looking for a "temporary" class Scribe. When Joe **Skinner** and Reed **Bennett** heard that, they decided to go this summer also. I want to thank you all for your response to my request for news. It made me happy when the Editor of the ASSEMBLY told me to write a column, not the whole magazine. Keep the news coming to me at Box 6 this quarter, and the new Scribe will introduce himself next time. I'll certainly enjoy READING it.

I have saved the most difficult and sad part of this column for last. What can a person say to express the loss of Dick **Boyd** and Mike **Field?** Both were KIA in Vietnam and join the growing list of our classmates on the VN memorial plaque in Thayer Hall. Many letters that I received express the loss felt by all of us. Don **Stukel** wrote, "... nothing can fill the void left in a man's heart by the loss of friends and classmates." All of the Class of 1960 join me in sending our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

**1961**: Scenes of a Class party held in Newburgh the night before the Homecoming game.

# '61

**Capt. Robert J. Nicholson**
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West Point is a quiet, shadowy, shell of buildings without the cadets who are all home for the holidays. Hopefully, the Plebes of today will be able to overcome their character defects in some other way and move on to the same illustrious heights to which we of the long, cold, orphaned Christmas of 57 have risen. For those of you who do not know just how progressive USMA is, they now teach fine arts appreciation (couth!) and next year will even be offering biology as an elective.

Phil **Mallory** has sustained serious injuries in Vietnam and is now in Walter Reed Hospital. Both of his arms and legs are broken but not his fierce spirit. I know that he and Sharon would like to hear from you, and you can reach them by writing to Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Jack **Veatch**, Jack **Turnage**, and Mike **Trinkle** have all just returned to Vietnam for tour No. 2. They are in the 11th Inf Bde. Mary Trinkle is making her home in Cornwall and is able to attend some of the class functions here. Frank **Rauch** is in the 101st Divarty, and John **Lawton** (ex-'61) was in the 327th Bde of the 101st but has been med-evacuated with wounds, according to unconfirmed sources. Dick **Skaggs** has extended in RVN for another six months and was home recently in Pratt, Kans., enjoying his free 30-day leave proviso. Paul **Vallely** has departed Fort Benning for Vietnam by way of Fort Bragg and the MATA Course. He expects an assignment as an advisor on this, his second time around. Larry **Butterworth** has just received the CIB for his efforts as a psychological warfare advisor with Advisory Tm 96.

Word filtering northeasterly from Fort Benning is that Jim **Looram** is there in the Training Center, and Dick **Behrenhausen** is an instructor in the Infantry School. Fort Benning was also the setting on 19 Dec when Serge **Olive** took his beautiful bride, Diane. Serge and Diane are now at Fort Dix where he is assigned to the Training Center. Matriculants in the Infantry career course are: **Beckett, Madsen, Vanderbush, Budge, O'Neill, Gilbert, Gabriel, Erhardt, Czuberki, Garens, Parks,** and **Westpheling.** Bob **Chelberg** is now in the Artillery career course at Fort Sill. Pete **Gleichenhaus** is commanding a HAWK Btry at Fort Bliss. His father was a visitor at USMA recently and gave me a handball lesson. Brian **Schultz** is now in the Engineer career course and will be teaching here in the Physics Dept next year.

Al **Hokins** also tossed in the towel recently in Montgomery, Ala., when he married Elsie Faye. They are now at home at Glasgow AFB, Mont., but will head south to Dyess AFB, Tex., in February where Al will get more B-52 crew duty. Another man in blue, Nick **Plodinec**, has just been decorated for meritorious service as a C-141 Starlifter pilot. Warren **Shull**, also of the USAF, is now stationed at Great Falls AFB, Mont.

Sam **Enfield** is working in the ROTC section of Sixth Army Hq in San Francisco. Sam was unanimously elected to serve as the publicity chairman for the local West Point Society. Also filling hardship billets there in Sixth Army Hq are Hank **Van Gorder** and Bruce **Dalgleish.** The latter is the CG's junior aide. Gary **Flack** is the plans officer in the Armor School at Fort Knox. Don **Landry** is at Fort Bragg assigned to an engineer unit but finding himself always on Tdy. (When I saw him he was Tdy to the AUSA convention in Washington.)

Bob **Dunning** is still on the general staff at USAREUR Hq in Heidelberg. During a recent commander's conference there, he saw Ron **Hannon**, who aides the CG of the 4th AD, and Tom **Stone**, who aides the CG



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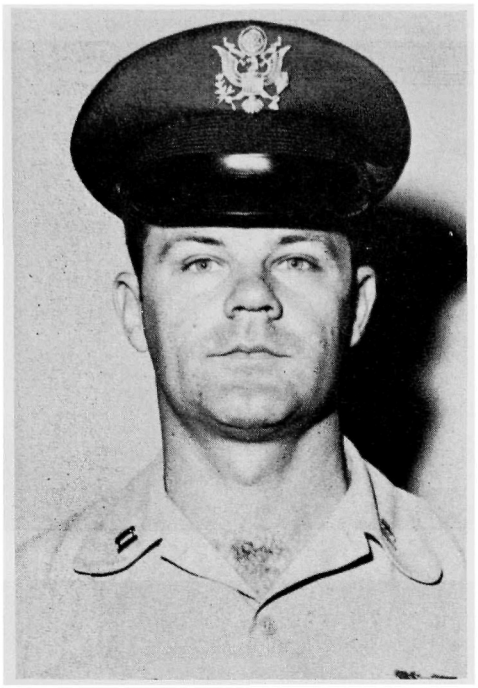


1961: John Sommercamp received eight AM's and the AFCM at ceremonies in Da Nong, Vietnam.

of the 3d Inf Div. Bob **Rosenkranz** is back from RVN and making his home in Philadelphia where he hosted a pre-Navy game cocktail party. Bob is studying English prior to coming back to the USMA English Dept.

The directors of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. of High Point, N.C., have recently elected Hugh **Vaughn** an assistant secretary. Hugh is the head of the mortgage loan department. (Anyone with something to mortgage?) For those who already have their loans, we have several more classmates in the stock brokerage business. John **Skillman** is with Reynolds and Co., in N.Y.C. He says he is the S3 for Reynolds; i.e., he trains the new brokers. John **Grisoni** (ex-'61) is a broker working for Merrill, Lynch, etc., in Morristown, N.J., and Bruce **Shroyer** and Bob **Potts** are both brokers working for R. W. Pressprich and Co., in N.Y.C. Another bon vivant capitalist is John **Finlay** (ex-'61) who has his own electronic sales company in Ridgewood, N.J. John **Kilkenny** has joined Jack **Fischer** as an employee of the Continental Can Co. John and Elaine have a new little Kilkenny whom they have named Shean Michele. The Larry **Stonehams** are now living in Warren, Pa., where Larry works as a civil engineer for the National Forest Service.

Recent reportees to USMA are John **Neiger** and Butch **Robertson.** John works in the Opns Sec, USCC, and Butch teaches in OMI.

The Bob **Kees** have written from their Paris, France, command post. They had a little boy, Robbie, last April who now keeps their girl Kathy company when she is not attending her French nursery school. Bob is studying for his Master's at the Sorbonne and will be coming back to the Foreign Language Dept here. John **McCormick** and Al **Armstrong** are in the same program, and any of these folks can be reached through the American Embassy in Paris.

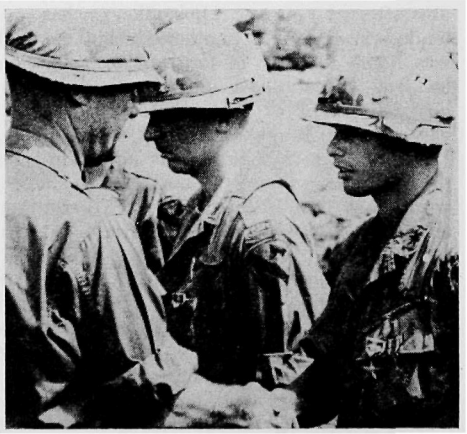
From Harvard comes word that Mick and Madelene **Seidl** have a new little girl, Sarah. From the U. of Pennsylvania comes word that John **Eielson** has been made a member of Alpha Omega Alpha which is the national honorary medical society. He is one of 15 from his class of 125 who have been invited to join. Speaking of good football players, George **Joulwan** is now studying for a Master's at Loyola U. in Chicago. Others in graduate school are Bill **Doherty** and Scott **Dillard.** Bill is at Georgia Tech in mechanical engineering, and Scott is at the U. of Washington studying history.

Seen at the S.M.U. game this fall in Dallas were: Don **Lockey**, Norm **Cunningham**, Don **Dreesbach**, Bob **Harrell**, and John **MacLean.** The latter is now practicing law in Cliburne, Tex.

Bill **Heiberg** got married to Louise O'Meara while in Hawaii on R&R from Vietnam. Bill will be home shortly and returning to Columbia U. until the summer when he comes to West Point.

Dick **Buckner** is at the U. of Wisconsin preparing for his tasks as a P.E. instructor at USMA. Prior to leaving Fort Sill, the I-2 files selected Dick to be their company newsletter editor. Dick has mailed me a copy of his notes, and so here goes on some I-2 troops. Ed **Jones** has resigned from the Air Force and is now attending Harvard Business School in Cambridge. Dave **Price** has received the BSM for services with the 1st Sig Bde in Vietnam. He is now at Fort Monmouth in the USA Communications Systems Agency. Jim **Oaks** is in a 105mm battalion in Vietnam after completing the Artillery career course. Jim has continued his singing and performed in three local productions in the Redstone area before leaving there. Barney **Legge** is at Columbia U. after a tour as an instructor at Fort Sill.

Jim **Goldstine** commands an "A" Detachment in the 5th S/F in Vietnam. Bill **Ogden** is now in the last year of a 3-year training program with G.E. He is currently a contracts administrator in purchasing working out of the jet engine department in Eurndale, Ohio. Tom **Cuthbert** now has an M.S.E. from Princeton and an L.L.B. from the Harvard Law School and works in the JAGC office in the Pentagon. Chuck and Ann **Randolph** have just adopted a young boy they have named William Powell, and he and his 5-year-old sister, Arrington, are getting on wonderfully. Chuck is working for a civilian engineering firm and says that things on the outside are "really opening up." The Frank **Williams** have a new arrival, Cynthia. Frank is in Ohio with the Air Defense. Bruce **Kovac** is now working for I.B.M. in the city and goes to business school at night. Buck **Gaskins** has resigned from the Air Force and is now studying economics at the U. of Michigan. Steve **Walker** has reported for duty at the Redstone Arsenal. Prior to going to Redstone he served as the project officer for the First Class visit to Fort Bliss. Hope



1961: Bob Rosenkranz receiving the BSM and AM at An Khe, Vietnam.

1961: Jack Campbell received the BSM at Long Binh, Vietnam.

things were less unfortunate for Steve than they were for his predecessor in 1960.

Our thanks to the many of you who were so kind in sending Christmas cards. Let us hope that this New Year will bring added success and continued or improved health and happiness to everyone.

I received the following information after this article was written. George **Shamblee** was flying an F-105 on his 60th mission over North Vietnam and was hit by a heat-seeking missile fired from a MIG 21. George managed to limp his plane back over South Vietnam where he bailed out. He is now hospitalized in the Maxwell AFB Hospital with two broken legs. Prissy is there with him, and their address is: Room 12, Wing 4 East, Maxwell AFB Hospital, Montgomery, Ala. 36107.

# '62

**Capt. Thomas P. Hueman**
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Bob **Phillips,** former class Scribe, recently left USMA with his wife Bonnie and new son, Robert Jr., for Fort Knox and the Armor career course. Before leaving, Bob passed the Scribe's quill to me; I hope to wield it as well as Bob did. I'm counting on all of you to continue sending letters so '62 can maintain an interesting and newsy column.

The Class had its 5th Reunion at the Homecoming game with Stanford last fall. The last issue of ASSEMBLY featured Homecoming news, and Marsh **Johnson** highlighted the cover photo with his impressive profile. Present for the Homecoming festivities were: **Stanat, Brogi, Clark,** Russ **DeVries, Warner, Rohrbacher, Starbird, Hueman, Hudak, Christopher, Webb, Stock,** Marsh Johnson, **Stroup, Horton, Broshous, Andress, Brewer, Heigl, Kirby, Fellows, Phillips, Merrell, Culp, Wylie, Windom, Fagan, Menning, Sweet, Higinbotham,** Frank **Miller,** and **Scheewe.** Activities included an important business meeting, the results of which I shall pass on to you now. The Class approved the idea of class officers in residence at USMA. The present resident officers are: Dick Wylie, president; Pat Hueman, vice president and Scribe; Jay Kirby, secretary; and Dave Windom, treasurer. The concept is to retain officers in residence at USMA, since the focal point for



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class business and class assignments will be here for the next 10 years or so.

The establishment of an educational trust fund for children of deceased classmates was also considered. Although everyone present was in favor of establishing the fund, it was realized that all members of the Class should have an opportunity to express their views. In addition, many legal and financial details must be worked out. Therefore, a committee was appointed to determine the response of the entire Class and to settle all financial and legal details. You should be receiving a flyer about the fund soon. However, we must have your present address in order to mail it to you, so write your address on a card and send it to me, or to the AOG, West Point, N.Y. 10996.

### From Vietnam

Bill **Dieal** recently arrived in Vietnam and passed on this information: "As was expected, it's like old homeweek here. I met Bill **Ross** and Jim **Peterson** at the Repl Bn in Bien Hoa. Bill was on orders to I FFV, with no further info available. Jim was in the States long enough to see his daughter Eleanor Charlotte, born on 28 Nov. Bert **Spivey** was also at the Repl Bn, only heading back to CONUS and ETS. George **Lodoen** is the USARV Ln O for the 9th Div. He plans to go to Benning for the career course when he leaves. Bert **Finn** is holding down a slot in the Engineering Div of the 20th Engr Bde in Bien Hoa. He plans to ETS in 5-6 months and go to the U. of Pennsylvania for graduate work. Also in the 20th Engr Bde is Bud **Tinnemeyer**, who is the Asst S3 of the 159th Engr Gp (Const). At Dong Ba Thin, 18th Engr Bde Hq, Steve **West** is the Asst Chief of Opns in the Spt Sec. Dick **Irwin**, Dick **Storat**, and Steve were escort officers for President Johnson when he visited Cam Ranh Bay. From them, I learned that Skip **Campbell** is commanding Co. C, 35th Engr Bn (Combat) north of Qui Nhon. Bob **Greenwalt** is the adjutant of the 84th Engr Bn, and he will be returning to CONUS shortly to ETS. Will **Worthington** has C Co., 20th Engr Bn, in the 937th Gp at Dragon Mountain. I'm told that Steve **Holderness** has now transferred to QMC and is stationed at Dalat with MACV. Bill **Kosco** is with the 1st Cav again, the 8th Engr Bn in An Khe. John **Selby**, newly arrived, will be Asst S3 of the 14th Engr Bn at Dong Ba thin. Walt **Menning** has left for an assignment at the Boston Army Base. Also commanding companies are Dave **Spangler**, Delta Co., 169th Engr Bn, and Kraig **Hansen**, Bravo Co., 93d Engr Bn at Bear Cat, both in the 20th Engr Bde area."

Bill **Daugherty** also found time to take pen in hand and send us a newsletter: "Upon my arrival in the 69th Armor, I found my old B-2 company-mate, Glen **Chadbourne**, holding the S3 Air slot. I was pleasantly surprised to find Glen a happily married man—he married Beth in July 65. When Glen went home in August, he met Glen Jr., born in Nov 66, for the first time. The Chadbournes will reside at Fort Knox where Glen will have an assignment in USATCA. Shortly after arriving, Joe **Nunnelee** dropped by our CP. Joe was a Bde Ln O (4th Inf Div) and had just completed an Infantry company commander assignment, winning a BSM with 'V' I dropped by to see 'Knucks' **Curren** last March. He was a MACV advisor SW. of Pleiku on Hwy 19W. Knucks returned from RVN in August, I believe. While visiting our A Co. at Bong Son with the 1st Cav Div in May, I ran into Thad **Broom**, who was in the Cav Div G3 shop. I was pleased to find Mike **Jones** here commanding Btry A, 3/19 Arty (173d). Dave **Riggs** returned from Korea in July, and the Riggses are now in Switzerland for two years. Dave will be an instructor in the Dept of Social Sciences when he finishes school. Upon my return in January, I'll begin my delayed schooling. I'm scheduled to return to West Point in July 69 as a Spanish instructor. Fred **Gorden** and Tom **Fintel** will be joining us in Spain if all goes as planned. So, there will be three of us '62—types attending the U. of Madrid in 68-69."

I am saddened to report that Mike **Crabtree** was killed in Vietnam last November. Mike was well known throughout the Class, and many were numbered among his personal friends. I know that each one of you joins me in extending our sympathy to Mike's parents and to his widow Lynne. The memorial services were held at West Point. A special flight from Benning allowed many of Mike's friends to attend. Present for the services were: **Andress, Bartelme, Blundell, Blumhardt, Burns, Butzer, Carroll, Dargle, Douglas, Gavan, Harrison, Higinbotham, Hillyard, Hueman, Johnson, Kirby, LaRoque, Pearson, Phillips, Pryor, Robbins, Shaw, Shutes, Smith, Snider, Stanat, Warner, Windom, Wuerpel,** and **Wylie.** Rather than having flowers sent, Lynne Crabtree requested that donations be sent to the class educational fund. As a result, we now have a $200 start for the fund.

Mike **Casp** was also killed in Vietnam last November. I have few details regarding his death, except that he was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. All who knew Mike are bereaved at his loss and extend heartfelt sympathy to Mike's parents and relatives.

Fred **Bothwell** writes that he is S3 Air, 2d Bde, 4th Div. His wife Pat and two children are staying in West Caldwell, N.J.

Rog **Franke** sent a D-2 newsletter from Fort Sill, containing these RVN tidbits: Tom **Slaggie** is S4 and Service Btry Comdr of 3/6th Arty, located in Pleiku with the 52d Gp. Jerry **Tysver** was sent to II FFV, RVN, after having submitted his resignation papers. Keith **Adams** is with the S1 section, 12th Avn Gp, after 7 months crashing HUEY's with the 173d Aslt Avn Co. Janet **Slater** writes that Duane is with MACV as an advisor.

### From Knox

Bob **Phillips** fired a letter back to USMA as soon as he arrived at Armor heaven. He is now harassing instructors in AOAC #3, along with Ernie **Webb** and Steve **Arnold.** Bob writes further that Dave **Moore** is at Ohio State, taking a political science course. John **Dilley** is also at O.S.U., in operations research.

### From Benning

Ralph **Burr** sent a letter and Navy rally pictures from Benning. Attending the advanced course with Ralph are: **Downing, Kirschenbauer, Hilton, Byers, Winkler, Flint,** Shaw, Doug **Taylor, Franke, Handy, Nunnelee, Malley, Parker, Douglas,** Marsh **Johnson, Blumhardt, Blundell, Gavan, Harrison, Bartelme, Hillyard, Carroll, Burns, Dargle, Higinbotham, Larsen,** Bill **Smith, Warner, Wuerpel, LaRoque,** and **McKay.**

### From Bragg

Jeff **Withers** is serving as aide to the CG, 82d Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg. Jeff noted the paucity of class news from Bragg and decided to remedy the situation:

Wife-Leslie, daughter-Jennifer (3 mos.), and I are enjoying my second tour with the 82d Airborne Division. I am serving as aide to the CG and expect to attend the Infantry officers career course in September after two years with the division. John **Jones** just

**1962:** At the Class of '62 ARMY-Navy game party at Fort Benning on 1 Dec. Left to right (1st Regiment files): Sam and Kay Wasaff, Roger and Karin Hilton, Mae and Jack Byers, June and John Winkler, Jan and Ed Sprague, and Kathy and Den Flint.



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**1962:** Also at the class ARMY-Navy game party at Fort Benning. Left to right (2d Regiment files): Charlie and Rosalie Shaw, the T.R. Davises, Doug Taylor and date, P.O. and Jerry Kelly, Jack Frank, the Marlin Schmidts, Marilyn and George Handy, Joan and Joe Nunnelee, Karen and George Kirschenbauer, Judy and Jim Malley, Karen and Bill White, Tatjana and Wayne Parker, Ann and Charlie Murray, Noel and Ralph Burr, Sandy and Bob Douglas, and Marsh Johnson.

left his battery in the 82d Divarty for the MATA course on post. He expects to report to MACV in May and serve as an artillery battalion advisor in the II Corps area. Wife-Sue and daughter-Jody Lynn (1 yr) will stay in their new house in Fayetteville during John's absence. Jim **Spencer** is still a bachelor and is commanding an Infantry company in the division. He has orders for the April Infantry officers career course along with Bill **Boozer.** Bill just turned over his Infantry company and is now a battalion S3. Barbara and Wendy (2 yrs) are the two beautiful girls in Bill's life. Bob **Tarbet** is the division special projects officer. His biggest "special project" is to take command of a troop in the division's cavalry squadron in the near future. Beverly and Jennifer (3½ yrs) keep humming "Gary Owen" in the background. Bob **Lilley**, wife "Cooky," and children Lisa (3 yrs) and Bobby (1½ yrs) started the new year right by being assigned to the 82d. Bob commands a company in the signal battalion and expects an assignment to the Ivory Coast (FAST program) in August. Two classmates at Bragg are not with the 82d Airborne Division. Bob **Goode** is the XO of the Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights" (somebody should tell OPO about this!). Diana is Bob's wife, and although I haven't met her yet, I have heard a report that she's definitely 3.0. Johnny **Walker,** Jan, and young Bobbie (16 mos.) are assigned to the Army Training Center. Johnny commands a basic training company "seven days a week." He expects orders for Vietnam after Pathfinder school in March. Other news items from outside Fort Bragg: John and Karen **Mumford** are the toast of Redstone Arsenal where John is still aide to the CG of the Army Missile Command. John and Marty **Ulmer** are both students at the University of Tennessee. John is working on his Master's in urban planning as a civilian. Ted Stroup is finishing up the Engineer officers career course and will then report to West Point as a company tactical officer. He has his yellow gloves and is already practicing writing red "H's" (held report) on all incoming paperwork.

### From Elsewhere

I occasionally receive press releases through the AOG office. Some interesting notes:

Chuck **Hertel** received the SS for his actions near Long Giao as a company commander in the 11th Armd Cav Regt. Joe **Simoneaux** is the commander of the 15th Engr Co. located near Pleiku. Norm **Grahn** is serving as an advisor near Duc Hoa, and Jim **Mount** is also an advisor, near Xuan Loc.

"Crash" **Calhoun** finally bit the dust—he married a lovely lady named Gail last fall. Congratulations, Gail and Bill! John **Novotny** and his wife Suzy were scheduled for the Berlin Comd. Bob and Judy **Weinfurter** are at Bliss; Bob is in the HAM Dept at the Air Defense School.

Jeff **Alt** resigned last summer and is currently working for a Master's in industrial administration at Purdue. He and Sue now have two children: Scott 4, and Karin 2. Tom **Brewer** resigned last December and is now a sales engineer for Caterpillar in Peoria, Illinois. He and Jill have two children, Blaik and Searlett.

Julie **Keuker** writes that Chris is now retired and in the VA Hospital at Syracuse, N.Y. He may be on his feet soon, and his memory is getting much better. Chris can now carry on a normal conversation, so a surprise visit by anyone passing through the Syracuse area would be greatly appreciated by both Julie and Chris.

Paul **Kelly** was in school at Keesler AFB before reporting to the Pentagon in February. Todd **Stong** is plans and programs officer for Hq Co., U.S. Army Element, Sandia Base, N. Mex. Tom **Mennie** is in the Transportation advanced course at Fort Eustis. Jerry **Janicke** is studying missile range technology in an AFIT-sponsored program at Patrick AFB, Fla. Erv **Kamm** is a plans officer for ARADCOM Hq at Ent AFB, Colo.

Bob **Reid** wrote from N.C. State in Raleigh, where he is studying nuclear engineering. He and his wife Dolly will continue to enjoy the collegiate life until Bob reports to the Physics Dept at USMA in June. Frank **Miller** is also at N.C. State; John **Bode** got a disability retirement and is now studying law at the U. of North Carolina.

As a closing reminder, drop me a note with news from your area. Or, if you can't find the time, just drop a post card in the mailbox with your current address. You will want to take part in decisions about class business, and we need your address to keep you informed!

## '63

**Capt. Clovis O. LaFond**
**5001 Seminary Road, #1220**
**Alexandria, Va. 22311**

It's mail call time again; please note the latest change of address for this Scribe. I am now teaching infantry tactics at the Engineer School; Bob "Stretch" **Foley** and I share the same office.

Vietnam seems to be the most populated area at this time for '63, so let's start there. George L. **Moses** commands B Btry, 5th Bn, 27 Arty; he picked up an ARCOM for his outstanding performance of duty at his last assignment at Fort Benning. Bob **Burita** is at Cam Ranh Bay as a munitions officer for the Air Force. Paul T. **Brownback** is assigned to the Secretary of the General Staff, at Hq Co., Spt Comd. Jerry **Harrison** commands Btry B, 2d Bn, 320th Arty, 101st Abn. Arthur W. **Hall** zooms out of Phan Rang in F-100 Super Sabres. Tim **McCarver** is with the Special Forces at Can Tho; Tim and Sandy are proud parents of a son Stewart Craig, born on 7 Nov 67. Larry **Capps** is CO, 40th Ordnance Co. in Long Binh. Joe **Almaguer** is now aide to Maj. Gen. Eckhart at II Field Forces. Chuck **Schmidt** is with the 11th ACR. Received a Christmas card from Ray **Ong**; seems that he *is* in good health but still in RVN with the detachment from the Philippine army. Noel **Brown** has a new son, Noel Andrew II, born 26 Oct 67 at West Point. Noel is currently with the ARVN rangers at Trung Lap. Al **LaVoy** and his AC were credited with downing a MIG—good shooting, Al!

Mike and Betty Rose **Bowers** are now stationed at Lindsey Air Station, Wiesbaden, Germany. Roy and Pam **Bagby** are here at Fort Myer. Sandy **White** has left the Air Force for civilian life and is studying law in New York; his address is: 309 Stewart St., Ithaca, N.Y. 14850. Was sorry to hear that Jack and Vi **O'Donnell** lost their first child, Sammy, soon after birth; Jack is currently stationed at Sill. Palmer **Haines**, Don **Fuller**, and Olen **Earnest** are now flight instructors at Rucker. Bill and Carole **Kelley** are with the Engineers at Fort Sheridan; they will be heading for the career course at Belvoir in April. Marty **Ischinger** is working for the G3 at Fort Leonard Wood. Bob **Trucksa** is still at the U. of Illinois Veterinary School. Julie and Bob **Scheidig** announce the arrival of a son Robert Welter on 23 Oct 67. Bob is with the ROTC detachment at The Citadel. Tom **Griffin** has returned from Vietnam and is currently at Camp Hunter Liggett, Calif. Jerry **Nakashima** teaches ROTC at the U. of Illinois in Champaign.

Today's mail brings sad tidings—James L. **Blackwell** Jr. was killed in action on 17 Oct 67. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

## '65

**Capt. Grant L. Fredricks**
**244 East Adams Street**
**Long Beach, Calif. 90805**

Our thanks to Frank **Hennessee** for his writing efforts these past two years in compiling our class Notes. He reluctantly passed the pen to me here at Stanford U. on his way to the 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div. He leaves Cam and new, red-haired, blue-eyed daughter, Rachael, in Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

### Vietnam

Bob **Radcliffe** writes from Hq, 1st Bde, 1st Air Cav Div and reports that he and his wife Julie have a son Gregory Ray. Bob expects to go to the ATC at Fort Gordon, Ga., shortly. Also with the 1st Cav are: Mike **Berdy** and Bill **Birdseye** with the 2/8th Cav; Steve **Darrah** flying gunships with Co. D, 229th Avn Bn; Gene **Farmelo**, signal officer with 1/5th Cav; Ray **Hawkins**, 13th Signal Bn; Art **Mark**, S1 of 1/12th Cav, extending for the 101st; Jerry **Merges**, HHC, 1st Cav; Mike **Momcilovich**, aviator with A Trp, 1/9 Cav; John **Pickler**, Arty Ln O to 2/8th Cav; Chris **Spire**, HHC 1st Cav; John **McCullough**, 8th Engr Bn; John **Seymour**, FO with 5/7th Cav; and Jamie **Bryan**, 1/8th Cav. Bob also writes that Ron **Riley** won the DSC with the 1/5th Cav.



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Pat **O'Connor** brings us up-to-date on the 101st. He and Buddy **Bucha** are with the 3/187th Inf, Pat an Arty Ln O and Buddy a Co. CO. Others with the screaming eagles are: John **Mogan**, BC with 321st Arty; Bob **Bradley**, 2/327th Inf; Fred **Smith**; Zig **Roebuck**; Denny **Brewer**; Duncan **MacVicar**; and Jim **Scheiner**. Pat also writes that Bob **Cato**, with MACV, is doing well.

A newsy letter from Sue **Erbes**, living in Cornwall-on-Hudson, tells of the activities of husband Don, John **Alger**, Bill **Beinlich**, Wes **Taylor**, John **Johnson**, Ernie **Westpheling**, and Ed **Klink** with the Vietnamese Abn Div. Alger is the S1, and the rest are assistant battalion advisors. Westpheling is nearing the end of almost two continuous years of VN duty after two extensions. John **Johnson**, in Japan recuperating from hepatitis, and wife Mary are proud parents of a daughter Martha born on 4 Nov 1967. Sue and Don have a daughter Sherri.

Ann **Kosciusko** writes from Grofton, Mass., that husband Joe is now flying F-4C Phantoms out of Danang AFB. He is expected to complete 100 missions by 7 March and then be reassigned to Homestead AFB, Fla., in April.

Bob **Baldinger**, a deputy advisor for Hoa Hao Regional Forces Bn, MACV, has orders to the Engineer career course in April. He writes that Fred **Belanger**, Barre **Bernier**, and Sonny **Arkangel** are with MACV in IV Corp area.

Other classmates in RVN include: Larry **Konermann**, CO of 4th Pathfinder Det, 4th Inf Div; Dan **Steinwald**, 6/29th Arty, 4th Inf Div; Jon **Scobie**, 1/77th Arty, who was awarded a BSM with "V" on 29 Sept; Marv **Jeffcoat**, awarded the SS; Wes **Taylor**, who was married last June; Mike **Connor**, who leaves wife Reg at Fort Myer; Bud **Fish**, who leaves Judy at Cornwall-on-Hudson; and Ed **Sharkness**.

### Germany

Dave **Hopkins**, recently married, is a NIKE-HERCULES Btry CO. George **Menninger** and wife Joan are with Hq Co., 8th Inf Div; and Lee and Elizabeth are paying the troops with the 39th Finance Sec near Hanau. Gil and Jinny **Curl** are parents of a daughter Julie.

### CONUS

Tom **Johnson**, studying physics at the U. of Calif., writes offering to host classmates en route to and from the Far East. He welcomes bachelors or couples and offers transportation, housing, or just information. His address is: 1480 Creekside Dr., Apt. A210, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94596; phone: 933-3158. He's located just outside Oakland. Tom mentions that Rick and Alice **Osgood** have a son Rick Jr., and the Glenn **Doughtys**, doing laser research at Kirtland, have a new daughter.

Howard and Betsy **Reed** write from the 7th Engr Bn at Fort Carson where Howard is S1. Kent and Sherri **Brown** are there also.

Ray **Schaltenbrand**, now in the QM Corps, is in a jump slot at Fort Lee; Tony **Livic**, with his shiney new silver wings, is with SAC at Beale AFB, Calif.; and Cookie **Leverett**, having just recently received his M.S. from the U. of Illinois, and wife Gloria are with the 15th Engr Bn, 1st Armd Div, at Fort Hood. Rumor also has it that Jim **Airy** not only picked up his M.S. at Stanford in June but also managed to find a Stanford wife. Lynn and Joe **DeFrancisco** are parents of a son Eric; George and Carol **Bell** are at Fort Benjamin Harrison where George is attending AG school; and Bob **Guy** and wife Joanne are with the Ranger Dept at Fort *Benning*.

### In Memorium

We are all saddened by the deaths of three more of our very best. Bob **Arvin's** brilliant future was cut unmercifully short when he was killed in a search and destroy mission being conducted by the Vietnamese 7th Abn Bn, to which he was an advisor. He was buried at West Point. Classmates in attendance at the funeral included: Dan **Christman** from Princeton; Maralee and Fred **Laughlin**, en route to Fort Myers; Chuck **Moseley**, who presented the flag to Lynnsey; and Sue **Erbes**. Bob was awarded the SS, the BSM, and a Vietnamese medal posthumously. Pat **O'Toole's** and Bob **Lee's** deaths are both reported in the *Army Times*. Bob, Pat, and Bob are gone, but their memories will live on with us all. The Class extends its deepest sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Arvin and Bob's wife, Lynnsey, who remains in Ypsilanti teaching school, and to Pat's and Bob's parents and families.

Jim **Gardner**, a former classmate, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for heroic action at My Canh village where he personally destroyed 5 enemy bunkers with rifle fire and hand grenades, the last after being mortally wounded. His widow Joella received the award in Washington.

The Class of 1965 is now represented in the USMA library ring display with the donation of Spot **DeWitt's** ring by his parents. The ring joins those of other classes on the first floor of the library near the main entrance.

The Forest View Memorial Veterinary Clinic, Angora, Minn., has been established as a memorial to Chet **Myers** by his sister Dr. Margo Myers. Chet's mother, Mrs. Chester Myers, writes that classmates and friends would be most welcome.

That's all for now. Send news. My thanks to you wives; without your letters this column would have been mighty slim. Keep up the good work.

## '66

**Lt. Michael J. Higgins**
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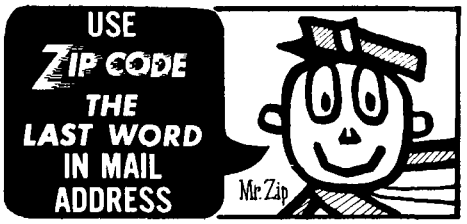
**Waltham, Mass. 02154**

I can not express the deep sense of sorrow and loss that I feel as I write this article. I have postponed its preparation for nearly a month and might have done so indefinitely if it were not for the realization that we certainly owe this, and so very much more, to those members of our Class who have given their lives for the principles and beliefs we hold dear. I wish to express the sincerest sympathy of our Class to the wives and families of Buck **Thompson** and Pete **Lantz**. Both were killed in action at Dak To —Buck on 19 Nov, and Pete on 23 Nov. Funeral services for both were held at West Point, and several classmates attended. Their loss will be deeply felt by all of us, and their memories cherished by all who knew them. Our prayers go with them and their families. May God keep and love them as they did Him.

I have very little information to relay and would like to remind you to write somewhat more frequently to Class Scribe 1966, AOG. I did receive a letter from John **Eberle**, and he provided some news. John, by the way, received the BSM for heroism in combat during an engagement with an NVA unit on 24 Sept 67. At the time he was XO of Trp G, 2d Sqdn, 11th ACR. He is presently with the 9th Inf Div where he replaced Jack **Marshall** as aide to Gen. **Roseborough** (Rosy's Dad). Jon **Loftheim** took Lynne **Hunt's** place as aide to Gen. **O'Connor** (Bill's Dad). Howie **Kirk**, Phil **Riley**, Dick **Doty**, Rick **Gorski**, Jim **Gleason**, and Doc **Crants** are all aides in VN. Phil received the PH for wounds incurred when a grenade was tossed into his tank. John **Hoskins** and Ken **Waylonis** both extended in VN, and Art **Parker** and Jim **Suhay** are advisors, Jim with a Ranger battalion and Art with an Abn battalion.




Also in VN are: Abney **Smith**, John **Burger**, Jim **Parker**, Gene **Atkinson**, Jim **White**, Mike **Collmeyer**, Ed **Cattron**, and Jim **Dickens**. George **Utter** is at present involved in long range reconnaissance patrols in VN. Dave **Crowell**, Bob **Kesmodel**, and Jack **Norris** will be in VN shortly as advisors, along with Bob **Albright**. Also headed for SEA are Bill **Sullivan** (11th ACR) and "Chugger" **Coats** (1st Inf Div). Mike **Fry**, Larry **Hansen**, and Bill **Rennagel** are in the U.S. recovering from wounds (no details).

Ken **Carlson** (tall one) is an aide in Berlin and complains about all the parties —tough life! Tom and Jo **Miller** are enjoying Germany, as are John and Mary **Ford**. The Fords have a little boy, John A. Also in Germany are Chuck and Jan **Hiller**; they are awaiting the arrival of a little Hiller. Mike **Mewhinney** and his wife live close by. Dave and Barb **Seibel** are still there along with their son Kevin Lars.

John A. **Ford** is on the staff of the 101st Abn RECONDO School. Graduate school is now complete for those of us at M.I.T. Rick **Sonstelie** and Bill **Kakel** will be going to the 82d after the Ranger and Abn courses. Jim **Doyle** is headed for Hood after Signal basic and Ranger. Rich and Barb **Hlista** (married in August) will be going to Leonard Wood after Ranger. Jan and I have orders for Germany in August; meantime I'll be at Signal basic and Ranger. Dagmar **Lantz** is staying with us for awhile and contributed greatly to this column. I am the gratis babysitter for her daughter Kris and our own Kate, of course. Wayne and Judy **Poage** have an addition also, Russell Scott. They are at Knox for the present. Ron **Carpenter** and Jerry **Prem** are going to flight school (both rotary wing), and Bill **Payne** received his wings upon graduation from Williams AFB, Ariz. He will be assigned to MacDill AFB, Fla., after specialized air crew training.

As you can see, I had more info than I realized. Still, it is rather sketchy, and it would help if correspondence with the AOG increased. Also, a class Scribe is needed, and I would suggest interested people write to the Association. I presume Norm **Fretwell** will make the final appointment. Save your money; we have to buy those captain bars in June.

Writing to the AOG from Fort Bragg where he is with Co. B, 2d Bn, 325th Inf, Bob **Seigle** says:

At Fort Bragg, Billie and Don Rose received orders to Vietnam; Dianne and Joe **Calek** are doing very well as aides to the ADC of the 82d Abn Div; Carol and Gene



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**Driscoll** have just arrived from Gene's duty in Thailand; and Bonnie and Bob **Seigle** and Carol Ann and Welch **Agnew** are leaving for fixed wing flight school in March. Sue and Tom **Garrett** leave soon for Vietnam.

Those who recently left Fort Bragg for advisor duty in Vietnam include: Connie and Art **Parker** III, with Art IV; Lynn and Dave **Wilson** with Christopher; Madie and Sam **Wrightson** with one on the way; Jeanne and Frank **McGoogan** with one on the way; (good work, fellas); Mary and Emmitt **Gibson**; and Emily and Rich **Tarpley**.

Mariann and Ed **Johnson** are aides at Fort Monroe, Va.; Joan and Dave **Arthur** and son are aides to the CG, 24th Inf Div in Germany. Bob **Kesmodel** is a CO in Panama; Gert and Wes **Clark** will leave Oxford, England, in July 1968, and Wes gets his much deserved chance at Ranger School. Cheryl and Keith **Markey** are awaiting the arrival of a son (?) in Germany. Jean and John **Geiger** are still in Germany. Bill **Rennagel** recently returned from Vietnam and is slated for civilian school and an instructor's position at West Point.

News from Vietnam finds Vardell **Nesmith** an XO in the 1st Air Cav Div waiting to return to Cathe in June, and Al **Nason** is Asst Advisor to the 4th Vietnam Ranger Group. Al's wife Susan and son Michael are awaiting his return in Warrenton, Va.

Finally a late message from the class president Norm **Fretwell**: "The last few months have found a great many of our Class treading the hills of the Republic of South Vietnam. Along with the striking accomplishments we have achieved, however, has been the last farewell of many comrades. To all those who will be unable to join with us again, our most reverent praise is due.

"I have recently learned of the death of Richard "Buck" **Thompson**, our class historian. Until our first reunion when a permanent successor can be elected I have appointed William F. **Hughes** to temporarily fill the position. To keep all of us current on other's activities across the country and the world, please drop Bill a note at his present address:

Lt. William F. Hughes
HHC 2d Bn (Abn), 327th Inf
1st Bde, 101st Abn Div
APO San Francisco 96347".

## '67

**Lt. Henry J. Berthelot**
**1335C Wickham Street**
**Schofield Barracks, Hawaii 96786**

There can be no doubt in our military minds now—we are full-fledged alumni. For some, graduation was a beginning; for others, it was a blessing.

It seems that any resemblance of assignments chosen in good ole South Auditorium to present assignments is purely coincidental. One thing is almost certain, however; a majority of us will cross paths in Vietnam within the next year.

It was with sadness that I received a letter telling of the death of George **Perkins**. George was killed on 9 Nov in an automobile accident, while en route to his home from Ranger school.

While at Eglin, I received a letter from Jack **Obert** and Bruce **Baccei**, who had just completed Ranger school. They were adjusting to the normal workday of the Signal Corps school and getting a great deal of elbow exercise at the Fort Gordon O. club. To make it a party, we can throw in their roommates, Bert **Hutchinson** and Ray **Horton**.

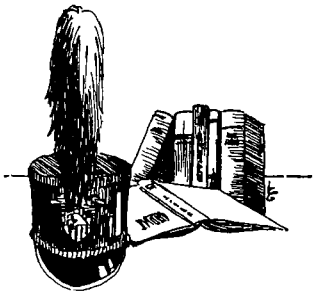
Wedding bells rang on 27 Dec for Chuck **Thomas** and Sally Downing, in Las Cruces, N. Mex. Sally is the sister of Maj. E. J. Downing, Class of '58.

Heard, too, that Aaron **Coe** became engaged Christmas and plans a July wedding.

While attending a New Year's Eve party at the home of Bob and Vicky **Griffin**, LaVon and I met Chuck **Costanza** and his recent bride Myra and Bob **McEldowney**.

There was a bachelor's party at the Schofield Barracks O. club for Ace **Clark**, who was getting married on 13 Jan in Honolulu. Among those attending were: Don **Albers**, Chuck **Costanza**, Bill **Groman**, Joe **Pena**, Joe **Hardin**, and myself.

Any photos, newspaper clippings, or articles regarding our Class that you could furnish should be sent to me or to the Association of Graduates. So let's get the correspondence going; in the next issue we want to be brought up-to-date on you.





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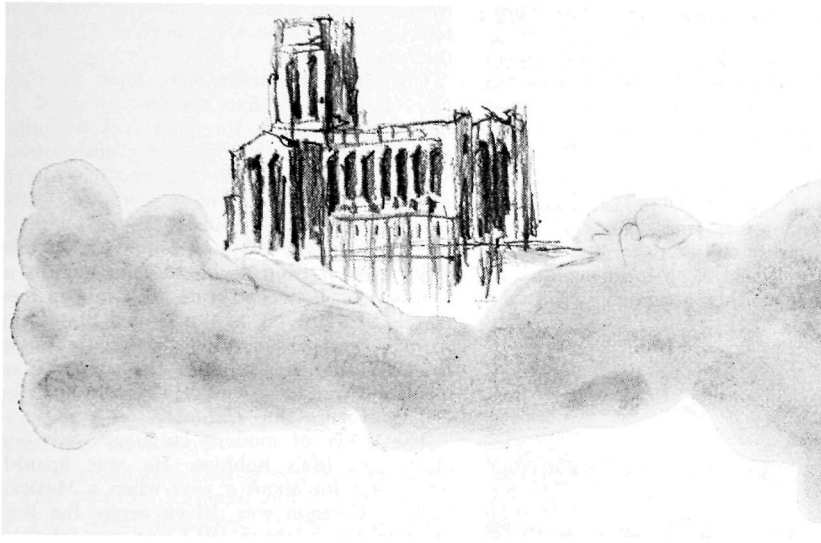
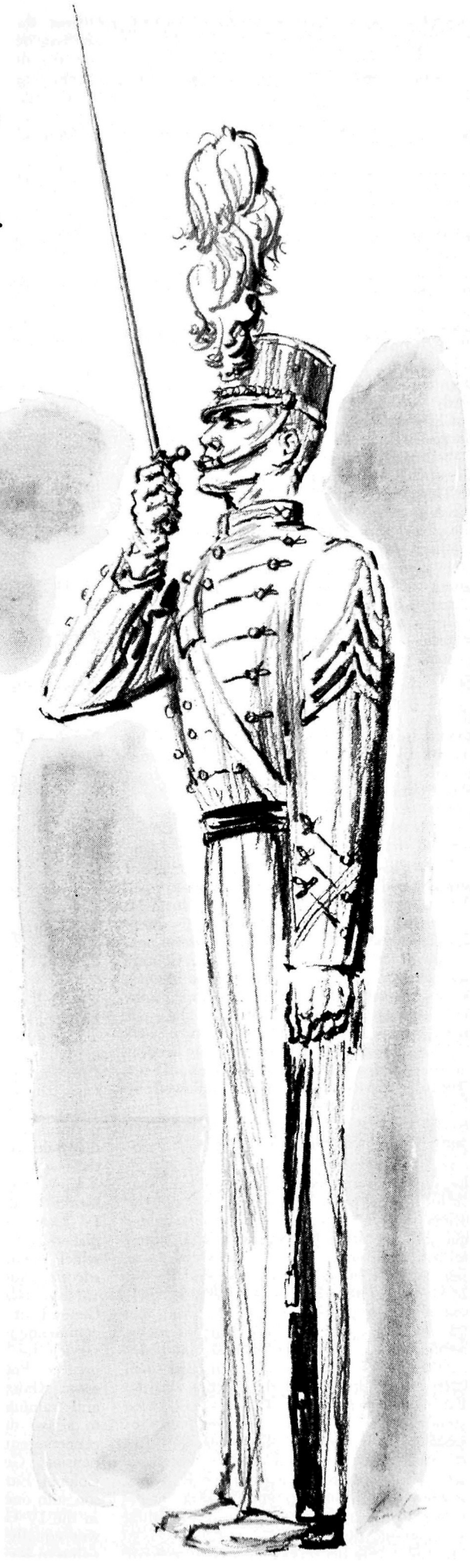
# Be Thou At Peace

**We, sons of today, we salute you—You, sons of an earlier day.**
**We follow, close order, behind you, Where you have pointed the way.**





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## Clifford Cabell Early

NO. 4417 CLASS OF 1905

Died 11 April 1967 at Atlanta, Georgia, aged 84 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO COMPRESS the story of Clifford Cabell Early's life within the limits of a memorial article for ASSEMBLY is confronted with a deep feeling of futility. Early in his life, Clifford learned the secret of living greatly. Perhaps he inherited that gift from his illustrious ancestors, for on both sides of his family he was descended from distinguished Virginia families. His nickname, Jubal, came to him from his great-uncle, the famous Confederate General, Jubal A. Early.

Clifford Cabell Early was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, on 9 April 1883. His father, Cabell Early, fought as a boy of fifteen in General Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army at Gettysburg and later was a member of the heroic V.M.I. battalion which fought in the battle of Newmarket, Virginia. His mother, Mary Cabell Early, was equally well known, for she was an authoress of the early group of Virginia writers who emerged after General Lee's surrender. The Cabell family included among its members prominent statesmen and scholars who played an important part, not only in the history of Virginia, but in our national history as well.

Clifford entered West Point in June 1901 through competitive examination, and very soon thereafter his interest in athletics and his remarkable feats of "rough riding" endeared him to his classmates. He could jump from the ground and sail over the backs of three horses to land standing up on the back of the fourth horse as the horses, at a gallop, jumped over the hurdles.

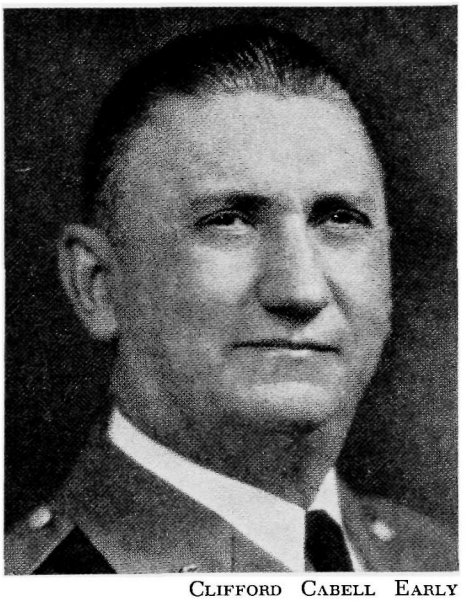
Upon his graduation in 1905, Clifford joined the 20th Infantry and remained with it for nine years, shuttling back and forth on interesting assignments, including a year in the Philippines, followed by a three-year station at the Presidio of Monterey, California, and another tour in the Philippines, where he spent two years making topographical maps on the island of Luzon. The regiment returned to the States for two years at Fort Douglas, Utah, followed by a year on the Mexican border at El Paso, Texas. Clifford's service in Texas was followed by three years with the 15th Infantry in Tientsin, China, where he remained until the United States entered World War I.

In spite of these many changes of station, the same reports always filtered back, that Clifford was well liked, not only by the officers over him, but also by the men under him. Shortly after his return to the States, he was transferred to the War Department General Staff to serve under General Peyton C. March for the duration of the war. Clifford played a prominent role in solving the difficult problems connected with our mobilization, troop shipments overseas, and demobilization of an army of four million men. After demobilization, Early's detail on the War Department General Staff was twice extended. The Director of Operations, requesting Early, wrote: "In order that full advantage may be taken of the lessons of this war, it is desired that Major Early be assigned to working up and writing monographs covering the operations of handling these various problems."

It was during his service as a General Staff Officer that Clifford married Miss Harriet Harman on 9 April 1921. She, like Clifford, was the descendant of many generations of prominent Virginians and was greatly beloved both in Army and civilian circles.

Clifford's tour in Washington with the General Staff was followed by another series of short but interesting assignments: eighteen months with the 16th Infantry at Camp Dix, a year at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, and a year at the Command and General Staff School. His graduation from these two schools opened the way for a very happy five year assignment as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the North Carolina State College of Engineering at Raleigh. His work there with the students and his popularity with the faculty were so noteworthy that he was highly commended by the Commanding Generals of the IV Corps Area.

Again Clifford was called back to Washington for four years, 1930-1934, in the Historical Section of the Army War College as chairman of the committee to formulate plans for publishing World War I documents. At the expiration of this assignment, Clifford



CLIFFORD CABELL EARLY

still had nine years of active service before he would have to be retired for age, and, by a happy turn of events, he was the recipient of two especially congenial assignments. The first four years he was the senior National Guard instructor of his native state, Virginia, where, by his high standards of conscientious performance of duty and his unfailing courtesy and consideration of others, he gained the respect and friendship of all.

In September of 1938, Clifford was transferred to the staff of the Headquarters of IV Corps Area at Atlanta and was later placed in command of Fort McPherson, which command he served with conspicuous success until he retired for age, as a colonel.

Major General John P. Smith, Commanding General of the Fourth Service Command, commended Colonel Early for the splendid service he rendered in charge of the Organized Reserves and administration of reserve affairs during the period of expansion and training of the Army and in the calling to active duty of the thousands of reserve officers required for the World War II expansion. General Smith also complimented Colonel Early for developing Fort McPherson into one of the most efficient commands in the IV Corps Area. The Mayor of Atlanta was equally warm in his praise of Clifford's value to his community.

Clifford and his devoted wife, Harriet, had no problem when it came to retirement. They settled in Atlanta where they already had earned real affection and respect. They bought a lovely home with spacious grounds which they named "Soldiers Joy." Clifford thus had plenty of room to develop his talent with flowers. And it was real talent, for he not only beautified his grounds and created a public rose garden in the parkway of the street on which they lived, but he won countless blue ribbons and many honors, among them the much coveted silver trophy offered by the Georgia Daffodil Society. The Men's Garden Club of Atlanta selected Clifford as the "Master Gardener" of Atlanta for the year 1960.

Clifford and Harriet were great travelers. During Early's active service, he used all his alloted leave in foreign travel, including summers spent in Europe and cruises around South America and the Caribbean, visits to Mexico, Canada, and other countries. After retirement and the end of World War II, the Earlys made frequent long visits to Europe, staying from seven to nine months at a time. In between visits to Europe, they traveled extensively in the United States and spent several summers on the Pacific Coast. In 1959, the Earlys took the annual four months "Around the World" cruise on the Cunard Cruise ship *Caronia*.

The study of modern languages was one of Early's life's hobbies. He was Spanish interpreter for about a year when a Mexican Federal Division was driven across the Border into Texas late in 1913, and was interned under charge of Early's regiment. During his three years in China, Early lived alternately in homes with German and French families in order to gain fluency in speaking those languages. After retirement, Clifford learned Italian. At home, Harriet and Clifford studied French together for many years under native instructors.

We who have known Clifford from his West Point days know that he had a God-given ability to get along with people, and he used it on these trips around the world to make friends for his beloved country. Yet, along with this gift for friendliness was a strength of character that refused to compromise where matters of honor, integrity, and moral principle were concerned.

Is it any wonder then that this beloved classmate of ours lived greatly?

*—Norman H. Ramsey*
*President Class of 1905*
*USMA*

## Charles Hines

NO. 4902 CLASS OF 1910

Died 17 October 1966 in Washington, D.C., aged 77 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

WEST POINT REMAINS CLOSE to the heart of its graduates, but I doubt if it is dearer to anyone else's heart than it was to Dad's. He spent fourteen years of his adult life there and was never very far away in spirit during the other years. He revered all of the fine qualities exemplified in its motto—Duty, Honor, Country—and to me he was the living symbol of those qualities.

Dad arrived at West Point from Salt Lake City, Utah, as a six foot, 135-pound stripling who had completed only three years of high school and yet won his appointment by competitive examination. His size probably



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CHARLES HINES

kept him from playing football, but that must be about all. He served as manager of the football team and played on the lacrosse and track teams. In his upperclass years he served successively as cadet corporal, sergeant, and lieutenant.

Upon graduation Dad served seven months at Fort Monroe, Virginia, and then was sent to Fort Winfield Scott in San Francisco where he remained for six years serving as a company officer and as adjutant for the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco. In addition to participating in the normal duties associated with troops, he worked at two civilian training camps located at Fort Douglas, Utah, and the Presidio of Monterey, California. This provided valuable experience for his soon-to-come World War I responsibilities.

In January 1917 Dad was sent to take the Battery Officers Course at Fort Monroe. War interrupted the course in May, and he was ordered to instructor duty at the first Officers Training Camp at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Orders to the Chief of Coast Artillery's office came in August. Here his duties consisted of supervising the organization, training, and equipping of units for duty overseas. He personally selected Fort Eustis, Virginia, for purchase by the Army for use as a training camp for the Coast Artillery during this period.

In January 1918 Dad was sent overseas as a member of the staff of the Chief of Artillery, First Army. His duties were in the materiel section and involved inspections at the front, and equipping and organizing training centers in the rear areas. The office of the Chief of Artillery, AEF, was established at Chaumont, France, in April, and Dad was made executive officer to the chief. Here he was responsible for the co-ordination of the heavy artillery, field artillery, antiaircraft, and ballistic sections. After preparations for the St. Mihiel offensive were complete, Dad received permission to go with the troops. During that offensive he served as executive officer of the 44th Coast Artillery, an 8-inch howitzer regiment. During the fall of 1918 he organized Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 39th Artillery Brigade and brought it into the Second Army sector. He served as chief of staff of the brigade and as counter battery officer of the IV Corps, Second Army. Since no general officer reported to command the brigade, Dad was virtually in charge, and, exercising his authority through the senior regimental commander.

Following World War I there was a short tour in the office of the Chief of Coast Artillery until a request for his services by the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy was honored. Dad then began a five year stay at West Point as tactical officer, Coast Artillery detachment commander, senior instructor in artillery tactics, and two years as acting Professor of Ordnance and Gunnery. During this period he befriended and helped guide many of the cadets who later became famous as military leaders during World War II and later.

In August 1924 Dad accepted a four year tour in the Inspector General's department. Half of this tour was spent in the Philippine Department and half at 9th Corps Area headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco.

Education occupied the next three years with the Advanced Artillery Course at Fort Monroe taking up one year and the General Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth the other two. He received orders to the faculty at Leavenworth to be an instructor in logistics, but these were rescinded in favor of a request from the Superintendent, USMA, for his services.

From the summer of 1931 until the summer of 1936 Dad was treasurer of the Military Academy. During these five years he again enjoyed his many friendships with the cadets and, I believe, exercised a subtle influence on the development of their characters.

Leaving West Point Dad attended both the Army War College and the Army Industrial College in Washington, D.C. He was subsequently assigned to a very key position involving the nation's preparations for the impending war. In June 1938 he became executive officer of the Army-Navy Munitions Board and was primarily responsible for the development of a new industrial mobilization plan. In May 1941 he was given the additional assignment as director of the planning branch in the office of the Under-Secretary of War. He was also involved in the initiation and supervision of most of the emergency government war agencies that were created up until June 1942. During this period the munitions board grew from a few officers and clerks into a sizable agency, and Dad was promoted to general officer. He received the Legion of Merit for his efforts during this period.

The highly coveted troop duty assignment came in mid 1942 at Camp McQuade, California. Later he commanded the 42d AA Brigade which was responsible for the air defenses of Philadelphia. In March 1943 he was assigned as commanding general of the 38th AAA Brigade in the New York City area. In April 1944 he and his brigade headquarters proceeded to England where they were assigned to Third Army.

Dad accompanied Third Army on its famous march across western Europe. His brigade shot down hundreds of German planes in providing the main air defense for Third Army. Twice General Patton very strongly recommended his promotion to major general. He received an oak leaf cluster to the Legion of Merit for his service during this period.

Shortly after World War II Dad retired and worked for a few years with the Bear Manufacturing Company, until ill health forced a second retirement. His last years were spent in Washington, D.C., living happily with his beloved wife, Lowella, and associating with his several classmates in the area.

Dad was an extremely unselfish man willing to go out of his way to assist where he could. Many of my own contemporaries will miss him sorely. He is survived by his widow, Lowella, and two children: Mrs. Henry P. Van Ormer of Sierra Vista, Arizona; and Colonel Charles B. Hines, USA (Ret) of Roswell, New Mexico. Eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren also mourned his passing.

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## Francis Kosier Newcomer

NO. 5113 CLASS OF 1913

Died 16 August 1967 in Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 77 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

SIMON, OR SI as we all knew him, came from Pennsylvania. As a Plebe he wanted to graduate into the Cavalry but his intellectual capabilities took him into the Engineers. He graduated number one in the Class after wearing the stars of a distinguished cadet his entire cadet career.

As a cadet he accrued many honors. He was a corporal, the company quartermaster sergeant, a lieutenant, and an expert rifleman. He served on the Howitzer Board and the furlough committee. In athletics he won his class numerals in broadsword and was captain of the famous Engineer softball squad as a second classman.

On 17 June 1914 Si prevailed upon Miss Mary Brunot Roberts of Pittsburgh to become his wife.

During World War I, Simon was the only classmate to receive the Distinguished Service Cross. His citation reads: "Francis K. Newcomer, Lieutenant Colonel of Engineers, for extraordinary heroism in action near Fismes, France, on 5 August 1919. He made a reconnaissance along the south bank of the Vesle River, in advance of the front lines for the purpose of selecting a bridge site. He then led a small party of engineers, assisting in work of removing German entanglements and constructing a foot bridge across the

FRANCIS KOSIER NEWCOMER



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Vesle River, completing this work in face of fire of great intensity. His coolness and personal bravery afforded an inspiring example to the men of his command."

After Si's death Colonel John H. Carruth, Class of 1914, wrote an excellent synopsis of Si's career. We thank him and use it as a fitting account of the service of a dedicated soldier.

General Francis K. Newcomer, of 524 South Vandiver Street, died in a San Antonio hospital on 16 August 1967 after an illness of several months.

He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1913 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

From 1913 to 1952, he built a distinguished career of service and was involved in many important assignments. In World War I he was on combat duty with the British, French, and American forces, and was promoted by 1918 to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for conspicuous bravery in action.

He returned to the United States in 1919 and was Associate Professor of Mathematics at West Point for five years. This was followed by assignments as District Engineer in Charleston and in Boston, and as an instructor at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

For the next three years he was assistant chief engineer of the Federal Power Commission. This was followed by three years of engineer troop duty at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. On his return to the mainland, he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, graduating in 1935. He was then assigned to duty as Chief, Finance Division, Office Chief of Engineers.

He was a graduate of the Army War College and later served on the Mississippi River Commission. In World War II, he served as chief engineer of the China-Burma-India (CBI) Theatre from 1942 to 1944 and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his outstanding performance of duty there.

He was promoted to the grade of brigadier general in 1944 and from 1944 to 1948 was lieutenant governor of the Panama Canal Zone in charge of the maintenance of the canal. In 1948 General Newcomer became governor of the Panama Canal Zone. Upon reaching the mandatory retirement age, he was retired on 30 September 1949 but was retained on active duty until 1952 in order to complete his four years as governor of the Canal Zone. In 1952 General Newcomer reverted to his retired status. He and his wife made San Antonio their home. He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and of the Society of American Military Engineers.

He is survived by his wife, Mary B. Newcomer, San Antonio; two sons: Colonel Francis K. Newcomer Jr. (Ret), Morristown, N.J., and Thomas R. Newcomer, Washington, D.C.; a daughter, Mrs. Jack L. Wyche, Atlanta, Georgia; a brother, Dr. Harry Sidney Newcomer, Atherton, California; and seven grandchildren.

All the flags of the Canal Zone were at half mast at the news of Si's passing. I am sure each 1913er had tears in his eyes and murmured to this esteemed classmate and distinguished soldier, "Well done. Be thou at peace."

*—A classmate*

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## John Huff Van Vliet

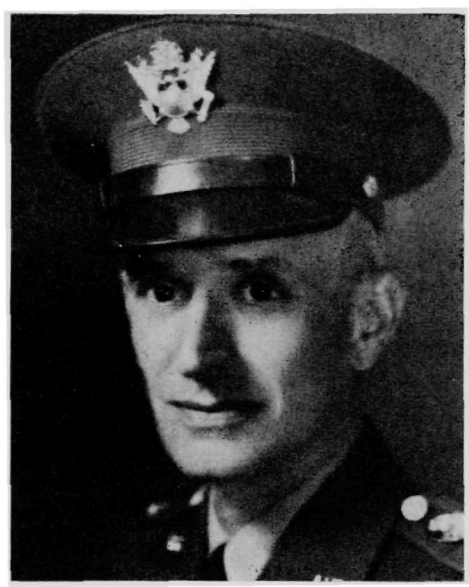
NO. 5147 CLASS OF 1913

Died 23 June 1967 at Red Bank, New Jersey, aged 78 years.

Interment: Red Bank, New Jersey

OUR CLASS WAS DEEPLY SADDENED to hear that Le Tondu (Napoleon) had passed away. We have special feelings for all our classmates, but somehow Le Tondu won a particular place in our regard. He came to us from New Jersey as a Plebe. He was "spoony," getting up at 5:00 a.m. to shine his dress hat. Always resplendent in appearance, he held the cadet ranks of corporal, first sergeant, and captain. John Huff was a good athlete, excelling at basketball all four years and serving as captain of the team as a First Classman. He also played on the Cullum Hall softball team and participated in outdoor and indoor track meets. In addition he served on the Howitzer Board.

In June 1913 he married Sara (Sally) Elizabeth Hubbard. We all predicted high



JOHN HUFF VAN VLIET

rank for Le Tondu, but he became enmeshed in the various Army schools both as a student and as an instructor. He attended the Infantry School, the Command and General Staff School and the War College, and served on the faculties at the Military Academy, Fort Benning, and Fort Leavenworth. As a consequence he did not receive the active command duty in wartime so necessary for the promotion he desired.

Le Tondu was born at Shrewsbury, New Jersey, on 16 June 1889, the son of Frederick Christiaan Van Vliet, M.D., and Emma W. Franklin. He came of ancient Dutch stock and as a descendant of Adrian Gerritsen Van Vliet who came to this country in 1662 from Utrecht, The Netherlands, was a member of the Holland Society of New York. A third generation member of that society, his father was president of the Monmouth County Branch from 1916 to 1920, and his grandfather, Major General Stewart Van Vliet, USA, was president of the U.S. Army Branch from 1890 to 1901.

John Huff is survived by his wife Sally; a son, Colonel John H. Van Vliet Jr., USA (Ret), of Clearwater, Florida; a brother, C. Windsor Van Vliet of Basking Ridge, New Jersey; and three grandchildren. Services were held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Red Bank, with interment at Fair View Cemetery, Middletown Township.

When John Huff retired, General Omar Bradley, then Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, wrote:

"As you put aside the uniform you have worn with distinction for more than 40 years, I want to express my deep appreciation for your many contributions to the Army since we were cadets together.

"Your knowledge of tactics and the devotion you have brought to every task, no matter how difficult or demanding, have paid dividends to the Army. I do not hesitate to say that it has been men like yourself who have made the Army what it is today.

"We consider ourselves especially fortunate to have had the benefit of your talents in the teaching of our officers at the Command and General Staff School during and since the late war. Your superior performance in this assignment was characteristic of the zeal and enthusiasm that have always marked your long and faithful service. Our personal association at the school in the early years of your duty there was a real pleasure to me. I trust our paths will cross often in the years to come.

"As you look back upon the distinguished record you have built so capably, you may take a full measure of pride in all that it contains."

We have seen many soldiers, but none have been more dedicated than John Huff. The Long Gray Line takes on a special significance for the example of Le Tondu. Your Alma Mater says: "Well done. Be thou at peace."

*—A classmate*

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## James Bell Cress

NO. 5207 CLASS OF 1914

Died 27 July 1967 in Palo Alto, California, aged 77 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

MAJOR GENERAL JAMES BELL CRESS, Army of the United States, Retired, died on 27 July 1967, at the Palo Alto-Stanford Hospital after a brief illness. The news of his death, so unexpected by many, was received with a feeling of deep shock and sorrow by all of his classmates and by a host of other close friends in military and civilian life. The sympathy of the members, wives, and widows of his West Point Class goes especially to his devoted wife, Eleanor, who has been his inspiration ever since their marriage on 14 September 1916. General Cress was the son of the late Brigadier General Oscar Cress of the U.S. Army, who lived at Mills College, Oakland, California, for almost 30 years following his retirement. Eleanor is the daughter of the late Brigadier General Hiram Martin Chittenden, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army. Both fathers were members of the Class of 1884, USMA.

Jim, as he was called by his classmates and many friends in the Army and in civilian life, was born at Galesburg, Illinois, on 28 December 1889. After attending the University of Michigan School of Engineering for three years, he entered West Point on 1 March 1910, on an appointment from President Taft.

Jim's career at West Point was outstanding. He attained the highest cadet rank, First Captain of the Corps of Cadets. He wore the star of a "Distinguished Cadet" for each of the four years, and he graduated No. 2 in the Class. He won the affection and admiration of all cadets for his sincerity, friendliness,



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and complete lack of conceit. By his energy, determination, confidence, and common sense, he was able to perform efficiently his many military, scholastic, and class duties, including that of Editor of the 1914 HOWITZER. Upon graduation in 1914, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, the branch of his choice.

In 1915-16, he attended the Engineer School at Washington Barracks, D.C. (then an Engineer post, now Fort McNair); and while attending this school he was a military social aide at the White House. This was during the administration of President Wilson.

When the United States entered World War I, Jim was assigned to the 18th Engineer Railway Regiment as adjutant. This was one of the first engineer units to arrive in France, and it accomplished the important work of improving and expanding the port and rail facilities of Bordeaux, so vital to the AEF. After his promotion to lieutenant colonel, he was assigned to duty as assistant to the Deputy Chief of Engineers, AEF, at Chaumont, France.

Following the end of World War I, he served in the Supply Division, Office Chief of Engineers, and was responsible for the purchase of military equipment and supplies.

Since the "War to End Wars" had been won, the enlisted strength of the Army was greatly reduced, and the officers holding temporary war rank reverted to their permanent grades. For the Class of 1914, this meant going back to the grade of captain. Jim was ambitious and confident of his ability. After thoughtfully considering the situation, he resigned his Regular Army commission in 1920 and struck out for himself and his family in the business world.

Although no longer in the Regular Army, Jim remained a soldier at heart and on 1 May 1920 was commissioned a lieutenant colonel, Engineer Section, Officers Reserve Corps. In June 1923, he was promoted to the grade of colonel.

During the period between World Wars I and II, he maintained his active status and his interest in the Engineer Reserve Corps, attending annual periods of active duty while engaged in his civilian career, which included positions with Dodge Brothers Company as district representative for the Carolina Division; District Director, U.S. Civil Service Commission, San Francisco; and District Director, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, San Francisco.

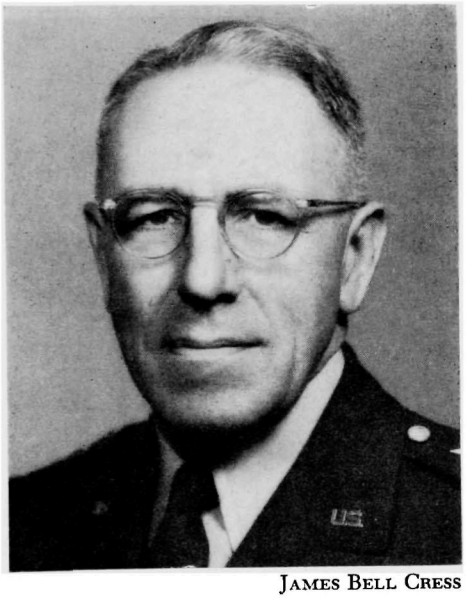
In March 1941, he was called to active duty as a colonel of Engineers and was appointed executive to the Engineer, Fourth Army, at the Presidio of San Francisco. Soon after Pearl Harbor, he was assigned responsibility for organizing and training the 333d Engineer Special Service Regiment and became its commanding officer. He selected and recommended the appointment of the majority of key officers direct from civil life and, after its organization, trained the regiment in building railroad yards in Ohio and in constructing divisional camps and hospitals in the southwestern desert region of the United States. Upon completion of this intensive training, Jim moved with his regiment to England as a part of the build-up of American forces.

In May of 1944, Jim was assigned to command the 1056th Engineer Port Construction and Repair Group which included the 333d Engineer Special Service Regiment, three Engineer general service regiments, together with dump truck companies, bomb disposal squads, fire-fighting platoons, repair ships, a dredging company, and other Engineer units. He supervised and directed the training of this group in port clearance and reconstruction as an essential part of the Theatre Engineer plan to use Cherbourg to assure the flow of materiel basic to the support of the invasion.

On D-Day plus 21, the day after the capture of Cherbourg, Colonel Cress led the 1056th Engineer Group into the city and began a well-planned program of clearing the harbor and reconstructing the port facilities. The Germans had done a thorough demolition job. The harbor was mined with all known types of mines and some types not previously encountered. Not one of the piers and docks suitable for deep draft vessels was usable. The rehabilitation of Cherbourg as a port was a formidable task, but it was completed by October 1944, with construction work so managed as to permit the flow of huge tonnages of essential materiel starting in mid-July.

After the reconstruction of the port of Cherbourg, the 1056th Engineer Group cleared the Albert Canal in Belgium for barge traffic, a matter of great significance in moving military cargo from the port of Antwerp into the supply dumps of ADSEC and the 12th Army Group.

The 1056th Engineer Group, under the command of Colonel Cress, was then assigned the work of rehabilitation and construction of railroad lines leading to the front. The culmination of this work was the completion of the first military railroad bridge across the Rhine River, at Wesel, Germany. This indispensable bridge, three-quarters of a mile in length, was rushed to completion in ten days, well ahead of schedule. Over 5,000 engineers worked from both banks of the Rhine on a 'round-the-clock basis, using floodlights at night. Wooden piles were driven, and the bridge piers were completed and connected by steel beams to carry the railroad tracks. All operations of the bridge construction were coordinated by radio from the central headquarters of Colonel Cress. When the last steel beam was welded in place on 9 April 1945, opening the bridge for traffic, 1,000 railroad cars loaded with supplies for the combat armies were waiting to cross.



JAMES BELL CRESS

Thus, Colonel Cress met the challenges of World War II by organizing and directing three of the greatest military engineering works of all time: rehabilitation of Cherbourg harbor, clearance of the Albert Canal, and construction of the first military railroad bridge across the Rhine River. He proved himself to be a superior leader and organizer, an authority on port and river engineering, and an outstanding bridge engineer. For this uniformly superior service he was decorated with the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Belgian Order of Leopold, Degree of Officer.

Returning to the United States in May 1945, Colonel Cress was appointed a member of the Secretary of War's Disability Review Board. This was followed, in December 1945, by his selection by General Omar Bradley, then in charge of the Veterans Administration, as a deputy administrator to organize and direct Veterans Administration Branch Office No. 4. His office was in Richmond, Virginia, where he had full responsibility for supervising all VA activities and installations in the District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina.

In 1947, while on this duty at Richmond, he was promoted to the grade of brigadier general in command of the 80th Airborne Division (Reserve); and in 1949, he was promoted to the grade of major general. When he completed his work as deputy administrator for VA Branch Office No. 4, his principal assistants presented him with a testimonial to his "outstanding leadership, untiring energy, prodigious intellectual capacity, and patient guidance."

In 1950, General Cress was again recalled to active duty, in this instance by General J. Lawton Collins, then Army Chief of Staff, as special staff officer in the Pentagon responsible for Army Reserve and ROTC affairs. While serving in this capacity in 1951, he suffered a serious heart attack and was retired from the Army for physical disability. He then moved with Eleanor to Palo Alto, where they made their home.

After his retirement, Jim and Eleanor led an active and happy life together, enlivened by a yearly vacation in a cottage overlooking Lake Tahoe, and by several trips to Hawaii and Europe, and one to Alaska. Jim was active in many organizations including: the Palo Alto Chapter of Rotary International, the Fellowship Forum (former president), the Palo Alto Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (former president), the Army and Navy Club of Washington, D.C., the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, and the University Club of Palo Alto. Prior to every reunion of the Class of 1914, he appointed a nominating committee for class officers, but he was always retained as class president and has served as such ever since our graduation.

Impressive funeral services were held for Jim in Palo Alto on 29 July, and the beautiful floral tributes and large attendance revealed the love and esteem of his many Army and civilian friends, as did the touching tribute to him by the minister. Jim's final resting place is in the cemetery at West Point, most fitting for a man and a soldier of such proven worth.

All who had the privilege of knowing Jim admired and respected him for his competence and sterling traits of character; and many, including all of his classmates and their wives, truly loved him. He won the deep respect and friendship of all with whom he mingled. He always displayed a high regard for the welfare of others. He had a superb personality, enjoyed a complete though restrained self-confidence, and uniformly demonstrated great ability in his every endeavor. Each task for which he was responsible was carried out in a superior manner. As a leader he was able to obtain the best efforts of those responsible to him by reason of his personal example, his understanding of their problems, and his patient guidance and help when needed. The hospitality of Jim and Eleanor was as abounding as it was sincere, and their mutual love and understanding was something beautiful to see.



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Jim deserved all the responsibilities and honors which came to him. He served his country with great faithfulness, energy, and ability. The Class of 1914 is proud of him, just as Eleanor is. His life and service exemplified the highest traditions of West Point.

General Cress is survived by his wife Eleanor, who continues to live in their home, 1945 Byron Street, Palo Alto; by two daughters, Mrs. Cathlyn C. Rhoads of Palo Alto, and Mrs. Ivan Carlson of Williamsburg, Virginia; a granddaughter, Mrs. James D. Klopp (Conni Rhoads); a great grandson, James Paul Klopp; and a sister Cornelia Van Ness Cress, who still lives in the Cress residence on the campus at Mills College, Oakland, California.

*—J.H.C. '14*

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## Clarence Lionel Adcock

NO. 5909 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 9 January 1967 at Tucson, Arizona, aged 71 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ADDIE ADCOCK WAS A TRUE and loyal friend and a superb professional soldier whose career carried him to the rank of major general of the U.S. Army.

Born at Waltham, Massachusetts, on 23 October 1895, Addie attended the Waltham elementary, grammar, and high schools, graduating in 1914. Addie's father, born in Coventry, England, lived his adult life in Massachusetts and married a Massachusetts girl, Jennie A. Leonard. They carefully guided Addie's training with the result that during his senior year at high school Addie won a principal appointment to West Point.

On that fateful day, 15 June 1915, four Bay Staters, Smith P.W., Gordon Matthews, Robbie Robinson, and Addie Adcock, stepped off the train and walked together up the hill, where they found themselves together in Beast Barracks. Later assignments to lettered companies found the three flankers in A Company and Addie in C Company, where he roomed with Jimmie Kehoe, whose Kentucky flavor he thoroughly enjoyed.

In the fall of 1916, the Corps grew to eight companies, and Addie became a cadet lieutenant in G Company, where he roomed with Savvy Cruse for the remainder of his cadet days. An ardent and graceful gymnast, Addie worked out daily, keeping in trim with such stalwarts as Red Alexander, Puss Catte, Bud Miley, and Pat Tansey.

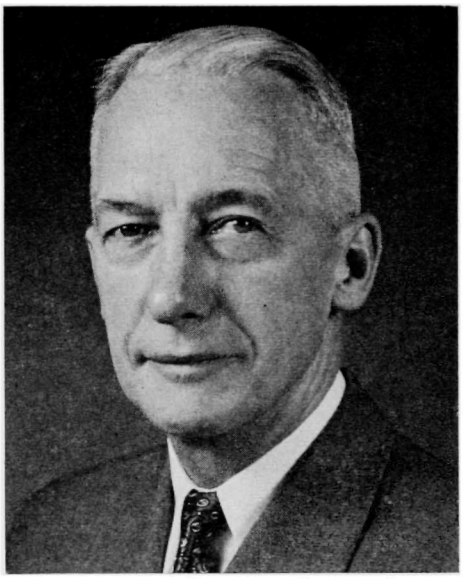
Addie first married in Nov 1918, at Waltham, Massachusetts, and two sons were born of this marriage. The older, Charles Warren, an honor graduate from Kansas State College, entered the regular service in 1941. The younger, Robert Lionel, enlisted in 1946, graduated from Benning's OCS, and, while on duty in Germany, received his Regular Army commission under the competitive tour method. Both sons are still officers in the Regular Army, Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel respectively. They married and presented Addie with three grandchildren. Divorced in 1947, Addie subsequently married Inez E. Genrich of Merrill, Wisconsin, with whom he spent the last twenty years of his life.

Upon graduation, Addie was commissioned as a second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, 12 June 1918. He engaged in rugged troop-training chores, and served in France during 1919. Upon his return to the States as a captain, Addie experienced normal young officer assignments, which laid the foundation for his later important assignments as a general officer: engineering tasks at Boston, company commander and regimental adjutant in Hawaii, company commander on the West Coast, Asst PMS&T at M.I.T.

In 1933 Addie was selected to attend C&GS School, where his outstanding record made his further selection to the faculty no surprise to those of us privileged to watch his professional progress. Selected for further study, Addie went to the Army War College and upon graduation served as assistant Engineer Commissioner at Washington, D.C. and later as executive officer, Office of the Chief of Engineers.

In 1942, Addie, now a colonel, was sent overseas where he served as Assistant Chief of Staff G4 with the II Corps. Promoted to brigadier general, he became General Eisenhower's G4 for operations in the Algerian and Italian campaigns and later Sixth Army Group G4 in Europe, a position he held until the close of the war.

Shortly after the German surrender in May 1945, Addie became Assistant Chief of Staff for Civilian Affairs, Military Commander, Office of Military Government for



CLARENCE LIONEL ADCOCK

Germany (U.S.). For the next four years, except for a brief retirement in 1947, Addie served in crucial positions, first under the Military Governor and Theater Commander, General Lucius Clay, as G5 and later, from 1947 to 1949, when the U.S. and British zones were combined, as the U.S. Co-chairman of the Biparte Control. During the first period, order was gradually brought out of the wreckage of war—an order that was almost lost again during the difficult operations of the Berlin Airlift. Later, together with his British Co-chairman of the Biparte Control, Addie helped establish order, and a full-fledged economy recovered. When the State Department assumed control of the Military Government of Germany and a High Commissioner was appointed, both Lucius Clay and Addie returned to the U.S. for well-earned retirements, and Addie again reverted to the retired list on 31 Aug 1949.

For seven more years, from 1950 to 1957, Addie engaged in a busy retired life. For six months he was executive assistant to Lucius in the establishment of Radio Free Europe. Then Addie joined Continental Can Company, where he remained as Director of Research and Engineering until 1957.

When he retired permanently from business, he enjoyed ten years of a model retired life in Tucson, Arizona. Addie and Inez built a red adobe home in the Santa Catalina foothills complete with a swimming pool for summer enjoyment and enjoyed occasional trips to Hawaii. They were eagerly awaiting our 50th Reunion in 1968 and were looking forward to seeing the East for the first time since they moved to Arizona.

Many honors were bestowed upon Addie. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster. His foreign decorations included the Order of the British Empire, the French Legion of Honor, the Czechoslovakian Military Medal, and the Polish Virtuti Militari. His campaign ribbons and medals from both world wars include Algeria, Morocco, Central Europe, the Rhineland, Rome-Arno, Southern France, and occupied Germany.

His granddaughter, Roberta Lee Adcock, paid tribute to him in the following poem she wrote:

### I AM PROUD

the empty caisson rolls away
as the riderless horse
marches silently behind.
"ashes to ash,
dust to dust . . ."
standing there
overlooking the nation's capital,
reflecting back on
my history lessons—
world war I, world war II—
even though
i didn't live
during either war,
they still seem
somewhat,
well,
somewhat personal—
my grandfather
was a veteran
of both.

the north african invasion—
he helped eisenhower plan that;
distinguished service medal,
legion of merit,
order of the british empire,
french legion of honor,
french croix de guerre—
he won them all—
some, two or three times—
all for outsanding military performances.
and yet,
this,
his final military moment
is,
perhaps,
his finest
and
most impressive—
his country's tribute
to his service to her . . .
the thirteenth cannon
of the general's honor salute
explodes,
followed by the soldier's
three gun volley.
the flag
is presented
to the widow.
taps . . .

good-bye, grandfather,
sir . . .

*—W.E.L., June '18*



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## Reginald Whitaker

NO. 5928 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

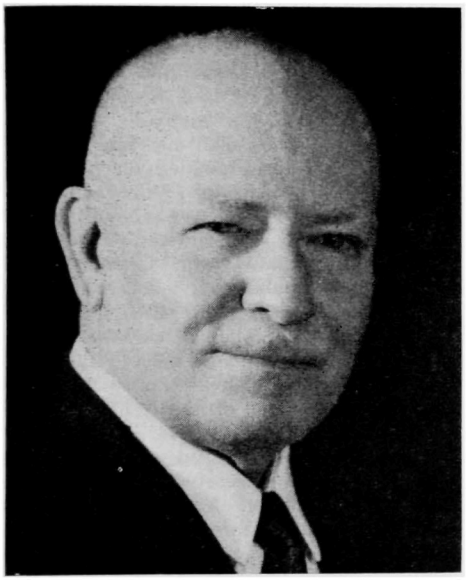
Died 28 June 1967 in Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, aged 71 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

REGINALD WHITAKER WAS BORN in Marietta, Pennsylvania, on 30 October 1895, the son of Joseph Clifford and Edith Denny Whitaker. He spent most of his developing years in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, attended Phoenixville High School, and then went to Braden's Preparatory School in Highland Falls, New York, prior to entering the United States Military Academy on 15 June 1915.

As a cadet Reg applied himself with his usual diligence to improve those qualities of leadership that would exemplify his later life. As a result, his capabilities were recognized early in his cadet career, and he was appointed a corporal and later captain of B Company.

Regs most pronounced characteristic was his quiet determination to achieve the near-



REGINALD WHITAKER

est thing to perfection in the performance of his duties. He always applied himself 100% to the task at hand and came up with solutions that were both practical and efficient.

Graduation from West Point brought service in Europe during World War I. Returning stateside, he went to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he was first a student officer and then a company commander. Later, troop duty took him to Texas and Hawaii. In 1929 he was appointed Assistant District Engineer in Kansas City, Missouri, where he became interested in flood control. His research resulted in practical methods that are still in use today. Because of his successes he was made a traveling fellow of the Freeman Foundation. Under this fellowship Reg spent 15 months at the Technische Hochschule in Berlin, Germany. Upon his return to the United States he was given command of Engineer troops at Fort duPont, Delaware.

In 1934 Reg was named Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Carnegie Institute of Technology. After three years of outstanding service, he became a student himself, at the Army Industrial College. Next came a tour as executive officer, Chicago Engineer Procurement District, for the purchasing and distribution of engineer supplies for central United States.

In 1942 he assumed command of the 364th Engineer General Service Regiment, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. In this capacity he trained a number of Engineer regiments for overseas duty. November 1943 found him Chief of Supply Division, South Atlantic Division, Atlanta, Georgia, where he remained for two years procuring supplies for the European theatre. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for securing a supply of assault boats in time for the Rhine River crossing. In 1945 he was assigned the task of reorganizing the Engineer depot system on the West Coast.

The crowning event of his career came in 1947 when Reg was ordered to Berlin as Engineer Officer, Berlin Military Post. When the Russians blockaded the city of Berlin in June 1948, Reg reinforced and improved the landing fields at Templehof Airdrome with a system of hard-surface runways and organized the ground support system so efficiently that success of the airlift was assured. At the same time that he was preparing the ground installation at Templehof, he was constructing the airport at Tegel for additional airlift capacity. By using three shifts daily, involving 17,000 workmen, he completed Tegel Airport by 1 November. This fine job won him the richly deserved Army Commendation Medal; for Berlin and the Allied Command it was a vital and successful project. It kept Berlin alive and the result was a completely successful victory.

Reg returned to the United States in 1951 to command the Baltimore Engineer District. In this capacity he was responsible for the efficient execution of several major construction undertakings which he brought to successful conclusions.

As time moved on retirement came to Reg. In acknowledgment of his superior performances and outstanding service, a fine party was given on 21 August 1954, under the auspices of the Baltimore Post of the Society of American Military Engineers, honoring Colonel and Mrs. Whitaker. In attendance were: Major General Samuel D. Sturgis, Chief, Corps of Engineers; Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland; officers throughout the east; and employees of the Baltimore District. All came to pay tribute to this able and efficient officer on the occasion of his retirement from active service in the Corps of Engineers.

Upon retirement Reg was not satisfied to just sit down and relax; instead, he joined the firm of Anderson-Nichols and Company of Boston as project manager. He served in this capacity for two years and then moved to Baltimore to manage the office there and to supervise work in the Baltimore area.

In 1958 Reg resigned his partnership with the Anderson-Nichols firm and joined the firm of Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, consulting engineers, of Baltimore and Harrisburg. He was an associate of this firm until he died.

Throughout his life, Reg was ardently interested in guns and target shooting. He participated in the national matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, and earned the Distinguished Marksman Medal in both pistol and rifle.

Reg leaves a widow, Margaret S. Whitaker, to whom he was completely devoted. His children, by a former marriage, are daughters, Katharine Mary and Regina Lydia. His son, Lieutenant Joseph Trippe Whitaker, was killed in a glider crash that took the lives of the entire staff of the 357th Airborne Battalion at Camp McCall in 1943. His grandchildren are: Richard Carter Benning, Julia Lydia Benning, 2d Lieutenant Joseph Trippe Whitaker, and Melissa Walton. Two sisters, Miss Sarah Robeno Whitaker and Dr. Georgie Whitaker Scull, also survive him.

Reginald Whitaker was a dedicated soldier devoted to his country. He knew from hospital reports that his time was limited by his illness, but never once did he complain. His was supreme courage, and he most certainly has passed to a richly deserved reward where courage and devotion are finally judged.

*—John Mesick*

## John Hawkins Elleman

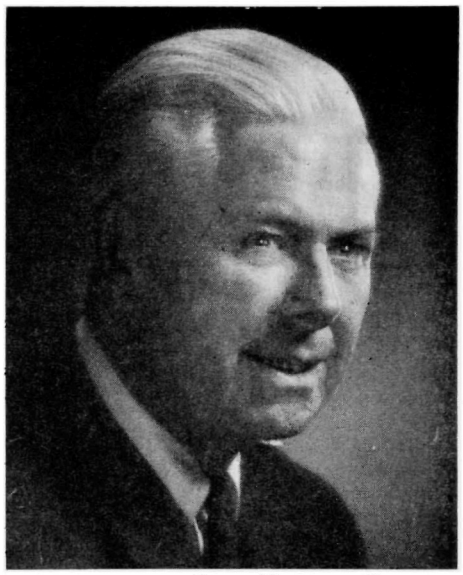
NO. 6044 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 3 June 1966 in Syracuse, New York, aged 70 years.

Interment: Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse, New York

JOHN ELLEMAN WAS BORN in Ludlow Falls, Ohio, on 13 March 1896, the son of Thomas and Lydia Emeline Hawkins Elleman. His parents were Quakers and their faith reflected itself in the gentleness of their son.

When John was six years old his family moved to Richmond, Indiana, where he attended grade school and was graduated from



JOHN HAWKINS ELLEMAN

high school. In the fall of 1913 he entered Purdue University, joined the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and majored in civil engineering.

In 12 June 1916, John Elleman and Bonner Fellers met in Richmond, Indiana, and took the Pennsylvania train to New York City. Both were Quakers, both were bound for West Point, and neither had ever seen the ocean. Mid-afternoon on 13 June they took the subway for Coney Island, rode underground until after dark, but never found their destination and never saw the ocean until two years later.

The 14th of June was the first day of Beast Barracks. With naive eagerness to get a head start at the Academy, they arrived among the very first of some 320 bewildered new cadets. Throughout their Academy days John and Bonner were roommates. They never once had even the slightest disagreement, although, on a plebe hike, John won six month's ice cream on a bet that Bonner could smoke a cigar without getting sick.

Academics gave John little trouble, and he wore stars his plebe year. Upper classmen and classmates quickly learned of his three years of civil engineering at Purdue, and many came to him for help. Some time after graduation he went back to Purdue to earn



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a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

John never seemed to get any demerits. At Saturday inspection his roommates would invariably pick up one or more "skins," but John never did. He was a member of the Vigilance Committee, he was a marksman, and he loved boodle.

On 1 November 1918, the original Class of 1920 was graduated after having compressed almost two years of the curriculum into six months. The Class left West Point with visions of being in the thick of World War I within a few months. Eleven days later the armistice was signed.

John stood 16 in his Class of 227 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. His first assignment was the Engineer School at old Camp Humphreys, Virginia. There again his quick grasp of engineering and his willingness to help others made him a popular tutor. From the Engineer School John served brief tours at Camp Taylor, Kentucky; Camp Dix, New Jersey; Camp Grant, Illinois; Camp Custer, Michigan; and Fort Sheridan, Illinois. At Fort Sheridan he was a 1st lieutenant in command of an Engineer company assigned to assist in rehabilitating the post which had been converted into an Army hospital during the war.

At the Academy I had barely known John. Arriving at Fort Sheridan about the same time, we were assigned quarters together in a bachelor apartment. We became fast friends, and, during a period of more than a year, I can remember no time when we had even a slight disagreement. I do remember that John had more traits to be admired than anyone of my acquaintance. He had a keen and practical mind, a great sense of humor, and his face reflected his friendly character.

While at Fort Sheridan John met Miss Kathryn Pierce of nearby Glencoe, and they were married in November 1922. From this union were born three fine boys. Theirs was a happy family.

Early in 1923 John was transferred to the Chicago Engineer District, but on 31 May he resigned from the Army. Our Class had been graduated at the close of World War I. We were ranked by an enormous hump of officers our age who had been commissioned while we were cadets. Rather than mark time, John was among a number of splendid classmates who resigned. With his separation from the service, many classmates believe the Corps of Engineers lost a potential future chief.

As a civilian John joined a Chicago construction firm. One of the jobs he worked on was the Chicago Furniture Mart, at that time the largest building in America. In 1927 he inherited a farm near Richmond, Indiana. With his young family he decided to leave Chicago, live the life of a gentleman farmer, and raise fancy poultry for the Chicago hotel trade. But the letdown from an extremely active life drove John back into business. In 1933 he joined the Allied Chemical Corporation in Syracuse as manager of the calcium chloride department. Later he became manager of the sales division.

Despite his well ordered civilian life, when World War II came, John was among the first to offer his services. He was commissioned a colonel and assigned as the Syracuse District Engineer in the Rivers and Harbors organization. For this service he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

In 1946 John rejoined Allied Chemical in the New York office. His home, in Westport, Connecticut, was within easy commuting distance of West Point. Over the years the Ellemans were regular attendants at the home football games as well as the ARMY-Navy games in Philadelphia. The last time I saw John was at the Navy game in 1965. He looked his old happy self with no sign that he would be gone in a short six months.

In 1955 the Ellemans made their final move to Syracuse where John became director of coordination in the Solvay plant of Allied Chemical. As a thirty-second degree Mason and with his long service with Allied Chemical, he had many Syracuse friends, and it was a pleasant homecoming. In 1960 he retired.

In March 1966 John underwent an abdominal operation. His condition improved; soon he was home seemingly recuperating. Suddenly and unexpectedly the end came.

John is survived by his wife Kathryn, 753 James Street, Syracuse, New York 13203; sons Charles of Chicago, David and John Jr., both of the Syracuse area; and six grandchildren.

The Class has lost a beloved friend and West Point has lost a distinguished, loyal alumnus.

*—E.C.N.*

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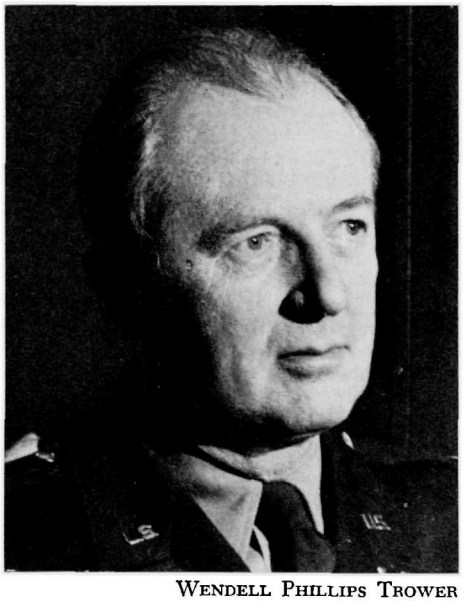
## Wendell Phillips Trower

NO. 6052 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 26 February 1967 in Livermore, California, aged 69 years.

Interment: Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California



WENDELL PHILLIPS TROWER

WENDELL PHILLIPS TROWER was born in Hastings, Minnesota, on 6 December 1897, the son of a Presbyterian minister. While Wendell was still young his parents, the Reverend and Mrs. William George Trower, moved back to California where Wendell's father had grown up. Wendell first started grammar school in Monterey, then as his father accepted other churches, it was Chicago for two years and finally Washington, Illinois, where he finished the grades and graduated from high school as class valedictorian. Washington was a small, friendly town, ideal for a young boy. Tennis was a popular sport there and Wendell adopted it as his favorite game becoming quite adept and taking pleasure in coaching the youngsters. He carried this love of tennis with him to the Military Academy and into later life.

Wendell attended Bradley University at Peoria, Illinois, for two years where he obtained an associate degree in science. It was while at Bradley that he decided upon a military career and received an appointment to the Naval Academy. However, he was not accepted because of an eye defect. It was the Army's gain, as he soon received an appointment to West Point from the 16th District of Illinois. He entered Beast Barracks on 10 July 1916 at the age of 18.

A tall, gangling youngster, Wendell took his place quietly in the Long Gray Line and quickly adapted himself to the discipline of the Corps with the efficiency and perseverance which was to be the hallmark of his army life, although he never "boned" discipline. He was quiet and self contained although friendly and soon became known as Wendy. He distinguished himself more as a scholar than at extracurricular activities, earning stars in his plebe and second class years. When the Class graduated early, on 1 November 1918, he stood 24 out of 227 members and was assigned to the Corps of Engineers.

Following a short leave after graduation, the new 2d Lieutenant Trower was ordered with the rest of his classmates in the Engineers to the Engineer School at Camp A. A. Humphreys, Virginia, to complete his engineering education. This was interrupted in June 1919 by an observation trip to the World War I battlefields in Europe. Returning in September, he completed his engineering course the following June. During this period he was examined for promotion in one of the last series of professional examinations. He passed and was promoted to 1st lieutenant. He was then ordered to the 318th Engineer Regiment, Camp Grant, Illinois, where he served about six months. His service there was routine, but, when he was ordered to make a reconnaissance into Wisconsin prior to a regimental march, the quiet Wendell came up with a surprise which his friends least expected of him. When the regiment arrived at Lake Geneva, invitations for dinner at the Wrigley Estate and an evening at the country club were waiting for all officers of the column. A classmate, Charles Jewell, who accompanied him on the reconnaissance, did not know how or when it was arranged but claims that Wendell alone was responsible. Accomplishing the unexpected was to continue throughout his service.

Trower returned to Camp Humphreys in January 1921 where he completed the Engineer Basic Course in June. With a lighter academic load, he played as much tennis as time permitted. Later he took up golf, handball, and squash and always retained an interest in spectator sports.

After Humphreys, he was ordered once more to Camp Grant where his old regiment had been renumbered the 12th Engineers, but he also found it was soon to be demobilized. He was given command of the 7th Engineer Training Company and ordered to move it to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, in September. When that company was demobilized the following year, Wendell entered upon a more normal military life. He moved to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he commanded a company of the 3d Engineers from 1922 to 1926 and won commendations for his troop leadership. During the years 1926 to 1930 he served in various staff capacities with the 6th Engineers, first at Fort Lewis, Washington, and then at Fort Lawton. It was during that assignment that he met and married Florence Evelyn Hagen, the pretty, blond, music student who became his lifetime companion.

The Trowers spent the first two years of



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their marriage in Los Angeles where Wendell served as assistant to the District Engineer. This duty was followed by four years at Rapid City, South Dakota, with the South Dakota National Guard. During this tour, and after 16 long years to the day as a lieutenant, Wendell was promoted to captain on 1 November 1934. From 1936 to 1940 he served on an ROTC assignment at the University of Wisconsin. Shortly before leaving he was promoted to major on 7 July 1940.

Wendell then received the long desired assignment to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. However, while he was on leave in California the war in Europe caused cancellation of the class, and Wendell was given temporary assignment to the Sacramento Engineer District. In November 1940, he was ordered to Portland, Oregon, to command the 29th Engineer Topographical Battalion. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel on 19 September 1941 and to colonel on 24 August 1942. With the latter promotion he was given an assignment for which he was superbly qualified, that of organizing and training the 353d Engineer General Service Regiment at Camp White, Oregon.

Training completed, he moved the regiment to New Caledonia in May 1943 and to Guadalcanal in April 1944. The regiment won many commendations for its accomplishments, and Wendell was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal. Subsequently, he took command of the 1177th Engineer Construction Group and moved with it to Manila in June 1945. Work there was arduous, and Wendell's weight dropped to 117 pounds. His last assignment in the war zone was in Japan as commanding officer of the 5221st Engineer Construction Brigade. The assignment lasted until he was ordered home in January 1946. By the time of his return he had regained 12 of the pounds which he could so ill-afford to have lost.

Wendell then set a record for service in one locality which is seldom equalled in the present day army. He was ordered to Chicago in 1946 as district engineer, acting in that capacity until 1949. By that time the Engineer Procurement Office in the same city needed leadership so he merely moved over a few blocks to become the commander of that organization. This assignment lasted for three years when the office of the Division Engineer, North Central Division, became vacant. Apparently, the Chief of Engineers decided against bringing in someone new since he already had a competent officer there, so Wendell was assigned as Division Engineer. He was acting in that capacity in 1954 when the provisions of the Officers Retirement Act of 1947 threatened to force the departure of the colonels who had been held in service beyond their normal time for retirement. Colonel Trower's value to the Corps of Engineers was so great, however, that after he was retired in 1954 he was one of the very few colonels in the Army who was recalled immediately to active duty for one year.

During these nine years in Chicago, Wendell's extraordinary ability received high recognition. As the representative of the United States on international bodies such as the Niagara Engineer Board, the Lake Superior Control Board, and the Lake Ontario Control Board, and as a member of the United States Beach Erosion Board and the Board for Rivers and Harbors, he won the high regard of all with whom he came in contact. Commendations that he received during this period from military superiors and civilian organizations are far too numerous to detail, but some should be mentioned to indicate their universality. He was the recipient of the 1947 award of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers. His services were the subject of a commendatory resolution by the advisory board of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. The governors of states in which federal engineering projects had been undertaken under Wendell's direction were unanimous in their praise. The Vice President personally commended him for his contribution to the St. Lawrence Seaway. In addition, he received many letters from Chiefs of Engineers expressing their appreciation for his efforts or praising him for various accomplishments.

But his military career came to an end in 1955 when Wendell was only 58. He was promptly hired by one of the country's larger engineering firms, Kaiser Engineers, of Oakland, California, as an assistant to the vice president after agreeing to remain in that capacity for five years. At the conclusion of the five years, he retired to the comfortable hilltop house that he and Florence had purchased in beautiful Orinda, California.

Meanwhile, their son William Peter, who had been born while they were stationed in Rapid City, graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, and, after serving three years in the Marines as a lieutenant, obtained a doctorate in physics at the University of Illinois. He married and now has two daughters. Peter is on the faculty of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute engaged in research in elementary particles. Wendelyn, the fair-haired pixie who was one of the "caboose" babies of the Class, was born in 1950 and is a high school senior in Orinda.

But Wendell was not to enjoy his well earned retirement for long or his children or grandchildren. A series of strokes beginning in February of 1965 first brought loss of memory; then a massive stroke culminated in almost complete paralysis. He lay in this condition in Letterman Hospital for over a year, sustained by his indomitable spirit and Florence's loving care. He was moved to the Veterans Hospital at Livermore, California, where he died eleven days later on 26 February 1967. Attended by family, many old friends, and classmates, services were held in the chapel of the Presidio of San Francisco on 2 March 1967 with interment in the Golden Gate National Cemetery on 6 March.

Wendell's assignments were well balanced between the military and engineering, and he distinguished himself in both fields. He was a man of character, highest principles and integrity, a wonderful friend, a congenial companion, and an efficient officer. He was a quiet man who scorned sentimentality, but I am sure he would not mind if we say in farewell, "Well done. Be thou at Peace."

—*R.A.E.*
*H.V.C.*

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## Charles Alvin Pyle

NO. 6303 CLASS OF 1919

Died 11 June 1966 in Eugene, Oregon, aged 66 years.

Interment: Sunset Hill Cemetery, Rockport, Indiana

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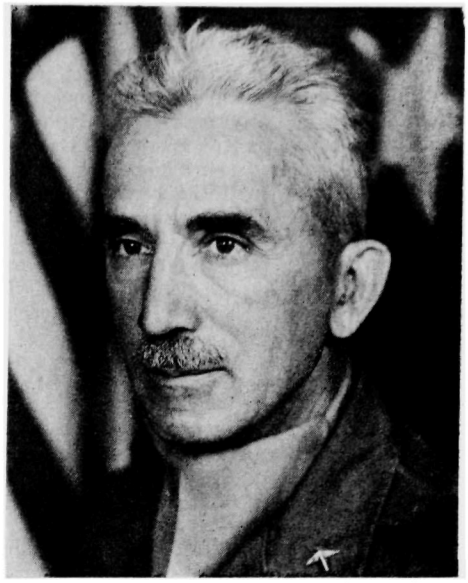
IF CHARLES ALVIN PYLE had been asked to write his own obituary, or if he could stay my hand today, it is unlikely that anything beyond a notice of his death would be set down. Of all people, he was the last to want his virtues or achievements listed. And yet, knowing that his family and friends would want it written, he might not have objected,



CHARLES ALVIN PYLE

for he understood and was tolerant of viewpoints other than his own.

Thinking of him, you must first say that he was a soldier. Brigadier General Charles A. Pyle served his country well. His entire career following his graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1919 was spent in our Army. In addition to his training at West Point, he was a graduate of both the National War College and the Command and General Staff School. He saw much action in the European Theatre and in Korea, and his honors include the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal, and, from France, the Croix de Guerre with palm. This was the outer man, the person who fully justified his appointment to our Military Academy.

But Charles Pyle served not only his country, he served his community as well. Following his retirement he settled in Eugene, Oregon, where he joined a small community church. Those who listened to the pastor speak at Charlie's memorial service soon realized that his words were not what might have been expected; the minister was not eulogizing an outstanding soldier but was, rather, mourning the passing of a friend who had done a great deal to help his church. To the surprise of many, they found that he had assumed many tasks and made material contributions of his time and effort to further its goals.

There is still a third portion of his life to record, for Charlie and his wife Peggy raised a fine family, and surely, in this the last of the three true obligations of good citizenship, it can be said that he did well. Four daughters and a son, together with Charlie and Peggy, constituted a closely knit and happy family. In a time when many otherwise successful careers are marked by family failure, the Pyle family maintained its unity, and all the children, now adult, have become fine citizens themselves.

These few words may sum up what he was—a good soldier, citizen, and father—but say little of who he was, for men of character can have many different traits. Perhaps the key to Charlie's personality was his inquisitive mind that never, even to the day of his death, stopped wanting to learn and to know. During his military career he never rested on the padded armchair of his past record but always set out to learn something new. After his retirement he lost none of his mental acuity. Whether it was a geology course at the university or the failure of a mechanical dishwasher, he was right there finding out for himself.



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Or maybe it was his fiercely independent spirit that was the key to the real Charlie. He always stood on his own two feet, carried his full share, and asked no help of others. In this one way, perhaps his untimely death was not the tragedy it seemed. Deeply as all who knew and loved him mourned it, and though there are those of us who will always miss him, Charlie's death left him no time to be an old man. A life in which he might have had to depend on anyone else to help him physically or mentally would, I know, have been a heartbreaking existence for him.

There were many other facets to his personality, but these two—an inquisitive mind and an independent spirit—I think, stood out above all others. As we remember him and speak of him, it is usually with reference to one or the other of these keynotes to the character of Charles Alvin Pyle.

Charles Pyle is survived by his wife Margaret; his son C. Robert, at home; and four daughters: Mrs. T.G. Bricker, Stoughton, Wisconsin; Mrs. J.W. Simons, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. D.C. Poorman, Canal Zone; and Jane Pyle, at home.

*—E.C. Trenholme*

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## Hobart Hewett

NO. 6352 CLASS OF 1919

Died 18 March 1967 in Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, aged 66 years.

Interment: San Francisco National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, California

HOBART HEWETT WAS ONE of the youngest members of the Class of 1919. He was born 21 March 1900, in Canton, Massachusetts. He attended grammar school in Canton and graduated from high school in Dorchester, Massachusetts. On 14 June 1917, he entered West Point with the class that was to graduate early because of the need for officers in World War I. During fourth-class year Hobey quickly gained the admiration and respect of his classmates, and he was held in the same high regard throughout his service.

In the summer of 1919, Hobey's class, now 2d Lieutenants, was sent to Europe to study the World War I Battlefields of France, Germany, Belgium, and Italy. Back in the United States in September 1919, Lieutenant Hewett reported as a student to the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia. On 26 March 1921, Hobey married his high school sweetheart, Myrtle Bickmore of Dorchester, Massachusetts. Bicky, as she is known to all of her friends, was a devoted wife and mother in the years that followed.

After tours of duty at Fort H.G. Wright, New York, the Panama Canal Zone, and Fort Monroe, Hobey returned to the Coast Artillery School to complete the Battery Officers Course in 1929. Because of his special aptitude for the technical aspects of antiaircraft gunnery, he was selected to pursue the course in advanced gunnery. Just prior to this time the Sperry Gyroscope Company had been given a contract to develop the first American antiaircraft data computer, the mechanical brain for directing the fire from the guns of an antiaircraft battery. Hobey was selected to advise and assist the Sperry engineers on this project, and his contributions were substantial. Upon completion of this duty, Hobey was assigned as an instructor in the Antiaircraft Gunnery Department of the Coast Artillery School. His students saw him as an outstanding instructor, steeped in knowledge of every subject he presented, and patient and thorough in imparting that knowledge.

After completing the two-year course at the Command and General Staff School, he was assigned to the Coast Artillery Board, where his expert technical knowledge of antiaircraft artillery was used to good advantage. Upon graduating from the Army War College in Washington in 1939, he was assigned to Headquarters, Hawaiian Department, where he served as assistant G3 until his return to the States in August 1941 for duty in the office of the Chief of Coast Artillery.

During the opening phases of World War II, he commanded antiaircraft units in training at Fort Bliss. Early in 1943 he landed in North Africa with the 31st Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade, which he commanded in the operations in Algeria, Tunisia, and North Africa. During this period he served directly under General Eisenhower.

Hobey was next assigned to Allied Force headquarters as antiaircraft officer for the Mediterranean Theater of Operations and Deputy to the British commander in charge of all Allied Force antiaircraft and coastal defense. In this position he advised and

HOBART HEWETT

assisted the antiaircraft planning staff of Seventh Army in preparation for its invasion of Southern France. Hobey, performing these duties with his usual superior skill, thoroughness, good judgment, and foresight, was awarded the Legion of Merit. The citation read in part:

> His recommendations on American antiaircraft artillery matters, based on an intimate knowledge, were of the utmost value to the Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief and the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations and contributed in a great measure to the success of the Allied War Effort.

In recognition of his assistance to the British Army, he was appointed Honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and made an honorary member of the Royal Artillery.

The war over in Europe, he returned to the United States and was assigned to the Infantry replacement center at Camp Gordon, Georgia, first as Assistant Commanding General and then as Commanding General. The citation accompanying the Distinguished Service Medal awarded him for that period of service declared that:

> General Hewett's keen judgment, energetic leadership and personal resourcefulness made material contributions to the high degree, of training achieved and maintained at that Center. His sound recommendations and tireless efforts resulted in increased efficiency and improved operational standards.

His next assignment was as Deputy Chief, Development Section, Army Ground Forces, Washington, D.C. (later designated Army Field Forces and moved to Fort Monroe, Virginia) where his "marked professional competence in a wide range of technical and tactical areas immeasurably advanced the Army's equipment development and testing program." During this assignment he made a thorough study of the Smyth Report on the history of the atomic bomb. A Ground Force officer detailed to the Manhattan Engineer District (predecessor to the Atomic Energy Commission) states: "I had many conversations with Hobey on the subject of our research. As he did with any new idea, he pursued this one with curiosity, persistence, and dedication."

In 1946 Hobey participated in the atom bomb tests at Bikini Atoll, and his notes on these tests have been requested for the Army War College library.

After four years with research and development, he was named Logistics Officer for USARPAC with headquarters in Hawaii. One of his responsibilities was the shipment of urgently needed men, munitions, and materiel to the hard-pressed United Nations forces in Korea.

He returned to the United States in 1951 to command the 31st AAA Brigade which he had led so well in North Africa. The brigade now had the mission of the antiaircraft defense of the Pacific Northwest.

His next assignment was as Commandant of the Antiaircraft and Guided Missile School at Fort Bliss, where most of the Army's guided missile, radar, and antiaircraft technicians are trained.

Later, Hobey saw action in Korea where he commanded the Division Artillery of the 3d Infantry Division. This assignment was terminated when he was made Chief of Staff and Army member of the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission where, according to an official document:

> His outstanding efforts contributed in large measure to the effective presentation of the United Nations Command position to the Military Armistice Commission and resulted in the realization of post-Armistice objectives. He was particularly successful in the development of strategy to negate Communist attempts to undermine the United Nations Command position before the Military Armistice Commission.

When he returned to the States he was assigned command of the 6th Region Army Air Defense Command where he was responsible for the supervision and coordination of the air defense of the Pacific Coast during the construction period for the initial NIKE missile sites. Colonel Arthur Roth, his deputy, writes: "Again I was made aware of Hobey's tireless energy in all aspects of his job. My dedication to him and the ideals he personified are hard for me to describe."

When the NIKE missiles and the NIKE trained battalions became available for the U. S. Army in Europe, Hobey was selected to be the Air Defense Coordinator, USAEUR. His first major responsibility was the coordination of preparations for the deployment of six NIKE missile battalions. In the words of his deputy, Brigadier General Wallace H. Brucker:

"The problems facing General Hewett were



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many: selection of operationally feasible sites that were in accordance with the deployment plan approved by the U.S. Commander-in-Chief, Europe; acquisition of the required real estate by the German state governments; construction of sites by local contractors; the merging of NIKE packages with existing conventional AAA battalions; the matching up of equipment shipped from various depots in the U.S.; and the development of mutually acceptable Army-Air Force procedures governing rules for engagement of aircraft and operational control of Army Air Defense artillery. To all of these problems General Hewett applied himself with his usual tireless energy and keen understanding of the many facets of the air defense problem."

His second major problem was the coordination of measures leading to the European deployment of NIKE units of the NATO countries. This responsibility required him to visit the NATO countries, where he briefed defense ministers and senior military officers on the problems involved in effectively deploying NIKE units.

In May 1958, the major problems involved in the deployment of NIKE units in Europe were substantially solved, and he was assigned new duties as Deputy Commander-in-Chief, USAEUR, his last major assignment.

In December 1959, he returned to the States for retirement, and he was retired from the Sixth Army in San Francisco. Eleven days after arrival in San Francisco, he was operated on for intestinal cancer. Although there was no recurrence of the cancer, his retirement years were plagued with several operations and general poor health. He was unable to enjoy the anticipated visits to his grandchildren, and he was forced to limit his social life in order to conserve his health. In September 1966, adhesions from the cancer operation necessitated emergency surgery. There were complications, and, as a result, he left the hospital with a greatly weakened heart. He finally entered Letterman Hospital on 13 March 1967, and died 18 March. Bicky writes: "It is well, for although his death was unexpected, further pain and surgery lay ahead. Hobey had already borne too much without complaint for all the retirement years. He had earned his rest."

In addition to Bicky, Hobey is survived by three fine sons: Hobart B. Hewett, Saint Paul, Minnesota; Paul C. Hewett, Wilmette, Illinois; Everett B. Hewett, San Francisco; and eleven grandchildren. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Hobey's career was varied, and his achievements were outstanding. In spite of the demands on his time, he was one of the most self effacing persons I have ever known. He was completely selfless in his devotion to duty. I am indebted to our classmate, Al Wedemeyer, for the following inscription which appears on a monument in Arlington National Cemetery. It seems to fit Hobey.

Not for fame or for reward

Not for place or rank

Not goaded by necessity or lured by ambition

But in simple obedience to duty as they understood it

These men suffered all, sacrificed all, dared all and died.

*—R.W.C. '19*

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## William Joseph Moroney

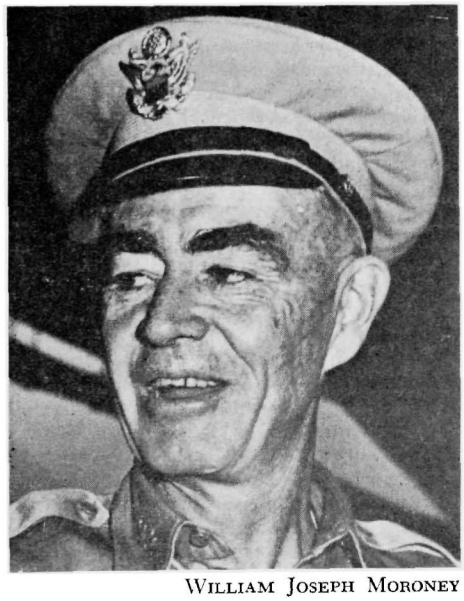
NO. 6511 CLASS OF 1919

Died 5 May 1967 in Fort Leonard Wood Army Hospital, Missouri, aged 69 years.

Interment: Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma

BILL MORONEY WAS BORN in Toledo, Ohio, on 24 August 1897, the son of J. J. and Mary Boland Moroney. At an early age his family moved to Okmulgee, Oklahoma, where his father assumed the editorship of the *Okmulgee Democrat*. After graduation from Okmulgee High School, Bill was immediately appointed to the Military Academy. His genial personality and disarming smile soon made him a popular member of our Class. He was a fine horseman, his long dangling legs seeming to completely encase his horse. Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Infantry.

After a sojourn in France, Bill was ordered to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon completion of the course, he served for a short time at Camp Custer,



WILLIAM JOSEPH MORONEY

Michigan, and then went on to the University of Illinois as assistant PMS&T. While at the university he met Francille Davis of Tupelo, Mississippi, who was later to become his wife. Two years later Bill was transferred as PMS&T to the Joliet, Illinois, high school.

In 1926 Bill was ordered to Hawaii where he again met Francille who was a teacher at the Leibhua School. They were married in 1927. This union produced three children, two of whom survive.

After the Hawaiian tour Bill was assigned as personnel adjutant of the 16th Infantry at Fort Jay, New York. While at Jay, he was selected to accompany the Gold Star Mothers to France.

In 1932 Bill requested and was sent to the Tank School. Upon graduation he was ordered to command the 5th Tank Company at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. After this tour he accepted a detail in the Quartermaster Corps and was sent to school in Philadelphia. He succeeded to the important and trying job of commissionary officer at Fort Myer, Virginia. In spite of the harassment of this duty Bill was credited with running a model establishment.

When his detail in the Quartermaster Corps was ended, Bill served tours in Puerto Rico; Camp Wolters, Texas; Camp Carson, Colorado, and Camp Jackson, South Carolina. World War II found Bill in command of the 163d Infantry of the 41st Division. He took this regiment into combat in the Pacific where it distinguished itself, due in large part to the outstanding, heroic leadership of its commander. For his intrepidity in combat he was awarded the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

After the war Bill served on the Manpower Commission in Washington from September 1946 to March 1948; he was commander of the 8th Infantry, 4th Division, at Camp Ord for one year; and he was Inspector General of the Eighth Army. The Korean War again found Bill in the midst of combat. As Chief of Staff of the 24th Division he demonstrated once more his ability, under great pressure, to co-ordinate and to unify his command under the most adverse conditions, including the loss of his division commander and, thereafter, frequent changes of commanders.

Following Korea, Bill became post commander at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His final assignment was as District Commander of Reserve Elements at Phoenix, Arizona. He retired there in 1954.

After retirement the Moroneys moved to his home town of Okmulgee. In 1955 they acquired a beautiful tract of property in Mountain Home, Arkansas. There Bill raised horses and enjoyed his lifelong hobby of riding. In 1965 they built their dream house in Mountain Home. Unfortunately, Bill was able to enjoy it only a short time.

A positive thinker, a man of definite, candid, well-expressed opinions, Bill was, in a way, a humorous iconoclast. His vociferous outbursts were always accompanied by a twinkle in his eye and an obviously suppressed smile. He thoroughly enjoyed his dissentions as did all of his listeners.

Bill is survived by his wife, Francille; his daughter, Molly Barkdall of Houston, Texas; and his son, William Jr., an attorney in Phoenix, Arizona. There are also eleven grandchildren.

The death of Bill Moroney is a severe blow to our Class; his fine characteristics, including a disarming smile, are inimitable.

*—Lil*

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## Roy Winne Barhydt

NO. 6596 CLASS OF 1920

Died 1 June 1967 in Maine Coast Memorial Hospital, Ellsworth, Maine, aged 67 years.

Interment: Simpson Cemetery, Sullivan, Maine

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROY W. BARHYDT was born at Karners, New York, on 3 December 1899. A graduate of Schenectady High School, Roy attended Union College in Schenectady for two years before receiving his appointment to the United States Military Academy.

Upon graduation from West Point in 1920 as a second lieutenant in the Infantry, he was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia. He subsequently served at Governors Island and San Juan, Puerto Rico. While in Puerto Rico, he met his future wife, Ethel Noyes, of West Gouldsboro, Maine. They were married in Ellsworth, Maine, in July 1923. Resigning from the Army that same year, Roy joined the engineering department of the Boston Gas Company in Boston, Massachusetts.

During World War II, Roy re-entered active service as a captain in April 1942,



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ROY WINNE BARHYDT

taking up duties at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi. He was later appointed commanding officer of the 630th Technical School Squadron at Gulfport, Mississippi, the airplane mechanics school and basic training center for the Army Air Force Training Command. While there he was promoted to the rank of major.

In 1946 Roy was transferred to Europe and served with occupation forces at Erlangen, Germany, in the Engineers working with Air Force units. Shortly after his return from Germany he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and retired from active service in May 1947. During the interval between August 1950 and May 1954 he commanded the 357th and 331st Engineer Groups, Organized Reserve, in summer field training in military engineering at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. In December 1954 he was transferred to the Retired Reserve "in recognition of honorable service and continued interest in the defense of our Nation."

After retirement from active service in 1947, Colonel Barhydt rejoined the Boston Gas Company and shortly became superintendent of shops and services for the company. He retired from the gas company in September 1960 and settled with his wife, Ethel, in West Gouldsboro, Maine, at a site that he had selected many years ago.

The Barhydts enjoyed many friendships made during Roy's military and business careers and after his retirement. When he re-entered active service in 1942 Roy began an illustrated record of his military and business years, complete with photographs, letters, and other mementos of his associations during his lifetime. All of these attest to the high esteem in which he was held by his fellows.

Colonel Barhydt is survived by his wife, Ethel, two brothers, a sister, and a host of friends. He will be sorely missed.

*—Charles R. Barhydt*

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## Bjarne Furuholmen

NO. 7451 CLASS OF 1924

Died 26 August 1966 in Eustis, Florida, aged 64 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

BJARNE WAS BORN in Askim, Norway, on 16 January 1902. When he was two years old his parents brought him to the United States and settled in Minnesota. Bjarne grew up there and was graduated from high school in Minneapolis. He enlisted in the National Guard when he was sixteen and served for two years. It was from the National Guard that he received his appointment to West Point from which he graduated in 1924.

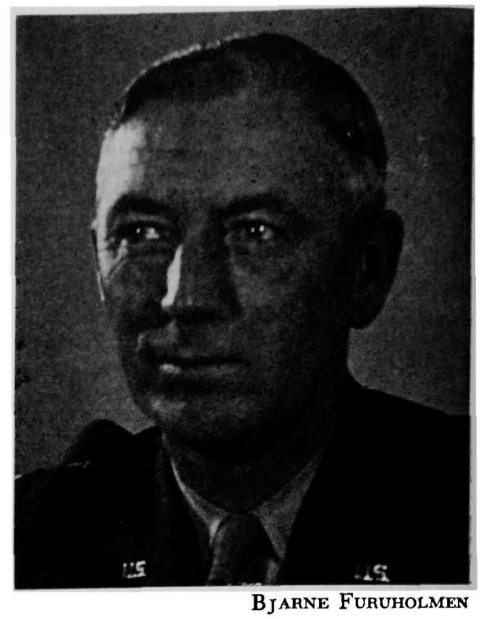
Toward the end of graduation leave Bjarne married Marie Stokes Parrent in Nashville, Tennessee, and shortly thereafter they reported to Fort Bliss, their first station. Bjarne served with the 82d Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Bliss for the next four years. There followed a year as a student at the Artillery School at Fort Sill and then a tour of duty with the 11th Field Artillery in Hawaii. Upon his return to the States, Bjarne served with the 17th Field Artillery at Fort Bragg until June 1935 when he was assigned as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Winder (Georgia) High School. During his tour at Winder he helped to organize and train the Girls' Drum and Trumpet Corps, probably the first of its kind in the nation. Bjarne left Winder to attend the Command and General Staff School from which he graduated in 1939.

Following his tour at Leavenworth Bjarne returned to West Point and served with the Field Artillery detachment there until 1942. He was then assigned to the Requirements Section, Army Ground Forces in Washington. During this period much of his time was devoted to work with the National Inventors Council, and it was also at this time that he was instrumental in developing new types of artillery ammunition and the techniques for its employment.

Bjarne left the United States for Europe in November 1943. During the next two years he served as chief of the Organization and Equipment Branch, G3, First U.S. Army Group in England; as chief of the Organization, Equipment, and Movements Branch, G3, Twelfth Army Group, on the Continent; and as acting G3 of the Theatre General Board where he was involved in writing operation reports of the Twelfth Army Group. In recognition for his service he was awarded the Legion of Merit; the French Croix de Guerre; the Luxembourg Couronne de Chene, grade of officer; the Belgian Croix de Guerre with palm; the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, grade of officer; and the Medaille de Verdun.

Bjarne returned to the United States in January 1946 and for a brief period was a member of the Joint Operations Review Board, Army and Navy Staff College, in Washington, and then served on the faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia, until April 1949. From that time until July 1950 he commanded the 17th Field Artillery Group at Fort Sill, the organization with which he served fifteen years earlier as a lieutenant. Following this duty he returned to Europe as chief of public information of the European Command which assignment he held until July 1953. His last duty was as chief of the Development Branch, Research and Development Division, Department of the Army. Bjarne was retired from active service on 31 August 1954.

Following his retirement Bjarne and Marie settled down in a home on Lake Gracie in Eustis, Florida. Several months later, in February 1955, the happy retired life they had looked forward to was marred by the untimely death of their son Jimmy, a jet pilot, when the plane he was flying crashed near Jacksonville, Florida. Jimmy had followed in his father's footsteps and had graduated from West Point in 1946. Jimmy's death was a tragic blow to which Bjarne had great difficulty adjusting.



BJARNE FURUHOLMEN

If Bjarne had another love besides the Service and his family, it was golf. Ever since his days on the fledgling golf team at West Point he had been one of the Army's better golfers. He placed second in the Army golf tournament in 1926 and was the golf champion on every post where he served. This intense love for the game gave Bjarne a needed activity after Jimmy's death. There was no golf course in Eustis, so Bjarne became instrumental in developing interest in the establishment of a golf course and club. The result was Pine Meadows, a beautiful course the construction of which Bjarne followed, with his assistance and advice, from land purchase to completion of the last hole.

Bjarne suffered a heart attack in the summer of 1965. While he apparently made a successful recovery, he was never fully active thereafter. His heart failed him for the last time on 26 August 1966 at his home in Eustis, Florida, while sitting in a chair reading. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with his classmates acting as pallbearers.

He is survived by his wife Marie, a son Clinton, a daughter Ann Marie Rafter, seven grandchildren, and three sisters.

The world is a better place for Bjarne's having passed through it. A devoted husband and father, a dedicated soldier, a real gentleman, and a staunch friend, he is greatly missed by all of us.

*—R.V. Lee, a Classmate*

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## William Olmstead Eareckson

NO. 7504 CLASS OF 1924

Died 25 October 1966 in Sarasota, Florida, aged 66 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

THE ARGONNE, DUTCH HARBOR, Kiska, Makin, Kwajalein, Palau, Hollandia, Guam, Inchon, and Wonson are names remembered with honor in those hallowed halls on the Hudson. They are also names that shed light on the character of one of her most devoted sons whose credo in three wars led him to the sound of the guns.

Eric was, in every sense of the word, a soldier. His sense of duty was unflinching, his leadership inspiring, his courage unfail-



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WILLIAM OLMSTEAD EARECKSON

ing, and his pride in his service and in his country a way of life. A member of the Legion of Valor by way of decorations from the Air Force and the Navy for separate actions indicate the feeling of his country for his deeds. His greatest tribute, however, lies not with his many decorations and awards, but rather from those he led and with whom he served. Always the team player, yet undeniably its captain, his concern for his officers and men is legend. A man who demanded perfection and got it along with the fierce loyalty that can only be freely given. Morale is that intangible asset that is often the key decision maker between adversaries of otherwise similar combat power. Perhaps Eric is best remembered for forging this intangible during those dark days in 1942 and 1943 when his 11th Bombardment Command flew constantly in the notoriously foul Aleutian weather against the tenacious Japanese.

A controversial military figure ever loyal to his convictions, he was dedicated to the betterment of his service. His contributions to the tactical doctrine of close air support during 1943 and 1945, for example, are still valid and practiced today. His many professional articles and reports on subjects close to his heart never failed to be recognized. Perhaps this is because he called the shots as he saw them no matter on whose toes he trod. Lack of diplomacy is not uncommon among rebels, and Eric was a rebel. Though often a critic, he always offered solutions for the failings he saw, many of which are now policy. Yes, dedicated is the word that describes him best, and this dedication he held far above personal ambition.

Eric was born on 30 May 1900 on Kent Island, Maryland, on land first granted to his family 250 years previously. He enlisted in the Army in February 1918 and served in France. After the war he was appointed to the Academy and graduated in June 1924, "after the most formative years of my life." Entering the Air Corps he served between the wars in both "lighter and heavier than air" becoming a balloon pilot and observer, an airship pilot, a pursuit pilot, a bomber pilot, and a command pilot. These skills he used well in World War II and Korea where he served conspicuously in the above mentioned campaigns for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal, the Commendation Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Thirty-one years of service came to an end at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in July 1954—service that spanned three wars and the transition from free balloons to jets. Eric retired by the sea, his first love, in Sarasota, Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; a son, Lt. Col. J. L. Eareckson, USMCR, of Brecksville, Ohio; a daughter, Mrs. A.J. Stewart, of New York; two stepdaughters, Sally and Sandy Mulford, of Sarasota, Florida; and five grandchildren.

*—Lt. Col. J.L. Eareckson, USMCR*

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## Holger Nelson Toftoy

NO. 7923 CLASS OF 1926

Died 19 April 1967 in Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 64 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

MAJOR GENERAL HOLGER NELSON TOFTOY was born in Marseilles, Illinois, on 31 October 1902 and died in Washington, D.C., on 19 April 1967. Between these dates there lived a man respected and admired by his associates, beloved by his family and friends. During these 64½ years Ludy Toftoy developed his considerable talents into abilities which led to outstanding achievement in service to his country. Yet never could the seriousness of responsibilities nor the difficulties of current situations lessen his zest for life, his concern for others, and his love of working and living.

Development of his talents began at an early age. Before graduating from high school he had constructed an automobile from an old gasoline engine and bicycle parts. The newspaper photograph of his car and the accompanying article were prized entries in his "A" Book as a Cadet. As a Plebe his artistic talents were broadened through weekly productions of hop cards for demanding upperclassmen. THE POINTER contained many examples of his lettering, cartooning, and graphic design from 1923 to 1926. This diligence led to the post of art editor as a First Classman. Designer of the 1926 class crest, chairman of the Ring Committee, president of the Dialectic Society, and a 4-year mainstay of the Pistol Team, his cadet career was summed up in the HOWITZER:

> It is no exaggeration to say that almost everything that '26 has done during the past two years has felt the guiding hand of little Ludy.

Not all notice led to acclaim. During our first day in Beast Barracks one member of the Beast Detail misunderstood the pronunciation of "Toftoy." In explicit terms, with his neck jammed "back to infinity" Ludy learned there were no "Tough Boys" among the Plebes. The pinnacle of being the innocent bystander occurred in First Class summer camp. As officer of the day, Cadet Lieutenant Toftoy raised the uniform flags for parade: "Full Dress, fifty-fifty," and went to his tent to change uniform. In a few minutes an irate officer-in-charge was demanding to know why the red flag for "overcoats" and a human skull (the "K" Co. mascot, Oscar) were flying from the flagpole instead of the proper yellow and white flags. Innocent Ludy was soon reduced to sergeant, while the culprits never admitted their guilt.

Commissioned in the Army Air Corps after graduation, Ludy prepared for primary flying school by attending classes at the Art Students League in New York. Whether this was appropriate is questionable, for, after a few near crack-ups, the Air Corps decided his flying career might be a very short one; taking the hint he asked for a transfer to the Coast Artillery Corps. Three pleasant and instructive years in Hawaii, accompanied by his bride, were followed by five years as an instructor at West Point. As a Cadet, ranking No. 1 in drawing had been easy, so he was naturally the first of his Class to return as a member of the Drawing Department.

After attending the Battery Officers Course at Fort Monroe in 1935-36 the new captain was assigned to the Canal Zone as commander of the mine battery on the Pacific side. His usual enthusiasm, curiosity, and search for perfection were climaxed in 1938 when his mine battery won the Knox Trophy as the best battery in the Coast Artillery, the first mine battery ever selected. That same year, Ludy was awarded the medal of Distinguished Pistol Shot. Recognition of his knowledge of submarine mines led to his assignment in 1938 to the Submarine Mine Depot at Fort Monroe. This was Toftoy's introduction to research and development; it was his responsibility to design and develop a controlled submarine mine system which would permit passage by friendly ships, yet allow firing of any or all of as many as 19 mines in a single field. He was then charged with supervising the production of all the necessary components during his tour of duty from 1938 to 1944.

In 1942-43, in addition to his duties at the Mine Depot, Ludy somehow was able to complete courses at the Command and General Staff School, the Ordnance School, and the Army-Navy Staff College. He had always had the knack of finding time to do just a little bit more, while still accomplishing his major responsibilities in an outstanding manner.

After the invasion of Normandy came new assignments. Cherbourg harbor had to be cleared of mines as quickly as possible to permit use by allied forces. The Army's foremost mine expert was given the job. Complications arose immediately, as the harbor was strewn with an unknown type of controlled mine. Before the harbor could be cleared, this new mine had to be defused and thoroughly examined. Toftoy sent everyone to a safe distance and took it apart himself. Then he arranged for perhaps the biggest and noisiest Independence Day display of all time. His irrepressible sense of humor led him to set the date for destroying the mine field as the Fourth of July.

His next assignment as Chief of Ordnance Technical Intelligence in Europe introduced Colonel Toftoy to his ultimate career, which led to the well-earned nickname "Mister Missile." His responsibilities in the new job included the examination and evaluation of all new or unknown captured German equipment. He was also to select specimens for testing in the United Kingdom and the United States.

An urgent request for V-2 rockets was impossible to fulfill because each one had been fired as soon as assembled, tested, and declared ready. Then came an unbelievable stroke of luck; advancing American troops had discovered a V-2 factory in a salt mine, with a huge supply of components. In reply to his cable inquiring for an expression of interest, the War Department requested enough parts to assemble 100 missiles. Overlooking his directive that all technologically advanced materials were to be held "intact" for disposal by allied representatives, Toftoy ordered all the components packed and shipped to the United States. None were to be shipped to the British, another violation of his instructions. Extreme urgency and frantic efforts completed the job in time, for the factory was



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in the zone soon to be occupied by the Russians. Sixteen shiploads of components were sent to the United States and forwarded to the newly established rocket proving ground at White Sands, New Mexico.

Meanwhile, the team of scientists and technicians who had developed both of Hitler's "vengeance" weapons, the flying V-1 and the ballistic V-2, were attempting to evade the advancing Russians. Fleeing from Peenemunde with their most valuable drawings and test equipment, they headed for the Harz Mountains, but were intercepted by General Patton's Third Army. The results of their interrogation convinced Ludy that future U.S. development of guided missiles and rockets would be hastened with the help of these experienced experimenters. Cabling Washington he recommended that 300 of the best qualified be sent to the United States. Shortly after the German surrender in May 1945, Toftoy was ordered to the Pentagon as chief of the Rocket Branch, Research and Development Division, in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, a position he filled from 1945 to 1952.

Just about his first action after reporting to Washington was to inquire about his recommendation to bring the German rocket experts to the United States. Persevering against bureaucratic delays and interminable red tape, Toftoy at last secured the approval of the State, War, and Navy Departments, but for only 100 persons, not the 300 he believed necessary. His genius in outwitting those who lacked his vision was displayed when he returned from Germany with a "compromise" number of 127 of the most capable scientists and technicians, headed by Kurt Debus and Werner Von Braun. Ludy arranged for establishing the group at the new White Sands test station and set them to assembling the V-2 components he had forwarded from Germany. Foreseeing even larger and more powerful rockets than the V-2, Ludy demanded the construction of a much larger test stand than was needed, a test stand called "Toftoy's Folly." In but a few years this test stand had to be enlarged, the missiles had outgrown it.

Under Toftoy's direction, all but one of the captured V-2 missiles were assembled, tested, and fired in a program of scientific research in many fields. The one not fired was saved for display in the Ordnance Museum at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Not satisfied with merely experimenting with proven hardware, Toftoy, by 1948, was anxious to develop new missiles for a variety of purposes. More adequate facilities than those at White Sands would be needed, and the Huntsville Arsenal in Alabama appeared ideal. These had been ammunition manufacturing plants in World War II but were only storage facilities by 1948, destined to be sold at public auction. Once again all of Toftoy's persuasiveness and persistence were required to convince the Pentagon of the requirement for the facility and the need for that particular location. Toftoy once recalled with a chuckle how he spread his maps and plans on the floor of the Chief of Staff's office while he prowled about on hands and knees to point out the advantages of the Huntsville Arsenal. At last, in 1949, his vision of a base for the research and development of rockets and missiles was approved. Movement of the German experts to the renamed Redstone Arsenal began in 1950, at the same time that Toftoy was refused permission to undertake a major project: development of an advanced missile, superior to the V-2. So, he looked the other way while the Von Braun team continued work on what was ultimately called the REDSTONE missile.

In May 1946 Ludy had made the first prediction by an American official that space travel would occur in our lifetime. No later than 1954 he urged the launching of an orbiting satellite, only to be informed that this was not among his responsibilities. "Someone else" would do it, even though Toftoy commanded the only qualified team in the United States. The International Geophysical Year of 1957-58 saw the series of failures by the Navy's VANGUARD, the selected satellite of the United States, and the success of the Russian SPUTNIK I. Finally given approval, the Army's bootlegged REDSTONE missile was the initial stage of the first successful satellite, EXPLORER I, on 31 January 1958. The success was incredible since it occurred less than 90 days after the decision to allow the Army to attempt to recoup our low national prestige.

As a member of the U.S. delegation to the Eighth International Astronautical Federation in Barcelona during October 1957, Toftoy was asked to comment on the orbiting SPUTNIK I, just four days after its successful launching. In his remarks Ludy stated that a U.S. satellite could have been launched two years previously, but he had been ordered to halt work on such a program since the project had been assigned to the Navy. World-wide publication of the interview brought a prompt rebuke in the form of instructions to the Army that it was "inappropriate to comment" on the subject.

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Recognizing a need to increase the number of qualified scientists in rocketry, Toftoy encouraged universities and private concerns to undertake research and experiments to develop competent future replacements for his aging team. His foresight was acknowledged in 1955 when he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Law by Athens College, Alabama. Official recognition of his competence brought membership on national committees: the Research and Development Board and the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, now the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. His leadership was acknowledged by various professional societies. He was elected "Fellow Number Eight" of the American Rocket Society (now the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics) in 1951; he received the James H. Wyld Memorial Award of the same society in 1958; the American Ordnance Association awarded him the Levin H. Campbell Gold Medal in 1960; and the Alabama Section of the American Rocket Society awarded him the Hermann Oberth Award in 1961. Unique among the experiences of living persons is to attend the dedication of a monument commemorating his services. Ludy was honored in this manner before leaving Redstone Arsenal in 1958 by the citizens of Huntsville, Alabama, who wanted to show their appreciation and respect for this man who had done so much for their community. On 13 May 1959 he was the subject of the television show "This Is Your Life" in Hollywood, where his enthusiasm and exuberance were seen by the entire country.

In 1958 Toftoy left Redstone Arsenal to assume command of Aberdeen Proving Ground. At this time the Secretary of the Army awarded him the Distinguished Service Medal. Other decorations in recognition of his contributions to American defense include: the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Ribbon with metal pendant, and the French Croix de Guerre with palm. At his retirement at Aberdeen Proving Ground in 1960 he received the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his contributions to the advancement of missiles since 1945, and the band played a specially composed march, "Mister Missile," in his honor. His contributions were historic: NIKE-AJAX and NIKE-HERCULES; HAWK; LACROSSE; HONEST JOHN; LITTLE JOHN; CORPORAL; REDSTONE; SERGEANT; PERSHING; the NIKE-ZEUS concept; the JUPITER, which became operational in the Air Force; the JUPITER-C, which lifted the free world's first satellite, EXPLORER I; and the PIONEER, which orbited the sun. All of these had been developed under his guidance and supervision.

At Aberdeen from 1958 to 1960, General Toftoy had concentrated on development of new and advanced types of conventional Army materiel, light-weight, powerful, rugged, and versatile weapons and supporting equipment made from new materials by new processes. They included self-propelled vehicles, tanks, and guns that can swim and be flown along with the troops that use them—an inventory of armament and equipment that provided improved firepower and protection for the American soldier.

Treasure Island, Florida, was Ludy's choice for a retirement home. There he had a private boatlanding and access to the Gulf of Mexico for indulging in his passion for fishing. Retirement, however, did not mean the end of Ludy's contributions to the field in which he had been so dominant a figure. Among other activities he was retained as a consultant by the Northrup Corporation and by the Brown Engineering Company. Involvement in civic affairs, which had been so meaningful at Huntsville, continued after his retirement and was climaxed when he was elected president of the Isle of Capri Civic Association in 1962.

Recurrence of an old ailment, during a Christmas visit to his daughter at Huntsville in 1966, led to evacuation to Walter Reed Army Hospital. Seriously ill, he underwent four major operations in the following months. Exhausted by his ordeal, Ludy passed away on 19 April 1967. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Paying their final respects were many of his West Point classmates and a great number of men whose lives he had so deeply affected throughout his military career.

The esteem in which he is held by all who knew him is attested to in the letters and telegrams received by his family. Many have spoken of the ways in which their lives



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and careers were influenced by this very human and friendly man. His own son has written:

> Dad was a person that everybody in the world should have met at least one time. He had an effect on people through his sincerity, honesty, and just plain goodness that makes people better people. It is tough to realize he is gone because he had even more to offer to our world, and he enjoyed life so immensely. It was difficult for him to lose, whether a battle or a new technological idea. He lost his last battle, the fight for his life, but he fought to the bitter end, even though he suffered severely for four months. I lost a great Dad, and the country lost a great American. My wife and I shall raise his grandson in his image.

Almost 45 years of close friendship are ended, a friendship which shared good times and bad ones, too. There was always a warmth and eagerness about Ludy which dominated his life. He loved life; he loved living and wanted everyone to enjoy it with him. He dreamed no little dreams; attempting much, he achieved greatness. Yet his successes never made him selfish or arrogant. In writing a definitive article, "Army Missile Development," for the *Army Information Digest*, December 1956, he gave full recognition and credit to his associates for the Army successes but never mentioned his own name. Only those fully acquainted with the history of missile development in the U.S. Army could realize the injustice of this modesty. Public honors, in addition to those mentioned, are the Toftoy Award, established by Westinghouse, to the member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for the greatest contribution to missile management each year; and the dedication on 3 November 1967 of Toftoy Hall at the U.S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

For many of us our last meeting with Ludy was at the 40th Reunion of the Class of 1926. His zest for living was never more evident. Each classmate was made to feel that Ludy and Hazel had come especially to see him. His exuberant pleasure in the company of his friends made our reunion a very memorable experience.

Major General Holger Nelson Toftoy is survived by his widow Hazel Schweikert Toftoy; his son Major Charles Nelson Toftoy, U.S. Army; his daughter Doris Toftoy Williams; his father Nils Toftoy; his sister Alice Toftoy Glaze; and five grandchildren. His country, his family, and his friends have lost a great man of vision and humaneness whose life was well lived.

*—A Roommate*

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## Stuart Francis Crawford

NO. 8843 CLASS OF 1930

Died 14 May 1967 in Bryan, Texas, aged 60 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas

STUART FRANCIS CRAWFORD WAS BORN at Plymouth, Ohio, 24 June 1906, the son of John M. Crawford and Lily McGraw Crawford. The family later moved to nearby Shelby, which Stuart always claimed as his home town. He graduated from Shelby High School in 1924, where he captained the football team and was named an all-state guard his senior year. Although of only medium height and weight, his performance on the gridiron coupled with his academic standing earned him a scholarship from Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia. While at Bethany for two years, he became a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. In July of 1926 he entered the Military Academy.

As a cadet, Stu continued his love for football. Although he spent most of the time on the "Cannon Fodder" squad, he was an enthusiastic and conscientious participant for four years. He demonstrated the same loyalty and dedication that later were so markedly characteristic of him as an officer. The cheerful determination and excellent team spirit he displayed on the practice field made him a popular member of the football squad and attributed to the high regard in which he was held by his classmates and friends.

Stu was the class secretary as a cadet and throughout his life maintained his keen interest in the affairs of the Class and the activities of his classmates. During furlough summer, which he spent in Shelby with his mother and two older brothers, he was honored by being invited to become a member of the Shelby Masonic Lodge. This honor was only one indication of the high esteem he enjoyed among his townsmen and neighbors in Shelby.

On graduation, Stu was commissioned in

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the Field Artillery. He was selected for Air Corps training, and, along with some thirty classmates, he shipped from New York City to San Francisco and thence to March Field for assignment as a student officer in the Primary Flying School. Crawford was one of the first in the group to solo and one of the last of the "wash-outs." He had no really great enthusiasm for flying, however, so it was not a heartbreaking disappointment when he was eliminated and reverted to his basic branch.

His first assignment as an artilleryman was as a battery officer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Duty with the Civil Conservation Corps during the summer of 1933 took him to Colorado, where he worked on important reclamation projects in the vicinity of Denver. He returned to Fort Sill that fall to attend the Battery Officers Course. It was while he was a student at the Artillery School that he met and fell in love with LaHoma Payne of Lawton, Oklahoma.

Stu and LaHoma were married in June 1934 and departed shortly thereafter for assignment to the 8th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Their daughter Marjorie was born during the Crawford's tour in Hawaii. Stu's football experience served him well in Hawaii, for he was a highly successful coach of the 8th Field Artillery football team known as the "Gunners." He little realized that nine years later, during the World War II campaigns in the South Pacific, he would become the "Gunners" commanding officer.

Following the tour in Hawaii, the Crawfords were assigned to Fort D. A. Russell, Texas, where their second daughter, Susan, was born. There never was a man more proud of his family than Stuart Crawford, who endearingly referred to LaHoma and the girls as "his harem." In every letter that Stu wrote to his friends, he made affectionate mention of his three girls. Later in life, when Marjorie's children arrived and Stu became a grandparent, he was "strutting sitting down."

At the outbreak of World War II the Crawfords were in Hawaii for a second tour. Stu became the assistant G3 and then the G2 of the newly organized 25th Infantry Division which, in October 1942, departed Oahu for Guadalcanal. During the next year he became successively assistant Chief of Staff, 25th Division, and commander of the 8th Field Artillery Battalion, and of the 25th Division Artillery. In April of 1944, after almost 4 years of duty in Hawaii and the South Pacific, Crawford was ordered for the third time to Fort Sill, where he rejoined his family who had returned to Lawton after Pearl Harbor. But the war was far from over for Stu. After a short course at Fort Leavenworth, he was sent to the European Theater as executive officer and then Artillery Commander of the 65th Division Artillery. Then followed a tour as Chief of Staff of the 26th Division in Austria, and another short assignment at Fort Sill before he was selected to attend the initial class at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia.

Crawford was widely recognized as one of the Army's outstanding Field Artillery Officers. With his war experiences in both theaters of operation, as well as field duty as a Division G2, G3, Chief of Staff, and a Division Artillery Commander, he was a "natural" for his next assignment as Director of Instruction at the Guided Missile School at Fort Bliss, Texas. He served at Bliss for two years. Again he was selected for special schooling, this time for the reactivated Army War College's first post-war class at Fort Leavenworth in 1950-51. After a 2-year stint in the G3 Section of the Pentagon, Stu was destined for assignment as Commanding Officer of his old command, the 25th Division Artillery, in Korea. During 1954-55 he also served in Korea as Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff of Headquarters I Corps (Group). As he returned from Korea to Fort Sill in 1955, he must certainly have reflected that during 25 years of active duty, almost eight years had been on foreign shores. Before he retired in 1960, he was due to spend another four years at Fort Sill in several important assignments. In eight years of duty at Fort Sill during his career, Stu served in positions ranging through battery officer, student, instructor in tactics, Executive Officer of School Troops, and assistant Chief of Staff, G3. At the time of his retirement in 1960, after 30 years of distinguished service, he was Senior Army Adviser of the Maneuver Area Command at Houston, Texas, and a member of the Military Affairs Committee of the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

In several respects, Stu's record of assignments was unusual, if not unique. During World War II, he served in both the Pacific and European Theaters of Operation; he served with or was closely associated with



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the 8th Field Artillery on three different occasions; and aside from school details and three years in the Pentagon, he spent all of his stateside service in Texas and Oklahoma. He loved the Southwest, but always thought of himself as an Ohio Yankee. When his grandson, Stuart Dees, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, Stu was delighted, and wrote: "No longer will I be the only 'Damn Yankee' around our house."

Shortly after his retirement, Stuart accepted a position as assistant manager of the physical plant at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, and he and LaHoma moved into a new home in nearby Bryan. Characteristically, Stu became enthusiastic about and deeply interested in his new job. He also turned some of his attention and energies to activities in the civilian community. As he had done as a cadet and throughout his military career, he quickly won the esteem of his colleagues and neighbors. Shortly before his death, he received a congratulatory letter from President Earl Rudder of Texas A&M University, praising him for accomplishments.

Both daughters were married and living within easy driving distance of Bryan, there were two lively grandchildren to enjoy, Stu was a Deacon and treasurer in the A&M Presbyterian Church, and in one of his last letters he wrote: "LaHoma and I are both enjoying fine health and are probably happier in this small, quiet college community than we have ever been." It was not, however, to last for long. Although he realized he had a mild heart condition, he did not take it seriously. But, with little immediate warning, he passed away quietly on 14 May 1967. He was buried with full military honors in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio.

In recognition of outstanding service to his country, Stuart was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Ribbon, the French Croix de Guerre, and many campaign and service medals.

Stu had a warm, friendly, easy, almost mild manner, but the square cut of his jaw marked him as one who could be calm, decisive, and firm when there was need for such qualities. He had a highly principled sense of responsibility, duty, and integrity. It was these traits that endeared him to his subordinates and commanded the admiration and respect of all who ever served or worked with him. To those who knew him well, probably the characteristics that immediately come to mind were his wonderful, cheerful disposition, his devotion and love for his family, his subtle sense of humor, the twinkle of his eyes, and the infectious grin he so frequently displayed. He had the knack of noting and remembering pleasant, amusing incidents in the activities of his associates and friends—little things that most persons would never observe or quickly forgot. Everyone who served with or knew him, loved and admired him. All are saddened with the knowledge that he has joined the Long Gray Line.

He is survived by his wife, LaHome; two daughters, Mrs. Jackie F. Dees, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Stephen Goldberg, Corpus Christi Naval Station; and two grandchildren, Stuart Lyndon Dees and Leah Anne Dees.

*—F. D. Atkinson*

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## Robert Allen Ports

NO. 8941 CLASS OF 1930

Died 7 April 1967 in San Francisco, California, aged 62 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ROBERT PORTS UNDOUBTEDLY FELT the stamp of West Point upon his life more strongly than most graduates. Throughout his service and retirement he was among his Alma Mater's most loyal and effective supporters. Always a leader in alumni affairs, he was the local Class of '30 representative and was active in the Bay Area West Point Society until about a year prior to his final illness. It was appropriate that he received his final military honors at his beloved West Point.

Bob realized for several years before he finally lost his gallant battle with emphysema that he might be answering his last roll call at any time. He faced the final crisis bravely as he had every other in his long and distinguished Army career. He continued to work in his San Francisco office at Western

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Title Insurance Company on every day that he was able and strove to maintain a normal social and home life.

His decorations include the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Unit Citation. Bob earned his Silver Star for his part during an assault in very mountainous terrain by the 32d Infantry Division that opened the vital Villa Verde Trail on Luzon, P.I., 28 April 1945. His citation declared that he "exposed himself to intense sniper fire" in order to direct a liaison plane into position to adjust fire on a concealed strong point. He won his Distinguished Unit Citation as commander of the 126th Field Artillery Battalion which was cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty on Luzon in the Philippines from 30 January 1945 to 3 June 1945. The battalion was in direct support of the 127th, 126th, and finally the 128th Infantry Regiments of the 32d Infantry Division for a total of 125 days of continuous action. Bob was awarded the Air Medal for flights over enemy territory during which he adjusted fire and conducted reconnaissances of Luzon and also for his previous assignment as G3 of the 11th Airborne Division in New Guinea during which time he flew in troop carriers and gliders.

Robert Allen Ports was born in Columbus, Ohio. He attended Ohio State University for three years before his appointment to West Point. During that period he served a year in the 37th Infantry Division of the Ohio National Guard. In July of 1926, Bob entered West Point. As a cadet he found time for frequent engagement in social activities and participated as a member of the rifle team. After graduation, his early service, to his great delight, was with horse and horse-drawn artillery units, the first of which was the 83d Field Artillery at Fort Benning. He was a fine horseman who participated in horse shows and hunt club activities, and he gave riding instruction at Fort Benning, Fort Sill, and in Hawaii whenever the opportunity was presented.

He was a graduate of the Artillery School and the Command and General Staff College and received constructive credit, due to his wartime staff experience, for the Armed Forces Staff College. During three of his pre-World War II assignments, he served successively as assistant G3 of the 3d Infantry Division, the 6th Infantry Division, and IX Corps. During the early part of World War II, he served as G3 of both the 89th Infantry Division in the U.S., and the 11th Airborne Division in the U.S. and in New Guinea. During the Luzon campaign he assumed command of an artillery battalion in the 32d Infantry Division.

At the end of the war in Japan he served with distinction as Chief of Staff of the 32d Infantry Division, a division with which he had served previously as division artillery executive. As the result of those two assignments, Bob received a well-deserved promotion to colonel. Among his later assignments was that of assistant G1, Sixth U.S. Army under General Mark Clark. General Clark twice commended him for superior performance of duty. Bob's staff division was deeply involved in the return of U.S. war dead from the Pacific areas. He was next assigned as Director of Training, Amphibious Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet. His work on this joint staff was classed by his Navy superior as outstanding. Several assignments in USAREUR including duty in the Office of the Comptroller, EUCOM, were next on the schedule for Bob. His final assignment in Europe was as Deputy Artillery Officer, Seventh U.S. Army, Germany.

Bob's last tour of duty before retirement was as Headquarters Commandant and Commander of Sixth U.S. Army Special Troops. This service won him his second Army Commendation Medal and several other commendations and letters of appreciation. During this period he began his association with the Bay Area West Point Society and served as its secretary for two years. One of his major efforts after retirement was to conceive and help organize the society's Placement Committee, which began in 1962 to assist retired West Pointers in finding gainful employment in the Bay Area. Bob was also instrumental in changing the Bay Area's annual West Point football banquet to a joint Service Academies endeavor, an affair which has continued successfully and is now in its third cycle.

Bob is survived by his wife, Kay, the former Kathryn Susan O'Brien of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who resides at 2335 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco; his daughter, Susan Merrill Ports; and two sisters, Mrs. Clement R. Roach and Mrs. Marion A. Bonham, both of Columbus, Ohio.

Robert Allen Ports was a fine soldier and West Pointer, a versatile commander and



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troop leader, an expert staff officer, and a highly professional artilleryman. He was loyal to his Alma Mater, his profession, and his many friends. All three shall miss him profoundly.

—*A Classmate*

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## Harold Ambrose Hughes

NO. 9183 CLASS OF 1931

Died 10 April 1966 at Atlanta, Georgia, aged 59 years.

Interment: Liberty, New York

THE CLASS OF 1931 will always remember Amby as the trumpet player of the Hell Kittens. His hot renditions of the popular tunes of the late twenties and early thirties were most rhythmic, danceable, and enjoyable to all in the audience. We also remember him as the classmate who stole Irma, the station hospital dental hygienist, from the rest of the Corps by marrying her.

After a brief commissioned service, Amby resigned from the Field Artillery to seek more fertile and interesting civilian fields. Many of us know little about his in-between years and his return to service as an instructor at West Point from 1942 to 1947. He was always an outstanding English student and shared this ability with cadets during his years as an instructor.

Immediately following the West Point assignment, Amby worked with the Civil Defense in New York City. He relinquished his position there to go to Georgia for a job with Lockheed Aircraft. With his aptitude in English, he was assigned to writing technical manuals for their new aircraft. His lucid, fluent, and clear style plus his engineering background were of great aid to the pilots of these aircraft.

I first became re-acquainted with Amby at the West Point Founders Day dinner in 1956. He was wearing his school tie, and, physically, he looked much as he did in 1931. He was then living in Smyrna working as a technical manual writer for Lockheed Georgia in Marietta. I remember a wonderful tour of the plant Amby arranged for the Atlanta '31's. We had VIP treatment and were personally conducted by the head of public relations.

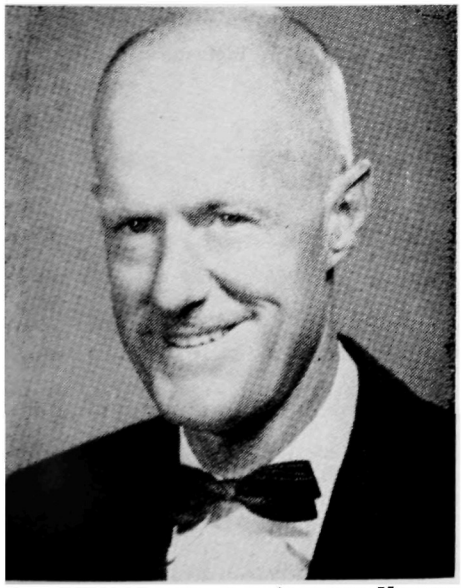
However, working was not enough for the energetic Amby. It is difficult to realize that he had a green thumb. He converted his yard into a garden spot not only with flowers but also with many vegetables including asparagus, soybeans, okra, and the more common kinds. A friend permitted him to use part of his country acreage for further farming. At one time he had several hundred spruce trees planted. I am sure that at times his lovely wife, Irma, must have been distraught with Amby's muddy feet and his growing of seedlings in the spare bedroom. However, he always had a freezer full of home-grown produce.

Amby loved people. He was active in his Lockheed Management Club, the Smyrna Toastmaster's Club, the Smyrna Lions Club, and his church. He also became interested in local politics and campaigned vigorously for his Congressman and other elected officials. At one time he conducted an energetic campaign for himself for city councilman. When Lockheed had to cut back, Amby went back to his first love, teaching. He taught English and mathematics at the University of Georgia, Marietta branch. He loved bridge for recreation and played an excellent hand. Above all, Amby loved West Point and derived hours of pleasure talking about the Academy.

It was a sad day to visit this vigorous classmate about two years before his death and to see him losing control of his legs and his talking facilities. We all hoped for a recovery, but the end came Easter Sunday, 1966.

He is survived by his lovely wife, Irma; his daughter, Barbie; and three grandchildren.

May his trumpet add to the glory of heavenly music.



HAROLD AMBROSE HUGHES

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## Edwin Forrest Harding Jr.

NO. 12659 CLASS OF 1941

Died 1 May 1967 in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Chillicothe, Ohio, aged 48 years.

Interment: Franklin, Ohio

EDWIN F. HARDING walked loudly among us. From Beast Barracks to his untimely end, his always devil-may-care attitude asserted itself as a pervasive presence in our midst, at once signifying our collective dreams, laughter, courage, and stubbornness.

Bud's engaging personality included some contradictory facets. He purported to be a goat—a claim certified by his class standing —yet, in 1948, he achieved a master's degree in business administration at Ohio State. An Army brat, he flaunted Army discipline, cheerfully accepting the consequences he well knew would follow. Indifferent to, if not scornful of, the trappings of rank, he was wearing eagles at the age of thirty-two and was the first man of our Class to command a wing.

Not counting a few unofficial—and unauthorized—flights in New Guinea in 1943, Bud is credited with a total of eighty combat bombardment missions, over fifty with the Fifteenth Air Force in Italy in 1944, and eighteen as commander of the 98th Bombardment Wing in the Korean War. In the process he won the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with many clusters.

Bud's peacetime service included responsible command and staff assignments that sternly tested—and found not wanting—the capacity of a young and relatively inexperienced officer. Having won his spurs in two wars, Bud returned to March Air Force Base to resume his former job as comptroller of the Fifteenth Air Force.

Six months later, in July of 1952, he suffered a devastating automobile accident. Driving home at night after having picked up his car at the airport in Los Angeles following his return from a SAC conference in Omaha, he took a wrong turn, crashed through a barrier, and plunged into a concrete-lined irrigation ditch. He lay undiscovered for eight hours, and it took five months at Letterman General Hospital to repair the obvious damage. Bud was returned to duty, but his health could not be fully restored, and he was retired for physical disability in December 1954.

Bud's efforts in civil life were only intermittently successful. There were periods, sometimes lasting for months, when the old drive and sound judgment that had marked him for advancement in the Service were again in evidence, but the full and sustained comeback never quite materialized. The years following his retirement were punctured by periods of hospitalization under the Veterans Administration—the last one long and terminal.

Not even in the last grim phase of our Bud's long struggle to regain his lost competence did he lose heart. Always he looked forward to the day when he would again take his place among those who were carving careers of usefulness in nonmilitary fields. He was no longer the gay, carefree Bud we remember so well, but his parents, whom he visited frequently, and others who were in close contact with him shared his confidence that he would ultimately be restored to full health. Flashes of the old zip, the old sense of humor, and the old trait of taking the bad breaks in stride encouraged that confidence.

But no such hoped-for issue was in his stars. Afflicted with severe emphysema, he was highly susceptible to pneumonia, and several bouts with that disease had taken their toll. He suffered another attack just as it appeared that he had attained his long-time goal. It was too much for the once stout heart, which three days later ceased to beat.

Behind him Bud leaves a father and mother, rightfully proud of their son's fine combat record, a brother and a sister, and four children imbued with the spirit of "our old Bud" who never grew old. And surely he would be glad for our remembering him as we knew him best—happy, laughing, full of fun and confidence—as one whose substantial military achievements add their measure to the ever-growing tradition of service to country that *is* the Corps.

EDWIN FORREST HARDING JR.



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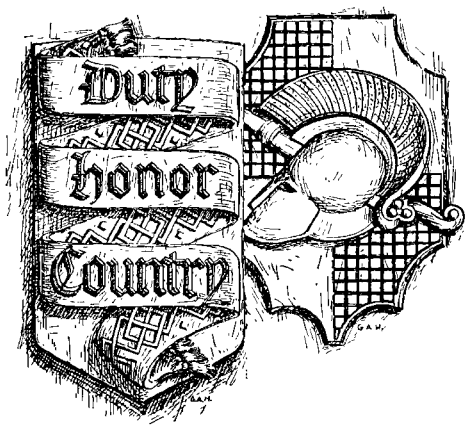


# Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Fall 1967 ASSEMBLY

| *Name* | *Class* | *Date of Death* | *Place* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Guy V. Henry Jr. | 1898 | 29 November 1967 | Wenatchee, Washington |
| Herman W. Schull | 1899 | 8 February 1968 | Tucson, Arizona |
| Charles Telford | 1903 | 21 June 1967 | San Diego, California |
| George M. Morrow Jr. | 1906 | 8 February 1968 | Birmingham, Alabama |
| Henry C.K. Muhlenberg | 1908 | 20 December 1967 | Joshua Tree, California |
| Albert L. Sneed | 1908 | 25 November 1967 | Pinehurst, North Carolina |
| Edwin H. Marks | 1909 | 19 December 1967 | Berkeley, California |
| Parker C. Kalloch Jr. | 1910 | 12 November 1967 | Sandia Base, New Mexico |
| John N. Hauser | 1912 | 26 December 1967 | Fort Bragg, North Carolina |
| Edward C. Rose | 1912 | 4 November 1967 | Camp Wolters, Texas |
| Francis M. Brannan | 1914 | 5 December 1967 | Birmingham, Alabama |
| James B. Cress | 1914 | 27 July 1967 | Palo Alto, California |
| John D. Miley | 1916 | 18 November 1967 | Fort Leavenworth, Kansas |
| Benjamin A. Yancey | 1916 | 4 March 1968 | Newport News, Virginia |
| Ray H. Lewis | Apr 1917 | 3 January 1968 | Corvallis, Oregon |
| Henry B. Parker | Ex-Aug 1917 | 5 December 1967 | Vandenberg AFB, California |
| Francis A. March | Nov 1918 | 2 November 1967 | Los Gatos, California |
| Jesse L. Gibney | Nov 1918 | 23 December 1967 | Clearwater, Florida |
| Albert B. Goodin | Nov 1918 | 23 September 1964 | Washington, D.C. |
| Walter J. Muller | Nov 1918 | 14 November 1967 | Oahu, Hawaii |
| William W. Barton | 1919 | 8 October 1967 | Montague, California |
| Herbert W. Semmelmeyer | 1919 | 10 November 1967 | Redwood City, California |
| Roy W. Barhydt | 1920 | 1 June 1967 | Ellsworth, Maine |
| Tracy E. Davis | 1920 | 31 October 1967 | Columbus, Georgia |
| Fred L. Hamilton | 1920 | 9 December 1967 | Tucson, Arizona |
| John F. McBlain | 1920 | 22 October 1967 | Santa Rosa, California |
| Alba C. Spalding | 1922 | 14 December 1967 | Frankfurt, Germany |
| John F. Powell | 1925 | 20 January 1966 | Las Palmas, Canary Islands |
| Charles E. Martin | 1926 | 14 February 1968 | Manhasset, New York |
| Max S. Johnson | 1927 | 6 January 1968 | Washington, D.C. |
| Joseph W. Vincent | 1927 | 12 December 1967 | Washington, D.C. |
| Charlie Wesner | 1927 | 9 August 1967 | Madison, Wisconsin |
| Edward B. Keller | 1928 | 20 February 1968 | Phoenixville, Pennsylvania |
| George W. Perry | 1930 | 3 November 1967 | Fort Knox, Kentury |
| Walter A. Huntsberry | 1933 | 16 October 1967 | Hickory, North Carolina |
| Joseph M. Pittman | 1933 | 15 December 1967 | Denver, Colorado |
| Ray A. Pillivant | 1935 | 9 December 1967 | New York, New York |
| Thomas H. Beeson | Jan 1943 | 5 February 1968 | Heidelberg, Germany |
| Arturo R. Espaillat | Jun 1943 | 26 September 1967 | Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic |
| Lester L. Salzer | 1944 | 26 January 1968 | near Elkton, Maryland |
| Maxwell O. Johnson Jr. | 1945 | 27 October 1967 | San Francisco, California |
| Harold A. Barton | 1951 | 2 December 1967 | Fort Knox, Kentucky |
| Robert G. Kimmel | 1952 | 14 November 1967 | Vietnam |
| John O. Cooper III | 1953 | 26 October 1967 | Vietnam (military plane crash) |
| John F. Martin | 1953 | 31 January 1968 | Vietnam |
| Robert H. Gross | 1954 | 10 December 1967 | Japan (wounds received in Vietnam) |
| Barnes W. Rose Jr. | 1957 | 4 November 1967 | Vietnam |
| Duncan P. Smyly | 1957 | 19 November 1967 | Vietnam |
| Floyd B. Spencer Jr. | 1958 | 31 January 1968 | Vietnam |
| Francis G. Gercz Jr. | 1959 | 25 January 1968 | Vietnam |
| Richard K. Boyd Jr. | 1960 | 26 October 1967 | Vietnam |
| Michael F. Field | 1960 | 15 October 1967 | Vietnam |
| Michael A. Crabtree | 1962 | 18 November 1967 | Vietnam |
| James L. Blackwell Jr. | 1963 | 17 October 1967 | Vietnam |
| Terence F. Sage | 1963 | 31 January 1968 | Vietnam |
| Harold J. Kaufman | 1964 | 20 November 1967 | Vietnam |
| Michael J. Kiley | 1964 | 20 November 1967 | Vietnam |
| Michael E. Berdy | 1965 | 26 December 1967 | Vietnam |
| Robert G. Keats | 1965 | 2 February 1968 | Vietnam |
| Robert L. Lee Jr. | 1965 | 23 November 1967 | Vietnam |
| George P. O'Toole Jr. | 1965 | 12 December 1967 | Vietnam |
| Charles E. Wuertenberger | 1965 | 17 January 1968 | Vietnam |
| James A. Gardner | Ex-1965 | 7 February 1967 | Vietnam |
| Charles F. Johnson Jr. | 1966 | 31 January 1968 | Vietnam |
| Peter J. Lantz | 1966 | 23 November 1967 | Vietnam |
| Hugh R. McKibbon Jr. | 1966 | 2 February 1968 | Vietnam |
| Richard W. Thompson | 1966 | 19 November 1967 | Vietnam |
| Robert L. Fergusson | Ex-1966 | 8 November 1967 | Japan (wounds received in Vietnam) |
| Douglas G. Magruder | Ex-1966 | 18 November 1967 | Vietnam |
| George E. Perkins | 1967 | 9 November 1967 | near Greenville, Alabama |



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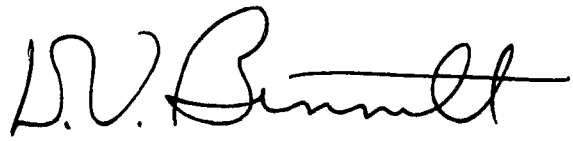
The help I propose is complementary to, not a supplement of, the programs and efforts conducted by the Academy and other organizations. Simply stated, it is the identification of outstanding young men and actively interesting them in attendance at the Academy. How many of you have talked seriously, not just in passing, to two or more outstanding candidate prospects within the past year? If each of you did this, we would have an initial base of over 30,000 applicants per year. We are struggling now to get one-fifth that number.

We cannot hope to reach personally from here the number of young men, their parents, and counsellors we must to generate the required applicant base. Our admissions officers travel constantly, but they number less than a dozen. Weekly, we sponsor the visit here of a group of secondary-school educators and counsellors from different sections of the country. These two-to-three-day visits have been eminently successful but less than 1000 such visitors per year is a mere drop in the bucket of the nation's secondary-school teachers and advisors. Last year, we began a District Representative Program, designed to get one volunteer per Congressional District to act as a liaison between USMA and the Congressman at home and to help the persons who appoint well over half our candidates to find the type of young men we must have. So far, only 165 persons have agreed to help us in this endeavor.

One organization, the Association of the United States Army, has taken up the gauntlet in our behalf and its national leaders are encouraging the local chapters to join hands with co-located West Point Society chapters in applicant encouragement programs. I regret to report that at least one AUSA chapter has been rebuffed in its coordination efforts. Perhaps that incident stemmed from a lack of appreciation of the problem we face or the urgency of the situation.

I can assure you the problem is real and that I consider its solution to be not only our primary concern here but the essence of every West Point Society's purpose in being. I believe strongly that this matter should concern all alumni, young and old, and that they should act as one to meet the challenge. It is, after all, a challenge to the very heritage we all share -- for it may well determine whether your Military Academy lives or dies.

Sincerely,



D. V. BENNETT
Major General, USA
Superintendent

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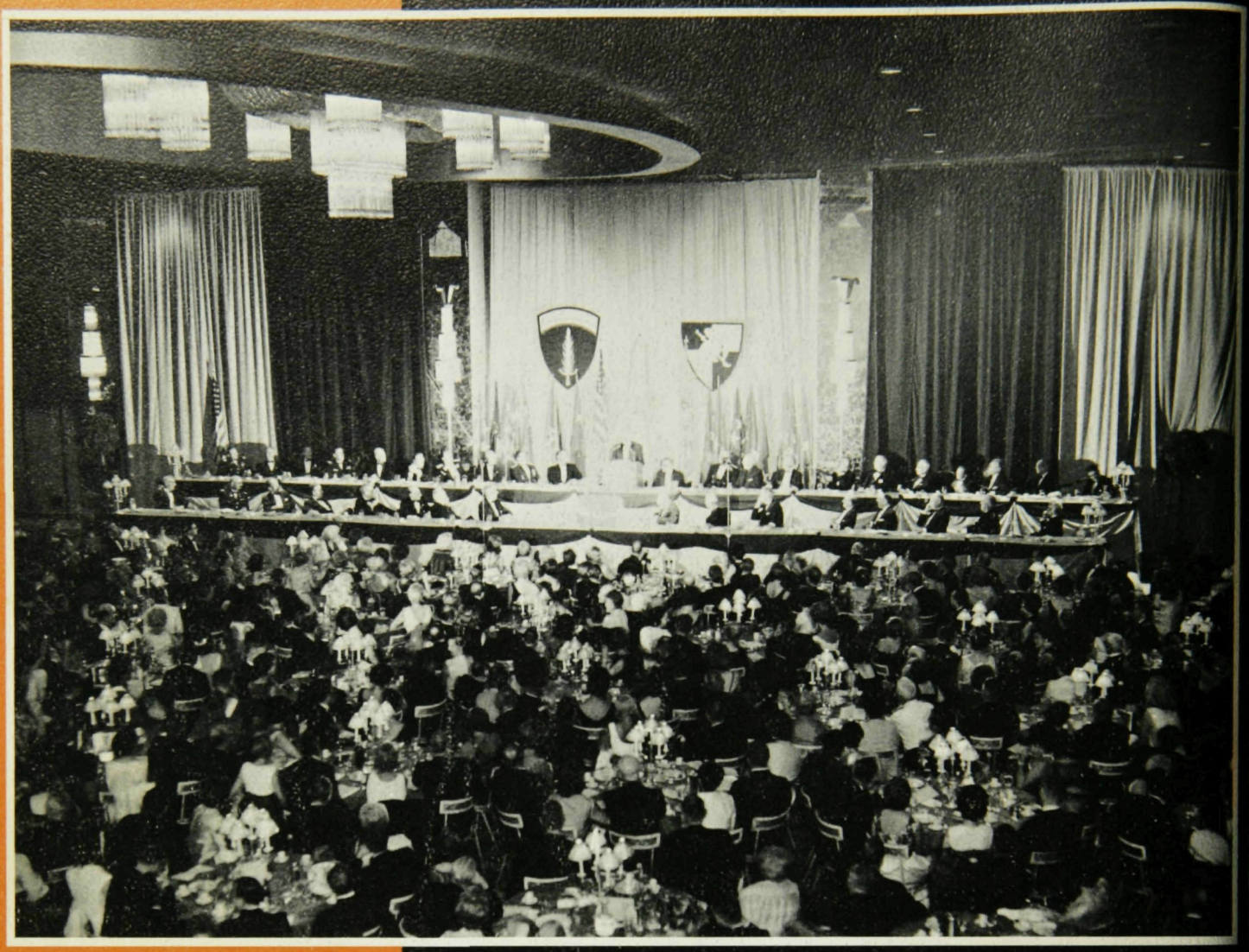

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