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Fellow Alumni and Friends of the Military Academy:

It is indeed a great pleasure for me, on behalf of the Corps and the Military Academy, to join with the Association of Graduates in paying tribute through this issue of Assembly to General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The magnificent career and accomplishments of this great American throughout more than a half century of service to his country are well known to all. We could not hope in these few pages to recognize appropriately or record them in any detail. We can, however, reflect the profound influence and sense of purpose that the Military Academy and its guiding principles of "Duty, Honor, Country," have exerted on his life and deeds from cadet days to the very present. It is hoped that these reflections will acknowledge the honor and esteem due him by the members of the Corps -- past, present and future -- to whose heritage and inspiration he has so greatly contributed.

This will be my last report for Assembly as Superintendent. I leave this office with mixed emotions -- with pride in the current vitality and purposeful development of the Military Academy and the Corps, but with the knowledge that there remain many challenges to be met in assuring the continued future excellence of our Alma Mater and its contribution to this nation. I am confident those challenges will be met and that the new Superintendent, Samuel W. Koster, Class of 1942, will receive the same tremendous assistance and cooperation you have given me over the past two and one-half years. In that latter regard, I wish to convey my deep appreciation to all graduates and friends of the Academy for the support provided me in carrying out my stewardship.

Sincerely,

D. V. Bennett

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ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES
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Alumni Day, 31 May 1968

Dear Fellow Graduates and Friends of the Military Academy:

With this issue of ASSEMBLY magazine we take the opportunity to honor our most distinguished living graduate--General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Throughout a lifetime career of dedication to his country he has lived by and fought for the ideals of West Point. This graduate assembled and led the largest fighting force in history for the assault and liberation of Europe. After retiring as Chief of Staff of the Army, he became President of one of America's great universities. When his country called, he unswervingly returned to active service to guide the formation, within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, of the most efficient military bulwark for peace ever assembled. For eight particularly critical years, he stood at the head of his nation as it sought to keep peace in the world. Today the President of the United States continues to seek the counsel of this most respected statesman.

The career of General Eisenhower is an example to all graduates of the Military Academy and those to come. Conqueror, liberator, defender of peace, and leader of men and nation, all these achievements should be a guiding light to all of us of the Long Gray Line for years to come.

I know you all join me in wishing General Eisenhower continued good health, best wishes, and many more happy visits to West Point in the future to join us as we rededicate ourselves to the guiding principles laid down by our Alma Mater.

Sincerely,

C.V.R. Schuyler

C. V. R. Schuyler
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President

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IN LATE January ASSEMBLY journeyed to California to interview General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower. Brigadier General Bob Schulz, who is General Eisenhower's military assistant and has been with him for over 20 years, arranged the visit.

ASSEMBLY asked General Schulz not to tell General Eisenhower of this special issue of the magazine in his honor, only that we desired to prepare an article for a future issue.

It was a cold day at West Point when we departed for California, 14 degrees as we went out the front door. A few hours later, via Chicago and Las Vegas, we landed in Palm Springs on a warm desert day–in the high 70's.

The next morning we drove some 30 to 35 miles past the golf courses made famous by the Bob Hope Desert Classic to the Cochran-Odlum Ranch just outside the small town of Indio, California, where General Eisenhower establishes his winter headquarters.

ASSEMBLY visits General Eisenhower

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Major General Fox Conner '98, is the man who General Eisenhower says "had the most influence on my life."

The ranch seemed surrounded by palm trees as we turned in a ranch road driving blithely past a sign that said "No Trespassing" and also informed any intruder that the ranch was under guard. A hundred yards or so past the entrance we came upon the small house that serves as the former President's office.

The Secret Service officer was at the door to greet us and took us into the small kitchen–right inside the entrance. He said General Eisenhower was expecting us, announced us to him, and ushered us into the office.

General Eisenhower greeted us with a warm handshake and the still warmer, famous Ike grin. We first presented him with a Sammy Pot from the Superintendent, The Corps of Cadets, and the Staff and Faculty at West Point. He said his memory was not too clear on the Sammy Pot, that "memories fade", but he clearly remembered performing mess hall duties as "coffee corporal, water corporal, and gunner." He was most pleased and said he would make sure the Sammy Pot was on the breakfast table each morning.

We were seated across the large, executive desk from the General. We might add that we had no real planned format for conducting the interview, we just wanted the General's reminiscences on the Military Academy, its graduates, and West Point.

General Eisenhower started off by saying, "West Point and all it means is so deep inside you that you are not so articulate about it. West Point did more for me than any other institution."

He went on to say, "West Point is a part of every army officer." He mentioned the influence on its alumni and other officers alike, using as examples of the latter, General of the Army George C. Marshall and General Walter E. Kreuger. He feels one of General Marshall's greatest qualities was that he "had the courage to decentralize," to give a man a job and let him do it. He believes that, along with General Fox Connor '98, General Marshall did the most to shape his career. "West Point has had its influence throughtout the Army and has given the Army its standards and has strengthened it."

A military history student since his days of service under Major General Fox Conner '98, General Eisenhower attends ceremonies at the Army War College on the occasion of the dedication of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Chair of Strategic Appraisal.

On his opportunity to attend the Military Academy, General Eisenhower characterized it as "almost a godsend." He was not from an "affluent family" and one brother was already attending the University of Michigan.

At West Point, Cadet Eisenhower did not mind plebe year because in his words he "never ceased to be amazed that I was getting an education and being paid for it."

Pointing out that West Point was something special to

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During the victory parade held in his honor in Washington in June 1945, General Eisenhower sits in a command car with his wartime boss, Army Chief of Staff George C. Marshall.

him, the General said, "I loved the place while I was there. I had a hell-of-a good time. I never was in great scrapes at West Point, never went off the post in civilian clothes for example. I was given demerits for smaller offenses. I did not worry about demerits, however, some of my classmates worried over every one." There were only a couple of people he did not like at West Point and one was a "P."

General Eisenhower went on to explain what the Military Academy was and is trying to do, "What they tried to teach the cadets was patriotism, honor, duty, and country. I say unashamedly, it [the Military Academy] tends to mold all who go there. And when anyone breaks the traits he has been taught, he always regrets it and is always ashamed. Maybe it is a characteristic of age to think this, but I think most graduates feel the same way."

Talking about where the Military Academy fits in the American scene, our most distinguished living graduate said, "West Point is more important now than ever. It is important to have the service academies stand out for the more homely things this country stands for."

He added, "The contrast between the standards of West Point and the other academies and those of other institutions should be publicized. I tried to do that a couple of years ago. [In an interview for CBS-TV at West Point in 1966.] The academies have a greater responsibility. The feeling and atmosphere of West Point is wonderful."

General Eisenhower told a story of an honor case that was explained to the Corps of Cadets in the mess hall while he was a Plebe. The cadet in the case in question had contrived a set of circumstances that would permit him to legally break a regulation in order to accomplish what he desired. What impressed General Eisenhower most, aside from the honor implications themselves, was that time was taken to explain the incident and the realization that no note of the incident would be made in any other school. He feels the effect of the honor system on all graduates is tremendous.

On the record he established at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth when he finished first in his class, General Eisenhower explained that he had not been permitted to attend the officers course at Fort Benning first. He had to "finagle" the assignment to Leavenworth by going on recruiting duty. The Chief of Infantry predicted he would "fall flat on his face" without the Benning background. He went feeling at a disadvantage but said, "West Point had taught me always to do my best. I never have been on

In speaking of his fellow alumnus, General Alfred M. Gruenther '19, General Eisenhower says, "Were it not for his age, I would like to see Al Gruenther do anything—be President."

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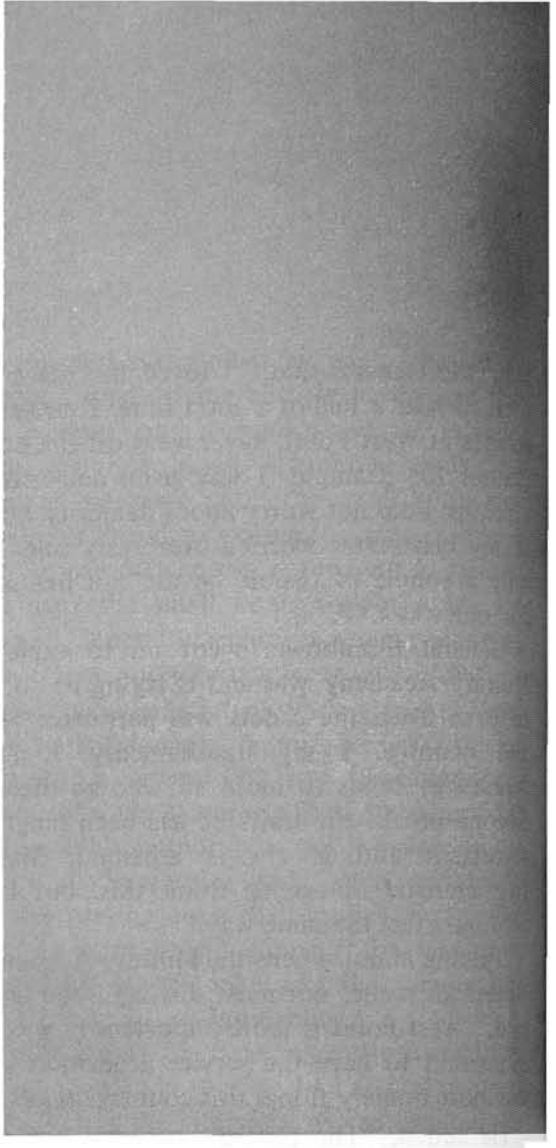
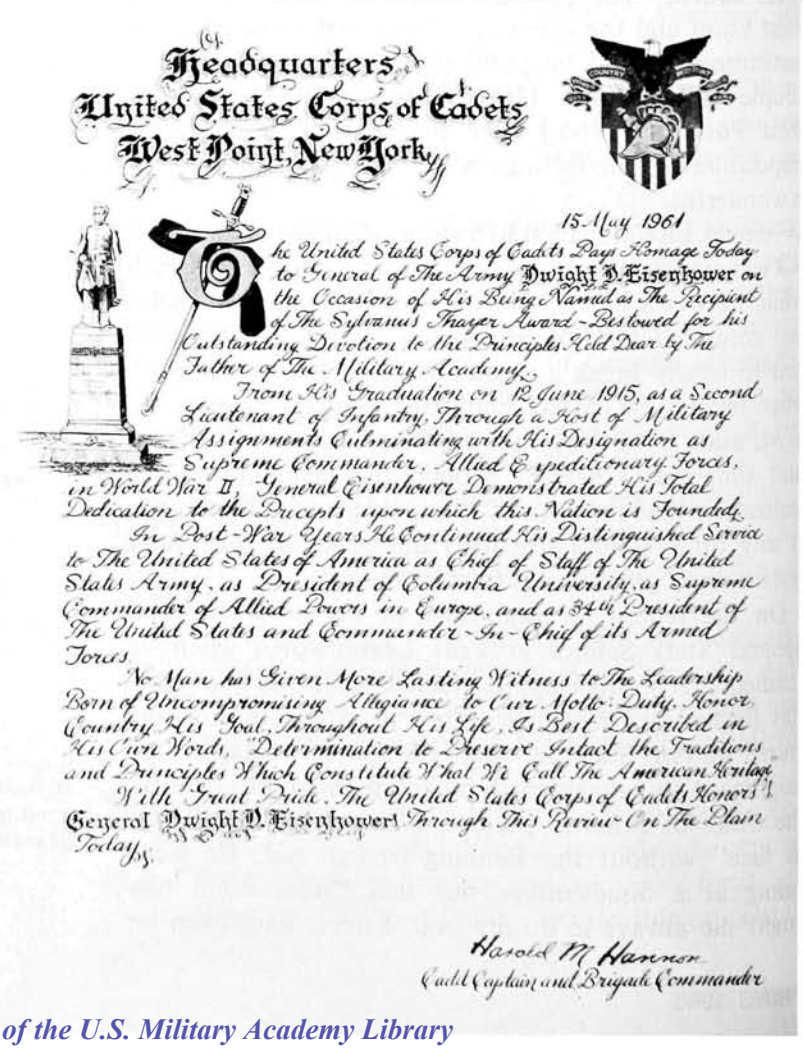
any duty where West Point has not had a great influence on me."

Actually his situation at C&GSS was helped by the excellent training General Eisenhower received from Major General Fox Conner '98. General Conner put him to writing operations orders every day and this prepared him well for the schooling ahead.

In the words of General Eisenhower, "Fox Conner taught by indirection. When I was at West Point, military history was just a memory test." He went on to amplify that it was a memorization of what took place each hour and minute. "When I went back to West Point and observed a military history class when I was Chief of Staff or perhaps with SHAPE, I saw a change that was like day from night." Cadets were being asked what should have been done or what they would have done.

"I had ignored military history as a cadet—laughed at it," explained General Eisenhower. "Fox Conner made me read 'The Long Roll,' *(continue on page 55)*





Headquarters
United States Corps of Cadets
West Point, New York

15 May 1961

The United States Corps of Cadets Pays Homage Today to General of The Army Dwight D. Eisenhower on the Occasion of His Being Named as The Recipient of The Sylvanus Thayer Award - Bestowed for his Outstanding Devotion to the Principles Held Dear by The Father of The Military Academy.

From His Graduation on 12 June 1915, as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, Through a Host of Military Assignments Culminating with His Designation as Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, in World War II, General Eisenhower Demonstrated His Total Dedication to the Precepts upon which this Nation is Founded.

In Post-War Years He Continued His Distinguished Service to The United States of America as Chief of Staff of The United States Army, as President of Columbia University, as Supreme Commander of Allied Powers in Europe, and as 34th President of The United States and Commander-In-Chief of its Armed Forces.

No Man has Given More Lasting Witness to The Leadership Born of Uncompromising Allegiance to Our Motto: Duty, Honor, Country His Goal Throughout His Life, As Best Described in His Own Words, "Determination to Preserve Intact the Traditions and Principles Which Constitute What We Call The American Heritage."

With Great Pride, The United States Corps of Cadets Honors General Dwight D. Eisenhower Through This Review On The Plain Today.

Harold M. Hannon
Cadet Captain and Brigade Commander

General Eisenhower considers this citation from the Corps of Cadets his proudest possession. It was signed by the Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander Harold M. Hannon and was published by Brigade Adjutant Howard D. Graves at a review held in General Eisenhower's honor on 15 May 1961, when he received the Sylvanus Thayer Award.

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THE CAREER OF DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER

POSITION	PLACE	DATE
Cadet, USMA	West Point, N.Y.	14 June 1911-12 June 1915
2d Lt., 19th Inf, 12 June 1915		
Regimental Duty	Fort Sam Houston, Tex.	Sept 1915-Aug 1916
Promoted to 1st Lt., 19th Inf, 1 July 1916		
Inspector-Instructor of Militia	Mexican Border	Aug 1916-Apr 1917
Promoted to Capt., Inf, 15 May 1917		
Assigned to 57th Infantry		June 1917
Regimental Supply Officer	Leon Springs, Tex.	June-Sept 1917
Instructor, Officers Training Camp	Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.	Sept-Dec 1917
Instructor of Provisional Officers, Army Service Schools	Fort Leavenworth, Kan.	Dec 1917-Mar 1918
Commander, Tank Corps Camp	Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Pa.	Mar 1918-Nov 1918
Promoted to Maj. (temporary), Inf, 17 June 1918		
Promoted to Lt. Col. (temporary), Tank Corps, 14 Oct 1918		
	Camp Dix, N.J.	Nov-Dec 1918
	Camp Bennings, Ga.	Dec 1918-Mar 1919
	Camp Meade, Md.	Mar-July 1919
Tank Corps Observer on trans-continental trip with Motor Truck Train		July-Sept 1919
Commander, Heavey Tank Brigade		Sept 1919-1920
Returned to grade of Capt., 30 June 1920		
Promoted to Maj., Inf, 2 July 1920		
Student Officer, Tank School	Camp Meade, Md.	1920-1921
Commander, 301st Tank Battalion	Camp Meade, Md.	1921-Jan 1922
Executive Officer, 20th Infantry Battalion	Camp Gaillard, Canal Zone	Jan 1922-Sept 1924
With 3d Corps Area Football Team	Camp Meade, Md.	Oct-Dec 1924
Recruiting Officer	Fort Logan, Colo.	Dec 1924-Aug 1925
Student Officer, Command and General Staff School	Fort Leavenworth, Kan.	Aug 1925-June 1926
Assistant Post Executive and Commander, 2d Battalion, 24th Infantry	Fort Benning, Ga.	June 1926-Jan 1927
Detailed to American Battle Monuments Commission, special duty in preparation of book "A Guide to American Battlefields in Europe"	Washington, D.C.	Jan-Aug 1927
Student Officer, Army War College	Washington, D.C.	Aug 1927-June 1928
American Battle Monuments Commission to study American battlefields in Europe	Paris, France	June 1928-Sept 1929
Assistant Executive to Assistant Secretary of War	Washington, D.C.	8 Nov 1929-20 Feb 1933
Special Assistant to Chief of Staff	Washington, D.C.	Feb 1933-Sept 1935
Assistant Military Advisor, Hq., Philippine Department	Manila, P.I.	Oct 1935-Jan 1938
Promoted to Lt. Col., Inf, 1 July 1936		
Assistant to the Military Advisor to the Commonwealth Government, Philippine Islands	Manila, P.I.	Jan 1938-Dec 1939
Temporary Duty, Hq., 9th Corps Area	Presidio of San Francisco	Jan-Feb 1940
Regimental Executive Officer 15th Infantry	Fort Lewis, Wash.	Feb-Nov 1940
Chief of Staff, Hq., 3d Division	Fort Lewis, Wash.	Nov 1940-Feb 1941
Chief of Staff, IX Army Corps	Fort Lewis, Wash.	Mar-June 1941
Promoted to Col., AUS, 6 March 1941		
Chief of Staff, Third Army	San Antonio, Tex.	June -Dec 1941
Promoted to Brig. Gen., AUS, 29 September 1941		
Office of the Chief of Staff	Washington, D.C.	Dec 1941-Feb 1942
Assistant Chief of Staff, War Plans Division, WDGS	Washington, D.C.	Feb-Mar 1942
Chief, Operations Division, WDGS	Washington, D.C.	Mar-June 1942
Promoted to Maj. Gen., AUS, 27 March 1942		
Commanding General, European Theatre of Operations	Europe	June 1942-Nov 1942
Promoted to Lt. Gen., AUS, 7 July 1942		
Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces in NATO and Italy	Europe	Nov 1942-Dec 1943
Promoted to General, AUS, 11 February 1943		
Promoted to Brig. Gen. and Maj. Gen., 30 August 1943		
Supreme Commander, Allied Forces Europe	Europe	Dec 1943-June 1945
Promoted to General of the Army, AUS, 20 December 1944		
Commanding General, U.S. Forces European Theatre and Military Governor of the U.S. Occupied Zone in Germany	Frankfurt, Germany	June 1945-Nov 1945
Chief of Staff	Washington, D.C.	Nov 1945-7 Feb 1948
Promoted to General of the Army, 11 April 1946, with rank from 20 December 1944		
President, Columbia University	New York, N.Y.	Feb 1948-Dec 1950
Exempted from retirement, Act of Congress 1948		
Supreme Commander, SHAPE	Paris, France	Dec 1950-May 1952
Retired May 1952		
Resigned July 1952		
President of the United States	Washington, D.C.	10 Jan 1953-20 Jan 1961
Re-appointed General of the Army March 1961		

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Cadet Eisenhower

When one usually reads of the career of Dwight D. Eisenhower as a cadet he invariably reads the same stories that have been related many times. The reader is told of the promising football player whose career ended in a game with Tufts or of Mr. Eisenhower's encounter with the Tactical Department that once resulted in a loss of stripes and tours on the area. There is a tendency for writers to either ignore or at least brush over the record of an excellent cadet.

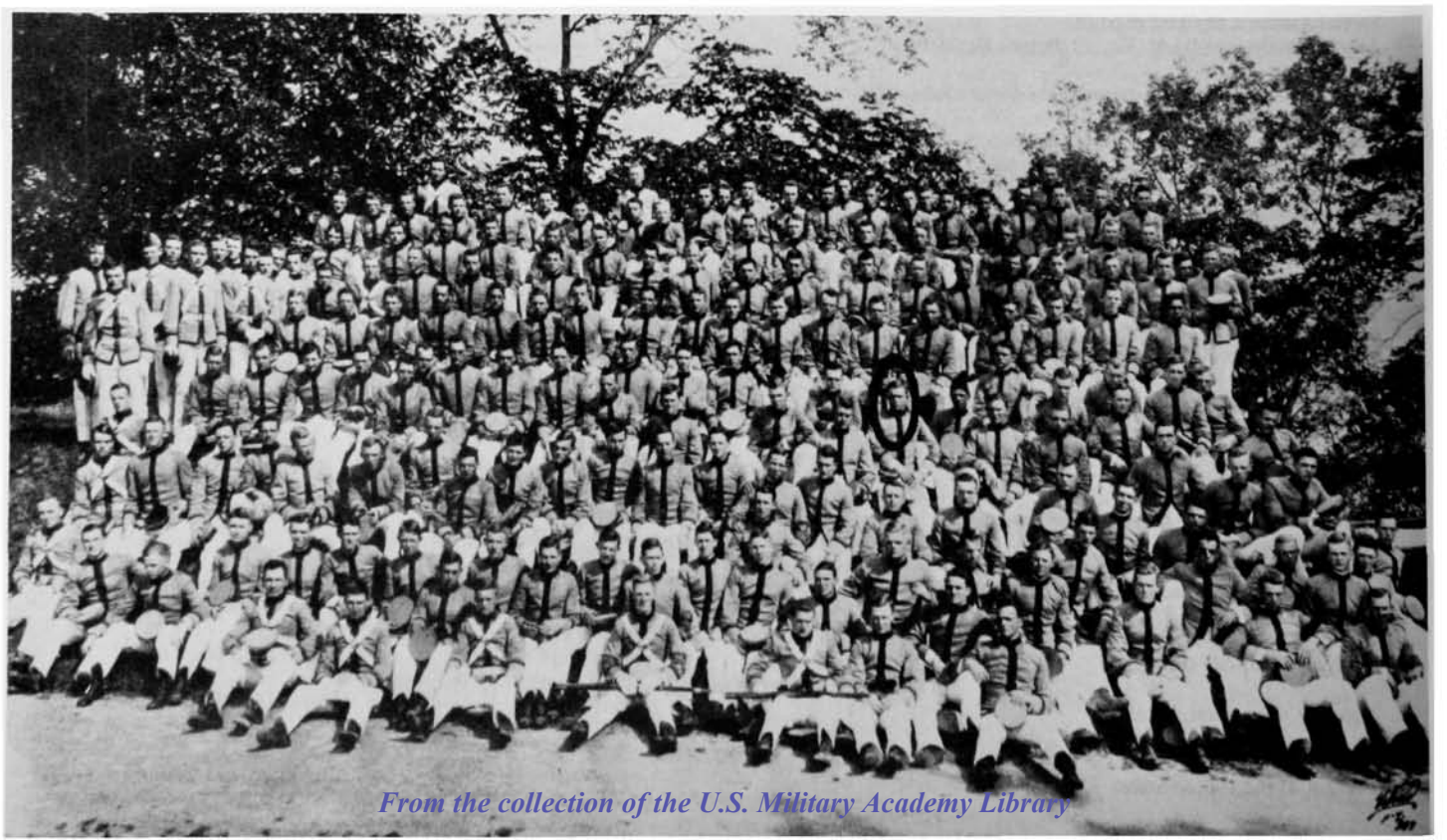
The record of Cadet Eisenhower at the Military Academy contains the thread of things to come—cadet rank, athletic ability, academic excellence, and recognized leadership ability.

At the end of his plebe year Yearling Eisenhower was selected as the 11th ranking corporal in the Corps, the only rank to which Third Classmen could be appointed. By the end of that academic year he was the 7th ranking corporal. On the 30 June 1914 "make list" he was the 3d ranking sergeant and was designated a color sergeant. At the time he graduated he was the senior Cadet Sergeant in the Corps—still serving as a color sergeant and carrying the American Flag.

Selection of Cadet Eisenhower as a color sergeant deserves some discussion. Color sergeants and corporals usually came from the flanker companies and in this case there was no exception to the rule. As a member of Company F, Cadet Sergeant Eisenhower was in a flanker company. The color sergeants were not necessarily the ranking sergeants in the Corps or for that matter even within their own companies. They were normally selected from the sergeants who made a good appearance and were military in their bearing.

Academically Cadet Eisenhower did better in the humanities than in mathematics and engineering subjects. He also achieved high standing in the military oriented areas of study. As a Plebe he stood 10th in a class of 212 cadets in English. He was 39th in history, 30th in surveying (practical military engineering), and

Corporal Eisenhower, Third Classman, is pictured with his classmates in this picture taken for the 1913 HOWITZER.



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Company F, USCC

As a color sergeant, First Classman Eisenhower strikes a familiar pose.

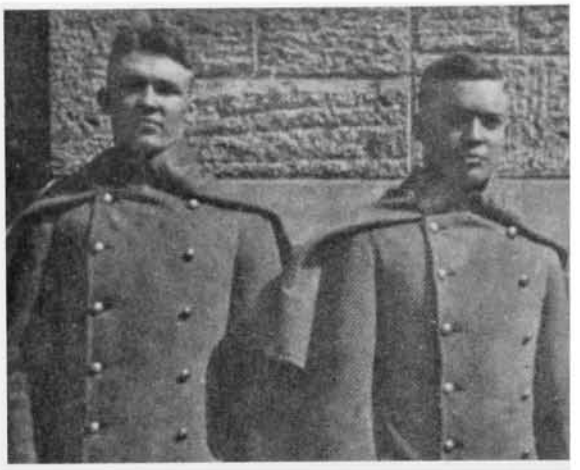
39th in conduct for that year. As a Third Classman he continued his fine work in practical military engineering standing 25 out of 177 in the class and finished the second year of the course ranked 27th in the class. But his outstanding achievement as a Yearling was a class standing of 16 in drill regulation–infantry. This certainly was a portent of things to come in later years.

Second Classman Eisenhower continued to show promise as a military leader ranking 51 out of 171 in drill–cavalry and artillery.

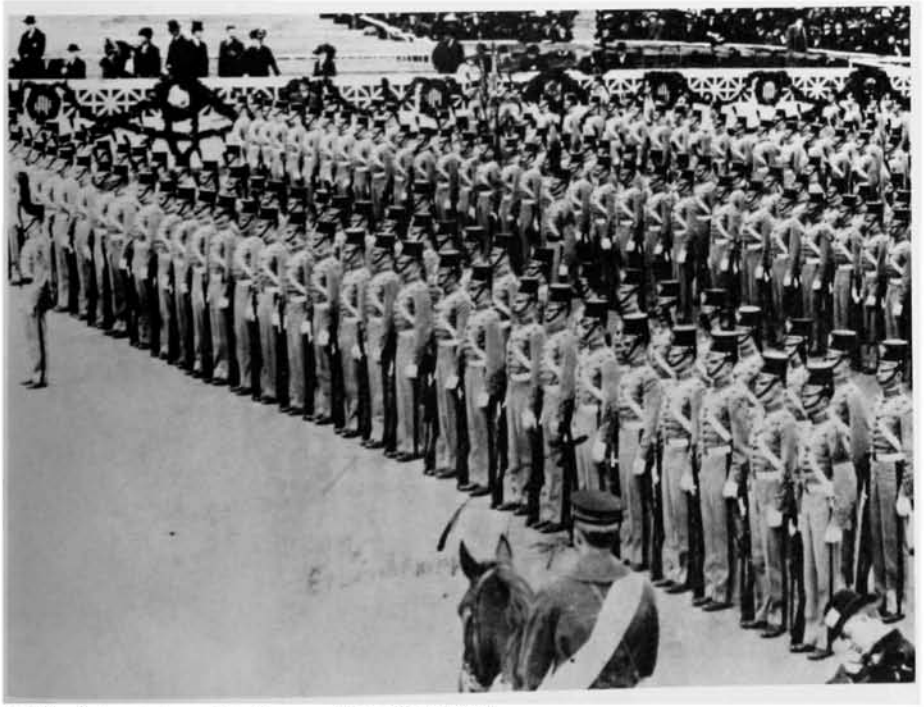
As a First Classman, Dwight D. Eisenhower of Kansas in a class of 168 was 45th in law, 59th in civil and military engineering, 57th in a return to practical military engineering, and 27th in drill regulations–hippology.

He graduated 61st in a class of 164 and his final standings of 28 in practical military engineering and 29 in drill regulations were most noteworthy achievements. It might be added that in only one subject–math–was *(continue on page 55)*

Cadets Eisenhower and Paul A. Hodgson, also from Kansas, are shown as Third Classmen in this picture taken for the "The 1915 Furlough Book." Hodgson, an outstanding athlete, was Eisenhower's best friend, roommate, and Company F cohort for all four cadet years.



The highest ranking cadet sergeant in the Corps, First Classman Eisenhower carries the American Flag at a parade in 1914.



In this picture taken at the inauguration of President Wilson in 1913, the future President of the United States is the Yearling Corporal sixth from the right in the front rank.

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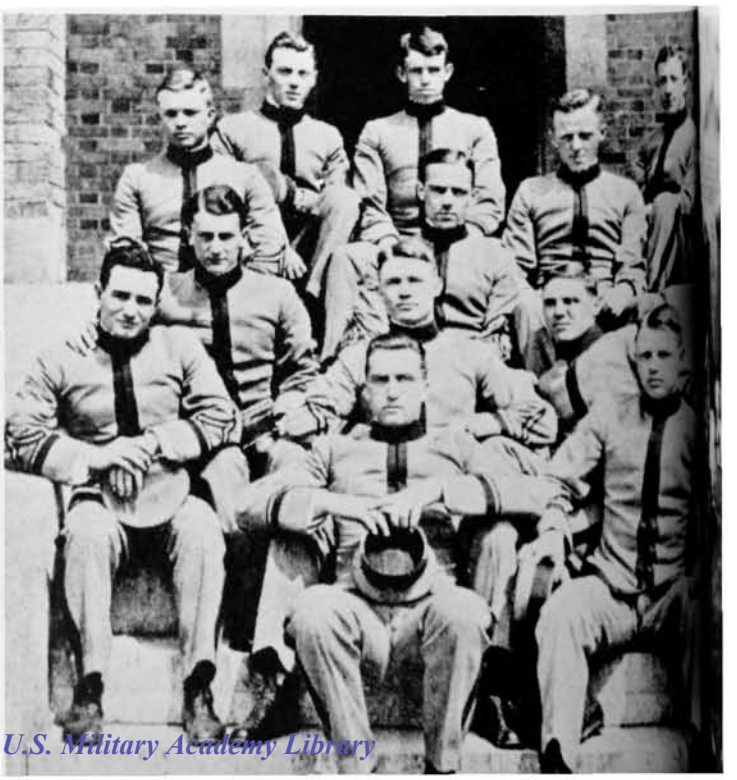
the Athletic Cadet

"Far beyond the color bearers
Southward down the gleaming line,
Flanking all the sturdy wearers
Of the gray, with stiffened spine
Stands the pride of all the Kaydets;
Yea, the bulwark of the Corps;
All the mucky men of 'F' Co.,
Like the grenadiers of yore."

1914 HOWITZER

NOURISHED on pap such as that, the men of "F" Company waxed strong of spirit, bold and confident. The spirit of "F," the last of the six companies, was unique. I imagine that it was something like that of Napoleon's Old Guard. It was in this company that I became acquainted with such solid citizens as Dwight D. Eisenhower, Omar N. Bradley, Mark Wayne Clark, and Alexander M. "Sandy" Patch. The cadet corporal of my squad in plebe camp was John Markoe who became a distinguished Jesuit priest and a pioneer advocate of equal civil rights for the Negro.

Because of plebe restrictions, I saw little of Eisenhower until we returned to barracks from camp in the fall of 1911. My roommate, Layson E. "Tommy" Atkins and I were busily engaged in arranging our property in the steel clothes press when a voice of authority boomed from the doorway, "Who lives in



TOP: Cadet Ike Eisenhower is shown wearing his "A" won as a member of the ARMY football team in 1912. RIGHT: Yearling members of the ARMY baseball team are shown in this picture taken for *The 1915 Furlough Book* published in 1913. Cadet Eisenhower is at the left in the third row. CENTER: Members of the ARMY football squad in 1913. Eisenhower reinjured his knee before the first game and did not play. Left to right: Walter "Bear" Wynne '14, left tackle; "Babe" Weyand '16 (at that time '15), right tackle; Larry Larabee '14, tackle; Ike Eisenhower '15, halfback; Charlie Benedict '15, fullback; Richards Vidmer, mascot and later sports writer for the *New York Times* and the New York *Herald-Tribune*; and Benny Hoge '14, captain and left halfback. FAR RIGHT: Plebes Layson E. "Tommy" Atkins and Ike Eisenhower pose for apicture taken by their classmate Frank "Babe" Weyand in the fall of 1911.

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by ALEXANDER M. "BABE" WEYAND '16

Eisenhower

this house?" Instantly Tommy and I dropped everything and snapped to attention with our chins way in–until we saw it was a classmate.

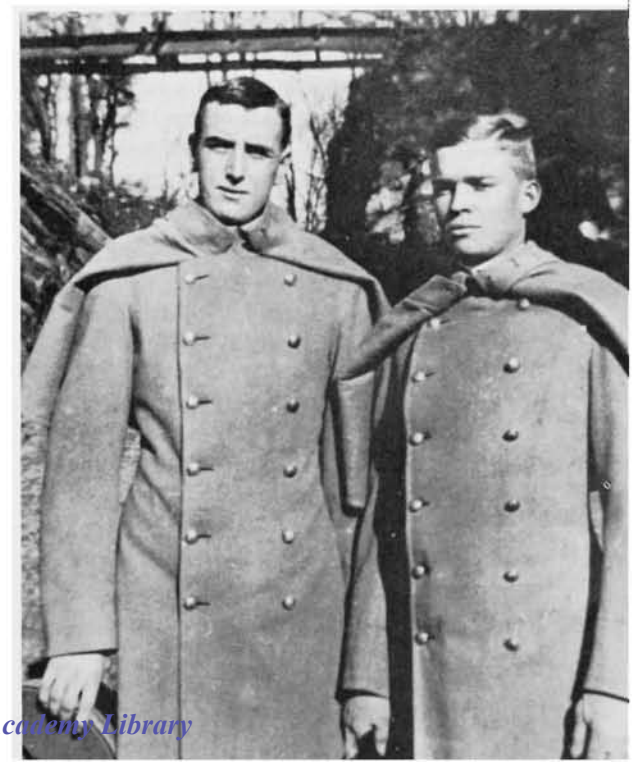
In those days, Eisenhower affected a tough breezy western manner. "At ease!" he barked as he swaggered into the room. I am not given to such foolishness but his smile was so warm and friendly that I had to laugh. We shook hands and have been friends ever since. As for Tommy Takins, he and Ike frequently teamed in bizarre enterprises for the sole purpose of annoying the upper classmen. They were usually caught and disciplined but they had fun while it lasted.

Tommy and I lived in "Plebe Heaven," fourth floor of the 20th, now 26th, Division. Up the hall were two rabid football men from Kansas: Paul Hodgson, tall, very fast, a strong runner, and a good punter, and his less showy roommate, Ike Eisenhower, who was of the plunger, interferer, linebacker type. I judged they weighed about the same, around 170 pounds, but Ike later told me that he weighed only about 150 pounds that year.

The Plebes on the floor used to gather in our room during release from quarters. Eisenhower and a big fellow from Chicago, Charles "Dad" Herrick, did most of the talking but Ike could yell the louder and usually had the floor. I recall him telling us how he and his pals would hitch rides on freight trains in order to see football games at distant points. It seems that William "Red" Erwin, a West Point all-America guard, coached Dickinson County High School during the summer while he was on graduation leave. Ike was then playing for Abilene High School. "They beat us 6-0," he growled, "if Erwin hadn't butted in we would have won the state championship."

At that time, Plebes were eligible for the varsity competition. Ike talked such a grand game that we thought he would make the big squad but he was in for a keen disappointment. When the squad was announced Paul Hodgson was on it but Ike was not. To use one of his favorite expressions, he was "fit to be tied" as he thought he deserved a place.

Ike brightened considerably when he learned of the Cullum Hall squad which had been created a few years before by "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell. It was composed of all those cadets, not on the big squad, who wanted to play football. It practiced and played a short schedule on the field directly across the road from Cullum Hall. Its "Navy game" was against Riverview Military Academy, located at Poughkeepsie, New York, and coached by King Boyers, a former ARMY head coach (1904 and 1905). Cullum's coach was Edward "Joby" Zell, a jovial little cavalry-



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President Eisenhower receives the first annual Gold Medal Award of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame at a banquet in 1958. The award is presented to a man who "shall have contributed in a significant manner to college football." Pictured with former player Ike is Chet La Roche, president of the foundation and Hall of Fame.

Photo: National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame

man who had played in the victory over Navy in 1899.

The feeling between the two coaches was very high. When it was rumored that they had wagered a month's pay on the outcome of the game, interest soared and everybody on the post wanted to see the affair. The members of the big squad were not excused from practice and so I did not get to see it but, according to Tommy Takins who was on the Cullum Hall squad, Ike was conspicuous in Cullum's 11-6 victory.

Sometime during the fall, two ingenious Plebes, Sam Salisbury and Freddie Boye, inaugurated a series of "boxing smokers" in their room on the top floor of the 24th (now 30th) Division. The "smokers" were held on alternate Saturday evenings when most of the upper classmen were at the hops. The hosts always appeared in the windup bout. Every spectator had to "pay" his way in by fighting someone.

Paul Hodgson and Ike Eisenhower boxed each other. Paul, fast of hand and foot, used an upright stance something like Jim Corbett appears in ancient pictures, while Ike crouched and, like Bat Nelson, was willing to take several blows in order to get in a good one. Excitement mounted as Paul danced around stabbing his opponent and Ike savagely bored in trying for a "haymaker." With the oversized gloves, I don't recall anyone ever being hurt but they put on a good show.

Most of the present intercollegiate winter sports were then conducted on an inter-class level with the championships held at a gigantic Indoor Meet in the gymnasium in mid-March shortly before outdoor drill season commenced. Ike won a place on his class medicine ball team. The eight men selected for the team were supposed to be the fastest men in the class.

In the spring, Ike made the varsity baseball squad about half the members of which were Plebes. He had played in center field at Abilene High School and was considered a good hitter. At West Point, he played in no games and injuries curtailed any further activity.

Came the fall of 1912 and, this time, there was no denying the stocky Kansan. He made the varsity squad but saw no service in the opening game, against Stevens. The following Saturday, with Geoffrey Keyes incapacitated, he started against Rutgers. Seemingly he did nothing noteworthy as ARMY won 19-0.

The next game was with great Yale which, up to that time, had been rated first in the nation more often than all the other colleges combined. Late in the game, with Yale leading 6-0, Eisenhower went in for Keyes. He was fresh and Vern Prichard, the quarterback, gave him the ball on most every play. Ike's heavy line smashing sparked ARMY to a 70-yard advance and the cadets had to make up for a 15-yard penalty along the way. With the ball on Yale's 2-yard line, ARMY was penalized fifteen yards for holding. Prichard's forward pass was grounded in the end zone and was a touchback according to the rules in vogue. Yale took the ball and defended its 6-0 margin to the end.

Colgate followed Yale. Pot Graves, the head coach, stood pat on his starting backs but again he sent Ike in in the fourth quarter. ARMY was then leading 12-7 but Colgate was still dangerous. Led by Ike's line smashing, ARMY drove to an

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About the Author...

Alexander M. "Babe" Weyand '16 spent his first two years at the Military Academy as a member of the Class of 1915 and an "F" Company companion of General Eisenhower. He went on to star as one of West Point's all-time great linemen although running afoul of the French department and being turned back to the Class of 1916.

The name "Babe" was given Col. Weyand by his friend and then classmate, Ike Eisenhower. It seems in a "bull" session, Army's strong and tough center, Vern S. "Puss" Purnell '13, was bemoaning the fact that there was no one on the Army team to offset the colorful "Babe" Brown of Navy who literally kicked Army into submission in 1912. Ike Eisenhower took issue with Purnell, pointing out that Army had "Babe" Weyand--the name stuck.

Col. Weyand is a prominent and recognized sports historian and the author of many sports books. He is probably the leading historian on intercollegiate football today.

Richards Vidmer, mascot of the ARMY football team and later a renowned sports writer for the *New York Times* and the New York *Herald-Tribune,* took this snapshot of Yearlings Ike Eisenhower and Thomas B. Larkin in the fall of 1912. That was the year Eisenhower played in five games.

insurance touchdown and an 18-7 score. *The New York Tribune* said, "The work of Eisenhower brought joy to the ARMY rooters," and the HOWITZER contained the oft repeated sentence, "Eisenhower could not be stopped."

Ike's sterling work against Yale and Colgate caused Pot Graves to move him into the starting line-up against Pop Warner's Carlisle Indians. The other backs were Vern Prichard, Geoff Keyes, and Leland Hobbs. I am inclined to believe that, had Ike been available, that would have been the starting line-up against Navy although Charlie Benedict, who was a stronger defensive player, might have supplanted Hobbs.

Carlisle had a truly great team which scored 505 points during the season. It featured the exploits of the incomparable Jim Thorpe. Years later, Pop Warner assured me that he considered this to have been Thorpe's greatest game and, when I asked him, Jim verified that statement.

With Ike plowing "up the middle," ARMY commenced moving. When the Indians tightened their interior defense to meet his plunges, Prichard sent Hobbs off tackle to a touchdown. ARMY had scored first but then the redskins got mad and commenced taking the ARMY line apart. The line backing chores fell to Ike and Benedict, who had relieved Hobbs. Benedict was another "F" Company man. He and Ike were classmates and good friends. They worked in close harmony. When a runner came through the line the first to reach him tackled low, the other, high.

There is a story that, never in his career college or pro, did Jim Thorpe take time out for injuries. When he discussed the game with me, Ike chuckled and said, "When Bennie and I gave him the old one-time, he proved as human as any of them." Carlisle took time out.

Thorpe was not ready to go when time was up. The referee called for a substitution but Leland Devore, the big ARMY captain, said, "Hell's bells, Mr. Referee, we don't stand on technicalities at West Point, give him all the time he wants." According to *The New York Times,* the "long count" lasted three minutes. After that the well rested Thorpe resumed his depredations against the ARMY line. I was ineligible and did not play which was probably a fortunate thing for my reputation.

Ike and Bennie tried another "gang tackle" but, that time, Jim saw them coming. He stopped short and they collided head on. They were badly shaken up and Graves removed both of them although Ike loudly protested that he was all right. The rules at that time stipulated that a player could reenter a game only at the beginning of a subsequent period. Eisenhower and Benedict, the only outstanding line backers on the squad were on the bench when Carlisle turned the game into a rout and went on to win 27-6.

The New York Sun informed its readers that, "ARMY has a rattling good back in Eisenhower who was the best man to carry the ball in the Indian game." I rather preferred his work on defense. When Ike was President, I asked Thorpe if he remembered playing against him. With an economy of words, Jim nodded his head vigorously *(continue on page 56)*

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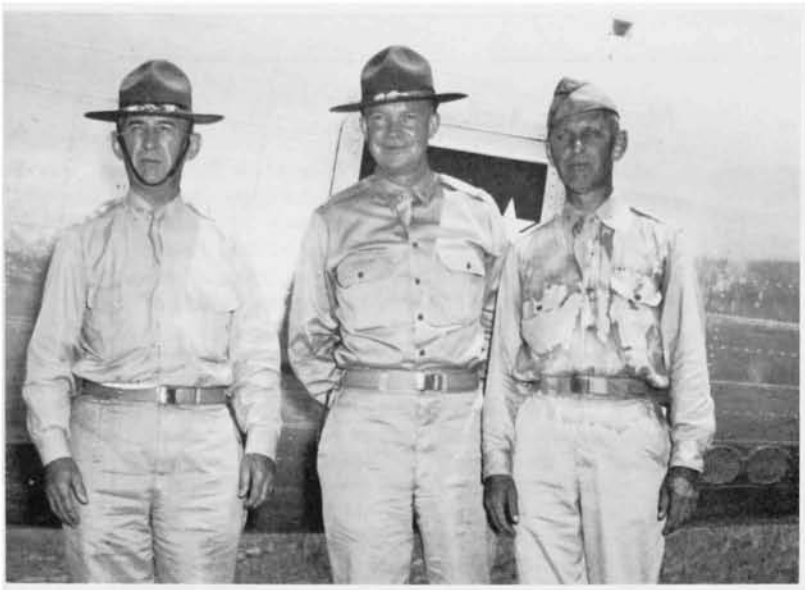

ABOVE: Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, Third Army Commander, arrives with his Chief of Staff for the Louisiana Maneuvers in 1941. With them is Lt. Col. Oliver H. Stout, CO of the 113th Observation Squadron. BELOW: Maj. Eisenhower and Maj. Leonard T. Gerow studied together while students at the Command and General Staff School in a third floor room of the Eisenhower quarters on Kearney Avenue at Fort Leavenworth.

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Just over 25 years passed between the day General Eisenhower graduated from the Military Academy and the start of his meteoric rise to Supreme Commander in World War II. What took place in that period that developed this officer who was to lead all Allied forces in the war in Europe?

A career planner of today who might analyze General Eisenhower's first 25 years of service would see that this officer was developed and trained for a great future. For within that period General Eisenhower commanded troops, attended service schools, and served on both high level and troop staffs.

In looking at this period we might divide it into four phases. First, there was a 5-year period of turbulence during the Mexican Border campaigns and World War I. Second, there was a 5-year post World War I period of troop assignments. Next, there was a period of schooling—at Leavenworth, at the War College, and in France to tour the battlefields of World War I. And last, there was over 10 years of high level staff duty before World War II—in Washington, the Philippines, and on the West Coast.

As General Eisenhower said in ASSEMBLY's interview with him in January, he never has had a job in which the Military Academy has not exerted a strong influence.

The first five years of his career young Eisenhower spent a year in each of the three company grades, a few months as a major and over 20 months as a lieutenant colonel. Like many officers of the Regular Army, he was denied the opportunity to participate in combat in World War I or even get to France. The rapid expansion of the Army and the relatively short duration of the war resulted in training camp service for many fine officers of

The Class of 1928 of the Army War College assembles for this picture in Washington, D.C. Major Eisenhower is second from the left in the front row.

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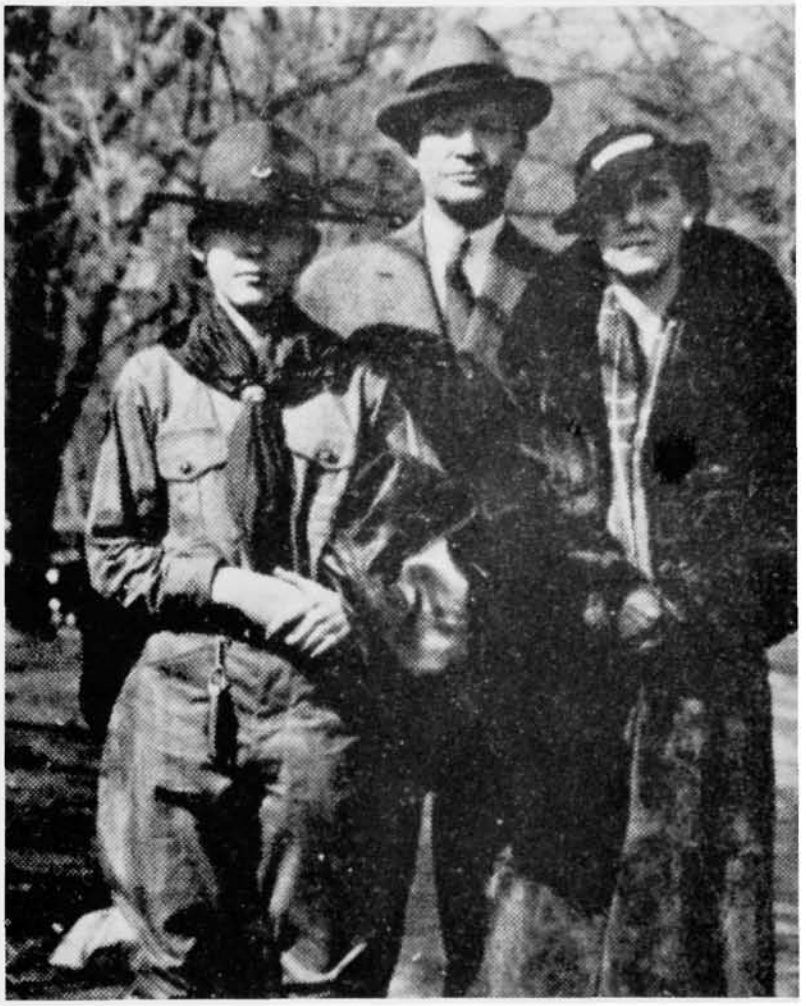
1915-1940

The Eisenhower family is shown in a picture taken for the "Twenty Year Book" of the Class of 1915.



that period. As one of the few in his Class to reach the grade of lieutenant colonel, Eisenhower commanded a major installation for over 6 months–training Tank Corps personnel. Many times he must have turned to the lessons learned at the Military Academy to solve the difficult problems of the day.

A classmate, later Brig. Gen. Norman Randolph, writing for the "Five Year Book" of the Class of 1915 said, "In May 1918, I was transferred– to the Tank Corps at Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Pa., where Ike Eisenhower was camp commander. I though I could work Ike to send me overseas, but he put me in charge of the Tank Corps Officers' Training Camp and we were still fighting the battle of Gettysburg when the Armistice was signed and we'll both be explaining for the rest of our lives why we weren't in France. Ike sure did his job and he can well be proud of his bit as he organized, equipped, and shipped over 15,000 men to France and England from his camp."

In the five years after World War I, the then Maj. Eisenhower met and served under Maj. Gen. Fox Conner '98, the man he believes influenced his career the most. It was West Pointer Conner who molded the young major, stimulated his interests in a period when some officers, to use General Eisenhower's words, were becoming "stultified." It was Fox Conner who sowed the seeds that would help Eisenhower establish his fine academic record at the Command and General Staff School.

If a point is reached in anyone's career where it turns upward, then possibly ranking first in his class at Leavenworth was that point in General Eisenhower's career. He acknowledges the great part his Military Academy *(continue on page 56)*

Major Eisenhower (fourth from the right, last row) sits on the steps of Washington Hall with other members of the Class of 1915 at the 20th Reunion.

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General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower-

DUTY,

by GENERAL, DOCTOR,
HANS SPEIDEL

Editors Note:

ASSEMBLY thanks Major James F. Lynch '61, Department of Foreign Languages, for his very fine translation of General Speidel's article.

THIS MOTTO and guiding principle of the Military Academy at West Point with its treasure of traditions stands invisibly-visibly over the life and work of one of its most renowned sons, General Dwight D. Eisenhower. It appears to us to be the maxim of his exemplary life as a soldier and statesman. This maxim still holds true for our time; it can never be replaced with electronic brains, with data-processing, or with the homonculus out of the retort.

Lieutenant General Dr. Hans Speidel (left) with his commander, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel (center), and Vice Admiral Friedrich Ruge (right rear) look across the English Channel from the French coast on 15 May 1944, less than a month before the invasion.

General of the Army Eisenhower and General, Doctor, Speidel meet at Orly Airfield in Paris in March 1952.

Three members of the wartime Joint Chiefs of Staff tour troop installations on the continent of Europe with General Eisenhower shortly after the Normandy Invasion on 1[illegible] June 1944. Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley '15, then First U.S. Army Group commander, explains a point to, left to right, Gen. Henry H. Arnold '07, CG, Army Air Forces; Gen. Eisenhower; Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff and Admiral Ernest King, Chief of Naval Operations.

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HONOR, COUNTRY

We Germans got to know the soldier Eisenhower not only as the victorious Commander-in-Chief of the opposing side—I opposed his at Normandy as Chief of the General Staff of Field Marshal Rommel—but also as the chivalrous military leader who did not misuse the "Right of the Victor" as a pretext for force; who remained calm and humane with that acute feeling for the honor of the vanquished in the spirit of Karl Jaspers, "The awareness of soldierly honor remains unaffected by all discussions of guilt."

We remember the first few post-war years. Everywhere in the ruins of Europe grew the recognition of the Soviet danger and the realization of our own weakness. With almost fateful inevitability the "Cold War" arose in the West with the threatening of the security of the free world through the expansion politics of the Soviets—the attempts at blackmail began in the Far East leading to the outbreak of the hot war in Korea.

The year 1947 marked a change in United States policy toward Germany and the rest of the world which followed almost literally the advice of Bismarck, ". . . to place protective dikes, to check, this—viz. the Russian—elemental force which faces the world." The United States of America began the politics of containment.

The U.S. and the United Kingdom had from 1945 on totally demobilized. Not until after the outbreak of the Korean War was there a reorganization of the Allied armed forces.

In December of 1950 it was decided, upon the suggestion of the United States and within the framework of the West European Union in Brussels, to include Germany in the necessary preparations for the defense of the West. The United States pressed for the realization of this decision. This was the initial situation at the beginning of the so-called "Petersberg-Negotiations" on 9 January 1951 which were to form the basis for the

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General, Doctor, Hans Speidel served as a Corps and Army Chief of Staff on the Eastern Front in the earlier days of World War II. At the time of the Normandy Invasion he was Chief of Staff of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Army Group in France. He was arrested on the orders of Heinrich Himmler in September 1944 and not released until the end of the war.

General Speidel bacame Military Advisor to the Federal Republic of Germany in 1951 and was German Military Delegate-in-Chief in all NATO negotiations from 1951 to 1955. He entered the Bundeswehr as Commander-in-Chief of Combined German Forces in 1955 and served in that capacity until he was named Commander, Allied Land Forces Central Europe in 1957, a command he held until 1963. He was Special Counsellor to the Federal Cabinet, Defense Ministry from 1963 to 1964 when he assumed his present position as President of the Foundation, Sciences and Politics. In addition to his many military honors, General Speidel holds a Doctor of Philosophy Degree.

participation of Germany in the defense of the West within the framework of a coalition on the basis of equality. Without such equality a German participation was not attainable.

I had discussed this central question in all candor with the far-sighted and humanly so considerate High Commissioner of the U.S., Mr. John McCloy, in the Taunus Mountains and in the Black Forest. I found him to be very understanding. Among other things he was instrumental in bringing about the first historical meeting with General Dwight D. Eisenhower which took place in the presence of the Federal Chancellor, Dr. Conrad Adenauer, on the evening of 22 January 1951 in Bad Homburg. Mr. Theodore Blank, a member of the German Bundestag, whom the Chancellor had entrusted with the conduct of the negotiations, General Adolf Heusinger, and I were apprehensive about the initial greeting that was not easy for either side. But upon our entrance all apprehensions were swept aside by General Eisenhower's spontaneous exclamation as he grasped our hands and then began without further delay, "Ah, the generals."

During the course of this conversation he declared among other things, "It was my view in 1945 that the Wehrmacht, in particular the German Officer Corps, was identical with Hitler and the exponent of his despotism—and therefore also fully responsible for the excesses of that regime. Exactly the same way as I earlier opposed the threat to freedom and human dignity by Hitler, I now see the same manifestations in Stalin and the Soviet regime. I acted then with such thoughts because a soldier must of necessity fight for a belief."

In the meantime, said the General, he had realized that his earlier judgment of the conduct of the German Officer Corps and the Wehrmacht did not conform to the facts, he wanted therefore to revise his former view. He said the German soldier had defended his homeland and had fought honorably, and from now on we should all work together for the preservation of the peace and human dignity in Europa which indeed had given all of us our culture.

We explained to General Eisenhower our worries about the fate of our comrades who still were held in hostile custody, and he promised his help within the scope possible to him.

To me this episode vividly characterizes the soldier and the man, Eisenhower.

The vistor showed not only magnanimity in exemplary feeling and chivalry, but also *(continue on page 56)*

Lt. Gen. Blackshear M. Bryan, the Superintendent, shows a cadet Full Dress hat to General Dr. Hans Speidel on the occasion of the latter's visit to the Military Academy in 1955.

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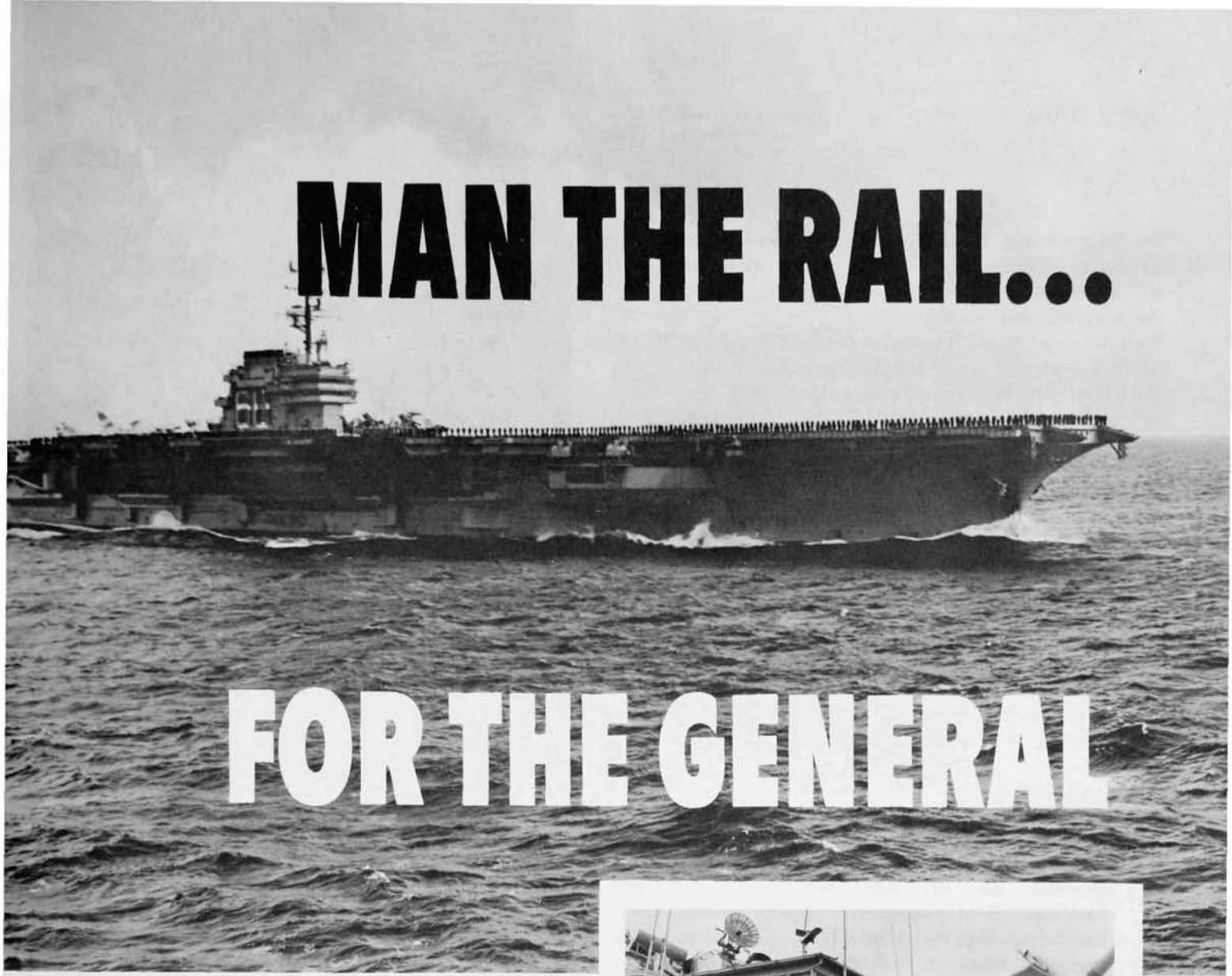
MAN THE RAIL... FOR THE GENERAL



With "Rail Manned", U.S.S. *Saratoga* passes in review for President Eisenhower immediately prior to his arrival at Toulon, France, December 1959. The Saratoga is flying the flag of Rear Admiral T. H. Moorer USN then Commander Carrier Division 6, later the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, and now the Chief of Naval Operations. Right: President Eisenhower returns the salute of one of the ships of the Sixth Fleet as it passes in review at Toulon, France, December 1959.

by ADMIRAL GEORGE W. ANDERSON JR., U.S. NAVY (Ret.)

There is no more stimulating thrill for an American sailorman than to be able to render full honors to the President of the United States on a ship of our Navy in a foreign port. The music of the National Anthem or "Hail to the Chief" just seems to be a little bit more inspiring than it does at home under other circumstances. When it can be accompanied with the thought that the rail is also being manned* for "The General", previously the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, it is even more heartwarming. For me it evolved this way.

In December 1950, I was just five months along in a new assignment as the Operations Officer of the United States Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean and looking forward to a long continuation of a tour of duty that promised to be one of the most interesting, challenging, and rewarding of my entire naval career. Then, as it remains today, the Sixth Fleet cruised from one end of the Mediterranean to the other as tangible evidence of the strength, interest, and determination of the United States along the southern flank of Europe. Maintained in the highest state of readiness, equipped with the most modern weapons, and deployed in an area of tremendous strategic importance, the Sixth Fleet stimulates the confidence of friendly people and cautions potentially hostile governments. Around the shores of

*Manning the Rail is part of the formal ceremony of full honors for a Chief of State—and, of course, the President of the United States—on arrival on board or departure from a ship of the Navy. All ships in company also man the rail.

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General Eisenhower, SACEUR, visits the Sixth Fleet in 1952.

the Mediterranean are sources of our American heritage in religion, in politics, in art, in culture, and in science. Similarly, in the littorals of the same sea are ancient rivalries which have been the basis of bitter conflicts through more than two score of centuries—rivalries which prevailed following World War II and which still portend danger for the future. The presence of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean was and is intended to be a force for stability and for peace; but if, in spite of our best efforts, hostilities are initiated our Allies will have prompt and effective support and the sea will remain under our control and its use denied to the enemy.

With the importance of the Fleet and its deployed area so thoroughly appreciated at the highest levels of the United States Navy, I felt certain that I would enjoy stability in the key billet which I occupied until fortune might smile and I would enjoy the highest aspiration of a naval aviator to receive orders in command of a large aircraft carrier. Hence, it was to my greatest amazement that I was informed of a priority secret message received by Vice Admiral John Ballentine, the Sixth Fleet Commander, from Admiral Forrest Sherman, the Chief of Naval Operations, which read in substance as follows:

> "Detach Captain George Anderson of your Staff to proceed to Brussels, Belgium, to arrive if possible on 18 December, in any event no later than 19 December. On arrival Brussels Captain Anderson should report to General Gruenther for duty. For your informtion, Captain Anderson will be assigned to the Staff of General Eisenhower, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, when appointed. Attention is directed to the highly classified nature of this assignment at this time."

The message was delivered to me on the afternoon of Sunday, the 18th of December, while Mrs. Anderson and I were in Rome having just had the honor of an audience with His Holiness Pope Pius XII. Needless to say, it was a shock suddenly disrupting all personal and family plans immediately prior to Christmas. The short time fuze for execution and my detachment from a key Fleet assignment without a sight relief were clear indications of the urgency and importance of whatever my future duty might be. Indeed, there were many side effects to that particular set of orders which were almost catastrophically distressing at the time but later extremely amusing. They are typical of the impact on family life of sudden military orders. On the other hand, in the months immediately following their receipt, and subsequently in retrospect, the transcending consideration was the personal satisfaction in the opportunity afforded me to participate in the organization of Allied Command Europe and to serve under one of our greatest Americans, General Dwight Eisenhower.

To terminate the foregoing introduction; I did manage to arrive in Brussels on Monday morning, the 19th of December 1950, just as the North Atlantic Council announced the appointment of General Eisenhower as the Supreme Allied Commander Europe. Shortly thereafter, in the company of General Gruenther, I was en route to Paris with a bagful of dirty clothes, an empty pocketbook, and a mind wandering from family affairs, to the world conditions, shaken by the Chinese mass intervention in Korea, to the immediate problems of bringing SHAPE into being. There, I was soon joined by a burgeoning assembly of the finest group of U.S. Army, Air Force, Naval, and Marine Corps officers with whom anyone could ever be associated. Many of them were graduates of West Point. Later, in early 1951, we were joined by selected officers from all of the NATO countries.

It is not the purpose of this article to praise the objectives of the Atlantic Alliance, to elaborate on the vital role of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or to detail the development and accomplishments of SHAPE and Allied Command Europe. Each has been set forth with deserving eloquence by statesmen, military leaders, and other spokesmen of all of the member nations. The written testimony is in the official and public

General Eisenhower, SACEUR, with Vice Admiral M. B. Gardner, Commander 6th Fleet (left) and Admiral R. B. Carney, Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Southern Europe on occasion of his visit to the Sixth Fleet in 1952.

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U.S.S. *Des Moines*, flagship of the 6th Fleet, rendering full honors to President Eisenhower on the President's visit to Tunis in 1959.

records of the legislative bodies of all of the participating governments and in the libraries which are repositories of newspapers, magazines, and pamphlets in a dozen languages. Neither is it my desire to describe the contributions of all of those West Point graduates who have served as the Supreme Allied Commanders Europe, their Chiefs of Staff, subordinate commanders, and staff officers. The list is too long and too distinguished to attempt. Besides, one would be tempted to include graduates of the Naval Academy as well, for there is on the banks of the Severn another Academy, duly recognized by the West Point family even at times other than the second Saturday following Thanksgiving. Rather, my effort is to express my impressions of the influence of West Point, through General Eisenhower, on the Allied Command Europe, from the viewpoint of a Naval Academy graduate who has been privileged to be on the Staff, in lower, intermediate, and higher command positions, as one of its "trustees" as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and as the U.S. Ambassador to Portugal, one of the NATO partners in Europe.

In summary, what were the particular influences of West Point manifested by General Eisenhower which permeated throughout the command and inspired its personnel at all levels? What led to a kind of peacetime cooperation among military services of different nations never before achieved and which stimulated political leaders of all the nations to concessions necessary for a successful common effort? Honor, naturally! Dedication to duty, surely! Professional excellence, moral courage, military bearing, obviously! But then there were those products of the educational process at either service academy which are subsequently developed in staff and command assignments over the years and which establish a sound basis for high command. I once heard these precepts enunciated by Field Marshall Montgomery, the Deputy at SHAPE, as follows:

1. Stick to sound principles!
2. Have a good chief of staff!
3. Keep a firm hold on the fundamentals yourself!
4. Leave details to your staff!
5. Go for morale! It is all important.
6. Radiate confidence!
7. Never "belly-ache."
8. Retain your flexibility and your sense of humor!

Certainly at SHAPE, General Eisenhower followed all of those precepts (can anyone question the fact that "Admiral" Gruenther was the best Chief of Staff that any of us had ever seen—he does hold that rank in the Nebraska Navy) and quite probably Field Marshal Montgomery was merely putting into his own words his observations of how General Eisenhower exercised command.

West Point has always emphasized honor as fundamental to personal and military character. In the development of an Allied military command involving ground, naval, and air services of so many nations honor was a common denominator and binding cohesive element but it was never mentioned. Nor did it need to be because the Supreme Allied Commander had it in-bred and radiated it to all. There could be and were differing viewpoints, disagreements and controversies, varying concepts and degrees of emphasis on professional matters. After all, SHAPE was composed of a selected group of superb officers and the subordinate commanders at all echelons had achieved their reputations and

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positions due to personal merit largely through wartime experience. The officer corps of Allied Command Europe is an assembly of men (and some women) of strong character and personal conviction. But there was never a question of truth, or of honor. It was inherent.

Dedication to duty! In naval parlance, "All Hands" knew that General Eisenhower had responded to the call to return to active service from the then pleasant life as the head of a great university which he was deservedly enjoying following his retirement as Chief of Staff of the United States Army. In itself this would have been a major stimulant to all but coupled with it was his obvious faith in his cause, his conviction of the worth of his mission, his confidence that his objective would be achieved, and that all those serving under him shared in like degree his purpose. Thus, there developed from his inspiration a dedicated effort at all levels to overcome obstacles, to make observable progress, and to work energetically regardless of personal sacrifice. Has not each of our service academies seen this same quality of "dedication to duty" manifest itself when an underdog football or lacrosse team emerges victorious over a potential national champion. Certainly through General Eisenhower, West Point's enviable standard of duty was transmitted through the warp and woof of Allied Command Europe.

Professional excellence has always been a hallmark of West Point. Any small boy in our Country cannot fail to be impressed at his first sight of the Corps of Cadets on parade whether it be on the Plains of the Hudson, on entry to a stadium, or over national television on the sad occasion of the funeral of a President of the United States. The collective military bearing, the superb personal appearance, the brightness of both black and gold against the cadet gray are convincing evidence of emphasis on excellence. This leads in due course to similar pride in staff work and in command assignments. At SHAPE, the ambiance of the Supreme Commander's office and personal staff was one of professional excellence. The appearance, demeanor, and abilities of the officers, enlisted personnel, and civilians; the selection and arrangement of furniture and mementos in the office spaces; the methods of procedure and operations at the highest level; all marked a standard of professionalism that was carried downward and outward to develop comparable excellence through the command. In surveying those units of the different nations that were assigned to SHAPE in comparison with similar formations that were not so assigned, one received the distinct impression that the assigned units more definitely reflected "professional excellence" than those not a part of Allied Command Europe under General Eisenhower. West Point influence? I would think so!

On the emblem of the Military Academy along with the words "Duty," "Honor," "West Point," is that of "Country". How was this influence of West Point reflected by General Eisenhower in Allied Command Europe? Assigning or earmarking forces to the command were the United States, Canada, Great Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxemburg, Denmark, Norway, and Italy. Later Greece,Turkey, and the Federal Republic of Germany were added. Quite clearly, patriotism by its definition, is directed towards ones own Country. Coupled with patriotism is national pride. Patriotism and pride are essential elements of military effectiveness and, therefore, must be stimulated in every practicable way; and, yet, in an allied force, in a manner which enhances rather than reduces the strength of the whole force. General

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—"I have never been so glad to be anyplace in my whole life." President Eisenhower arriving aboard the U.S.S. *Des Moines,* flagship of the Sixth Fleet at Athens, December 1959. He is greeted by Admiral Anderson, the fleet commander, and Captain Slayton, the flag captain. Below: President Eisenhower is introduced to members of the ship's complement by Captain Slayton of the U.S.S. *Des Moines,* flagship of the Sixth Fleet, at Athens, December 1959. Admiral Anderson, the fleet commander, is immediately behind Captain Slayton.

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12 March 1951

Dear Captain Anderson:

You have been nominated by your country to serve as a member of Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. Your selection is clear proof of the professional reputation you enjoy and of the confidence placed in you by your government. I congratulate you for your achievements in your own service and take real satisfaction in confirming your nomination and welcoming you to SHAPE.

We have been charged by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization with certain missions which are designed to provide for our common security and thereby ensure peace. The responsibilities which thus fall upon this establishment are of a gravity without precedent in the history of free peoples. They call not only for a high order of professional ability but for a complete and selfless dedication to the noble purpose we serve. There can be no compromise with these fundamentals.

As a member of Supreme Headquarters, you are given the opportunity of contributing heavily to the preservation of a peaceful world and to those values cherished by free men. The worth of your contribution will depend in large measure upon your recognition of the fact that the purposes to which your country has subscribed will be best served by your unswerving loyalty to our Allied Team.

With best wishes for your personal and official success,

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Captain George W. Anderson, Jr.
Supreme Headquarters
Allied Powers Europe
Paris, France

Eisenhower stressed in his public appearances the importance of *enlightened* self-interest of each of the nations of the Alliance: the fact that they only stood to gain by unity. He exhorted each to regain past national glory, pride, strength, and prestige through the Atlantic Alliance. He made it clear that the assignment of forces to NATO did not involve placing military units of one nation under the command of another nation, but, rather, under the command of an officer selected from one of the Allied nations who was responsible through an Allied chain of command to all the nations. Admittedly, this was a difficult concept to "sell" for example to the British Admiralty, so steeped in salty pride and centuries of experience in the actual command of naval units of other nations. It was a cause of some concern among some of our Allied partners when a senior American officer wore two or more "hats" in Allied and American chains of command, even exercising his U.S. responsibilities outside of the Allied Command Europe area of responsibility. The basic concept has also been shaken at times when "walking delegates" from the civilian side of the Pentagon in Washington wandered about Europe setting forth their own ideas of force requirements, weapons utilization, or strategy that were contrary to those of NATO. Incidentally, this did *(continue on page 57)*

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GENERAL EISENHOWER:

by BRIGADIER LIONEL L. CROSS,
British Army

THERE CAME across my desk today an invitation to attend the 141st Dinner of the British American Forces Dining Club in London. This was a club formed in 1943 by a few American officers and a few British officers (myself included) with the object of getting to know one another better off parade. It has succeeded in its object beyond our then wildest dreams.

One hundred and thirty-seven dinners ago General Eisenhower was the Guest of Honour, and, in my capacity as Joint Secretary, it was my duty, with the American Joint Secretary, to receive him. He had accepted the invitation with the premise "no publicity" because, being just before D-Day, he did not think there should be publicity for the Supreme Commander's social engagements, and it was in fact about the only one which he did accept around that time. The two Secretaries proceeded to the front door of the house where we were to dine in order to receive him, and to our horror we found it besieged by some fifty reporters and photographers. Someone had spilled the beans. The General arrived, gave his beaming smile of friendliness, and just turned to the crowd of newspapermen and said, "No publicity, gentlemen, please." There was no publicity! Any man who can silence the world press, thirsting for a news story, with a smile and a, "Please don't," must have learned something somewhere. Here began my friendship with the General.

My War Office duties subsequently took me from time to time to SHAEF, where I was able to observe the astonishing degree of co-ordination which he had created; the harmonious working together of British and American staffs, so largely due to the personal influence of "the Boss." Another notch, another quality learned somewhere of inspiring friendship and co-operation between two groups of people with a common object, but with a vastly different concept of how it should be achieved.

The clock moves on, years pass and the North Atlantic Treaty is signed. The free countries of Western Europe huddle together in fear; people dare not take a holiday. It is not a question of "Are the Russians coming?" but rather "Are the Russians coming this week or next week?" A politician asks a leading general what the Russians need to advance across Europe to the English Channel and gets the answer, "Boots." The decision is taken to mobilise military strength within NATO. Supreme Headquarters

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A STAUNCH ALLY

.EFT: The Supreme Commander leaves his headquarters with his old friend and comrade, Prime Minister Winston :hurchill of Great Britain, after the latter had addressed an Assembly of SHAPE officers in December 1951. To the ɜft of Sir Winston is Brigadier Lionel Cross, the author of the accompanying article. CENTER: Less than a month efore the Normandy Invasion, the leaders of the British Empire accompany the Supreme Commander on a tour of ritish Army field installations. Pictured at a railroad station in County Kent are, left to right: Winston Churchill, rime Minister of England, Peter Frazer, Prime Minister of New Zealand; General Eisenhower; Sir Godfrey Huggins, rime Minister of Rhodesia; and General Jan Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa. RIGHT: General Dwight D. isenhower, Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, reviews a squadron of officer cadets at the "Passing ut" exercise at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, England, in March 1944, just three months before the ormandy Invasion.

Allied Powers Europe is formed in Paris in January 1951. Is there any hesitation in deciding who should command SHAPE? None whatsoever, because there was one man and one man only, General Eisenhower, by virtue of his military career, by virtue of the trust which he inspired in all men of all free nations, by virtue of his charm and his honesty, who was qualified for the job. And what a job! To help him and to ensure that he need not concern himself with administrative detail, General Eisenhower chose as Chief of Staff another distinguished graduate of West Point, General Alfred M. Gruenther who–I say without fear of contradiction–was the finest Chief of Staff this century (and probably any other) has produced. With this team, success was assured.

I myself joined SHAPE at the outset. I became Deputy Chief of Public Information and in that capacity found myself closely and personally concerned with General Eisenhower, both in the daily life of the headquarters, first in and then outside Paris, and in his tours of NATO countries.

The effect of his personality on the headquarters was remarkable. Military personnel of 12 nations (later to be 14 and later still 15) worked together in immediate harmony for the common good of NATO, often forgetting their sectional, national interest. Even more remarkable perhaps is the thought that each of the twelve countries (except Iceland) had three Services, whose efforts had also to be co-ordinated. Outside in Europe, when General Eisenhower visited NATO countries, it was as though he had re-lit the lamps and restored the smiles. There was hope where there had been no hope before. This, in my perhaps prejudiced view, was General Eisenhower's finest hour: the hour of inspiration to the Free Countries of Western Europe to stand firm against the threat of Communism–and firm they have stood to this day.

Although confidence began to be restored in Europe, the mission was as yet not fully accomplished when there came from across the Atlantic first the whisper and then the call, which convinced General Eisenhower that his country needed him. I was constantly with him at that time and I even dealt with much of his political correspondence until a Congressman asked why a British officer was signing his letters. I am sure that he was then

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Brigadier Cross, who is 66, was educated at Wellington College and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. He was commissioned into the Royal Field Artillery in 1918 and served overseas in both World Wars. From 1946-50 he was Deputy Director of Public Relations in the War Office and in 1950 was awarded the C.B.E.

From 1951-58 he was at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Paris, first as Deputy Chief of Public Information and, from 1954, as Chief of Public Information.

Brigadier Cross married Rose Blanche Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Taylor, in 1940.

faced with the most difficult decision of his life. On the one hand his devotion to the NATO cause, on the other, that word, nowadays so outmoded, "patriotism." Perhaps he remembered his West Point vows. Anyhow the United States won, SHAPE said goodbye, and in the headquarters there was no dry eye in the process.

Time moved on. There came the first Presidential tour of office and then the second, during which he paid a State Visit to London and, with that infallible charm and generosity of heart, he summoned his British war and postwar colleagues, from the greatness of Winston Churchill to the humbleness of one or two of my rank, to meet him for dinner in London. And so came what was described by the popular press as the greatest stag party of all time–which those of us privileged to attend will never forget.

It is difficult for a British officer to assess how much General Eisenhower owes to West Point. Certainly he himself often said "a great deal" and he often spoke with nostalgic pleasure of his days spent there. He was of course greatly interested in the education of the young and several times asked me, by way of comparison, about my own days at our Royal Military Academy, affectionately known to us Gunners as "the Shop."

Certainly no man could have equalled General Ike's achievements without having the seeds of greatness born in him. Would it however perhaps be shown by his life history that those seeds really started to sprout and grew in his early twenties when he was at West Point? This seems to me to be true.

Whatever the answer, he was immensely proud of that great institution and you must all be immensely proud of that great man.

In 1959 the *London Daily Express* characterized this gathering of distinguished personages at Winfield House as "the most celebrated stag party ever!" Left to right, sitting on the sofa: Sir Winston Churchill, President Eisenhower, and Lord Alexander. Sitting on the arms: Lord Alanbrooke and Prime Minister Macmillan. Standing: Lord Strang, Lord Montgomery, U.S. Ambassador Whitney, Brig. Lionel Cross, Lord Portal, Maj. Gen. Sir Kenneth Strong, Sir Roger Makins, Lord Tedder, Lt. Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks, Lord Ismay, Maj. Gen. Howard Snyder, Sir Arthur "Bomber" Harris (behind Mr. Macmillan), and Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan.

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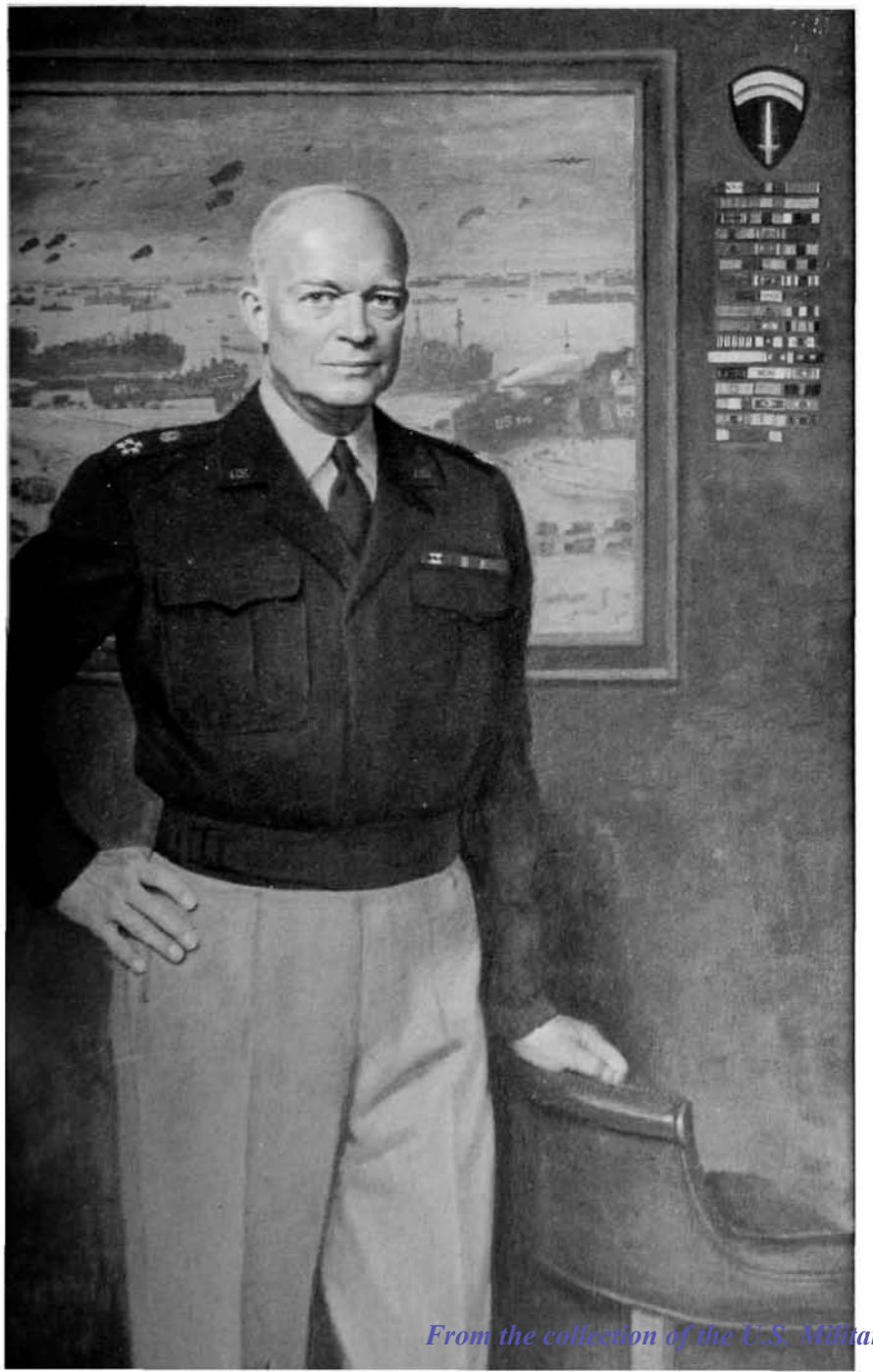
The Awards of General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower

U. S. Decorations

Distinguished Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters; Distinguished Service Medal (Navy); Legion of Merit.

U. S. Service Medals

Mexican Border Service Medal; Victory Medal, World War I; American Defense Service Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with nine stars; Victory Medal, World War II; Army of Occupation Medal, World War II; National Defense Service Medal



Foreign Decorations

Among the many decorations General Eisenhower has received from numerous nations are the: Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath (British Empire); Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor (France); Croix de Guerre with palm (France); Chevalier of the Order of Victory (Russia); Order of Merit (Great Britain); Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Lion of the Netherlands; Grand Cordon of the Order of Leopold with palm (Belgium); and Croix de Guerre of 1940 with palm (Belgium).

Academic Honors

General Eisenhower has received honorary degrees from over fifty institutions of higher learning. Over three-fourths of them have been Doctor of Laws degrees from institutions such as Univ. of Calif.; Columbia Univ., Dartmouth College; Univ. of Edinburgh; Harvard Univ.; Johns Hopkins Univ.; Univ. of Notre Dame; Univ. of Oxford; Princeton Univ.; and Yale Univ. All degrees have been doctor's degrees except one—a Bachelor of Science degree from the Air Force Academy.

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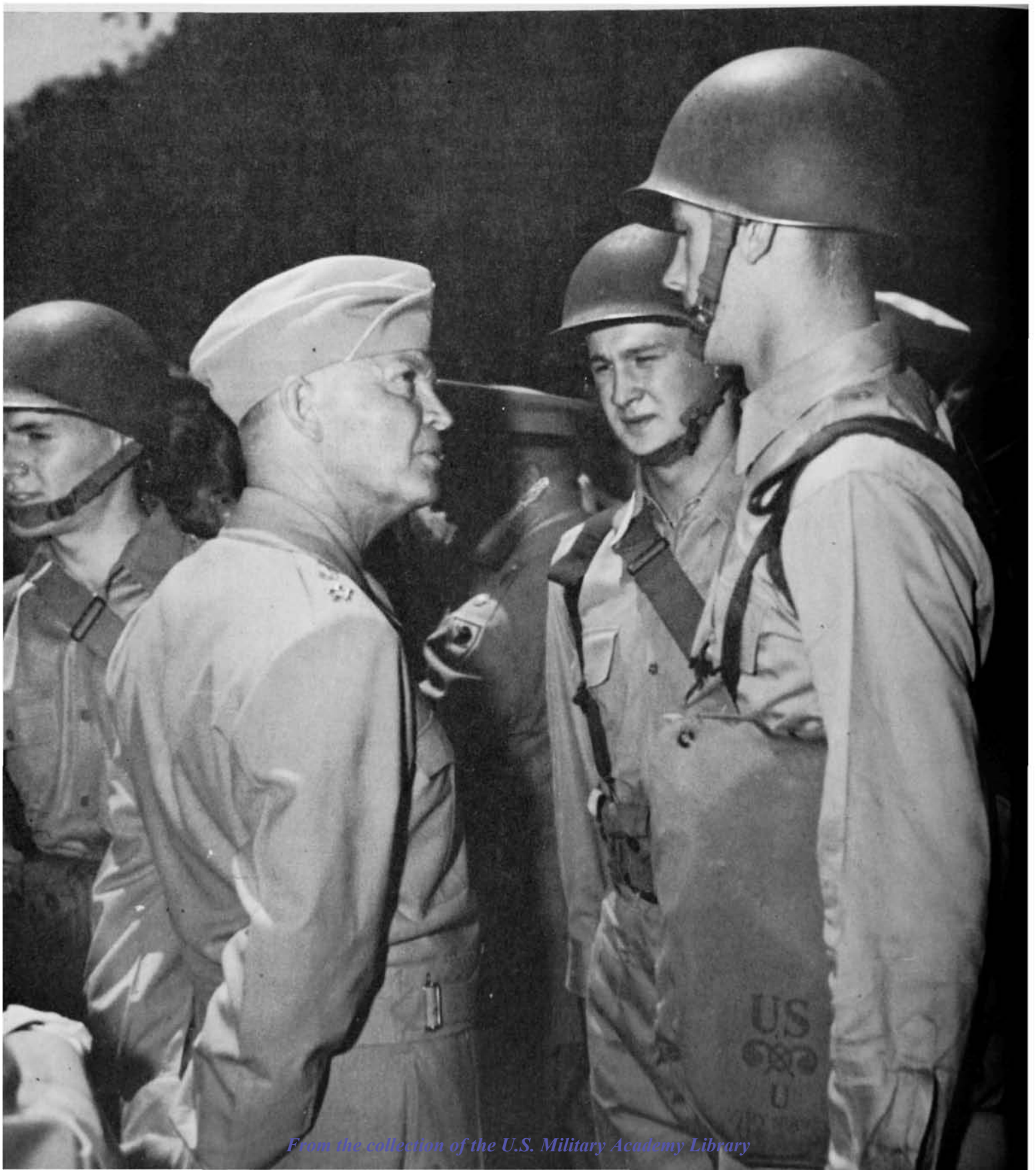
Visits

20 June 1945—General Eisenhower talks to cadets who have just conducted a brigade review in full field uniform.



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o West Point

General Eisenhower has returned to West Point numerous times to visit his Alma Mater. Following the pattern of most graduates of the Military Academy the visits have become more often in later years. Some of visits have been more formal than others. As Chief of Staff and President he delivered graduation addresses to the Classes of 1947 and 1955. And, in 1961 he returned to accept the Sylvanus Thayer Award.

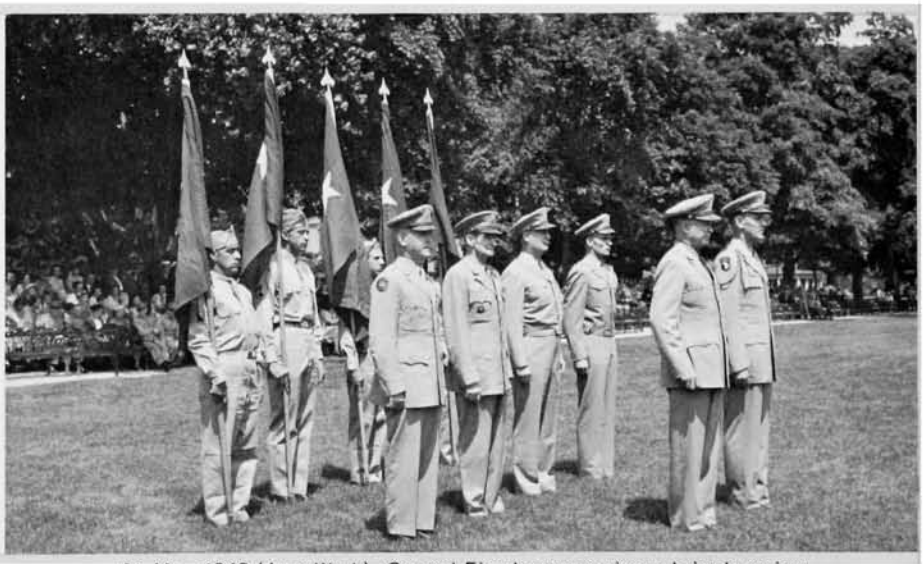
As Mrs. Eisenhower points out in her answers to ASSEMBLY questions, the Eisenhowers made a visit to West Point for June Week in the early thirties. There was also a visit for the 20th Reunion of the Class of 1915 in 1935. Possibly the most interesting trip to West Point was the secret one to see son John during World War II although a visit to the Military Academy spent in a railroad car with the shades drawn might be hard to classify as a tour of the post.

General Eisenhower made his first visit after VE Day in June of 1945. The war was still in progress in the Pacific and the General was being given a heros welcome throughout the United States. Within three months he was to become the Army Chief of Staff.

The Eisenhowers have returned to West Point with other classmates to celebrate the 35th, 40th, 45th, and 50th Reunions of the Class of 1915.

Whether it was as a young officer quite far down the line of march to Thayer Monument or as President of the United States to give the graduation address the visits to West Point have given this distinguished graduate many enjoyable hours in which to renew his many friendships with fellow graduates and to rededicate himself to the ideals of our Alma Mater.

June 1945—General Eisenhower presents a sword to Maj. Gen. Francis B. Wilby, the Superintendent, for the museum.



31 May 1946 (June Week)—General Eisenhower receives a brigade review with the Superintendent, Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor. At the right in the second row is the Superintendent's aide-de-camp, Capt. Bernard W. Rogers, now the Commandant of Cadets.

Graduation Day 1947—General Eisenhower sits on the dais with other distinguished leaders just before delivering the graduation address to the Class of 1947.

June Week 1947—The Chief of Staff, the Superintendent, and the Commandant of Cadets stand with the graduating Class of 1947 at Graduation Parade.

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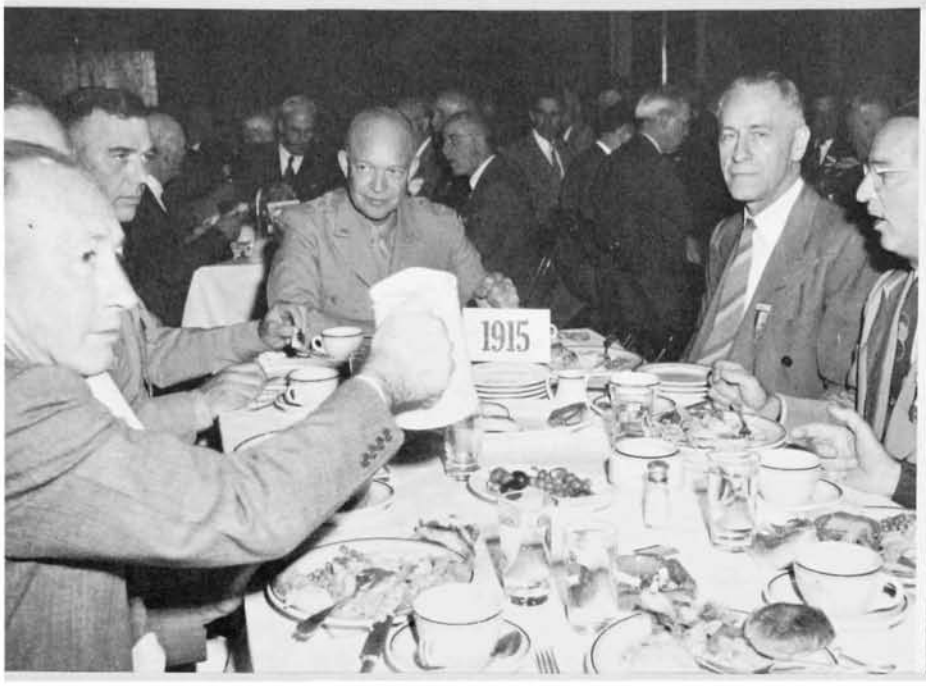

June Week 1947—The Class of 1915 with its senior member present is pictured at the annual Alumni Luncheon in Cullum Hall.

June Week 1947—Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander William J. Schuder presents the 1947 HOWITZER to the Army Chief of Staff in the presence of Gen. Mark W. Clark and Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, the Superintendent.

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June Week 1955—The Class of 1915 moves out on the march to Thayer Monument for Memorial Exercises.

June Week 1955—Mamie applauds as Ike goes past with his classmates on the way to Thayer Monument.

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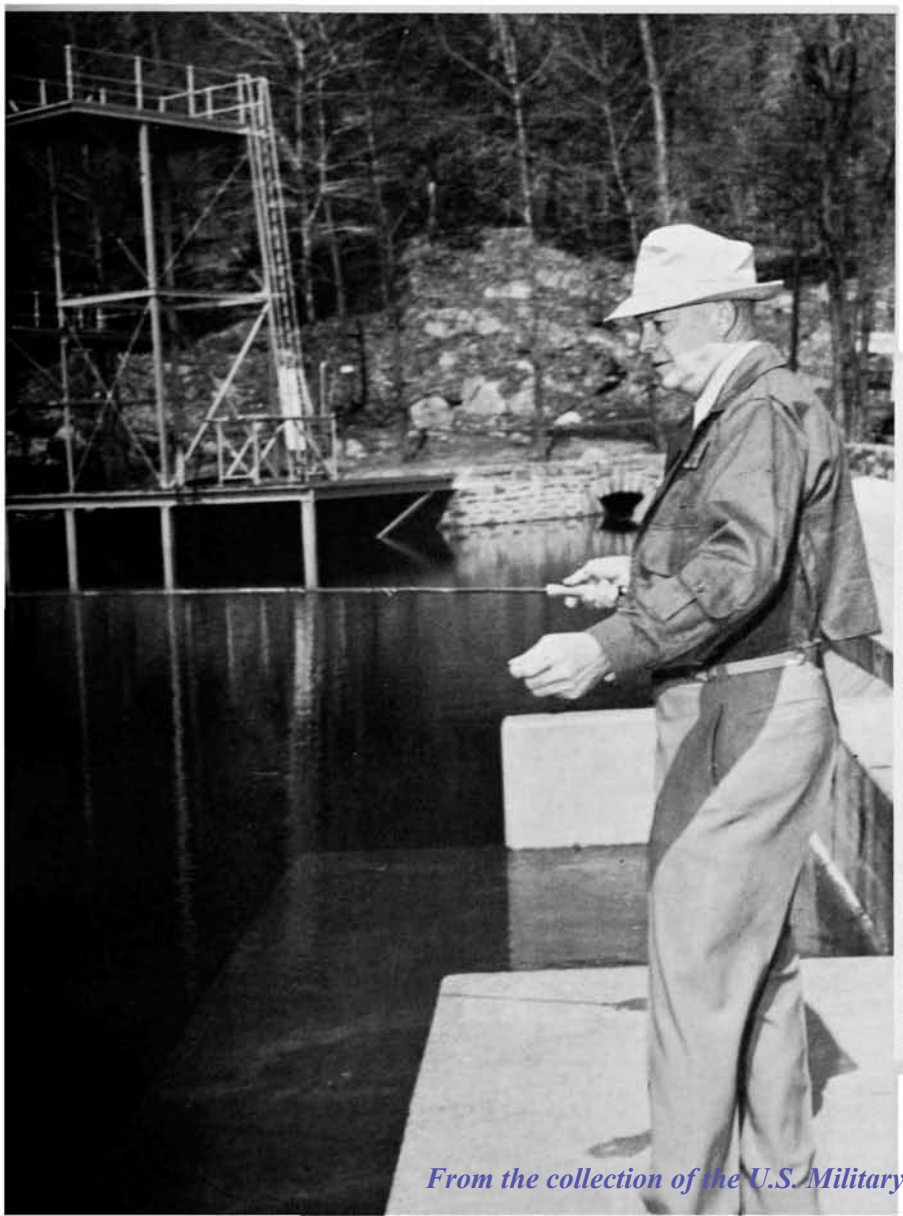
February 1951—The new Supreme Commander of SHAPE stops over with Mamie at Stewart Field to visit with the Eisenhower grandchildren.

June Week 1955—Ike and Mamie join with other old grads at the Military and Academic Awards Ceremony on The Plain.



April 1948—The Chief of Staff takes a moment to cast a fly into Delafield Pond during a brief vacation at West Point.

June Week 1955—Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander Lee D. Olvey gives a command at the Alumni Review as the Oldest Graduate present, Maj. Gen. Henry C. Hodges Jr., '81, President Eisenhower '15, and the Superintendent, Lt. Gen. Blackshear M. Bryan '22, watch.

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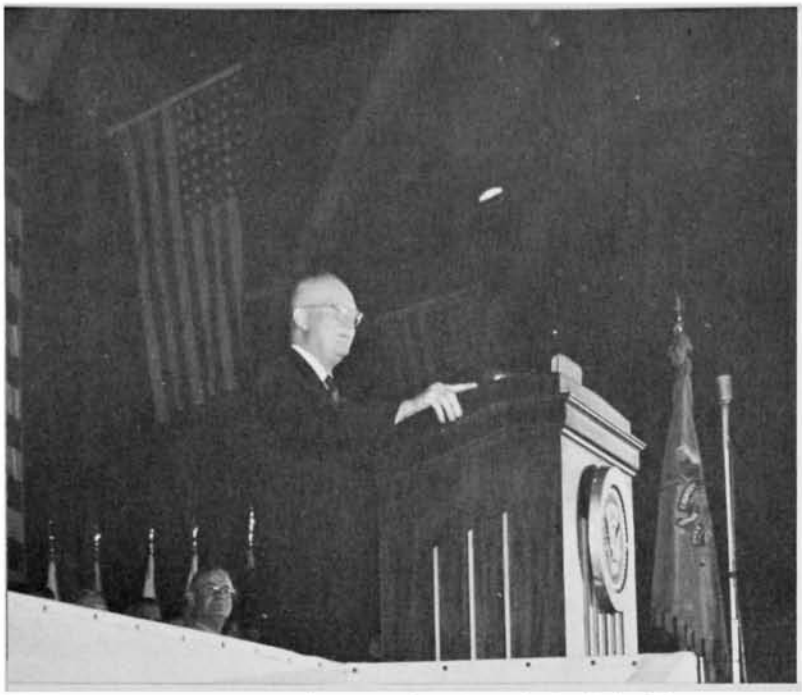
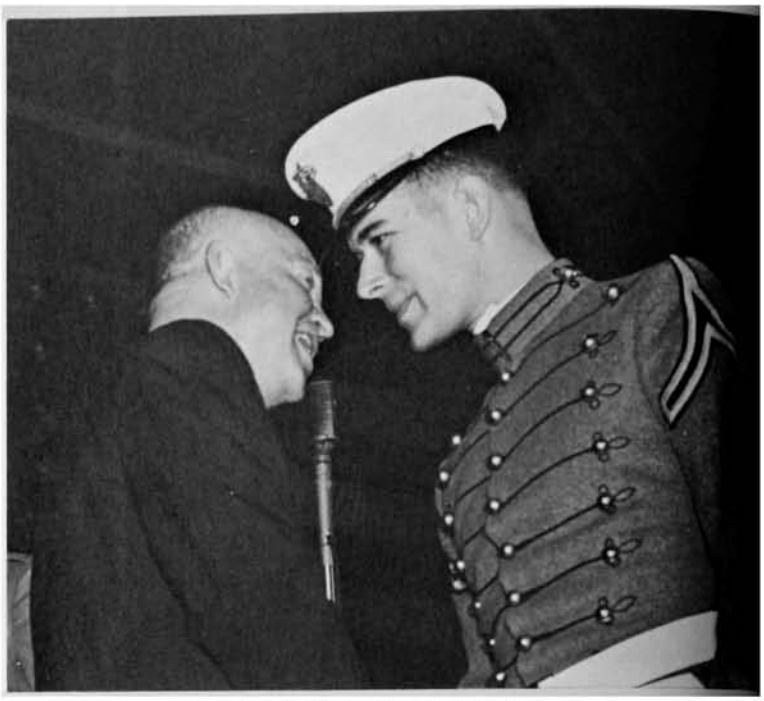


Graduation Day 1955—The President of the United States addresses members of the Class of 1955 at their graduation exercises.



Graduation Day 1955—A warm smile and handshake go to the Class Goat of 1955, Cadet John P. Doyle.

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June Week 1960—The President tours Thayer Hall with the Superintendent, Lt. Gen. Garrison H. Davidson '27.

May 1961—General Eisenhower smiles as he holds the Thayer Award medal just presented him by Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe '19, President of the Association of Graduates. Superintendent Maj. Gen. William C. Westmoreland and First Captain and Brigade Commander Harold M. Hammond look on.

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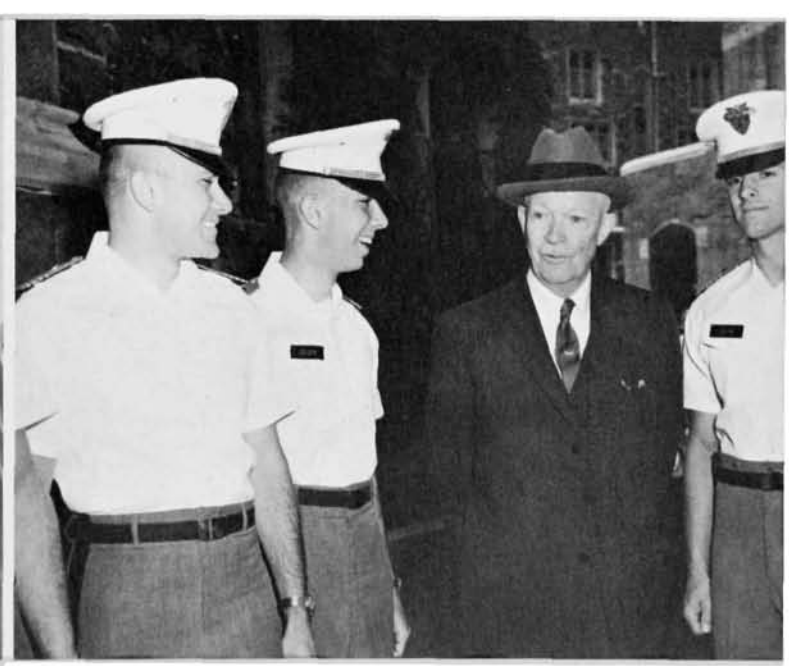
June Week 1960—The President lends a hand in a Class of 1915 tree planting ceremony.

November 1957—Before the football game with Colgate former player Eisenhower talks with former player and head coach, Lt. Gen. Garrison H. Davidson, the Superintendent.

June Week 1965—Maj. Gen James B. Lampert, the Superintendent, welcomes General Eisenhower on his arrival on The Plain by helicopter.



June Week 1965—General Eisenhower looks a little surprised as he talks to cadets dressed in summer uniforms.

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June Week 1965—General Eisenhower assists the Cadet First Captain Carl R. Arvin; Maj. Gen. James B. Lampert '36, the Superintendent; Col. Lewis S. Sorley '91, the oldest graduate present; and Brig. Gen. John C. Dalrymple, Corps of Engineers representative, in ground breaking ceremonies marking the start of expansion construction on Washington Hall.

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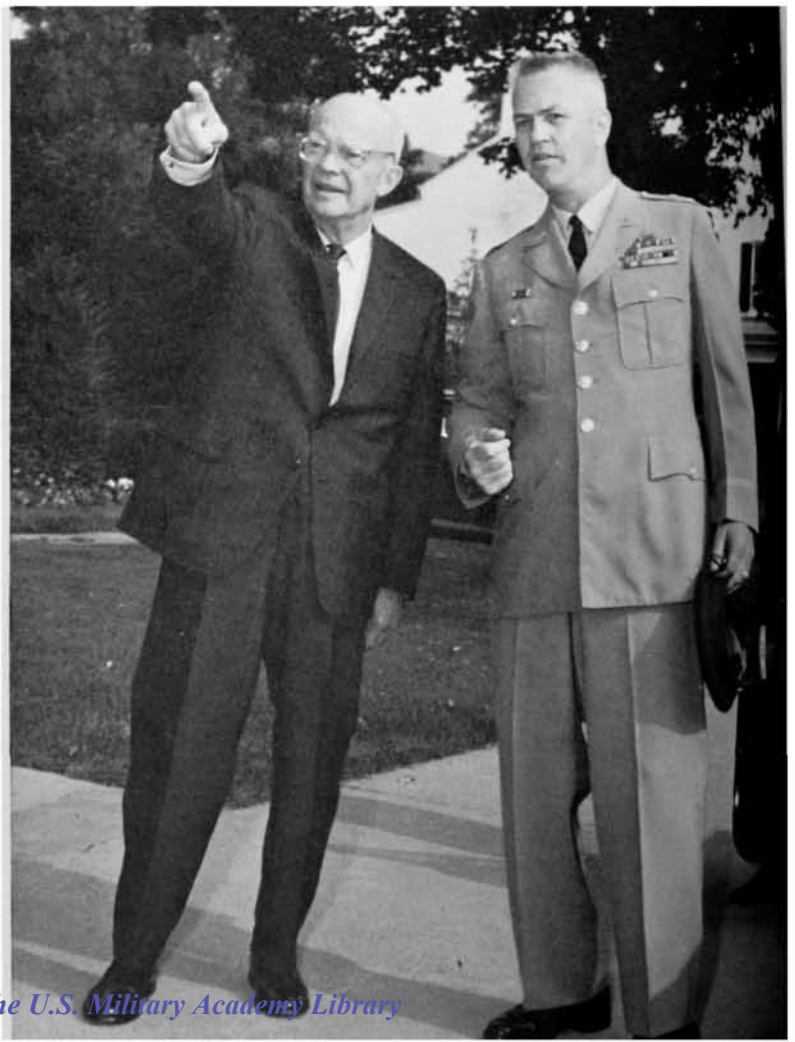

June 1966—General Eisenhower observes expansion construction with Maj. Gen. Donald V. Bennett '40, the Superintendent, on the occasion of a trip to film a television documentary for CBS.

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June Week 1965—The host and hostess greet Ike and Mamie as they arrive for a 50th Reunion Party at the Gene Leone home in Central Valley.

June 1966—General Eisenhower talks about West Point with Harry Reasoner of CBS at Trophy Point during the filming of a television documentary.

June 1967—On his most recent visit to West Point as a special guest of son John's class, General Eisenhower spoke briefly at the dedication of the D-day mural presented by the Class of 1944 to the Military Academy. With General Eisenhower and John is Gen. J. Lawton Collins April '17.

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ALTHOUGH it was not possible to arrange a personal interview with Mrs. Eisenhower, she graciously consented to answer several questions about her life with General Eisenhower for ASSEMBLY.

We first asked Mrs. Eisenhower what she feels is the greatest impact the Military Academy has made on her famous husband. After pointing out that first and foremost it instilled in him a love for his country coupled with duty and honor, Mrs. Eisenhower went on to emphasize the part that discipline has played in the career of the general–"learning to live with people and self-discipline."

Closely related to the first question was one on the influence of our Alma Mater on the other graduates Mrs. Eisenhower has met and come to know over the years of her marriage. She feels the lasting friendships made through the common bond of West Point is one of the greatest influences exerted by the Military Academy on its graduates.

When asked about her thoughts on the Military Academy and her graduates in general, Mrs. Eisenhower displayed a keen insight into the basic philosophy of our country and the role USMA plays in the development of officers to serve that country. She wrote:

"I do not think there is any school in the world that compares with the Military Academy in affording its graduates general knowledge and the leveling influence acquired there. Everyone is treated the same and, in my opinion, very justly; no one is allowed any more privileges than anyone else."

We asked Mrs. Eisenhower, as the wife and mother of West Pointers, what influenced her son to follow in his father's footsteps in choosing to attend the Military Academy. She repeated the same answer that General Eisenhower gave to a similar question; that is, "John was brought up with his father's Army friends" and he had read the HOWITZER of the Class of 1915 at an early age. He had memorized all the full names of the class and much of what was said in the biographical sketch of each member of the class. She went on to say these factors "imbued him (John) with the desire to go to West Point."

The Eisenhowers have made many visits to West Point and we were interested in Mrs. Eisenhower's thoughts on these visits; what has made them most memorable to her.

The first time she visited West Point with her husband was in 1933 during June Week. He was a major at the time and Mrs. Eisenhower was "quite impressed with how far down the line he

Mamie Geneva Doud Eisenhower...

HER WEST POINTER AND USMA

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was, at that time, when they marched to Thayer Monument."

Among her fondest memories was hearing the Cadet Chapel Choir sing at church services on Sunday.

Mrs. Eisenhower vividly recalls the secret visit she made with the Supreme Commander during World War II to see John, who was then a cadet. General Eisenhower had returned secretly from Europe for conferences and it was not to be known that he was in this country. The Eisenhowers were parked in a special railroad car, with curtains drawn, at the West Point station. Maj. Gen. Francis B. Wilby, the Superintendent, sent John and three of his classmates down to the car to have dinner with his parents.

Finally we asked the former First Lady what living with a West Pointer for over 50 years is like. She replied,

"I am proud of my husband and son, both graduates of West Point. I was so very proud and happy the day my husband presented me with a copy of his Class ring as an engagement ring. It was not a miniature, but an exact replica of his West Point ring."

The Military Academy has certainly played its part in the life of General Dwight D. Eisenhower but it is very easy to see the great influence of this warm and sincere lady on *her* West Pointer.

While General Eisenhower was busily engaged elsewhere on 6 June 1944, Mamie Eisenhower talks to her newly graduated son John at West Point.

The General and his Lady with members of the Eisenhower family and Mrs. Eisenhower's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Doud, assemble for this picture for the Thirty-Five Year Book of the Class of 1915. With the senior Eisenhowers and the Douds are John and Barbara Eisenhower and their children, David and Anne.

General and Mrs. Joseph T. McNarney meet General of the Army and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower at Eschborn Field in Frankfurt upon the arrival of the Chief of Staff on an inspection trip of the European Theatre in 1946. At the time, General McNarney was CG, U.S. Forces, European Theatre.

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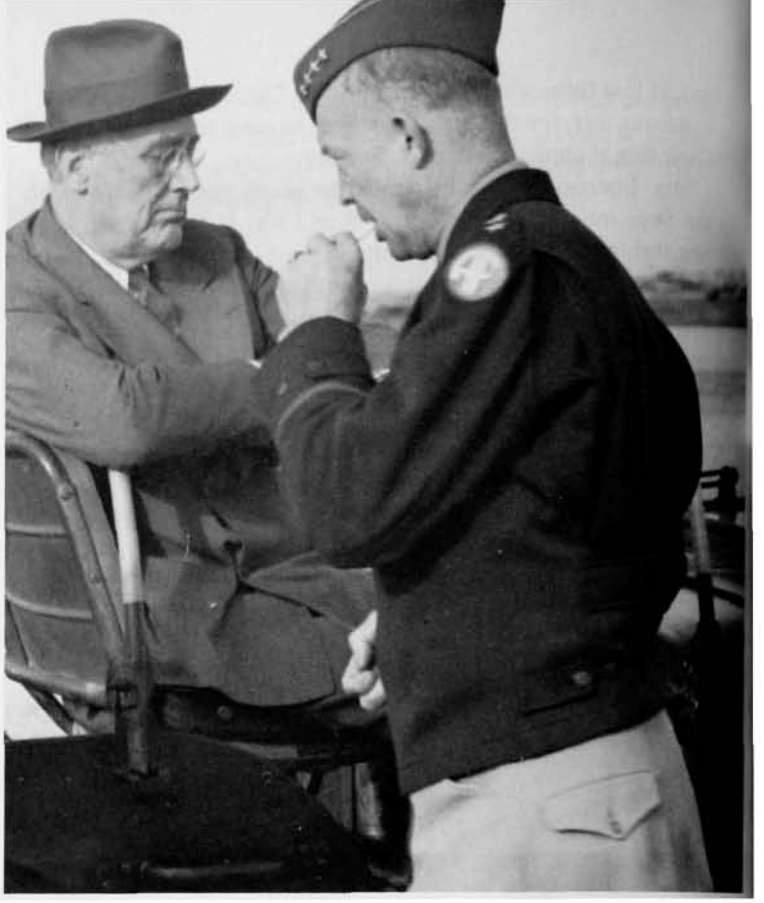

With President Roosevelt at Casablanca in 1943.

With (left to right) General Alexander, Air Marshal Tedder, and Admiral Cunningham on a visit to Malta in 1943.

With Marshal Gregory Zhukov, Deputy Supreme Soviet Commander, at a dinner at SHAPE in June 1945.

With General MacArthur upon arriving for a tour of Japan in 1946.

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With the Allied invasion chiefs at a SHAFE press conference in London just before the invasion of France in 1944.

With his mother, Mrs. Ida Eisenhower, in Kansas City upon his arrival home after World War II in June 1945.

With his classmate he inspects a horse which Russian Marshal Koniev had recently presented to General Bradley just after V-E Day.

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With President Truman upon arriving in Washington after a tour of NATO countries in January 1951.

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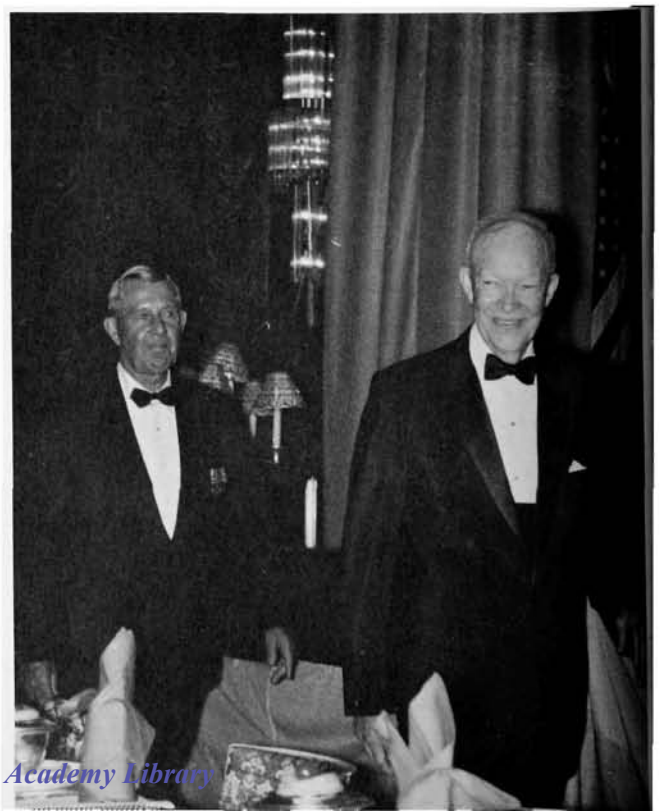
With Hollywood personalities Vic Damone, Jane Powell, Bob Hope, and Pearl Bailey at a White House luncheon in June 1956.

With Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander Norman E. Fretwell and Cadet Captain David W. Arthur who presented him with a cadet "tarbucket" on his 75th birthday in October 1965.

Arriving with General Devers for the Illustrious Graduates Dinner in New York City in November 1967.



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"Ike was the perfect commander who knew when to use the curb bit—and who never allowed subordinate commanders to be overruled by the Chief of Staff without personally giving that commander a hearing."

—Joseph M. Swing '15

SOME IMPORTANT DATES DURING THE PRESIDENCY OF DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER 1953-1961

EVENT	DATE
Joseph Stalin dies	March 1953
Korean Armistice agreement	July 1953
First USSR H-bomb explosion	August 1953
Dien Bien Phu falls	May 1954
Geneva Conference on Far East	April-July 1954
Supreme Court School Integration Decision	May 1954
Indo-China War Armistice	August 1954
SEATO Defense Pact	September 1954
West German sovereignty and NATO participation agreement	October 1954
West Germany a sovereign state	May 1955
Warsaw Pact	May 1955
First Summit Conference at Geneva	July 1955
Merger of AFL-CIO	December 1955
OAS Declaration of Principles	July 1956
Egypt seizes Suez Canal	July 1956
Israel invades Sinai Peninsula	October-November 1956
First UN truce supervisory force (Middle East)	November 1956
European Economic Community Treaty	March 1957
USSR launches successful ICBM	August 1957
Federal Troops enforce Little Rock school integration	September 1957
First USSR satellite	October 1957
First US (Army) satellite	January 1958
US Troops land in Lebanon to protect regime	July 1958
US launches ballistic-missle submarine	June 1959
Premier Khruschev visits US	September 1959
First French nuclear test explosion	February 1960
USSR shoots down US reconnaissance plane (U-2)	May 1960
USSR refuses to attend Paris Summit Conference	May 1960
US severs diplomatic relations with Cuba	January 1961

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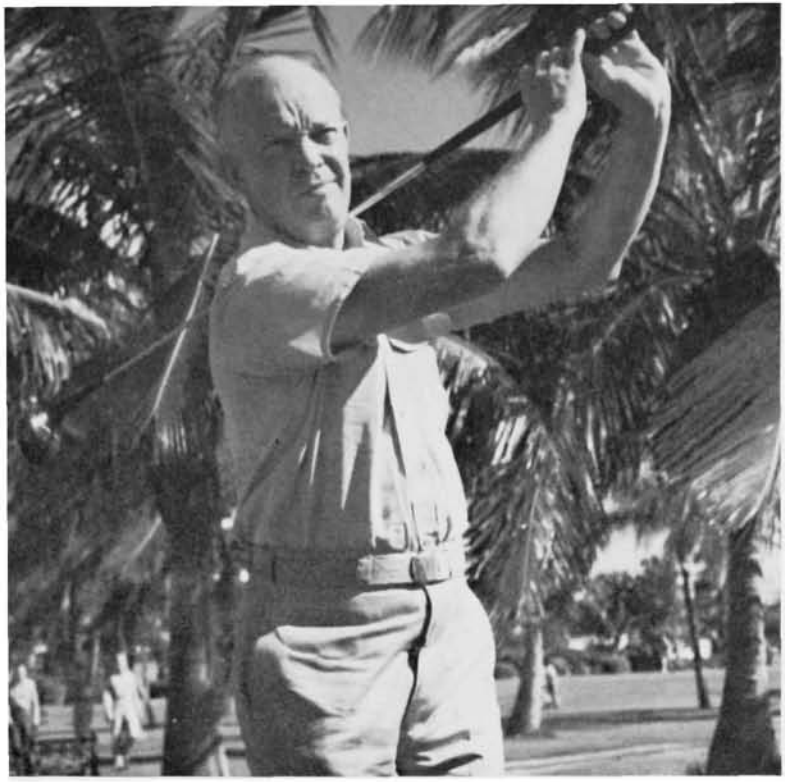

Golfer Eisenhower displays excellent form in this picture taken in Florida in 1947.

Ike At Leisure

The knee injury that put an end to Cadet Eisenhower's career on the ARMY football team by no means ended his zest for competition, participation in sports, or pursuance of a hobby or two.

As a cadet Ike played poker and turned to coaching the Cullum Hall football team—the "B" squad of that day. The team defeated several of the best freshman teams in the East and topped off a great season by winning its "Navy" game over arch rival New York Military Academy. To quote the 1915 HOWITZER, "With Lieutenant Selleck as head coach, 'Ike' Eisenhower as assistant, and John Wogan as captain, nothing else than success was possible." In token of their appreciation of his efforts, the members of the team presented Ike a set of mother-of-pearl cuff links and studs.

As a cheer leader, Ike lent his support to the ARMY teams and according to the 1916 HOWITZER in relating the account of ARMY's 1915 baseball victory over Navy, "That 'Long Corps,' which 'Ike' Eisenhower turned out on the way to dinner, meant a lot. It said, first of all, 'Here's to you, Navy!' It showed that the Corps would be right behind the team on the morrow; it insinuated quite plainly that everybody was feeling pretty good."

After graduation Ike continued to play poker until after World War I, when, although he loved to play, he quit the game. He realized poker was no game to play in the Army since most officers lived on their salaries and had families to support.

As a young officer, Ike coached several preparatory school and service teams through the early twenties with quite some success but realized this took too much time from his career as an officer.

The football knee did not prevent Ike from becoming an avid fisherman and an excellent golfer. In addition he gained some reputation as an amateur cook and at one time attended the Cooks and Bakers School at Fort Sam Houston.

Probably the highlight of General Eisenhower's career as a golfer occurred this past February, just after ASSEMBLY paid him a visit, when he attained the goal of all golfers—champions and duffers alike—a hole-in-one.

A strong supporter of ARMY teams, President Eisenhower stands during a half-time rendition by the USMA Band of a musical biography composed in his honor. He then settled back to watch ARMY whip Colgate's football team 53 to 7 in 1957.

A relaxed Chief of Staff smiles as he prepares to cast his line into the waters of Coral Gables, Florida, in 1947.

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Bob Hope prepares to uncover his name on the Sylvanus Thayer Award plaque which is mounted in Washington Hall. Looking on are Gen. (Ret) C. V. R. Schuyler, AOG President, Maj. Gen. D. V. Bennett, and Cadet J. L. Throckmorton.

SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD presented to BOB HOPE

Cadet First Captain J. L. Throckmorton presents a scroll from the Corps of Cadets to Bob Hope.

Bob Hope, who has toured the world to bring laughs to service men in war and peace, made a stop at West Point to receive the Sylvanus Thayer Award of the Association of Graduates on 13 May.

The Corps of Cadets first passed in review for the renowned comedian and then the entire Corps and guests honored him at a dinner in Washington Hall. Gen.(Ret.) Cortland Van R. Schuyler, President of the AOG, presented the Thayer Award medal to Mr. Hope at the dinner.

At the review Mr. Hope trooped the line in a jeep with Maj. Gen. Donald V. Bennett, the Superintendent, and Cadet Captain E. F. Audrian, the commander of troops for the review. Then he stood before the Cadet Color Guard as Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander John L. Throckmorton presented a scroll to him on behalf of the Corps of Cadets. The cadets then passed in review before Mr. Hope and a large Monday afternoon crowd of his friends, distinguished guest, post personnel, and visitors to West Point. The USMA Band ended the review with a spirited, specially arranged rendition of Mr. Hope's theme song, "Thanks for the Memory."

Almost 3500 people including the entire Corps jammed Washington Hall for the dinner. In the spirit of good humor of the occasion the cadets had displayed a big banner on one of the walls bearing Bob's picture with the caption, "Welcome Bing."

Bob Hope troops the line at the review of the Corps of Cadets held in his honor. With him are Maj. Gen. D. V. Bennett, the Superintendent, and Cadet Captain E. F. Audrain, commander of troops.

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After brief introductory remarks by the First Captain and the Superintendent, Gen. Schuyler presented the scroll and medal.

In his acceptance, the award winner caught the spirit of the occasion, but was still the Bob Hope everyone knows and loves. He started off by thanking Gen. Schuyler for the "West Point Oscar." He then went on for fully fifteen minutes in a series of rapid quips aimed at politics, campus demonstrations, reports of his own wealth, and the current world scene. Bob said, "This is quite an honor. I'd like to be humble but this is an election year! There can be only one reason you picked me–all the other comedians are out campaigning!" He went on to say, "I've been very busy these past couple of weeks entertaining our fighting men at different campuses around the country."

Mr. Hope then turned to a serious note that befit the occasion. He said:

"Living in America is a great privilege today. The only thing greater is that wonderful feeling in your heart when you know you deserve the privilege . . .for the simple reason that you're earning it. . .that you're paying for your little slice of freedom."

He received fully a minute of ovation and cheering when he said,

"Sometimes you wonder about the character of those demonstrators who are trying to make 'patriotism' a dirty word. You know it's not fashionable to *(continue on page 128)*

At the recent Illustrious Graduates dinner of the West Point Society of New York, the current Thayer Award winner, Bob Hope, applauds an old friend and former winner, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Shown at a National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Dinner in 1959 are three Sylvanus Thayer Award winners--Bob Hope, Francis Cardinal Spellman, and General of the Army Douglas MacArthur.

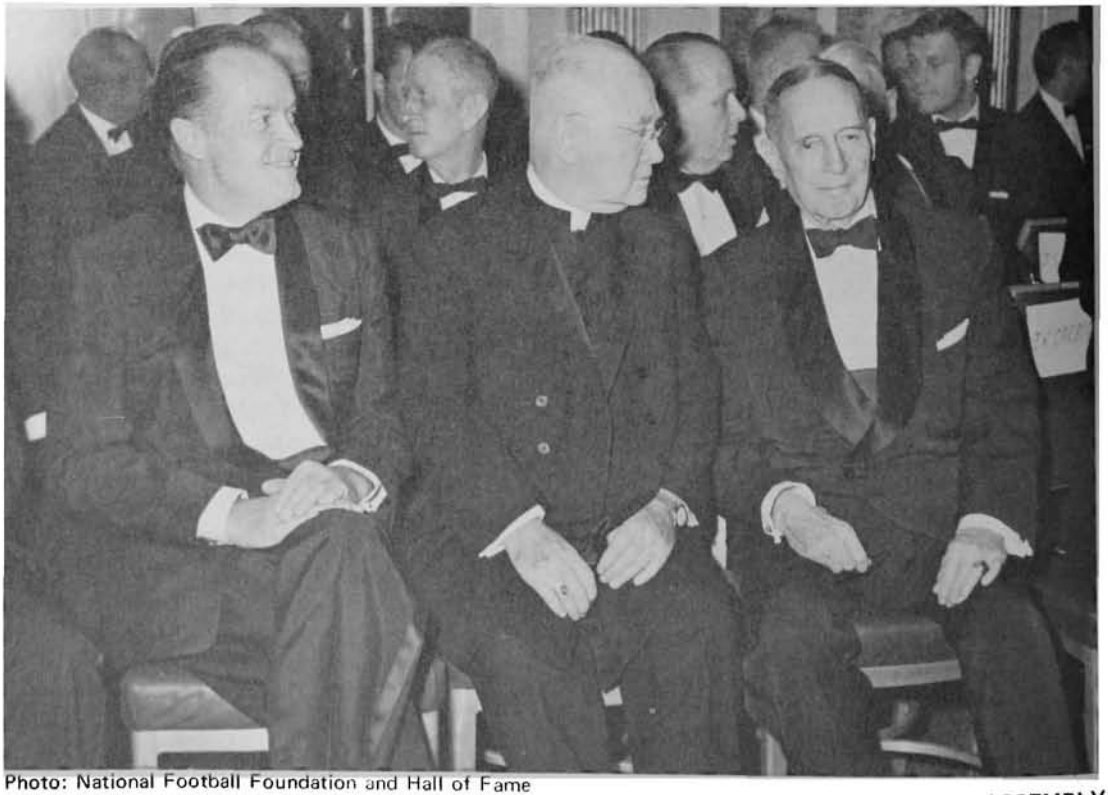

Photo: National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame

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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 summer issue by — 17 June

the fall issue by — 16 September

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

Long Time Associates Honored at the University of Pittsburgh

During the inauguration of Dr. Wesley W. Posvar '46 as Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh on 27 March, Colonel George A. Lincoln '29, Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the university.

Doctor Posvar served as an instructor in the Department of Social Sciences at the Military Academy from 1951 to 1954. In 1957 he became professor and Head of the Department of Political Science at the Air Force Academy. Before retiring from the Air Force to become Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh he was Chairman of the Social Sciences Division at the Air Force Academy.

Colonel Amos A. Jordan Jr., '46, Professor of Social Sciences, was the official representative of the Superintendent at the inauguration of his classmate.

Founders Day Summary—1968

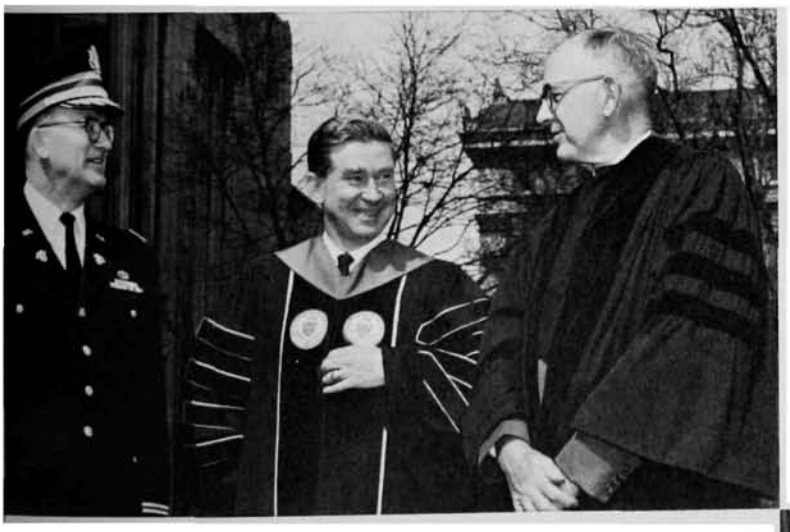
Attendance at Founders Day celebrations throughout the world numbered 9789. Of that number 8056 attended 59 CONUS celebrations and 1733 gathered for 26 overseas festivities. As a general rule the smaller celebrations included wives. The Association of Graduates estimates about 7000 graduates, or about 35% of those living as of 7 March, attended the ceremonies.

In addition to support from the Association of Graduates, the Military Academy furnished 13 speakers who made 31 appearances both overseas and in CONUS.

New Address for West Point Society of D.C.

For the benefit of the many graduates in the greater Washington area the new mailing address of the West Point Society of D.C. is:

Secretary, West Point Society of D.C.
c/o Army-Navy Club
1627 I Street, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20006



The new Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, Wesley W. Posvar '46, talks to Colonel George A. Lincoln '29, who received a Doctor of Laws degree, and Colonel Amos A. Jordan Jr., '46, the Superintendent's delegate for the inaugural ceremonies. All three graduates are Rhodes Scholars.

The Founders Day dinner at West Point featured talks by (*left to right*) Maj. Gen. D. V. Bennett '40, the Superintendent; Benjamin F. Schemmer '54, president and publisher of the "Journal of the Armed Forces," the principal speaker; Col. Abbott Boone '07, oldest graduate present; and 1st Lt. Daniel J. Coonan '66, the youngest graduate present.

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1963 Graduate–Medal of Honor Winner

President Lyndon B. Johnson awarded the Medal of Honor to Capt. Robert Foley '63, for heroism in Vietnam, in ceremonies at the White House on 1 May.

At the time of the action for which he was cited, Capt. Foley was commanding Comapny A, 2d Bn, 27th Inf, 25th Inf. Div.

During his four years as a cadet, Capt. Foley was a basketball player and captained the team during the 1962-63 season.

On Printers and Assistant Editors

As we pointed out the Winter ASSEMBLY was the last issue published by Graymoor Press. It was also the last to be printed by the letter press process. With this special Eisenhower Spring ASSEMBLY we have changed to offset printing and begin our association with the Whitlock Press, Inc., Middletown, New York.

The staff of ASSEMBLY and the Association of Graduates hopes the change to offset printing will meet with the approval of all graduates and looks forward to a long association with Whitlock Press.

In the Winter issue we inadvertently failed to thank the departing Assistant Editor Lt. Col. (Ret) Reynolds R. Keleher '41 for the fine job he did for over four years. Ren started his tour with the Fall 1963 ASSEMBLY and by the time he put the Fall 1967 issue to bed had brought about many of the improvements to the magazine that are evident in the high standards of quality today.

Col. John J. Briscoe '45, the Project Editor for this Special Eisenhower issue, our initial offset magazine, also edited our final letter press Winter magazine. Jerry departs for assignment as J-1, SOUTHCOM, after June Week.

Col. (Ret) Daniel E. Halpin '42, will become the new Assistant Editor, starting with the Summer issue. Dan holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and has just completed a tour as Associate Professor of English at The Citadel.

Medal of Honor Plaques Unveiled at Freedoms Foundation Ceremonies

On 29 April two large Medal of Honor plaques bearing the names of all graduates of USMA and USNA who have received the medal were unveiled in the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.

Present for the unveiling from the Military Academy was the Superintendent, Maj. Gen. D. V. Bennett. Gen. (Ret) C. V. R. Schuyler, President of the Association of Graduates, and two Military Academy graduates who hold the Medal of Honor, Brig. Gen. (Ret) John T. Kennedy '08 and Brig. Gen. (Ret) William H. Wilbur '12, represented the Association of Graduates at the ceremony.

The USMA plaque bears the names of 70 graduates spanning the period from the Civil War to the Vietnam War.

Generals Schuyler, Bennett, Kennedy, and Wilbur also assisted other dignitaries as a time capsule containing a history of West Point was sealed within a fireplace located between the two plaques.

The Military Academy plaque was donated by the Association of Graduates.

Capt. Robert F. Foley '63–Medal of Honor 1968.

Thomas J. Kelly, Esq., of New York, the president of the Medal of Honor Society, and Maj. Gen. D. V. Bennett, the Superintendent, prepare to seal a time capsul containing information on USMA within a fireplace at the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. Looking on are (left to right) Mr. Gino J. Merli, Brig. Gen. William H. Wilbur '12, and Brig. Gen. John T. Kennedy '08–all Medal of Honor winners.

Keleher '41

Briscoe '45

Halpin '42

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Plebe Parent Weekend

Again this year some 2,000 parents and friends visited West Point for Plebe-Parent Weekend 21-25 March. During the visit parents were afforded the opportunity to confer with officers of the Tactical and Academic Departments who have instructed and trained the Plebes since last July. The program included open houses, orientation lectures, concerts, and social events. Highlight of the weekend was a Plebe band-box review in Central Area. With upperclassmen away on spring leave, the Plebes assumed all positions in the Cadet chain of command.

West Point Society of New York Makes Donation to AOG

During the annual business meeting of the West Point Society of New York held at the West Point Army Mess on 4 May, Col. Merton Singer '38, President of the Society, presented a $6,000 check for the Association of Graduates to Colonel Horace M. Brown Jr., Secretary Treasurer of the AOG. One thousand dollars is earmarked for the Douglas MacArthur Memorial Fund. Other donations, resulting from proceeds from the Illustrious Graduates Dinner held in New York City last fall, were made to the Superintendent's Fund and the Delafield Fund.

Cadets and Finacees Attend DUSA Tea

Members of the Class of 1968 and their fiancees attended a tea sponsored by the Daughters of the U.S. Army at the Superintendent's quarters in March. During the tea the couples talked to officers and their wives about service life.

Cadets Win National Science Foundation and AEC Fellowships

Seven cadets of the Class of 1968 have won fellowships offered by the National Science Foundation and the Atomic Energy Commission. The cadets will study at the graduate level for two years.

Cadet First Classman Andrew L. Dull will study nuclear

The William Mitchell family registers for Plebe-Parent Weekend. Accompanied by Miss Martha Minnerly the Mitchells, from Garland, Texas, visited West Point to see Plebe Steven Mitchell.

Col. Merton Singer '38 presents a $6,000 check from the West Point Society of New York to the Association of Graduates. Accepting for the AOG is Col. Horace M. Brown Jr., '41, Alumni Secretary

Miss Sandra Scott, daughter of Brig. Gen. (former Commandant of Cadets) and Mrs. Richard P. Scott, and her fiancé, Cadet Bruce F. Erion '68 visit, with Maj. and Mrs. Nicholas Robinson at the DUSA tea.

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engineering at Georgia Tech on a National Science Foundation fellowship.

Four of the AEC fellowship winners will study nuclear engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They are First Classmen Michael K. Sheaffer, Michael L. Grygiel, Michael H. Fellows, and Martin L. Bowling. Cadet Edmund R. Hobbs will do his graduate work in nuclear engineering at Stanford and Cadet Gregory B. Johnson will attend Princeton and study nuclear physics.

Eleven other members of the Class of 1968 received Honorable Mention in the National Science Foundation competition.

Brothers–All Majors Meet in Vietnam

A second tour of duty in Vietnam made it possible for three brothers--all majors–to be reunited after 15 years. Major James Bauchspies '56 and Major Robert Bauchspies, a Penn State graduate, met Major Richard Bauchspies '58 as he arrived in Long Binh on 23 January.

James, with the 34th General Support Group (AM&S), Robert, with the 4th Infantry Division, and Richard, with the 25th Infantry Division are the sons of Colonel (Ret.) and Mrs. Rollin L. Bauchspies of Lincroft, N.J. They have not been together since 1953.

USMA Wins Freedoms Foundation Award

The U.S. Military Academy and WABC-TV of New York City have received the George Washington Honor Medal of the Freedoms Foundation for the documentary film "This is the Point."

The award was presented to Maj. Gen. D. V. Bennett, the Superintendent, and Mr. Edward Silverman of WABC-TV, in ceremonies at the New York Stock Exchange in April.

Filmed at West Point over a period of several months the documentary follows the activities of Cadet Bohdan Neswiacheny '68, the Army football captain last fall. "This is the Point" has been presented on ABC affiliate stations with a potential viewing audience of some 80 million people.

The three Majors Bauchspies hold a reunion in Vietnam. Left to right: Richard '58, Robert (Penn St), and James '56.

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The West Point Superintendent's Fund

Additions to the major donor plaque in the sallyport of the Administration Building signify that gifts of $1,000 or more have been made to the Superintendent's Fund by the following:

Willis D. Crittenberger '13
Frederick J. Dau '28
Leonard D. Henry '31
Ralph E. Bucknam '34
Donald H. Baumer '40
Thomas E. Griess Jan '43
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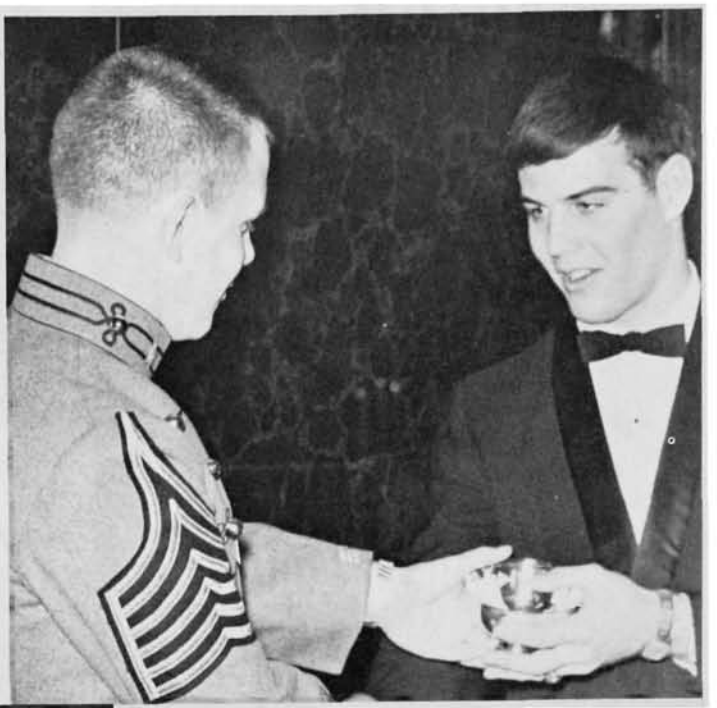
Richard D. Rosenblatt '49
Class of 1923
Office of MP&L
Vorin E. Whan Jr.

In Memoriam

Charles F. Roe 1868
James L. Blackwell Jr. '63
Carl Robert Arvin '65
Robert G. Keats '65

At the Founders Day dinner of the West Point Society of the District of Columbia, Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander John L. Throckmorton presents the Society's Football Leadership Award for seniors to Richard Ducote who is scheduled to enter the Military Academy this summer with the Class of 1972.



Cadet Second Classman Randall F. Jarman winner of the 1968 Cadet Essay Contest receives congratulations and his $100 Savings Bond prize from the Superintendent, Maj. Gen. D. V. Bennett as other prize winners look on.

During a recent visit to the Americal Division's 196th Infantry Brigade, General Harold K. Johnson '33, Army Chief of Staff, visited with several graduates of USMA. Here, General Johnson talks with PFC Joseph W. Johnston Jr. as the West Point graduates look on. At far right is Lt. Col. Lyman H. Hammond Jr. '50, commander of the brigade's 2d Bn, 1st Inf., while third from the left is Capt. John T. Thomasson '65, who commands Company C, 2d Bn, 1st Inf.

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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES 1968

Clyde D. Eddleman '24

Gruhn Jun '18

For President:

A SLATE OF NINETEEN graduates to serve as officers and trustees of the Association of Graduates was unanimously accepted by the Board of Trustees at its Winter meeting at West Point on 24 February.

General Clyde D. Eddleman '24 was nominated to be the new President of the Association succeeding General Cortlandt Van R. Schuyler '22 who has served in that capacity the past three terms.

The six vice presidential candidates were nominated to represent the classes of June'18, Nov'18, '23, '28, '33, and '38.

The twelve trustees up for election span classes from '26 to '61.

The president and six vice presidential candidates will be elected for one year terms or until successors are elected while trustees are elected for three year terms.

The slate of candidates will be presented for election at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates at Washington Hall on 31 May 1968.

Clyde D. Eddleman '24–General, USA Ret–G3, 6th Army, World War II–CG, 4th Inf Div–Cmdt, AWC–DCS/OPS, DA–CG, Seventh Army–C-in-C, USAREUR–Vice C/S. Currently: Director and Consultant, UMC Industries, Inc. Home: Washington, D.C.

Ernest W. Gruhn Jun'18–Col., USA Ret–G2, 38th Inf Div and Hq ASF, World War II–Ch, Mont Mil Dist–Assoc. Prof., Math, Orange County Community College–Vice Pres, AOG, 63-64. Home: Cornwall on the Hudson, N.Y.

Orville E. Walsh Nov'18–Brig. Gen., USA Ret–Dist Eng, World War II–Dpty Cmdr, Joint Construction Agency–Vice Pres, Portland General Electric Co. Currently: Chrm, Oregon State Port Authorities Comm. Home: Portland, Oreg.

W. Fritz Breidster '23–Maj. Gen., USA Ret–AUS 42-46–Dpty C/S and C/S Cmbt Area Cmd, CBI, World War II–CG, 32nd Inf Div, Wis NG. Currently: Manufacturers' Representative. Home: Milwaukee, Wis.

John C. Oakes '28–Lt. Gen., USA Ret–ExO, 13th Corps, World War II–CG, 25th Inf Div–DCS/OPS, DA–CG, VII Corps–CG, Seventh Army–Board of Trustees, AOG 63-67. Currently: Pres, Board of Directors, Army Distaff Foundation. Home: Washington, D.C.

Samuel E. Gee '33–Maj. Gen., USA Ret–CO, 164th Inf Reg, Americal Div, World War II–Prof, MP & L, USMA–ADC, 7th Inf Div, Korea–Dpty U.S. Rep, NATO Standing Gp. Currently: On active duty as CG, U.S. Army Physical Disability Agency. Home: Arlington, Va.

George G. O'Connor '38–Maj. Gen., USA–CO, 53d FA Bn, 6th Inf Div, World War II–CO, 6th Inf Div Arty, Korea–OJCS–DCS Hq, UNC/USFK and Hq, Eighth Army–ADC, 4th Inf Div; 25th Inf Div; 9th Inf Div. Currently: Dpty C/S, Individual Training, USCONARC. Home: Fort Monroe, Va.

W. Preston Corderman '26–Maj. Gen., USA Ret–WDGS and CG, Security Agency, World War II–CG, Sig Corps Sup Agcy, Korean War–Vice Pres, Litton Industries Inc. Currently: Pres, ROA; Chrm, Bd of Trustees, Monmouth County Community College. Home: Little Silver, N.J.

Hugh P. Harris '31–Gen., USA Ret–C/S, 13th Abn Div, World War II–CO, 224th Inf Reg, 40th Inf Div, Korean War–CG, Berlin Cmd–CG, 11th Abn Div–CG, USA Inf Center–CG, Seventh Army–CG, USCONARC. Currently: President, The Citadel. Home: Charleston, S.C.

Clovis E. Byers '20–Lt. Gen., USA Ret–CG, 32d Div; C/S, I Corps and Eighth Army, World War II–CG, X Corps, Korean War–C/S, HAFSE. Currently: Vice Pres, General Telephone & Electronics Corp. Home: Washington, D.C.

Arthur G. Trudeau '24–Lt. Gen., USA Ret–C/S, Engr Amphib Cmd; G3, AFWESPAC; and CG, Base X Manila, World War II–CG, 1st Cav Div; 7th Inf Div, Korean War–Asst C/S, Intelligence, DA–CG, I Corps (Gp)–Chief, R&D, DA–Pres, Gulf Research & Development Co. Home: Pittsburgh, Pa.

John S. Roosma '26–Col., USA Ret–Provost Marshal, USMA, 35-40–CO, 334th Inf; PM, First and Seventh Armies, World War II–Basketball Hall of Fame, 61–Past Pres, W.P. Society of N.Y. Home: Verona, N.J.

David W. Traub '28–Lt. Gen., USA Ret–Dpty Ch Trans, World War II–G4, ComZ and Eighth Army, Korean War–Comptroller, DA–Gen Mgr, State Univ Construction Fund. Home: Loudonville, N.Y.

Paul W. Thompson '29–Brig. Gen., USA Ret–CO, Assault Tng Ctr; CO, 6th Engr Spec Bde; WDGS; Hq EUCOM, World War II. Currently: Executive Vice President, The Readers Digest. Home: Pleasantville, N.Y.

Kenneth E. Fields '33–Brig. Gen., USA Ret–CO, 56 AEBn, 11th Armd Div, US; Instr, TIS; CO, 1159 EC Gp, III Corps, World War II–MAAG Teheran–AEC. Currently, Member, Atl-Pac Interoceanic Canal Study Commission. Home: Greenwich,Conn.

Thomas M. Metz '37–Col., USA Ret–G3 Div, GHQ, FEC, Korean War–CO, AA Gp, Japan–Chrm, Army Nuclear Wpns Coordination Gp–Alumni Secy, AOG, and Editor, ASSEMBLY 62-65. Currently: Exec Dir, Chicago Assn of Life Underwriters, Inc. Home: Chicago, Ill.

John R. Jannarone '38–Brig. Gen., USA–Asst Engr Hq Eighth Army, World War II–Manhattan Project Staff–Asst Prof, Dept Physics and Chemistry, USMA, 47-50–O/CSA–Prof, Dept of Physics and Chemistry, USMA, 57-65–Head of Dept Physics and Chemistry, 64-65. Currently: Dean, Academic Board, USMA. Home: West Point, N.Y.

Robert W. Giuliano '58–Maj., USA–Dept Mathematics, USMA, 63-66–J2 Div, Hq MACV. Currently: Serving in Office of the Dean, USMA, as Chief of Educational Research and Analysis Div. Home: West Point, N.Y.

William L. Heiberg '61–Capt, USA–1st How Bn, 94 Inf–25th Inf Div, RVN. Currently: Engaged in graduate work at Columbia University and scheduled as instructor, Dept of Social Sciences, USMA, fall 1968.

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For Vice President:

w '18 | Breidster '23 | Oakes '28 | Gee '33 | O'Connor '38

For Trustee:

Corderman '26 (First Army) | Harris '31 (Third Army) | Byers '20 | Trudeau '24

Roosma '26 | Traub '28 | Thompson '29 | Fields '33

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down the field...

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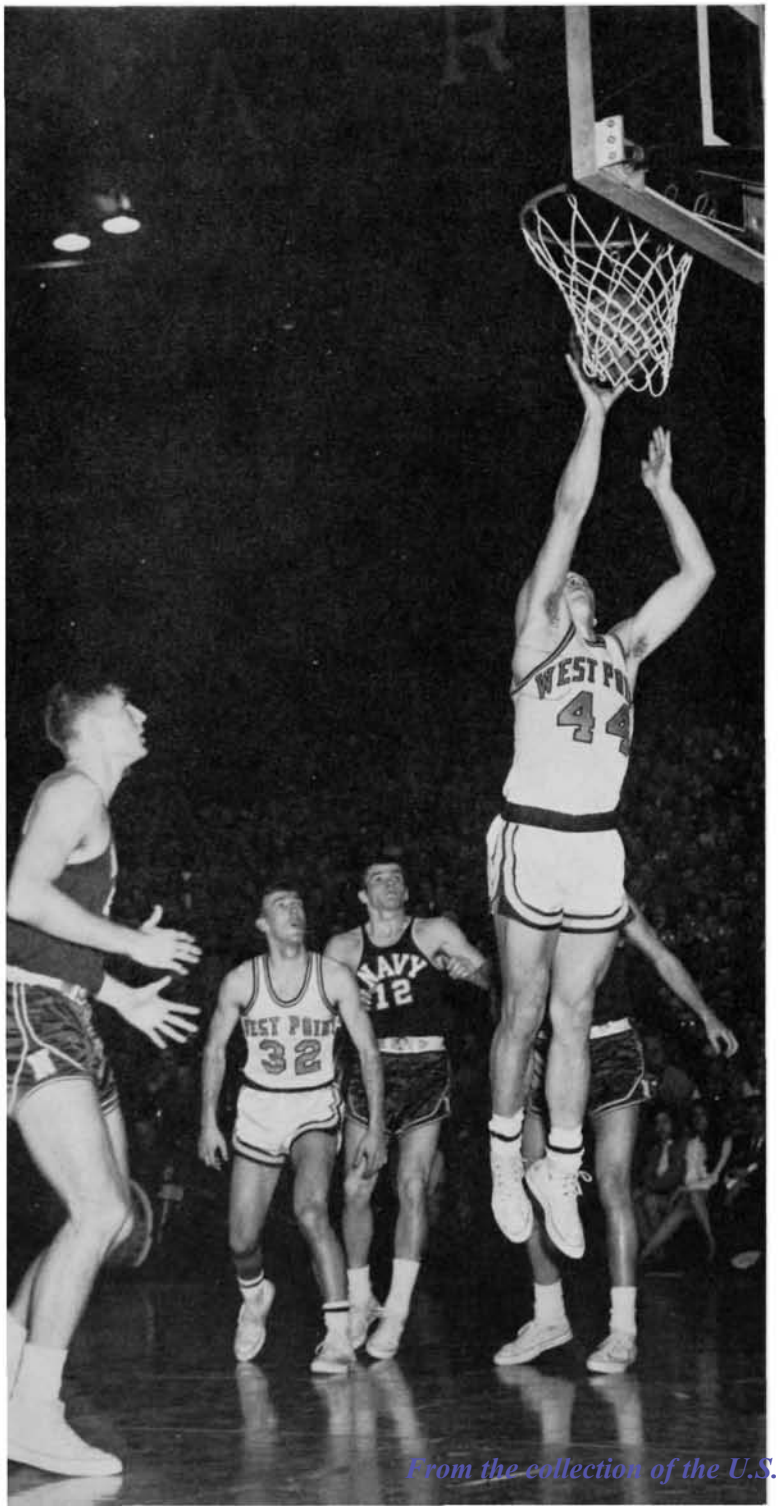

FOR the first time in history ARMY varsity athletic teams won 100 victories in a single season. The 10 winter teams, fencing having been returned to the list after an absence of nearly 15 years, scored 103 wins and one tie against 34 losses. That figures out to just better than a 75 per cent victory record.

Of equal importance was the domination of the competition with Navy and Royal Military College. ARMY won seven of eight events with Navy, missing a clean sweep as the Sailors took wrestling. This winter conflict has been almost all ARMY for the past five years. In the 40 contests, ARMY has won 31 and tied two. Navy has but seven wins. Hockey, pistol, and rifle all won at Kingston, Ontario, against the Canadians. It was a big one for hockey, the 4-2 victory being the first on Canadian ice since 1964. Pistol and rifle have never lost to Royal Military College.

Basketball had its most successful season since the World War II period, winning 20 of 25 games and receiving bids for both the National Collegiate and National Invitational post-season tournaments. The NIT was accepted but it was to be a short trip. Notre Dame won the first round meeting, 62 to 58, the game being a national TV presentation. The team was rated first in the nation on defense and Second Classman Steve Hunt was second in field goal percentage. Captain Bill Schutsky '68, made the all-East team and also was picked for national recognition by "*LOOK*" magazine. The Navy game ended 66-44 for ARMY and was carried in color on regional television.

Fencing returned to the varsity scene for the first time since 1954 and the team won 11 of 14 contests. The Cadets have been participating as a club for several years and were invited to the NCAA meet in 1966, where they finished second to New York University. This year they were 10th in the NCAA.

Gymnastics had a rough winter but rebounded to beat Navy at Annapolis 174.90 to 173.50. It was a team effort as Navy won more firsts but the Cadets came up with the better overall performances. Captain Charles Beckwith '68, went on to win second in the Easterns in the side horse and Barry Robella '69, was third in the floor exercise.

BASKETBALL—Bill Schutsky '68, ARMY Captain, drops in two points as ARMY beats Navy, 66 to 44, in basketball at West Point. Schutsky was an all-East selection as the Cadets won 20 of 25 games, the most wins ever in a single season.

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Hockey wasn't expected to set the world on fire but a pair of upsets over Brown (4-2) and Boston University (5-2) sent Coach Jack Riley on to a sucessful season. The final record was 14 wins against 10 losses. Captain Mike Palone '68, and captain-elect Dave Merhar '69, were the top scorers and both are in the Top 10 in career scoring. Palone finished fifth with 123 points while Merhar, who has another season to play, is sixth with 122 points. Merhar was the leading scorer for the second straight season with 59 points, including 28 goals.

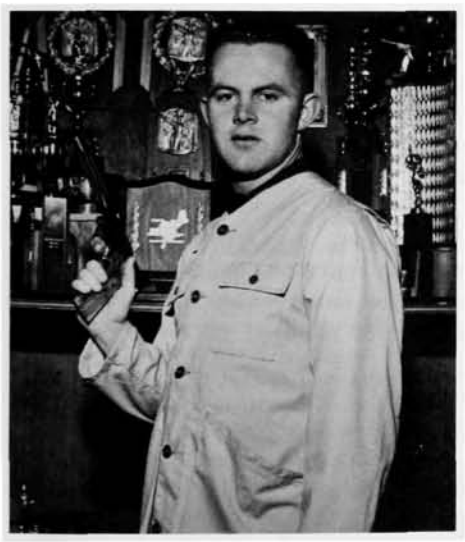
Pistol is the only team for the 1967-68 year to date to go unbeaten. The shooters won 10 matches plus the NRA Sectionals. Navy asked permission to use 10 men in the match at West Point and the strategy backfired as ARMY won, 5646 to 5428. Cadet Victor Ross '70, set Academy and Range records for individual firing with a 296 in the NRA Sectionals. The five-man team of captain Bob Merritt '68 (291), Jared Florance '68 (289), captain-elect Jim Adamson '69 (287), Jim Stanley '68 (287), and Philip Holden '69 (287) had a total of 1441 against Navy for two team records.

Rifle was 6-3 for the season but closed with considerable success. The team beat Navy, 1387 to 1367, at Annapolis and won both the NRA Sectionals for international and conventional firing. Dave Taylor '68, had a 288 in the victory over Air Force for range and Academy international records. The range record for team firing went to Murray State (Ky.) with an impressive 1410, ten points better than that made by ARMY in 1967.

The squash team had one of its best years, matching the Academy record for the most wins in a season and closing with a 12-3 record. Third Classman George Alcorn was rated sixth nationally while First Classman Barry Conway was picked in seventh place. The ARMY team was second in the national tournament. It took a come-from-behind effort in the final three matches to beat Navy 5 to 4 at West Point.

Swimming staged a late-season rally with victories over Navy and Princeton to close the season tied for second in the East with Princeton and Dartmouth. Yale, as usual, won the league title. The Navy meet at Annapolis ended 58 to 55 although ARMY was in front most of the way. Records tumbled again all winter with nine new marks going into the book. Peter Heesch '69, dominated the 50 and 100 free-style while all-America Jay Williams '68, had new records in the 200, 500, and 1000 yard freestyle. Barry Kerr '69, captain for next year, set two records in the individual medley and one in the 200-yard breaststroke. These three, plus Bob Wells '69, posted a new 800-yard freestyle relay record. Two Plebes were given varsity swim letters at the end of the season for setting Academy records. Hank Thayer held the 50-yard freestyle mark and Rick Rentz the 1000-freestyle at one time during the season but Heesch and Williams took them away later. Of those named above, only Williams graduates in 1968.

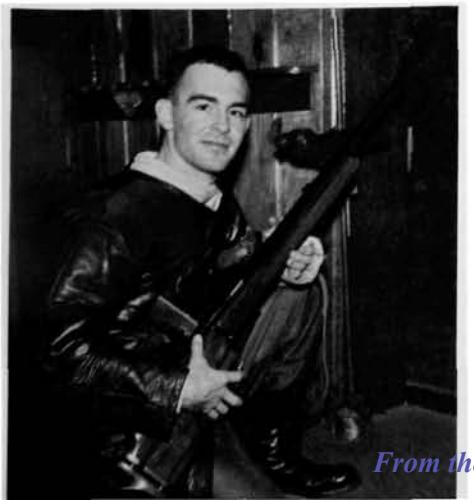
Track dropped its first meet to Harvard, as previously reported, and then went the rest of the way undefeated. A 7-1 record in meets plus successful defense of the indoor Heptagonal title at



PISTOL—Captain Bob Merritt '68, led the ARMY Pistol team to an undefeated season, the only sport in the current year so far to go unbeaten. Merritt was consistently the top scorer and is a probable all-America selection.

SQUASH—These five top ARMY squash players and Coach Bill Cullen brought ARMY second place in the national tournament and a season record of 12-3. Front row (left to right): Chuck Vehlow '68, Bill Campbell '68, and Rick Wilber '69. Second row: George Alcorn '70, ranked 6th nationally, and Barry Conway '68, ranked 7th nationally. In rear: Coach Cullen.

RIFLE—Dave Taylor '68, of the ARMY rifle team who set new Academy and range records in international firing during the past season.



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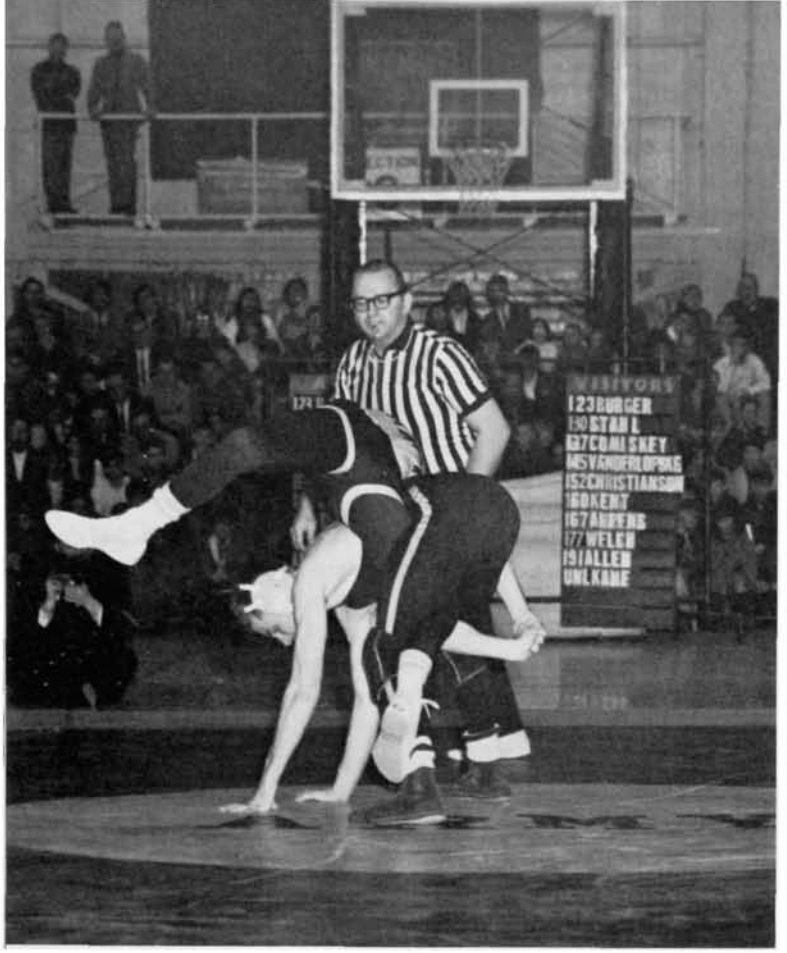

WRESTLING—Scott Patten '70, tries to dump Navy captain Gary Burger in the first bout of the 1968 ARMY-Navy wrestling meet. Burger rallied for a close decision and Navy went on to win the meet and later the Eastern mat title.

Cornell and third place in the IC4A meet kept ARMY among the powers in that winter sport. The victory at Navy was an impressive 64 to 45. Harvard threatened in the Heps but a record-breaking effort by the two-mile relay team of Peter Billia '70, Jim Osman '70, Larry Lemaster '69, and Greg Camp '68, with a time of 7:38.6 in the next-to-last event gave ARMY the crown again.

Weightman Larry Hart '68, won the Heptagonal crown in the 35-pound event and then was third in the NCAA meet at Detroit to become an all-American trackman. Other Hep champions included captain Camp in the 1000-yard run and Frank McCullough '69, in the 60-yard high hurdles.

Six indoor records were posted, Dan Seebart '68, in the shot put, Gary Steele '69, in the high jump, Bob Foos '69, in the 600, McCullough in the high hurdles, the aforementioned two-mile relay team, and the mile relay team of John Cochran '68, Brian Morrill '69, George Forsythe '70, and Foos producing the new marks.

Wrestling had an 8-2 record and beat Lehigh in dual competition for the first time in 14 years. But Navy prevailed again, 19 to 13, at West Point. Captain Jim Harter '68, was second in the Easterns at 177 pounds, while Mike Nardotti '69, finished sixth at 160 pounds in the NCAA meet.

Spring Football Starts

Sixteen lettermen lost and sixteen lettermen back was the ARMY football picture as Coach Tom Cahill and his staff sent

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some 120 candidates through 20 spring drills in April and May in anticipation of the 1968 season.

Of those departing, 12 were starters and 10 of the dozen were linemen. That points up the major area of concern for the spring drills. The proof of the pudding came in the spring game on Saturday, 4 May.

Quickly running down the 16 returnees for next fall, the four starters on offense include tackle Bob Ivany '69, tight end Gary Stelle '69, quarterback Steve Lindell '69, and fullback Charlie Jarvis '69. Also available on offense are tackle Bill Jackson '70, quarterbacks Jim O'Toole '69 and Roger LeDoux '70, and halfbacks Lynn Moore '70 and Hank Andrzejczak '70. On the defense, six starters return including captain Ken Johnson '69, a linebacker, end Tom Wheelock '69, tackle Steve Yarnell '69, and defensive backs Tom Haller '70, Dennis Hutchinson '69, and Dick Luecke '69. Another defensive back, Pete Dencker '69, completes the list of 16.

The departure of offensive coach Bill Meek to Utah and Plebe coach Tad Schroeder to the Coast Guard Academy has made some changes in the varsity staff. Jack Hecker, Bob Mischak and Tommy Ford, an all-America back at Texas in 1963, will handle the offense. The defense remains in the hands of Dick Lyon, John McCauley and Bill Parcells. The new Plebe mentor is George Storck who comes to West Point from Franklin and Marshall where he was head coach.

Graduates planning to return for Homecoming should circle the date of Saturday, 12 October. That's when California will be here for the first West Point appearance of the Golden Bears. ARMY has played them twice before, winning both times in Berkeley. It was 28 to 10 in 1960 and 6 to 3 in. 1966.

Sportsletter Subscriptions

One of the best ways to keep informed on the 19 intercollegiate sports at West Point is to subscribe to the *Army Sportsletter*. This publication *(continue on page 58)*

TRACK—Colonel Elvin Heiberg, chairman of the Athletic Board, presents a letter of recognition at the winter sports awards banquet to indoor trackman Larry Hart '68. Hart, who finished third in the 35-pound weight event at the NCAA meet in Detroit in March, was named to the 1968 all-America indoor track team.

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Assembly Visits

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'The Crisis,' and 'The Exploits of Brigadier Gerard,' He quizzed me on them. I read 'Napoleon as a General' by Wartenburg [for a long time the standard text on Napoleon of the Department of Military Art and Engineering.] Fox Conner quizzed me and got me to be a military historical novel reader."

As an interesting sidelight of his feelings for General Conner, General Eisenhower pointed out, "Fox Conner said, 'Did you ever think that in all military history only one thing never changes–human nature.' Terrain may change, weapons may change, etc., but never human nature. Human nature may be different for different people and at different times but human nature does not change."

He finished his reminiscences of General Conner by telling of an incident when the general asked him to find how deep into the jungle of Panama from Chorrera he could take a pack train.

The then Major Eisenhower worked out all the factors, "how far a mule could go before it ate up all it carried, etc." Then he presented several ideas and alternatives on what could be done. General Conner was elated with his solution.

Although acknowledging there were others, General Eisenhower feels, "Fox Conner had the most influence on my life."

We asked the General about his son John's decision to go to West Point, if he had influenced it in any way. He said John had found the 1915 HOWITZER at the age of six and had learned all the names and statements under the pictures by heart. "John was always nuts about West Point. His Uncle Ed had offered him a free education in law, together with a position in the firm, and guaranteed him an income for the first five years that would be greater than his pay in the Army. John said he was not interested and wanted to go to West Point.

"I did not push John to West Point. I saw too many who were forced to go to West Point by parents who wanted them to get the free education.

"I counseled John. I told him that chances of promotion were not good, the promotion rate was low, and there was not much chance of getting to be a colonel. Under the old system of statutory retirement at age 64, I figured I would retire for age before I was promoted to colonel."

This part of our talk led to some passing remarks on duty and service in the post World War I period, particularly as it related to the Class of 1915. General Eisenhower classified "doing your duty" as a hallmark of a good officer. He remarked, "My Class was only out of West Point two years when World War I broke out. We had been involved in the Mexican Border expeditions." The Class got some quick, war-time rank and "a taste of being on our own."

He went on, "This kept us from going back, backsliding. The life of the Army at that time tended to stultify some of the older men. We drilled for two hours and the second lieutenants inspected messes and did the chores. There was nothing to keep up the interests of the older officers. They were stultified."

At this point General Eisenhower got up from his desk and began to walk about the room, continuing to talk of improvements at West Point and the future of the Military Academy. He drew a parallel between history and the development of the Military Academy saying, "From Rameses II to the Civil War there was a period of doldrums, but with the Industrial Revolution there was a sharp rise in everything." [He described the rise with a sweeping upward movement of his hand.]

"Every year the graduate [of USMA] is a better man. There is a steady improvement each year. The graduate is better informed. He is more self-confident. The West Point system makes you get your lessons prepared and prepares you for the future."

On the role of the Military Academy in the future, he said, "Even in the event of complete disarmament there is a role for West Point. Even if we just turned our graduates back into the body politic it would be good. The graduates are trained people who understand duty and do it. There is a tremendous change in the man brought about by West Point. Even the ones who have left the service exert a great influence. I could not have a higher opinion of an institution than West Point."

As the former President settled into an easy chair we asked him about the soldier-statesman. He defined the soldier-statesman as, "Any man who really is interested in his country, who is interested in its development, who understands organization, and who has had contact with human nature."

He continued, "The so-called 'military mind' is better cultivated and developed than the civilian mind, it is not stultified. I only served under three officers who wanted to maintain things as they were–not rock the boat. The other encouraged ideas and thinking. There is more freedom of thought and initiative in the Army.

"You can take an army officer and put him in any job. A well educated military man cannot be outdone. Were it not for his age, I would like to see Al Gruenther do anything–be President."

We closed our interview with the question, "What was the greatest influence of the Military Academy on you as President?"

The General said, "West Points' greatest influence was the standards it established in me." He pointed out that dedication and truthfulness were paramount to him in the Presidency and that many dedicated men "had to sacrifice to come into government." He closed with these words, "In war and in the Presidency, West Point stood me in good stead."

We took our leave of General Eisenhower and as we stopped in the outer office to go over some matters with his secretary he came out of his office to add, "My proudest possession is the scroll presented me by the Corps of Cadets at the Thayer Award ceremony. It is signed by the First Captain and hangs on the stairway wall at Gettysburg."

On that nostalgic note ASSEMBLY departed the warmth of a great graduate and sunny California for the gray walls of our Alma Mater on the wintry Hudson River.

Cadet Eisenhower

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his final standing below the middle of the class.

Col. A. M. Weyand has related Ike's athletic achievements elsewhere in this issue but suffice it to say he was a recognized athlete, excellent football player, assistant coach of the Cullum Hall team, cheer leader, and general strong supporter of the Corps of Cadets athletic teams. He also qualified as a sharpshooter with the Springfield rifle.

While attaining his BA (Busted Aristocrat) and AB (Area Bird) degrees in his one major fracas with the Tactical Department, Cadet Eisenhower achieved those distinctions more for what might be termed over exuberance rather than for any major disciplinary infraction. He points out in his book "At East" that, after having been warned once for whirling the young daughter of a professor about the dance floor at a hop, he completely forgot the warning a few months later and was guilty of the same spirited action with same young lady. For this action he lost his sergeant's stripes and was assessed a month on the area. He incidentally did not walk those tours since he was on crutches at the time. This resulted in a change in the wording of punishment orders to provide a specified number of tours which would ultimately have to be served even though delayed by hospitalization. In his book, General Eisenhower says, "This is one of those unwilling contributions to the Academy for which no cadet can thank me."

Of his general deportment, General Eisenhower pointed out in his interview with ASSEMBLY that most of his infractions of discipline were minor in nature and he was never in serious trouble. The 1914 HOWITZER includes a typical "skin sheet" with the entry: "Eisenhower–Misspelling his own name in chapel permit–Lt. B."

Apparently Cadet Eisenhower was considered somewhat of a wag and certainly one of the gang by his classmates for the 1915 HOWITZER contains this joke:

> "Inquisitive Cit [civilian]–Is Mr. Eisenhower good at athletics?
> Kaydet–Yes, Mexican athletics.
> Inquisitive Cit–What's that?
> Kaydet–Slinging the bull."

There is also a Want Ad section in the 1915 HOWITZER and it lists this advertisement:

> "Wanted–a wife. Modest young man of gentle disposition and refined (?) nature desires to try matrimony with any coy damsel willing to take the chance. Retiring but affectionate. Prefer girl with money. Eisenhower."

Certainly Mamie and Ike are glad no young lady answered this ad before they met in San Antonio.

In the biographical sketch for the HOWITZER, his biographer stated, "He claims to have the best authority for the statement that

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he is the handsomest man in the Corps and is ready to back up his claim at any time."

Cadet Eisenhower was a member of the Young Men's Christian Association at the Military Academy. The organization met on Sunday evenings and listened to different speakers at each meeting. The Association devoted its efforts toward Bible study and teaching in the Post Sunday School. Cadet Eisenhower served as a Sunday School teacher for the Post children during his first class year.

Whether it was in academics, athletics, military training, or life in Company F with his classmates, Dwight David Eisenhower, senatorial appointee from Kansas, excelled as a cadet. Speaking of his classmate, Cadet Eisenhower's HOWITZER biographer said, "Said prodigy will now lead us all in a long, loud yell for—Dare Devil Dwight, the Dauntless Don."

Athletic Cadet

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and grunted, "Good linebacker."

The following week, when ARMY defeated Tufts 15-6, Ike again started but he injured a knee and had to go to the hospital. He did not play in the 23-7 victory over Syracuse. On Tuesday, four days before the Navy game, the *Sun* stated, "Eisenhower is limping but it is hardly likely he will be kept out of practice. He is one of ARMY's strongest offensive backs and a terrific line smasher."

On the same day that was published Ike attended riding instruction. At that season we were doing mounted gymnastics, "monkey drill," the cadets called it. Dismounting from the back of a galloping horse, vaulting back and forth and eventually remounting was not conducive to healing a damaged knee. He could have been excused from the drill but then they might have allowed him to play against Navy. Had Charlie Daly or Red Blaik been head coach, he probably would have quietly arranged to have Ike avoid the strenuous work. As far as I know, the officer in charge of instruction, Lieutenant Harvey Higley, nor anyone else ever accused Ike of malingering. I was riding behind him when the accident happened. Suddenly my horse shied and there was Ike groveling in the tan bark clutching his injured knee.

That ended Ike's playing career although he did not realize it at the time. He went to the Navy game but on crutches. ARMY lost 0-6. Back at West Point, Pot Graves encountered Eisenhower and some other cadets on Diagonal Walk. He poked his finger at Ike and said, "You lost us the Navy game." Turning to the other cadets he continued, "Here I come up with the best line plunger and linebacker I've ever seen at West Point and he busts his knee in the riding hall."

Although he missed the Navy game, Ike had participated in five of the other games which, that year, was sufficient to qualify him for an "A." He was in the hospital when the team picture was taken and did not get in it. Apparently the team captain, Leland Devore, did not think to postpoine taking the picture until Ike was up and around. I don't think Ike ever quite forgave him for that oversight.

The next season (1913) Ike was moving freely on his knee and turned out for the team. By this time Charlie Daly was head coach. He "babied" Ike along during the early practice. Ike made the squad and, that year, had his picture taken with the players. Presently heavy work was commenced and the first time he was hit hard he was through.

After that, Ike helped coach the Cullum Hall squad and the grateful players presented him with a pair of cuff links. During his last season he wrote football articles for the HOWITZER and served as head cheer leader. He had lots to cheer about. That 1914 team was a good one. Vernon Prichard was captain. The team won all its games and was rated first in the nation by the Helms Athletic Foundations.

Ike coached football for several years after his graduation but I was not associated with him so that is not part of my story.

The Formative Years

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training played in helping him attain that honor, the study habits, the background, the discipline. With such an honor went future assignment to the War Department and very early selection for attendance at the War College.

By graduating from the War College in 1928, Maj. Eisenhower had completed the course after 13 years of commissioned service, a point in officers' careers of today where they are not yet eligible to attend the school. The Military Academy graduates in the class reached back to the Class of 1904 and, aside from Eisenhower, included only two from the Class of 1915 and one from the Class of 1916. Among the students were many colonels, lieutenant colonels, and majors far senior to Eisenhower. Thirty of them were Military Academy graduates.

After returning from France in 1929, Major Eisenhower served in Washington for the next six years, first as assistant executive to the Assistant Secretary of War and then as a Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, General Douglas MacArthur '03. In these assignments he put his great writing ability to good use. Writing the biographical sketch of Maj. Eisenhower in the "Twenty Year Book" of the Class of 1915, a classmate said, "Ike does a great variety of things, all of them very well, but he excels in the art of putting thoughts into written words. Many of the finest things which the present regime has put out to the service show the trace of Ike's fine. . . .handwork."

From Washington, Eisenhower went to the Philippines in 1935, to work again with General MacArthur, returning to the United States as the war clouds gathered in late 1939.

Certainly from 1929 to late 1940, first Major and later Lieutenant Colonel Eisenhower was in close contact with graduates of the Military Academy most of the time.

Throughout these years General Eisenhower retained his exuberance and sense of humor and his ties with his classmates and fellow graduates continued to grow. His reply for the "Ten Year Book" of the Class of 1915, is replete with humor and anecdotes about classmates. It also displays a fine style of writing. He closes his account with the statement, "Now don't think for a second that I'M running dry. . .But I've bulled enough bull; told enough lies; done enough stretching of my imagination; and, all in all, feel it high time to say so long."

Certainly the 1915-1940 period of General Eisenhower's career can be summed up as one of unusual accomplishment, strong influence by the Military Academy, and ever increasing ties and friendships with West Point classmates, associates, and friends.

Duty, Honor, Country

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understanding towards the defeated, and was prepared to help. He showed courage and will for a new beginning. Such qualities were also evident in this most friendly manner at all later meetings.

In Partenkirchen in the summer of 1951 General Heusinger and I discussed the military problems of rebuilding the German armed forces and in the conduct of the defense of Europe with General Eisenhower and his Chief of Staff, General Alfred Gruenther. We also spoke of our battle at Normandy in the summer of 1944 in the course of which General Eisenhower expressed his high esteem for Field Marshal Rommel as a man and as a military leader.

I gratefully remember much good advice by the Supreme Commander of the NATO forces in Europe in Paris when I had to participate as the chief German military delegate in the negotiations for the formation of a European defense community. He suggested time and time again the utilization of our military pre-war and war experiences for the Western community. The problem of the standardization of the principles of command for the Western nations was of particular importance to him. He saw clearly that, with a realization of the European defense community, not only would Europe have been united, but that German-French friendship in union with the Americans would also have been sealed.

At our later meetings, be it at the White House on 8 August 1960, or be it at the house of General Norstad in 1962 in Marnes-la-Coquette, General Eisenhower revived over and over those conversations. He was, however, in increasing measure deeply disconcerted that those auspicious hours after the war, which would have made a much closer harmony of the West possible, had not been promptly and sufficiently utilized.

The historical merit of the General and the President Eisenhower is not diminished by this. The free world owes it essentially to him that Germany was admitted in NATO as an equal, and we gratefully thought of the President of the United States when on 9 May 1955 at SHAPE in the presence of the SAUCEUR, General Alfred Gruenther, the former Chief of Staff of General Eisenhower, the German flag was raised among those of the 14 NATO nations.

"Duty, Honor, Country": The classical U.S. Military Academy can be proud of one of its greatest sons who as Commander-in-Chief manifested not only military virtues and qualities of leadership, but also stood the test as a human being through chivalry, moderation, and greatness.

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not occur either when General Eisenhower was the Supreme Allied Commander or while he was President of the United States. The subject of loyalty to Country—and for that matter, service loyalty as well—was neatly handled by General Eisenhower to the effective end of strengthening not weakening, the Allied Command.

During the early difficult months following the entry of the United States into World War II, Admiral Ernest J. King, set a theme for the United States Navy "to make the most of what we have" realizing that even with a maximum utilization of mobilization potential it would still take much time to build up the forces that would be required to achieve victory. The same attitude was taken by General Eisenhower at SHAPE but the task "to forge the instrument," a duty of Field Marshal Montgomery, was relatively more difficult. Nations were not at war yet means were woefully inadequate. Approvals were necessary at international levels in many cases before national legislative organizations would even consider appropriating funds. Procedures frequently were exasperatingly ponderous. It was clear that "Rome would not be built in a day." Maximum utilization had to be made of available forces, weapons, and facilities. The United States contribution was prompt and significant due, in large measure, to the convincing presentations by General Eisenhower. Indeed, it is doubtful if the U.S. Congress would have acceded to the pleas for funds and forces for Europe without the personal testimony of General Eisenhower himself. In order to obtain authorizations and appropriations for foreign aid to build up Allied forces, it was necessary for General Eisenhower—and later General Gruenther and other American officers who served as Supreme Allied Commanders—to bring their guns of eloquence to bear on the Congressional committees.

Organizationally, two major problems had to be faced with urgency. First, the headquarters and the staff itself. Secondly, the subordinate command structure. For each, facilities, equipment, and funds were required. For each, the wholehearted support of the United States was necessary and was provided. For each, the wisdom and experience of General Eisenhower and of General Gruenther was indispensible and the support of the Department of the Army superb. High marks are due to the fraternal cooperation of West Point graduates.

Within SHAPE in its earliest days there soon appeared a wide variety of uniforms and a "babble of tongues" as well. There was firm guidance from the top to keep the staff small and, at the same time, to ensure adequate representation from all the nations and services contributing forces. Naturally, it was of major psychological and political importance to make certain that the European partners had their full share of the most senior and intermediate echelon positions—and this was done. However, there were inevitably some initial limitations involved in getting the staff to function efficiently, partially due to lack of experience by non-Americans in higher headquarters, perhaps because of unfamiliarity with American type staff procedures and policies, to a significant degree because of language difficulties and, also, attributable to lack of confidence. It seems to me that credit for overcoming these handicaps quickly can be given to two factors: first, the leadership of the Supreme Commander and his Chief of Staff; secondly, to the outstanding work performed by the selected group of U.S. Army and Air Force officers carefully dispersed throughout all general staff divisions and special sections of SHAPE; and the great majority of these officers were West Point graduates. The dedication, industry, ability, tact, patience, and self-effacing service of these fine officers carried the ball until the other members of the team were ready to "pull their weight in the boat."— And this did not take too long, especially in view of the fact that all hands strove aggressively to become bilingual.

Within the SHAPE Staff, deep and enduring friendships were made. Within each of the NATO countries today warm welcomes are extended to comrades in arms of different nationalities and services who were together in SHAPE under General Eisenhower. SHAPE alumni dinners in Europe and in the United States are happy reunions. I have found a universal feeling that the duty at SHAPE was a happy experience for all, because people worked hard but their individual efforts were respected by seniors, juniors, and contemporaries, regardless of service or nationality.

The establishment of the major subordinate command structure of Allied Command Europe was the subject of prolonged internal staff discussion and external interest. No doubt every national general staff had formulated position papers dedicated to its own concept and for the enhancement of national or service prestige. It is of interest, however, the General Eisenhower's original thoughts were adopted almost in toto, i.e., three major commands by area; one for Central Europe, and one for each of the two flanks—Northern and Southern Europe. In the center for the initial period of organization there was a land commander-in-chief (Marshal Juin of France), an air commander-in-chief (General Norstand U.S.), and a Flag Officer Central Europe (Admiral Jauzard of France). The Commander-in-Chief Northern Europe was Admiral Brind of Great Britain and of Southern Europe Admiral Carney of the United States. It was General Eisenhower's hope that the full force of the British Navy could be brought to bear in support of the limited ground forces of Northern Europe and of the United States Sixth Fleet for Southern Europe. Actually, the shortages of forces of all services and nationalities in the Northern Region was critical.

Due to political considerations it was impracticable initially to have all naval forces of the Mediterranean incorporated into the Southern European Region. A separate subordinate command, Allied Forces Mediterranean, under a British naval officer as Commander-in-Chief, proved to be a compromise solution but with the passage of time has now phased out of the picture. On the other hand, the Commander-in-Chief in Northern Europe has been given to a soldier and a subordinate Unified Command provided for Central Europe.

If one considers the command structure and forces of and in support of the defense of Europe today, the soundness of General Eisenhower's original concept is inescapable. Ground and air forces in the center and for the key strategic areas of Northern, Southern, and Southeastern Europe have the immediate support of naval forces, including POLARIS submarines on Europe's flanks. In retrospect, the regard and respect of General Eisenhower himself for the importance of ground, air, and naval forces working together in complete harmony and of his recognition of political realities in building an Allied Command structure are factors that have made Allied Command Europe as successful as it continues to be in spite of the French withdrawal.

One of the major elements of strength of the North Atlantic Alliance and of Allied Command Europe today is that of the Federal German Republic. No one realized more than General Eisenhower himself the need to reestablish the respect of Germany, to incorporate it within the Atlantic Community as a full partner and to capitalize on German means for collective security. Naturally, feelings on the part of the victims of Nazi aggression and atrocities were deep and emotional. These had to be overcome in such a way that the people concerned could accept a sovereign and rearmed German state with assurance. This would not have been achieved as it was, had it not been for the faith of peoples and of governments in the word of Dwight Eisenhower, first as Supreme Allied Commander and, subsequently, as President of the United States. If there was an indispensable individual to bring this objective to fruition it was he.

One of the staunchest supporters of the Atlantic Alliance and theNATO military command structure was Admiral Forrest Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations, and a member of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, from 2 November 1949 until his untimely death on 22 July 1951. Possessed of great strategic vision and an acute awareness of the threat to the Western World posed by the Soviet Union, Admiral Sherman was a key individual in bringing about wide acceptance of NATO and its military commands. From his previous experience as the Commander of the United States Sixth Fleet, he was also conscious of the importance of a friendly government in Spain and bases in the Iberian Peninsula to the defense of the Atlantic Treaty area and of Europe itself.

In 1951, Admiral Sherman represented the President of the United States on a special mission to Spain. Following his discussions with General Franco, Admiral Sherman visited SHAPE to call on General Eisenhower en route to London and Naples prior to returning to Washington. It was my privilege to be present when Admiral Sherman called on General Eisenhower who planned shortly to spend a few days in Bavaria. Quickly observing the need of his visitor for a respite from his arduous schedule, General Eisenhower endeavored to persuade him to take a few days of rest with him. "No", said Admiral Sherman, "I have to see Admiral Carney in Naples and then I must get back to Washington to report on my conversations in Spain. Then, perhaps, I will be able to take a break." Less than forty-eight hours later Admiral Sherman had died of a heart attack in Naples. What a mark of greatness it was—and humility too—for General Eisenhower to say, on hearing the news, "By golly, why couldn't that have happened to me instead of to a young fellow like Forrest who had so much to offer to the United States in the critical years ahead."

In June of 1952 General Eisenhower left SHAPE to return to the United States to accept the mandate of the Republican Party as candidate for President of the United States. For my part, shortly thereafter, I was detached and given command of the U.S.S. *Franklin D. Roosevelt.* I like to feel that we had shared together a most rewarding experience and retained for Allied Command Europe and for SHAPE an enduring

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Man the Rail

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affection. I felt most fortunate in following years to serve in the Sixth Fleet, first in command of my ship, subsequently in command of an attack carrier division, and, finally, in command of the Fleet itself with a second "hat" as Commander Allied Striking Force Southern Europe. It was always a thrill to know that these American naval commands were vital parts of the Allied effort to deter aggression and, if necessary, to repel it. It was an inspiration to realize that Italian, Greek, and Turkish soldiers and airmen knew that they could depend upon the Sixth Fleet for prompt and effective support. It was reassuring to comprehend the fact that my NATO superiors, including the President of the United States, General Eisenhower, had confidence in the Fleet and the thousands of young American sailors and Marines who manned it. And we had faith in their wisdom, their integrity, their will, and their judgment.

Admiral Charles R. "Cat" Brown was the Allied Commander-in-Chief Southern Europe who had the pleasure of celebrating the tenth anniversary of the establishment of his command. All of the nations who had forces in Southern Europe and the Mediterranean participated in the military, naval, and air pageant at Naples. It was colorful, spectacular and heartwarming. Italian, Greek, Turkish, and United States soldiers, and American Marines, marched in the parade of ground forces on the streets of Naples. Our Allies had equipment provided by the U.S. Military Aid Program. Overhead a Greek Air Force acrobatic team put on a superb demonstration following an air review that included detachments of air forces from all the nations involved. And, around the Bay of Naples, close inshore was the bulk of the Sixth Fleet in company with our Allied naval forces of other countries. I could not fail to think of what a blessing it was that General Eisenhower's influence had enabled this to come to pass. With such strength and unity in "the enlightened self-interest" of the nations concerned, as inspired by General Eisenhower, there would be no aggression to repel. Any potential enemy would always say to himself, "I'll wait until they fall apart." Let us pray that they never do.

In December of 1959, President Eisenhower made a trip to Asia and Europe. He was accompanied by his son, John, and daughter-in-law, Barbara, members of his personal and official staff, and a chartered planeload of correspondents. On their return from Asia to Europe it was decided that the President and his most immediate party would embark in the Sixth Fleet Flagship off Athens and that the remainder of the travelers would be accommodated in the aircraft carrier, *Essex,* in the same formation. The trip was originally planned to afford the President a restful voyage from Athens to Toulon. But then, for reasons of State, a short visit to Tunis was included, but no extension of time provided. I do not believe that the President himself ever realized that, in spite of a very high speed of advance, the Task Force had only ten minutes margin to meet the assigned time of arrival in Toulon. Otherwise, the entire French National Railway schedule between the south of France and Paris would have been disrupted with understandable reactions.

I have never seen December weather so fine as it was throughout the entire three-day trip. It appeared as though a guardian angel had waved a magic wand to have the sun shine, the winds light, and the seas blue from the very moment the Fleet ships present manned the rail with full honors for the President. As a matter of fact, we dodged four Soviet submarines that were trying to intercept us and fitted in a spectacular air and naval review just prior to arrival in Toulon. The President disembarked for his onward passage by rail on time, tan and rested. The remainder of the group who had been on a horribly strenuous schedule since their departure from Washington ten days earlier, had been refreshed, relaxed, and rehabilitated on board *Essex.* They had even absorbed a few sea stories and received a fine indoctrination in the importance of naval power. We never had such a distinguished "captive" audience of press and radio.

President Eisenhower delivered a wonderful Christmas message to the officers and men of the Sixth Fleet. In response, we had given him a parody on the "Night Before Christmas" composed by the dental officer of the Flagship:

AN ODE TO IKE"

" 'Twas the morn before Iketime and all through the ship
All the hands were a stirring for this most famous VIP

The Captain was nervous, the Exec was distraught;
First Lieutenant and Gun Boss were jumpy and taut

The Heads of Departments were tearing their hair,
Except for the Dentist who had little to spare

The Marines and the sailors in razor sharp blues
Were at rigid attention with mirrors for shoes

The air was resounding with booming salutes
And the cold was beginning to creep through my boots

I'd been manning the rail for an hour or two,
With my ears turning red and my nose turning blue

When over the stern there flew such a clatter
I left turned my eyes to see what was the matter

The air was a flutter, the noise like a wreck
As a gigantic chicken dropped down on the deck

And what did my salty old eyes there appraise,
But a large whirling helo with eight whirling blades,

And out stepped a man with that smile we all like,
And I knew in a moment it must be old Ike

He went to the Admiral and called him by name,
Shook hands with the Skipper and did just the same

With a wave of his arm and that famous Ike grin
He marched down the ship and was swalled within

The Striker then turned to the Bosn's Mate Third
Said, "I know it sounds silly; I know it's absurd

But as he walked by here so cheerful and quick
I thought for a moment he looked like St. Nick!!!!

The Flagship was underway immediately after the President's departure at Toulon with everyone tremdously impressed with the enthusiastically warm welcome extended to him by the thousands of French people as well as the French Navy and public officials who had greeted him. It made us all proud to be Americans. That night the mistral blew and the sea off Southern France was a rough as we had ever experienced. On the *Des Moines,* then the Sixth Fleet Flagship, there still is a plaque over the bunk vacated by the Fleet Operations Officer to make room for a very important member of the Presidential party. It reads, "President Eisenhower's valet slept here."

The Sixth Fleet had had the dual pleasure of rendering full honors to its Commander in Chief and of manning the rail for "The General."

Down the Field

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comes out 18 times each year, weekly during the football season and monthly the rest of the academic year. Written by the Sports Information Office, it is a publication of the Army Athletic Association. It is sent by air mail to all overseas addresses and by first class mail within the continental United States. Subscriptions for the 1968-69 year are now being accepted at the same cost as before, $5 (five dollars) a year. Checks should be made payable to the AAA and sent to Sports Information Office, USMA, West Point, N.Y. 10996.

Spring Sports Start

ARMY teams were off and running in early April on the spring sports slate. Success was evident although there is real competition ahead.

Baseball grabbed victories over Rutgers and Long Island then dropped three in a row including a 13-inning fray to New York U. and the league opener to Pennsylvania. What looked like real good hitting power fell off somewhat. Currently the team is 2-1 in league play with wins over Columbia and Yale.

Golf lost its first two matches then got in some practice on the home course and won the next two and now stands 3-3. Don Johnson '68, Eastern intercollegiate individual champion in 1966, is the captain and playing the top spot.

Lacrosse found a new scoring star in Yearling Pete Cramblet who had 19 goals in four games as the stickmen won their first five. While there is not great depth on the current team, there may be adequate material for a good season.

Tennis waltzed through the first three matches without difficulty then dropped tough decisions to Princeton there and Harvard at home. The Tigers are picked to win the Eastern crown. The record at this writing is 5-2. Coach Bill Cullen has four First Classmen playing their third year on the varsity and should be strong in the win column.

Track beat Penn State and Yale in the first two meets and now moves into four weekends of relay competition before returning to the dual

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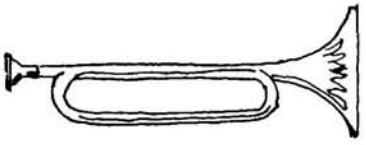

REPORT

. . . from the classes

'03

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

Colley wrote that he was in the Navy Hospital at Bremerton, Wash., for 20 days in November and December with pneumonia. He is now convalescing at his niece's home in Bremerton. **Farnum** wrote that both he and Helen have recovered from back trouble, and they are looking forward to a trip next month. Those birds are very loyal to their Maine, but just watch them fly to Florida or some warmer climate when they get fed up with winter cold way up in Yankeeland.

Albert **Gillmor** says that "The Fun City," as he refers to New York is not as it was in "days of yore," but he "makes do."

Clifford **Jones** is enjoying the winter at 3900 Hardin Ave, Florida 33133, where he says the winter has been fine, while he says it has been "mean" way up in Georgia. His son has made his time wonderful while he has been visiting his "pop." I think maybe Clifford Jr., may be "the Class Baby."

A nice fat letter from Jake **Wuest** tells of the hard times in the operating room for both he and Helen (his wife). Jake says that his operation consisted of replacing of part of his aorta with "a length of hose." He quotes his surgeon as saying to his team of operators, "Look at this man's liver! West Point during his youth and years at the bar of Army messes. Marvellous!" He and Helen are both on the mend, and they both hope to attend our 65th Reunion at West Point in June 1968, but he does not know how he will get to West Point from La Guardia Airport.

Rodney expects to go to Detroit on 11 Mar for the West Point reunion, and, as "The oldest Grad present," he sorta expects to give the "captive audience" a good chance to sleep.

The Superintendent of USMA, Maj. Gen. Bennett, will be there to make the address. He was a student at Michigan State from 1933 to 1935 in the ROTC before going to West Point, and **Rodney** was PMS&T at the time, but he had no occasion to meet him.

There are now 12 survivors of that wonderful gang of 1903. When you reach your 65th Reunion, as ours will be next June, you think back on things which made great impressions on you in those by-gone days. One of the things which I always remember is our attempt to fit words to the bugle sounds when "Taps" was sounded at West Point. They ran like this:

Love, Good Night
Must thou go
When the day
And the night
Love thee so
Fare thee well
Day is done
Night is on

Our Association membership of 18,461 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

'04

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

1904: Brig. Gen. Charles S. Blakely '04 was the oldest graduate present at the Fort Knox Founders Day dinner. Shown with Blakely are (left to right): Maj. Gen. A. D. Surles Jr., '37, CG at Fort Knox; Maj. Gen. D. V. Bennett '40, the Superintendent and featured speaker; and Brig. Gen. W. R. Buster '39.

'06

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

The winter has been long, hard, and destructive, especially for this small remnant of 1906. Since last summer we have lost **Jacob**, **Shute**, **Lewis**, and **Morrow**, leaving only 9 of the 78 on its graduation roll to carry on.

In addition, we lost our beloved Christine **Hoyle**, who took a prominant part in all class reunions, leaving DeRussy alone in his Hamden home.

Christine **Morrow** tells me that George had a fall a little while before his death, hastening his loss of strength by a broken hip. What a stalwart he has been throughout his long life! He was our athletic representative in cadet years, a competent artilleryman in his early army years, and a successful manufacturer of heavy machinery and munitions after his resignation. Under War Department orders, I presented the "E" award to his company during WWII. His acceptance speech before hundreds of his loyal employees and neighbors was a masterpiece of eloquence and encouragement. Christine is carrying on in the nursing home where they lived through the late years of George's life.

DeRussy **Hoyle** is maintaining the Hamden, Connecticut, home with the help of grandchildren. Recently, he visited daughter Deedee in Chattanooga, Tenn., and while there went to San Antonio to attend the wedding of the granddaughter of his sister, Fanny Hoyle Graham, which was an occasion for a reunion of the Hoyle clan.

Earl **McFarland** has not been too well lately but is recovering from the winter's illness.

Henry **Finch's** daughter writes for Henry that he is now too blind to live by himself or to read or write, complaining that he is of no more use than a grasshopper. However, he is philosophical about his troubles, getting out some encouraging words to his friends with the help of his neighboring daughter.

A pleasant note came in from Bob **White**, who lives on Kings Highway out of St. Louis, Missouri, praising our class letters and hoping that we will continue to keep the news of West Point coming his way. He has happy memories of those days when we were striving together.

Mary and Max **Elser** have sold their Arkansas ranch and are moving in June to Huntsville,

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1906: Although neither was the oldest graduate present, Joe King and John Merrill represent '06 at the Fort Sam Houston Founders Day dinner.

Alabama, to be with, or near, son Robert and his family. Their son, Edward, is taking his vacation in June to help with the family move.

Joe **King** was a most helpful worker in getting information about "Pot" **Lewis**, locating his son and family in Fresno, California. The daughter-in-law approved the obit with many valuable corrections and promptly sent a photograph for publication.

I have a good photograph of McKew **Parr** and his horse, Magellan, both standing separately, indicating that one, or both, of them might be too old for riding. A fine picture, too.

All scribes have received an elaborate Superintendent's report of what is going on at West Point. There is appended a report by the Commandant, one by the Dean, and another by the Management & Administration group (formerly, the Quartermaster). A remarkable picture is presented to the present and the proposed expansion of the Corps and of the facilities that are being prepared to care for the changes. The growth of the United States and the Army required to defend it are set forth to show the remarkable difference from the old days when we all knew each other by name and nickname in the Corps and even in the whole Army.

I had a happy moment on the telephone listening to "Hap" **Pennell**, talking from his Lawton, Oklahoma, residence, trying to find out why I had not answered the phone when called by one of his interesting admirers. I was in Florida, but his friend connected by phone the day I returned, giving me a glowing account of his service with Gen. Pennell in many places. He will reside later at our local Bon Air Retirement Home. Also I have an interesting account of a call by "Hap" at the School of Fire Library at Fort Sill, recalling the days when "Hap" worked under Dan Moore to found the school and its library, now such an effective source of artillery information.

Joe **King** tells me that he and John **Merrill** represented 1906 at the Founders Day dinner at Fort Sam Houston with a big crowd of old grads; Lewis Turtle '03 being the oldest and Simpson '09, presiding.

An invitation has just been received as I write this, requesting our presence at the wedding of Judith Anderson to David Vetter at St. Thomas Church, Washington, D.C. Judith is the daughter of Nanie Riley Anderson and Joe Anderson of Washington, D.C. Gene **Riley** and all the Riley children are expected to be there. Wish we might be able to join in the celebration and to meet the family. The Class is deeply indebted to Joe for his expert handling of the **Wainwright** funeral at Arlington.

Elizabeth and I were at the Lakeside Inn at Mount Dora, Fla., through January, but caught a bad case of the flu epidemic that was going around. We cut short our visit and hurried back to our Augusta fireside, still feeling badly from the after effects. Though we were not far from Mildred **Gillespie** at Winter Park and other friends at Leesburg, Fla., we could not make any calls. Also we are learning that the road through the eighties is a pay-as-you-go toll road with rough spots in it. Keep the medicine chest and the prayer book handy, and remember we have the Navy to beat this coming fall.

'07

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

One Branch of the White Family was published by Charles H. **White** in 1951. It is affectionately dedicated to his son, 1st Lt. Edward Ansel White '48 (DSC and PH) killed in action in Korea 2 August 1950. Copies were given to some members of the White family, to friends, to the public libraries in several Massachusetts towns, to the Massachusetts General Library in Boston, and to the Congressional Library. Enrique's forbearers came to Plymouth on the *Mayflower*. For 10 generations all White descendants lived their lives, died, and lie buried within a radius of 40 miles of Plymouth. Enrique was born within that radius. The William White who came over on the *Mayflower* had two sons, one born in Holland and the second on the *Mayflower*. William White died in the first hard winter in his 29th year. In that first winter 47 of the little company died and were secretly buried on Cole's Hill above Plymouth Rock. The settlers leveled off the graves and planted corn over them to hide their great and growing losses from the Indians. A search of deeds, wills, affidavits, church records, township records, family Bibles, and gravestones was made in the preparation of the book.

Arthur Lane '05, is descended from the William Whites. He and Enrique were at West Point at the same time for two of their four years. Both became general officers. Today both are members of a monthly luncheon group. Both are members of the 11th generation of Whites.

"Hap" **Arnold** was enshrined into the Aviation Hall of Fame during exercises held at Dayton, Ohio, marking the annual Enshrinement Ceremonies of the Aviation Hall of Fame. Mrs. Arnold (Bee) accepted for Hap.

Oliver **Wood** went south to Arkansas to welcome spring. A young man of 84, he was asked how often he has a physical check-up. He said he has one every three years so as to get his driver's license renewed!

Founders Day dinner was held at Fort Myer. General Wheeler '32, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, gave an interesting talk. The hall was packed to capacity–500 present. The food was delicious. The U.S. Army Chorus was excellent as always. Cadet John L. Throckmorton Jr., First Captain USCC, represented the Corps. The Reverend M. Smith '27 gave the invocation. The Benjamin F. Castle Memorial Award was given to Col. Red Reeder '26, a superb selection. Red Smith, sports columnist, with reference to Red Reeder's recent retirement from his West Point duties wrote: "Red Reeder couldn't retire if he wanted to. He doesn't own enough of himself. He gave a leg to his country on D-Day plus five in Normandy. He gave his heart to 25,000 cadets who grew up to be officers in the warmth of his comradeship and counsel. He gave the priceless boon of his friendship to just about everybody, barring only Annapolis braid and enemy troops."

It is recommended that each member of the Class send a record of his career to the Association of Graduates. Stations, assignments, promotions, awards, and other pertinent data together with the name and address of the next of kin should be included. This will be of great assistance in writing memorial articles. The difficulty today is that those who may have known a classmate most intimately may have passed on, and the record is difficult to obtain.

'08

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

"P.D." **Miller** writes from Hawaii that he cannot attend our 60th Reunion. He adds that nothing happens there worthy of the class Notes, "Just the quiet routine but which I have come to enjoy. I like the sunrises on Kaneohe Bay, on which we face, and the sunsets on the mountains two miles to the rear of us." A man of our age who gets the sun up in the morning and puts it to bed at night is carrying on pretty vigorously. He (or somebody) types a beautiful letter.

Emily (Mrs. E.C.) **Desobry** reports that good old "Avogadro" (as we used to call him) cannot come to the reunion this year. He hasn't anything very definitely the matter with him except age. He is up and around, suffers no serious discomforts, but is unable to travel, or, indeed, to go far from the house. Their son, Brig. Gen. W.R. Desobry, has returned from two and a half years of service in Vietnam to duty in Washington.

Jimmie **Burns** has returned to his apartment at 3901 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20008, from San Diego, California, where he spent the latter part of this winter.

Jack **Curry** writes that he will be unable to make the trip to West Point for our 60th Reunion, but his letter gives the impression that he is not in bad condition, merely not very mobile any more.

John **Hester** is another who, although not really in poor health, does not feel that he can travel to West Point in June.

'09

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

We regret to record the death of Jessie Peabody Stearns, wife of Cuthbert Powell ("Tups") **Stearns**, on 26 February at a Fairfax, Va., hospital. The funeral was held in the Fort Myer chapel, with the burial in Arlington Cemetery. Born in Colorado, Jessie was the daughter of James H. Peabody, former governor of that state. As a young woman she served as an honorary aide on her father's staff. She was a member of the Colonial Dames of America and the Fortnightly Club of Charlottesville, Va., where she and "Tups" had made their home since his retirement. Jessie is survived by her husband, a daughter Frances (Mrs. Paul C.) Hutton, a sister, Mrs. James G. Roger, of Denver, Colorado, and three grandchildren. Claude **Thummel** has received a gracious note from Frances Hutton, thanking 1909 for our floral offering.

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Bert Farman mailed us a post card from Rome in early March. "We left at Xmas time, so I did not get out any cards. We are spending the winter here. Weather has been mostly like April at home, very pleasant, almost no rain."

Ethel **Matheson** has furnished us a graphic recapitulation of their family, which comprises six children (including three West Point graduates), 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Details are available on request. Ethel writes from the Distaff Hall in Washington, "I hope to go to California and New Mexico in the spring. Will there be a reunion next year?" (We certainly hope so and will furnish details to all concerned as soon as a schedule is announced for the 1969 June Week.)

Clare **Partridge** wrote us on 28 December: "Thank you so much for your thoughtful letter. Betty passed on 29 November, and I haven't recovered from the shock. It is most difficult to adjust myself to a new life."

Elsa **Roberts** wrote on 31 January expressing her appreciation of Rodney's obituary published in the fall 1967 ASSEMBLY. She adds: "I am just getting over the difficult Xmas holidays. Last Xmas we celebrated our 45th anniversary. Have been flooded with mail and invitations but here I am among our acre of ground and a large house. I also lost my only sister in November; she was married to Frank Bertholet, Aug '17, who died in 1963. I have many wonderful friends to help me, as I am not good at business." Elsa plans, after disposing of their home, to spend a month in her home town, Vienna, before deciding where to go.

Margaret (Mrs. Wm. H.) **Sage**, 1767 Bruce Ave., Charlottesville, Va. (6 Jan): "It is pleasant to be remembered and to bring back memories of West Point days when Bill was with us. He is decidedly around in our three young ones, who aren't so young after all. But Bill lives in all of them in so many ways."

The *Charlottesville Progress* carried an announcement on 3 Feb of the engagement of Miss Margaret Drew, granddaughter of the Sages, to Richard B. Keyes (Harvard '64), now attending Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

'10

Brig. Gen. Burton O. Lewis
The Berkshire, Apartment 6016E
4201 Massachusetts Avenue, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20016

The normally pleasant weather has again returned to Washington after a long, cold winter, and our local 1910'ers have road maps out planning their summer trips.

Hazel and Tony **Frank** who still live at the Westchester in Washington are taking things easy these days, but they miss the enjoyable vacations they formerly took in Florida during the winters and in New England during the summer time.

Pete **Selleck** now stationed in Vietnam was recently granted some recreation leave in Honolulu. His wife, Dolly, took advantage of this happy situation and flew from Washington to join him there.

Gladys **Leonard** spent a rather short but thoroughly enjoyable vacation in Florida last March. She reported that unfortunately she was unable to enjoy the swimming due to the prevailing cool weather during her stay at the beach.

Bob **Dunlop** recently sold his house in Washington and is now making his permanent home at the Roosevelt Hotel. Bob tells me he plans to become more a gentleman of leisure and take things less strenuously than he has in the past.

We regret to report that Eleanor Nye Jones, daughter and last member of the Iven Jones family died in Washington on 16 January 1968 after a long illness. Following graveside services, she was buried in the family plot in Arlington National Cemetery. Her aunt Katherine Jones Nicholson of Virginia Beach had been her guardian angel for many years.

Word has just been received that Tony Frank died on 30 March. Details will be in next ASSEMBLY.

'11

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

Here is Cheerio to 1911's octogenarians as of 1 Jan 68: Speck **Wheeler**, Dave **Cowles**, Joe **McNeal**, John **Hatch**, Bob **Clark**, Hal **Estes**, Billy **Wyche**, Sis **Betcher**, and Art **Conard**, with Fred **Gilbreath** not far behind.

And, hold everything, the **Bagbys** are home! Dorothy and Jake returned 23 Feb after a several months trial of a retirement home in Portland, Oreg. They not only missed the California weather for which Oregon did not give a good substitute, but they missed the host of friends they had left behind in the Bay Area. For the present, they are at 500 Fulton Street, Palo Alto, 94301.

Betcher in Canajoharie in February was fairly well but found the cold weather and snow tough. He had had a card from Burt but had not seen Jim in some time. Says Betch: "I don't get around much." Well, Speck is about the only one who does. A card also came from Jim **Burt** in Albany. At the last A-N football game, he and Edith had a good visit with Art **Conard** and his son and wife in adjacent seats. Jim, too, said it had been a tough winter, and that he hoped to see Betch soon.

On 15 Feb, our Bay Area group perhaps had it's last scheduled meeting, the ravages of time making traveling more difficult for many, and, from now on, after some 20 years of these happy gatherings, they will be held as the spirit moves us. But, at that February meeting, with Bug and Dave **Cowles**, a cheery time was had. Also there were Mollie **Weaver**, Florence **Ladd**, Helen **Shekerjian**, and the **Nichols**, seven altogether. Bug had a home lunch with cracked crab, French bread, and salad, and, somehow, we seven managed to get outside of three bottles of Dave's favorite champagne, after which Helen, Gerta, and I came home at top speed via the Bayshore Freeway!

Mildred **Farris** sends a new address: 11 Timothy Lane, Conway, Ark. 72032. In early February, she had well recovered from the flu. Her son, Col. Kelton M. Farris, USMA '45, in the AF, was on duty in Okinama, his family with him. Mildred's oldest grandson, just out of college, has been commissioned in the Marine Corps and reported for duty 8 Mar; three others are in the Army, Naval Air, and Naval Med reserve units. Like Virginia **Floyd**, she checks and rechecks on service news. Virginia, in Berkeley, on the east shore of San Francisco Bay, spends much time on the radio as one of her granddaughters is in Saigon, her husband there on construction work.

Edna **Kimball** is quite well and goes out in her car nearly every day. Her sister and brother are now with her in her home in Amsterdam. She sends best wishes and love to all. John **Kunneke** wrote from Orlando, Fla., where he and his wife spend a few weeks each winter. Their son and four children live there. They also have a daughter and her family in St. Paul, Minn., where they visit each summer. John seems to dodge some of the worst parts of that Kentucky climate, but he again reminds us of the West Point lunch at noon at the Seelbach in Louisville each second Friday.

Lucille **Murray** from frosty Leavenworth: "So far, no complaints. Having a birthday Valentine's Day, so another year and a little bit older, but that's life. Just say hello to my beloved San Francisco. Maybe some day I'll get out there again." Also in the Middle West, our Iowa rancher, Pliny **McBride**, keeps going. He reports the past winter as not too bad; says that he ought to be in the Vet's hospital but that they always keep him a month or 6 weeks and his Mary needs him at home.

On our return from the **Cowles** on 15 Feb, there was a welcome letter from Joe **McNeal** saying that he and Ellen were to be out here in March, staying with her brother, A.F. Staal, in Los Gatos south of San Francisco. So, on 21 Mar, there was a special 1911 DT lunch gathering, hosted by Cherry and Ben **Lockwood** at their apartment in Palo Alto, where a most pleasant preliminary warm up was held. Present, in addition to the hosts and the McNeals, the guests of honor, were the **Bagbys**. Cowles, **Nichols**, Florence **Ladd**, Helen **Shekerjian**, and Mollie **Weaver**. All tooled-up the highway for a cheery lunch at L'Auberge, all that is but Dave who by taxi went home with his shiny, new wheeled chair. It was a bang-up party and a treat to the local group to have Ellen and Joe out from Ohio and Dave at the warm up.

May **Simpson**, who suffered a broken hip in December 66, is now walking with canes and hopeful of complete recovery. She was sorry to hear of Kenneth Harmon's death, said that the Harmons and Simpsons were stationed together on Governor's Island "when we were young." May's daughter and her husband now have their own place in Pasadena, but keep a check on her mother, who has a Grecian girl as a companion.

From our class president comes a rundown on Washington folk. Speck **Wheeler** was in Thailand and Burma in January. His West Virginia neighbors heard a report that Gen. Wheeler was defunct, but, after much World Bank and State

1911: Brig. Gen. J. B. Crawford, oldest graduate present for the Founders Day dinner of the Columbus-Fort Benning West Point Society talks to Lieutenant George W. Watts III, '67, the youngest graduate present.

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Dept checking, it was determined that it was not our Speck. Bill further reports that he and Speck had lunch on 21 Feb, no one else able to attend. Buddie and Karl **Bradford** had a cocktail-buffet supper for about 200 on 24 Feb. Of the latter Bill says, succinctly, it was a large affair!

The Founders Day dinner was held 15 Mar at the Presidio of SF with 250 West Pointers present, your Scribe representing 1911. The oldest grad was Lawrence McIntosh '08 up from Los Gatos, and Col. Clarence Mitchell was out from West Point to speak on the expansion plan. Jimmie **Crawford** reported from Auburn, Ala., on the dinner that same evening at Fort Benning, with an attendance of some 300. For the seventh straight year, Jimmie responded with the oldest grad toast. He is in a rut for Bob Glassburn '07 is unable to attend.

'12

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

Swede **Anderson** reports his eyesight not too good. Sends greetings. Says Anne is still full of bounce.

Howard **Bennion** claims to be slowly subsiding into lethargy and pleasant quietude (which is hard for me to believe). His favorite sport just now is growing good vegetables. Sends regards.

Steve **Chamberlin** gives thanks for the roster, and adds a correction for Lottie **Paules'** address. Several others caught that error.

Thorne **Deuel** has been pinned down by cold weather. Expresses sorrow inre Johnny **Hauser** and Terry Allen Jr.

Carl **Dick** comments on these parlous times. Also comments on the infiltration of West Point by the ladies.

Charlie **Drake** attended the ceremony for Johnny **Hauser** whom he much admired, and says that Charlotte Hauser won his heart by her courage and dignity on that sad occasion. Since that letter, Charlie went to Walter Reed with an operative condition.

Elizabeth **Edwards** sent thanks for the roster and also the previous report on USMA. Says only one of their boys graduated from USMA, and he is now a civilian lawyer.

Henrietta Gillespie wrote Hiram **Lindt** of her great blow in Jim's death. Says Jim felt very close to 1912, as to 1913.

Dick **Hager** sent this Scribe a fine letter expressing his gratitude in having been associated with the Class of 1912. His greatest regret is that he did not stay with us. In World War I he became a lieutenant, and as such served under Bill **Harrison** in an artillery school. I wish that space permitted me to report his full letter, which carried me back in memory to 1908 in a very vivid way.

Ham **Haislip** wrote expressing his regret that he had been able to do so little for the Class. He had a severe spell in the hospital, and I hope is now getting back on his feet. He sent his regards to all.

Charlotte **Hauser** writes that Johnny's passing was a surprise. He had been hospitalized but was recovering. She expressed gratitude for the flowers and many expressions of sympathy.

Mary **Hayes** wrote that she hadn't been well enough to send Christmas cards to everybody, but now sends greetings. Says young Tom was decorated for gallantry in action.

Lyde **Henry** was grateful for the roster. Sends best wishes to all, including the class "dawgs"

Hiram **Lindt** is a real wheel-horse (pulls going uphill and holds back downhill). The Class owes him a huge debt of gratitude for his faithful service as treasurer. He sent me some needed corrections on the roster, and then apologized because he thought that my feelings were hurt. I was only putting on an act, Hiram!

John and Mary **Littlejohn** expressed gratitude for the roster. John is a great booster for 1912 and likes to think of the Class as up and coming. Sent regards.

Mildred **Hinemon** also grateful for the roster. Sends greetings.

Frank **Mallon** has been soaking in the desert sunshine in Palm Springs.

Harry **Malony** and I have been carrying on a slapstick correspondence, in which he mixes "poetry", Irish humor, and sage commentary on the events of the day. He said Arch **Arnold** had been his best correspondent, but Arch apparently does not write letters in golf season. Dorothy was due for a minor operation. Hope she is out now.

Bill **Nalle** sent me a copy of "Army" with an article on P. **Wood**, which I had already seen. Lucy Nalle has been quite ill. Bill sends regards.

Lottie **Paules** noted the error in her address. I am ashamed, because I had her correct address but overlooked it. She also sent a clipping about six ladies who are enrolled in the Command and General Staff course at Leavenworth. Lottie says: "Times are changing!"

Ike **Spalding** mildly suggested that I correct four ZIP numbers in the roster! Also mildly corrected four dates therein. Says that eyesight caused him to give up landscape painting (like my photography). Reports John **Kelly** and Bill **Weaver** sounding fine over the phone. Karl **Greenwald** keeps up with all class activities including widows. Nalle **Bodine** broke a hip Christmas and will be out in three or four months. Ike says he will be in California for Founders Day dinner.

Gladys **Thomas** expresses gratitude for the roster. Says she will defend me against any critics. She generally goes on a winter cruise, but stayed home this winter and has found it quite dull. Sends regards.

Larry **Wilbur** says that Bill's book is nearing completion. It was to be on George Washington, and I'll bet it is *good.* Larry also sent me a clipping on the lady instructor at West Point. It seems to this writer that the ladies are getting "uppity". What can we do about it?

Grace and Brad **Chynoweth** are doing fine and send greetings to all.

'14

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

Well, the time has "rolled around again" to tell you such news of our Class as I have gleaned. Earll holds that, at least, emphasis should be put on the cheerful items of news, and she is probably right; but being a dour Scotsman I tend to mix the sad with the happy items of news in the normal proportions. During the past 12 months our Class has suffered some grevious losses of classmates and class widows. Some of you know about some of these losses–others do not. All of you received Skimp **Brand's** letter announcing the deaths, on consecutive days in July 1967, of Johnnie **Markoe** and Jim **Cress**, two of the finest men of 1914; and it was characteristic of Skimp, who, though now acting president of the Class until our 55 Class Reunion (at least), is more of a real secretary of the Class than I am, to include with his letter, lists giving the names and addresses of all classmates and class widows.

However, that was not the complete story of losses up to now. The letter of 21 Aug 1967 that **Brand** sent to Alice **Anderson**, widow of Glenn, came back to him marked "deceased." I have written to the post master at Marion, Va., requesting more details, but up to this writing they have not been received. Then, in looking thru the non-graduate members of 1914, as published in the current (1967) *Register of Graduates and Ex-cadets, USMA,* I noticed entry of the death at Savannah of Leroy N. **Suddath** on 12 May 1967.

I wish it were possible to turn to the cheerful news now, but I cannot. At least, members of the Class and our class widows living on the West Coast have probably heard of the death on 4 September of LaRhett **Stuart**, as the result of a heart attack, in a nursing home in Hemet, Calif. Some 1914 graduates may remember Dorothy Clark, a 1914 cadet girl. It was thru me that Dorothy met LaRhett. They were married in April 1915. LaRhett attained the rank of brigadier general and became an expert in the training and employment in combat of anti-aircraft troops. He served with distinction in the New Guinea, Leyte, and Luzon campaigns and was awarded the Legion of Merit. In 1951, due to an impending change of station (he was on duty in San Francisco) and the serious illness of Dorothy, LaRhett retired, without physical disability. A very short time later Dorothy died and was buried in the National cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco. For a number of years LaRhett had developed crippling arthritis (requiring the use of crutches), cataracts, and suffered a series of heart attacks, making it necessary for him to go into a nursing home. He was buried on 8 September at the Presidio cemetery beside his beloved wife. LaRhett never complained about his ailments, and I am sure that few, if any, classmates on the West Coast realized his condition. I have offered to write his obituary for ASSEMBLY and hope this will be approved by LaRhett and Dorothy's two surviving sons, LaRhett L. Stuart Jr., of Winnetka, Ill., and Theadore Clark Stuart of Encinitas, Calif. I was very fond of LaRhett, and thanks to Fred **Herman**, who did such an outstanding job as class historian for so many years, and whose records I now have, and to Charlie **Gross**, who went to the office of the Association of Graduates and sent me LaRhett's record from the REGISTER, as well as much later data as to assignments, I have ample material to prepare the obituary.

On 5 December, I received a telephone call from Dr. Leon C. Hamrick of Birmingham, telling me of the death, from a stroke that same day, of Francis (Mose) M. **Brannan.** Mose formerly lived in LaJolla, Calif., where Tom and Elsa **Lanphier** were and are still living. Mose had been in and out of the local hospital there for several years due to strokes. When Tom telephoned Mose to invite him to see the A-N game on television, he found that Mose was in very bad shape and wrote to Mrs. Hamrick, his favorite niece, and she and Dr. Hamrick came to LaJolla, packed up Mose's effects, and brought him to their home at 3656 Rockhill Road, Birmingham 35223. They gave him loving and attentive care, either in their home or the hospital. For this, they certainly deserve the thanks of our Class. On 6 December, Mose was buried

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with military honors in Birmingham. As soon as I got the news of Mose's death, I telephoned Skimp **Brand,** and he said he would write a letter to the Hamricks expressing the thanks and sympathy of the Class. I believe there were only two bachelors in 1914–Mose **Brannan** and Freddie **Herr,** who is still very much alive.

Another example of loving and tender care was in the case of Maude Stanford. As shown by **Brand** in our 50th Reunion dinner booklet, Maude was then living in Arlington, Va., Her health became very poor and her condition serious, so much so that she moved several years ago to the home of close relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fritz Moyer, of 1009 Gurney St., Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577, where she was cared for either in their home or in a nursing home. Either or both of them visited her daily until 15 January 1968, when the end came. Maude was buried on 19 January in Arlington National Cemetery beside her husband and our Classmate, Leland **Stanford.** She is survived by a stepdaughter, Mrs. Walter H. Root, of 2107 Stirrup Lane, Alexandria, Va.

Mrs. George Fenn (Eva) **Lewis** passed away on 9 March 1968 and was buried on 14 March in the West Point Cemetery. Skimp **Brand** arranged with Charlie **Gross** for flowers for the graveside service. Those attending from 1914 were Charlie and Ella Gross, Rud and Winifred **Whitten** and Helen **Hogan.** I have heard no more details, but know that her surviving son, George Fenn Lewis Jr., is married, has several children, and has an antique shop in Austin. His home address is 514 Dawson Road, Austin, Texas 78704. I will plan to see him the next time I am in Austin. I know he would appreciate hearing from you.

Altho my dead-line for sending this in is on 25 March, and here I'm writing away on the 28th; and the current issue of ASSEMBLY hasn't come yet. If I repeat myself, please forgive me. As I was writing this letter, yesterday's mail brought a letter from Skimp **Brand,** and my heart sank. I knew it couldn't be news, for my letter of the usual type, since my dead-line had already passed. The letter brought the sad news of the death in a New York hospital of Arthur **Harris.** He had been under treatment for cancer, but Skimp understands that the cause of his death was a heart attack. Arthur died on 20 March and was buried on 22 March in Arlington National Cemetery. Classmates who attended and were honorary pallbearers were **Elliott, Hoge, Holcombe, Ingles, Spaatz,** and **Villaret.** Brand was unable to attend due to other pressing duties. Skimp's letter of condolence in the name of the Class, to Helen Harris, of which he sent me a copy, was to their winter home at Hobe Sound, Fla., to which she went after the interment. The full address is included in Skimp's mimeograph letter of 21 Aug 1967 which should be carefully kept.

Well, that is the complete list (I hope) as of now. If we belonged to one of these huge classes that are now being graduated annually at the Academy, such a list of losses would not have had the same effect on me, and, I'm sure, on you as this one has had. When we realize that we only graduated 107 in our Class, we had four years and three months of literally daily association with each other, and got to know and understand all our classmates as "military" brothers. After graduation, we were scattered widely on many varied duties, and none served very long with any other classmate, and except for Fred **Herman's** "Chronicles" and our reunions, which could never be fully attended, we really did not have much contact with each other, especially during the active duty years. This unavoidable dispersal, however, was more than compensated for by the close association during Academy days. That is why these losses, and those we must expect in the future, are so keenly felt.

So I say, let's face it, we are one of the "old" classes, sitting, or about to sit at the head table at Founders Day dinners. We have lost our class president, but Skimp **Brand** has stepped into the breach. All of us are living on "borrowed time," and as the Class grows smaller this should draw us closer together. All who can should attend our 55th Reunion in 1969, since it will doubtless be our last organized gathering. Our class widows and their special classmates should maintain contact by letter and visits when convenient (and this works *both* ways); we should all write more to each other; and whenever you have anything of class interest, please, please drop me a line, and I will include the items in my next ASSEMBLY class Letter. I have decided to drop the plan of a letter per year on a designated date. It hasn't worked too well. So, let's close ranks and continue the march! I again urge any who do not get ASSEMBLY to do so. Its our one way to get the class picture as it unfolds. Simply send $6.00 to the Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, N.Y., and say you want to subscribe to ASSEMBLY and get the annual REGISTER.

Before I forget it, please refer to Skimp **Brand's** letter of 21 Aug 1967 and make the following corrections. Line out the classmates and class widows whose deaths I have reported herein; change winter address of Johnnie **Brooks** to: 1341 Riverside Drive, Stuart, Florida 33494; change address of Frances **Wyeth** to: 1220 Mesa Rd., Santa Barbara, Calif. 93103; change address of Fred **Herman** to 750 Burlington Ave. N., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33701; change zip Nos. of **Gross** and **Whitten** to 12520; the new and, I'm happy to say, permanent address of Gene **Villaret** is: 3140 Wisconsin Ave. NW., Apt. 502, Washington, D.C. 20016; and of course Mickey **McCain's** middle name is DeMoss.

Charlie **Gross's** beautiful tribute to Johnnie **Markoe,** which was published in the last (fall 1967) issue of ASSEMBLY, was reprinted in "Catholic Mind" in the January 1968 issue. This shows how highly regarded Johnnie was and how much the article in ASSEMBLY was appreciated by the officials of The Creighton University and by his family and friends.

I am very happy and proud to report that, as printed on p. 753 in the 1968 World Almanac (Where I picked it up.) Gen. Carl A. **Spaatz** (our Tooey) "World War I pilot, air commander of World War II, and first Chief of Staff of independent Air Force" was enshrined, in 1967, in the Aviation Hall of Fame at Dayton, Ohio, "which is dedicated to honoring aviation's outstanding pioneers." Congratulations, Tooey, you have brought great honor to yourself and to 1914. I'm sure the Class is very proud of you.

The following letter came from John and Irma **Brooks.** "Dear classmates and class widows: Nothing exciting enough to write about seems to happen to us. We make the usual trip from Florida to Michigan and return each year, with occasionally a side trip on the way. Last fall (1967) we stopped in Bridgeport to visit our son Bob and his family, and in Alexandria to visit our son John III and his family. He returned from Korea in June and is at Cameron Station with the Defense Supply Agency. We also spent a night with John Henry and Marguerite **Woodberry,** and found both in the pink of condition. Had a chance to wave to Charlie **Gross** and Tenth **Herr** at the ARMY–Rutgers game, but there was no opportunity for conversation. We're looking forward to 69. Our best to all."

Referring again to Gene **Villaret's** PCS to the United States–when I got his Washington address, I wrote Gene saying how glad we were he was home for good and asking him for a letter to the Class about the conditions in France. Here is an extract from his letter: "Dear Classmates: At long last the exile (meaning myself) is back in the fold. The withdrawal of the U.S. military presence in France ended an era. The drastic change that this imposed on my American way of life in Paris was more than I could take. So, at the end of last September, I returned to the U.S., this time permanently. I am now residing in Washington, D.C.

"As I had been returning annually to the U.S. and remaining for three of four months before returning to Paris, I had kept fairly well abreast of the ever changing scene in our country. Consequently, getting back into the 'groove' of life in the U.S. has not been difficult for me.

"I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our 55th Reunion. Meanwhile, it's nice merely to be back home. Greetings and well wishes to all of you."

As to the San Antonio contingent, there is not much to report. We are all managing to hold our own except for Elmer **Adler** who has retired from his association with Dittmar and Company (investment Bankers) for health reasons. He has had several falls and spent several weeks in Brooke Army Hospital but is now back home and seems to be slowly improving. Earll and I leave on Monday, 1 April to fly to San Francisco for rather brief visits with our oldest and youngest daughters (Bonnie and Dot, respectively) and their families and look forward to a brief visit with Eleanor **Cress.** Returning, we will stop at Phoenix to see our son John and his wife. We will return to San Antonio on 21 April in the midst of the bustle and excitement of Hemisfair 1968, which I hope will be both interesting and successful.

Well, that's about all. Our very best to you all. Let's rise and shine in 69!

'15

Brig. Gen. Hume Peabody
Chaptico, Md. 20621

Here is the latest bulletin on Johnny **Wogan:** Early in February Johnny and Mac flew to Washington, and Johnny entered Walter Reed. He had an operation and shortly after they returned to Asheville, Johnny reentered the Oteen Veterans' Hospital for further treatment. Let us keep the "Get Well" cards coming.

While on their Christmas trek to the West Coast, Henry and Betty **Aurand** enjoyed being the luncheon guests of Jody and Ria **Haw** in Santa Barbara. Hank tried to call Mike Summers and Tom **Hearn** but got his dime back in both cases. Henry still continues as president of the board of directors of the George Olmsted Foundation. Each year since 1960 this foundation has financed two years of graduate study abroad for six officers, two from each of the Academies – Army, Navy, and Air Force. Wives of married students also receive grants. The resulting knowledge of a foreign language and of the characteristics and customs of the people of that country should be a tremendous asset to these officers in any subsequent contacts or problems involving

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the nation concerned. A splendid contribution to our national defense!

From "Pack Ridge Farm" in South Carolina, Tex **Avent** reports that both he and Renee are in the pink and enjoying life. They miss seeing classmates but expect to remedy this situation somewhat during a coming motor trip to the Lone Star State.

From Carmel we learn that the **Balsams** are leading a quiet life and enjoy the informal socializing of that area. They still dance and, at their country club, see Billy and Elva Covell, who dance "in a stately manner resembling members of Louis XIV's court." (Gosh, I didn't know you were *that* old, Balzac!) In addition to the retirees of that area, they occasionally see Earl **Price,** who often visits his daughter at Pebble Beach. They report that Earl's high morale and *joie de vivre* more than make up for any lack of locomotive ability.

Ever the helpful soul, John Henry **Cochran,** anticipated my plea for help and solicited news from the West Coast Floridians, furnishing them, as usual, an addressed and stamped envelope per person for reply. (Let us hope that the IRS people don't get any funny ideas about this display of wealth.) Although John Henry and Mary **Welby** encountered more than their share of vicissitudes, healthwise, during the past year, we are happy to report that all is well once again and that the goose hangs high.

Mike and Mary Davis report that on their Christmas visit to young Mike and family at Fort Rucker they had a wonderful time and received red carpet treatment from Rucker officialdom.

Any fellow curmudgeon who pictures Distaff Hall as a dismal, dank dungeon, clothed in sepulchral silence, and populated here and there by a fragile femme in a wheel chair, had best update his thinking. According to our distaff operative, Dorothy **Benedict,** the joint is jumping. Two of the livliest are Margaret **Muller** and Florence **Wallace.** Margaret, a state regent for the DAR, has just finished a fund drive during which she was in and out of the hall like a fiddler's elbow and at speeds only slightly below Mach 1. What with a card party and white elephant and bake sales, at which Florence was an able assistant, some 900 bucks were fed into the DAR coffers. When Florence Wallace was in England a year ago, she took a ride on a hover craft and was hooked. Upon her return Stateside she researched the subject and came up with an article in the October 1967 issue of "Rudder" and this from a gal who is a great-grandmother, no less.

Ronnie **Bragdon's** high spirits give a notable lift to the monthly luncheons the 1915 gals hold at the same time the men are gathered at the Army-Navy Club. These luncheons were started a year ago by Betty **Aurand** and Gertrude **Weart** and are enjoyable and well attended.

Dorothy **Benedict's** son, Calvert '46, presently commanding an infantry battalion of the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam, has a son at the Academy, Class of '71. A son-in-law, Harrison Lobdell Jr., a flyer in Vietnam, also has a son at West Point, Class of '69. Not to be outdone by Florence **Wallace,** Dorothy is also a great-grandmother, the mother of said grandchild being the daughter of Dorothy's oldest son, Charles. We hope this peppy gang will continue to supply us each month with an account of their carrying-ons. (Those bearing telling, that is.)

Early in February Det and Laura **Ellis** headed for southern Florida. They had intended checking on all the East Coasters en route but had to change their plans and proceed directly to Key West where they had themselves a nice rest. Heading back toward South Carolina, Det was able to contact, either in person or by phone, Ned **Zundel,** Dutch **Gerhardt,** the John **Robinsons,** and and the John Henry **Cochrans.** Writing from Beaufort, S.C., the area where the Ellis Tribe settled away back when, Det was busy visiting relatives, at least two of whom also have the "De Treville" moniker. (Get three "De Trevilles" in the same room and the ensuing conversation would probably outdo "Who's On First." Before returning north in late March or early April, they planned to visit in Charleston where they will probably see Laura **Brownell** and Helen **Wehman.**

From La Jolla, Frank **Emery** loquacious as usual, sends the following items: He and Jo are "so-so." Howard Donnelly still plays a bit of golf, dabbles some with real estate, but spends most of his time with his grandkids. Thanks to a new medico, Howard is gaining weight. A rumor, via Ed **Kelton,** mentions that the **Fletchers** are dallying with the idea of a retirement home up Ventura way. Helen **McNarney** says she and Joe travel quite a bit and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Maui. (Thanks, Frank. Would that I could say as much in as few words.)

Dutch **Gerhardt** has taken on additional duties. Formerly a mere yard boy, he is now a full fledged "househusband," this being the result of Ruth's curtailed ambulatory activities after a hip operation last year. Ruth's health being A-1 otherwise we hope that Dutch will soon be able to give up his moonlighting and again by a mere yardbird.

Gibby **Gibson** says he has difficulty with the fine print but aside from that he and Mary are okay. Gibby's news covers the waterfront, beginning with an announcement of **Ike's** hole-in-one out in California and then jumping back to Miami where Omar and Kitty **Bradley** did not turn up, Brad having pressed the "wrong way" button causing them to end up in Pasadena. (Hialeah isn't the only track, Gibby. Seems like I've heard tell of a place called Santa Anita.) Always a sports fan, last fall's menu provided Gibby with a local high school team which copped the state championship, and, of course, Miami U. did pretty well even if they were "nosed out" by Colorado in the Blue Bonnet affair. The Gibsons were expecting a visit from a pair of race track minded nieces, and Gibby was sweating out the danger of having to escort them to Hialeah a few times.

A recent item informs us that Col. Thomas J. Hanley III has been transferred from Japan to Wheeler AFB, Hawaii, where he will command the Pacific Security Region. Some of you may recall his father, Thomas J. Hanley Jr. (Maj. Gen. USAF, Ret), currently a "sleeper" golf pro of Boca Raton, and you'll be smart if you don't fall for a golf match with him.

Jody and Ria **Haw** were luncheon hosts to the **Aurands** during the latters recent visit to California. The Haws' Alaskan trip nearly had serious, if not tragic, consequences. While in the Inside Passage, their ship was rammed by a Japanese freighter and had not both ships been "full speed astern" at time of impact, things would have been rather sticky. This is Jody's second experience, his WW1 transport being rammed just outside New York harbor with a similarly happy outcome. (This should be a lesson to you, Jody. Water is all right in small quantities, such as a chaser after a slug of Bourbon, or, say, a shower bath; but in larger dose such as straits, sounds, and seas, it had best be left to our Crabtown colleagues.) Last year Jody helped organize Santa Barbar's first Founders Day dinner. It was a big success with 58 alumni and wives in attendance.

Ed **Kelton** allows that three operations in one year, plus the bad news on radio and TV, so bugged him that he and Florence took off last December to find snow. They found their snow high up on Haleakala, on Maui, and if they didn't take in a sunset or a sunrise from the summit, they missed a bet. From Ed's word picture of present-day service life in Hawaii, it appears to be the same rat race we knew while on active duty there. In addition to the snow, the Keltons enjoyed a fine visit with Ed Jr., and his family.

Reinold and Germaine **Melberg** spent Christmas at Myrtle Beach AFB with their youngest daughter and her family. Said daughter has a couple of candidates for the Academy according to grandpappy. Having been spoiled by getting his deer every year, Reinold became a bit miffed when Idaho failed to produce a sight of an elk in four years; so this year he is off to Canada where he hopes to bag a moose. Germaine takes a rather unenthusiastic view of the expedition which fact Reinold attributes to her lack of hunting experience. (My boy, most marriages are the end result of a female hunting season.) Good luck and send us a mooseburger.

Duke and Dottie **Miller** occasionally pry themselves loose from Southern Pines. Last December they motored to St. Louis to spend Christmas with a new grandson and his parents. Upon their return in mid-January, they were greeted by a sleet storm and found themselves without electricity for three days and nights. (Heck, Duke, our great-granddads *never* had any.) Then in February they baby sat with a year old grandson in Baltimore while the other grandsons and the parents skied in Vermont.

It is always nice to get a letter from Earl **Price,** although seldom can contribute a great deal of class news, being somewhat off the beaten path. His comments on world doings are interesting, and he maintains a high interest in the Class. His utter disregard for his physical handicap merits high admiration and would that some of you with two good hands would write-in just half as often as he does with one.

Charlie and Scottie **Ritchel** believe in "togetherness" so strongly that when Scottie developed cataracts on both eyes, Charlie followed suit. This kept them close to home for three years and caused them to miss their annual winter visit to Florida. Now, however, all is well with both sets of blinkers. Charlie attends the monthly meetings of their West Point Society (which Charlie organized 20 years ago, by the way) and also a Civil War (sic) Round Table where, being a "damned yankee" he is hard put to hold his own among a preponderance of rebels. (How come it isn't the "War Between The States" in Louisville?) On Bob **Lorch's** latest birthday, his children staged a reception for him, a most enjoyable occasion attended by the Ritchels.

John and Winnie **Robinson** write from Bradenton that things are going nicely now that they have stopped reading weather reports from outside Florida. Being *muy simpatico* they suffered no end worrying about us "outsiders" Johnny says he admires our stamina but shucks, Johnny, there's nothing to it. We hardy souls have simply learned to cope. We cope with snow, sleet, and slippery surfaces just as you folks cope with ants, cockroaches, snakes, and tourists. Unlike John Henry **Cochran,** who shudders at the mere thought of Seminole teepees on his golf course, Robby rather relishes the idea of a Seminole take-over. He figures they would pay all taxes,

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run the schools, deal with riots and strikes, and give him a teepee on the reservation that might be better than his present one, even though the latter can boast of two (count 'em) guest rooms which the Robbies hope will see plenty of 1915 use. (Gasparilla, anyone?)

Bud and Jessie **Sayler** are doing what Henry suspects other classmates are doing – sitting back and enjoying the decelerated pace. Last fall they trekked to St. Pete to visit Henry Jr., and family, but they can visit the other kids without leaving home as both live in Savannah. The Old Folks spent a quiet Christmas at Sea Island, and, in proof of orbital slowdown, Bud says that he has clocked only 7,000 miles on his car in 18 months, being a bad second to Jessie. Having retired from his chemical affiliations he can spend more time perusing human events, the "Wall Street Journal," "National Observer," and "Playboy." (What! No "Police Gazette?") He does wish the IRS would quit changing the rules every year. (If you think the Feds are bad, Henry, you should take a gander at this year's "Maryland State Income Forms and Instructions." Even the CPA's are blowing their tops.)

Tom and Hazel **Taylor** were among the visiting fireman at the **Woodruff's** New Years egg nog party and rated it very high on both the entertainment and decibel scales. The visiting **Larkins** were there, and the story was that Tom Larkin, supposedly helping his grandkids with their homework, was in reality learning the new math. Jack and Eileen **Leonard,** who had just settled in their new apartment, have called quits on future roaming. Two other items from the Taylor letter: Dora **Small** wintered in Tucson and after years of using antiquated motor transport between Orlando and their Maine hide-out, Benny and Margaret Ferris have at long-last seen the light and, in the future, will fly. And can it be that the Squire is slipping? Just two years ago he wrote in, and it was duly published in these very columns, "In 10 years or so I will probably start getting old." In this last letter, with eight more years to go, Tom writes: "Sad Comment–we must be getting old; much talk of great-grandchildren, sons who are high ranking officers or business executives, and golden wedding anniversaries." And this from the class Peter Pan!

Bill and Betty **Tompkins** Christmased in New Orleans with son Chris (a lawyer), his wife, and six children. Add two from Bill Jr., and one from George, and the Tompkins grandchildren number nine. Of the three oldest boys, Bill III is completing an 18-month FA tour in Germany, young Chris recently graduated from San Diego boot camp, and Chris's second son, Jim, will become a Marine Corps 2nd Looie upon his graduation from L.S.U. After a short stay in Jamaica, the end of March, Bill and Betty will head for four months at Sandwich, New Hampshire.

While in Florida, Det **Ellis** checked on Adolph **Unger** from whom we had not heard for some time. We regret to report that the Judge died some two years ago. Expressions of class sympathy have been sent to his widow, Ruth, who is residing in Canton, Ohio.

Ed **Wallington** sends in some very interesting news from the historical standpoint. In late February Washington papers announced the engagement of Capt. E.A. **Starbird** and Miss Margaret Leonard. Captain Starbird is Ed's grandson and Miss Leonard is a granddaughter of Hermie and **Peggie Beukema.** Unless it can be proven otherwise by duly attested evidence, it is maintained that (1) Captain Starbird is the first 1915 grandson to graduate from USMA and (2) their wedding will be the first uniting 1915 grandchildren.

As to the mini-reunion the **Woodruffs** staged New Years Day for the San Antonio cohorts plus visiting undignitaries previously mentioned, it is not established definitely that the police were forced to take steps. Since Billy **Halcomb**, complete with cane, emerged no worse for wear, perhaps reports have exaggerated a bit. Woodie spent 15 days hunting and relaxing in a beat up cabin, lulled by the music of wailing coyotes. He got his deer which is becoming rather SOP. If we could just get Nimrods Woodruff and **Melberg** in the same room talking of their experiences, the result would probably have Dan'l Boone wondering if he had ever progressed past tenderfoot scout.

Ned **Zundel** plays golf three times a week but has wisely cut it down to nine holes since he is a hardy guy who spurns a golf cart and uses shanks mare. Eleanor's health has not been good, so in addition to harvesting his usual crop of oranges, grapefruit, persimmons, and such, Ned is becoming quite adept at running the household. Maybe by now he can even make a lime pie.

Last minutes news: The DC Founder Day dinner having been postponed until later in March, will be reported in the next issue.

Intrigued by Jack **Davis's** ballyhoo that the monthly class luncheon would be a $100 a plate affair, the southern Maryland contingent of **Marsh** and **Peabody**, with a combined capital of about five bucks, put in an appearance. Others attending were **Aurand**, Jack Davis, **Evans**, **Lyon**, **Weart**, and Scrooge **Wallington**, who promptly put the bite on everyone but Jack Davis for two bucks for dues. Paragon Davis, being paid up, favored the rest of the assemblage with a very snooty "holier than thou" look. It is felt that all visitors from outside the District should be warned that the local residents still display a woeful lack of hospitality when shaking for pre-luncheon libations. Although the scheduled April luncheon will fall on the day the Washington Senators open their quest for the American League Pennant, it was decided to hold the luncheon as usual since the majority probably would watch it on TV, opening day ducats being about as easy to obtain as a parking meter dime in a woman's purse.

While the **Wearts** were in San Antonio last Christmastime visiting their daughter, the latter threw a party for the 1915ers in that area. The Weart's youngest son, Doug, will graduate from the AWC come June and will promptly be rewarded with a tour in Vietnam.

A hearty thanks to all of you who contributed, and may the warmth of spring and the heat of summer thaw out a few more arthritic writing arms. Reverse the usual–don't wait for us to write you; you write us. Just the fact that you are still breathing and warm to the touch, is considered high priority news at this stage in life. So long 'til next issue.

'16

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Again, Sixteeners, many thanks for your news submissions for these class Notes. Write me, everybody! I'd like to hear from you whether *you* think you have news or not. And let me be the judge as to whether what you write contains news.

All present! That was the Sixteen report at the Founders Day dinner at Presidio of San Francisco on 15 March. All five of us from San Francisco and vicinity–**Doney**, **Johns**, **McBride**, **Shugg**, and **Woodward** (from Sacramento) were present.

Eve and Bob **McBride** received a lovely valentine this year–a new granddaughter, Margaret Kimberly Place, daughter of Maj. and Mrs. Stephen Barclay Place, AF, USMA '57. Maj. Place is stationed at Headquarters, Space Systems Division, El Segundo, Calif. Our greetings to the new young lady, her parents, and her grandparents!

Bill **Hoge's** son, Col. George Hoge, who has been Chief of the Combat Developments Command Liaison team in Vietnam, has been named to assum command of the 2nd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam. Another fighting Hoge!

A recent note from Max **Kuhn** says she is off to Africa on Safari. She expected to get home about Easter. How these Sixteeners do get around!

Virginia **Doney** had a bout with pneumonia upon her return from their Christmas trip east. She is all right now, however.

On a recent trip to Santa Barbara, California, your Scribe learned from Lucien **Berry** that he had spent some time recently visiting his five sisters in Palo Alto and Carmel. Many of us will remember them from our cadet days as Lucy, Helen, Marilla, Emily, and Olive Berry. Although not well, Lucien keeps reasonably active.

Lillian and Pick **Pickering** took a cruise in January to escape the unusually cold winter they were experiencing in Atlanta. Sailing from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, they visited St. Thomas, Caracas, Venezuela, Haiti, and several other islands. They had wonderful weather, smooth sailing, and enjoyed the change.

Helen **Inglis** has sold her home in Santa Barbara, California, and has settled in a new and smaller home in Oakmont, a community near Santa Rosa, California. She seems very happy in her new location which brings her nearer to her three young families. The Bay Area Sixteener group had a "Welcome Helen" dinner for her at the Presidio Officers Club March 16.

Willy **Wilson** wrote on his 77th birthday that he is hale and hearty.

From my sub-Scribe (pardon the pun or whatever it is) in San Antonio, Maurice **Miller**, we hear that Nell and Bob **Whitson** had a rough bout with the flu. Maurice had a bit of the same himself. Joan and George **Newgarden** had cocktails for MacFarland Cockrill, his sisters Elizabeth and Helen, Pet **Wales**, and Maurice Miller. C-square **Smith** is spending the winter in San Antonio and will remain until after the opening of Hemisfair on 6 April. Bill **Spence** and Doug **Page** have been in the hospital, but are home again.

Ben **Yancey** died 4 March, at Newport News, Virginia. His funeral was at Arlington, with 1916 represented by **DeWitt**, **Maguire**, **Walsh**, and Prickett. We send our sympathy to Mrs. Yancey.

An announcement in January tells of the marriage of Dolly and Tom **Martin's** daughter, Mrs. John Martin Cone (widow of Maj. Gen. Cone USMA '37) to Mr. Jack Skaggs of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Her son is Capt. John M. Cone, who will complete two years in Vietnam in August 1968.

Incidentally, I think we would all be interested in learning more about the rest of the Martin's outstanding family. Their oldest son Tom Jr., is a Ph.D. from Stanford University and dean of the Engineering College and vice president of the Foundation of Science and Engineering at Southern Methodist University. He was a captain, Signal Corps, in Guam during WWII.

Their second son, Samuel R. **Martin**, graduated

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USMA in 1946. He served in Japan, Korea, Turkey, Germany, and is now in SHAPE. He is a graduate of Armored School, Jump School, the Command and General Staff School, and the National War College. He has two purple hearts and silver stars. He was on the last selection list for promotion to colonel. The third son, Michael McCullough Martin, has a B.S. in Chemistry from Cornell, is an associate professor of chemistry at the University of Michigan and has a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois.

Bob **McCullough** suffered quite a serious stroke about the first of the year. At last report he was recovering nicely. Frank **Scofield** is home after three and one half months at Walter Reed. Bunny **Barrows** has been hospitalized at Sarasota, Florida, where Kay and he were wintering. Kay says he is showing some improvement. We wish all these people continued improvement.

Peggy and Fay **Prickett** returned home recently from 10 days in Florida where they were guests on a yacht, cruising north and south from Fort Lauderdale, and Fay says, "learning how the other half lives." A Prickett grandson, Jon Cage, son of Cage '42, will report to West Point next July for the Class of 1972.

It took a 15-inch snowstorm at their home in Sandwich, New Hampshire, to drive Marjorie and Ray **Moses** back to their apartment in Brookline, Mass., on 30 December, where they enjoy Boston's culture. They will go back to Sandwich in late April.

A card from Monroe, Louisiana, in January spots Jack Nygaard there for his seventh straight winter. Charles **Haskins** at Bradford, Vermont, reports severe winter conditions there with seven consecutive mornings when the thermometer was well below zero and with lots of snow on the ground.

I understand that Hearse **Henderson**, following his recovery from broken bones suffered in his fall, developed a bad case of shingles and has been really miserable. Let us hope he has now fully recovered.

Mary and Stan **Scott** had son Gilbert (Lt. Col. CE) and his family spend Washington's Birthday weekend with them. Gil is engineer for First Region ARADCOM at Stewart AFB, New York.

Laura and Dwight **Johns** are very happy to advise that their son-in-law, Lt. Col. Rob Rufsvold '46, recovered well from his wounds after about three weeks in the hospital and has been back to duty since about mid-January. He was given his purple heart by President Johnson when he visited the hospital at Cam Ranh Bay.

Please note again the list of widows at the end of our Notes in the winter ASSEMBLY for which I would like addresses. Send me any you may know.

Late note: Bob **Walsh** and Frances Murray Sturgis were married in April. Fran was the widow of Sam Sturgis Jun '18. We all wish them well and welcome Fran to '16.

[Ed's note: In the winter issue we stated Woody **Woodward** as a golfer "has an electric cart." This should have stated "*sans* electric cart." Our sincere apologies, ASSEMBLY applauds all walkers in all classes!]

APR '17

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Bill **Cowgill** is back in Washington, where he is rapidly recovering from his long, hard winter of fishing, sailing, and sunning on the beach in the Virgin Islands.

Bill **Heavey** missed the annual West Point dinner on 15 March, because he had a very important date -- with Jule. On that day they celebrated their 49th anniversary. Also, Bill says that after several years on the job he is giving up running the class lunches and dinners. Next fall Birdie **Eagles** will take over. Both Bill and Birdie hope that many out-of-towners will come to the lunches and dinners.

Kewp **Yuill** flew 14 March to Dallas, Texas. He said he was going down to recover his wife, who can't take the cold weather of Washington any more, and, anyway, likes to be with their granddaughter in Dallas.

Jack and Jean **Stewart's** son Col. John A. Jr., is on duty with War Plans and DCSOPS in the Pentagon. He and his family (one boy, three girls) live in McLean. Their other son, Keith (four boys), is still with the Peerless Wire Co. in Cleveland.

When your Scribe telephoned the **Stewarts** from Clearwater this morning (22 March), they said that **Whitcomb** had just telephoned. Whit says that he's worn out with the cold winter in Washington and must move to Florida or California. Just now he's recuperating and looking over Florida.

Gladys and Joe Collins are spending some time at Ramey Air Force Base in Puerto Rico, where Gladys is slowly recuperating after two operations on her spine.

Louis and Helen **Ford** returned in March from a wonderful and unique 28-day cruise around the Caribbean, down to Rio, across to Dakar, Africa, the Canary Islands, Madeira Islands, and Lisbon, Portugal. The trip was made on a special cruise ship.

At this time (March) Willis **Slaughter** is still on crutches after some operations on his hip joint in Boston. He hopes to be out for the 20 April mixed lunch.

Jack **Jackson** is spending two weeks with his son, Page S. Jackson, USMA Jun '43, and his family in Clearwater, Florida. Page, who has been county attorney for Pinellas County the past six years, has just announced his candidacy for a seat on the county commission.

AUG '17

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To correct a scribal lapse in last issue of these Notes -- the proud grandma mentioned is Dorothy **Huff.** Since then Ashley has been further honored; the Air Academy too has sought to interest her. She says she'll be a cadette or nothing.

Locally, conflicts with West Point Society meetings, foul weather, and old age almost wiped out class luncheons. The girls did succeed in having one in February. Present were: Mesdames **Huff, Coffey, Stamps, Eyster, Almquist, Jank, Jones, Griffith,** and Barbara (Jones) Grady. We shall improve this dismal record, especially since Biff Jones is resuming full scale activity. His last operation wasn't the hoped for success but that isn't going to stop Biff. Loessa Coffey is back from attending John's ordination and very proud of him. It is hard to know whether she was more impressed by the ceremony or by the cold weather in Saint Paul. Margaret Bellinger is showing more than a score of paintings at Garfinckel's and is meeting with success.

Madeline **Wilson** passed away in San Francisco after three months at Letterman. Burial was on 26 March alongside Carlisle in Arlington. Three sons remain: Carl Jr., of San Francisco and Majors Ernest B. and Nicholas B. Wilson, both in Vietnam.

Ted **Futch** has retired from Camp Hill, Ala., and gone to live in North Carolina – Rte. 3, Box 285, Hendersonville, N.C. He had a severe bout with ulcers but fooled the medicos by coming through hale and hearty.

As usual Peggy **Moore** fled the stern and rockbound Maine coast in the cold weather, this time to the Caribbean. Ellanor **Sharp** complained of the cold in Charleston, S.C. They had family with them at Christmas which caused Ellanor to note that it is easier to accept the word, great-grandmother than to acknowledge being the mother of a grandfather. We in Washington hope to see the Sharps when they fare Maineward in April.

Maris **Black** has given up teaching and is an emeritus. In spite of a medical background which causes him to "lead a rather monastic life," he and Carly get about–visits to California and Florida, now planning to descend upon Hanover, Indiana, in June when their eldest granddaughter graduates from college.

Bart and Virginia are home in Honolulu after their round-the-world trip. The latter was undertaken to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Nice that after all those years they wanted to go together.

Frank and Mary **Meade** have forsworn the cocktail circuit and devote themselves to golf and progeny. They enjoy both, but it's hard to gauge of which they are the more proud. Frank says that Wren **Timberlake** is still active with the cocktail set but daytimes he fishes and hunts. In February Tim caught a Silver King tarpon, 108 pounds, six feet seven inches. Said fish now ornaments the den.

The Winter **Park** contingent was for a time without Pinky and Nan **Rolfe.** They went on a round-the-world trip to mark their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The actual date coincided with moonlight on the Taj Mahal. What an incentive to romantic thought and action! Eddie **House** is getting a sort of extension course: the vast new Florida Tech U. is extending its grounds nearly to his estate. Phil **Day** will also benefit educationally as the university's access road skirts Phil's place.

The **Sarckas** are on their annual pilgrimage to The Sun, settling near the Glenn **Andersons** at Daytona Beach. Margaret **Barber** went out to visit Hal's mother, "Madre." That lady is a brisk 96. Your Scribe offers her for an award as Oldest Living Class Mother (all classes). The purveyor of these tidings, Clyde **Morgan,** must be assumed hale and hearty. He is modest and says little of himself.

A thrilling letter from Ed **Leavey** in Nairobi told of the modern comfort when on safari but it also added a background of hyenas howling, lions grunting, elephants harumphing, and leopards meowing. Reading it, your scribe became impatient with his prosaic existence as househusband. And the wild animals! His nearest approach to feral beasts is his small annual contribution to Friends of the National Zoo.

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JUN
'18

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As your Scribe writes this column surrounded by class correspondence, he notices a postcard from Hotel Thayer that he and Anna Mary are due for arrival at WP on 29 May for our BIG 50th Reunion. How time marches on. Growley wrote that he did not have much reunion news as all the dope had been included in the reunion bulletins. The latest attendance figures were up to 47 classmates, 33 wives, and 8 widows. Up, no doubt, because of our indebtedness to Hunk Holbrook for the reunion planes.

This will be the last class column until after the reunion. So, if you finally decide you cannot attend, and have not done so to date, please send an "on hand" photo or have one snapped and send to Growley **Gruhn**, as he wants one of all classmates and wives, present or absent, for the reunion photo album.

From Scip **Axelson**, "Sorry, no news. At least I don't think that you or anyone else would consider the Axelson's moving as news." How wrong can one be. Of course it's news when the move is from California to Florida. Scip and Normas will take the plane from Orlando direct to the reunion, and perhaps there we can find out what ticks.

Heinie **Baish** is now at Veterans' Hospital, DC, where he is improving, but very slowly. His right side is paralyzed, and at present he is unable to speak. Sister Joe and Pat **Tansey** visit him regularly. We are hoping and praying for improvement.

We learned with deep sorrow of the death of Mickey **Barriger**, wife of our Bill. As you know from my quarterly letters, Mickey was slowly recuperating from her brain tumor operation, but took a turn for the worse, passed away on 7 Jan, and was buried at Arlington on 10 Jan. Mickey will be deeply missed by her many friends and our heart goes out to Bill. Bill now seems undecided whether to attend our reunion. We sincerely hope those close to him will urge his attendance.

At last report the **Caseys** were enjoying their stay at Marco Island, Fla., where they expect to remain until 15 May. In fact, they've enjoyed it so much this winter they plan to move there permanently, but with summers in Vermont as always. They have taken an option on a beautiful home at Port Royal, Naples, Fla. After a brief stay in their New York apartment, Dorothy and Pat will head for our big reunion after which it will be Vermont for another fine summer in the general area which Pat wrote your Scribe describes so beautifully.

Frank Clay '42, Lucius's oldest boy and the Casey's son-in-law, is still the Asst Div Comdr of the 101st Abn Div in Vietnam. The **Caseys** spent Xmas vacation with daughter Patricia Clay and family at Fort Campbell, Ky., where they are staying during Frank's tour in Vietnam, then Pat accompanied them to Florida, and the children returned to their schools.

A letter from Mildred **Davis** told of the death of her husband Jack Pratt last June, after a year of illness. Since no members of the Pratt family live in her area, Mildred has changed her name back to Mildred F. Davis to please her two sons and grandchildren. Mildred, together with son Boyd and Marjorie will attend the class reunion. Mickey and Bill **Barriger** were great friends of theirs and were so much a part of their plans. She hopes Bill will be there. We do too, Mildred, and the Class will be most happy to visit with you.

Squire Foster wrote to your Scribe on his birthday. Certainly a nice birthday gesture, but said he received an unwanted gift--one half inch of snow, and added the comment that there are times when Asheville has as cold winters as we do in New Hampshire. But the good Squire was looking forward to a post birthday party at the annual Founders Day dinner where the year before the Supe made such a good talk. Needless to say he is looking forward to seeing us all at the reunion.

In a 2-page letter, Mike **Grenata**, on his first page expounded on your Scribe's writings. While it was music to AM and your Scribe's ears, it unfortunately contained no news for the column. But on page two he did tell plenty. It appears, that Mike, still the knowledge-seeking professor--even though retired and supposing now to be a country gentleman, went to the U. of Missouri and participated in a workshop on "Computer-Based Decision-Talking Tools for Civil Engineers" just to satisfy his intellectual curiosity. Mike had a good time with, as he wrote, all the engineers and professors from Canada to Houston and Atlanta to Kansas City, each with his deck of cards programming through a 360/40 computer their many engineering problems. They did not have time to do all, so Mike brought the material home, including approved solutions, and is now trying to find enough spare time to finish everything. But Aline will see to it that he takes enough time out to get them to the reunion.

And then comes Charlie **Hoffman** to say, here comes that guy Spike again with his quarterly letter which always gives me an uplift. (He told Rita.) Again, our thanks. But said Charlie, "I still don't agree with you that that cold country can be beautiful. It's ugly," said Charlie, "even here when the temperature is cold, cold, cold as it has been, but I'm now scanning the seed catalogs and placing orders and am looking forward to our 50th and spring too."

For folks that have been out of touch with WP for many years and no closer contact than a thousand miles away, the job of planning the details for our reunion is wonderful wrote Paul and Lola **Hurt**. Thanks to the plane arrangements their problems are much simplified. A good indication of how strongly the Hurt's anticipate the reunion is the fact that they will have to miss the graduation, at the same time, of one of their granddaughters from Stephens College. In April the Hurts spent four days on the Grand Bahama Islands where Paul attended the East Florida Rotary Conference. After the reunion the Hurts will go on to their daughter's home in Montana where all children and grandchildren will assemble for their 50th wedding anniversary.

After a lovely two weeks in January at Laguna Beach, Alice **Kramer** rested up till March for her two weeks in Hawaii. Back to San Mateo to polish off her income tax returns and then wait for the alumni plane to carry her East to the class reunion. She plans to do her visiting in the East after reunion so as not to miss the fun of traveling to WP with the coast group. A good idea and those who still have not decided to come should reconsider, says your Scribe.

Ann's family created a bit of medical history, wrote Leo **Kreber**. Her sister had open heart surgery in Chicago exactly seven months after her husband had undergone the same operation. The Kreber's spent three weeks in Chicago at the time. They tried several times to ring Grace and Tex **Mussil** but without success. They attended Founders Day dinner at Dayton with a number from Columbus, including the Brewers '13, who will also return to the Academy for his 55th Reunion. We will be seeing the Krebers at our 50th.

In search of material for Julian **Lamar's** memorial, contact was made with his sister. She is Mrs. Leslie R.D. Helm, 1003 Meigs St., Augusta, Ga. 30904; some of you knew her in the old days as Miss Cazenove Miller or later as Mrs. Hugh Caffey. In early January she was married to Comdr. Helm, Royal Navy, Rtd., and they were on a trip to England at the time your Scribe was searching for her. She has asked me to write Julian's memorial for ASSEMBLY and has sent such data and clips that she had. There are many gaps, and I hope that some of you who read this may be able to help fill them in and will send information to me.

The Editors of ASSEMBLY received a tough blow; their printers decided to cease operations. Part-time operations while key printing personnel looked for new jobs, while getting out the winter issue, and search for another publisher, have created problems. So Scribes are asked to cooperate by being on time, sending in clean copies, and holding down space for the spring issue. AM always makes a fine, clean copy, and your Scribe, so far, has always been on time. So, to comply with number three, holding down space, the write-up for the **Lorences** will be omitted. Besides, your Scribe writes plenty about them in his quarterly letters.

Paul **Malone** had one eye operated on in January, and the other will be operated on in June. Result, Paul and Sophia will be unable to attend reunion activities. Take time out to have a photo snapped of both of you, or use one you may have on hand, and send to Growley for inclusion in our reunion photo album as we want all absentees included.

Maurine **Mielenz** and Marian **Ross** plan to room together at reunion. In fact, we may arrive a day early so as not to miss anything, wrote Maurine. Before going to WP, Maurine, as a National Federation Board member will be the honor guest of the Georgia Federation of Music Clubs at their state convention from 14 May to 16 May held at Berry College, Rome, Ga. A wonderful May 1968 to you Maurine, thrills and excitement galore.

Bud **Miley** visited Bob **Bishop** at Walter Reed the end of February. Louise happened to be there, and Bud said she and Bob both looked fine. Bob had had a light heart attack but was getting along fine. Bud reported the monthly Washington class luncheons had been slimly attended during the winter due to sickness and other causes. Charlie **Hoffman** reported the same information. Fennie and Bud are looking forward to reunion.

Pat **Tansey** has been extremely busy in behalf of our widows and ourselves as retirees. He deserves a vote of thanks. Those of you who live in larger communities should band together as per the folder he sent you in furtherance of these efforts. Widows should get behind Fran **Strugis** Walsh and classmates behind Charlie Yuill who are the spark-plugs for the Army.

Bee **Rundell** has located Robbie **Newman's** current address for us. It is Mrs. James B. Newman, 341 Colombo Circle, Orlando, Fla. 32804. Thanks a lot, Bee. The Rundells have their picture of our 45th Reunion on their den wall and look at it frequently piping the gathering of the clan at WP for our 50th. Your Scribe can just see Earle practicing in the den on his bartender tricks of

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the trade. Bee reports her eyes are perfect since the operation at Walter Reed, and she won't miss a trick of Earle's manipulations. Bee apologized that it wasn't much of a letter for the column. Ha! as Earle knows how to squeeze the last drop out of a bottle, your Scribe does likewise with the written words of classmates, wives, and widows.

Carol and P W **Smith** moved their winter headquarters to Kansas when their son and family changed stations from Scott AFB in Illinois to Forbes AFB, Kansas. P W's address is now 1 Stanford Circle, Topeka, Kan. 66619, which is just seven miles from the base. This will be their address until 25 May when they plan driving east to our reunion. Thereafter their permanent address will be at North Weymouth, Mass., as listed on our class address list. Doubtful about living in Kansas after having seen it only briefly years ago on a drive across the northern part, the Smith's found that instead of flat, barren, oil-rigged, and lacking of tree landscape, it was delightfully rolling country with many trees and spring just around the corner.

After getting Dot **Stephen's** proper address, we received a most welcome, newsy letter from her. Her address: Mrs. Ernest L. Stephens Jr., Wyomissing Park, Apt. A206, Reading, Pa. 19607. Dot wrote that besides trying to grow old gracefully, she plays golf and bowls. Then she asked a question, "I became a great-grandmother last summer, and I am wondering if there are any other great-grandchildren in the class?" She will not be able to attend our reunion but sends her best to her old friends and said she will be thinking about them and reading about it later in ASSEMBLY which she still takes.

Received an announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Samuel Davis **Sturgis** and Maj. Gen. Robert LeGrow Walsh '16 on 16 March 1968 in the city of Washington. Congratulations, Fran and Bob, and welcome to the union of your Plebes of 1919 (now June 1918) and our First Class of 1916.

A letter headed "U.S. Lines" and posted in London on 12 March found Bunny and Chesty **Ward** embarked on an 18-day trip to London and back. Plans for a longer Pacific trip leaving 3 Jan as reported in the winter issue were cancelled due to a post-operative condition Chesty developed. Bunny reports that Chesty is now in great shape and thoroughly enjoying this trip. We'll see them at reunion time.

Well, folks, that just about does it. As your Scribe wrote in the opening of our class column in the summer issue of 1963, describing our 45th Reunion: "You folks who stayed at home really missed a bang-up reunion. Not only were the participants at their best but even the heavens smiled upon us." And so it will be again on our BIG 50th Reunion. Don't miss it.

NOV '18

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Your 50th Reunion committee has everything arranged for a grand reunion. The information bulletins going out to each of us from the committee have informed you so well that you will know all long before this reaches you. However, a recapitulation of the plans should be in order.

Our first get-together will be a picnic in the Golf Club House on the West Point Golf Course at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, 29 June. For this, sports attire or other comfortable garb is indicated. Thursday evening, we all go to the West Point Army Mess for the class dinner. There will be bus transport from the hotel and motels to the mess. On Friday the men attend the Alumni Luncheon at Washington Hall, and at the same time there will be a luncheon for the ladies at the West Point Army Mess.

Also on Friday we will all be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Eristoff for cocktails at Ananouri, their country house overlooking the Hudson. The Ananouri front gate is just across the road from the motels we will be occupying. After the cocktail party we all go to the Alumni Dinner followed by the Superintendent's Reception in the Cadet Mess.

Kester **Hastings**, who has done a splendid job arranging to house us all, reports that at the last reading there will be 151 souls present at the reunion for four days—80 classmates and 71 ladies, as well as others who will be there as commuters.

In a nice long letter from his home in Hendersonville, N.C., **Molitor** describes a simple, well ordered but busy life with the normal shores of house and garden, fishing, and golf. Puss and Molly play a lot of golf, I gather usually together, for the fun of it, but no more competition. They visit each of their children each year. The children and old Army friends visit them. It sounds like a good life.

Fred **Pearson** was in Columbia, Mo., 11 December. He tried to get in touch with Jack **Hinton** and of course failed. Later he did talk to Ray **Odor** who told him that Jack had joined the Long Gray Line in July. He also told Fred **Johnson**, D.T., had left Alexandria, Va., after Gertrud's death and would make his home in Columbia now. Pearson also reports an unusual coincidence. He was driven from the ARMY-Navy game to the airport by a clean-cut airman. In reply to Fred's question on where he was from he said, "Olean, New York." Fred continues: "I was so surprised that I could not remember the name of our Olean classmate so I told him I have a West Point classmate who lives in Olean and runs the newspaper there." The young man replied, "That is **Fitzpatrick**. I used to work for him. He is a very fine man." Fred agreed.

Pearson and **Dunkelberg** represented the Class at the Founders Day dinner in San Antonio. Fred is still taking treatments for his tendonitis. Let us hope that the medicos find the source of the trouble and eliminate it. At our time of life one fears that many of us have or have had similar difficulties. In a letter to Pearson not long ago **Dzau** reports that he is as busy as ever with his school which receives high praise from all who visit it. Recent anti-British outbreaks there have caused him to lose two key instructors, whose work he has had to take over. This gives him a 45-hour instructing schedule each week over and above his executive and administrative duties and the time required to prepare himself. This is a tough schedule. He admits that he is very tired, but exalts in the satisfaction of knowing that it is all very worthwhile. He hopes that as the political situation settles down and those who have left return to Macau, he will get his instructors back. Dzau and Mae are both in good health and send regards to all of their friends.

Jim **Keasler** has had a hard battle with pneumonia but at last reports is improving. Malia **Pope**, Lem's wife, died on 9 January in Los Angeles after heart surgery. The Popes lived in Hillsborough and Palm Springs. Howell **Cocke** writes that "Tula slipped away to Heaven 8 November 1967 after 82 days in the hospital."

The Bob Schows are a bit uncertain about their plans for the immediate future. An organization has expressed interest in their property and made an offer. The Schows really have no desire to move but made a counter-offer and are now awaiting results. **Bergman** seems as busy as ever, skipping from Norway to Brazil on various projects and working on a new book in addition.

Holbrook had a long letter from Betty **Snow**, 3934 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, N.C. 27609. She is living a busy life. At the time of writing she was in Wilmington, N.C., baby-sitting while Bev Jr. was on his honeymoon Her new daughter-in-law is Catherine Irving Becker Snow.

Monk **Dickson** is working like the proverbial Turk on his Magnum Opus, the class history. From small beginnings it grows chapter by chapter. It is now scheduled for completion in time for issue on the 50th anniversary of our graduation date, 1 November 1918, with a final chapter telling of the 50th Reunion.

One important item of news was overlooked by me in the last issue of ASSEMBLY. We have acquired a new distaff member of our Class. As you will meet this attractive lady at West Point during the reunion, you must be told about her. On 4 November last our own Jess **Norman** was married to Mrs. Curtis Madison Kevin, an old friend Jess had known for some time. Welcome, Mrs. Norman!

'19

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[Editor's Note:

This is Brig. Gen. Harris F. **Scherer's** last class Notes column for the Class of 1919. Brig. Gen. Richard P. **Ovenshine**, whose name and address appear at the head of the Class of 1919 Notes in this issue, is the new class Scribe. Future class Notes material should be forwarded to him. The AOG wishes to thank General Scherer, the retiring class Scribe, for his fine efforts and cooperation in the past.]

Dick Ovenshine, says that the inclusion of the apartment number will materially speed the delivery of his mail. A principal reason why Harris **Scherer** wanted to relinquish the Scribe's duties was that he finds keeping up with class matters somewhat difficult when he travels as much as he and Gretchen do. They plan to rent their Washington house for an extended time and to leave in April for Florida where they now own a small co-op apartment on Siesta Key, near Sarasota. Later in the summer they expect to drive to the West Coast to visit their daughter, who is teaching in San Francisco.

An event deserving at least a footnote in class history occurred at the 13 March luncheon of the combined classes at the Army- Navy club. It was the attendance of six senior members of the Class and was reported to be the first time **Gruenther, McAuliffe, Palmer, Twining, Wedemeyer,** and **Wyman** had been together since they attained 4-star rank. These luncheons, held monthly, are almost all well attended, particularly during the winter months. Classmates present on one or more recent occasions include, in addition to those already mentioned, **Barden, Brannon, Cranston, Crichlow, Ferenbaugh, Flory, Jones, Hammond, Martin, Murphy, Odell, Ovenshine, Scherer, Starr,** and **Young.** The last named has been on an extended golfing trip through the South, during which he played at Pinehurst, Palm Beach, and Miami, among other courses. Lou and Gladys **Ely**

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have been on a trip of several months' duration to Mexico. Swede **Olson's** widow, Kitty, is a resident of Distaff Hall in Washington. Herb and Anabel **Jones** made their customary spring trip to Naples, Florida, where they spent several weeks at a golfing resort motel.

Another noteworthy happening has only recently been reported to the Scribe. Hugh **Waddell**, one of our few remaining bachelors, was married last June to Chellis Baker Carter, widow of Rear Adm. A. F. Carter, at her home in Dillon, S. C. After a trip to Expo 67, the Waddells returned to Hugh's home in Southern Pines.

Kathy McLean, daughter of Marge and Dave **McLean** and a freshman at Maryville College in Tennessee, spent her spring vacation in March with her parents in Clearwater, Florida. The Ken **Pierces** have had visiting them in Dunedin, Florida, their daughter Mary Shukry and granddaughter. The Shukrys live in Haifa, Israel. Ike **Lawrence** reports from Longboat Key, Florida, that Ken has been very active as president of the Florida West Coast West Point Society, helping to organize quarterly luncheons and the Founders Day dinner in his area which extends several hundred miles. Ike also tells us that Walter **Winn** in Brandenton has turned to building, with an attractive sun room, bar, and Florida room as the result. Hughes **Steele** is said to be contemplating retirement from his many activities, including his post as mayor of Winter Haven, Florida. Count **Wilson** furnishes several addresses for the class list, gleaned from what must be a voluminous correspondence. Bryan **Halter** has moved from Illinois to 615 E. 16th St., Vancouver, Washington 98663. Bob **Carter** may be reached at 10 Rue Lavoisier, 75 Paris, 8th, France. Jack **Whitelaw** now lives at 926 Westlawn, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823. Excerpt from a recent letter from Gus Broberg: "Count Wilson is trying his best to drum up the reunion. In southern California they all have the desire to go and also the time. Most are in pretty good health, too. All they lack is the dough to get there."

Word has trickled in from southern California that fewer and fewer classmates are vacationing or passing through there since "Space Available" has ceased to be a cheap and cushy way to see the world. Unless they have children or relatives out there, folks generally stay close to home. Fat-cat expense accounts elude most senior citizens, and the few who still have the means know that the cost of travel these days can certainly dissipate them fast. There are the exceptions. Henry and Deborah **Nichols** are the perennial visitors from chilly Maine. This year they included Tucson, Yuma, La Jolla, and Los Angeles in their itinerary before making their annual trek to Victoria, British Columbia, for salmon fishing. Nick wants to beat Bobbie **Broberg's** 29-pound catch one afternoon last year, and especially the 12 pounder it included. He is building a fishing lodge in northern Maine to keep in trim. Ben and Ev **Sheets** from Buffalo were also a couple of sojourners for a long vacation at the Beach and Tennis Club in La Jolla, after which they returned home via San Francisco and Sacramento. While they were there, Ralph and Mary **Bassett** entertained them at dinner. Joe and Carlene **Holly** brought them with them, being sufficiently familiar with La Jolla landmarks to find their way up to El Cajon though the fog. The Brobergs also came down for the occasion, a 324-mile round trip, which shows how far Californians will travel these days for a free meal.

Rooney and Gertrude **Taylor** had all plans made for a whole winter in the Pacific Southwest, and their many friends there had the welcome mat all dusted off, when Rooney found that the daily rates at Walter Reed were much cheaper than those at Scottsdale, Death Valley, and Las Vegas, so he decided to spend a week there right after New Years. This got him in the mood so he returned there for another week in February. These diversions really messed up their travel plans. Joe **Holly** feels fine these days and still takes his daily early-morning 5-mile hikes, although he sometimes should use a compass. Carlene Holly is also feeling much better. Gus and Bobbie **Broberg** were guests recently at a swanky dinner given by Caltech for pioneers of the satellite era, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the launching of America's first satellite, a joint effort by Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena and Redstone Arsenal's ballistic laboratory. Gus is included in this elite group, as JPL was Gus's baby from its infancy while he was boss of the Army's missile program on the West Coast.

Clarence and Helen **Kanaga** are planning to go to the 50th and then extend their vacation to include trips throughout the East. He is now retired from his state job, but she is still active in business. More power to the gals! Ralph **Bassett** has apparently set some kind of a record. His grandson, Ben S. Brown Jr., now 26 years old, is our class grandson. Ralph's son, Robert Bassett, will graduate at the time of our 50th. He is well up on the Dean's list and takes after his father's specialty, Ordnance, in which he is among the leaders in his Class. Bob and Dorothy **Child** are living within a 5-iron shot of the entrance to their golf club near Port Hueneme, Calif., and admit spending most of their time keeping their scores in the low, low competitive bracket. Fred **Marlow** has finally become a grandfather. His first grandchild, named Michael, is the son of Hobbs Marlow. The Marlow's oldest daughter is married and living in Switzerland, and their youngest daughter is working for a Master's in German in Mannheim. Lynne Marlow is also visiting in Europe for a few weeks while Fred dutifully tends the store at home. His is planning to attend the 50th.

Anyone confronted with the problem of buying a new class ring will be interested in a quotation from a letter from Tiffany and Co. in response to a recent inquiry: "We are pleased to inform you that the price for a class ring set with a synthetic sapphire either faceted or smooth top would be approximately $250." Guard those rings, men. As I turn over the class records to Dick **Ovenshine**, I do want to thank the faithful few who have sent in the material which has enabled the Class to be represented over the past several years. If California, Florida, and Washington, D.C. appear to have dominated the news, those who live elsewhere have only themselves to blame. I know Dick will very much appreciate any items that any of you can contribute.

'20

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News of '20, though scarce as the deadline for this issue approaches, is, for the most part, good. It is early (20 March) for most reports of Founders Day dinners. Locally, there were 13 of '20 at the Fort Myer dinner, all looking happy and well fed, as the accompanying picture attests. The photo was taken by Ted **Gillette's** son, Michael, USMA '59, using Sid **Hinds'** camera. Sid did the developing and printing in his own darkroom. **Farrell**, Gillette, and **Rehm** were present at the dinner but were not in the picture.

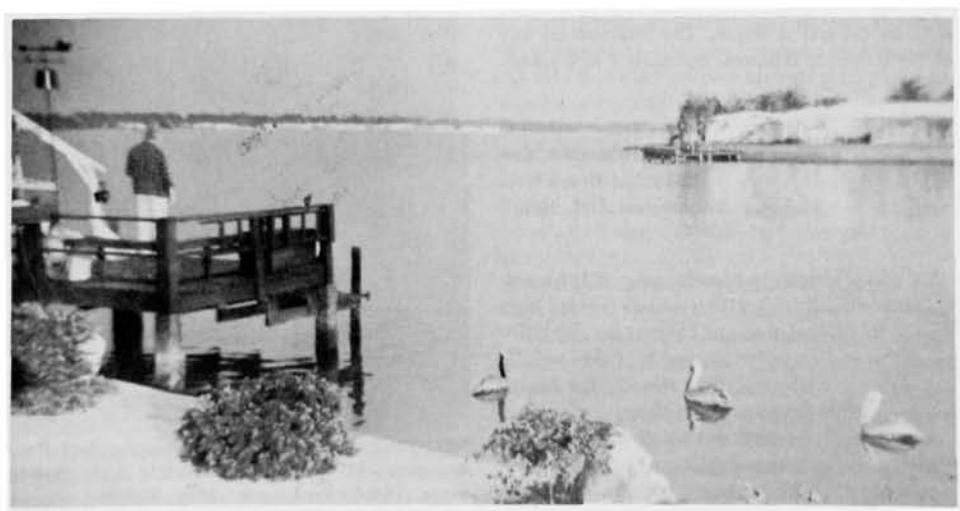
Sid and Gina **Hinds** have recently returned from a visit with his mother in Pleasanton, Calif. While there, Sid had occasion to play golf with Bill **Bartlett** and Pete Howard in the Monterey area and spent an evening with John and Helena **Culleton**. He missed seeing Herb **Reuter**, who was away, but Pete Howard reported him well and busy.

Sid had a letter from Ray **Welch** in Tacoma, Wash., with considerable news of the great Northwest. He plays golf with Jack **Goff** and Hippo **Swartz** and sees George **Bare** and Don **Leehey** occasionally. George's youngest son Bill, a fighter pilot, was missing in Vietnam. It is hoped that there is better news soon. **Wahl** J.F., had been visiting in the Tacoma area; he lives near Portland, Oreg.

Charlie **West** was making preparations for a Founders Day dinner in Gainesville, Fla.

Duke **Samouce** saw **Lichtenwalter** in Gainesville recently and says that Lick is looking fine and bragging about his 11 grandchildren. They don't see much of Eddie **Edmondson.** Duke and Elton were on a vacation visit in Jekyll Is., Ga., and in Gainesville.

Terry **Tully** recently visited Harry and Madeline **Travis** in St. Petersburg, Fla. He says that Harry is pleasantly situated on the water with his own boat landing and beautiful grounds. Harry fishes from his pier. When he whistles mess call, a flight of 3 pelicans appears on the scene. These are Travis trained wild pelicans. They land in the water, scramble up the boat landing, eat the fish



1920: Harry Travis watches over his three pet pelicans.

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1920: A part of the group who attended the Founders Day dinner at Fort Myer pose for a class picture. Left to right: Hayden, Casgrain, Mitchell J.D., Tully, Hinds, Fisher, Holle, Mitchell W.L., Samouce, and Routheau.

on the pier which Harry has placed there for them, and then take off back down the landing into the water. Harry does his vegetable gardening in three buckets, providing the plants therein with liquid nourishment. In February, a tomato plant was furnishing sufficient red cherry tomatoes for snacks at cocktail time. All of the above is reported by Terry as having been personally witnessed.

While in St. Petersburg, Terry had opportunity to visit briefly with Belle and John **McNulty** and Myra and Leland **Smith**.

Terry has commissioned his daughter, Margo **Tully**, now visiting in Puerto Rico, to convey the felicitations of local classmates to John **Lynch**, who is now living in San Juan.

Anne and Frank **Farrell** had a very pleasant trip to Mexico, where they visited their daughter in Mexico City and went on to see the ruins in Yucatan.

Leland **Smith** said in late February that he feared that 1920 would not have the usual large turnout for this Founders Day celebration in west Florida on account of some absences, some sickness, and the celebration held this year in Gainsville for the first time. He said also that Ruth **McQuarrie** had broken her leg not long before, but was home recovering.

Also in late February, John **Mitchell** talked to Helen **Honnen** in Charleston, S.C. George was not available at the time. Helen said that he continues to improve, walks increasing distances as the weather permits, and anticipates complete recovery from his severe stroke of a year ago in a matter of time.

Jim **Stratton** heard recently from Jim **Cullum**, who with wife Ross and their prize miniature poodle, Meriadoc the Magnificent, is making an extended stay in the warmer parts of the continent of Europe, principally near Lisbon, Portugal. The Cullums expect to be back in Avalon, N.J., by the end of March. The Strattons are out of town visiting relatives, including a new grandchild in Alpine, N.J.

'21-'22

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A group of Orioles in Florida, some of them permanent residents and others winter visitors from the North, decided that one big reunion every five years was not enough. Headed by **Johnson** R.H. and Granger **Anderson**, they stirred up a Forty-five-and-a-Half Reunion down there.

A circular letter went out to all who were suspected of being in that vicinity.

It started on 29 February with cocktails and dinner at the La Gorce Country Club in Miami Beach with 17 Orioles plus Perry Smith Jr., and his wife Connor, who are stationed at Homestead AFB. Present were Edna and Rupert **Johnson**, Lucile and Granger **Anderson**, Hazel and Harry **Haas**, Marge and Bill **Lawton**, Beverly **Kane**, Dorothy **Spalding**, Monna and Hank **Tyler**, Mary and Pat **Strong**, Meps **Smith**, May and Bob **Murphy**, and the young Smiths. What a great party, including a lot of fast stepping on the dance floor to some fine music of the vintage of our cadet days. The agility of the old folks was surprising!

Dorothy **Spalding** had a cocktail party at her house on Lighthouse Point the next evening, and that was followed by dinner at the Deerfield Beach Golf and Country Club. In lieu of dancing (Was it because everyone was "danced out" after the previous evening?) there were after dinner speeches. Except for the young **Smiths**, the list was the same as on the previous evening, and additions were Jim and Glenn **Wilhide** and Dottei and Bill **Kyle**. Some had not been at the 45th at West Point, and there were lots of bases for conversation and conviviality. The consensus was that the gathering in Florida should be an annual event. Other Orioles expecting to be in the Palmetto State should contact Johnny or Andy for the future plans.

The Gus **Nelsons** had to regret because of an attack of the flu and the Numa **Watsons** because they had an invalid house guest who could not be left.

On the way back up north, the **Lawtons** stopped for a visit with Dollie and Ollie **Hughes** in Columbia, S.C., and found them quite well and making plans for Homecoming at West Point next fall. They said that the **McDavids** have moved to Sarah's old home town of Montgomery, Ala., where they are living at 3701 Bridlewood Dr.

Bob **Taylor**, sending a check to Bill **Lawton** for Army Distaff Hall, wrote that he had just attended the Founders Day dinner and that he and Ed **Lynch** are both active in forming the new West Point Society of Texas.

We finally have received word of Ilamary **Svihra**. She has written to George **Olmsted** referring to the trip that Al and George and a couple of others took to Europe immediately after our graduation. "I remember Al speaking of you many times, and that European trip was one of the highlights of his life. Even as a Japanese prisoner he gave a talk about it. His diary was buried at Cabanatuan P.I., and after the war Colonel Kramer sent it to me. The original, which was written on notebook paper, Japanese cigarette paper, etc., is in the safe library at West Point. They sent me a bound copy. Al's diary was also used in the trials in Japan, so he did leave something.

"There are hundreds of retired Army officers here, and some of us have the usual cocktail parties. Moffett Field is nearby and we all enjoy the facilities, especially the officers club. I have three daughters and nine grandchildren. Perhaps one grandson will go to West Point? Two are near, and Anne is now in Caracas, Venezuela, where her husband, a doctor of education, is with the Ford Foundation. I hope in a year or so they will return to California. Sorry that I was slow in answering your letter which I appreciated very much. I did travel a great deal for a while, but since a heart attack, I have decided to stay at home." I'm sure she would love to hear from classmates. Address: 1840 Newell Road, Palo Alto, Calif. 94303.

As you Oriole birds are reading these class Notes, remember that they can't be written unless you send the news. Don't be modest!

'23

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Reunion Has! (?)

The best guess is that our 45th Reunion will be history by the time you see these Notes. To borrow a phrase from a Washington commentator I dislike most, "I Predict!" it will have been a grand success. With all the thorough and intelligent care Bill **Biddle** put into the preparations, it could hardly be otherwise.

Veterans Advisory Commission Report

In several previous ASSEMBLYS I have noted that **Robinson** was a member of this commission

1921-1922: At the "Forty-Five-and-a-Half Reunion" in Florida, left to right, front row: Lucile Anderson, Marge Lawton, Johnnie R.H., Dot Spalding and Pat Strong. Back row: Wilhide, Tyler, Mona Tyler, Bev Kane, May Murphy, Meps Smith, Haas, Anderson, Lawton, Edna Johnson, "Jim" Wilhide, Mary Strong, Murphy, Hazel Haas.

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and that it was covering matters of importance to the great majority of each of us as individuals as well as to the country. The report is now out and is commended to all of you. It clearly shows the effectiveness of Robby. From **Harmony** I have learned that Dotty Robinson had been in the hospital during part of the time that Robby was on the commission. His contribution to the report is thus a mark of his devotion to duty. He was kind enough to make a complimentary comment on remarks I made before the commission when it met here in Washington. If they helped his work, I am grateful.

Personals

Since I beat the deadline for the previous issue of ASSEMBLY (the first time in years), **Harmony's** notes about the West Coast characters reached me after I mailed the poop. He told about a West Point Society Christmas party attended by the **Binnses**, **Buckleys**, Casads, Harmonys, G.H. **Palmers**, **Pierces**, and Virginia **Post**. The highlight of the event was the presence of Harry **Roper** Jr., and his wife. Both Harmony and **Price** reported on a party held by the J.H. **Whites** for the **Hayseldens** who were visiting in the States from their home in Honolulu. According to Trooper Price it was a grand party. In fact he waxed so lyrical about the wine that I'm afraid to repeat his remarks about it for fear of being charged with giving a commercial about a California product. The picture, provided by Trooper, shows who was there.

Frank **Cothran** would like to hear from anyone who knows the whereabouts of **Catlett's** wife and children.

The **Hayseldens** have had to cancel plans to attend reunion because their daughter and family will be visiting them at the time.

Hertford says he will not be able to attend because of celebrations concerning his daughter's graduation from 6th grade. One of his chief regrets, he says, is that he wont be there to keep us from singing and seeing to it that **Chambers** is either quiet or truthful. Hertford says that is seldom.

O.P. **Newman** reported that he has had another visit to the hospital, this time for a gall bladder operation. I played golf with O.P. in January, one of the first times he had walked the full 18 after his earlier tour in the hospital. Though he was clearly not going full out, he played a fine game then. He should be a tiger now that he has shed a stone, "the size of a large pecan." He and Muriel are piping reunion.

Jazz **Harmony** says his high school class in Sidney, Ohio, is having its 50th Reunion in June and hopes there will be no conflict with our 45th. Ditto for Pete **Leone**. However, NYMA is close to West Point, and Pete and Caroline are so agile they should make both.

Paul **Hanson** has formally retired from public school teaching but is still doing private school teaching. He has been teaching since 1930! In the course of that work he has written a couple of math books. His latest was written in 1957 and adopted by many states as well as by USAFI. He reports that it is now about to go down the drain because trigonometry as a separate course has about disappeared. He has stimulated and otherwise helped a number of young men to go to West Point. He also said; "Have I told you that Tom Cahill is an old friend and associate from my years at Manlius? I drove him in my car on his first visit to West Point. He told me that day that this was the place he wanted to be. He has never changed his mind. I am pleased that he has done so well there."

A letter from Ken **Webber** written "At Sea" 20 January said in part; "We are en route to the Far and Middle East on a Dutch freighter--150 days from Los Angeles and back to that port. Shall have time to make a nice trip into the interior of India and maybe, into Iraq and Iran. Coming home we hit Manila to renew old memories. Have only eight passengers—all quite congenial. Understand we pick up another passenger in Singapore. Still have vacancies as there are accommodations for twelve.

I am sure many of you have had the **Reids'** report on their visit to Caracas, Venezuela, to visit their daughter Peggy Ann, her husband Bob, and daughter Pat. It is a substitute for their Christmas card, done in entertaining poetry. The Reids' son Jim, was recently wounded in Vietnam. Reports indicate that his condition is not serious. He is in a hospital in Japan.

In a Christmas card to the **Weikerts**, John **Pitzer** described the considerate and prompt help he and Rula got in visiting a grandson who was wounded for the second time in Vietnam. Like young Ed Post, whose case I described in previous Notes, this young man was helicoptered to a hospital for an operation. The Pitzers were on the same plane that brought him to the U.S. They are high in their praise for the understanding and efficient help the Services gave them. The effective handling of the wounded, which has been demonstrated in this war, must be a great comfort to the relatives of men in combat. Handling persons in the way the Pitzers were, makes staunch supporters of those who are "Alumni" of the Services.

Mary **Vincent** sent us a new address for the Gil **Haydens** and reports seeing the **Groves**, Sallie **O'Shea**, and Thelma **Russell** recently.

Helen **Beck** has moved to Midland Park, N.J. In a recent note she said she met Don when we were camped at Suffern on our march back from Camp Dix. I'm glad to hear that march brought joy to someone. It is not one of my most enjoyable memories of our Kaydet days even though it boosted my admiration for the Field Artillery.

John **Grombach** did a bit of yeoman service when he sent me a note and clipping describing that the New York State Distinguished Service Decoration had been awarded post-humously to to **McInerney's** son, Richard, and presented to Mac by Stevenson '24 while Mac was in a Navy Hospital on Long Island recovering from a broken leg.

Thanks

In their replies to the last reunion bulletin many classmates have expressed their appreciation of, and thanks for, the work on reunion preparations and other class activities. **Biddle's** committee and all others working on class affairs want me to thank you for those thoughts. There have been several offers of contributions in case we go into the red on reunion. On reading the note about the class contribution to the Supe's Fund, one of our ex-cadets sent in a check to cover the amount. We were then below $1,000.00!

More Personals

Rosenberg confirmed an earlier rumor that Dave **Dunne** was acting mayor of Carlsbad, California, where he has been a member of the city council for several years. **Lyle** also noted that the **Fowlers** had moved to the Rancho Bernardo development and that five couples from his area were planning to come to reunion.

Scheetz sent in the news that the **Kruegers** had made a 6-week tour of Europe the previous spring and were contemplating one to Mexico for this spring. Bob says he had a slight heart problem about a year ago, and while he feels well, he must take things easy.

Mary **Smith** (Mrs. R.M.) wrote P.D. that they had a daughter in Norwalk, Conn, two sons in California, and one with the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who has been to Vietnam three times in the last years! She said that except for some arthritis bothering Bob, they are fairly well and were piping a trip to Hawaii.

Dud **Roth** wrote that he had had to undergo surgery on his "old" knee and was doing well. He didn't comment on his young knee.

1923: The Whites, J.H. celebrate during a visit by the Hayseldens (left to right) back row: Pesek, Enderton, Jess Binns, White, McGehee. Middle row: Mrs. Lawhon (Loriena Price's mother), Verne McGehee, Betty Hayselden, Hayselden, Marian Enderton, Harriette Pesek. Front row: Alice White, Binns, Loriena Price. Behind the camera: Trooper Price.

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Scheetz further reported that Dwyer, Sears, and he were the '23 representatives at the West Point Society meeting in January but that only he and Dwyer had made it to Founders Day in March. Harry noted that Dwyer is thinking of moving to Stone Harbor, N.J., and that despite his good appearance, Sears has an emphysema problem. Scheetz says his USMA training to walk with his chest, head, and eyes up has done him wrong. Early in March, while conforming to his training, he stepped on a manhole cover that was improperly placed. The result was that he had to be fished out and taken to the hospital with abraisions and lacerations on both legs (one requiring stitches). Happily there were no broken bones, and the doctor says Harry will be discharged in a few weeks. Despite all that, he is hoping to come to Washington for one of our luncheons and to attend reunion. Stout Fella!

Ponce de Kehm in Florida

I finally made my first real visit to Florida this winter. I left on 16 January and got back 13 March with just a bit of over 4,300 new miles on the car. Unlike the original Ponce who got to Florida 455 years before I did, I knew it was not an island. Like him, I found the natives friendly but the plumbing and road conditions are now far better than he found them. While neither of us found a fountain of youth, I did find the wide use of potables, which made one feel younger and temporarily, at least, were most agreeable. After stop-overs at Smithfield, N.C., and Columbia, S.C., (where I saw O.P. **Newman** and George **Howell**) I went to Melrose for my first stop in Florida. The rest of the trip was going down to the east side to Key West then back to mainland Florida and up the west side via the Everglades, Naples, Englewood, and Venice to Largo and St. Petersburg. From there I crossed over to Jacksonville via Lady Lake (with a side trip to Lake Wales) and Melrose again. On the way home I made brief stops at Savanah, Charleston, Fort Bragg, and Richmond. I did just the necessary minimum of seeing the usual tourist spots. Some few of these I found most interesting, but as to some others I can only say, "I'm glad that's over."

I stayed with a number of classmates and other friends and saw, or spoke, with others. Among the classmates were; **Weikert, Hardy, Stone** D.F., **Caswell, Warren, Johnson** A.L., **Grove, Evans** R.B., **Chambers, Buell, Johnson** H.C., **Harrison, Hall** R.H., **Raymond** A.D., **Bowen, Blomme,** and **Lucas,** at Charleston on the way back. Among our widows, I saw Fran **Love**, talked to Mae **Lutwack** and Fay **Kennedy** and heard about, Kathleen **Kelly**, Sally **O'Shea**, Thelma **Russell**, and Mary **Vincent**. Needless to say, I found Florida interesting, even fascinating and full of Service people. It was inspiring to find among them so many, now retired, who are active and have leading roles in community service.

The small-world factor worked overtime all through the trip. Perhaps the most striking example was to see a small booklet in the souvenir shop in the restored fort at St. Augustine. It is titled, "Memoirs of a West Pointer in St. Augustine 1824-1826" and contains extracts from the memoirs of Gen. Alfred Beckley, written in 1886. Alfred **Beckley** was our Stuart **Beckley's** great-grandfather. He graduated 100 years to the day before we did!

Address Changes

Our classmates are still quite mobile and at the same time a bit forgetful. Consequently it takes something like the reunion bulletins to provide us with new addresses. Included of course, are always errors made by us. New addresses are: **Buckley**–54 South Circle Drive, Pasatiempo Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060; **Buell**–P.O. Box 97, Lady Lake, Fla. 32695; **Blomme**–Martha Washington Hotel, 1636 King St., Jacksonville, Fla. 32204; **Fowler**–12205 Pastoral Road, San Diego, Calif. 92128; **Hanson**–97 Patterson Ave, Shrewsbury, N.J. 07701; **Hayden**–Box 363, Princeton, Illinois 61356; **Johnson** H.C.–Seminole Road, Babson Park, Fla. 33827; **Leone**–Mineral Springs Road, Cornwall, N.Y. 12518; **Stone** D.F.–Apt 103-D 5300 Washington St., Hollywood, Fla. 33021; **Beck**, Mrs. D.A. (Helen)–45 Maltbie Ave., Apt 4-A, Midland Park, N.J. 07432; **Cella**, Mrs. J.A. (Mary)–401 Tulane Dr. NE., Albuquerque, N.M. 78106; **Jefferies**, Mrs. J.S. (Babie)–5311 Lake Shore Drive, Columbia, S.C. 29206; **O'Shea**, Mrs. K. (Sally)–2911 Riverview Blvd., W., Bradenton, Fla. 33505; **Russell**, Mrs. R.E. (Thelma)–Sea Pines Plantation, Hilton Head Isl., S.C. 29928; and **Wedemyer**, Mrs. W.A. (Cynthia)–Livingstone St. Apt 35, New Haven, Conn. 06511

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Brig. Gen. Monro MacCloskey
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Washington, D.C. 20016

It is with great regret that we report the death of Marcella Palmer **Blanchard** on 10 December 1967, at Surburban Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland. Although Marcella had suffered from arthritis for many years, her sudden death was caused by cancer. Memorial services at the Fort Myer Chapel and interment services were attended by Wendell's classmates and many friends.

The Class also extends its sympathy to Jenny **Bertsch** in the sudden death of her father, Mr. S.J. Welsh, of a heart attack in New Orleans on 28 December.

George **Vaughn** advises that the next dinner gathering of our Class in California will probably by held in May. Their last get-together in October was a great success, and all classmates who will be in the area in May should contact George for further information.

Doris **Kirkendall** writes that Jack has been too sick to take his usual interest in our class activities, but the news letters keep her in touch with their many friends. Their daughter who graduates from Maryville in St. Louis in May with two majors (political science and history) is getting a graduation present from her uncle of a grand tour of Europe. Doris would be extremely happy if her daughter would only marry a West Pointer. No comment from the young lady.

Doper **Wells** celebrated his 68th birthday in December but doesn't feel that old. The Wells spend Christmas with their oldest daughter Bobbie, her husband, and four children in Valdosta, Georgia.

Gil and Ann **Miller** attended the annual gathering of the Miller clan in Oshkosh, Wis., last fall. Only 29 families were represented by 127 people. Normally more than 200 are present! In September they visited Cape May, New Jersey; during the holidays, they spent Christmas for the first time with their son Dick, his wife, and three children in Albuquerque. Considering that Gil is under strict doctor's orders, he does get around.

"Mama San" and Willie **Schaefer** covered a lot of real estate last fall. They visited children and grandchildren in New Jersey, then to New York for a few gay days, and on to Montreal for Expo 67. They drove west via the Transcanada Highway above Lake Superior to Vancouver and Victoria, then down the west coast and east to Brownsville, Texas, and a short trip into Mexico before returning home.

Dennis **Moore**'s widow, Brick, still lives with her father in Columbus. Dinty and Brick's son is in the current plebe class at our Alma Mater.

Tommy and Alberta **Ryan** have joined our growing flock of "snow-birds" and are spending the winter on the Florida east coast at Riviera Beach. Fish **Salmon** has forsaken the frozen North and moved to 1515 Bay Shore Blvd., Dunedin, Florida 33528.

Ann and Dab **Dabezies** spent the holidays in New Orleans, then planned to go to Mexico for about six weeks to avoid Texas' raw blustery western gales. According to the weather reports, they've really been having them.

The E.O. **Lees** flouted the usual custom of running away from the cold and flew to Denver to spend the Christmas holidays with their son Fitzhugh and his family. They were particularly eager to get acquainted with their youngest granddaughter, Wendy, then just ten months old.

Logan and Betty **Berry** have become enthusiasts for cruising the Caribbean. Dick and Helen **Nugent** were aboard for the January 67 cruise, and the Berrys planned to keep a hopeful watch for more classmates when they repeated the voyage in January 68. Logan is still working as a consultant for the new Nova University. During a recent trip to Bradenton the Berrys visited with George and Fran **Crosby** and Bill and Liz Wood '25.

After a long siege in Walter Reed last year Francis **Kreidel** returned to Newton and immediately went into the Chelsea Naval Hospital for another six weeks. At last reports he was convalescing satisfactorily.

Lilla and Mark E. **Smith** drove to Colorado to spend the holidays with their son and two children. Young Mark is a major in the Air Force and is completing his fifth year as an instructor at the Nation's newest Service Academy. After a trip to Mexico and Sarasota, Florida, they planned to stop in Washington in March. Mark also wrote that their daughter was married last September.

The **Taskers'** son, Pete, is a first lieutenant in the Air Force at Hanscom Field where he specializes in electronics. Their daughter Karin and her husband Bob (son of USNA '22), with their young son, Richard, and the Taskers' other daughter, Joan (a senior at Middleburg), all spent the holidays together in South Orange.

Briant **Wells** has moved to Dana Strand Beach & Tennis Club, Dana Point, California 92629. Charles E. Shepherd (Honorary '24 USNA) has relocated at 3153 Hacienda Drive, Pebble Beach, California 93953. Philip **Garges**, who retired from the Citadel in May 1967, is now at 2245 South Dallerton Circle, Charleston, South Carolina 29407. The peripatetic **Bertschs'** address through which they can always (eventually) be reached is c/o S. J. Welsh, 329 Montgomery St., Bogalusa, Louisiana 70427, *not* Bolalusa.

Bill and Martha **Renn** reported that 1967 was highlighted by the marriage of their younger daughter Marilyn. Their other daughter Jane has two sons. Bill is anticipating the time when the new son-in-law can take over his wholesale plywood company, and he and Martha can spend more time enjoying their place in the Poconos.

Mackery **Ives** wrote that Si **Hames** had several heart attacks last fall and had to be hospitalized a while. He also commented that "**Boatner** and **Stokes** are still to be seen touring the local golf

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course in carts. I would call them sissies, only they might not ride me around any more."

The Jim **Stowells** are planning a freighter cruise down the west coast of South America in April.

The Ed **Ebersoles** returned home in December after a 3-week trip to South America with the Iowa Trade Mission. The 80 members flew 13,000 miles, visiting Brazil, Argentina, Peru, and Columbia. Ed retired from the banking business in December 1966 after 46 years with the same bank, being president of the Iowa Bankers' Association, and serving on many committees of the American Bankers' Association.

Bobbie and Pete **Lee** spent Thanksgiving in Newport, R.I., with their son and his family where Robert V. Lee Jr., USMA '46, is a student at the Naval War College. He returned from Germany last summer after commanding an artillery battalion. He is on the current selected list to be promoted to colonel. Their daughter Jennifer is a school psychologist with the Newton (Mass.) schools and working on her doctorate in education at Harvard. Apparently brains can be inherited. Bobbie and Pete visited the **Meads** in their new home in Williamsburg just before Christmas and fell so in love with the area that they bought a lot nearby. They have already sold their Arlington house and rented a place at 904 Tyler Drive, James Terrace, Williamsburg. Va. 23185, while their new home is being built. We really hated to lose the Meads and Lees from the Washington group, but they have promised to come back often as it is only a 3-hour drive.

Bill **O'Connor** writes that they have built a new place. Their address now is just Hereford, Arizona 85615.

In response to our request for news, Ray **Beurket** wrote: "Please bear in mind that at one time I stood four below the bottom (sic) of the Class in English." Wonder where he stood in math? Ray and Betty spent several days in Ray's home town in Honesdale, Pa., to attend the 50th anniversary of his high school graduation, where Gen. Lemnitzer was also present. The Beurkets' daughter, Margaret Mary, now married to Lt. Col. Robert L. Schroeder, USMA '53, is in Stuttgart with him and their two sons. Col. Schroeder was delightfully surprised when two 4-star generals, Gen. Lemnitzer, Supreme Commander SHAPE and CINC EUCOM, and Gen. Burchinal, Deputy CINC EUCOM, pinned on his silver leaves at a promotion ceremony at Headquarters EUCOM. Ray Jr., USMA '59, is a major with MACV in Vietnam, having been transferred there from Heidelburg. His wife Pat, their two boys, and a poodle live near the Beurkets in Washington.

Pat and Marion **Pasolli** went to the ARMY-Utah football game and seated next to them were Bill and Mary **Coughlin**, who had come down from Hamburg, N. Y., for a long weekend. It was the first time they had seen each other since the 1950's in London.

Susie **Smythe** came home from Walter Reed in time for the holidays after a long and painful siege with a badly broken leg. She is working extra hard at physical therapy and exercises and hopes to be walking with a cane by spring. She vows she couldn't have made it without George to do the quarterbacking.

Ralph **Glasgow** writes that his son, Robert E. Glasgow, is in the G-3 Section of USARV in Vietnam. He had been executive officer of the 2d Brigade of the 1st Infantry Division and later G-5 on the division staff. Ginny is planning a trip to Venice in the spring to visit her daughter, son-in-law, and the grandchildren, but Ralph isn't sure as yet that he needs another gondola ride.

Dan **Hundley** and John **Moore** "are still loafing and playing golf when the weather is good." Denis **Mulligan** made a business trip to Missouri in December, and the three of them had a fine old time.

Lo and Hash **Vogel** went to Pakistan in December to attend the dedication of Mangla Dam. Their itinerary included a week's visit around Europe, but they were home in time to spend the holidays at Fort Bragg with their older son and his family. Herb Jr., USMA '52, is a Lt. Col., Signal Corps. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service in Vietnam.

Eleanor and Em **Itschner** were also invited by the Pakistani Government to the dam (no pun intended) dedication, but they had to decline because Em has begun "the long process of constructing the largest size nuclear power plant. As I went through the painful process of learning to be a nuclear expert, I found that the old skull has ossified more than I had suspected."

Bill **Sexton** hasn't been able to come to a monthly luncheon at the Army-Navy Club for much too long because of poor eyesight and the resulting difficulty in driving, so Bruch **Bidwell** picked him up and personally delivered him to the February meeting. The 20 others present were really glad to see ol' Bill.

Dotty and Pat **Dugan** report having had a grand time during their trip to Ireland – where else? Their son, Maj. Danny C. Dugan, an Army test pilot, was due to go to Vietnam in March.

Beth and Walter **French** attended a *1923* class party given by John Pitzer, who lives nearby in California. If any pictures of the party are printed in the ASSEMBLY, Walter wishes all his classmates to know that he has not joined the '23ers–just that it was a fun affair and that he enjoys "older people."

Rupe **Graves** is still teaching math at Indian River Junior College. He writes that not many of the Class are in his neck of the woods but to look him up if you come to Fort Pierce.

George **Pence** is feeling fine after his Walter Reed sojourns last fall and is playing golf daily in Clearwater. He sees **Rodieck, Cummings,** and Jesse **Wells** and reports that they are in fine fettle.

Rod and Gladys **Rodieck** have made another fabulous cruise–this time to the South Seas and **Australia** where they visited son Bob, who has a doctorate in science and is doing research at Sydney University. Harry and Jenny **Bertsch** did the house-sitting while they were away. The Rodiecks' daughter, Polly, joined them from New York at Port Everglades for the 2-week cruise through the Panama Canal and up the west coast to Vancouver. Bob and his wife Patricia spent a week aboard from Sydney to Darwin. Rod and Gladys then returned to Florida via Singapore, Hong Kong, and Japan.

Anne and Hey **Roberts** are well but have no family ties in Washington since Hey's father's death and Tom's departure for his California home. Hey is still teaching in the College of Engineering at V.P.I., but he writes that he feels as though he were "running out of steam." Knowing Hey, we doubt it.

Charlie **Meehan** is also still teaching mathematics at Grove City College, Pa. Charles Jr., is a junior at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.; daughter Susan is a freshman at Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va. ; and the older daughter, Diana, and her two daughters are living in Newport News, Va., while her husband, Capt. William J. Bolt, is in Vietnam.

Deck **Reynolds** informs us that "the ever effective Benny **Mesick** has another challenging job." He has been appointed coordinator, State Technical Services, Office of Continuing Education, University of Arizona at Tuscon. This is a promising project wherein federal and state funds are used to develop new industries in a state which will utilize local raw materials or personnel skills.

Monk **Mitchell** should be on the Arkansas Chamber of Commerce. He writes: "Take it from me, if you like beautiful country, good fishing, deer, turkey, quail, or duck hunting, come to Arkansas." The Mitchell family is quite scattered. The eldest daughter Susan, her husband, and twin three-and a-half year old daughters live in Delano, Florida; the elder son Rich is a senior at Arkansas Tech and a National Guardsman since 1963; Jane, the youngest daughter (20), and her husband live in New Orleans. She is attending an LSU branch while he is working on a major at Tulane. Son Steve enlisted last summer and is on duty with the Army Security Agency at Fort Devens, Mass. While Sue was visiting the grandchildren in Florida over the holidays, Monk decided to join them. So, within a 4-day period he drove the 624 miles from New Orleans to Delano by himself, and back home (1010 miles) with no overnight stops. He writes, "Sounds nutty, doesn't it." You said it, Monk, we didn't.

Peyton **McLamb** tells us that retirement "hasn't been too bad so far." He is on the Session (Board) of his local Presbyterian Church, Council of Boy Scouts in his area, and a member of the board of PADCO (Planning and Development Collaborative International) Inc., in Washington, D.C. Hash **Vogel** has also joined PADCO's board at Peyton's suggestion. During the holidays Esther and Peyton took charge of their 2-year old grandchild, Eve, while her parents were house-hunting in Evanston, Ill. Peyton Jr., has received a fine promotion in the American Hospital Supply Corporation and has been transferred to their home office in Evanston.

Sandy **Goodman** wrote that "The arrival on the Southern California scene of that Manhattan banker, Peyton **McLamb**, was the big event of 1967." Sandy and Ken **Strother** dug out his plebe roommate, Slicker **King**, and a rousing luncheon was enjoyed by all. Slicker left the Sawtelle Veterans Hospital in December and since, we quote, his sainted aunt had left him well provided for, was planning to travel to Australia and other far places. While the estate was going through probate, Sandy and Ken think they have convinced him he should settle down at Sun City (near Parris), California. Somehow we had received the impression that Esther had accompanied Peyton on his automobile safari of the States, but now we learn that Esther flew to California and returned home the same way.

Ken, Sandy, and Leo **Vichules** got together for a Christmas luncheon and bull session. Leo regaled them with a lot of tales of his days at the Academy. One of his stories was that the West Point basketball team had held St. Johns to zero field goals in one game. Anyone remember that? Sandy reports that Leo looks pretty good. When offered a cocktail before lunch, Leo came up with the bon mot: "One is fine, two are too many, and three are not enough." So they compromised and had two before lunch and a brandy afterwards.

Jo **Goodman** was quite sick for three months last fall. After many tests and changes of medi-

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cation the doctors were still puzzled, so she was finally hospitalized. The whole thing was getting very boring until one Saturday night Connie Stevens arrived at the hospital to have her baby. The next day Eddie Fisher was at the hospital. Sandy found Jo, another patient, and a nurse all "hanging out of her fourth-floor window by their toes" to get a look at him. The excitement was apparently all the medicine Jo needed for she left the hospital the next day and has been feeling fine ever since.

Sandy also told us that he just got through a session with the medics and had an infected cyst carved off the back of his neck. After the stitches (he wrote "itches") had been removed, he had a hard time to keep from scratching the bandage.

Our class president and Rosemilie **Sibley** were about ready to leave for a 6-week motor trip to Texas and Florida, planning to see some of the classmates en route, when their son, Lt. Col. Nathan C. Sibley, USA, suffered a sudden heart attack in Washington on 23 January. He responded well to treatment and hoped to be out of the hospital (Belvoir) by the end of February.

We have just seen a copy of Tom **Holmes'** *Bayou Cook Book.* It is not only the "labor of love" that Tom characterizes it, but also a work of art, being entirely hand lettered by the author who also drew the clever and attractive sketches. Mouth-watering is the only way to describe the recipes for such gourmet food as Chicken Jambalaya, "Dirty Rice" Dressing, Stuffed Artichokes, Prize Winning Pralines, and many others. Copies may be obtained direct from Tom for the modest sum of $2.50, which includes postage anywhere in the U.S.

We finally prevailed on Buck **Lanham** to give us an account of his interesting and important mission to Europe. Buck wrote in part: "Pete (Mary) and I spent the month of June in Europe on a combination business-pleasure trip. Paul-Henri Spaak had invited me to participate in ceremonies in Paris and Brussels in connection with the twentieth anniversary of the Marshall Plan. I was also asked to take part in a 2-day international economic colloquium in Brussels which included the O.E.C.D. countries and the United States. I was part of the 4-man team representating the United States the first day. The other members were Averell Harriman, Bill Foster (Chief of the U.S. arms Control and Disarmament Agency), and Milton Katz of Harvard. France, as usual, boycotted the affair. The other countries joined together in an all-out attack on the U.S., etc., etc. Will skip the gory details." The paper Buck delivered was on the subject, "Some Observations on the American Business Presence in Europe," and it received wide and favorable coverage in the press. Needless to say, Buck defended the United States forcefully. Mary boycotted Paris, but they both flew to London for a week of theater-going and visits with old friends before spending a couple of weeks in Torquay, a lovely resort in the South of England, then sailed for home on the *Queen Mary.* In spite of bad weather for the crossing, the "Queen" regally dispensed the elegance, food, service, and beverages for which she was so justly famous.

Did you see Dorothe Heiberg **Parmly** on nation-wide TV as she entered the White House to attend the Robb-Johnson wedding? Dorothe was given an excellent vantage point for the ceremony from which she could both see and hear it all. She reports that the entire wedding was dignified and beautiful, with the bride radiant, the groom a credit to the military, and many celebrities present. As a close and long-time friend of the Robb Family, in addition to the gold-crested White House invitation, Dorothe also received a clever rhyming invitation to an intimate prenuptial party for the young couple that was given at Washington's Town Club by James and Frances **Robb.** She spent a very enjoyable evening and had an opportunity to chat with Mrs. Johnson as well as with the engaged pair.

Paul B. **Nelson** just sent in his new address: 29655 8th Avenue South, Federal Way, Washington 98002.

Our sincere thanks to Erma **Wrockloff** for the following newsletter from San Antonio: "The Alamo Chapter of the Thundering Herd held their annual meeting for the election of officers at the Fort Sam Houston Officers Open Mess on 26 January. The newly elected officers are: president, Col. Joseph **Massaro**; vice president, Col. Robert E. **Cullen**; and distaff vice president, Mrs. Oswaldo **De la Rosa.** Those attending were the **Boatners**, Bradfords, Cullens, Darling, **Ives, Jennings, Leonards**, Massaros, Morrows, **Stokes**, and Wrockloffs. The **Wilsons** came from Houston. Sarratt T. **Hames** is making a good recovery from a serious illness. The distaff side was well represented by Mary **Bicher**, Tip Bigelow, Carla **Burrill**, Maria De la Rosa, Hannah Hawkins, Helen Liebel, Winnie **Ramsey**, and Harriet **Wells.** Fran and Jess **Traywick** were out of town, welcoming a new grandchild.

"Maj. George E. **Wrockloff** III, USMA '60, returned from Vietnam 8 January. He is currently assigned to staff and faculty, Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky. His wife, Beth, and two sons, Jett 4 and Ricky 2, resided at the Sunset Ridge Apartments during his absence. Beth's parents, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Daniel C. Stole, also live in San Antonio."

It seems impossible that OUR 45TH REUNION is only about a year away. Hope you are all making plans to be back at the old stand in JUNE 1969!

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Col. Floyd E. Dunn
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Our most surprising recent news—that Bee **Holland** would graduate with the Class of '68. This shakes us up as she is the last of '25 present on site to steady those rocks overlooking the Hudson. Fortunately the phase out of '25 has been very gradual so we trust the youngsters now composing the crew can carry on.

Bee plans to join daughter Ruth and her three girls in the house they bought in Mystic, Conn., two years ago. We are very proud of Bee's devotion to the Academy as Cadet Hostess for many years (Doris **Barth** and Bee served as Senior Hostess's for some 20 plus years!)

We are in the process of mailing out a few dozen of Bruce **Clarke's** report on Vietnam. These are going to other class Scribes for info and dissemination. The Founders Day dinner held here at Fort Myer drew a tremendous crowd—we were packed in the huge dining room like so many sardines. "Buzz" Wheeler of Joint Staff fame was the speaker, and he lived up to the outstanding appearances he has often made on TV. We consider him a very close second to Dean Rusk when it comes to fielding questions from the floor on Vietnam (or any other subject).

Art **Ruppert** sent us the program of Founders Day dinner at Los Angeles. It was signed by Lillian and Art, Jeannie and Walter **Bryte,** Guste and Russ **Randall**, Briant and Mrs. Wells Jr., '24 Sandy Goodman '24, and our old friends and neighbors Melba and Ken Strothers '24.

A program of the Fort Bliss Founders Day dinner listed the following present: **Clark** R. T., **Gould, Hurd, Neprud,** and **Willing.**

We greatly enjoyed a visit with Helen and Mike **Geraghty** at their attractive Eastern Shore home. They converted the original Greys Creek Farm house into a lovely modern dwelling with an adjoining 2-car garage and a fine apartment above. Mike is working against time to complete his book, the material for which he succeeded in assembling during their one year on Emerald Isle. He wants to get it to the press this fall. The area in which they retired was a wonderful selection as they are now surrounded by very fine high-priced homes.

Red **Newman's** article in "Army" magazine of Nov 68 entitled "Care and Feeding of VIP's" is worth looking up if you missed it. Most of us have had experiences similar to Red's, but we challenge anyone to write them up as well as our old distinguished long distance runner.

Gosco **Gose** long since recovered from his heart attack and has their retired life well planned—Green Valley, Arizona, in the winters and their regular home at Membres, N. Mex., in the summer. They had visited daughter Eleanor (Mrs. Wooten) in Kansas City since we last heard from them.

Walter **Bryte** reported that the Duke **Gardners** had already left California on their contemplated U.S.-European sight-seeing tours.

Carl **Holcomb** writes an optimistic letter despite his statement that he has thrown Medicare for a loss on account of his prolonged illness.

Riggins, who pioneered "Down in the Valley," made as smart a choice of retirement areas as did Helen and Mike G.—says he is now surrounded by retired officers as neighbors. Lew wrote such engaging descriptions of what he termed "Life below the Ulcerline" that he became a sort of one-man chamber of commerce.

Jean **Miller** excused her lack of correspondence due to complete occupation with her three grandchildren. She is still at Fayetteville, Ark. 72701.

Amy and Don **Bailey** were most fortunate in enjoying beautiful weather while vacationing in Florida—this in contrast to several of our neighbors who complained long and loudly of the "cold" while they were there.

Jack **McCormick** is boosting the Texas Hemisfair '68, and auto stickers re same are appearing around the DC Area.

Ruth **Smith** enjoyed a party at the **Bradfords** (in honor of son Bill) at which Maurice and Pep **Peploe** were present (Pep had been duck hunting). Ruth's nephew, Lt. Col. Bob Lynd, is back from VN and at the Livermore Calif. Lab. (a V.M.I. grad with Master's degree from Tulane).

Julia **Mulligan** has all her children in Nicaragua, daughter June has three children, and her husband is in business with son Larry in Granada. Julia enjoys our class Notes even tho she writes but seldom.

Mrs. Croswell wrote to tell us that husband Gaddis Croswell (K Co.), passed away last fall. We are sorry to report the passing of Graham **Kirkpatrick** of a fatal heart attack on 13 Feb 68 (Tulsa, Okla.). Kirk obtained his law degree from the U. of Alabama at the age of 48 following service in WWII. He made quite a name for himself as a student, a write, and a teacher. A fine write-up was in the *Tulsa World* paper of 14 Feb. Ernistine continues living in Tulsa. A daughter Martha (Mrs. Wm. Crabtree) lives in Pittsburgh. A great morale builder as a cadet, we always

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think of Kirk in connection with a former A Co. Tac–one Maj. Dawley.

Carl **Meyer** saw Genevieve and Johnie **Johnson** (E.L.) at West Point during the holidays.

Elinor and Bill **Ritchie** were in California at the Bob Hope Desert Golf Classic. Bill was back in time for Founders Day dinner with us here.

Those of you interested in the West Point building program progress (plus a run down on WP events of 67) should look up the 4-volume annual "Superintendant's Report" Copies were mailed to all Scribes. There are startling statistics in these volumes and info re the many additions to the greatly accelerated curriculum plus so many worthwhile extra-curricular activities. Surely the cadet today gets as much as he can absorb!

Rosaline **Giddens** telephoned us from Bethesda where she had been visiting her mother. She stated that Mitch was shooting a pretty fair game of golf now that he has ample time for practice.

The **Bradfords** visited Lucy and Jack **Horner** in their lovely home in Austin and also reported that Jim **Deery** was in the process of having a cataract removed from one eye at the hospital at Lackland AFB.

A special from **Riggins** told us that lack of fresh water ruined their duck hunting but that the ducks all went to the Port Arthur area where the flooded fields and roadways also became flooded with ducks. Along the Rio Grande ducks were being run over and killed on the highway!

Crandall confessed that only seven from '25 were at Homecoming last fall. They enjoyed perfect weather (but its still hard to convince old-timers of the merits of June Week in October, sez we).

We were a bit startled to receive a communication headed "OAO" and to read into it and find that "OAO" now means "Orbiting Astronomical Observatory."

Our Class Godson **Bruce Jr.**, is now heading up a new military section in the CIA. Coach Cahill gave a stellar performance at the quarterly West Point DC luncheon on 30 Jan. "Look" magazine of 28 has an outstanding football article which every Grad should read.

A reported 16 inches of snow in New Mexico might help to keep reporters off Pete **Hurd's** back for a while.

We trust the **Clelands** (and a few others who have made most interesting trips) will give us a run-down of their experiences. The Washington contingent extends a warm welcome to Jane **Baldwin**, who has moved down from Bowie to DC. ECRIVEZ!!

'26

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As these Notes are being written 20 March, the nation-wide winter let-down is drawing to an end, and in fact, here in south Florida, spring is suddenly breaking out all over, and none too soon either. It means plenty of work in the yard and on the shrubs etc., etc., in order to get things in reasonable shape before we go back north to Villanova, Pa., around 5 May or so. There is plenty of news to report, so I better get on with it so as to meet the deadline. Incidentally, it was most interesting for me to go up to Tampa last Saturday (16th) for the Florida West Coast Founders Day dinner in the beautiful new University Club, 22 stories up on top of a big new bank building, well attended and addressed by Gen. Ted Conway '33, Comdr. STRIKCOM at MacDill AFB. The class of '26 managed to corral Maurice **Condon** and Bill **Deyo**, in addition to yours truly. We all agreed that the ladies will be invited next year, the site to be the same, and that this time we will have a really big turnout for '26. We shall see, and certainly no excuses.

While on this Florida "kick", I shall finish up some Notes of the area which Maurice **Condon** is responsible for. First off, Freddy and Elsie **Munson** spent 2 weeks down here in late January, enjoyed the sunny weather, and visits with several classmates. East Coasters seen were Jimmie and Mary **Van Horne**, Bob and Mary **Ross**, and Dick and Northa **Mayo**. They then drove thru Orlando, where they saw our own Connie **Douglas** (now Mrs. Coffey and living in Winter Park just next door). Then on to Clearwater for a delightful 2 days with Maurice and Ruth Condon. It seems Maurice's firm has expanded its offices in Clearwater and now has a new branch in Largo. The name, of course, is Clearwater Federal Savings and Loan Assn on Cleveland Plaza. They had a delightful cocktail party in their lovely home in Belaire for the Munsons, followed by a beautiful dinner in a nearby restaurant, with some 25 or so in attendance. The '26 contingent included Hazel **Toftoy**, who had Connie and me as overnight house guests, Bill and Ethel **Deyo**, Bill and Ev **House**, the **Ankenbrandts**, and of course the Condons. The only missing ones from the area were Bill and Wilma **Laidlaw** of Oklawaha, not too far away, who couldn't get over due to other commitments.

More on **Jim** and Mary **Van Horne**. It seems they live in a Canalside apartment in Ft. Lauderdale, about 150 yards from the Intracoastal Waterway and only ½ mile from the ocean, which is just beyond Birch State Park, and at the end of their canal. They have their own garden, which takes a good deal of time to tend, and Mary's paraquets get their share of attention also. Periodic visits from their children and grandchildren add to the spice of life. As Jimmie sez in his letter, "a good way to renew your youth is to have that crew of grandchildren visit as they did last Easter." I'm sure all of us agree on that point. As for their children, Jay is now 40 (wow) and lives in Grosse Point, Mich., with his wife Joan and four boys, 12, 11, 10, and 9 years, as well as little Johanna, age 6. He has charge of sales and operations of Addressograph/Multigraph for Ford, Chrysler, and GM there in Detroit–quite a job. Their daughter Cornelia (Mrs. J.F. Sweeny Jr.,) lives in Bowie, Md., with her husband Jack (He is with NSA there in Fort Meade.), and the other granddaughter Ann, age not specified.

A final note on the **Van Hornes**–they are in close touch with Bob and Mary Ross in nearby Pompano Beach. Bob had a serious bout with the medics as a result of a stroke, but he is now well on the way to complete recovery. He goes to therapy regularly and has recently attended several Rotary meetings, which is good news indeed.

A nice letter from Jacksonville brings us up-to-date on Olaf and Hope **Pearson**. They moved there 5 years ago and are finding retirement very pleasant and rewarding, what with hobbies such as travel, bridge, music, golf, and boating to keep them busy and out of mischief. As an added reward, they have been quite active in church work, since "we both feel that religion needs some encouragement in this present confused world." Their oldest son Dick started his own architectural firm 2 years ago and is now firmly established in JAX. He has a wife and two sons. The younger son Roger also has a wife and a son and daughter. He lives in Arlington, Texas, where he works for General Foods. The Seniors visited them last fall and went on a delightful tour of the Smokies and the Ozarks in the process.

I mentioned the Bill **Deyos** a couple of times above, but have a short letter which will bring their news up-to-date. Some excerpts are worthwhile. (Incidentally, Bill is 2d VP of the West Point Society Florida West Coast and on his way up to Pres. in due course.) "For the most part, our lives are tied to that of the U. of South Florida here in Tampa, where I am a member of the charter faculty and occupied with the Business Administration School. Starting this January, we are grappling with a new approach to the fundamentals of the ancient art of accounting. Meantime, Ethel is occupied with a benefit and other faculty activities sponsered by the University Women's Club. Quite frankly, we read rather than generate news, having no children or grandchildren to brag about, and for the past several years our travels have been limited to Lauderdale on the south and the Smokies to the north. Travel is restricted to those periods when school is out, and the state of Florida is doing everything it can to increase plant utilization and keep school in." Ye Ed here can add that both Bill and Ethel never looked better, and that work there with getting a new university started is a tremendous challenge, to which they are both devoted. How lucky can one get?

My final item from this area concerns Dick and Northa **Mayo**, who moved to Boca Raton about 3 years ago and love life there very much. Dick has completed a course in navigation, has joined the Power Sqdn there, and is methodically proceeding to build a dock and pick out a boat, "not of major proportions." Dick was a high school teacher for awhile, but has retired completely from that, in favor of a thorough study of the stock market, which I am told "is not only mentally stimulating, but also financially rewarding." Good for him! Their son Dick Jr., was married last year in Washington to Linda Chace of Chevy Chase, Md., and dad had the pleasure of being best man. Unfortunately, Northa's mother passed away recently and apparently quite unexpectedly while visiting there in Boca. The Class extends its deepest sympathy to them both.

A letter from Freddie **Munson** received only today reminded me that there is one more important bit of news involving Florida–Red and Dort Reeder's 2 weeks thru the area which finished only the other day. It was a real delight for Connie and me when we received a phone call from them and we were able to arrange a brief visit with them and their close friends, the Willard Mullins (he of *NY World Telegram* cartoonist fame–remember "dem Bums" when the Dodgers were still in Brooklyn?) here in our house in Naples. They had seen friends on the East Coast, and were en route for a few days with the **Condons** in Clearwater, and to see the Bill Woods and other friends in that area. The big news of course was the word that Red had received another high honor–this time the Benjamin F. Castle Memorial Award (a beautiful silver bowl) given by the Washington Chapter WP Society at the Founders Day dinner at Fort McNair on 15 March, given to the person, who in their opinion "had done the most for USMA" in some specified period of time. Other '26ers present when Bill Quinn '33 made the presentation were **Baird, Collins, Ennis**, and Munson. I know I can speak for the whole Class in saying how proud we are of Red and his many accomplishments.

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By the way, Freddie **Munson** suggested that I mention the poop sheet he recently mailed all of us, asking for as much data as possible on each of our careers, to be stored in the office of the Assn of Grads, West Point, to help in the preparation of the obit which will ultimately be written for all of us. He has already gotten five responses (Jack **Ryan**, sponser of the idea has not, repeat, not yet, sent his in!) and is hoping this will not be too long drawn out a project for him to complete. It sounds like a very excellent idea, and I urge each of you guys to get on with it soon and not let the request get lost in your other papers!

Only last issue (winter 1968) there was a news item from Red **Duffy**–the first in a long time. Well, I just got another one and it is most newsworthy! Red and his wife announced the birth of a daughter Keven on 15 Nov 1967, now 3 months old and developing fast, so he says. He wonders if she isn't the youngest child in the Class, and from where I sit, I think we can assure Red that she is, hands down. He sez, "I would like to have said 'a prospective West Point grad,' but I doubt that 17 years will be enough time to have elapsed for women to become fully and completely emancipated." I agree.

A few notes about the Washington, D.C. group are in order, in addition to those already covered. Strick **Strickler** provided most of them, although the only thing he said about themselves was "hoping for a very happy '68." Surely the real estate business of Chatel, Wise, and Gilliat, Inc, with which they are associated, must have more interesting goings-on than just such an impressive name! It seems that Bill and Fran **Ennis** got evicted from their hotel in Teheran, Iran, during the extensive and lavish coronation ceremony of the Shah, so they returned to Washington for a longish visit. Bill works for a small company such as General Electric, General Dynamics, or Litton Industries (have forgotten which) and was stationed out there for a year or two. Incidentally, I looked up how to spell the name and was amazed to find the capital of Iran has a population of 2,300,000 people, bigger than all but four cities in the USA.

Carlene and Admiral **Sims** are the recent and proud grandparents of a baby boy, the son of Carlene's daughter Patricia, now Mrs. C.E. Martin (no relation to our own classmate Charlie **Martin**). Frank and Mary Louise **Purcell** have been back in Washington for the recent months, having spent the summer and fall at their other home "down Maine." Walt and Louise **Stanton** spent most of the summer at their beach home in Rehoboth Beach, Del., and then traveled to Hawaii for the Xmas season to visit with Walt Jr., and his family, who was and presumably still is, stationed out there. On their return, Spud **Murphy** reports they spent several days in the San Francisco area, visiting with classmates and friends. It seem that at a dinner party at Agnes and Art Garrechts '23, the Murphys and the Stantons reminisced about their first station at Fort Lewis, Wash., in 1926, where of the 14 brand new second lieutenants, only they were married, and that their oldest sons were both born there only a month or two apart. Strick's final item tells of a joint class luncheon with USNA '26, which was held at the Naval Gun Factory on 28 Nov, that there was a good turnout on both sides, much enjoyment by all, and good-natured discussion of the prospects of the impending A-N football game. Incidentally, by Xmas card and other sources, I can report that Dottie **Carter** has given up her lovely apartment here in Naples, has acquired an equally lovely one in The Watergate Hotel (Apt. 1115) there in Washington–a most impressive new complex right on the banks of the Potomac near the old Watergate Inn–and will make that her principal abode from now on. She will welcome contacts from her many friends around the world when in the District.

Our industrious and most active West Coast Area Scribe, Spud **Murphy**, has furnished another interesting report, which I will summarize herewith. As for the Monterey area, things have been reasonably quiet since the big Bing Crosby golf to-do, which was very well publicized and occured right in their own front yards! Margaret and Paul **Black** spent the Xmas holidays up in Apple Valley. Hazel and Paul **Carroll** were in Dallas at the same time visiting their son and family. Polly and Trooper **Doyle** were at the Del Monte Lodge recently for a transportation conference etc., etc. Paul **Hamilton** teaches, Paul Carroll plays tennis, Paul Black golfs, Beth **McNaughton** paints, and Ken golfs, fishes, and hunts. How prosaic can one get! Well, a bit of a change is contemplated when Beth and Ken take off for a visit to Germany this summer to visit their daughter and son-in-law (LBJ and other circumstances permitting!)

More West Coast items of interest. Norm **Matthias** in Portland is loafing again, his work with the water survey having been finished. He and Charlotte have two sons, both '54 USMA. Norm Jr., is now two-thirds through (as of this writing) his tour in SEA, while his family is sitting out the year in Daly City just south of San Francisco. His wife flew out to Honolulu to meet him on 30 Jan for a few days of R&R, and he happily missed the first week of the recent Viet Cong offensive. Judson is no longer in the service, received his Ph.D. in engineering from Purdue last summer, and is now on the faculty of Arizona State U. at Tempe. Kay and Johnnie **McFarland** drove to Florida last summer and brought Kay's mother back with them. On their return trip they visited son Jim in Beaumont, Tex., and son Tony at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Pete **Pringle** and his wife have just attended a wedding in Santa Rosa. They live in Balboa Island, which I think is in the Los Angeles area (population unknown) and attended the Founders Day dinner at the Presidio on 15 March. There was a big attendance by '26, but do not have the roster yet. Hal and Betsy **Forde**, missed the dinner, as they were expecting imminently the arrival of their first grandchild in Troy, N.Y., which is a "fur piece" away. I have no more information on this for the present.

There is plenty of news from Bob and Biggie **Nourse**, mostly about their children and grandchildren. Maj. Bob went to Vietnam in October, where he was assigned as advisor to the South Vietnam district governor at Tam Ky. His first reports were that the job was most interesting and very busy. It got frantically interesting indeed when the Viet Cong attacked their post in the recent Tet offensive. The attack took place at 2:10 a.m., and after a 4-hour fight in which young Bob distinguished himself highly, the VC were driven off. The next day he was ordered to report to Corps Hq, where he was personally decorated with the Vietnamese Medal for Gallantry with Palm by President Thieu himself! His wife Anne and their three children are staying in New Hampshire for the year, but were able to visit in Greenbrae, Calif., for a family reunion during the Xmas holidays. Joan was, of course, there also, having traveled from the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center in N.H., where she is a highly effective speech therapist and much in demand as a participant in various conferences around the nation. For those following her amazing career, you will be pleased to hear that with the help of modern gadgetry, she is undergoing tests for a license to drive a car and got a real thrill recently when she got her car up to 35 miles per hour!

I still have a few items in my files which I will save for the next time, because the ASSEMBLY Editor has reminded us again to hold down our outpourings in addition to which they have encountered some unexpected printer difficulties and are in the process of finding a new publisher. As I write this, please remember that the Notes for the winter issue have not as yet reached the mails, so real continuity is just a wee bit difficult. Oh well, that's the way the ball bounces, and we can certainly learn to live with it. When you all get this spring issue, Connie and I will have returned to Villanova for the rest of the year, barring of course the trips we expect to make to see our children and friends here and there. That's all; bye for now.

'27

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This spring evidently has been one of relaxation and enjoyment, of early and severe spring fever, of placid thoughts of summer golf, trips, and family reunions – of "all that ever was/ Joyous, and clear and fresh" – all, that is, except of getting down at that desk to dash off a summary to the Scribe! It is conceded, however, that enough is going on everywhere to distract from such correspondence.

Heading the list of events was the annual Founders Day dinner of the District of Columbia Society at Fort Myer, 15 March, with Eddie Hart '25, as toastmaster. The Very Reverend Mariner C. Smith ex-'27, pronounced the invocation. The Color Guard of the 3d Infantry Regiment impressed as usual with its snap and brilliance, and the U.S. Army Chorus thrilled with some seven favorite songs of yore, including "Army Blue," "Benny Havens," "Mountain Battery," and their fine closing rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

High school presentations included the usual ones to outstanding students, two seniors and two juniors, for distinction in football and scholastic performance. This year two of the awards went to young men aspiring to join the Corps with the Class of '72.

The Benjamin F. Castle Memorial Award for this year, the second one of its existence, was presented to Red Reeder '26. The most deserving recipient appeared in fine fettle, impressing all with his usual vigor, dash, and spirit.

Hopeful remarks on the present condition of the Corps were given by First Captain John L. Throckmorton Jr. General Earle Wheeler '32, managed to the pleasure of all – and especially so to the awaiting toastmaster! – to appear in time to give the principal address, despite a week of "flaps" for the JCS Chairman. His talk was an informative, reminiscent, and inspiring tribute to the Academy and to the ability of its graduates to meet superbly the demands of this complex age.

With the retirement of the Colors and the singing of "Alma Mater," the "166th" had been properly observed in the Washington Area. Among the 500 Grads packed into Patton Hall, '27 was represented by Woody **Burgess**, Bix **Bixel**, Jimmy **Collins**, Willis **Matthews**, Bert **Holtzworth**, Bob **Lowe**, Ralph **Zwicker**, Mariner **Smith**, Ken **Thiebaud**, Mac **Miller**, and Jerry **Lillard**.

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Reports of other Founders Day affairs had not arrived by deadline and will be offered later.

Now for a few odds and ends. Bix and Ev **Bixel** got away from Washington for a few bright Florida weeks in February, seeing en route the Tony **Luebbermanns** in their lovely new home and calling Stu and Mary **Wood** at Fayetteville, N.C.

Other Florida escapees from the area were Ted and Kay **Brown,** who spent some six weeks there in February and March. Highlights of their trip included a '27 gathering at Pompano Beach with Chuck and Mary **Ewing,** Blair and Dottie **Garland,** and the Dick **Dickersons.** Of course the Browns are pleased, as well as are happy in-laws Johnny and Harriet Upham '28, to have Maj. F.J. Brown III (Rick, Anne, and family) in the area on Pentagon duty since January.

Jean and Woody **Burgess** have had two additions to the list of grandchildren: Megrew and Anne Burgess provided the new grandson, and Anne and Burt Rowe, the new granddaughter. This fine twosome brings the score for the Burgesses to an even dozen of grand descendants.

Transients of note in the Washington Area in early spring included such outstanding visitors as Dutch **Holland** from California and Joe **Swindlehurst** from Montana, combining, we know, both business and pleasure during their brief visits.

Well, this does it for this issue. Please communicate, while enjoying a fine summer, we all trust and hope.

'28

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Our 166th Founders Day has just passed. Skip **Seeman** reports the following present at Founders Day dinner in Washington: **Cralle**, Tommy **Lane, Oakes, Raymond, Sirmyer, Walter, Butchers, Mundy, Gavan,** and **Seeman.** Harry **Weiner** reports the following at the Fort Sam Houston dinner: **Cole, Harbold, Hasting, Willette,** and Weiner. Also present was Class Son, S. T. Weiner, Class of 1964. **Billingsley** was speaker at Founders dinner in Pittsburgh, 23 March.

Jerry **Smyser** reports that his son Michael has a principal appointment and will probably become a member of the Class of 1972. He also reports seeing Anne and Tom **Wells** and talking by phone with Verdi **Barnes** and Bill **Browning** during a fall visit to Hawaii. All hope to make the 40th Reunion, both Barnes and Wells having firm reservations.

Jack **Hinrichs** writes that he attended the 10th anniversity of the Explorer 1 launching which was put on by Cal Tech and JPL last month. Reports also that Tommy **Sherburne** had been out to the ranch pig-hunting, but no pigs, although Jack and his foreman had gotten three during recent weeks. Ranch duties prevent Jack from being at the 40th and presenting the American Ordnance Association Award.

Dick **Middlebrooks** has had two sessions in the hospital since September and will have to take it easy in the future. Reports seeing Jack **Hathaway** who has slimmed down and looks fine. Skip **Seeman** reports 20-25 people turned out for the dinner honoring Jo and Blondie **Saunders** on 5 January despite terrible weather. Buck **Wiley** writes that he and Catherine spent Christmas with daughter at Fort Walton Beach, Florida. While there contacted by phone **Hefley** and **A.V.P. Anderson.** After Christmas they visited son at Columbus, Ga. Saw Paul and Fran **Mitchell** while there. He and Gordon **Williams** represented '28 at West Coast Society Luncheon. Red **Moore** informs us that he probably will have cataract operation this summer.

The sympathy of the Class was extended by **Billingsley** to Frances **Keller** at the services for Ed who passed away at Valley Forge General Hospital on 20 February 1968.

Copy for the reunion booklet went to the printers on 15 March. Completed questionnaires were received from 168 members of the Class. Minimal data was included for those not responding. To date, 86 classmates and 73 wives have indicated plans to be present. The 40th Reunion Fund has grown to $6,700. See you at reunion.

'29

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The Founders Day dinner in the Washington area was one of the largest and best in recent years. Patton Hall in the officers club at Fort Myer almost burst its seams to accommodate the turn-out. Twenty-niners present were Paul **Caraway,** Pinky **Conner,** Don **Graul,** Jupe **Lindsey,** Bozo **McKee,** Ed **McNally,** Ken **Nichols,** Freddie **Smith,** Bill **Thompson,** Herb **Vander Heide,** Slim **Vittrup,** and Dick **Wentworth.**

Assembled classmates welcomed Paul **Caraway** for the first class get-together since he and Della moved into their new house in Fairfax, Va., around the first of the year. (New address: 9143 Santayana Drive, 22030.) Slim **Vittrup** flew in from a business trip to Detroit and barely made it in time for the dinner seating. Warned of a possible "late" by Vittrup, **Lindsey** had prepared a reserved seat sign for Slim, which turned out to be next to Bozo McKee. Bozo complained lustily that the whole thing was a put-up job to advertise a late plane arrival and embarrass the administrator of FAA. We assured him that he was being unduly sensitive – that we knew of planes being stacked-up on which no classmate was riding.

Under the presidency of Eddie Hart '24, the West Point Society of DC put on a superlative program, including rousing West Point and Service songs by the Army Chorus, fine remarks by First Captain Throckmorton '68, and an eloquent principal address by the Chairman of the JCS, Wheeler '32. A special event was the presentation of the DC Society's Benjamin F. Castle Memorial Award to Reeder '26, well-known to '29 and most deserving of this honor.

All classmates attending the DC dinner were in fine shape and spirits. It appears to this observer that we, the Class of '29, are in a period of stabilization, in appearance and preservation, if you know what I mean. As I gazed around the great dining room, looking toward the head table (near which '29 now sits close – too close, it seems to me), many of the older classes appeared to be showing their age a bit. As I looked down the room, the younger classes looked a trifle on the juvenile side. Then, looking at '29, I saw a group that looked just right – barely in the prime of life. Age, like beauty, must indeed be in the eye of the beholder.

1929: Drapers and Harkins relax at Fort Lauderdale.

Andy **Samuels** is our San Francisco Bay Area correspondent for this issue, in Johnny **Theimer's** absence in Hawaii. Andy was out of town at the time of the Founders Day dinner at the Presidio Officers Club, but he reports our attendants as Larry **Brownlee,** George **Carey,** Cal **Coolidge,** Chick **Cooper,** Paul **Freeman,** Ducky **Hail,** Mac **McKenzie,** and Ed **Wright.** Larry Brownlee has been undergoing some treatment at Letterman, but is still fencing. George Carey had retired again, and Cal Coolidge is still golfing. Chick Cooper was about to leave on a trip to Mexico. Ducky Hail has a new boat and is ready for salmon fishing. Paul Freeman and Ed Wright are involved in big industry.

Mac and Patsy **McKenzie** were to sail in late April on the *Canberra* through the Canal to Southhampton, thence on a Rhine River boat trip from Rotterdam to Basle, and to visit daughter Anne, Air Force husband, and family at Ramstein AFB in Germany. They plan to return via England and Ireland to Boston to visit their other daughter Joan and family there, and back to San Francisco in July.

Johnny and Grace **Theimer** departed in March for two weeks in Hawaii seeing, and for Grace meeting, Johnny's old friends. Johnny planned to get in some golf, and, he says, "replenish the pockets of my old golf mates at Leilehua, Waialae, and the country club. I'm such a soft pigeon my golf mates send a cab for me." Andy says that's just Theimer's first-tee talk, and that Johnny will probably wangle enough out of his trip. (Ed. note: I agree with Andy. As a late-coming duffer to the game, I have found that all golfers are liars, and maybe vice versa.)

Paul **Freeman** sends some nice remarks about this column's coverage of his retirement and has well-merited praise for **Theimer's** work in marshalling class activities in the Bay Area. Paul is with Litton Industries and has the title of Vice President Operations Planning, which he says sounds like G-3, but isn't. He sees a lot of Bat **Carns** from Monterey, who spends about three days a week at Stanford Research in Palo Alto, and Freeman, Carns, and **Wright** have their own little luncheon club in the Palo Alto-Sunnyvale jungle of space, missile, and electronics shops. Paul says that his civilianization program is proceeding smoothly and painlessly, if not joyously, and that he and Mary Anne are happy to be on a well-traveled axis and blessed with frequent visitors and guests.

Weary **Wilson** was through San Francisco in February en route to the Western Pacific with Jeanne and phoned Johnny **Theimer.** The Wilsons planned to visit their son and family on Taiwan and travel elsewhere in the Far East.

The dinner at Fort Sam Houston brought out Roy **Cuno,** Billy **Greear,** Tiny **Jark,** Lou **Hammack,** Don **Poorman,** and Bill **Vestal** from San Antonio, and Chan **Robbins** from Austin. Lou Hammack writes that Lefty **Mace** signed up, but didn't show, and Lou doesn't know whether the absence was due to elderly absent-mindedness, illness, or just circumstances beyond control. Billy Greear

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1929: Drapers and Browns get together at Fort Lauderdale.

was toastmaster and performed, as always, with flair–same act, new jokes, and all went well. Coach Tom Cahill was the principal speaker, and his talk and films pleased everyone. Lou also records that Norm **Poinier** and Dave **Brown** attended the dinner at Bergstrom AFB in Austin, but I've no direct report on the activities there.

Lou **Hammack** himself was leaving San Antonio the day after he wrote, for a 4-day trip to West Point with a group of high school counselors and educators–this as a part of his work with the Admissions Board. I have a fine newspaper picture of Lou and others greeting Cahill on his arrival at the airport, but it unfortunately won't reproduce in these columns.

George **McAneny** writes from Cornwall and West Point that Lou's visit there coincided with their Founder Day dinner, always held a week late to permit the brass to speak at other dinners. **Hammack** joined the local contingent of **Sands**, **Lincoln**, and McAneny in the West Point celebration.

George and Connie **McAneny's** daughter Leslie was married in Coral Gables, Fla., in late February to Mr. William Ferguson Mitchell of Miami. Leslie has been an airline stewardess stationed in Miami, and the young couple will make their home there, where the groom is managing officer for First Research Corp. George and Connie flew down for the wedding, as did the bride's sister Priscilla from her home in Richmond.

Paul Steinbeck is president of the Champaign-Urbana (Central Illinois) Society and the sole class representative there. For the first time they included the wives in the dinner celebration there this year, and Paul says it worked out fine–so fine, indeed, that they all stayed on 'til the wee hours of the morning singing songs to the old banjo. The chapter consists principally of graduates taking courses at the U. of Illinois, where Paul is an assistant professor in the College of Engineering. Paul got a master's degree from Illinois where he headed the ROTC there, 1956-59. The Steinbecks' two sons also have master's degrees, Paul Jr., teaches in an Army dependent school in Germany, and John works for an engineering consulting firm in Kansas City, although he reports to Fort Belvoir for an active duty tour as a reserve officer this spring. The Steinbecks have a two and a half year old granddaughter, child of Paul Jr., and wife.

Just as we go to press, Tommie **DuBose** sends news of the Central Florida dinner at the Orlando AF Base Club. Bob **Cook** ended a year's reign as president by presiding over a fine program for graduates and their wives at which Heiberg '26 gave a splended principal address on the modern West Point. **McDonald** and **Fellows** were the other '29ers attending. DuBose sends some other news items which I'll have to cover next time.

We have no report on the Honolulu dinner this year, since **Chandler**, our correspondent there, was in California, where he and Jo joined son Hap for his spring vacation from the U. of California, at Riverside and for travel in the San Francisco area. Chan himself has recently received his *Juris Doctor* degree from the U. of California, replacing his long-standing L.L.B. degree. Chan says it is well worth the $22 he had to pay for new parchment–not least, I gather, because it is signed by Ronald Reagan instead of Earl Warren. There seems to be a political comment of some kind involved here, but I haven't heard that Chan has yet gone so far as to have Jo weaving tapestries calling for anyone's impeachment.

From Pebble Beach, Calif., Dutch Kraus sends no news of the Monterey dinner, but adds some highlights on the **Kraus-Sladen** vacation in Hawaii, where they, the Warren **McDermids**, and the **Chandlers** had a ball. McDermid has now retired from Sears, and he and Betty planned an extended stay in the islands. Dutch says that the Chandlers entertained the visitors royally at their Lanikai beach house and that Chan's occupations are gardening, investments, and watching the girls go by. The Chandlers' private beach was sprinkled with young ladies in bikinis, who Chan said were trespassing, but that he "suffers" them. Dutch says he supposes that's a legal term, but he didn't note any suffering. Dutch and his Betty came home broke after two weeks, but the Sladens stayed on for another week in Maui at some posh hotel on the beach.

We have many travelers. Jupe **Lindsey** is on his usual journeys on behalf of the Army Distaff Hall. In the late winter he visited Fort Monmouth, Edgewood, and Aberdeen, and in the early spring he and Judy were to go south to Lee, Eustis, Monroe, Bragg, Jackson, Benning, and Stewart, pausing for a private vacation and golf at Pinehurst.

Freddie and Winifred **Chaffee** took a cottage at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for several weeks in March, and had daughter Fanchon, son-in-law, and grandchildren with them for some of the time. Freddie planned to contact Phil **Draper** while there. Phil and Ethel have a winter home at Fort Lauderdale and have had many class contacts this past season. Paul and Betty **Harkins** from Dallas spent a week with them, and earlier in the year Dave and Irma Jane **Brown** visited them from Austin. Tommy and Renée **Sands** phoned from Miami, where they were changing planes on the way back to Cornwall from a trip to Mexico. Phil had recently seen George and Dottie **Lynch** back in Columbus, Georgia, and reports George still alternating between the golf course and his broker's office.

The **Sands** spent a month in Mexico, substituting that for a planned trip to North Africa and Europe after the President made his announcement about traveling outside the Western Hemisphere. They started out in Mexico City, primarily to see the new museum, which is superb, then Cuernavaca and Taxco, then Oaxaca, and finally Yucatan to see the ruins at Uxmal and Chitzen Itza. The weather was balmy and they got in a few days of swimming at Isla Mujeres just off the coast of Yucatan. It was just what the doctor ordered after the snow and ice in Cornwall.

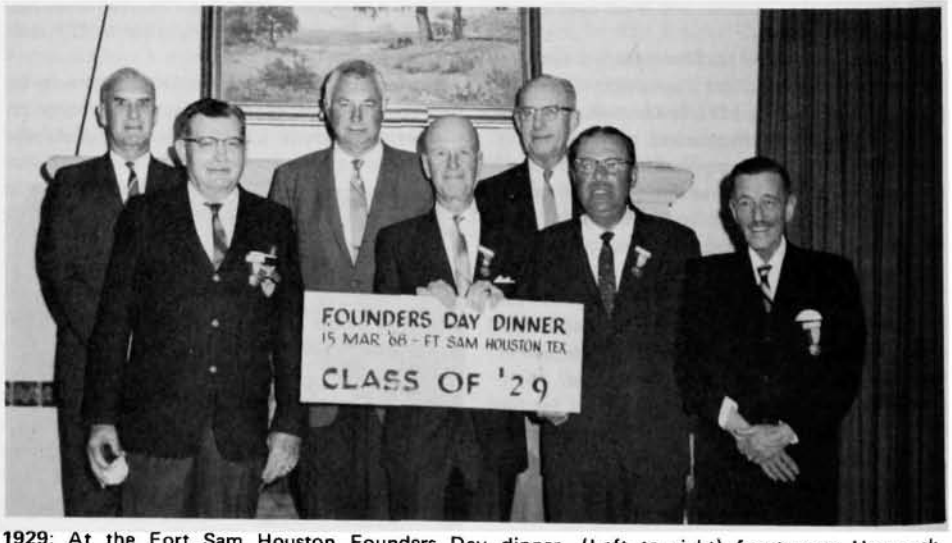
George **Reilly** sends us some recent information on Helen **Wilson** (Mrs. Wesley C.), who now lives at 210 W. Carson, Ferguson, Missouri 63135. Wes and Helen's son Bob is teaching in a prep school in Connecticut, and Helen is living near daughter Mary Anne and family in Missouri. Helen's son-in-law's parents live in Sun City, Ariz., and know John and Mary Lee **Hammond** there through their mutual interest in coin collecting. Big world, isn't it?

I noted an article in the March "Atlantic Monthly" by Kevin D'Arey, Glen **Williamson's** British son-in-law, who is a free-lance writer, and sent a line to Glen in San Mateo about it. This elicited the news that Glen himself is about to embark on a full-time writing career. He is phasing out his local insurance interests and starting on three books he wants to get out of his system, the first to be finished, he hopes, by September. He says he has previously sold a number of pieces and has collaborated on several books, but never felt able to launch on full-time writing while he had a family to support. Now he is making the plunge. We wish him luck and success.

I am sure that most of you know of Jim **Gavin's** new book on Vietnam, *Crisis Now*, a long excerpt from which appeared as the lead article in "The Saturday Evening Post" under the title "We *Can* get out of Vietnam," with a fine large color picture of Jim to open the piece.

Class president Don **Zimmerman** has received a thoughtful letter from the Air Force Village expressing their appreciation for '29's contribution to their endowment fund.

By the time you read these words it will probably be a little less than a year until we will be trekking back to the Hudson Valley for our 40th Reunion. Your committee, headed by Jupe **Lindsey** and ably advised by Abe **Lincoln** at West Point, already has everything racked up. Com-



1929: At the Fort Sam Houston Founders Day dinner. (Left to right) front row: Hammack, Greear, Poorman, and Robbins. Back row: Vestal, Jark, and Cuno.

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plete details will, of course, be sent to each of you in the next few months, but for anticipatory planning here's an outline of the Class activities.

Thursday 29 May	Check in at Alumni Hq in Cullum. 1800 Hours: Class picnic.
Friday 30 May	1800 Hours: The **Lincolns** are hosts for cocktails at Qtrs.
Saturday 31 May	1900 Hours: A classmate and wife, who wish to be unnamed for the time being, are hosts for cocktails at the West Point Army Mess. 2030 Hours: Class Dinner at WPAM (informal).
Sunday 1 June	1200 Hours: The **Sands** are hosts for cocktails and luncheon at Sengen, their place in Cornwall.

It promises to be a really bang-up reunion, so get all your ducks in a row and plan to join us.

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The dearth of news that has prevailed during the last three months betokens, I hope, that all is generally well with you good people. Even in Washington, where we usually expect to be fairly aware of comings and goings, I have noted very little of newsworthy interest. Maybe everyone has been hibernating since the Christmas-New Year gaiety. In any event, I have little to report.

One interesting bit of news is the return to active duty of Bob **Wood**. It is hardly surprising that in these critical times our military establishment should feel the need for maximum utilization of available skills. So Bob has been summoned from his comfortable country retreat in Virginia to give another year of service, applying his considerable talents and experience to a highly important long-range study for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It is reassuring to know that once again our distinguished classmate is actively concerned with the solving of difficult problems.

Early in March I had a call from Happy **Brooks**, who was passing through Washington on the first leg of a long trip. He and his gal were en route to Charleston, whence they would take available Air Force space to Torremolinos. At that point they were to pick up a Volkswagen, ordered in advance, and spend the next six or seven months traveling in Europe; no definite return date, just when they decide they've seen enough for this trip. The way that Brooks family trots all around the globe makes one wonder why they bother to keep the house in San Antonio, except perhaps as a repository for bric-a-brac collected in "faraway places with strange-sounding names."

A good letter from Ham Hampton in mid-March, from which I quote: "Anne and I have just returned from spending the winter in Mexico. Couldn't afford to spend four months there were it not for our Air Stream trailer. As it is, this makes our third extended trip south of the Border in the past three years. There seem to be two kinds of Americans as regards Mexico- - - - those who love it and those who can say nothing good of the country. We expect to be here (Santa Rosa Beach, Florida) until next fall when, if present plans hold, we intend traveling by trailer to Panama." Must say that this sounds like a pleasantly different way of spending one's winters.

I missed the Founders Day dinner in Washington this year, having betaken myself and Dolly to Florida for a sunny sojourn far from the chill and slush of our capital city, but Millard **Lewis** was kind enough to act as recorder and sent me the information that follows. In addition to Pappy, we were represented by Fred **Atkinson**, Ben **Beasley**, Bob **Booth**, Ray **Brisach**, Thad **Broom**, George **Duehring**, Bill W.H. **Harris**, Clem **Hurd**, Max **Janairo**, Pete **King**, Ned **Moore**, Cayce **Odom**, Andy **O'Meara**, Al **Watson**, Sid **Wooten**, and Sterling **Wright**. It is noted, for the record, that Pete King and Sterling Wright continue to serve as members of the Board of Directors of the West Point Society of DC. Also of interest was the conferring of the Ben Castle Memorial Award on Red Reeder '26, a most appropriate selection in view of his many years of dedicated service to our Alma Mater in a number of capacities. Pappy said that Bus Wheeler's talk was excellent, and that the whole occasion was "better than usual."

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It is with regret that I report the loss of two classmates. Bob **Cheal** died of a heart attack on Sunday 11 February in Los Angeles. Bob had had other attacks previously, but had just been released from the hospital and had resumed a fairly normal life. Bob was buried here at Arlington. Dick **Wise** died at Princeton on 15 February after a long siege with cancer. Dick was buried at Princeton. I will send along more details in a letter which should reach the class before this appears in print.

I have a few notes left over from previous columns and letters recently received. Bill **Davis** writes that he has re-retired from whatever it was that he was doing around Virginia Beach. He doesn't know how long this inactivity will last, however, since Beall says that he is a pest around the house. Ted and Suzanne **Decker** have moved again—across the street from 4201 to 4200 Cathedral Avenue, from the north side to the south side; they couldn't stand those northern winters any longer. Bill and Fran **Dick** say that it is becoming a bit lonely way over there in Turkey now that the Bob **Lees** and Jake **Smart** have left SHAPE and Ted and Nina **Parker** are now living in Brussels. Bill and Fran seem to be enjoying life and finding plenty to do, however, in that far away place. And a note to those of you who might be thinking that our pistol presentation days are over. Scott and Jackie **Dickson's** boy, Todd, might enter the castle on the Hudson in 1971.

Ad **Dishman** reports still going strong at Cocoa Beach helping the astronauts do something or other. Charlie and Sallie **Duff** spent the summer at Old Forge, New York, but plan to spend most of their time in Colorado Springs. Charlie says that there is so much to do that he is still putting off doing things that he was postponing to do after retirement. In case I haven't mentioned it before, Elwin **Eddy** writes that he visited his great-granddaughter this past summer. Mim and Walt **Ellis** visited Mexico during the summer, with stops in Houston and Chicago—rather a roundabout way from Fayetteville. The stops were to visit the children and grandchildren. The latter, all five of them, reciprocated at the Ellis mansion for one mad, mad week. Both the **Smellows**, Sam and Muggy, had recent stays in the hospital, but have recovered nicely and are home again. Ted **Parker** wrote just after he and Nina moved into their new palace in Brussels. They have already been visited by Andy **Adams** (boning up on his new job with the Battle Monuments Commission) and Bill **Cassidy** (as I said before Bill does get around in his helicopter) and Johnny **Davis**, with his briefcase bulging with disarmament business, and also by Fred and Marie **Warren**, no reason given for the trip. Chet **Landaker** is still teaching math at Nevada Southern University and writes us all to come visit him—he has his own slot machines now, but he didn't mention the pay-off percentages. I seem to remember vaguely something in math about the laws of probability—and how they could be gimmicked in a slot machine. Bo and Betty **Beishline** acknowledge with pleasure the visit of the **Kunish** family and adds the note that Rhode Island should be proud of me. I don't know why, but I accept the compliment. Glenn **Farris** is still foreign student adviser at the University of Florida. His and Mary's brood, six of them, contain five still in school. The oldest was commissioned from Georgetown U. and is now stationed in Japan. In addition to her other duties, looking after the five mentioned above, Mary has organized a retired officers' wives club. Merle and Mary Paul **Fisher** have been entertaining daughter and three grandchildren, while the son-in-law is in Vietnam. Merle says it has been fun, but he didn't say how Mary Paul was enjoying it. Chet and Gin **Diestel** live a quiet and sedate life in San Mateo, seeing classmates every couple of months, but with nothing newsworthy to speak of since Ernie **Easterbrook's** retirement.

I like Chet **Ott's** comment: "All this for only five bucks!" Thanks, Chet. Charlie **Densford** wants me to get my administrative staff on the ball and list the ZIP codes in the blue book. I called all my staff together, Betty that is, and we all agree. All we have to do now is to get the rest of you to agree also. As a matter of fact, the returns to the September letter filled in most of them. Ben **Turpin** says that my letters always seem to come to the surface of his in basket about hundredth night, so he is usually late, possibly even later than the Deacon. Just to keep the record straight, this year Ben was later than the Deacon, but don't feel too badly, Ben, I am still receiving answers from last fall's letter. Speaking of Deac, he is barely speaking to me since he thinks that I did not acknowledge his gift. After seeing my picture in the column, counting on my fingers, he sent me one of those collapsible pointers to use along with my computer. I hereby notify everybody that I did receive it and have used it to great good in my classes. I thought that I had already said something about the pointer, but you know how forgetful us old folks get. Deac still says he didn't write "teeth"

Pass and Marian **Passarella** attended the ARMY-Virginia game last fall—by the time this appears in spring it will be time for another season to begin—and while there chatted with Dick and Pat **Harrison**. Moppy **Perry** checked in with a note but no news. Rags **Ragland** is teaching in the only tuition free (independent) high school in the U.S.A. and is having the most rewarding experience of his life. Rebel **Sams** checked in with a change of jobs and address. He has left Martin and gone to Boeing. Maybe the class poets can do something with that. Gordon **Singles** returned the questionnaire from Denver, but said not to worry about it, he hadn't moved, was just visiting. Dutch

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Spangler and Ash **Haynes** play golf occasionally in El Paso, but neither one would admit to being loser nor had any information to offer on scores. Art **Hercz** made a jaunt to Europe this past summer, but just missed Frank and Fay **Pachler.** Art says they must have heard the rumor that he was coming over and packed up and left in a hurry. Dean and Martha **Herman** visited USMA last summer to attend the wedding of their son, Dean Jr. He, the son, now has a master's degree in electronics and is teaching "juice" at the Academy. Instructors with master's degrees, no less, shades of "P" Fenton. Curt **Herrick** says that the first few months of his retirement have been spent in looking for something to do and in sleeping when he couldn't find anything. Alice must be a patient wife. Budge and Betty **Howard** were visited by El Coronel Johnny **Hagood** and family this summer. Budge told me at the West Point dinner that Johnny has retired from Sears Roebuck and will settle in South Carolina I believe sometime soon. Dave and Jean **Hutchison** report that all the Oklahoma Indians are now tame and it is safe to visit them, the Hutchisons. To prove their point, they say that their front door is always open to classmates passing through Oklahoma City. With reference to my story on Mike **Irvine** and the nurse (that ought to send some people back to reading some previous columns to see what they have missed), Mike says that it is true and as an ending, he says that he did have to walk after all.

Dick and Pris **Jewett** have welcomed their fourth grandchild by this time, with the red-headed grandma going to New York to help take care of things for a while. Who ever heard of a red-headed grandma? You know I hate to say this, but I just can't resist–have you seen a picture of Dick lately–without a hat that is? Roy **Kauffman** sent in a nice letter of thanks for the pretty stamps that I put on the letters. I really have to go out and do a lot of shopping for those stamps and sometimes have to take into account the political learnings of some people before putting the stamps on. Bob **Lee** sent in his new address in Colorado Springs with a bit of news on the class in that area. As I have noted before, those who have chosen to retire in that area certainly outdo the Chambers of Commerce of both Florida and California in their praise of the climate and what a wonderful place it is to live. John and Elizabeth **Feagin's** boy is now stationed at West Point as a medic. My good correspondent in Fresno, Catherine **Taul** hasn't lost her voice, she is just resting. Both she and Wayne report being well and busy. Wayne was to be godfather to Ray **Pratt's** grandchild sometime this fall, but otherwise no news from that West Coast area. Van and Judy **Bond** sent a card to say that Van is doing well and enjoys playing golf at the nearby country club. Marcellus **Duffy** sent me a clipping from the Pawtucket *Times* (Pawtucket is in R.I., for the benefit of those of you whose geography is a bit rusty). It would seem that Pawtucket has gone down since I left many years ago, as the clipping states that the city now lacks culture. Bill and Betty **Chandler** chipped in with a report of their year's doing. Bill is still working with the Bay Development Commission, with a little skiing thrown in between golf games, which doesn't sound as if he had much time left for working. Betty is only up to the baby slopes in the snow country. Young Bill, now a captain in Armor, has gone to Germany for a short stay to try to convince a certain young lady to return with him and a new member of the Chandler family.

Had a somewhat cryptic note from somewhere in Wisconsin, I believe the postmark was Blue Harbor. The writing inside said only, "Getting monotonous, isn't it?" and was signed Vince. I can't seem to find that first name among our Class, so I guess I will just dismiss the whole thing as a crank letter. I forgot to mention previously that Mim and Walt **Ellis** extend a most cordial invitation to come visit and see how the Ellis hillbillies live out there in the Ozarks. Dick and Ruth **Lawson** are very pleased with their life in Williamsburg. They are very sorry to report that Ruth's mother, Mrs. Little passed away last May after a massive stroke. I'm sure many of you remember her from West Point and other locations. Dick, an Oklahoma landlubber who hadn't seen the ocean until he visited New York from the Academy, has built a boat dock in conjunction with their house and we are invited to come sit in the sun and fish from the dock. Cam and Julia **McConnell** have moved but only to a new address in the same town, Santa Barbara. Cam is still librarying and Julia keeps busy gardening the grounds of their one-third acre estate. Charlie and Marcia **Raymond** had their usual busy year. Charlie is now teaching English full time in Hoosick Falls (there really is such a place, as Janet **Berry** can attest). Charlie has one distinction that I believe is unique for a class such as ours that does have its share of uniqueness. Charlie has completed the school for fire pumper operator. Anyone having a fire pumper that needs operating is urged to get in touch with Charlie. Marcia keeps busy painting (house, that is), gardening, working at the church, and keeping track of the children.

Speaking of towns, Jergen **Olson** now lives in Kotzebue, Alaska. I looked it up in the atlas and there is such a place with a population of 623. Jim **King** came to Washington for the AUSA convention last fall and he and Marge went to the ARMY-SMU game (that was at Texas) and saw Ruth and Tom **Marnane** and Harry and Marianne **Candler** at the game. The Cal **Coolidges** have settled down temporarily in Aptos, California–far from the madding rush and crowd of San Francisco. Percy and Margaret **Lash** are still antiquing in New London, N.H. Percy came in with a very good suggestion about address changes which I am very happy to adopt. And I have a suggestion of my own–it would be a help to me and my staff–it would be nice if you signed your name to the questionnaire when you return it.

A dozen of us from the local area attended the Founders Day dinner at Fort Myer the other night. This distinguished group included: Clyde **McBride** and Charlie **McNair** from the Bowie area; Budge **Howard** wearing dark glasses since he is having a bit of trouble with cataracts and will be operated on soon for the second time; Johnny **Davis**, looking hale and hearty for a working man; Patsy **Hunter** soon to be enjoying the fruits of the recent teacher militancy in the form a substantial raise; Gus **Heiss**, Bob **Eaton**, Curly **Wilson**, Del **DelCampo**, Trick **Troxel**, Dick **Greer**, me and Johnny **Waters**, who was in charge of the awards this year. On a recount, I guess there were thirteen of us present.

All of which winds up another column. I am fresh out of news, so send me some.

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We'll start with a reminder to all visiting classmates as well as localities to attend the monthly luncheon held every second Thursday of the month under the guidance of President Frank **Besson.** We have almost as many attendees as in the good old active days.

In addition to this get-together, classmates Jim **McCormack** and Charlie **Baer** had "At Homes," respectively for Rush **Lincoln** who has joined the Washington circle and Chih **Wang** who is on an extended visit. Starting with Jim's gathering, I did not obtain a guest list but their spacious apartment at London House was overflowing with classmates and wives. Dot Lincoln came down from the Boston area where she is holding forth in Wellesley Hills until school is ended. Food and drinks were plenteous and superb and the service deluxe.

Some weeks later, Charlie and Essie **Baer** gave a blow-out for Chih **Wang** who was accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. C.K. Jen. Dr. Jen, a pre-1928 classmate of Chih's at Changsha, China, is a professor at John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory at Silver Spring, Md. Chih Wang is now a Professor of History at Soochow University, Taiwan, Republic of China. Guests were: Eleanor and Jim **McCormack**, Helen and Dick **Hunt**, Clare and Marvin **Iseley**, Clare and Farmer **Jamison**, Ruth and Danny **Campbell**, Fran and Alex **Graham**, Dinny and Joe **Kelly**, Lil and Bill **Powers**, Jackie and Bob **Schukraft**, Bobbie and Danny **Sundt**, Fran and Johnny **Pugh**, Esther and Stan **Wray**, Mary Ellen and Ward **Gillette**, Mary and Red **Smith**, Rose and Charlie **D'Orsa**, Rush **Lincoln** and Bill **Davidson**. (Dossi was off on a Caribbean Cruise as well as visiting in Florida and ending with a visit at La Trelle and Pop **Duncan's** home in Atlanta, Ga.) Charlie D'Orsa is now Deputy Commanding General, First Army at Fort Meade.

Carl (Skip) **Sciple** has a new address, 201 E. Walton Place, Apt. 1102, Chicago, Ill. Carl sent me a full page article from the Venice *Herald Tribune* with 4x5 photos of the parade dedicating the Colonel George **Kumpe** Bridge–part of the First Annual Inland Waterway celebration. George had been executive director of the project. One of the photos showed George's two daughters holding a facsimile of the memorial plaque. Tribute was paid to George's work by Mr. A.L. Anderson, Vice Chairman of the West Coast Inland Navigation District in his dedicatory address. Mayor Brohard commented that "Venice joins the cities and counties in the WCIND in paying tribute to the man who had the vision to see it through." Besides George's daughters, his mother, sister, and son-in-law were among the honored guests.

Bob **Scott** sent me a long letter in apology for not keeping in contact with the Class. He says he's reforming, the proof being his writing to Oley **Hansen.** He has met Lund **Hood**, Bob **Terrill**, **Schukraft** and Bob **Landry** to cement relations, but his checking in with myself, **Howarth**, Jim **Woolnough** and Ken **Zitzman** has had no results. In my case, Robert "the offense was unintentional." Bob included his card as Executive Vice President of Jet Craft Corporation with headquarters in Las Vegas, Nevada. His last book, recently published is "God is Still my Co-Pilot." I think Bob is on the right track.

Dossi arrived home just in time to give me a brief resume of her trip which was a Christmas present to her from our son Bill. She flew from Washington to Miami and sailed from Port Everglades to: Nassau; St. Thomas; Martinique; Trinidad; La Guaira and Caracas, Venezuela; Aruba; Cartagena, Columbia; Panama; and Kingston, Jamaica. From her account it was all very

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interesting and exciting. They missed San Juan due to an oil tanker splitting in half in the harbor but had twice as much time in St. Thomas. Her stay in Panama included observing the locks operation from land – we had observed it in 1939 from the *Republic* along with Joslin and Luke **Morris** and La Trelle and Pop **Duncan** enroute from New York to Hawaii. Also she rode the train across the Isthmus through a raging brush fire to visit Panama City. She said she felt great nostalgia standing there observing the locks operation (with new Japanese manufactured "mules" replacing the old, smaller General Electric ot.) remembering the good times we all had together. Fortunately, she was able to re-establish contact with La Trelle and Pop Duncan at the end of her tour. After visiting friends and family in Fort Lauderdale and Jacksonville, she flew to Atlanta to visit the Duncans in their lovely home in what La Trelle refers to as "the hamburger section of the finger bowl area" but Dossi says there is nothing hamburgerish about the Duncan's lovely home and area. She had a great time helping them celebrate their 33rd anniversary, beginning with cocktails at Marg and Lou **Truman's** beautiful apartment. Mrs. Robertson, La Trelle's mother was present as well as Ruth and Andy **Meulenberg.** Meulenbergs will be up this way the latter part of April for their son's wedding. They have two sons in the Washington area. They are building a new home in the Atlanta area and from Dossi's comments, Atlanta is a beautiful city in which to reside.

On February 22nd Joslin and Luke **Morris** invited us to dinner at the University Club to celebrate Joslin and my birthdays. Along with other friends we had the pleasure of enjoying the company of Jay Morris and his sweet wife, Angie. Jay and Angie were working hard for Jay's election as President of the Young Republicans of Prince Georges' County which is the fastest growing County in the U.S. The election is over and Jay, a handsome combination of both Joslin and Luke's good looks, is President. Young David Duncan is a student at the University of Georgia and had returned to classes just prior to Dossi's arrival in Atlanta.

From associate columnist Ken **Zitzman,** Secretary:

Well, the manhunt for classmates whose addresses were temporarily unknown, not only turned up some classmates but some very interesting letters from them. Take **Al Stoltz.** As everyone knows, if Al wasn't the Father of the Air Force Academy before he went underground, he must have been the Mother, because he started from a cross on a map and built everything on the campus except the chapel and the Rocky Mountains before he left. Tough act to follow with an encore but Al managed. He retired and realized "a particular ambition I'd had for a long time." On his new property in Tucson, Al single-handedly built a masonry and concrete guest house: professional quality, no luxury omitted, no detail slighted. All by himself and with no outside help, Al made everything but the guests.

One thing led to another and Al went to a major consulting job to expand the Air Base on Okinawa, which ended with an important offer, gracefully accepted, to join the company, Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas. So Al is now in their San Francisco office doing engineering design work on the Bay Area Rapid Transit System which is making the area under Market Street, San Francisco Bay, and downtown Oakland look like a bowl of spaghetti with subway tubes. By now you have his address. Al and Virginia cordially offer a spare bedroom for Class of '32 guests, and if you need any reassurance on the latter score, read the last clause of the opening paragraph again.

Ed and Ann **Momm** were also returned to their rightful place on the rolls thanks to good old Jake, known as Hawk-eye **Hassmann.** In this case, it was an administrative change of address by the P. O., as the Momms still live in their Sparta, N.J., home. They are a half mile from the club house of the beautiful Lake Mohawk Golf Club, members of the nearby Pickatinny Officers' Club, and Ed is still immensely interested in the teaching job he has done so well since retirement. He will be eligible for another retirement soon from the school system and is thinking of San Antonio or Arizona, but "we hate to leave this beautiful spot." Oh, brother, if I could only have all my tough decisions to make among three spots like those!

Meanwhile, the Washington group, which is still the center of gravity with about 42 classmates in the immediate vicinity, continues to roll. We had 18 present at the last monthly luncheon despite many midday obligations. Next evening there was another large turnout of '32 to hear Bus **Wheeler** give a really fine address to a record crowd at the Founders Day dinner at Fort Myer. And see Bill Davidson's comments on the reception Charlie and Essie **Baer** threw for Chih **Wang's** visit which had to be on 24 hours' notice because Essie was leaving to visit relatives the day after that.

The news of juniors this time is bad, very bad, and good. We were all distressed to learn somewhat belatedly that our Class godson, Capt. Terry Wayne Creighton, USMA '56, died in an aircraft accident. His "Last Roll Call" was in the Summer 1967 issue of Assembly. Terry was born on April 5th, 1933, and I think everyone would like to know who our next '32 son is, so please clue me in.

On the brighter side, Frank and Marylou **Britton's** daughter Betsy was married to Maj. Wm. K. Schrage Jr., also USMA '56. Her new husband has a fine record including a Bronze Star for Valor in Vietnam and is now a student at the C. & G.S.C.

And Chih **Wang,** on his first visit to the U.S. since 1949, brought some very fine news to Washington about his two offspring. Son Eddy has been in the U.S. eight years. After earning a doctorate in Aeronautical Engineering at M.I.T. in 1966, he taught at California Institute of Technology and is now a research engineer in the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Pasadena. As Jim **McCormack** told the President of M.I.T. when Eddy first applied for admission, "if he's half as smart as his old man you've got a real find." Eddy married the former Dora Lee and their first child will be seen before this is.

Daughter Mimi has an M.A. degree from the University of Oregon and is now the Reference Librarian there. She is married to Mr. C. C. Jan who is continuing his graduate work in physics and will get his doctorate this June.

Chih is finishing his sabbatical from Soochow University with three months of history lecturing at State University of New York at Buffalo before returning to Taipei through Europe.

And so it goes with the old and the young. Perhaps the spirit is best typified by Joe **Kelly's** remark to a beautiful young gal who made a pass at him when Dinny wasn't around.

"I'd like to but my parents won't let me," said Joe.

"Your parents won't let you!"

"That's right. Mother Nature and Father Time."

Please keep writing from wherever you are.

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Nine of us were at the Founders Day dinner this year at Fort Myer. Grads were split into two groups: the oldsters, '32 and before; and us youngsters, '33 and after. By the time you read this, our 35th anniversary reunion (story with pictures next issue) will be finished; our only representative in '68, Lamar **Ratcliffe's** son, will have his bars; and only Lawrence K. **White,** Jr. remains in kaydet grey. John F. **Disoway** at the AFA is also '70, and William Y. **Frentzell** II, is '69 at Annapolis.

Bill and Betty **Quinn** got some milder temps this winter when they visited Puerto Rico; there they had dinner with the **Gandias.** Bill says Spic is doing well with his sugar plantation but is not quite as physically robust as before the accident. Bill has been nominated for, and will become, VP of the Assn of the US Army; he presently is VP of the West Point Society of DC. Tom **Evans** tells of his Princeton-graduate son, an electrical engineer, serving in Vietnam as a Navy lt. (JG). He writes: "In my present job (VP of Swift) I find many similarities with jobs in the Army; the problems are practically the same; you are just dealing with different people. I am all the more convinced that military training is of the best and certainly prepares one for jobs with industry. We now have our first grandson." Last year, Johnny and Dorothea Lane bought a cottage on Blue Mountain, near Front Royal; although it's not insulated it has a fire place, a large man-made lake in view, and is only an hour and a half from Fort Myer. They recently returned from Florida with gorgeous coats of tan. Pick and Sally **Vidal** were in Fla. in Feb, where they saw the **Scotts.** Milt and Van **Summerfelt** took a sightseeing trip down New Orleans way. Sim and Peg **Whipple** are "on the wagon", unhappily. Their Pegita made the dean's list at Mount Vernon Junior College and Benny enters Kent this fall.

Betty **Walters** tells of the thousands of miles

1933: Rodney C. Gott, president, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of American Machine & Foundry Company.

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Paul flies each year in connection with his job with AVCO. Their Jim (USMA '59) is a Tac at West Point; Betty Jean was the lowest ranking Vassar girl on a flight to Europe for a two-week tour. Bobby (USMA '64) is a CE captain on duty in Okinawa. Michael is a lt. in the Army who is studying for an M.D. degree at the U. of Va. Dot and Mac **McCrary's** daughter Dorothy lives in Hampton, Va. while her husband, Capt. James Tudor, is in Vietnam. Mac continues to teach. In southern Calif., Hoy and Rosamund **Davis** have trouble with deer jumping their fences; they are very fond of their first permanent home. Both of their girls, Betty and Peggy, live within an hour's drive. **Chase** plans to retire this summer and then study, probably here, for a year toward an M.A. and a teaching position. Kay and Charlotte **Kaesser's** Sally and her husband are transferring to Andrews AFB for station. Gee's new office is in suburban Forest Glen, Md. Ned and Gladys are driving to Williamsburg for a visit with the **Hartels. Plapp** was discharged from Walter Reed where he was Gordon **Bartlett's** roommate; both had throat surgery. Herb writes that his and Kay's Maxine (Mrs. Bruce Stout) and her husband (USMA '57) will move from West Point to Leavenworth in Aug. Daughter Nancy (Mrs. Oscar F. Jarez) is with her husband in Guatemala where he is US Consul General. Son Robert has almost completely recovered from an 84 foot fall he had while climbing in Yosemite last summer; he is a junior at the U. of Florida. Bartlett was released on 8 February. Puddy tells of how much they appreciate the calls and callers. She says: "Moe and Ethel **Kaiser** will soon pay us their annual visit. We look forward to much good (?) golf."

Rod **Gott** has been named by the Board of Directors of Merican Machine and Foundry to be chairman of the board, in addition to being president, which he was named in 1962. He writes: "now I have *all* the responsibility. Lydia and the boys are fine. Peter is a practicing physician in Lakeville, Conn.; Rodney Jr., is with the Bank of America in Los Angeles; and Alan is in the U. of So. Carolina. I do the best I can to keep up with the great accomplishments of our class." Some of those Rod is keeping up with are: Bill **Ely** (VP, Sverdrup & Parcel), Johnny **Johnson** (Army Chief of Staff), Dodd **Starbird** (Chief, Defense Dept Communications), Gabe **Disosway** (CG, TAC), Ted **Conway** (CG, Strike Command), Russ **Broshous** (Professor, Dept. of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences, USMA), Dick (RD) **Meyer** (Asst. to the President, Firestone), Tom **Evans** (VP of Swift), Jimmy **Polk** (C-in-C, US Army, Europe), Bill **Quinn** (VP, Martin-Marietta), Al **Welling** (VP, Wyandotte), and Tommy **Moorman**, (Supe, USAFA). Dodd and Evelyn **Starbird's** Edward (USMA '62) is engaged to Peggy Leonard whose grandfather, Gen. Beukema, was one of our "P"s. Ed is now at Belvoir but will enter NCU for a master's degree in nuclear physics. Their Catherine is engaged to Howard Schalzberg, who will come on active duty next year after getting a law degree at Penn State. In response to the letter about the Class fund: a total of $1,086 has been donated; $213 was sent to the Distaff, which is not enough to warrant a '33 plaque. 126 voted for a 35-year book; its publication is doubtful. Bert and June **Sparrow's** Cathy will return this summer after a year in France and will begin her last year at Miami U.

In Feb, Oscar **Senter** and Anne Huitt Blanchard were married. Anne is the widow of Bill Blanchard (USMA '38); she hails from, originally, Fort Worth and has one son who will enter Exeter this fall. Welcome, Anne! Molly and Solly **Solomon** are putting their present house on the market but don't plan any quick move to the new Md. house. Ken **Fields** continues as a member of the Atlantic-Pacific Interoceanic Canal Study Commission. His son, who graduated from Annapolis, is a lt. comdr. and exec officer of a Polaris sub. Ken's other son is studying, on a graduate level, astrophysics at Northwestern. His daughter is a registered architect. Fredrica is a professional artist who operates in the stained glass field. Ken says: "I serve as studio helper and, for exercise, do yeoman service in the garden." John **Honeycutt** writes that his boss, Sam **Donnelly**, will retire this summer and move into a recently acquired house in Albuquerque. "Bill (**Bailey**) took me fishing to one of his favorite spots—but we didn't have much luck. (He) is still working for the Sandia Corp. but has moved to the Nevada Test Site and I believe lives in Tonapah, which is a big sort of crossroads in the middle of the desert." John hopes any classmate going near Sandia will let him know. Dick (RJ) **Meyer** retired 31 Jan at Huachuca. About 15 May, after a 'round-the-world cruise, he and Marney "will hole-up for awhile at our home, 'Bayscape,' near Annapolis. On our way east, we had breakfast with John **Honeycutt** at Sandia Base. He is batching it in the biggest house on the base. Carol, the youngest, was married 27 Dec to Lt. Albert R. Eckert III, now on duty in Vietnam."

Ed **Doleman** writes that the event of the year for Dorothy and him was the return from Vietnam of two of their sons; one is now at White Sands and the other is in school at Benning. "Both are on the latest majors list. We see our next door neighbors, the **Hurlbuts**, frequently. We are anticipating but not looking forward to retirement this year and are scanning the horizon for a place to settle and something to do beside vegetate." The **Kaisers** are in Fla. where he is competing in the National Midwinter Rifle Tournament. A Kaiser-coached team won the national matches at Camp Perry last summer. Maury and Ethel's son Jim is in Hq, I Field Force, VN. "Midge and her husband are running the Kaihorn Kennels near New Oxford, Pa. and showing Afghan hounds. (We will) sharpen up the golf in preparation for the annual dual with Puddy and Gordon." Al **Welling** writes: "We ache from week-end skiing. It's a heck of a good way to make the Michigan winter really enjoyable. I use red golf balls; lose one or two per hole; when the snow and ice disappear the balls reappear. Dick and Lovey **Meyer** (Al's Wyandotte does business with Dick's Firestone) were married on Grosse Isle where we live." Al is president of the Michigan West Point Society. At our Feb luncheon, **Senter** told the "fantastic" story; it was *very* well received. Bob **Meals** will soon move to Istanbul where he plans to open a gambling establishment. Bob and Nermine were married while he was stationed in Turkey with MAAG, and her family lives in that country. He writes that his son Bob Jr., is with a weather squadron flying out of Clark Field and his David is a 2d lt. in Inf. His address will be: c/o Bariman, Posta Kutusu 5, Beyoglu, Istanbul, Turkey.

On 3 Nov, Cam **Longley** had to crash land his Piper Comanche, with Lee and two friends aboard, on the way to the ARMY-Air Force game. All suffered broken backs; Cam's cast can't come off until 100th night. He writes: "After—I hope to have approval under the GI bill for commercial, and later for instrument, pilot training." They hope to tour Europe this summer and visit some of Lee's relatives in Wales. Dick **King** says: "Retirement suits me fine. If any classmates come this way I'll be glad to take them out for a golf game at one of the finest courses in the east." Rowena and Lafar **Lipscomb** have 10 grandchildren, probably 11 by now; son Louis was due from Vietnam; their youngest, James, graduates from high school this year. Jonel **Cowhey** is in the real estate and insurance business in New London: "I am a very busy gal—and I enjoy it." **Ely** sees **Hurlbut** occasionally and sometimes Alden and Ellie **Sibley**: "Sib stays in shape to wear his cadet uniform. We continue to enjoy St. Louis and retired life. Bill Jr., is a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, and Dick is there with an engineer outfit; Bob is at Aberdeen awaiting orders for you know where. So we have quite an interest in this war and are not very happy with the way it is not being won. (I'm looking for a volunteer group to close the port of Haiphong.) Had a round of golf at the Presidio with **Harrell, Van Way**, and **Herb**; and gave them some St. Louis money."

George **Powers** retired 1 Mar; his address is: 9737 Cartway, El Paso, Tex. 79925. In preparation for the recent boat show here, Bing and Bimby **Downing** took a cruise this Jan to such places as Nassau, Jamaica, St. Thomas, and the Virgin Is. A card from Posie **Neely** says: "This little shack is where we stayed in Isfahan. We are now back in Teheran. Just missed Eleanor and Ted **Conway**." Billie **Olson** writes that Dave and Betty **Gibbs** visited them on the way back to Rifle; Ole took a trip to Leavenworth, Wyoming, Seattle, and flew up to Alaska. Their Dick is expected home from Vietnam this summer. Billie writes from Fla. on 1 Mar: "Cold here. Sorry to say this." Earlier she wrote: "Son Lloyd and wife both graduated from the U. of Fla.; at present, he is with IT&T in Chicago. Karen and her husband, C. Russell Orrison Jr., a registered engineer, live in McLean, Va. I am engrossed in an extension course in interior decorating. **Divine's** son, Dwight III, is here with IBM's Laser Research. Dwight has his own business and is specializing in space jewelry. Julie is top reporter for Fairchild Publications." **Tubbs** told of the **Doleman** soiree, where he saw Polly and Hurly **Hurlbut**. Hap's Pat is waiting in Conn. for her capt. husband to finish his second Vietnam tour; Tom is a student at GWU; Sue, with a degree from Vassar, teaches in Chicago; Bill is home and in high school. "Molly's two youngest are also here; Nina is a soph at the U. of Hawaii and Rick is a soph in high school."

'34

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The input of notes on the status and doings of our classmates continues to be interesting, in some cases surprising and always gratifying. We hope you all enjoy the news as much as we do. Excerpts from the latest crop of scoop poop follow hereafter:

From Perry **Griffith**, 12665 Highview Lane, Redlands, Calif. report indicates he is still his ebullient and energetic self. He advises he is Asst to the President of Analog Technology Corp. in Pasadena. As a moonlighting job he reports having written several articles over the past year in international aviation magazines and in the Los Angeles *Times* with a by-line (he even sent a clip-

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ping to impress his erstwhile section mates in English). It was a real good plug for culture in L. A. (which I gather they could use). Perry exhorts would-be pundits "save those poop-sheets Axel, the Durante Club will rise out of Tischbein's section again." Perry and the Red Head (Florence to us) flew their Navion to Montreal and made expenses (+) by writing a magazine article about the Fair. Their son was commissioned a 2d lt. in the Marines in January, and while at Quantico for this event they tried to reach a small reunion with classmates in this area. However, being unaccustomed to winter weather in L. A. their car ended up in a snowdrift outside the metropolitan area- so we had the reunion by telephone. Their daughter is married to an AF major, who is now stationed in Minot, N. Dak. after a tour in Vietnam. This couple has made the Griffiths twice grandparents. Perry ends: "I'm a director in a company, a consultant, a vestryman in my church, and God's in his heaven and **Brown** and **Kromer** no doubt have a handle on things (I sure hope so). The Red Head and I send love to all you renegades who still remember Jack Cody, the Durantes, and all the other no-goods in "E" Co."

Jack **Smoller** writes from Oklahoma Military Academy, Claremore, Okla., where he is President and Dick **Weber** is Vice President, saying they also watched the better-forgotten Navy game on TV. They note the Reunion Committee's work, and hope they can join the Class at West Point in 69.

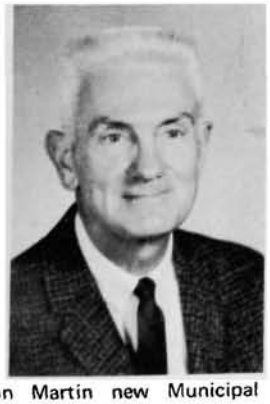
A nice note arrived from Trav **Petty**, 88 Harwood Rd E. Greenwich, Conn., recalling with pleasure the Homecoming get-together of last fall. (Sure wish you had all been there).

Lee **Miller** writes from 507 E. Charles Rd. Flagstaff, Arizona, 86001. He was understandably impressed by the great snow of the winter since they had 83 inches in 6 days and he estimates he cleared 6 TONS from his roof. He was still digging out from estimates of repairs, but felt sure he would make it. All Harry Home-Owners send sympathy, Lee.

Jim **Winn** sent a Christmas card from Hq 6th Region NORAD, belated since he had been laid up in the hospital; however, he reports his iron constitution pulled him out of it. He and Eleanor would be glad to see any one traveling that way. Hope you are continuing A-OK, Jim, and that all your systems are GO.

Dana **Johnston** has now settled in Baltimore at 1111 Park Ave. Apt 512, Zip 21201.

Pete **Peca** writes from 123 N. Meadowcoft Dr., Akron, Ohio, 44313 that the Peca family is spreading out: Peter jr., is a 2d lt. QM on duty in Germany; daughter Bea graduates in June from WM & Mary, but will continue for her Master's; son Tex, is a junior at Akron U.; and Mary Catherine has now made it to the 3d grade (We're proud of you, Pete). Pete and Ellen send their best to all.



1934: Ron Martin new Municipal Judge of Farmington, N.M.

Russ **Jenna** writes from the Office of the Coordinator, W. Florida Civil Defense Area, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301 that Russ jr., is with the 101st Airborne Div. in Vietnam and their son-in-law is also in Vietnam as advisor to an Engineer Bn. Their daughter Steva, presented them with a third grandchild and lives nearby while her husband is in Vietnam. Jean and Russ hope to visit Washington in the spring.

Word from the **Crystal** family at 3815 Mumford Place, Palo Alto, Calif. 94306 brings the good news that 1967 was the year Tom overcame serious sickness problems, for which we all send sincere thanks to the Good Lord and best wishes for Tom's future. Tom's recovery permitted him to to take a fabulous trip through Central America. Patti is busy with her variegated group of boarders; Tommy at Stanford; Cappie home after a tour with the Peace Corps; and Casey at Cubberley High School.

Jack **Buehler** reports as Vice President of Bechtel Corp. Engineers-Contractors, 220 Bush St. San Francisco, Calif., that he had plans to visit Washington while on a business trip, but his busy schedule precluded it. He sends best wishes to all.

News from Val **Pothier**, 7071 Bobhird Dr. San Diego, Calif. 92119 indicates he is working with Benton Engineering Inc. after previously teaching Civil Engineering in Ohio, and doing a consultant job in Pakistan. Val's wife, Mabelle (sister of Guy Lothrop '33) and he expect to stay in San Diego for the foreseeable future. Of their three children, Peter, the eldest, died of leukemia, their daughter is married to a Navy lt. SG just back from Vietnam, and their youngest son aged 25, is a graduate aero-space engineer, by now probably a newly promoted USAF captain. Congratulations!

We finally located Bob **Warren** (with assist from Jim **O'Hara**) at APO 09223 Box 621, New York. He and Biddie found Rio de Janeiro too hot and humid so they just moved to Greece. Bob is now Vice President and General Manager of Societe des Eaux (that's Water Works to any "goats" listening). He runs the system for Athens, the Piraeus, and 54 other municipalities in Greece. To quote Bob: "Anyone coming to Athens can be assured the water from the taps is potable. (Last time I had a drink with Bob and Biddie in Tokyo the liquid was colorless, but it wasn't water; on reflection, I'm not even certain it was potable, but it sure seemed so at the time). Bob says the **Jablonskys** passed through Athens several times but they missed connections with them the the last time through.

You will be interested to know that we now have only one known undelivered bulletin out of the over 200 mailed last November. This should mean that our address locator is pretty accurate. The lost sheep is Charlie **Hill**; his bulletin was mailed to Town House Apts. Apt. 5, Golden Shores Mandeville, La. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Charlie and Susie Hill, please advise yours truly.

In view of several comments received, we repeat here that annual dues are $5.00, due in June and, payable to Col. E. A. **Lewis**, 3011 N. Military Rd. Arlington, Va. 22207, Class Treasurer.

Jack **Schaefer**'s Entertainment Committee set up our annual ARMY-Navy '34 Dinner Dance at Arlington Hall Station on 1 March and a good time was had by all seeing some old Navy contemporaries, and meeting a few new ones. Butch Harbold was chief Navy honcho for this affair on the Annapolis side. The following Army files were present: Rosa and Fred **Barnes**, Tom and Foss **Foote**, Pat and Cy **Betts**, Eleanor and Jim **O'Hara**, Nancy and Bob **Fuller**, Francie and Johnny **Stevens**, Edie **Kenerick**, Louise and Lou **Walsh**, Ciel and Jack **Schaefer**, Louise and Tom **Lipscomb**, Sallye and George **Gerhart**, Lil and Bob **Tyson**.

Word just in is that Charlie and Betty **Johnson** have returned from the great Northwest and can now be reached c/o James M. Black, 1812 Seneca Ave. Columbia, S. C.

More achievements by classmates! Ron **Martin**, 5802 Tarry Terrace, Farmington, N. Mex. is now the elected Municipal Judge of Farmington. The clippings read in part: "Upset victory of the day, however, was in the nonpartisan race for city judge which saw Ron Martin capture seven of ten Precincts to end the 14 year tenure of his opponent."

Eleven sons of '34 from the Washington Chapter joined several hundred others of the Long Gray Line at the West Point Society of D. C. Founders Day Dinner on March 15th: **Betts, Edson, Foote, Gerhart, Kern, Lewis, O'Hara, Spivy, Stevens, Tyson,** and **Walsh.** It was the usual inspiring occasion.

And this from Hal **Edson**: "Traveling for the last six weeks as a consultant for Franklin Institute Research Laboratories, I had the opportunity of visiting several Army posts–Bragg, Jackson, Lewis, Benning, Wood, and Bliss. Faith went along on two of the trips and we had a delightful time. At El Paso we had the pleasure of spending the evening with Charlie and Polly **Elliott**, whom we had last seen when he was attache to the Land of the Morning Calm. Also talked with Harry **Hubbard**; he and Charlotte moved up from Marfa this past year, but still visit their ranch. We had a grand week-end reunion with Lee and Nadine **Shaughnessey** at Phoenix, where one evening they had a dinner party for Hank and Dorothy **Ebel**. Perhaps I'm prejudiced, but we still have that youthful vigor, particularly in the evening."

Further from **Edson**: "The 35th Reunion Committee (Edson, **Fuller, O'Hara**) with respective wives as consultants, met in February to program this event for June of 69. By May or June of this year you should have a letter with a 'response card' to give the committee firm guidance. Let's plan a big turnout!"

How about telling your classmates who don't get ASSEMBLY, how much they are missing, and raise our class percentage of subscriptions to this worthy journal. All for now, keep the dope and pictures coming. Have a good summer!

'35

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Tiger **Beall**, who was C/S Third Army, retired the end of January, and Charlie **Rich** who saw him during a recent trip reports that the Tiger has recovered beautifully from his illnesses of last year and is his old bouncing self again. He is now getting a master's degree in business administration at North Georgia State in Atlanta and is looking "better than ever"–must be enjoying the return to student status. Charlie also reports on several other classmates he saw on this trip. All were hale, hearty, and burgeoning: Duke **McEntee** at Knox; Ham **Twitchell** at McPherson; Jim **Adams** with Stanford Research Institute in California; Les **Wheeler** and Sid **Spring** in Los Angeles with the RAND Corporation.

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Bud **Russ**, who has been here in the Pentagon since his return from Germany last year, is going down to Hq Third Army to a new position, Deputy for Reserve Forces. This will bring the number of our class in that Hq back to three, and raise the number of our class in the area to five. Johnny **Throckmorton** and Seneca **Foote** are the other two.

Curly **Edwards** has joined Coast Federal Savings and Loan in Los Angeles as a Vice President and has put his roots down at 2275 North Oxford Avenue, Claremont, Calif. 91711, where he has bought a home and expects to be for some time.

Norm **Skinrood** has returned to Washington, D.C., from his last address which was Washington State. He and Gail are in real estate.

A couple of years ago Kay **St. John** decided that there was insufficient reward in the career of a laboratory technician and started after a master's degree in library science. This she completed after a year and a half, and a few days later assumed a position at Stratford Landing School in Alexandria, close enough to her home to walk it. Helen St. John graduates from St. Agnes School on the 5th of June and on the basis of her fine academic record has received an "early acceptance" at William and Mary.

Esther and Dick **Agnew** have a daughter Sandra who lives with her husband in Bowie, Md. A new grandson was born last September, and in January Esther came east to check on the situation. This was by no means the first grandchild since daughter Marlin with her husband at Fort Jackson has six children. Son Rich Agnew is, as this is written, a 4th Classman at the Air Force Academy. We trust that when you read this he will be a 3d Classman! Our classmate Dick has been in the VA hospital near Tacoma, Wash., for several years and apparently must remain indefinitely.

Last winter I wrote to Geoff **Ellerson** to get details on the case of his son Geoff Jr., who was wounded twice in VN. His reply came back just too late to go in with my Notes, so I filled in with a phone call to the **Hawkins** whose daughter Carole is in charge of the ward where Geoff Jr. was located in the hospital at Benning. We understand that he is now recovered and is reassigned to the garrison there. Geoff Sr., reports that his older son John came home from VN unscathed and is now aide to the Supe at West Point. The rest of the letter is newsworthy too. He says Bill and Jane **O'Neal** are really enjoying life in Tucson. He describes Bill as a fast-talking real estate man doing very well. The O'Neal boy, Doug, class of '64 and now in VN, made them grandparents last year, and the other boy, Bill, is at University of Arizona graduate school getting a degree in law.

Geoff says that John and Edna **Stapleton** have neither one been feeling too well and mostly bask in the Arizona sun. George and Ethel **O'Connor** do the same, but the five lovely O'Connor girls are making history in the fashion and theatre worlds. Two of them are married. Geoff also writes that John and Frances Murphy are well dug in there and John is a professor in metallurgy at U. of Ariz. Geoff says Dave and Isabel **Stone** are the "original settlers," and Dave is a "state congressman, Republican type." Henry van Ormer, he says, is a DAC at Fort Huachuca but no further news on him. As for Geoff himself, he is hoping to have his master's degree from U. of Ariz. by the time you read this, all concurrently with teaching math in Sunnyside School District. The **Ellersons** have only three chicks left in the nest. He writes, "Tom at U. of Ariz. and the young ones at St. Peters. Both daughters are married and back East. Between Maraleta and Geoff Jr., we now have five grandchildren."

Clarence and Isabel **Bidgood** are grandparents again with the arrival of Michael Clarence Best at Aberdeen, Md., on 12 March 1968, courtesy of daughter Jane and her husband, who now have two. The Bidgood's son, Freddie, is an Engineer major in VN, and from his frequent letters they gather things are going along well with him. His wife Marilyn and another grandchild live not far from the Bidgoods in Alexandria, so they "compare notes" frequently.

The last couple of luncheons held by the Washington contingent were fairly well attended with twenty present on 31 Jan, and eighteen at the one held on 8 Mar. However the really fine social event was a delicious roast beef dinner held in the beautiful home of Carmon and Rosalie **Rogers** on 24 Feb. The various items of food were prepared separately and brought to the affair by Rosalie's "committee" and all participated in the cost. Drinks were BYOL. Don **Breakefield** was home for a few weeks from his job with AID in VN and we were all glad to see Don and Annabelle there. A total of sixty people came and everyone had a wonderful time, though one or two may need testimony from witnesses to be sure of that. There seemed to be a general feeling that even three months later was not too late to drown one's sorrows regarding the last football game with Navy, nor was it too early to begin working up spirit for the 68 game.

'36

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This morning, it's news - not 24 hrs old; when you read this, it'll be ancient history; but in either case, IT'S GREAT! Westy is the new Chief of Staff of the Army. To add to all the other accomplishments he has attained, and for most of us to have been "sure" for the past 36 years that he was *going to be* - might dim the ascending to this pinnacle. But can't we avoid being so completely self-centered about 1936? Look at it from the eyes, perhaps, of our newest Adopted Honorary Member, John H. Geist. He wrote last year, "It is at West Point that I can feel the greatness of America." And more recently I heard two prominent American citizens, naturally concerned about the situation in Vietnam, say when meeting one of "our crowd", "It's a great feeling of satisfaction to hear that man (the General) talk with us. You just *know* the country is safe in the hands of 'pros' like him".

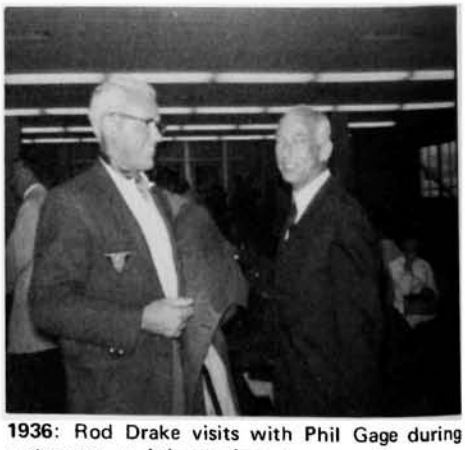
And altho it hasn't yet been announced, Abe will follow Westy. And it just isn't idle chatter when a President says (in Dec 1967) of Abe, "Your service has rarely been equaled and never excelled." Maybe all of us *are* great, but maybe it was West Point and our trying to retain that standard and way of life that has served the nation so well. And we still have more chiefs of staff coming up; and I don't think it takes a Jean Dixon to predict this.

A man who entered the Army as a soldier about the time we graduated, served ten years, then retired with a disability, and later lost his left leg, somehow got interested in West Point in a way quite different from our way. He came to the Academy as an outsider and sampled it for many years freely and without any obligations to it. His final tribute culminated in his donation of the Coaches and Captains Memorial Trophy to West Point on 23 Sept 1967. Bill **Shuler** was quick to identify a true gem of faith and spirit that was worth acquiring for our great Class. He therefore put wheels in motion and on 29 Feb 1968 in the presence of 18 Washington '36ers, John H. Geist of 4203 Sussex Dr, Harrisburg, Pa., was made an Adopted Honorary Member of the Class of 1936. We welcome you, John, and are proud to add a member with your devoted and unique feelings.

Abe received a decoration from South Korea in Feb. **Bartella** wrote from San Antonio and said he sees his old roommate Tex **Gooding** in Kingsville. Herb and Adele **Cady**, now retired, were down in El Savadore visiting their daughter and five children who live there. They spent a month in Key West for semi-health reasons. Son Nick entered Temple U. medical school and was married last June. Bill **Connor** wrote of the arrival in Feb of William M. III, in Schofield. Betty went over for the occasion.. Young Bill Jr., has volunteered to take his recon troop back into action in Vietnam. "Our" Bill ran across Elmer and Margaret **Grubbs** who now reside at 1902 Allen St., Barnwell, S.C. Their oldest son was in Vietnam, got home, got out of service, but then rejoined for a career. In Jan, Rod **Drake** was thru here on way to see his mother in Fla. On way back he stopped and we visited for first time in 30 years. He and Helen were in Spain at Christmas and are now returned to Colorado Springs where he is working for Goodbody & Co; and maybe I was one of Rod's first customers. Rod has a daughter in school in Florence and a son who formerly was in intelligence in the gov't now attending Harvard Business School. Ed **Dunn**, now retired, resides at 123 Brandon Drive East, San Antonio.

Howell Estes was thru here twice, but I saw him not—except on TV. First time was to "drive" out the last 141 delivered to AF Feb 28th and next time for christening of the big one, named C-5. Had a delightful lunch with **Shuler, Lampert, Kelly** and **Evans** in Jan, followed later by dinner with Midge and Ben in Washington. Tommy **Hayes** flew up for the day and I tagged along. One day in Feb, Charlotte Fergusson was presented in Berlin the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star with cluster, and Purple Heart with cluster, earned by her only son, one of the most heroic men of the Vietnam war. Bob **Fergusson** wrote a letter to the Class expressing his gratitude for all '36ers interest his son. Received at least three warm letters from salesman **Finkel** living in cold Mass. His son is starting McGill Medical. Rudy **Ganns** has multi-retired to 100 San Mateo Circle, Hemet, Calif.

Attended a warm pleasant dinner party with Jean, Barby and Tommy **Hayes** at Fort McPhearson in early Jan. It was a historically memora-



1936: Rod Drake visits with Phil Gage during a stopover at Atlanta airport.

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1936: Honorary Classmate John H. Geist is pictured with the Coaches-Captains Memorial Trophy he donated to USMA.

ble evening because it developed into an ice storm which immobilized all traffic and the Hayes came very close to having six additional beds to make up. Hesses had a wonderful Spain excursion during Christmas. Helen said Larry and Bill **Sievers** live in Oxford, Md. Son Bill is in Vietnam. Peg **Joyce** wrote Helen; her daughter Kate (Sister of Charity) was home for Christmas, first time in 11 years. Son Tom is a "communication agent" at the White House; Peg says it's usually known as "telephone operator." Gracie and Clyde **Layne** made a trip to Hawaii. Hi wrote from Saigon in January. He had visited daughter Niki 20 and son Tucker 13 in Honolulu. He had a visit at his office from Henry **Mucci** and says Joe **Yost** is still in city, too. Pete **Kieffer** received from Governor of Vermont an award for the Top Engineer of the Year. Roxanne has had her second baby girl. Young Pete is at Fort Ord, Calif.

Heard from Mac **LeMoyne** first time in ages; he lives at 1900 SW 35th Ave, Gainesville, Fla. **Cairnes** in Ocala is nearest '36er, 40 miles distant. He (Mac) has a son on second tour Vietnam (Navy) and a middle son in Ranger training at Benning. Maddy and Al **McCormick** sent a card from Acapulco where they had a 2-week vacation con luxry. Bill **Meany** wrote from Calif; he came east for A-N game and plans to again in June to visit the Point. Early this year Ham **Morris** was hospitalized for about three weeks "right under my nose" at Fort McPhearson. I did not see him, but called the very day he went back home to Alpharetta. Understand he then went on a vacation. Heard several times from Eve **Noake** in their Williamsburg, Va., residence. Son Dave is just returning from Vietnam. He said at a citation, Westy recalled his and the other sons' gifts in the Supe's garden in '62. Dave was impressed. Don has been interested in color photography and done some exhibiting. Also wrote an article on Nature Conservation which included his and Eve's tourism in Europe. Then Eve did some "letter to editor" writing of her own which was mentioned in *Christian Science Monitor.*

Heard from Bruce **Palmer** in Jan, with the nucleus of the sons' addresses - copies of which you have long since received. He wrote letter "from the field" about running into young Lt. John Abrams who had made a gallant showing in an ambush action. **Partridge**'s new Bangkok address: CAL, OSD/ARPA, R&D FU, APO San Francisco, 96346. **Saffords** sent regards and said son Chuck made a surprise appearance for Christmas; then off to Okinawa in AF security service. Class godson Maj. George Sibert came thru here in Jan upon his return from Vietnam tour. Had a Jan lunch with Howie **Snyder** who announced that his pride 'n joy, Bradley Center, had been completed ahead of schedule and at the price originally estimated - apparently both are rare accomplishments, but so is Howie. Most of us saw a good article in the Sunday supplements about a seldom mentioned distaff '36er who has really contributed a great deal - I refer to Kitsy, "the General's Lady." And although it is perhaps of dubious significance, it was noted that Westy was listed in *Time* (Feb 2nd) as one of the 1967 best-dressed men. Jerry **Holderness** and Doug **Wheless** USMA '68 are the only sons scheduled for an Academy graduation in June.

From Bill **Shuler**'s additional reporting: Hap **Dalton** is in better health, but Janie had major surgery (mastectomy) in Jan. Bill **Sibert** broke an arm (about Dec) in this wise: he opened the refrigerator to get a bottle of milk, turned around and tripped over the cat; there were no witnesses! Young Major Gil Dorland who was injured in battle and was in Walter Reed, has recovered. The scroll presented to John Geist as honorary member was a classic for two reasons: it was so beautiful and it didn't cost anything (Phil's comments). Dead-eye presented John with a 1936 **HOWITZER.** Bobby **O'Brien** is around and recovering his health well. George **Champion** - address 3011 American River Dr, Sacramento, Calif had a stroke in '66. He's making progress but left hand, arm and leg are not yet fully usable. John Geist presented Shuler and Class with a copy of the original Act establishing West Point on 7 Dec 1801.

'37

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The mail has been sparse this past quarter, but of course of high quality as always. However, if you want a *longer* column, and especially if you want it to include *you,* please drop me a line.

Eph **Graham** writes to Jack **Donohew** (Scribe at the time) that following the 30th Reunion he and Dottie embarked on a 'round-the-world trip that took them to Florida, Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Saudi-Arabia, Pakistan, India, Thailand, Philippines, Okinawa, Hawaii (Ed. - I'm tired already), and back to Texas. Highlights, Eph says, included visits with the Evanses in Jacksonville, the **Suriyas** in Bangkok, and the **Ungers** in Okinawa. All were fine, he says, and Knobby was nominated for Air Marshal during their stay in Bangkok. Eph says they are now concentrating on their new life in Texas and his job as Vice President of the Fort Hood National Bank. Sounds like a wonderful place to float a '37 loan. Good luck, Eph and Dottie.

Duke **Davis** wrote Harve **Dorney** (Scribe following Jack Donohew; we sure keep changing) that he was sorry they couldn't make the class picnic at the **Seedlocks'** in September. Commenting on the photo of the picnic which Harve published, Duke says only Bob Seedlock, Beaver **Stevenson** and "fellow Area bird" Pat **Kennedy** look the same as ever. How about a late picture of you, Duke? Duke says he retired in Wilmington, Del., on 15 Dec with 40% disability (after a fight with the Surgeon General's office), but his handwriting looks as firm and youthful as ever.

Johnny **Zierdt** also wrote Harve to say he and Lee are happy to be in Wichita, Kansas, where he is now Director of Aerospace Planning for Beech Aircraft Corporation. They live at 5900 East Douglas in Wichita and Johnny says the welcome mat is out if any classmates come that way.

Don **Ostrander**, Vice President for Planning of Bell Aerosystems in Buffalo, N.Y., wrote Harvey to say things are pretty much status-quo for the Ostranders. He is busy with long-range planning for Bell, and Fran is busy with golf, bowling, investment club, and volunteer hospital work. Sounds like Fran has the better of it.

The January class luncheon (Arlington Hall Station, fourth Thursdays), in fairly good weather for a change, found Choppy **Brett**, Fred **Diercks**, Harve **Dorney**, Jim **Duncan**, Johnny **Frazier**, Dave **Parker**, Jim **Pearsall**, Bob **Stumpf**, Willie **Williams**, and Bud **Zehner** on hand. Dave Parker is now with Research Analysis Corporation (ORO to you old-timers) in McLean, Va., where Willie Williams is also located. Bud Zehner reported he is now with the State Department's Foreign Service Institute as an instructor. And Johnny Frazier is still producing Frazier's Fine Foods as he has for so many years

The weather was still better for the February luncheon and we had, besides **Brett, Diercks, Dorney, Frazier, Parker, Pearsall,** and **Williams**, Joe **Chabot**, Trapper **Drum**, Gashouse **Martin**, Stu **O'Malley** (new CG of the Military District of Washington), Gus **Prentiss**, Don **Shive**, and Paul **Whittemore**. News I picked up included the fact that we have three class sons graduating this June in the USMA Class of '68: **Easton, Oberbeck,** and **Spengler**. Also that a Class party is planned for Friday 19 April at the Ollie **Connors'** quarters at Fort Meyer.

Another good turnout appeared for the annual Founders Day dinner sponsored by the West Point Society of D.C. at Fort Myer on 15 March: **Brett, Connor, Diercks, Drum, Frazier,** Bob **Gildart**, Dr. Luke **Hoska** (now an instructor at ICAF), **Martin**, Noel **Menard, O'Malley,** and **J.D. Stevenson**. Stu O'Malley provided the Army Chorus for the occasion and they were great, but we couldn't persuade Stu to sing a chorus of "Lucky Me" which would have been greater. My

1937: Stu and Kate O'Malley lead the grand march at the MDW Valentine Ball in Washington.

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photo for this month, from the cover of the 22 Feb "Pentagram News," is a really handsome one of Stu and Kate leading the grand march at the MDW Valentine Ball, proceeds of which went to the Army Distaff Hall.

From the local society columns I learn that Bob and Tense **Seedlock** lost another offspring to marriage when their son Walter, a third-year architecture student at VPI, married Rebecca Jane Smith, daughter of Mrs. E. K. Wehmeyer of Ocean City, New Jersey, and William Durwood Smith, at Fort Belvoir on 27 Jan. And a June wedding has been announced for Hank and Betty **Spengler's** son, Cadet Henry M. III, and Bette Suzanne Scott, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Winfield S. Scott of Chepacket, Rhode Island. Time flies on.

A last-minute call from Luke **Hoska** informs me that Cynthia **Cone** is now Mrs. Jack Skaggs of Las Cruces, N. Mex. All our best to you, Cynthia. Also that he had a letter from Luke **Elkins** advising us all to "come out to Tucson (Arizona) and soak up some sunshine some cold winter day. It's a good place to relax." I think I'll take you up on that, Luke.

See you all next issue. Don't forget to write.

'38

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On March 23rd at Arlington Hall sixteen '38 couples celebrated Saturday night with considerable success, thanks to Gene (R.B.) **Anderson** and Bob **Brown's** efforts.

Bert and Janet **Harrison** leave April 15 for Izmir, Turkey where he'll command the 6th ATAF. We made the point to Janet that in Honolulu one learns to Hula – and in Turkey?

Warren and Trudy **Hannum's** Cay is marrying Midshipman Lance Horne on his graduation.

Bill **Ekman's** boy Richard A., and Jesse **Thomas'** boy Harold, enter USMA in June. Desloge **Brown**, celebrating his 39th birthday, brought his own camera to record the event, and blew out all the candles in his cookie. Charlie **Denholm**, Commander, ASA, and owner of the Arlington Hall club, was not there so except for the ice water, which Art **Collins** bought, we sent Charlie the bill.

Tracy and Dotty **Harrington** missed the party, being on vacation in Mexico. Al and Mason **Weinnig** were there; he works here for TRW. Johnson L.E., works for Port Authority Transit in Philadelphia, and commutes.

Gene **Anderson**, on February 27th, swore in son Bruce (named for Bruce **Pendleton**) at Fort Rucker, and pinned wings on the new WO. He's headed for SVN as a chopper pilot. GG and Hope **O'Connor** are at CONARC, where he is D/Training. He sports a new DSM from VN.

Chuck **Jackson** wrote from Hawaii that he has recently seen there on visits: Nev and Lorraine **Howell**, who were visiting the Jeff **Irvins**; Jerry and Rosalie **Folda**, down from Alaska; Bud and Betty **Mearns** on R&R; Ward and Margaret **Ryan** enroute to a new assignment in Korea; Art **Collins**, passing through for a trip to VN; and R.B. **Anderson**. Clare **Beck** retired January 31 with a parade and review at Fort Shafter. Gen. and Mrs. Dwight Beach hosted a dinner in Clare and Pat's honor. Classmates present were Jack and Jo **Ryan**, Hutch and Kitts **Hutchin**, Ben and Elsie **Sternberg**, B.J. and Betty Sternberg visiting Ben and Elsie, Jeff and Bobbie **Irvin**, Chuck and Dottie **Jackson**, and Hope **Lipscomb**. Jeff Irvin is now DCS I Corps (Korea); on June 1st Bobbie leaves Hawaii for West Point for son Ross' graduation; then Jeff Jr., enters the new plebe class.

Robert L. Sherman, ex-'38, of San Francisco, wrote that R.L. Jr., graduates in '68. He and Mary Ann and three other children will be there, tho they may not be able to come early enough for the reunion. They'll be at Bear Mt. Inn. He reported that at the Fort Mason Bay Area WP Society winter dance they saw Mel and Freda **Russell** (ARADCOM, Fort Baker) and Hal and Mary **Kelley**. Hal is with Bob **Kasper** at Bechtel. Matt **Altenhofen** and Tug **Hallinger** are there, with Lockheed.

C.H. **Anderson** lost his wife Edith to exposure in a storm on Mt. Rainier; son Nicky survived.

Frank **Norris** confirmed that Eleanor (John A.) **Norris** Menefee, of Los Banos, California, lost her son, 2nd Lt. John A. Norris Jr., USMC, while on a combat patrol near Danang.

'39

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[Editor's Note:

This is Charles D. Kepple's last class Notes column for the Class of 1939. The AOG has not received the name of the new Scribe, however, future class Notes material should continue to be forwarded to the address at the head of the column. The AOG wishes to thank Charles D. Kepple, the retiring class Scribe, for his fine efforts and cooperation in the past.]

Being Scribe has its compensations when one receives a letter like that from Sammy **Kail**, with whom he has not bent an elbow since 1940. It was at Fort Huachuca in the 25th Infantry Regiment (less 1st Bn) that Sammy commanded "H" Company and I, "M" Company – both animal drawn. How nice it was that our positions in column were not reversed on the day he flicked his horse's ear with sabre while passing in review. The years embellish the memory, of course, but I do recall the parade ended early – at least for the 2d Bn.

Sam reports the Founders Day dinner, March 15, at Fort Sam Houston, attended by those shown in the accompanying photo. **Schmid** and **Rogers** J.L. are reported to be retired, and **Zethren** is thought to be. **Rogers** D.J. and **Latoszewski**, at Brooks and Kelly Air Force Bases respectively, are due for retirement before this issue. Don **Miller** missed the dinner because of travel; he and Sterling **Johnson** are Assistants to the Chief of Staff. Matt **Bristol** is the DCSPER; Danny **Nolan** DCSO&T; and **Kail** ADCSINTELL. **Dolle** is retired and living in New Braunfels, Texas, Sailor **Byrne** sells insurance in San Antonio, while Joe **McChristian** and Jack **Boles** are both at Hood.

1939: Maj, Gen. Julian J. Ewell, Dpty CG and Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Combat Developments Command, receives the Distinguished Service Medal from Lt. Gen. Harry W. O. Kinnard, (right) USACDC CG, during recent ceremonies at Fort Belvoir.

John and Ina **Dickerson** are enjoying retirement in Munich until son Tom finishes his last year at Atlantic College this June. During the Christmas holidays last, Ina journeyed to India while Tom and John planned to try the ski slopes at Kitzbühl. Retirement's not all bad!

Ken **Yarnall** wrote Ed **Hamilton** in March from Okla., and Ed passed along word of Levin **Lee**, who is retired in Stillwater, but planning a move to El Paso when his number three son enters West Point with the class of '72. Ken, still active, is PMS at Cameron College, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Chuck **Hackett** joined the administrative staff of The School of the Ozarks at Point Lookout, Missouri on April 1, going there from his position as Comptroller of the Unified School District, Fort Leavenworth. And, Julian **Ewell** received the DSM from Harry **Kinnard** upon departure from CDC Deputy Commanding General's slot at Belvoir. Julie goes to the 9th Infantry Division, Vietnam. Frankie Joe **Kobes** adds the following:

"In March Dottie and Speedy **Hull** made a West Coast trip in order for Speedy to attend the

1939: Some of the class present at the Fort Sam Houston Founders Day dinner assemble for a picture. Left to right, front row: Rogers D. J., Kail, Nolan, Bristol, Zethern, and Johnson S. R. Back row: Schmid, Latoszewski, and Rogers J. L..

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National Indoor Track and Field Championships at Oakland, California, and other AAU activities. They met friends and classmates en route. Polly and **Tom Bartel** were visited in Chicago where Tom holds forth as Vice President of Quaker Oats. In Los Angeles Speedy's old boxing buddy, Tom **Shanley** and wife Agnes helped the AAU honor Sullivan Award winner Randy Matson. Bert and Gert McCollam came down from Sacramento to attend the National Track Championships with Dottie and Speedy and to reminisce of 1939 memories when Speedy and Bert were dating the Cavanagh sisters. In San Antonio the Hulls ran into so many classmates that Speedy claims to have lost count after ten. Joining in the 1939 get-together there were: Don **Miller**, Matt **Bristol**, Sterling **Johnson**, Danny **Nolan**, Sammy **Kail**, Ed **Schmid**, and Jimmy **Rogers**. Other 39'ers in San Antonio according to Speedy's reconnaissance report include Sailor **Byrne**, Rough House **Holloway**, and "Lato" **Latoszewski**. As should be expected these 39'ers have the Army and Air Force units in the San Antonio area and all the retired haunts well under control."

Frankie Joe also adds this plea:

"Traditionally, the Class of '39 has presented a gift to each Class son at the time of his graduation from any of the three service Academies, Army, Navy, and Air Force. This has been financed by a special gift fund which was accumulated from donations by members of the Class.

"To date, 30 sons have graduated from USMA and three from the Air Force Academy. This year we have two graduating from USMA and, for the first time, two graduating from the Naval Academy. The cost of each gift has been averaging about $14, which includes the engraving. This totals up to a sum of $420, so it is easy to see why our gift fund is now nonexistent.

"We need additional contributions to finance the gifts for this year or we will not be able to give them. We now have 11 class sons at USMA, two at the Naval Academy, and at least one at the Air Force Academy, which means that the supply of sons of '39 is not running dry. We will need more money in the future to keep this project going.

"Therefore, request that you send your donations to me: Qtrs. 106, West Point, N.Y. 10996, without delay. To date, members of our class have contributed in amounts varying from $5-10 apiece, but we will gladly accept all offers. It is hoped that you will be generous in support of this project."

This, my last report as Scribe, is fittingly short. It was sure great to get all those letters and pics. Keep the news flowing this way and I will pass it to the new amanuensis.

'40

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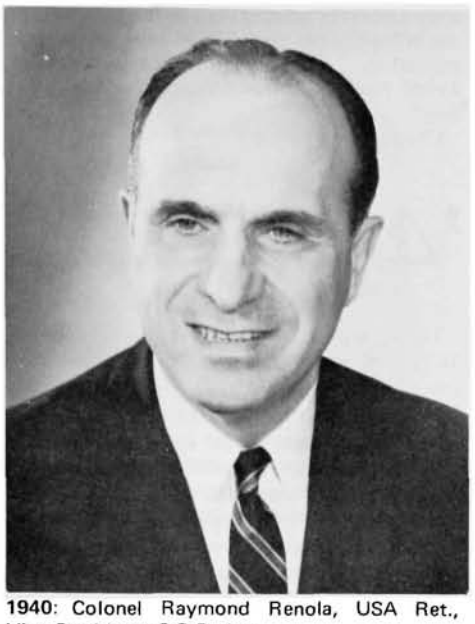
The ice has gone from the river and tomorrow Don **Bennett** hosts his Founders Day Dinner at the West Point Army Mess. He has just come back from a tour of Founders Days dinners and reports seeing classmates all over the U.S. One dinner he did not make was in Managua, Nicaragua at the Nejapa Country Club with Somoza '46 in charge and in attendance one William **P. Francisco.**

This is not a vintage year for us in graduates for we have none at the Air Force Academy, none to my knowledge at the Naval Academy and but two



1940: Colonel Raymond Renola, USA Ret., Vice President, O.P.R. Inc.

at West Point. John D. **Spengler** and Richard **Wright** (Jack's son) graduate this June. Class of '69 has **Colacicco**, M. and Bidwell **Moore**; Class of '70 we have Steve **Bagstad**, John Colacicco, **Gasperini**, **Roedy** and **Wetherill** (Rod's #2 son); and present Plebes are **Fate**, **Harrison**, **Hazeltine**, and **Shoemaker**. This is the census to date.

And now for some raggle-taggle reporting. Jack **Beiser** leaves Silver Spring, Md. and goes back home to Pittsburg, Kans.; Featherbelly **Woodward** (what a name for a Major General!) becomes Senior Member of UNCMAC after 1 April; and Dick **Abbey** goes from Hq USAF (AFFRA) to Hq NORAD (NCOC) at Ent AFB in Colo. Bill **Gildart** writes that he is busy as MAAG with ROC Army. You can reach **Wetzel** at APO N.Y. 09271. Mark **Klunk** is with Hq Sixth US Army at Presidio of San Francisco. Wendell **Coats**, soldier and author has been named Chief of Public Information, OSA. Oz **Leahy** is the CG of II Army Corps Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, N.Y.

Jim "Rat" **Moore** is at Fort Bliss, Ed **Podufaly** takes his star to Fort De Russy, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Ray and Sissy **Bates** are at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Jim **Loewus** retired, is teaching, and should have master's degree in Education this June from William and Mary. Reports his son at Norwich and through other sources, mainly married daughters has six grandchildren. **Wilderman** and **Watrous** are retired. Joe **Hardin's** office moved from New York City to Dallas, Tex. Ivan **Sattem** is still in Tokyo on assignment. Sam **Patten** is PMS at Syracuse University. Or is it SMO? Lanny **Witt** is Chief of Staff at USAADCEN at Fort Bliss, Tex. Sam **Goodwin** is the CG of Berlin Brigade. Bill **Clark** retired and lives in Colorado Springs. **Dunham** is in Harrisburg, Pa., and Ray **Renola** was elected Vice President, Marketing of Operations Research, of Operations Research, Inc. in Silver Spring, Md.

My old correspondent Len **Orman** comes through with brand new information coming to you for the first time: **Shagrin** is in Albuquerque, N. Mex. where he's completing a tour with Joint Task Force #2. P.J. **Moore** is also in Albuquerque. Jake **Taylor** runs Air Defense School at Bliss. Bill **Saunders**, R.A. **O'Brien**, and Robbie **Norris** are all at Bliss. **Burfening** retired 1 March to go with Combat Developments Command as a civilian in Washington to fill an important slot. Tom **Hargis** is still a legal eagle and appears to be dean of the lawyers in Tucson, Ariz. Pat **Davis** retired and is in real estate in San Diego.

Dale **Epley** checks in to say that he is planning retirement this year, and reports that **Cibotti** is in the Registrar's Office at Villanova University (where my M.A. came from). Bill **Holm** is working in Registrar's Office at the University of Iowa.

Prann is still a lawyer in Connecticut. Dill **Ellis** is teaching and going back for his master's degree. John **Pidgeon** should get his Master's from Rutgers this spring before leaving for Fort Ord. Dick **Free** is in R&D in Washington. Dick **Mabee** lives in Redwood City in Calif. Ray **Millican** is with Stanford Research Inc. in Palo Alto, Calif.

The **Sells** gave a party for the **Ormans** and gathered up West Coast people. John **Coontz** and Bill **Shanahan** report seeing Tom **Muller** at Fort Ord where he is Chief of Staff of CDCEC. **Yeuell** was present and, I am sure, kept the *bon vivants* on their toes. **Smith** JJ is still with North American and settled in Southern California. Sid **Fisher** has left SHAPE and is now a member of North American Rockwell.

Shoss reports the latest Washington class party was a success. The only profound trend to report is that the ratio of inactive to active has passed the midway point. Washington area has a sizeable permanent contingent. **Tuck** is with the State of Virginia government in Richmond regulating public utilities.

Possible retirements in summer of this year are: **Briggs**, **Byrne**, **Chandler** HB, **Corbly**, **Freudendorf**, **Klunk**, **Kyle**, **Ross**, **Rust**, **Schockner**, **Stewart**, D.R., **Swank**, and **Thayer**.

Walt **Winton** was reassigned to Hq Fort Campbell, Ky. Paul **Reinecke** is now retired. **Case** is to be retired.

Jack **Dibble's** daughter Leslie married David Rolfe Smoot at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, on 13 January. **Reinecke's** daughter is engaged to Peter Wycoff Sullivan. Frances Eleanor **Arnold** was married to Lt. Michael A. Lindquist at Fort Shafter in Hawaii.

"Fat" Harry **Stella** according to Ralph **Osborn** is anything but that. He is still maintaining his trimness of 1939 and even has a full head of hair. Wally **Clement** is Director of Doctrine of Army's Combat Developments Command at Belvoir. Lee **Cagwin** goes from Aberdeen to Hq Eighth USA APO 96301 and J.B. **Bonham** to Hq MDW DC from Polk. **Shoss** goes to Hq Fourth USA, Sam Houston.

We will honor **Wright** and **Spengler** Class of 1968 in Don **Bennett's** backyard during June Week by presenting them class presents. And speaking of June Week, we are hard upon our 30th!

'41

Col. Burton C. Andrus Jr.
American Embassy
Bern, Switzerland

It's spring! Gloom Period Has! It's "Up With People" time! And with Gloom's passage, we can look forward, as we always have, to new opportunities for service, new challenges, and new victories! Our profession is winning in D.C. and VN. '68 holds great promise.

Greetings are herewith promulgated to one and all from your new President, Roderic Dhu **O'Connor**. Winning by a landslide, he took over at the last class luncheon and is firmly ensconced with his trusty lieutenants, VP: Wire **Coakley**, Secretary: Ralph **Freese**, and Treasurer: Jack **Camp**. With leadership like this, the Class will certainly have a great year!

Bill **Gurnee** writes that Doris and Felix **Gerace** spent a weekend with them on their way home

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from Korea. Felix will command the Army Research Lab at Natick, Mass. "They had a wonderful time in Korea and both looked exceedingly well. This Friday, Ruth and I are flying to Palo Alto to spend the weekend with the **Christensens** and the **Lauterbachs**. This will be a real fine reunion because the six of us have not been together since the class reunion at West Point. We also spent an evening with the **Stanfords** and **Faulkners** and found them to be as fine as ever. Ben **McCaffery** also was by the other day. He is living in San Diego, fully retired and having a ball boating, golfing, and whatnot. I also ran into Pooge **Curtis** who is living in the area and about to make a job change."

On 23 Feb, 23 "of us" got together at Bldg. 23 in the National Naval Medical Center for a dinner dance. The following were present with wives: **Brooks, Tanous, Coakley, Gurfein, Crow, Mitchell, Evans, Richards, Elsberry, Powell, Canella, Woodruff, deJonckheere, Campbell, Reed, Clark HW, Deane, Anderson, Freese, Camp, Millikin, Woolwine,** and **O'Connor**. Betty Campbell was away supervising the arrival of 4th grandchild. The Reeds were accompanied by their married daughter. Joe Gurfein brought his mother. Lucy **Cooper** came with the Camps and Aileen **Felchlin** with the Tanouses. "All in all we dispelled the gloom, but good!"

New arrivals in Wash. include **Clinton** and **Kuzell**. **Salisbury** is in D.C. temporarily on way to Africa as an Attaché. Joe **Grygiel** is back from SEA and is with DCSLOG. Joe **Canella** has retired and gone to work with a local firm.

Rod ran into Jack R. **Anderson** (retired 2nd class year on account of health). He and wife Martha are fine, living at 165 Howell Street, Canandaigua, N.Y., and have three sons ages 22, 21, and 7; the oldest an EE grad student, the second a senior at Cornell.

The sad news has been announced that 1st Lt. Lawrence Douglass Greene was killed in action 30 Jan in SVN. The second class son to give his life for his country amassed a considerable record in a remarkably short period of time. He was graduated from the Augusta Military Academy in '61 and from the U. of Arizona in '65. Although he was ineligible for the draft, he volunteered, went through OCS and jump school. He went to VN in July '67 and joined the 173rd Abn Bde. During the Tet offensive, his outfit was heavily engaged when a sniper's bullet hit his radio operator. Larry went to his aid and succeeded in saving his RO but lost his own life in the process. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington on 8 Feb. His mother and dad can be reached: Brig. Gen. L.V. **Greene**, ADC 3rd Inf. Div., at Wurzburg, APO 09036 New York.

Coincidence & Small World Department: Last month while Katherine and I were ski-weekending, we found an old friend in the next room. Jane **Rossell**, traveling with a Ski Tourist Party had landed in the same hotel. She looked great, skied likewise, and allowed that the world's greatest stock broker, John, was busy and happy back in Baltimore watching the ticker tape.

Bill **Vaughan** reports that the Class had three generals at the Founders Day formation in Heidelberg: **Rowny, Kelley,** and **Atteberry**. Bill, George **Johnson**, and Bob **Borman** were Gunner, Water Corporal, and Coffee Corporal respectively. Roy Atteberry has taken over as C/S of the COMZ at Worms, and figures this is as good a place as any to start learning the Logistics business. Bill's one year extension has just been approved, so he should have his Skiing Merit Badge won before his departure in June '69.

George and Sallie **Welles** announced the marriage of their daughter Connie to Lt. Richard J. Bergholz, USAF, on 22 Dec at Roswell. Sallie says that now things have settled down, George and the tribe are skiing at Ruidosa while she golfs in Roswell. "Hard to beat such a location or climate."

Horace **Brown** asks the class scribes to beat the drum a little for subscriptions to the ASSEMBLY. His office reports that 176 of our class are not subscribers. What say, let's cut that number down? Professional journals are deductible, aren't they?

Cheers, God Bless, and Sing Out.

'42

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The ultimate desecration was perpetuated on 26 January when our annual stag, fix-your-buddy (election) beer and pizza night was turned into a bisexual, sit-down dinner affair at the Myer Club. It was nicely hosted by the Lows (mostly Helen, as Andy found an extended trip more inviting than the squalid organizational details), but the usual friendly, pre-election sallies were subdued by our party manners, and the '42 custom of buying *off* votes with martinis succumbed to the female presence. As a result, Bill **Kraft** was eased gently into the chair, John **Murphy** became the Class H.H.H., George **Hesselbacher** took over as Poverty Director, Charlie **Mizell** assumed the Secretaryship, and the Historian remained by default. Duff endeavored to point with pride, Bill Kraft read an extemporaneous speech of acceptance, and a report on John **Reid's** Project '72 brought the only quiet, more aptly described as a stunned silence! Seriously folks, the checks are already coming in, and I sincerely hope that those who didn't get aboard the bandwagon for the 25th Reunion Contribution will double up and catch up.

Bunny **Bonasso** has orders to Rucker, John **Craig** is retiring, Jack **Davies** is home from Pentagon East and working at CDC, Dowillie **Divers** goes to T.C.U., Tom **Hanley** becomes Comdr Pacific Security Region, Wheeler AFB, Hawaii, Ben Hardaway enters retirement (details on what now, Ben). John **Heard** had to leave for Guatemala overnight when his predecessor as Army Attache was assassinated. He later sneaked back to Texas to move the family down. Dick **House** is now the Vice Comdr of the Foreign Technology Division at Wright-Patterson AFB. Sam **Koster** officially donned that second star in January and son Sammy has created a further silver lining to their financial future by winning an appointment to USMA. John **Murphy** was our only, lonely representative on the USAF's last general's list, (Don **Blake** and Carl **Stapleton** did have their stars made permanent), getting his second star and the plaudits of all in the local area. His 2d Lt. son, John, of Marine Attack Sq. 531 received the DAR Student Naval Aviator of the Year Award! Fran **Roberts** moves to USA Element, Hq, Alaskan Command (APO Seattle 98742), Pete **Russell**, out a few martinis due to my recent visit to the Armor School, goes to MAAG, Thailand in June (APO S.F. 96346). He'll be here for charm school first to be given opportunity for rest and rehabilitation following a tendon operation on his drinking hand from a broken decanter. Always first-class, eh! Bud **Ryder** had orders to Fort Jackson, but as he avoided South Carolina before by going to Vietnam, he has done it again with orders to Hq, USARPAC, APO 96558. Caldy was here in March and seemed to be taking the change very well. The Mayor of West Point is back on the scene. With sudden orders to desert us, Dopey **Stephens** is back as IO at USMA—and why did they ever move him before? Bill **Tatsch** has joined us old folks on the retired list—and that's about the extent of the churning for the moment.

Bob **Beers** reports their very enjoyable visit with the **Sheltons**. Bill **Harrell** has found lots to do because of the *Pueblo,* but Mary Ann says that life as a virtual PW in the compound is most dull and her shopping activities ruined. Fred **Rosell**, now Principal Operations Research Analyst on drone aircraft systems for the Northrop Ventura Division, sent copies of the fliers he used to promote '42 attendance at a Fasching Fest in San Fernando on 10 Feb. On hand were the **Brices**, Dick **Field** and date, the **Josephsons, Marshalls, Scullens, Rosells** and other guests. Fred and Marga copped the first prize for the best costumes. Fred had recently lunched with Roy **Smith** at El Segundo and forwarded a letter from Olmedo **Alfaro**. Olmedo's son Colon, 17, was on his way to Brawley, Calif. in a Rotary Club exchange program. Daughter Blanch is in college in Kentucky and son, Olmedo, in high school in Connecticut. Jeff **Davis** sent a note about a "conference" in Weisbaden where Dick **Reinbold**, Fran **Roberts** and John **Craig** were *also* living it up. Charlie **Fergusson** forwarded a translation of a delightful German newspaper article regarding his final review at and departure from Fulda and the 14th Cav. Everybody but the East Germans turned out, and from all accounts they missed a fine send-off. I'll bet it looks even better in retrospect from behind those staff papers at SHAPE! Captain Tom is at Holabird in the Advanced Course, and by the time this is published, son Ned should be a smug Yearling. Other young'uns in the news are Debbie **Gernert** who weds an AF brat, Carl Janssen, upon his graduation from USAFA in June and Nancy Anne **Sifford** who took the step at Wright-Patterson in late March.

The *Journal* has recently pictured Mrs. Frederick C. **Roecker** Jr., as the honor guest at a coffee given by CDCEC wives at Fort Ord, as well as Edgewood Arsenal CO Paul **Cerar** accepting an AMC Commendation for Safety. Even fancier publicity has come to such as Jack **Barnes** through mention in Drew (ugh) Pearson's column—favorable, too! The local press and that in San Antonio gave quite a spread to Howard Burris' "Heritage Gardens"—a planned $15,000,000 recreational park with a Disneyland flavor, emphasizing American history, but featuring vignettes of the exotic places of the world plus gourmet restaurants, fountains, gardens and an amphitheatre. Can you wait for 1970—and visualize a pre-30th assemblage there or perhaps a post-30th debriefing?!?! And lastly but not leastly, there has always been a special thrill in finding a classmate mentioned in a magazine of national and international import such as *TIME*. A seed of nagging doubt lingers since the 16 February issue cited Sailor **Shedd** and his 34-foot houseboat, the *Outhouse*. Definitely not in the "backbone" image!

My journeys have carried me to USMAY twice, once for a combined Association of Graduates—Alumni Foundation briefing on everything from the AAA to the Office of Physical Education, with a fascinating tour of the facilities under expansion. The fact that it was Navy weekend and we whomped 'em in everything but wrestling equalled the pleasure of seeing Sam and Betty **Hays**, Ec **Cutler** and Lu **Flanagan**. Enjoyed the super hospitality of Pat **Timothy** at Benning in January and the **Rienzis** at Monmouth in February. Bob **King** had been over to see what ideas the Jersey Civil Service could plagiarize. Apparently some of Tom's medicinal supply had disappeared in the process.

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Founder's Day in D.C. provided the usual impressive program, with General Wheeler giving just the right kind of talk for the occasion and the hearts of all being gladdened to see Red Reeder the recipient of the Ben Castle Award for distinguishing himself in exemplifying the ideals of West Point. '42 attendance by **Allin, Duff, Foster, Hanst, Raymond, Reid, Sheffey,** Jerry Snow, **Spilman and Watson** was quality if not quantity. An equal number who complained bitterly about not having been informed have subsided upon being reminded that they had apparently talked right through the announcements made at the two previous Class luncheons!

And to close on a happy note, at deadline time comes a card from Jim **Studer** acknowledging with but a small needle a hello sent to him through a third party. In the course of his rather constant travels Jim had had a visit with Jack **Crowley** in March and was overwhelmed by Jack's job as well as by Jack!

Jan'43: George Rebh receives the Legion of Merit from Lt. Gen. A. D. Starbird for meritorious service as District Engineer fo the Tulsa District. George is now Deputy Engineer of the Huntsville Engineer Division.

JAN

'43

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All of us were saddened by the untimely death of Tom **Beeson** in an automobile accident while he was traveling in Germany. He was buried in the cemetery at West Point on 16 February 1968 as a flight of jets paid a last tribute overhead.

Jan'43: Lt. Gen. James W. Wilson presents the Legion of Merit to Earl Hehn for outstanding service as director of the Command and Control Systems Group, PACAF.

The class joins in a toast to Ted **Seith**, Eddie **McGough**, and Jim **Hackler**—the first members of our class to be selected from promotion to major general. Ted Seith is Chief of Staff of the Seventh Air Force at Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Vietnam; Eddie and Jim, of course, are right here in Headquarters, USAF, Washington, D.C. The Air Force also selected Cleo **Bishop**, Ben **Edwards**, Rex **Dettre**, and Chet **Butcher** for promotion to Brigadier general.

Letters accompanying biographical sketches and photographs for the 25th year book and others containing checks for life membership in the class fund continue to provide bits and pieces of information on the activities of a number of classmates. Bob **Baden** forwarded the photograph of three Old Reliables that appears in this column. Bob is Chief of Staff of the 9th (Old Reliables) Infantry Division while Bill **Knowlton** is Assistant Division Commander and Stew **Meyer** was the Artillery Commander. As Bob remarked, a quarter of a century should well qualify all of us as true Old Reliables. Stew Meyer, by the way, has returned to the Pentagon to become the Executive Officer of the Army Chief of Research and Development. Bob also reported that Bill **Pietsch** is leaving II Field Force Headquarters, where he was G-5, for a CONUS assignment. Bob and Robin's oldest son is an infantry platoon leader in the Americal Division.

Just before he departed MACV to become ADC of the 9th Division, Bill **Knowlton** wrote that he flew to Pho Loi to present a silver class dish to Lt. John Hamblen Eckert (son of John **Eckert**) who graduated from USMA in 1966. As indicated by the photographs that appear elsewhere in this column, silver dishes have also been presented to Larry Faust (son of the Ed **Fausts**), to Tom Johnson (son of the Johnny **Johnsons**), and to John Wheeler (son of the Jack **Wheelers**). Bill also reported that Em **Reynolds** is the Deputy J6 for MACV. Bill's activities in the Mekong Delta must be considerably different from his life at MACV Headquarters (which was the subject of an excellent news release by reporter Edward J. Bennett), because his news letters are now few and far between.

Fly **Flanagan** appended a note to his life membership check to the effect that he was in his 14th month of duty in Vietnam and was looking forward to a field job soon. Hal **Barber**, who is the Senior Advisor to the ARVN 23rd Infantry Division, wrote to say that his life membership check had been slightly delayed due to the VC Tet offensive but claimed that his division had given the VC a hell of a licking. Andy **Anderson**, on the other hand, found himself locked up in a BOQ during the Tet offensive while the combat types sorted out friend from foe. His BOQ is the Rex Hotel in Saigon which he calls "Crossroads East"—everyone stops there at one time or another. Andy also reported that Fly Flanagan returned to CONUS on leave prior to assuming a new position as an Assistant Division Commander. A note from Elvy **Roberts** contained his regrets that he would not be able to participate in our 25th Reunion at USMA this June because it coincides with his change of station to Vietnam where he will join the other Old Reliables as an Assistant Division Commander of the 9th Infantry Division. A friend who was in Saigon during the Tet offensive stated that Frank **Camm** found his BOQ right in the path of a VC attack on the Vietnamese general staff billets.

From Panama, Bob **Beightler** reports that he is now Commanding Officer of USARSO's 3d Civil Affairs Group (Airborne). Prior to joining this group, Bob had not jumped in 22 years; now he's "out the door" regularly. Bob **Whitlow**, who is with the Phoenix Professional Hockey Club (Inc.), wrote a brief note extolling the desert climate, at least from October to May. Also from the great southwest came word from Larry **Bischoff** that he got together with Tom **Harrison** to celebrate our 25th on January 19th. Tom works for Sandia Corporation; so does Johnny **Wilson**. To the best of Larry's knowledge, Tom, Johnny, and Britt **May** (at Kirtland AFB) are the only members of our class in Albuquerque. The January 27 issue of the *Armed Forces Journal* published a "flashback" photograph of Tom **Griess**, Al **Hughes**, Art **Freer**, and Les **Harding** on the stoops of Central Barracks at USMA on January 19, 1968 - - it looked just as chilly as January 19, 1943. These four now constitute our USMA contingent.

Oldtime Hawaiian, Bill **Starnes**, recently returned home to Washington from a study trip to Hawaii loaded with fresh pineapples which he generously presented at cocktail hour. While he was there, he enjoyed the hospitality of Don and Dagmar **Griffin** who have a lovely new home at Kaneohe. Word from friends who recently met in Hawaii on R & R indicates that the Pris and B-wig have settled down for a "long tour" in the sun - - just may never return. Their son John who is in the Army, was recently transferred to Vietnam. John **Van Duyn** flew into Washington the other day from Hickam Field, where he is stationed, and called to say how much he and his son appreciated the presentation of the silver class dish to his son.

Further to the East, Johnny **Baer** reported from Bangkok that there was a small gathering of the clan in Bangkok on March 5. Tote and Louise **Talbott** journeyed down from Taiwan; George **Maertens** flew in from Vietnam; and Tim **Brown** and Hank **Greenburg** were visiting from Hawaii.

Jan'43: Bob Baden, Bill Knowlton, and Stew Meyer look like the Old Reliables they are as they pose for this photograph on the day which marked a quarter of a century of service.

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Jan'43: Jim Hackler presents a silver class dish to Lt. Thomas H. Johnson, son of the Johnny Johnsons and a 1965 graduate of USMA.

The permanent class contingent in Bangkok, of course, consists of only two: Johnny Baer as the chapter president and José **Benson** as the vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Johnny is also the Deputy Commander of MACTHAI, while José is "Mr. Philco-Ford" in Bangkok. José's detailed program for their celebration of the 25th anniversary of January 19th was a production reminiscent of his days as the "Music Man" Inasmuch as no other members of the clan were in Bangkok at the time, the program was designed for a small group: Johnny, Jose, and wives.

I talked to Roy **Wilson** at Hq, CONARC the other day. He's Chief of the Utilization and Requirements Branch of ODCS/PER and is also the Master of the Hunt for Fort Monroe. The Military Review for the month of January featured a very fine article by Bob **Hillman** who is the Director of Management Information Systems in the Office of the Army Assistant Vice Chief of Staff. The article was entitled "Control or Chaos: Centralized Military Management."

Already at work as Deputy for Combat Intelligence, Reconnaissance, and Mapping in OACSI, Flip **Fenili** looked to be in tip-top shape at the class luncheon here in March after his somewhat curtailed tour with the 4th Armored Division in Germany. Other members of the Washington contingent who were present and accounted for at the luncheon included: Jack **Armstrong** (President), Jim **Bestervelt**, Jim McC. **Cobb**, Jack **Daye** (Treasurer), T. Q. **Donaldson**, Ed **Faust**, Bill **Fritz**, Pete **Grimm** (25th year book editor), Jim **Hackler**, Bill **Hahn** (Secretary), Charlie **Heltzel**, Gregg **Henry**, Bill **Hume**, Fred **King**, Rex **Minckler** (V.P. and Scribe), Jim **Moore**, Bill **Pitts**, Harry **Pritchett**, Jack **Russell**, Ray **Ruyffelaere**, Snuffy **Smith**, Pat **Wardell**, and Gray **Wheelock**. Boeing Aircraft just recently transferred Pat Wardell from New Orleans to its Washington office. At the suggestion of Pete Grimm, the position of Class Historian was established and Pat was promptly named to fill the slot by el Presidente.

Jack **Daye**, our enterprising Treasurer, reported at the same class luncheon that the Class Fund now totals $1320 which has been invested in Diamond Shamrock, Pacific Tin Consolidated, and United Engineering and Foundry. He is in the process of having a suitable life membership card printed for issue to all of those who contribute to the lifetime fund. According to Jack, the following 41 classmates joined the list of life members since the last class column was published: Bob **Baden**, Henry **Barber**, Milt **Behn**, Larry **Bischoff**, Bob **Bullard**, Cliff **Butler**, Vic **Cherbak**, Oliver De **Gruchy**, John **Dworak**, Flip **Fenili**, Fly **Flanagan**, Tom **Flatley**, Quentin **Goss**, Tom **Griess**, Joe **Hamilton**, Tom **Harrison**, Russ **Herrington**, Bill **Hovde**, Bill **Hume**, Bill **Kyle**, Bob **Lacy**, Bill **Larned**, George **Maertens**, Britt **May**,

Jan'43: As Tom McGuire '44 looks on, Flip Fenili presents a silver class dish to Larry Faust, son of the Ed Fausts and a 1966 graduate of USMA.

Hugh **Mease**, Stew **Meyer**, Bob **Muldrow**, Ed **Murray**, Pete **Pavick**, Sid **Peterman**, John **Ross**, Elvy **Roberts**, Mike **Robinson**, Bob **Smith**, Joe **Stabler**, Buck **Stahle**, Bill **Stewart**, Don **Vlcek**, Bill **Wade**, Harold **Walker**, and Bob **Whitlow**.

The hustling Director and owner of the Institute for Modern Procedures here in Arlington is none other than Harry **Pritchett**. He is ably assisted, however, by his wife Nancy whose clever newspaper advertisements for IMP recently caught my eye. Meanwhile, at the Air Force Academy, the latest word is that Bob **McDermott** will retire from the USAF to become Vice President (and President-elect) of the United Services Automobile Association in San Antonio. Other classmates who already wear civilian clothes on a full time basis are Jim **Schofield**, who joined Magnavox in Ohio, and Harold **Walker**, who is the Assistant Managing Director of the American Gas Association in New York City. Danny **Moore** is back in town and Skippy's got him. Dan finally escaped from Libya and jumped right into OACSFOR, DA. Marti Crissman, daughter of the Don **Wilbourns**, advised us that she has presented her parents with their first granddaughter; her husband (Cris, USMA 1964) is with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam. From the West Coast, Louise **White** reports that husband John is with Pacific Architects and Engineers in Vietnam and will probably be there another year. He did leave the family well settled with a swimming pool in California. Bob **Burlin** wrote from Germany at the beginning of another Fasching season that it becomes a real challenge to perform his duties as a Community Leader in addition to his normal duties as the Commander of the "Triple Nickle" Engineer Group in Karlsruhe. He also reported that Jim **Huntley's** efforts to organize a 25th reunion at Wiesbaden on January 19th succumbed to CPXs, bad weather, and other hazards. By way of unique accomplishments, Bob claims that he is the only golfing member of our clan who has driven off on the Greenland Ice Cap and chipped up to the South Pole.

In closing, Pete **Grimm** (Editor-in-Chief) reports that significant progress is being made on the 25th year book. We are all "beating the drums" to encourage at least 200 of our 299 classmates who are still alive to submit their biographical sketches and photographs. Tune in next for the 25th Reunion!

Jan'43: Son of the Jack Wheelers and a USMA graduate of 1966, Lt. John P. Wheeler, receives a silver class dish from Grey Wheelock as Bill Starnes and Ed Faust observe.

JUN '43

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The Air Force recently announced the appointment of several classmates to general officer grades: To major general–Dick **Shaefer**, Ed **O'Connor** and Jamie **Philpott**. To brigadier general–Robin **Olds**, Bud **Holderness**, Tim **Ireland** and Jonas **Blank**. Our congratulations to all of them. This brings our total of general officers in the class to 24, which include three major generals (AF), 17 brigadier generals (AF) and four brigadier generals (Army).

In addition to Dick **Shaefer's** promotion, he also received the Legion of Merit from General Maurice Preston ('37), CINCUSAFE.

Upon his retirement Jim **Nash** went to work for an architect and engineering firm in Vietnam. During this time in Vietnam he forwarded a picture of Hi **Fuller**, Bernie **Rogers**, Trev **Sawyer**, Charlie **Reed** and John **Bell**. Trev is coming to Washington in the Office of the Chief of Engineers. Charlie Reed comes to Belvoir and Jim goes to Hawaii to be Senior Army Instructor, Junior ROTC, Honolulu High Schools. He has invited anyone passing through Hawaii to give him a call.

Frank **Taylor's** new address is 1739-11th Avenue, Langley AFB, Va. 23365. I have not heard Frank's exact job at TAC but this is his home address.

I previously reported that Dave **Conard** was going to Army Map Service. He has now assumed command and is deeply ensconced in the Washington scene.

Joe **Weyrick** has been assigned to the ACSI, Dept of the Army, and now lives at 3607 Cornell Drive, Fairfax, Va. 22030. Since arriving in Washington Norma has had an emergency appendectomy at Belvoir and is completely recovered now.

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Jun'43: Members of the class hold a reunion in Vietnam. Left to right: Jim Nash, John Bell, Charlie Reed, Bernie Rogers, Trev Sawyer, and Hi Fuller.

I had a note from Barbara **Newman** who reports that George is now CO of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry in Vietnam and is scheduled to return home March 68. They are apparently to be assigned in Washington, but I have not heard yet as to their final destination. She reports that all the children and grandchildren are fine.

The Farleys hosted a party in February for the Class here in Washington. Those present were: **Hutchins, Richards, Jones, Watkins, Pinnells, Wickert, Turners, Covers, Peaks, Raspers, Rumpfs, Umlaufs**, Val **Sonstelie** and Ginny **Collins, McAdams, Hagens, Cains, Heintzelman, Clarks, Moores, McMullins, Davenports, Hudsons, Spieces, Otts, Malones, Cocrofts, Brakes, Burrs, Hamblens, Tenneys, Moses**, Dickie **Greenwalt**. Since the party, Clare **Farley** has retired and is working for NASA here in Washington. Everybody enjoyed the party and particularly getting together with our counterparts in the Navy.

Clarke and Betty **Baldwin** are now in Germany where he commands the 2d Armored Calvary Regiment at Grafenwoehr. From reports the door of a personnel carrier fell on his leg and broke it. By the time this is printed he should be completely recovered.

We had another beautiful wedding here in Washington when Beenie and Bill **Peak's** daughter, Cathy, married Mr. Craig Dunbar at Fort Myer.

Am looking forward to seeing a great number of you at June Week. The latest on the 25-Year Book is that of the 414 remaining classmates 285 have signed up for the book. Anyone that knows anyone who hasn't heard about the book, please make a special effort to tell them. We would like to get 100% participation.

Jun'43: Dick Shaefer receives the Legion of Merit from General Maurice A. Preston for service as vice commander of the Third Air Force in England.

'44

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The latest good news comes from Ace **Edmunds**, who made the recent Air Force BG list. Ace is still assigned to the Office, Chairman JCS, but was uncertain about assignment outlook as of our last conversation. Congratulations from us all, Ace.

A dearth of mail during the gloom period. Would you believe one letter? Al **Bethel** wrote in from Sunnyvale, Calif. where he is General Manager of Marine Division, Westinghouse Corp. He gave the following report on class residents of the San Francisco–Peninsula area: Betty **Losch** living there while Joe is in Korea–due back July or August; Bob **Rodden** is at Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park; Hank **Aurand** at Lockheed, Missile and Space Vehicle Co., Sunnyvale; Van **Nealon** still with Bechtel Corp., San Francisco; Anne and Bob **Conant** also in the area, where he is, I believe, Engineer, Oakland Army Terminal. All of the above news Al garnered when he and Margaret attended the Bay Area WP Society dinner–dance at Fort Mason, January 26. Thanks Al–keep it coming!

We were all shocked and saddened at Les **Salzer's** death in an auto accident on 26 January near Elkton, Md. He was a passenger in a car returning home from a short visit in Washington. His loss will be keenly felt by many. Les was a devoted husband and father, doing great with GE where he had been for some years, and a loyal grad and steadfast Class of '44 booster. The funeral service and burial were at West Point on 30 Jan. A plane load went up from here for the service only to circle Stewart AFB in "pea soup" for two hours and turn back. The field remained below minimums so we couldn't get in. The following got only "A" for effort on that trip: **Bahls, Calhoun, Carley, Deakin, Desmond, Donaldson, Maish, McElvey, Peterson (J.T.), Reeves, Scott (W.S.), Walters**–also Sylvester '43. The best we could do was radio Coots **Mitchell** who was meeting us at Stewart to relay our sympathy and regrets to Helen. Am sure she is still at 565 Richards Road, Wayne, Pa. and would appreciate hearing from friends.

Casey **Flynn** addressed a nice note of appreciation to the officers of '44 for the flowers sent to Tammy. Her close was "He was very proud to be a member of the Class of 1944." Thank you, Casey.

John **Donaldson** reports hearing from Jim and Mary Gene **Giles** in Houston, Tex. Jim is with a commercial pump firm, and returned a while back from four years in Rio de Janeiro, where he had been plant manager.

Scott W.S., is happily engaged in the Adv. Mgmt. Course at University of Pittsburgh for two months. Understand that with characteristic enthusiasm he has thrown himself into the course–and has a sprained foot to show for it! (volleyball). Dave **Ott** and Ernie **Graves** are attending the three-month Adv. Mgmt. Course at Harvard.

The local Founders Day dinner was well attended–a partial list from '44 includes: **Czapar, Donaldson, Edmunds, Ginsburgh, Hurst, Jackson**, Charlie **Johnson** (he and Frances leave soon for Stockholm, Sweden on attaché duty), **McAuliffe, Neilond.**

Received a notice of the activation of the Americal Division Artillery at Chu Lai, Vietnam, with Mason **Young** commanding.

At the risk of repeating myself, will riffle through my little book for some nuggets that may be news to someone. John **Boning** has now retired and gone to work for RCA in Princeton. Roy and Sylvia **Bahls** are here–he with J-5. George **Hoffman** is in J-4, whence he leaves for AF Special Activities Group, Vietnam after attending MAAG Institute and State Dept Seminar this summer. Scotty departs this summer for Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N.J. for, I believe, a project manager assignment.

John **McElvey** retired last year from Andrews, AFB and went to work in the Management Consultant business with Gen. Schriever in this area. John **Calhoun**, assigned to Air Force Systems Command, Andrews, is detached with FAA working with Supersonic Transport Program. Curly **Walters** and Jeff **Cheadle** are also at AFSC. Owen **Reeves** is here with Weapons Systems Evaluation Group (WSEG), OSD. George **Hayman** with James Rowe are developers in Baltimore.

Harry **Rogers** had a heart attack and retired–now works in engineering with Chrysler. As noted, last issue, his son Jeff is USMA '68; second son is on a scholarship at Stanford University; daughter Wendy is in grade school. Lew **Norman** is assigned to the USAF MOL Project Office in Los Angeles. Pete **Tisdale** is at Eastern Test Range, Patrick AFB, Fla.

1944: Mason Young assumes command of Divarty, Americal Div, in Vietnam.

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1944: Jack Peterson visits Doc Hayward who commands a brigade in the 82d Abn Div at Bragg.

Bob **Daly** is winding up a project manager assignment here with USAMC and will head for a brigade with 9th Division. George **Ingersoll** is assigned to WSEG with station at Paris (?). Am told that Bob **Sellers** is working at Boeing, Seattle, Wash. Don **Gruenther** should be will along in his SEA tour. Understand Dave **Blake** has retired from Air Force and now is with General Electric.

Marty **McCoy** retired but don't know where to. Spike and Patty **Geltz** are in Europe. Bob and Margaret **Samuel** are also in Europe, where he is No. 1 or No. 2 in a Support Brigade. Bob's son Lance was killed in a tragic auto accident. Sorry I don't know details–heartfelt sympathy go to both Margaret and Bob. Bill **Steger** was last seen at Kelly AFB, San Antonio, with SAAMA as petroleum expert. Bill **Charlson** is here with Gene **Steffes**, Hq, USAF, ACofS Studies and Analysis. Grif **Callahan** recently moved from Director, Avionics Lab, Fort Monmouth to C. O. Harry Diamond Laboratories, Wash.

Mike **Nelson** is now with FAA. Eddie **Stahl**, was last seen flying C-141's out of Travis. Bob **Smith** recently came into the building and heads the Tech Liaison Office, Army OCRD.

My apologies for omitting the sad news last issue of the untimely death, last October, of Bill **Fullilove's** wife Dorothy. George **Hoffman** handled the matters incident to the burial here in Arlington Cemetery. At the request of family, the Class gave a contribution to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers. I believe Bill is still assigned to Command and Staff faculty, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Someone told me Ed **Samuell** is with Operations Research here at George Washington University. Also Wally **Moulis** is supposed to be in town–don't know where. (No excuse, sir!)

Scotty advises arrangements are complete for presentation of engraved silver plates to Class of '68 sons named in last issue. Quoted below is a nice thank you from our first Class "son," 2d Lt. Wm. J. **Nelson**, Class of '67, USNA, who was commissioned U.S. Army, Artillery:

Dear USMA Class of '44,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the beautiful silver cocktail tray which was presented to me upon my graduation from the Naval Academy. I am very proud of it and shall treasure it always. It will be a great inspiration to me in trying to live up to the reputation of the Class of '44.

Again, thank you for the tray and all the encouragement I have received from the Class of '44.

Sincerely,
One of your "Sons"
William J. Nelson
2Lt. Arty

John **Donaldson** has graciously consented to assume Scotty's place on Executive Council (his sprained arm is mending well!).

So far we have had no feed back from any of you with ideas for a "happening" of some sort to mark our 25th at June Week. We'll have to get some planning underway. Give us your IDEAS please.

As we go to press, proud to report that George **Blanchard** was recently awarded the DSM for his services with 1st Cav Div, Vietnam. Congratulations, George!

Eleanor **Carter** and Don had a great R and R reunion in Honolulu to celebrate Don's mid-Vietnam tour in January.

That wraps it up for this issue. If nothing else, I hope our faithful readers have detected enough errors and omissions to inspire them to become faithful *writers*. Please send along the poop, and I'll get it in.

'45

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The gloom period is in full swing... and many of us are apparently taking advantage of this and the spring fever phenomenon to enjoy the luxuries of the period, indifference and laziness. Box '45 saw little in the way of mail!!

Annual George Washington's Birthday Brunch

Frank **Marvin** made the arrangements for and provided the after action report on this year's brunch at Andrews AFB on 22 Feb. 110 attended: Les and Audrey **Ayers**, Al and Wayne **Blue**, Barney and Leila **Broughton**, Loch and Cindy **Caffey**, Pat and Vera **Callahan**, George and Elaine **Casey**, Bill and Susie **Clark**, Bill and Gloria **Craig**, Chuck and Stella **Curtis**, Ernie and El **Denz**, Tom **Devlin**, George and Katy **Dexter**, Bob and Gaye **Dingeman**, Bob and Anne **Duvall**, Dave and Peg **Fink**, Fitz and Pat **Fitzpatrick**, Pat **Foley**, Ed and Dot **Gudgel**, Rich and Peg **Haley**, Harriet **Hartline**, Rusty and Nan **Heilbronner**, Skip **Hoge**, Hank and Barbara **Hughes**, Ira and Merry **Hunt**, Bob and Gene **Ives**, Larry and Janis **Jones**, Jack and Flo **Kennedy**, Bart and Bryan **Kerr**, Hotie and Peggy **Lohn**, Hap and Mary Jane **Macintire**, Bill and Rita **Manlove**, Lou and Andree **Martin**, Frank and Shirleigh **Marvin**, Ed **Mason**, Homer and Carleen **Minckler**, Dick and Jody **Minor**, Jim and Nancy **Munson**, Tom and Gere **Musgrave**, Jack and Winnie **Nelson**, Bill and Virginia **Norris**, Keith and Peg **Nusbaum**, Steve and Gloria **Olds**, Bob and Genee **Parr**, Tony and Anne **Parrish**, Wilbur and Flo **Pugh**, Ken and Polly **Russell**, Ed and Shirl **Saxby**, Dick and Louise **Smith**, Bob and Mary Jane **Smith**, Bill and Dee **Stites**, Mary **Stoer**, Hal and Anne **Swain**, Joe and Ruth **Van Cleve**, Bob and Mary **Velie**, Jim and Lois **Wayne**, George and Nancy **Withey**, Bill and Sally **Wolfe**, and Joe and Petey **Woolley**. Quite a turnout!!!

1945: Jack Broughton receives the Air Force Cross for extraordinary heroism on a mission over North Vietnam from Maj. Gen. A. J. Beck of WESEG.

1945: Identified at the Washington's Birthday brunch are, (left to right) port side of the table: Katy and George Dexter and El and Ernie Denz. On the starboard side: Bill and Dee Stites, Tom Devlin, Skip Hoge (hidden), and Ed Saxby.

AF Colonels List

In a footnote to the above, Frank listed the classmates on the recent AF Colonels list: Pete **Dillard**, Bob **Evans**, Danny **Farr**, Butch **Foley**, Jake **Knight**, Dick **Moore**, Bill **Moran**, Offa **Nichols**, Dick **Perez**, Augy **Puchrik**, Marshal **Pulliam**, Jim **Rouch**, Chuck **Seeger**, Hank **Stick**, and Hal **Swain**.

Extra!! Extra!!

The 27 March issues of the *New York Times* and The Wall Street *Journal* announced that Doug **Kenna** was slated to become the President of Fuqua Industries, Inc. Fuqua is a widely diversified company with eight operating divisions involved in making power mowers, grain storage and drying equipment, attachments for heavy tractors, pre-engineered steel buildings, film processing, and television and radio broadcasting. Final action on the appointment and an official announcement is expected when the Fuqua board meets on 15 April.

Awards and Decorations

We've been in the news lately. I'll mention the honors that I have seen. Jack **Broughton** received the second highest award, the Air Force Cross, for his actions as mission commander during a fighter-bomber strike over North Vietnam. At the time, he was the Deputy CO of the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing in Thailand; he has been recently assigned to the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group (WSEG) in Washington, DC. Hal **Swain** received the DFC at Nha Trang AB, Vietnam for heroism as a transport pilot during a rcn mission in support of combined allied ground operations. Bill **Holcombe** received the Legion of Merit in ceremonies at Cam Ranh Bay for meritorious service

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as the CO, 6th Bn, 71st Arty (Hawk). Jim **Farr** was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service performed as a LnO to the Joint General Staff, Vietnamese Armed Forces, US MACV. He is now assigned as Chief of the Plans Division, Air Training Command, Randolph AFB, Tex. Lou **Heimerl** received a Legion of Merit near Nha Trang for his service as director of the engineer department and of the maintenance and readiness department of the U.S. Army School, Europe. At the time of the presentation, Lou was CO of the 864th Engineer Bn. At the Pentagon, Harry **Patrick** received his second Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service as deputy chief of the future force structure and studies division at SAC Hq. Currently, he is the deputy chief of the strategic bomber division at the Pentagon.

Briscoe Reports

Jerry **Briscoe** reports fact and figures from his vantage point on the Hudson. Gouny **Wallace**, up from Fort Dix where he commands a brigade, and Bert **Hause**, up from Beeville, Tex. with a group of high school counsellors, joined Bill **Love** and Jerry at the West Point Founders Day dinner. Ernie and El **Denz** and Barb **Arnold** were Nancy and Jerry's house guests during the Plebe Parent weekend. (The Corps really has!!) Classmates are doing their share for the West Point Societies around the country. They are: Carl **Nerdahl**, Pres, Fort McClellan, Ala.; Al **Childress**, Treas, Atlanta, Ga.; Danny **Silverman**, Pres, New Orleans, La.; Doc **Hesse**, VP, Minneapolis, Minn.; Chuck **Reynoldson**, Treas, New York, N.Y.; Bill **Ekberg**, Secy, Bismarck, N.Dak.; Bill **Wakefield**, Treas, El Paso, Tex.; Bob **Lee**, Secy, Houston, Tex.; Dick **Kothrade**, Pres and Ken **Paape**, Secy-Treas, Milwaukee, Wis. And finally, Jerry provided this Senior Service College analysis for the Class of '45 (Army Only). Of the number on active duty the first year of eligibility (30 June 1960), 125 or 33.7% have attended a Sen Sv College. Of the 233 remaining on active duty as of 30 June 1967, the 125 constituted 53.7%. (Since then Jim **Rasmussen** retired). The breakout is AWC-73, NWC-16, ICAF-15, Air WC-14, and Navy WC-7.

The branch breakout of class sons in '68 is as follows: **Adams**, Engr (like Dad); **Munson**, Arty (like Dad); **Parker**, Arty (like Dad); **Gatlin**, Engr (not like Dad); and **Harmeling**, Sig C (Dad never tried that one).

Odds and Ends

Orv **Post** has reported in at USARV Hq. In a letter to Bob **Krebs**, he reported seeing Dick **Gorder** (G-1, I FFV and recently to CO, 11th Armd Cav Regt), Walt **Root**, Buz **Sawyer**, John **Neff**, and Bob **McAlister** (CO, 4th Inf Div Arty). Bob **Fye** is moving from the OJCS this summer to take an Arty bde at Fort Carson, Colo. Hal **Moore** has orders to the S&F, USAWC. Ray **Miller**, wounded during the recent Tet offensive, has moved from his position as G-1, II FFV to take a bde in the 15th Inf Div. Dick **West** and Bates **Burnell** are planning to leave the Pentagon this summer for Engr commands in VN. John **Leghorn** has been appointed asst prof of electronic engineering at Northrop Institute of Technology, Inglewood, Calif. Dick **Jett** is now a field claim representative in the Falls Church (Va.) office of the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. Bob **Batson** has been transferred from the Euclid Division of General Motors to the GMC Truck and Coach Division in the newly established position of executive engineer. He will be responsible for advanced development and safety analyses activities. Yearling Jeff **Troxell** won the Bde heavyweight boxing championship by a knockout!! Dick Groves is moving from VN to the Canal Zone in Panama to become the Lt Governor. John **Coffey** was ordained into the Holy Ministry of the American Lutheran Church and installed as Asst Pastor of the St Anthony Park Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minn. on 3 March 1968. Bill **Simpson** has assumed the position of Chief of the Department of Field Training and commander of 3751st Field Training Sqdn at Sheppard AFB, Tex.

President Johnson has promoted Jerry **Holdridge** to Class 2 in the Foreign Service of the United States. The promotion resulted from the recommendation by the 21st Foreign Service Selection Boards. Since entering the Foreign Service in 1948, Jerry has been stationed in Bangkok, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Macau. He is presently assigned to the Department of State as Deputy Director, Office of Research and Analysis for East Asia and Pacific, and has been a guest "expert" at AWC. He speaks Chinese (Mandarin). Martha and Jerry have three children, Patricia Marie, age 17; David, age 15; and Geoffrey, age 9.

Let's hear from you...

1945: Seen at the annual Washington's Birthday brunch in Washington are (left to right): Frank and Shirleigh Marvin, Larry Jones, Steve and Gloria Olds, and Bill and Rita Manlove.

1945: With the very kind permission of Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist Bill Mauldin, the class has adopted this cartoon as its symbol. Bill Mauldin drew the cartoon on the occasion of the 25th anniversary celebration of the founding of Stars and Stripes and presented the original to General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower. The class also wishes to thank General Eisenhower for permitting reproduction of the original.

'46

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No. 86. Received the class committee report dated 30 Jan 68 from Jesse **Fields**. The meeting was held at Jake **Burney**'s home and all class officers in the Washington area attended. The committee operating fund stands at $100.00 rereceived from Ed **Saunders**. As of 3 Jan 68, $2500.00 of class funds have been invested in mutual funds. The latest version of the solicitation letter was discussed at some length with approval given to print the letter and mail shortly. The card file of addresses is approximately 70% reviewed and up dated. When review is complete, solicitation letter will be mailed. Phil **Farris** and Walt **Frankland** have agreed to serve as co-editors of the 25-year book (1971). The committee was reminded that the Superintendent wants class memorials to be of a type that will grow with the academy. Next committee meeting 19 Mar 68, 8 p.m. at Bob **Stewart**'s home.

Hal **Hallgren** was promoted to Army colonel during ceremonies near Pleiku, Vietnam on 27 Dec 67. He received his eagles and congratulations from Brig. Gen. James G. Kalergis, commanding general of I Field Force, Vietnam Artillery. Hal is commander of 52nd Arty Group near Pleiku. His wife Carol is staying in Venice, Fla., at 400 Pensacola Rd. William J. **Evans**, a colonel, is commander, 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, at Tuy Hoa AB, 230 miles northeast of Saigon. They fly F-100 Super Sabres. He has engaged in numerous successful missions, some in support of Korean ground troops fighting in Vietnam.

Jack **Becker** mailed a picture of himself,

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1946: Jack Becker, George Fink, and Dave Hutchinson are shown in Vietnam while all were serving in the 45th Engineer Group.

1946: Hal Hallgren receives his eagles from Brig. Gen. J. G. Kalergis in Vietnam.

George **Fink**, and Dave **Hutchison**, on duty with the 45th Engr Gp (Construction) in Vietnam. George assumed command of the Group on 21 Dec 67. Jack is Executive Officer and has been since 21 Jul 67. Dave commanded the 35th Engr Bn (Combat) from 1 Jul 67 to 19 Jan 68. The picture was taken immediately following the formation at which Dave relinquished the command. He is now in the G-3 section, USARV. Hutchison received the Silver Star, 30 Jan 68, in ceremonies near Long Binh, for the period he commanded the 35th Eng Bn. On several occasions, during upgrading highway activities, he led armed forces to the assistance of working units when they became involved in engagements with insurgents. Dave also holds the Bronze Star. Jean Hutchison is staying at Schofield Barracks while Dave is in Vietnam. Incidentally, Jack Becker was able to spend some R & R with his wife Alice in Hawaii during January.

Bob **Tribolet** is an AC-47 Skytrain pilot, Pacific Air Forces, on duty at Phu Cat AB, Vietnam. Before arrival in Vietnam he was assigned to an Air Force unit in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Bob earned an M. Ed. degree in 1961 from the U. of Rochester (NY). Phil **Hopkins** is flying out of Phan Rang AB, Vietnam. Before his arrival there he was assistant professor of aerospace studies at Texas A & M.

Pat **Crizer** was promoted to colonel 26 Jan 68 at Fort Carson, Colo. He commands the 3d Bde of the 5th Inf Div(Mechanized). Previous to his assignment (Oct 67) at Carson, Crizer commanded the 4th Inf Division's 3d Bn, 8th Inf "Dragoons" in Vietnam. Pat has two Silver Stars for action in Korea. He received a Legion of Merit, Air Medal and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with silver star, all awarded for action in Vietnam. He also holds the Combat Infantryman's Badge with star. He and Frances have two children, Candy 14 and Scott 9. At Carson also are Col. T.E. **Boudinot**, commanding the 1st Bde, Selwyn **Rogers** of the 12th Cav and, until recently, Gunnar **Andersson** who was with the 4th Arty. Gunnar, as of 21 Nov 67, is chief of the evaluation division and directorate of systems analysis at Hq, US Army Air Defense Command, Ent AFB, Colo.

On 21 Dec 67, John **Callaghan** received the Legion of Merit for outstanding service while assigned as Deputy and Acting Senior Advisor to the 22nd Division, Republic of Vietnam Army and the 22nd Division Tactical Area. John is now serving as a research and development coordinator, Program Management Division, Directorate of Development, US Army Materiel Command, Wash, D.C. and resides with his wife Virginia their three children at 4222 Holborn Ave, Annandale, Va. He also holds the Air Medal, Vietnamese Gallantry Cross and Army Commendation Medal.

Got a letter from Joe **Buzhardt**, my roommate at West Point. After nine years as Legislative Assistant to Senator Thurmond he has returned to South Carolina to open his own law office. He and Gene are happy to be back in McCormick, where the traffic is lighter and the pace not so hectic. Their oldest daughter Linda is now in college. Rick **Lamp** and his family spent a weekend with the Buzhardts last summer.

Dick **Patton** is now associated with Sverdrup & Parcel & Associates, Inc., world wide Engineers-Architects firm with main office in St. Louis and many branch offices in the states as well as overseas directly or with affiliate firms. S & P acquired the firm of Miller, Patton and Associates in Nashville, Tenn., where Dick is located. Patton holds a Master of Science degree from U. of Illinois and is a registered engineer in Tenn. and three other states.

Bobby **Dobbs**, football coach at the U. of Texas at El Paso, met with classmates at a luncheon in his honor held at the Fort Bliss Officers' Club. With him were Bob **Rush** (Ret), Russ Burn, Glenn **Dettrey** (Ret), Pres **Hibbard** and Hunt **Faires** of the Missile Science Division, Air Defense School at Bliss.

1946: In Washington, John Callaghan receives the Legion of Merit from Maj. Gen. R. H. Free for service in Vietnam.

'47

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Nearly three years ago I took on the title of "Scribe" and began to produce class columns on a quarterly (and usually crash) basis, expecting that each year would be the end of my tour. Finally, this has come about, and by the time you see this column in print, I will be in Vietnam. As of this writing, I have not found, selected, or otherwise designated a classmate who could be deemed willing to assume the task—but I'm working on it. In any event, I assume that someone will have to step forth, as I do not plan to write the next one.

Turning now to the mail, the first note is from Willy **Munroe**, of the Green Harbor Village and Villas Munroes. The note actually arrived a short time after the deadline for the last column, so the news may be a bit old—but, I think, still of interest. Willy nearly "bought the farm" when he drove his new airplane through a wooded section of Hyannis. The airplane faired rather poorly, but Willy suffered nary a scratch. He didn't get

1946: Gathered together at Fort Bliss for a luncheon in honor of Bobby Dobbs, U. of Texas at El Paso football coach, are classmates (left to right): Bob Rush, Russ Burn, Dobbs, Glenn Dettrey, Pres Hibbard, and Hunt Faires.

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off the hook entirely, however, as he has bought Mary a big old Cape Cod home which dates back into the late 1700s.

Ace **Dunham** is back from a tour in Southeast Asia and is now on the AFIT staff at Wright-Patterson. Ace writes that Bob **Sattem** is settled and teaching in nearby Fairborn, Ohio. Bud **Vockel** writes that son Rocky—our Class godson—is about to complete his sophomore year at TCU. Rocky is a geology major and is active in the ROTC program.

The Air Force finally broke down and came out with a long-awaited promotion list, so 1968 will see 22 new AF colonels from the Class. They are Dave **Odell**, Doc Blanchard, John **Lerohl**, Ted **Mock**, Buck **Fernandez**, Cecil **Fox**, Brent **Scowcroft**, "KC" **Kaericher**, Don **Robb**, Herb **Pinkerton**, King **Simon**, George **Harrington**, Ed **Cottongim**, Bill **Kuykendall**, Jim **Enos**, Joe **Johnston**, Bill **Carpenter**, Jim **Ryan**, Al **Learmonth**, Mike **Bellovin**, Jack **Coyne**, and Bob **Lilley**. Also just out are the Air Force's senior service school nominations, and these include Cottongim and Simon to the Air War College, Lilley to the Naval War College, and Fernandez, Johnston, and Pinkerton to ICAF. Seeing Buck Fernandez on both lists reminds me that a recent press release reports that Buck just received his second award of the AF Commendation Medal for his work in Los Angeles. Congratulations to all of you from all of us.

Army news revolves mostly about who is going where. Bill **Nairn** expects to go to Korea this summer, where he may be joined by Dick McAdoo, although that is not definite at this time. Joining me in Vietnam will be Jack **Faith**, Lou **Rachmeler**, Bill **Webb**, Goose **Gossett**, and Jack **Dunham**. The last name makes it rather obvious that Jack has made a complete recovery from his heart attack of last September. Hank **Emerson** has returned to Vietnam for a second tour, and Ron **Heiser** will move from there to Germany this summer. Bill Webb reports that his younger son, Willie, has an appointment to USMA and will join the Class of 1972 this summer. Willie's older brother, George, is also trying to get an appointment, but no news as yet. The same goes for Skip **Geraci**. The **Haugens'** son, Scott, is in the Marine Corps and was recently wounded in action in Vietnam. He was evacuated to Hawaii where he has recovered fully from his wounds.

On the retirement scene, Jay **Bleiman** and Mel LeBlanc seem to be the only two whose plans are firm enough to talk about. Jay expects to be retired about the first of July, and he is looking forward to a year of teaching at Princeton. Mel also plans retirement in July, but he plans to stay in the DC area and finish up on his master's before moving on. I know of several others who are thinking of retirement, but their plans are not firm enough to write about.

John **Mastin** reports that things are quiet at USMA. Ted **Bielicki's** wife has recovered nicely from her serious surgery of a year ago, and Ted is staying on at the Math Department for another tour. Joining Ted this summer will be Tom **Rogers**. John also reports that **Van Petten** is about to become a grandfather, (probably is by the time you read this). I wonder if that is a Class "first"?

That about does it. I can't say that I haven't enjoyed writing this column for the past few years because it has been a pleasant experience ... still it will be nice to read someone else's stuff for a while. Right now I am looking forward to June 1969, when I expect to be back from Vietnam and watching son Tuck claim his diploma and his commission. Don't forget about ideas and contributions for the 25-Yearbook, and keep the new Scribe deep in mail. Until he is chosen (by hook or crook), send column news to my address and Lee will see to it that it is delivered.

'48

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As our twentieth reunion comes on apace, the retirement list begins to grow. Ivan **Selig** finished his service last fall, and he and Pat have decided to stay right here in the area. Jay **Josephs** also changed from military to civilian status, and works with the American Pharmaceutical Association. Irv **Schoenberg** had the honor of reading the citation for Jay's Legion of Merit presented by Under Secretary of the Air Force Hoopes. Incidentally, Naomi and Jay are expecting their second child.

With a heavy heart I report that Joe **Seymoe** has been declared missing in Vietnam. He went in with a helicopter on a rescue mission, as I understand it, and the chopper landed in hostile hands. Bunny and family are still in Florida.

Jack **Osteen** shown in the picture having his eagles pinned on was with ACSI and is now in Hawaii. The **Hookers** called recently, and Jim is headed for ACSFOR after a three year tour in Germany. Bill **Patch** has orders for RVN and Helene and family will remain here. Received a clipping from *The Air Pulse*, SAC publication with a picture of Bob **Mathis**, who is USAF advisor to the 74th Tactical Wing in Vietnam. He looks healthy and happy.

Congratulations to the new Air Force eagles: **Brill, Rutter, Barondes, Miner, Stelling, Bertoni, Quanbeck**, and **Van Arsdall**.

The annual dinner-dance (turned out to be dinner followed by more drinking than dancing) at Arlington Hall here was attended by 104, as I counted it. Newcomers Phyllis and Bob **Hallahan** were there, as were Carl **Schmidt** from Baltimore; Betty and Gay **MacCartney** from Annapolis; Ann and Bear **Brennan**, Mary Ella and Jack **Waggener**, and Gloria and Jack **McCuen** from Carlisle Barracks.

Les **Carter** has received orders to SEA. Didn't get word where Ginny and family will be as yet.

1948: John Osteen receives his eagles from wife Pat and Maj. Gen. W. C. Franklin at the Pentagon in January.

Lyle **Walter** writes from the First Division, RVN, where he is Assistant Fire Support Coordinator. Helen and the children are at 13508 Larchmere Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44120. Mercedes and Jack **Hughes** are now westerners living at 304 Hayes Circle, Fort Ord, Calif. 93941. The Don **Reynolds** are back here at 5805 5th Road S, Arlington, Va. 22204. The **Hallahans**, mentioned above, are at 6559 Wolftree Lane, Annandale, Va. Art **Barondes** and Hank **Stelling** are off to the National War College, while Waldo **Bertoni** goes to ICAF. John **McEnery** goes from the Air War College at Maxwell Field, Ala., to SEA.

The Jim **Blakeslees** are back in the Washington area, and living in their home at 12602 Blackwell Lane, Bowie, Md. Frank **McClaflin**, presently at Presidio, San Francisco, is retiring effective 1 July this year. Walt **Plummer** has received orders to the Naval War College at Newport, R.I. Al **Cerow** heads from USMA to SEA. Bob **Pater**, assigned to the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing at Tuy Hoa Air Base, Vietnam, has been having some highly successful strafing runs in the vicinity of Chu Lia City. Joe **Huey** has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service at Tan Son Nhut. Joe has been chief of the accounting and finance division there. Congratulations, Joe.

Lake **Churchill** sent along a welcome letter. He reports that Tom **Tyree** was commanding the 1st Sq, 4th Armored Cavalry. He missed seeing Lyle **Walter**, however. He did run into Tom Bowen in Saigon. And he and Gar **McSpadden** have had many meetings, since part of Lake's

1948: On the occasion of his retirement Jay Josephs received the Legion of Merit from Under Secretary of the Air Force Hoopes. Irv Schoenberg had the honor of reading the citation. Pictured after the ceremony are Under Secretary Hoopes, the Schoenbergs and the Josephses. Jay is now with the American Pharmaceutical Association and Naomi and he are expecting their second child.

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battalion was attached to Gar's squadron for a period of time. Gene **Forrester** was in the Force Development Div of G3, USARV. And, Bill **Byers** was, to Lake's knowledge, still Executive Officer of the 159th Engineer Group in Long Binh. Don **Packard** was with ACSPers of MACV. Fred **Tibbetts** went from SGS, USARV, to an advisor's slot to the 22nd ARVN Div in II Corps zone. Jim **McCray**, Lake knew was somewhere, but hadn't seen him yet. Lake himself had his automatic weapons battalion which sounds as scattered as the last command I had before leaving Europe many years ago. He says they are in 35-40 locations in any given day. Great letter!

To beat the drum again, the reunion is scheduled for Homecoming, the weekend of 12 October 1968, the California game. We have FIRST choice on the hotel, and all other facilities. So, plan on it.

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[Editor's note:

This is Lt. Col. Pennell J. **Hickey's** last class Notes column for the Class of 1949. Lt. Col. Theodore E. **Hervey**, whose name and address appear at the head of the Class of '49 Notes in this issue, is the new class Scribe. Future class Notes material should be forwarded to him. The AOG wishes to thank Colonel Hickey, the retiring class Scribe, for his fine efforts and cooperation in the past.]

This is my last column before turning the reins over to someone in the Washington area to dig up class news. I thank you for the news-bearing letters that came in quite regularly until this quarter. Ted **Hervey** will handle the news until he gets a volunteer from the Washington group.

Bob **Nulsen**, who departs his duties with USMA-OCS Branch, DCSPER, for Charlisle this summer turns his desk over to Jack **Madison** who is returning from Vietnam where he was a battalion commander with the 4th Inf Div at Dak To. Gene **Marder** has departed the Office of the Comptroller for the Big Red ONE and hopes for a battalion.

In other VN news, Hillman **Dickinson** departed the 11th AC in January for MACV Hq leaving John **McArdle** as the lone remaining '49er with the unit—John is the regimental XO. Jim **Holt** just returned from that unit where he was a squadron commander; Jim has joined us at USMA as Deputy Director of OMI. Les **Harris** has been awarded his umpteenth AM while flying AC-47 Dragonships out of Pleiku with the 4th Air Commando Sqdn. Ralph **Puckett** reports to USMA this summer to be a regimental commander; he is now in VN with the 101st Abn.

In other news, I have received word that Bill **Huber** and Ed **Hindman** are retiring—no one seems to know where they are settling or what they are going to do but congratulations to them on 21 years of service. Jim **Poore** recently returned from Germany and is now at the Pentagon on the Air Staff. Rumors have it that Gene **Mechling** was moonlighting as a semi-pro hockey player in the Washington area. Kelso **Jones** is chief of the Technical Evaluation Division, Foreign Technology Office, at Wright-Patterson and recently completed an extensive course concerning weapons and support systems. Jim **Steel** has been assigned Director of Intelligence and Operations, U.S. Army Garrison, Vogelsberg District near Hanau, Germany. Dick **Tobin** is living high on the hog in Buffalo, N.Y., working with reserve units.

Bill **Luebbert**, Director of Educational Resources and Technology Division and a permanent type at USMA, has received an engineering education award from Western Electric for excellence in teaching. In other USMA news, Willie **Bounds** departs from the Superintendent's Office this summer for unknown regions. Tiger **Howell** goes to the AWC. Bob **Black**, 1st Bn, 1st Inf, CO, departs in the summer also, but his assignment is not known at this time. And I depart for the 4th Div. Ray **Battreall**, a squadron commander with the 3d AC in Europe, joins the Tac Dept this summer.

That's it for this edition. Thank you again for your support and let me encourage you to get the news to Ted **Hervey** for future editions as we try and shift our news center from USMA to the Pentagon where there is some of the news that's fit to print.

'50

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Spring is technically here, but someone better tell the weatherman. To a son who delivers the daily paper at 4:30 every morning, the warmer weather will be *very* welcome.

The new AF colonels list included a number of '50ers, namely: **Crichton**, Bennie **Davis**, **Faurer**, **Gabriel**, **Kulpa**, **Kuyk**, **Patterson**, **Payne**, W.W. **Scott**, and Arch **Wood**. That's good news to start off the column.

Some awards that should have been noted in the last issue: Ray **Hansen** and Jack **Mackmull** received the LM—Ray for the second time; Nate **Gallagher** has been decorated with 13 military medals at Clark AB—two of them were DFC's; Bob **Grow** received his 2d ACM.

Had a thoughtful note from Bess **Banister** written at the WP Founders Day dinner in LA. She got these other '50ers present to sign their names: John and Margaret **Irwin**, Don and Shirley **Coscarelli**, Jack and Marcy **Kulpa**, Bill and Mary **Waddell**. Phil and Sandy **Bardos** did not sign because they were up at the head table; Phil is the secretary of the board of the WP Society of LA.

A newsy letter from Ardath **Wilson** in Houston was good to receive; she keeps busy with her five youngsters and hopes to take a couple of trips after school is out. Goodloe, her 15-year-old, not only takes guitar lessons but teaches as well; she sings with a local group of the "Up With People" program and has been elected to the Nat'l. Junior Honor Society. How proud Gail would be of all those things.

Florence **Underwood** writes from Florida that all is going well. Ann **Clement** is nearby with her four children while Bill is in VN. Rae **McGill** has been in Winter Haven while Pat was in VN, but Pat should be home by now—haven't heard what his orders are. Florence said Herb had seen Jim **Wheaton** who is a Bde XO with the 1st Div and hoping to get a battalion soon. Herb is a project manager with ACTIV-GCD at Long Binh, evaluating new equipment sent to VN.

Marilyn **Romaneski** wrote from Stockholm that they have only 98 more days in their five years spent in Sweden. Leo expects to go to VN, but he has no orders yet. I'd like to quote part of her letter: "Leo and I had a fantastic trip up north with the Swedish Military Academy when they were doing some winter warfare training. One day they went on skis up to the top of a mountain (it's a *hill* in the U.S.) and dug out snow grottos from a cliff of snow, where they were to sleep all night. About 10 p.m., when it was all ready, the commandant's wife and I went up in a snow caterpillar to see the the finished product. It was so beautiful to see the candle light shining on the white snow inside each hut. We went in one hut, and they made us some coffee; mine was too hot to drink so they simply took off a chunk of snow from the ceiling and put it in my cup."

Some of the school orders are out, but I haven't them all. Here are the ones my spies have unearthed: Hooper **Adams** to 5th Inf at Carson; **Crawford** to 1st Sig Bde, VN; **Roush**, District Engr, Huntington, W. Va.; Jim **Thompson** to MACV (Hazel and the children will go to London.); Ray **Barry** to ACSI: **Bashore** to OCRD; **Hoffman** to DCSPER; **Johnsrud** to Joint Staff; **Lunn** to OCRD; **Mackmull** to CDC at Belvoir; **Spence** to DCSOPS; **Tilson** to ACSFOR; Spike **Wood** to USARV.

Classmates we haven't named as being in VN; John **Goldsmith**, from Fort Leavenworth; Bob **Grow**, from Fort Bragg—Barbara is in Columbus, Ga.; Dick **Slay**, from DC; also Harry **Steffensen**, who has the 361st TEW Sqdn at Nha Trang. Walt **Adams** is Dpty CO of the 27th Inf Regt; Ben **Lewis** has the 14th Combat Engr Bn, 18th Bde; Lou **Prentiss** has the 169th Engr Const Bn—they're building roads and bridges near Long Binh—Lou says Tom **Loper** is nearby. Briggs **Jones** is also at Long Binh where he is G3 Opns, USARV; Jack **Parish** has the 35th Engrs at Danang.

A long letter from Joe **Love** told how glad he is to have the 2d Bn, 5th Cav, 1st Air Cav. Back in October 67 every Garry Owen Bn was commanded by a USMA '50 man. Joe **Griffin** had 2/7 Cav; Ed **Pierce** had 1/7 Cav; John **Wickham** had the 5/7 Cav. Joe says he feels like a lieutenant himself, "but I must be older because I'm getting so mellow."

Bill **Baxley's** XO, Bob Hunt, who also keeps his own Class of '54 Scribe informed, wrote to catch me up on the latest with the 1st Bn, 6th Inf, which Bill commands, at least till the end of this month when he becomes the G3, Americal Div. At various times in the past few months in between or during separate actions, they have run across Chuck **Hammond** and his 2d Bn, 1st Inf; George **Ball** and his 1st Bn, 14th Inf; and Rufe **Smith** and his 4th Bn, 31st Inf. Paul **Roach** still has the 1st Bn, 52d Inf. To quote Bob Hunt's letter: "So, Col. Baxley has earned a CIB and an AM with "V", and he has enough air time for several more AM's. He has also been guilty of enough other variegated forms of insanity to get him a valor award of some sort."

Eddie **Ramos** sent a long and newsy letter from Tah Ninh Province, VN, where he is now C/S of the 1st Philippine Civic Action Gp. He has been in Vietnam for 18 months and has seen many classmates in that time. His wife Ming managed to visit for a short while in Nov 66. This past October she visited the U.S., seeing West Point and visiting Jo and Larry **Jackley** here in Alexandria. Eddie continues to extend his invitation to visit if you are near Manila. They live in Magallanes Village, Makati, Rizal, Philippines; telephone: 84113 (suburb of Manila).

More newcomers to the DC area: Stan **Prouty**, Tom **Ball**, Sid **Hinds**, Jim **Curtis**, John **DiGrazia**, Chuck **Hammond**, Paul **Ingram**, Sam **Stapleton**, Art **Trompeter**, Dick **Trefry**, Ed **Pierce**, Ralph **Detherow**, Rufe **Smith** (again), Bobbie **Barnes** (while Jim is in VN). Frank **Thompson** is here on Tdy from Charleston, S.C. Frances came up one weekend for our February class party, which brought forth about 125. Kelly and Betty Jane **Veley** came down from Pennsylvania for the event and told us we already have a reservation for the '50 dinner crew after the A-N game this year. How's that for planning?

Odds and ends from all over: Chuck **Butler** left

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DC for the Military Advisory Group in Rio de Janeiro. Jack **Kulpa** will be attending the NWC in the fall. Mary Pharr **Love**, Ginny **Loper**, and Woodie **Aman** flew to Hawaii recently when Joe, Tom, and Bill were able to get five days R&R. Dave **Hughes** is the author of an article in *Military Review* entitled, "The Myth of Military Coups and Military Assistance." John and Angela Vanston are at Sandia Base, N.Mex. Andy **Byers** is taking Bill **Tuttle**'s battalion in Korea; Tut is due home in April. Bob and Shirley **Gaffney** will leave the DC area to go to Haddonfield, N.J., where Bob will be in the Cherry Hill R.C.A. office; they've bought a 50-year-old house that has (would you believe?) a fireplace in the garage. Jim **Horsley** leaves West Point for Phoenix, Ariz.

I'm happy to say John **Wickham** is out of Walter Reed and back on duty in the Pentagon. Pete **Nibley** is a patient at WRAH now, and we hope his recovery will be a speedy one; I know it means a lot to him to have Betty and the children right here in the area.

The only baby we've heard of is a little girl born in February to Corinne and Ralph **Detherow**. Congratulations!

If you know of anyone who would like to subscribe to ASSEMBLY so they won't miss out on these fascinating facts, tell them all they have to do is write: Editor, ASSEMBLY, West Point, N.Y. 10996. Details will be forthcoming, I'm sure, for we like to keep the subscription rate up.

WRITE!

1951: The boys at Carlisle Barracks. Left to right: Rod Gilbertson, Barnett DeRamus, Guy Jester, Ed Markham, Joe Fant, Howie Steele, George Hardesty, Sandy Weyand, John Hemphill. Missing, John Byers.

'51

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Unhappily, this column must once again begin with information concerning the death of a classmate. Just at the deadline for submission of class Notes for this issue of ASSEMBLY, your Scribe received word from Chuck **Canham** that Fred **Hampton** was the pilot of an Air Force C-123 with 44 passengers aboard which was shot down in March as it came in for a landing at Khe Sanh. Other than the fact that Fred's family was living in Florida at the time, no other information was immediately available on memorial services or burial. The Class extends its deepest sympathy to the family.

Word has also been received that Red **Leffler**, a battalion commander in Vietnam, was seriously injured in a helicopter accident there. Red lost an eye as a result of the mishap and has been evacuated to Walter Reed Army Medical Center for additional treatment of other injuries and for recuperation. He will be there for some months, and those in the area are encouraged to stop by and say hello. Dan **Foldberg**, who deployed to Vietnam with the 101st Abn as XO of the 3d Bde, was wounded in February. Less than a week before he was hit, Dan had taken over a battalion and was out on an operation with them when one of the helicopters supporting his unit was shot down. He ordered his command chopper down to assist, but as he stepped out of the aircraft, he was seriously wounded in the leg by a burst of machine gun fire. Initially evacuated to Hawaii, he has since returned to CONUS and is now recovering in Ponca City, Okla., with Mary and the children. Dan writes that the leg is healing well, but the nerve has been bruised; however, he is quite confident that all will be well once he begins therapy. Pud **Keesling** subsequently took over command of the battalion after Dan's evacuation.

Other RVN notes: In January, while serving as CO of the 5th Bn, 16th Arty, 4th Inf Div, near Pleiku, Henry **Evans** received the AM for combat aerial support of ground operations. Last December, Bill **Lackman** was assigned as XO of the 9th Inf Division's 2d Bde. His wife Ann lives at: 8000 Greeley Blvd., Springfield, Va.

On the home front, 8 classmates are currently attending the War College at Carlisle and a 9th, Howie **Steele**, is "snowbirding" while awaiting next year's class. Orders, sent via Joe **Fant**, for the Carlisle group are: Barnett **DeRamus**, Guy **Jester**, Sandy **Weyand**, George **Hardesty**, and John **Hemphill** to RVN (second tours for George and John); John **Byers** is getting an Armor battalion in Germany; Rod **Gilbertson** and Joe Fant have been assigned to DCSPER in the Pentagon; and Ed **Markham**'s orders read Hawaii.

A long letter has been received, via John **Daigh**, from Clint **Granger** who returned to the States in December 67 after a lengthy (22 months and 6 days) RVN tour. Clint is deputy G1 at Fort Hood and will remain there until this summer when he, Liz, and the five children go to Newport, R.I., to the Naval War College. Their current address is: 1302 North 42d St., Killeen, Tex. 76541, and they would like to hear from those who have "misplaced" them. Clint had a variety of duties in Vietnam, among them G3 of the Americal Div-

1951: The girls at Carlisle Barracks. Left to right: Peggy Hemphill, Dottie Markham, Roberta Jester, Naomi Hardesty, Carolyn Fant, Betsy Deramus, Dotsie Steele, Jean Weyand, and Joan Gilbertson.

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ision (Garry Owens was the G2) and CO of the 2d Bn, 35th Inf. He received the SS, 2 LM's, a "V" device for the BSM, 10 AM's, a PH (very minor WP burns), and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Clint writes that as of January, Roscoe **Robinson** was still in RVN as G4 for the 1st Cav Div. He's seen Bill **Spence** who heads the Federal Income Tax unit in Austin, Tex. (A good one to keep in mind for all the crooks in the class!) Bill is still active in the Army Reserves and goes up to Fort Hood every other weekend for duty.

The local contingent here at USMA will be losing some members this summer. Roy **Herte** is headed for the 1st Cav Div; Jim **Kintz** is going to MACV; and John **Hook** is going to Cam Ranh Bay. Bob **Rachek** and associate members Billy McDonald and Tony Spiro are also RVN-bound. Another associate member, Frank Tennant, is going to Korea, while Kermit **Johnson** should be '51's last C&GS student. Kermit leaves his Post Chaplain's duties in July to report to Fort Leavenworth.

Other last minute items from everywhere: Red **Hemler** is going to USAREUR; Elmer **Birdseye** is a student at George Washington U. and upon completion of his studies will be assigned to the U.S. Army Research Office. In December 67, Bruce **Robertson** received the Joint Service Commendation Medal at the 24th Div Hq in Augsburg, Germany, for service (1966-1967) as plans staff officer, Plans and Policies Directorate, Hq, U.S. European Comd. AF Maj. John **Croan** received the JSC medal at Kirtland AFB, N. Mex., for service with the Pacific Comd Electronics Intelligence Center in Japan. He is currently assigned as chief of the flight scheduling section of the AF Systems Comd at Kirtland. Fran **Craig** finished his post-grad studies at the Wharton School in May and is headed for a DCSPER job in the Pentagon.

That's it for this time but remember the Scribe's traditional plea: write and send pictures.

'52

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Bob **Haras** is expected to join the Dept of Tactics at USMA this summer. As far as '52 is concerned he will be replacing Jeff **Knight**, Tom **Rehm**, Joe **Santilli**, Dave **Ahearn**, and Skip **Wensyel**—all of whom are scheduled to move on to greener pastures. Remaining to assist Bob, however, will be Bob **Ackerson**, Tom **Collier**, Clyde **Earnest**, Warren

1952: Carter Lehman receives the Legion of Merit for service in Thailand from Brig. Gen. B. W. Rogers, the Commandant of Cadets.

1952: Bud Corbridge receives the BSM in ceremonies at Fort Leavenworth.

Eisenhart, Swede **Erickson**, John **Garver**, Al **Gorby**, Carter **Lehman**, Ivan **Mechtly**, John **Pelton**, Gil **Scott**, Charlie **Sell**, and Ray **Wallace**. It promises to be a busy year for Meredith Garver who has been honored by being elected president of the West Point Women's Club.

Another class wife who has distinguished herself recently is Ronnie **Alderman**. Ronnie, appalled by Craig's reports of damage inflicted by the Viet Cong during last winter's Tet offensive, has organized and administered a highly successful food and clothing drive for South Vietnamese victims. Working through the churches in Cornwall, N.Y., Ronnie at last count had sent more than 90 packages to an extremely grateful population. Craig expects to take his family to Heidelberg after completing his Vietnam tour.

Lew **Williams** recently visited USMA from his job as district engineer in Mobile, Ala.; Lew has since been reassigned to the 399th Engr Bn at Fort Lewis. Otis **Moran** also visited here not long ago to inform graduating cadets of the glories of the Infantry. Bob **Day** has been assigned to the 82d Abn Div, Fort Bragg; George **Relyea** has moved to Andrews AFB; John **Bart** has orders to Hawaii. Tom **Dunmire** is a student at AFSC, and Jim **Lehan** will attend the same school beginning in August.

Some time ago, this column suggested that Ace **Burkhard** was the first person to sky dive onto the Plain at West Point. In the interests of historical accuracy, Charlie **Hoenstine** recently wrote in to point out that the first such jump was actually made on 4 July 1961 by enlisted members of the Sport Parachute Club. Charlie, who was the drop zone safety officer on that occasion, has recently replaced Dick **Wiles** in the Army Chief of Staff's Office. Dick will join the 4th Inf Div in Vietnam this summer; Ginny and children will remain in Springfield, Va. Some of the others expecting to go to Vietnam this summer are: Tom **Ayers**, Don **Lasher**, and Art **Stebbins**.

Carter **Lehman** has been awarded the LM for exceptionally meritorious service with the 809th Engr Bn (Const) in Thailand. Carter's battalion accomplished what has been called the "nearly unbelievable feat" of constructing 125 kilometers of construction road between the port of Sattahip and the Korat logistical complex in less than five months.

Bud **Corbridge**, currently a project officer with the Combat Developments Command Institute of Combined Arms and Support at Fort Leavenworth, recently received the BSM and the AM for meritorious service in connection with ground operations against hostile forces in Vietnam. Bert **Toepel** also received the AM recently; Bert is deputy G2 in the 1st Cav Div. Joe **Bulger** recently took part in a successful strike mission near Can Tho, Vietnam. Joe, a member of the 3d Tactical Fighter Wing based at Bien Hoa AB, and two fellow F-100 Super Sabre pilots hit a Viet Cong concentration, inflicting heavy enemy casualties and destroying 10 military fortifications.

Clint **Winne** and John **Baldner**, both of whom are pilots in the 317th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, helped their unit win the Hughes Trophy as the best fighter interceptor squadron in the USAF; the trophy is awarded annually for outstanding achievements in operational readiness, weapons reliability, intercept capability, and flying safety. Wayne **Elliott** assumed command of the 3d Bn of the 196th Lt Inf Bde's 82d Arty near Chu Lai, Vietnam, on 15 Dec. Glen **Kingsley** is enjoying life as a civilian. He left the Air Force last fall and is

1952: John Baldner, stationed in Alaska, is a member of the fighter-interceptor squadron that recently won the Air Forces' Hughes Trophy.

now a consulting pilot with the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Co. in Bethpage, Long Island. Glen's work involves all the preliminary testing of suit and capsule components of the Lunar Module. The Kingsleys are living at 1224 McFadden Drive, East Northport, L.I., N.Y. 11731.

The Class was recently saddened by the death of Bob **Rounding** in an air accident. Bob, assigned permanently to the Mathematics Dept at the AF Academy, had doggedly striven for and had finally been granted an 18-month sabbatical in order to serve a tour of duty in Vietnam. His unfortunate accident occurred while he was undergoing transition training in California prior to leaving for Vietnam. The Class has made a contribution to the USAFA alumni foundation to help establish an award to a graduating cadet to be given in Bob's name. Beverly and the three children are living at 7381 Grashio Drive, Colorado Springs. He will indeed be sorely missed by all who knew him.

'53

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It is with great sadness that I announce the death of John **Martin**. John was killed in Vietnam in February. The helicopter in which he was fly-

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ing was brought down in the vicinity of Hue. The funeral was held at West Point with a funeral Mass at the Church of the Holy Trinity. Many relatives and friends attended the ceremony at the West Point cemetery. Our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy go to Kaki and the children: John, Catherine, Bruce, Peter, and Alyce.

From the files at the AOG comes the following information. Harold P. **Wheeler** Jr. has been decorated with the DFC at Los Angeles Air Force Station, Calif. for action in Vietnam. He was flying a C-47 Dragonship and, despite damage to his aircraft, helped save an outpost from defeat by enemy forces. Ed **Davis** was awarded the Vietnamese pilot wings. He had been commanding a C-47 Skytrain aircraft in Vietnam. Lloyd W. **Boothby** received the DFC at Ubon Royal Thai AFB for heroism in air operations over North Vietnam. He was cited for superior skill and airmanship in guiding his F-4 Phantom into friendly territory where he ejected when the plane's flight controls became inoperative. He was decorated by President Johnson during his visit to Southeast Asia bases. On the civilian side John F. **Jamieson** is project manager with Eastern Airlines in New York.

Bill **Horton** received the LM for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service" while he was in Vietnam. Bill is now with the Logistics Div at SHAPE.

Mail has been rather sparse during the Gloom Period at West Point, so this column will be somewhat shorter than usual. If you like the long columns, drop me a line. Some of the information I have published was a little out of date, and some was later changed. Rather than plead a bad source, I would rather think it was due to the delay in publication and the exigencies of the services. Here, then is the latest word.

Dick **Lawrence** is headed for USARV from Ohio State. Don **Davis** goes to the 25th Div from Rock Island Arsenal (CDC), Ill. Chuck **Lowman** is to be CO, 52d Sig Bn. in Vietnam. Rollo **Sullivan** returns to West Point with the Dept of English. Tony **DeLuca** is also coming to West Point. John Fitch goes to USARV via the 10th Avn Gp at Fort Benning. Dick Miller leaves ODCSOPS for the 4th Inf Div in Vietnam. Robert N. (Bob) **White** will go to STAG, Bethesda, Md., from C&GSC. Bat **Filaseta** goes to MACV from AFSC. Monty **Lowry** leaves C&GSC for MACV. Tom **Williams** goes to MACV from AFSC. Fred **Van Deusen** joins the 9th Inf Div. Graham **Vernon** is to be assigned to Det R, Garmisch, upon completion of his Russian FAST studies at the U. of Indiana. William **Weihmiller** is at Fort Monmouth, N.J.; he is with the office of the Director of Instruction for the Signal School. Al and Pam **Lindholm** are in the state of Washington; Al is recovering from a leg wound received in Vietnam. Dick **Neu** was seen at Annapolis watching the ARMY team swamp the Navy during the winter season. Dick was attending a course at Fort Monmouth and is now with Fifth Army Hq.

Congratulations are due; lieutenant colonels are we now. Did anyone keep those lieutenant calling cards? Remember the story about saving them and adding colonel to the card? That way you can use every last one of them. The last column was so long I forgot to mention the promotions. Maybe we will have some full colonels by the time this column reaches you.

My Beast Barracks roommate Frank **Mleko** dropped a line. He mentions receiving word from Ed and Sue **Dinges** at Fort Leavenworth, from Stan and Dorrie **Wielga** in Hawaii, from Ray and

1953: Bill Horton receiving the Legion of Merit from General Parker.

Marcia **Ades**—he in Vietnam and she in Louisiana, from Cliff and Lillian **Worthy** in Leavenworth, and from Bob **Boxell** in Korea. Frank *had* to attend the Miss America Pageant last year. He claims his company Beeline Fashions, Inc., deals primarily in womens clothing, and he was required to attend. Surely there must be other reasons! Bert Parks's singing? Frank stayed with Bob and Millie **Albert** in Pittsburgh. If you are in the Chicago area, give Frank a call at CL 9-0189. Some other information from Frank's letter: Mel **Laundry** is in the Chicago area practicing law after a 2-year stint in Europe. Jim **Stuart** and wife joined him at dinner prior to Jim's departure for Vietnam. Frank has offered to help with Homecoming on 12 Oct 68. Which reminds me—plan early to visit in the fall. 1953+15=1968.

Baby corner: A baby girl, Elizabeth, joined the **Mleko** family on 15 May 67. That makes four: Kathy 11, Susan 9, and Mike 6. Congratulations!

Bob **Zargan**, our class president, has had a case of the mumps. Take care of yourselves.

'54

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[Editor's Note:

This is Maj. Peter G. **Jones'** last class Notes column for the Class of 1954. The AOG has not received the name of the new Scribe, however, so class Notes material should continue to be forwarded to the address at the head of the column. The AOG wishes to thank Major Jones, the retiring class Scribe, for his fine efforts and cooperation in the past.]

Spring has, undoubtedly. The last floes have drifted down the smellifluous Hudson; the cavalry plain is hip-deep in Firebirds, T-birds, Youngmobiles, Dragon-wagons, Jaguars, Cougars, and other mechanical predators. Not merely spring, but the advent of Progress. The marvels of the solid-state, analytical, electronic, anapest computer are manifest. Last week a First Classman was reported for placing improper sensing in the rebuttal portion of his computerized quill card. It's the migratory season; last week some cadets returned from spring leave. But!

Dick **Sugg** thoughtfully forwarded a roster of present C&GSC students. Upon the roster each man has inscribed information relative to his departure, varying in clarity and emotional content to a degree that I cannot hope to duplicate, so this will be a cryptic resumé of the impending flight pattern. Dick, with Ginny and the kids, is headed for a tour with the U.S. Standardization Gp in Canberra, Australia. **Fuller** and **Vinson** are returning to West Point. Slated for RVN are: **Mayberry**, **Gabbert**, **Willner**, **Sloan**, **Salvador**, **Klein**, and **Rhea**. Scheduled for the Pentagon labyrinth: **Chesbro**, **Farrar**, **Panzer**, **Baldwin**, **Parker**, and **Charles**. **Anthis**, **Lochner**, **Westervelt**, **Whitley**, **Remus**, and **Surber** will greet next year's arrivals at Leavenworth. The rest of the class will be dispersed thiswise: **Woodyard** and **Epling**, Korea; **Perrin**, **Stout**, **Sullivan**, to Germany; **Debelius**, Engineer District Teheran; **Kortum**, Offutt AFB; **Stenehjem**, CONARC; **Breeding**, London; **Kincaid**, Fort Rucker (hardship); **Carlson**, Bangkok; **Rogers**, Iran; **Winston**, civilian, will stay on with the Harrisonville, Mo., branch of the Anaconda Co. During this Leavenworth session Russ Parker received the BSM and AM that he earned for his outstanding performance of duties in combat operations in VN. John Farrar collected two BSM's for his accomplishments against "hostiles" in VN.

From the Air Force come good words concerning the exploits, in strikes against north Vietnam, of Jay **Edwards** and Rox **Shain**; of Chuck **Linton**, who flies C-130 missions out of Tuy Hoa; and of George **Riess**, with AF Systems Comd at Wright-Patterson and a development systems manager closely involved in the work that produced the C-5 Galaxy, capable of airlifting rows A to LL, between the 20-yard lines, of the Los Angeles Coliseum.

John **Bard** performed mightily collecting names and addresses of '54 in the DC area most of whom were in attendance at the last class gathering. Because complete identification was not possible, the picture cannot be used, but it's obvious that the assembled horde enjoyed itself passing well at the mid-winter Washington frolic. As temples and shoulders begin to show traces (?) of silver, as girth, blood pressure, and professional acumen increase, the Class of 1954 drifts in growing numbers toward that ultimate epicenter, the Pentagon. John's roster shows 120 classmates in the environs of Washington, as of Feb 68.

Walt **Evans**, off with another shipment of microfilm and trade goods, is bound for Belgium, Germany, and Poland on his next junket. Could this be part of the YIPPIE International? Ed **Pawlowski** compiled a list of those who gathered at Fort Myer to hear Gen. Wheeler this Founders Day past: Ed, himself, committed for the next C&GSC; Jim **Moore** and Jim **Hays** from DCSPER; Skip **Forman**, back from VN and now in OPO Arty; Frank **Hicks**, happily married these brief two years and presently assigned to ASCI; **Joe Peisinger**, Dpty District Engr in New Orleans; Bill **Bathurst**, Hq USAF; Ron **Morris**, MELPAR; Price **Darling**, now with Research Analyst Corp.; Chuck **Wilson**, toiling in the JCS vineyard; and Ben **Schemmer**, of whom more later. Bill and Renee **Nelson** are on the move with I.B.M. Recently settled at White Plains, they plan to be there for a-while. Bill is presently a training administrator. Warren **Palmer**, having puzzled with R&D for two years at Picatinny, is bound for a tour, with Nancy and the children, in Bangkok.

The Downtown Jaycees of the DC Junior Chamber of Commerce have honored Ron Lee as one of the 10 outstanding young men in the federal government. Director of the Office of Planning and Systems under the Postmaster General, Ron was selected for his work in planning and administration in that capacity. Ben **Schemmer** has acquired, and is currently publishing, the *Journal of the Armed Forces*. The *Journal* is the oldest military publication, having carried the full text of the Gettysburg Address in the year that it was delivered. Ben resigned his commission in 1957,

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spent several years with Boeing where he was chief of customer liaison, and, in 1965, accepted a position as Dir of the Weapons Systems Division under Asst SecDef Enthoven. Ben brings a unique blend of background and capabilities to his new post. How about an RA lobby? Invited by Superintendent Maj. Gen. D.V. Bennett to give the main address at the USMA Founders Day dinner, Ben did well. His remarks were incisive, direct, and full of tough-minded optimism.

That's it for this quarter. *Cac-ban.* This is my last column for ASSEMBLY; I have enjoyed surveying class activities from this unique vantage point. Keep writing to Box 54. *Ciao!*

'55

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[Editor's Note:
This is Maj. William S. **May's** last class Notes column for the Class of 1955. Maj. Lee D. **Olvey**, whose name and address appear at the head of the Class of 1955 Notes in this issue, is the new class Scribe. Future class Notes material should be forwarded to him. The AOG wishes to thank Major May, the retiring class Scribe, for his fine efforts and cooperation in the past.]

I received a welcome letter from Dave **Gilpatrick** indicating that he is definitely on the mend from his wound. Dave is out of the hospital, currently working for OPO, Armor Br, and is bound for C&GSC in August. Dave reports that Warren **Jones** has volunteered to act as class Rep during his tour in the DC area where our center of gravity as a Class is settling. Any classmates arriving in the area should notify him. Warren is in OPO, Infantry Branch, and resides at: 6963 Rose Marie Drive, Oxon Hill, Md. 20022 (phone: 248-6536). Others reported to be in the Washington area are: Norm **Blahuta**, RAC, McLean; Jim **Brokenshire**, Hq, DA; Jack **Goldstein**, Hq, USACDC, Fort Belvoir; Paul **Lenio** and Pres **Mayson**, both with the staff of Walter Reed General Hospital; Jim **Ryan** and Bob **Stanley**, both with Hq, First Army; Howie **Stone**, OCRD, DA; Ted **Vitori**, Hq, DAF; also Jerry Lewis and Rawleigh **Ralls**, assignments not stated. Civilian classmates in the DC area include: Dick **Gottron**, Kensington, Md; Hank **Hollensbe**, Alexandria, Va.; Marty **McGuire**, Washington, D.C.

1955: Brig. Gen. V. L. Cary presents the Legion of Merit to Doc Schow as young Pete admires the medal.

1955: The class drinking tent set up for the Homecoming game with Stanford.

1955: Pres and Sarah Mayson get undercover at the Homecoming gathering.

1955: Todd and Sue Graham and Charlie and Brownie Johnson toast the victory over Stanford.

The spring avalanche of orders broke as this column went to press. Our contingent at West Point is diminishing. **Fiscus, Matteson,** Bill **Parks, Strickland** (20th Engr Bde), **McNerney, Maurer** (Engr Sec, I FF), **Todd Graham,** and **Haas** are being assigned to Vietnam. **DeMaris, Parsons, Pemberton,** Dave **Young,** and Frank **Robertson** are going to the C&GSC, Leavenworth. Even the president of our local class chapter, Joe **Franklin**, is going off to attend the School of Command and Staff, the Naval War College. Joe reports Mike **Malooley** will join him at the Naval War College (Mike transferred to the Chemical Corps). Congratulations to all our classmates who made the current lieutenant colonel promotion list.

At MacDill AFB this spring, Bill **Parks** learned that Ted **Gay** is stationed there with STRICOM. Dave **McNerney** received a card from Walt and Edie **Landers** who were in Austria on a skiing vacation—civilian life seems to agree with them! Dave **Young** saw Bill **Benassi** at the Founders Day dinner in New York City. Bill is a civil engineer in the area. Bill **Streett** saw Bob **Carpenter** in Washington, D.C., where Bob is with DASA as project officer in nuclear radiation effects on electronic components. Working on the same project is Myron **Minich**. Bill also saw Mike **Garn** who is director of the Office of Programs, Plans and Analysis, in the Office of Economic Development in the Commerce Department (a GS 17 or 18). Bill explains in layman's language that Mike is one of the chief economic planners in the war on poverty. Bill also reports that Dick **Baker** is going to SE Asia to fly RF-4's upon completion of the Air Command and Staff Course. Jerry **Chikalla** reports that Pop **Warner** was up here at West Point as escort officer for a group of cadets from USAFA where Pop is a Tac. And speaking of AF officers, Jerry **Tebben** has been extended another year here at West Point as an instructor in ES&GS.

While on candidate testing in Tucson, Ariz., last spring, John **Martling** saw Sid **Mason**. Sid is finishing up his Master's program in aerospace engineering at the U. of Arizona and is being reassigned to I FF in Vietnam.

Dave **Patton** sent a news-packed letter from Guatemala where he is the principal advisor to the Army of the Republic of Guatemala on all matters pertaining to operations and training.

1955: Tom Mullan and Rollie Nordlie help liven up the victory celebration at Homecoming.

1955: Tom Bell and Joe Grubbs who obviously is not wiping a tear shed for Stanford.

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1955: Bob LaFrenz is awarded the ACM and Air Medal by Brig. Gen. Blanchard at IFF, in Vietnam.

1955: Stan Sydenham receives the ACM for service with the 82d Airborne Div.

Dave reports that Fred **Woerner** is the civic action advisor and is winning the hearts and minds of the people and a great reputation for himself. Dave accompanied the Guatemalan Pan Am Rifle Team to Panama last February. While there, Dave saw Moody **Hayes** who is with the Army attaché group in Uruguay. Dave also saw Al **Worden** who, at that time, was going through the USAF Tropic Survival School as part of his astronaut training. Dave reports that Ed **Anderson** is flying C-46's out of Howard AFB, Canal Zone; Norm **Smith** is engaged in FAST schooling in Mexico City; and Lou **Tebodo** is selling cars down in Uruguay or supervising a G.M. branch operation in that area.

Mr. E. Lee Harris, a friend of the Corps, sent a very interesting newspaper clipping dated 12 Oct 67 which contains a letter written by Bruce MacDonald describing his work as the brigade surgeon of the 196th Light Inf Bde. Bruce received his medical degree from the U. of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1966. The article reflects Bruce's dedication and indomitable spirit.

Don **Reid** is the assistant operations officer of the 199th Light Inf Bde near Long Binh, VN. John **Beoddy** is an instructor in aeronautics at USAFA after a tour in VN. John received his M.S. degree from the AFIT, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Stan **Sydenham** received the ACM while at the C&GSC for meritorious service with the 82d Abn Div at Fort Bragg.

As an interceptor pilot with the 317th Fighter Interceptor Sqdn at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, Bob **Strickland** has contributed to his unit's outstanding performance which enabled it to win the Hughes Trophy as the best fighter interceptor squadron of the USAF. It is the third time that the unit (F-102 Delta Daggar squadron) has achieved this award since the trophy was established in the early fifties. Bob is now stationed at Clark AFB, Philippines.

Bob **LaFrenz** received the ACM for his work as an assistant professor at West Point. While at West Point, Bob instructed electronics and nuclear reactor theory courses and initiated the advanced nuclear physics program. Bob also received the AM for combat aerial support of ground operations in Vietnam. Both awards were presented to Bob by BG George S. Blanchard, chief of staff for the I FFV where Bob is stationed.

Ken **Wilson** is stationed at Tan Son Nhut AB, VN. Irv **Katenbrink** received the 4th award of the AM which was presented to him last January during his attendance at C&GSC, Leavenworth. Also at C&GSC, Bill **Peters** received the ACM for his performance while assigned to the U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Doc **Schow** received the LM for "exceptional meritorious service while assigned as executive officer of the 84th Engr Bn in Vietnam." Doc is now assigned to the U.S. Army Materiel Comd, Washington, D.C., as a systems analyst. AMC's Comptroller and Director of Programs, BG Victor L. Cary, presented the medal to Doc Schow. Before going to Vietnam, Doc served as head of the reactor division, Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute at Bethesda, Md., and is a licensed senior reactor operator with the Atomic Energy Commission.

1955: Bill Peters receives the ACM in ceremonies at Leavenworth.

1955: The new class Scribe Don Olvey contemplates his new duties.

Tom **Mullan** writes from Fort Ord (where he is quartered) that he, Ken **Ikeda**, and Al **Coleman**, are doing well in the Naval Post Graduate School. Tom ran into Bob **Hinrichs** at the Founders Day dinner. Bob is practicing law in Salinas, California. The pics from the 67 Homecoming (ARMY-Stanford weekend) at West Point are Tom's contribution.

And now, I must also report that I am going to be reassigned to Vietnam (long overdue, too). Accordingly, I must pass the column along. Fortunately, our permanent class vice president, who is also a permanent associate professor at West Point, has kindly accepted the class column responsibility after I and the rest of the members of our Class here at West Point badgered Don **Olvey** sufficiently. Don will be the Scribe forthwith and will be communicating with you in the next column. His mailing address is: c/o Dept of Social Sciences, West Point, N.Y. 10996. However, any mail addressed to either me or Don, Box 55, West Point, N.Y., will continue to reach Don. Thank you for your kind help, attention, and letters. I am sorry I could only reply to your correspondence through the column, but your news was appreciated. Please keep the same flowing to Don.

'56

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The "pickin's" for this report are mighty slim, but I'll harvest what there is and dish it out to you. Thanks to Jerry **Lake**, we have some photos of the '56ers who attended the ARMY-Air Force football fracas at Colorado Springs this past year. Charlie **Glenn**, Bill **Schrage**, George **Stapleton**, and Jack **Nicholson** made the trip from West Point to bolster ARMY'S cheering section–just in case the Air Force had completely brainwashed the classmates assigned to that academy. Joe **Dougherty** has returned from Vietnam and is with the English Dept at USAFA. Chuck **Torrey**, Bob **Grassberger**, and Jerry Lake are in the Math Dept. Bob and Jerry are scheduled for SEA tours this summer. Diane Grassberger and Claudette Lake will remain in Colorado Springs. Bob and Frankie **Hull**, Dick and Carole **Campis**, Al and Carol **Beauchamp**, John and Alice Ann **Gromek**, Lee and Patricia **Denson**, the Tom **Kirchgessners**, Mark **Smith**, Conn **Anderson**, and Gretel (Mrs. Bob) **Stewart** are still in the Colorado area. Perry **Smith** is training in F-4's at present. His wife Conner will remain in Colorado Springs during his expected SEA stint. Bruce and Camille **Wallace** will be at C&S School. After 3 years with the Athletic Dept, Russ **Mericle** is joining the 101st Div in Vietnam while his wife Terry waits in El Paso, Tex. Billie and Joe **Waters** drove up for the football game from Holloman AFB, N. Mex.; Charlie and Jane **Hamm** came in from Las Vegas; and Bob and Marcia **Randall** flew in from Portland, Oreg., for the occasion. Dick **Daleski** stopped just long enough at Colorado Springs to drop Alice off and then continue on to SEA. Jerry Lake believes that Buck and Penny **Abell** are still at Ent AFB.

Bonnie **Luft** reports from Wright-Patterson AFB that she sees Pat **Dougherty** occasionally. As previously reported, she is residing in the Dayton area while Paul is in Vietnam. Bonnie has also visited with Bob and Judy **Goodwyn** and their family of three children several times since Bob's been assigned to Wright-Patterson. Neale has been

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1956: Classmates gather at Colorado Springs for the ARMY-Air Force game.

awarded the AF Commendation Medal and the Air Force Medal with 2 OLC's for his heroism in Vietnam in 1966-67.

It was an honor and a pleasure to hear from Maj. Gen. Ankenbrandt, USAF (Ret), and class Scribe for '26, I might add. He tells me that his son Jerry and wife Bobbie and their two children have sneaked into the Los Angeles area (Torrance) and are living within rock throwing distance from the **Wilkers**. Jerry is currently assigned to the Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) space program at the AF El Segundo Hq (SAMSO). He has just returned from a year's tour in Thailand and, before that, was a student at Oklahoma State U. where he was awarded a master's degree in mechanical engineering.

The Class of '56 is certainly making its presence known in SEA and elsewhere judging from the number and types of decorations earned. Walt **Sager** has received 10 awards of the AM for his heroism in Southeast Asia. He now holds 11 AM's. Walt and Elaine are currently at Luke AFB where Walt is an F-100 Super Sabre instructor. Paul **Dougherty** received an AM for his airmanship and courage as an A-37 pilot. Both Paul and Lisle **Kendall** are members of the 604th Air Commando Sqdn based at Bien Hoa AB, Vietnam, and doing a great job. Bob **Pearson** has completed more than 207 combat missions as an RF-4C Phantom II aircraft commander flying out of Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam. Bob currently holds the DFC and the BSM for his service. Bob **Blocher** is an F-100 Super Sabre pilot with the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing at Phu Cat AB, Vietnam, and, as such, has taken part in many successful missions.

On the Army side, Charlie **Bagnal** has led the way by earning the BSM and his 2d through 14th awards of the AM during his latest tour in Vietnam. Tom **Bowes** was also decorated with the BSM. Both Charlie and Tom are presently students at C&GSC at Fort Leavenworth. Ralph **Floyd** received the Vietnamese Bronze Star for his valor in leading a flight of armed helicopters in support of a unit of the South Vietnamese army pinned down by hostile fire. Ralph is assigned as an operations officer in Btry C, 2d Bn, of the 1st Cav Div's 20th Arty near Tam Ky.

Now serving as plans officer in Hq of the 34th General Spt Gp in Vietnam, Jim **Bauchspies** received his 2d award of the ACM for his meritorious services during his last assignment at the Pentagon from July 64 to Jan 67. Phil **Farmer** received the ACM for his service while assigned to the U.S. Army Armor and Engineer Board at Fort Knox. Phil is now a student at C&GSC, Fort Leavenworth, as is Carl **Herrmann**. Carl was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious service while assigned as systems control officer and operations officer with the Defense Communications Agency, Europe, near Paris, France, from Aug 64 to June 67.

Betty and I were delighted to see Roger and Judy **Root** again. The occasion was the Los Angeles area Founders Day dinner. Roger is moving rapidly with I.B.M. and has recently been promoted to systems engineering manager in their data processing division. I have recently completed a 1-year tour as president of the West Point Society of Los Angeles. As you can see, we need more letters to keep this blurb interesting for all. Don't let me down for the fall issue.

'57

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We have lost yet another classmate, and again, we have lost in Ed **Quill** one for whom all who were privileged to know him felt a most profound warmth and affection for a genuinely Christian gentleman. Ed wrote a long letter just a couple of months ago recounting his meeting numerous classmates in his travels about Vietnam. He was copilot on an AC-47 which crashed into a mountainside. Ed was buried at Colorado Springs on 21 Feb; Joan and the three children are now living in Phoenix, Ariz. The group at the Air Force Academy has wanted to establish a memorial or an award of some sort to Ed's memory, and they have collected some funds to this end. So far, the proposed memorial has not met with a warm reception either here or at USAFA. Eric **Christensen** and Bruce **Turnbull** are looking into the whole matter thoroughly at this end in the hope that we can settle the question of the feasibility of such memorials, since the question will no doubt recur.

Other news is, thankfully, less sober. The Army side of the Class will shortly have 13 new lieutenant colonels including: Don **Sadler**, Bill **Ray**, Gerry **Galloway**, Hank **Hatch**, Herk **Carroll**, Homer **Johnstone**, Bill **Burke**, Church **Matthews**, Tony **Solberg**, Dana **Mead**, Jim **Edgar**, Leon **Bieri**, and Carl **Vuono**—another smashing victory for the forces of dumb luck and superstition. Our congratulations! Decorations received by classmates recently include: Bronze Stars to Sid **Britt** and Dick **Bone**, Commendation Medals to Ed **Soyster** and Don **Sadler**, and Air Medals to Stan **Pore** and Harry **Davidson**.

News of classmates includes word through spies that Dave **Smith** is in Guatemala as an advisor (USMILGP, c/o Embassy, Guatemala City). Les **Prichard** has completed the test pilot course at Edwards AFB, which makes him a member of a very select group. Joe **O'Neil** is flying AC-47's in Vietnam. John **Ramsden** was kind enough to send me an extensive note, a portion of which outlines his family's epic journey from Okinawa to Leavenworth via Europe. Also from Leavenworth, Aubra **Bone** not only sent the excellent picture of the people out there, but he also included the caption with all the names—even got them right! Sam **Focer** is on his way back here for an additional year teaching; thanks to him and a few others who have done likewise, several of us here are being let out early to get to the war. Bob **Winters** has left us and has joined I.B.M.; he and Katie now live in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Since this will be my last effort as Scribe, I'd like to suggest that we soon do something about our class records by way of a 15 or 20-year book. Such a suggestion may seem very premature now, but, without it, we are going inevitably to lose track of one another, and the column will become virtually impossible. Right now we are safe, and

1957: Stan Pore receives the Air Medal.

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1957: Bill Seely and Charlie Williams represent the class at the Founders Day celebration at Fort Sam Houston.

we will continue to be so until our center of gravity shifts away from the Academies. After that we will not have the means or the opportunity to compensate for accumulated neglect by means of collective pooling of information. I watched Ward LeHardy of '56 do theirs, and it was too much work for one man. It was expensive, time-consuming, and frustrating; so no time is too soon to begin such an effort.

Recently, I ran into a "gaggle" of classmates at the Boston area's Founders Day including: Leo McEvoy, John Little, and Bill Deegan—all prospering as civilians, though John's toying with the idea of returning as an Army aviator.

Just before the deadline for this issue, I received a lengthy letter from Bill King saying that life is just grand down in Puerto Rico where he's on ROTC duty at U.P.R. Bill extends an open invitation to any '57 types who find themselves in that part of the world, but he also adds, prudently, that he'll be en route to Leavenworth this summer. Finally, the Texas Rangers sent the picture of two unidentified "hoods" who are wanted for questioning in connection with the disappearance of large quantities of booze. If I were Bill Seely or Charlie Williams, I'd grow a beard, like fast!

'58

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The most difficult task for a class Scribe is announcing the deaths of classmates. I must report two tragic losses in Vietnam. Lawrence M. Malone (Inf) and Floyd B. Spencer Jr. (Arty) were killed in action earlier this year. It is not possible to adequately convey to their families the profound sense of loss we feel, and yet we must try.

Larry, who reportedly was an Infantry battalion S3 with the 1st Cav, was killed in January when the aircraft in which he was flying was brought down by hostile fire. He was listed as missing until March. His funeral was held at Arlington National Cemetery late that month. Honorary pallbearers from the Class included: **Bradshaw, Hayden, Hruby, J. Jones,** and **Williamson** all from USMA, and John **Herren.** Pete **Millspaugh** also attended. Our deepest sympathies go to Larry's widow Joyce.

Floyd was killed in February while an advisor with the 43d Advisory Team in Bao Tri. He was buried at Fort Sill, Okla., where he had been stationed just prior to his Vietnam tour. Classmates in the area and many friends attended the funeral. The Class extends its sincere and heartfelt sympathies to Linda and the children Floyd, Howard, and Ruth.

We know that God will be generous to both Larry and Floyd who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. We have now lost a total of 18 classmates, 6 in Vietnam.

1958: Dale Cockle receives his third award of the ACM from Col. D. S. Henderson, Asst Commandant of C&GSC, for meritorious service with the U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command in Washington, D.C.

1958: Hugh Trumbull (left) and Pete Kullavanijaya at the forward CP of the Royal Thai Regt south of Bear Cat, Vietnam.

Armor

Sam **Sookmark** had been in Laos but is now reportedly in Vietnam with the Thai forces. Gerry **Schurtz** is S3 of the 1st Sqdn, 11th Armd Cav Regt, in VN. His wife Bonnie is staying at Fort Monroe. Corky **Henninger,** who gave me much poop for this article, has Gerry's brother-in-law as a Plebe in his company at USMA (Co. G-I). Don **Martin,** S3 with the 11th ACR, wrenched his knee and was evacuated to Japan, but he has since recovered and is back with his unit.

Artillery

The redlegs really came through with the poop for this article. From Vietnam I hear that Bill **Giallourakis** is XO of the 2/33 Arty at Lai Khe, and that Ben **Pellegrini** is adjutant of the 54th Arty Gp. John **Shetler** is working with the Joint U.S. Public Affairs Organization in Saigon after completing graduate school at U.S.C. in 67.

Hugh **Trumbull** sent me a picture and an interesting letter from III Corps area where he is S3 of the 5th (Duster) Bn, 2d Arty. He hopes to make it back for the fall reunion. Up north I hear that Kyle **Rector** is the Asst Div Avn officer with the 123d Avn Bn in the Americal Div. Frank **Waskowicz** is headed that way after a year at C&GSC. He doesn't know what his assignment will be in the Americal Div. Chuck **Teeter** has orders for an Avn Gp in VN.

Elsewhere in the world: Pat (Papa) **Mellin** is with the Avn Sec, Hq USAREUR. I understand he and Linda are presently doing their part for the population explosion by holding their family at six children. (Sorry about that, Pat.) Otto and Shirley **Thamasett** are in Oberammergau, Germany, where Otto is Dpty Dir of Weapons, Assembly Dept, U.S. Army School, Europe.

In CONUS we find John **Sutherland,** who had not written to the class Scribe since graduation.

1957: At a class party at Fort Leavenworth are, (left to right) back row: Buck, Hatch, Thompson, Soyster, Galloway, Moses, Bokovoy, Schorr, Sadler, Nottingham, Kielkopf, Johnstone, Schumacher, Ramsden, Carson; third row: Audrey Blanck, Sidney Bokovoy, Betty Hatch, Pat Buck, Betty Olson (Dick in RVN), Sandy Moses, Mary Ann Soyster, Diane Galloway, Marcia Johnstone, Lois Kielkopf, Nora Whalen, Linda Martinez, Patty Schorr, Ruth McConnell, Jane Sadler; second row: Sue Bone, Judt Thompson, Pat Pearson, Chickie Fadel, Dianne Stephenson, Barbara Schumacher, Sue Carroll, Alayne Ramsden, Valerie Carson, Betty Nottingham, Wooz Matthews; first row: Sid and Jerre Britt, Blanck, Matthews, Fadel, Stephenson, Whalen, Martinez, Pearson, McConnell, Carroll, Bone.

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1958: Jerry Hoblit receives second Silver Star and second DFC at Edwards AFB, California, for heroic achievements as an F-105 Thunderchief pilot over North Vietnam. He is now in a one year training course at the Aerospace Research Pilot School.

sitting down and jotting me an 8-page letter filled with useful information about classmates in the New Mexico area. Many thanks to you, John, and may others in that category take your example to heart. John is presently working in the Weapons Safety Div, Defense Atomic Support Agency, at Sandia Base, N. Mex. John **Stone** finished graduate school in June 67 and is now assigned to Combat Developments Command Institute of Nuclear Studies at Fort Bliss. Loren **Reid** returned from VN in 67 and is now in the Communications/Electronics Dept, USA AMS, Fort Sill. I believe Tom **Kelly**, Tom **Morgan**, and Roy **Kirkpatrick** are also at Sill. Pete **Kusek** has orders for American U. to study OR/SA.

Bin **Barta** recently became S3 of the newly activated 1st Bn (155/8"), 82d Arty, at Fort Lewis, Washington. He expects the unit to go to VN this summer and requests helpful hints from classmates, especially S3's, on what to expect. His address is Hq 1st Bn, 82d Arty, Fort Lewis, Wash. 98433.

Engineers

Terry **Howard** is in Long Binh, VN, as S3 of the 62d Engr Bn. He returns in November to join Jackie and the children who are staying at: 5746 Baclclick Rd. #104, Springfield, Va. Bo **Craddock**, who had been assigned to SHAPE in Europe, is now in Vietnam leaving Judy and the children in El Paso. John **Devens** has orders from C&GSC to Korat, Thailand, and Bob **Dey** is going to the office of the Chief of Staff of the Army in DC.

Infantry

Hugh **Trumbull** tells me that Pete **Kullavanijaya** is Asst S3 of the Royal Thai Regt in Vietnam. Pete and Sam **Sookmak** are majors now. Ron **Turner** is Dpty GI of the 4th Inf Div. Cliff **Victorine** is reportedly with the 2/2 Mech Bn in III Corps area.

On Taiwan, John **Schaffer** is studying at the U.S. Foreign Service Institute in Taichung. John is in the FAST program and says the only other classmate he's seen there was Pete **Shunk** (Sig Corps) in Taipei. Stateside, I hear Joe Keyes is quite active as Secy of the Albuquerque West Point Society, while stationed at Sandia Base, N. Mex. Joe is with the nuclear branch at the Defense Atomic Support Agency. Chuck and Patty Toftoy had hoped to come to the June Week reunion from Tulane but do not expect to make it now since they are expecting their second child in May.

Ordnance

Word from C&GSC has Pat **Donovan** going to the 1st Inf Div in Vietnam, and Duff **Manges** coming back to the "trade school" to join the Ordnance Dept. Joe **DeChant** is in Vietnam; his wife Ty is staying at Fort Monroe.

Quartermaster

Only one entry this time for QM: Don **Johnson** has received the LM for the outstanding job he did in the 25th Inf Div, VN. He is on orders for C&GSC.

1958: Richard Osborn receives the Air Medal from Lt. Col. J. P. Marsiglia, Commander of the 360th Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron at Tan Son Nhut AB for outstanding airmanship on combat missions.

Signal Corps

Again from C&GSC I hear Doug **Sedgwick** is going to Fort Monmouth and Dale **Cockle** is going to the Washington, D.C., area.

USAF

In SEA John **Galen** is navigating AC-47 Dragonships with the 4th Air Commando Wing based at Binh Thuy. John received his M.S. from Georgia Institute of Technology in 67. In Saigon, Dan **Johnson** works out of the AFLC liaison office of Seventh Air Force at Tan Son Nhut. He says Judd **Ellis** works in the same building.

1958: John Devens receives the ACM from Col. D. S. Henderson, Asst Commandant of C&GSC, for meritorious service while assigned at Fort Holabird, Maryland.

John **McKillop** has completed 100 combat missions over North Vietnam as an F-105 pilot flying out of Takhli, Thailand. Frank **Smith** received his 2d DFC for combat achievement. He is now at Edwards AFB, Calif., with the AF Systems Comd. Mike **Dugan** is at USAFA after a Vietnam tour that included 300 missions and one night in North Vietnam after being shot down.

Artie **Meyer** is reported to be flying out of Hill AFB, Utah, but expects to go to VN this year. John **Kubiak** is at Kirtland AFB assigned to the 58th Weather Recon Sqdn. He flys through a lot of bad weather. (I understand he flew through 65 typhoons while stationed in the Pacific.)

Last but not least, Rosie **Rossetto** has received an M.S. in industrial engineering from the U. of Missouri and has been training in F-105's in preparation for a tour at Takhli, Thailand.

Civilian

Jim and Betty **Wildey** hope to come to the June Week reunion. Jim is with Sentry Insurance in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Keep in mind that the "official" 10-year reunion

1958: Brig. Gen. Rogers, Commandant of Cadets, presents the BSM to Fred Goodenough as Joan looks on. Fred, who is now a tactical officer at USMA, received the award for meritorious service in Vietnam with the 4th Inf Div.

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1958: Herb Puscheck (left) and John Sewall chat with Maj. John DeCordova, British Army officer in the Tactical Dept at USMA, after his talk at the '58 class luncheon in January.

will be Homecoming Weekend (ARMY vs California), 11-13 Oct.

The Class extends earnest and enthusiastic congratulations to the following Army classmates who made the lieutenant colonel's list this year: Bob **Bunker** (Engr), Tom **Carpenter** (Armor), Jim **Davis** (Inf), Dick **Graves** (Armor), Larry **Hunt** (Arty), Butch **Ordway** (Inf), John **Palmer** (Ord), Butch **Saint** (Armor), and Tony **Smith** (Engr).

I trust that the above disjointed ramblings have been of some interest. Despite some of the poop being old or slightly inaccurate, most of you enjoy reading about classmates and what they are doing. This article has concentrated on assignments and included much hearsay, so please write to me if YOU have any news.

It now appears that Rae and I will be at USMA until June 69, so keep all those cards and letters coming. My next deadline is in June, and the following one in September.

'59

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Congratulations to the 20-odd classmates who, by the time you read this, will be on their way to making up our first contingent at Leavenworth. A very hasty inspection of the C&GS list in the *Army Times* gives me, in addition to a painful eyeball, the following extract for 1959: **Hahn, Kanarowski,** and **Smart**, Armor; **Eckelbarger, Evans,** Darel **Johnson, Larsen, McConville, McMorrow, Pistone,** and **Stadler**, Arty; **Burchell** and Tex **Turner**, Infantry; **Beurket, Broocke, Cotts,** Greek **Johnson**, and **Nunn**, Engineers; **Bowers** and **Brown**, Ordnance; **Madden**, Signal; and **Besson**, Transportation. I may have missed one or two.

There have been several births reported since last issue. A son and first child, Jason James, was born to Will and Carol **Wright** on 4 Oct. Will is in the commercial service Dept of Avco Lycoming in Stratford, Conn., and the family lives at: 43-D Robert Treat Drive, Milford, Conn. 06460. Bob and Jennie **Howe** also welcomed a son and first child, Glenn Bowman, who was born on 20 Feb at the USAH in Heidelberg. Bob is with the 582d Trans Co., APO N. Y. 09028. A new son, Christopher Robert, arrived in the **Bertolett** household on 20 Dec. Craig and Sally are still at Aberdeen PG. Here at West Point, James Christian was born to Paul and Pat **Tomiczek** on 13 Jan. Paul is with the Dept of Physics. A daughter Noel Taaffe was born to Pete and Judi **Dawkins** on 9 Feb. Pete is in his second year with the Dept of Soc Sci. And, in Rochester, a third son, Mark, was born to John and Joann **Panko** on 2 Nov. John is still with duPont and lives with his family at: 14 Bitternell Lane, Henrietta, N. Y. 14467. He informs me that a former member of the Rochester group, Don **Gruschow**, has left Kodak and is now flying out of San Francisco for Pan Am to such out-of-the-way places as Honolulu and Tahiti. Tough, Goose!

Bob **Shain** is assigned as Opns officer of the 145th Avn Bn near Bien Hoa. His wife Sherry is in Keota, Iowa. Connie **Boyle** is now an account executive with E. F. Hutton and Co. in New York. He and Katie live in Brooklyn Heights at 50 Schermerhorn. Dick **Peffenbach** is with the investment firm of Middendorf, Colgate and Co. in N. Y. C. and calls his digs Putnam Green 12-B, Greenwich, Conn. He has recently been named a VP of Oceanographic Fund, Inc., an open-end investment fund concentrating upon the development and use of the ocean and its resources. Dick, according to the prospectus, was formerly associated with the Savings and Profit Sharing Pension Fund of Sears Roebuck, in Chicago, and Eastman Dillon, Union Securities Co., in New York, as a securities analyst. He has been with Dean Witter and Co. as an account exec in Palo Alto and Chicago and has also been a design group engineer with Boeing in Seattle. Peff seems to get around.

1959: Spence Maddux is pictured after completing his initial training with Delta Air Lines in Atlanta. He is assigned to the pilot base in Atlanta as a second officer.

Startling though it may seem, our 10-year reunion is approaching at great speed. The occasion calls for appropriate revelry, and we are well-prepared for that; but it also calls for some reflection and a taking stock of The First Decade. Hopefully, the planned 10-year book will do that with family photos, career summaries, words of world-

1959: Bob Shain at Bien Hoa Air Base telling his brother Rox (USMA '54) that he and his F-100 have been disqualified from the helicopter race.

ly wisdom from each class member, and assorted statistics, vital and otherwise ('58 has discovered, for instance, that they have collectively put on more than a ton and have increased in total girth by more than 50 feet). A major difficulty in producing a 10-year book, I understand, is that a great deal of pleading and cajoling is required of the hapless editors in order to obtain family photos and answers to questionnaires from each individual in the Class. The Class of '58 was able to produce only a 60% response. If our book is to be truly a part of our class history, we must do much better than that. You will each be receiving your questionnaire in the near future and, according to **Dawkins**, a prompt response will be very much appreciated. On to '69!

We are saddened by news from Vietnam that two more of our classmates have died in action. Frank **Gercz** was killed by fragments of a hostile anti-tank round which exploded in the base camp of HHC, 1st Inf Div, on 25 Jan. He is survived by his wife Jean and three children, all of whom live at: 4320 S. 49th St., Greenfield, Wis. 53220. Roger **Quinn** died in a firefight on 3 April while he was serving as S3, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav, under the control of the 9th Inf. He will be buried at Arlington within a few days of this writing. His wife Joanne and his four children are in Columbus, Ohio, at 4757 Harbor Blvd. (43227). We deeply feel the loss of each of these men.

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'60

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[Editor's Note:

This is Maj. Fletcher H. **Griffis's** last class Notes column for the Class of 1960. Maj. Walter R. **Good**, whose name and address appear at the head of the Class of 1960 Notes in this issue, is the new class Scribe. Future class Notes material should be forwarded to him. The AOG wishes to thank Major Griffis, the retiring class Scribe, for his fine efforts and cooperation in the past.]

I said the spring issue would be my last column, but, being an old softy, here I am again. I guess this is the June Week issue, and for the first time, we should have some classmates in the parade of old grads. Now, and for the last time, I reach into my organized stack of mail, with just a slight touch of exuberance.

John **Young** finally wrote a letter! He, Kathy, and children live at: 2107 Pope St., Monroe, La. John is with I.B.M. as a marketing representative. Subtlely, John is trying to confirm my statistical analysis of last fall by admitting that Cynthia (their fourth child) was born last 28 July. He ran into Steve **Waldrop**, Harry **Calvin**, Paul **Swain**, and Joe **Spivak** at the S.M.U. game in Dallas last October. (This news is somewhat old, as John's letter arrived just after the deadline for the spring issue.) Although we have many classmates working for I.B.M., the only one John has run into is Dick **Greene**, whom he met at a convention in Miami. Dick is a salesman located in San Francisco.

Life is full of mysteries. A major one for me is "Your Washington Scribe." He (or she) wrote news of classmates in that area. Jim and Genie **Lincoln**, who are at the U. of Pennsylvania, had a party last fall. It was attended by the Al **Champs**, the Ken **Kings**, the Tony **Blackstones**, and Joe **Naftzinger**. Joe has been working in the Pentagon with ACSI. (A special note to "Washington Scribe:" how about getting some notes on the others there?)

T. **Eubanks** (703 W. Goarley Pike, Apt. 85, Bloomington, Ind.) broke 7½ years of silence this quarter and wrote a letter. He married Diana in 1964 and, again substantiating my baby production statistics, they had a son last August. T was in Vietnam with the 199th Lt Inf Bde at that time. He saw Jim **Fairchild**, Cris **Gigicos**, Dave **MacAulay**, and Joe **Stehling** before leaving. Now T is studying Phys Ed with Mike **Plummer** at the U. of Indiana. Both are coming back here to run the various torture chambers with OPE. Dan **Campbell** is also at I.U. studying English, and he will join the English Dept in June 69.

Joe and Arlene **Jascewsky** (Liaison Field Det, Box 3L, FPO New York 09510) sent a photo of the promotion party that they held together with Hank and Sharon **Drewfs**. If the AOG comes through, we should all enjoy seeing it. (Who are the elderly gentlemen, girls?) They heard that John **Fyfe** was planning to attend the Founders Day dinner in London.

Dick and Emily **Cato** (Palo Alto, Calif.) decided to go out West rather than back here to sinus valley. Dick was scheduled to pursue an English (!!!) degree but has since decided to study systems analysis at Stanford. They were expecting their first child in April. Dick saw John **Berry** off to Vietnam and has seen Jim **O'Connell**, who finishes his M.S. in operations research at the Naval Postgraduate School in June. Dick also sends an open invitation to anyone passing through to call him (collect) at Palo Alto, 328-8075.

1960: Joe and Arlene Jascewsky and Sharon and Hank Drewfs hold a promotion party at Henry VIII's Wine Cellar.

We have two more first quarter additions to report. Pat and Mikel Ann **Flannery** had a boy in February, and Paul and Tina **Mandry** had a boy in January.

This quarter brought no letters from Vietnam, but the AOG came through with some press releases. Gene and Sally **Wilson** are now at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, N. Mex., where Gene is a test support officer. John **Burden** is now assigned to the 17th Air Cav of the Americal Division's 196th Lt Inf Bde. Jean is living in Oyster Bay, N.Y. Mike **Eckmann** is an ROTC instructor at Norwich U. He, Dorothy, and two daughters live in Northfield, Vt. Hector **Carron** completed the Vietnamese language course at DLI's branch at Fort Bliss.

The office of the Superintendent sent all class Scribes copies of the reports of all major agencies of USMA. They are for dissemination as we see fit. Stacked, they measure 1–1/16 inches high. Due to space limitations, I must omit some portions of the report; however, we do have 86.6% of the personnel participating in the savings bond program. Scan the other class columns for additional interesting facts.

Nancy has reminded me that I forgot more babies. Up here, Stan and Sheila **Hickman** had a baby girl, Julie, in March, and Gerry and Mari Lou **Jilbert** had a baby boy, Gerry Jr., also in March.

Rex **Good** will be writing your next column. It will be fun to read one again; I think I'll even subscribe to the ASSEMBLY. It has been great reading your letters–keep them coming to Rex. It's the only way to write to all your friends at once.

'61

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A man once said that anniversaries are vital moments which link the living present with those two eternities–the Past and the Future. Certainly, as our graduation's 7th anniversary approaches, it is easy for us to reflect on the past and difficult for us to soothsay the future. Who would have guessed in 1961 during the Berlin crisis that our first big contribution would be felt in Asia?

Tom **Baird** is now recovering from serious wounds received on 6 Nov during action in the Dak To area of Vietnam. Tom is at Walter Reed where he was recently promoted to major and received his 3d BSM for valor.

Mike **Trinkle** was wounded on 23 Feb while leading his company of the 11th Inf Bde in a combat assault mission southeast of Chu Lai. Mary, who is in Cornwall, has received word that Mike is now back to duty and is now the S3 of the 3d Bn, 11th Inf Bde.

Ed **Brown** is a senior sub-sector advisor in Long Khanh Province after spending the first few months in country as a psychological warfare advisor. Rina and their daughter Cathy are spending the year in Cornwall. Deac **Lancaster** is in Chu Lai with the 188th Maint Bn. Brenda and the children are at her home in Jeffersonville, Ind.

Dave **Eaton** is the Asst G5 advisor with the 18th ARVN Div in Xuan Loc. Emily, with the three children, is spending the year in Mount Holly, N.J. Frank **Tilton** is now a Bn S3 in the 45th Engr Gp. He and Liz met in Honolulu recently for Frank's R & R. Marty **Walsh** is also an S3 in the 45th Engr Gp. Pete **Offringa** is the S3 of the 168th Engr Bn. Jim **Royce** and Ken **McCollister** are S3's in the 937th Engr Gp. Chip **Smith** is commanding a company in the 45th Engr Gp.

Dale **Campbell** has recently departed Vietnam for Cambridge, Mass. He is on the ROTC staff at Harvard College and reports his job and environment are very interesting. (I suppose those Dow Chemical enthusiasts get in the way.) While in Vietnam, Dale was the S3 for a 155 mm towed Arty battalion. During his 2 years in Boston, Dale hopes to play some semi-pro hockey and to enjoy watching the Bruins on every occasion.

Bill **Sievers** has written from Vietnam. Bill was an Arty Ln O with the 1st Cav Div until recently when he was assigned to the I FF Arty section. His primary job is that of Ln O to the Korean Task Force Arty. Pete **Heimdahl** is Ln O to the II Corps (ARVN) Arty but spends a great deal of time, along with Bill Sievers, ghost writing priority studies in Nha Trang. Pete has finished his Master's at Illinois and will teach mechanics here at USMA upon his return. Chuck **Hodell** recently left I FFV for the career course at Fort Sill. Don **Lionetti** is in the I FFV Opns Sec and will leave for the Air Defense advance course at Fort Bliss in May. Jim **Taylor** is the senior advisor to the 3d Armd Cav Sqdn (ARVN) operating out of Pleiku.

Joe **Dahle** and family are now living in Matamoras, Pa., where Joe is the plant supervisor of the cable division of General Telephone's plant in nearby Port Jervis, N.Y. Joe has been with General Telephone for 1½ years and says that he now qualifies as a telephone man. He enjoys his work and the propinquity to West Point but finds running union men different than troopers. Joe is also the dutiful procurator of information on the boys from Kappa Dos and has kindly passed me what he has. Those who have not been mentioned recently will be now.

1961: Phil Mallory being congratulated by Sharon just after having the Silver Star and the Purple Heart pinned on by his father at Walter Reed Medical Center.

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It is rumored that our Olympian Joe **Amlong** is on the OPE staff at USAFA. Jim **Corcoran** is in Vietnam commanding an Arty battery and plans on the Arty career course next, to be followed by civil schooling. Bob **Eveleth** and his family are in Bangkok, Thailand, or were to be through February. Bob **Gants** is now a lawyer and in the law business with some partners in Washington, D. C. Their firm name is: Sharp, Partridge, Gants, and Perkins. A Washington lawyer is now our boss in DoD–start advising the President, Bob.

Larry **Noble** with Linda and new son, Michael Jonathan, are at Fort Meade, Md. Larry is an AF type and plans to remain at Fort Meade through 1971 (Man, that AF is stabilized!). Dave **Ritchie** is at Fort Ord, Calif., but his job is unknown. Denny **Rooney** is a Signal advisor operating in northeast Thailand. Jim **Scott** is back in Vietnam after a stateside pause to get rotary wing qualified and matriculate at the Arty career course.

Dick **Sheeder** is in State College, Pa., working as a research engineer for HRB-Singer. He also found time to marry Jane at State College on 9 Sept 67 and to write a report entitled, "Preliminary Aerial Infrared Fire Mapping Systems Analysis," which has been published by the Office of Civil Defense. Howsit work?

Sieg **Siegenthaler** is navigating C-124's out of Dover, Del. John **Sommercamp** is with the long range planning section of the Military Airlift Command. According to Joe, he has the world ending on 7 June 78. That is long range planning! Joe **Stewart** is at Long Binh but shall be returning to Marilynn and Pam and Mike soon. No word on his future assignment.

Gene **Witherspoon** is at Fort Belvoir attending the Engineer career course. Mike **Urette** is with the Institute of Land Combat at Fort Belvoir and is involved with the design of the organization, equipment, and tactics of the "Land Combat System, 1990." Mike completed graduate school in June 67 picking up both an M.B.A. in operations research and an M.A. in economics. Hans **Wagner** is now a project officer for the tank antitank weapons system at Fort Knox but is presently on Tdy to Lockheed's missile and space center in Sunnyvale, Calif. Bob and Betty **Zielinski** with family are in Iowa City, Iowa, where Bob is working on a professional engineers license.

Glen **Peters** is at Fort Knox commanding a basic training company in the Training Center. Larry **Prather** is at Fort Knox after returning from Vietnam last fall. Also at Knox in the Armor School is Dick **Fanning**. Another tanker, Don **Lockey**, is commanding a tank company in the 1st Armd Div at Fort Hood.

Jim **Mathison**, from our office, visited Third Army Hq recently for candidate testing and brought back some news from the Atlanta contingent. Cy and Nancy **Shearer** were blessed with a young boy on 11 Feb whom they have named Robert Lawrence. Frank and Barbara **Gibson**, also at Georgia Tech, were not far behind when Donald William arrived on 4 March weighing 11 lbs., 5 oz. Webb **Kremer** is also at Georgia Tech, and Jim **McGinnis** will begin classes there in June. Meanwhile, Jim has joined Dale **Shipley** in Third Army Hq. Larry **Smalley** is now in Georgia also. He is with the District Engineer's office in Savannah. Prior to this, Larry was a Ln O for the Chief of Engineers to the major commands in Thailand and Vietnam. He divided his time between Washington and Southeast Asia. Softest hardship tour I have yet heard of.

Bruce **Lammers** called recently from the Ordnance Center in Aberdeen, Md. Bruce is married and has a little girl. He is the S4 of the Ordnance School. Howdy **McCreary** is in the career course there at Aberdeen, and Gus **Stiehl** departed there not long ago to take over a Special Weapons Maint Co. on Guam.

Moose **Harmon** took one step forward on 16 March in Portland, Oreg., when he was united in wedlock with Carolyn Louise. Facilitating those who want to send congratulations, condolences, and/or gifts, they will be at home in the Marlborough House, Apt. 625, 3001 Branch Ave., SE., Washington, D. C. 20031.

Ron **Hannon** writes from Germany that they are enjoying their 1-year sabbatical from Vietnam, but he expects to be returning there next fall. Ron saw Jon **Nitkowski** and Nick **Muiznieks** at the Founders Day dinner in Stuttgart. They are both assigned to the operations section of a PERSHING unit after having completed the Arty career course. Tom **Stone** plans to be leaving Germany in June for Vietnam by way of a Tdy stop at Fort Sill.

Dave **Miller** is now attending the Arty career course at Fort Sill and plans to get an M.A. in English and then come here to teach. One of our teachers already here, Gene **LaBorne**, was presented with a boy by Nancy on 20 Dec. They have named him Marc William.

Appreciate very much hearing from those of you who have written, particularly appreciate the newsletters that come in. It would be very helpful if someone would compile the poop on their company-mates once annually and forward a copy to me for inclusion in this column.

'62

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Apparently, everyone with news to contribute to this column wrote a letter three months ago for inclusion in the last issue; at least no one wrote a letter since then . . . .

The Association of Graduates received some news releases pertaining to '62, and passed them on to me: Bob **Goode** is a member of the Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights," stationed at Fort Bragg. He participated with the team in international parachute competition last January at Zephyrhills, Florida.

Al **Scarsella** is aide to the Deputy CG at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Bob **Jordan** is with the 199th Light Inf Bde at Long Binh, Vietnam. His wife, Nancy, lives at 2429 Kenoma Street, San Dimas, California.

I'm sure you are disappointed at the lack of news this time. To prevent a recurrence, drop me your letter *now* so your news will be in the next issue.

'63

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Vietnam

The longest letter of the year award goes to Tom **Casey**. He mentioned that some classmates were disappointed at the brevity of the column. I agree, but I can't fabricate stories so it's up to YOU to get the information to me. Back to Tom, he is now an advisor to II Corps Arty near Can Tho; Martha and daughter Susan Leigh are staying with her family in Phoenix. Dean **Dowling** is CO, B Btry, 2/77 Arty. Dean left for RVN in September; his wife Karen is with her parents in Chicago. Mike **Allen** is in I Corps supporting the Marines with 1/40 Arty. Tom **Gallagher** is an advisor in Tay Ninh Province. Steve **Hustead** went to the career course from Alaska and is now with the 1st Bn, 30th Arty.

Ray **Ong** writes that he is still in RVN after 13 months with no end in sight. He was unable to take an R&R to Hawaii and thus has not seen his family for 17 months. Gary **Marchand** and Andy **Seidel** are CO's in the 588th Engr Bn. Understand that Andy is now on orders to West Point. Wendy **Gideon** is the maintenance officer for the 21st Recon Avn Co. Miles **Eberts** is playing S2 for the 2/34 Armor at Tay Ninh. In Saigon Todd **Dolighan** is the S4 for S/F, and Tom **Brennen** is a liaison officer to an ARVN Signal unit. In Long Binh, Pat **Stevens** is CO, 103d Engr Co.; Pat is providing the new surface for route 15. Mike **Jenks** is at USARV Hq working on ports, harbors, and coffee breaks. Bill **Grabner** is at Bien Hoa with the 20th Engr Bde. Bill is now married and has a baby girl. To answer your question, Ray, Paul **Reh** is here at Belvoir in the advance course. Clark **Ballard** and Don **Armstrong** are at Cu Chi; Don is Divarty Hq commandant while Clark is with the Engrs. Ward **Smith** stopped here at Belvoir to visit Paul and Kay **Hable** on his way to RVN and the 101st. Bill **Alexander** is S3, 554 Engr Bn at Cu Chi; Bill's wife Marion awaits his return in Harrisburg, Pa.

Frank **Cardile** was awarded the DFC at Da Mong for heroics while flying a rescue mission in an HH-3E, "Jolly Green Giant," for the Air Force. John **Hayes** another AF type is a construction Engr at Nha Trang. Doug **Mosier** is working in the Intelligence section, II FF at Long Binh; Rosemary is waiting out the year at: 60 Scott St., Springfield, Mass. Ray **Nickla** has finally been found flying as a FAC out of Nha Trang. Tim **Grogan** is in the hills of Pleiku as CO, Co. B, 69th Armor, 4th Inf Div. Also at Pleiku is Bill **Ivy**; he's a transport pilot for the AF. By the time this gets into print Bob **Boehlke** should be back from RVN and in grad school at U. of Calif. at Davis.

CONUS

Russ **Hanson** is an instructor at Fort Eustis, Va. Jim **Hannigan** received a Master's in computer science from Cal Tech and is now teaching at West Point. Others in grad school include Harold **Nelson** and Doug **Myers** at Ohio State, and Jim **Armogida** on a leave of absence to study law at U. of Texas. Big John **Walker** is at Bragg with S/F. Lee **Rizio** is flying B-52's at Pease AFB, N.H. Tom **Vaughn** is reported to be at Fort Meade with the newly formed 6th ARC. Virginia and Tom **Griffith** are at Maxwell AFB, Ala., while Tom attends the Air University's squadron officer school.

After nearly five months here, I've just discovered that Jay **Westermeier** is my next door neighbor. Jay and Dave **Cole** stopped by last week for a few cold ones and offered the following info. Dave himself is aide to MG Corcoran, CG of the 5th Mech Div. Others at Carson include: Don **Struble** as a CO in the tank Bn; Ken **Silberstein**, CO, A Btry, 68 Arty; Pete **Adams**, S2, 6/20 Arty; and Roy **Clinton** as Div Maint officer. Gary **Sausser** is MG Richard Stilwell's aide at the 1st Armd Div. Jack **Shepard**, Jim **DeWire**, and Bill **Stryker** are also at Fort Hood. Len **Gregor** is on orders to West Point after finishing up at Purdue. Rumor has it that Ron **Steinig** is at the U. of Arizona.

Ray **Bagby** has the pleasure of commanding Hq Co., U.S. Army, here in Washington; with 1,800 men assigned, Ray is rather busy. Kay and Paul **Hable** are parents of a new daughter, Katharine Anne, born on 8 Jan 68. Paul **Sutton** is now Gen. Heintges's aide in Heidelberg. Olen **Earnest**

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picked up his 9-14th clusters to the AM at Fort Rucker; Olen is now an instructor at the Mohawk School. Kip **Jenison** is CO of a training company at Fort Ord. Kip had been a sub-sector advisor in Dalat, then the career course, and on to Ord.

Bob **McGarity** is now in flight school at Fort Stewart, Ga. Tommy **Thompson** and wife Judy are at Bliss attending the 1181 Arty course. Andy **Gothreau** married Pam Meritt in Sept 66, and they now have a daughter Kimberly Ann. Andy was in a serious auto accident but is now fully recovered and teaching in the Nuc Weapons Dept at Fort Sill. Gordy **Holterman** was assigned to the 2d Armd Div after the career course at Bliss and Sill. Bob **Brown** is an instructor-student at Tulane. He works for the ROTC Dept and studies for a Master's in political science. Ann and T.J. **Kelly**, along with T.J. Jr., are at the career course at Sill. T.J. is on orders to the 25th Div. Palmer **Haines**, back in good health, is flying choppers in RVN. Al **Varnell** is attending the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif.; Al is working on a Master's in systems analysis.

I received an M-1 Newsletter from George **DeGraff** containing the following information:

Steve Best writes that **Almy** and **Brown** are both in RVN and that he will forward the addresses later. Billy **Baucum** and family are presently at Knox. Grace visited Trissie Best and said that Bill is planning to stay in. **Dunn** also says that he attended the ARMY-Navy game with Bill and Grace. I don't know the extent of their family; I do know they have one daughter, Tiffany. Address: AOC #2, Fort Knox, Ky. 40121. Steve Best is in VN at Cam Ranh Bay. He writes that he is living with a PE nut, and he is keeping in shape. He described living conditions in CRB as above the average for RVN. He plans to get out in Dec 68 which is his DEROS and eventually go to law school. Trissie is expecting No. 2 o/a 1 April. Ashley Bennet will be 2 in March. Address: HHD, USASUPCOM CRB (SP&O), APO San Francisco 96312.

Chapman's address (Gret's): 29 Braham Ave., Amityville, N.Y. 11701. Al **Clark** got hit in Dak To on 17 June 67. The mortar round caused injuries requiring amputation of both legs below the knee. He was medevaced to San Antonio and will be there until summer when he will retire with 100% disability. He plans now to enter law school in September at the U. of Texas. Al and Jackie went to Fort Hood and visited with Lt. Col. Burke W. Lee and family. Lt. Col. Lee is on the colonels list and presently is CO of the 17th Engr Bn, 2d Armd Div. Al says he only has one operation remaining before he starts walking in earnest. Address: Ward 43-A, Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Tex. 78234. Address Lt. Col. Lee: 6848 Todd St., Fort Hood, Tex. 76544. **Conlon's** address: 8 Atwood Rd., Southboro, Mass. Bill **Coomer** is S2 of the 4th Cav Sqdn, 25th Inf Div, APO San Francisco 96225. Carol's address: 172 Summit Lane, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa. 19004.

DeGraff—I have been at the U. of Arkansas since June 66. I got married in Aug 66 to the former Mary Arnold of Tucson, Ariz. Not much has happened since I have been here except more rotundness and hair loss. I have been in contact with DA since Aug 67 trying to get reassigned. I have been notified that I can expect assignment orders to RVN or Korea in July. I guess I had better get my long underwear out of storage and prepare to chant UP THE HILL. Address: 116 Nolan, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701.

Dunn says that Jim **Dickey** started the Armor career course in January. Address: AOC #3, Fort Knox, Ky. 40121. John Dunn has made the big time as Asst G3. I can see him now writing OPORDS for the world. He is still a bachelor, and I am sure enjoys the FKOOM regularly. He plans to attend the career course soon. Address: Asst G3, Armor Center, Fort Knox, Ky. 40121. **Walsh** says that Ed **Greybeck** and family were at El Paso where Ed just finished the AD career course. **Clark** says he received a letter from Trina **Ingram** which stated that Lionel was adjutant of the 2/17 Cav and went to RVN in December with the 101st Abn. Trina and the two Ingramettes are staying with her parents in Portsmouth, N.H. Address: 2/17 Cav, 101st Abn Div, APO San Francisco 96383. The Bear **Kelly** is in RVN. He and JB were in the same unit and switched some command and staff positions between them. Pete is due back in March and is now the Bn S4 (OIC of Brownboys). Address: HHC, 39th Engr Bn, APO San Francisco 96374.

Charlie **Nahlik** is in and out of Okinawa with his cloak and dagger. He, Carol, Mary C., Sandra L., and Susan E. are all doing fine in Okie. Expects to return in Dec 68, but most officers have been extended for a year. Charlie is teaching PSYOPS to ROK forces, flying high altitude leaflet missions, freezing, getting shelled, and sleeping under his bed as the situation dictates. Charlie also loves the DZ in Okie. Address: 7th PSYOP Gp, APO San Francisco 96248.

Dick **Walsh** came back from RVN to the Arty career course and then was assigned to the Infantry school on the Arty committee. He and Raye are the proud parents of Richard Jr. (natch), born on 26 Nov 67. Address: 124B Butts St., Fort Benning, Ga. 31905. Georgia **Wheeler** had to answer JB's questionnaire since he is in the middle of getting a dual degree in public works management and civil engineering. They will be there until June 69 when he should go to the career course at Belvoir. Georgia and Judson (age 3 in June) are also planning to start school soon, Judson appended his artistry to the questionnaire. Address: 1418 Jefferson Hts. Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235. Bob, Kit, Suzanne (3), Bobby (2), and Beth (3 mos.) **Wood** are all in Mississippi. Bob came back from RVN in the summer of 1966 and has been assigned to ROTC. He enjoys ROTC duty almost as much as I do. He is looking forward to orders for summer reassignment to RVN or career course. Address: 107 Margaretta Dr., Starkville, Miss. 39759.

Received a nice letter from Ginny **McCormack**; Mike was with the Avn Sec, 20th Engr Bde, and returned CONUS in early February; they are now at Fort Sill where Mike is flying for the Redlegs. Doug and Kristin **Williams** are at Hunter/Stewart AFB in Savannah, Ga. Doug is now an instructor pilot. Jack **Adams** and Steve **Chapman** are still bachelors and were last seen in Honolulu. Gil **Keteltas** returned from RVN and the 9th Div in February to rejoin Mary Ellen and the two children—not sure of his present assignment.

Before closing I must announce the deaths of two classmates. Terry **Sage** was killed in action in Vietnam on 31 Jan 68. Jim **Hughes** died of complications following a motorcycle accident in California. Jim passed away on 29 Jan 68. Our deepest sympathy is extended to both families in their time of sorrow.

One last note—it has been suggested that the Class set up a scholarship fund for children of deceased classmates. Request suggestions and/or comments from the Class.

'64

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The office of the Association of Graduates received the following class news in a letter from Mrs. Daniel H. **Hornbarger**:

"I will tell you what information I have of classmates at this time. My husband Dan is presently on his way to Vietnam to take over as a company commander in the 137th Engr Co. based at Qui Nhon. We have a second son, Christopher Earl, born 2 January 1968. Dan recently received his master's degree in geodetic science from the Ohio State University.

"We recently saw Frank and Judi **Giordano**. They were home visiting since Frank was recently transferred from Fort Bragg to the career course at Fort Belvoir. They have a second little girl, Meg, born 26 October 1967.

"Jim **McCutchan** and his wife have a new baby girl, Kimberly Sue. Jim was recently transferred from Fort Belvoir to the 589th Engr Bn, APO San Francisco 96238."

'65

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Janet **Atteberry** writes about the details of Chuck **Wuertenberger's** death in Vietnam on 17 Jan near Tay Ninh. Chuck had reported there for duty with the 25th Inf Div only one week earlier and was killed on patrol before he could assume command of his new company. His wife Tamera expects their child in May. She is at her family's home: c/o Mr. H. R. Watts, 363 West Broadway, Logansport, Ind. 46947. Janet's husband Lee is with the 3/34th Arty in the 9th Div's mobile reserve force in the Delta. He and Roger **Frydrychowski**, a general's aide at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y., represented the Class at the burial at West Point. Lee also brought home word of Wayne **Scholl**, with Co. C, 39th Engr Bn, near Chu Lai, and Gunner **Hennig**, with the 1st Div, near Lai Khe. Tom **Croak** is in Dong Tam in the Delta.

Bob **Higgins** returned from RVN on 20 Feb to meet his new second daughter, Susan, and proceeded to Fort Bragg. Jim and Dee **Hardin** are at Fort Jackson.

Jacki **Clewley** writes that her husband Larry was wounded at Dak To in November, recuperated in Japan, and has since returned to RVN to complete his tour. He's due to return to the States in May. Jacki and daughter Michelle are making their home in Portland. George **Gehringer** and his wife Sue wrote Jacki of their return to the States from Germany for school attendance at Fort Bliss and Fort Bragg before he reports to RVN in July. Sue and son George will reside in Philadelphia while George is in RVN.

News of others overseas include: Tim **O'Hara**, soon due to return to the U.S. from the 1st Log Comd at Long Binh; Harry **Joyner**, wounded in January but has since rejoined his company with the 25th Div; Frank **Hennessee** who is a company commander in the 4th Inf Div; Bud **Fish**, a Ln O in the 2/40th Arty in the 199th Inf Bde near Long Binh; Bob **Frank**, with the RVN 7th Inf Div who was awarded the SS on 23 Nov; Greg **Letterman**, battalion adjutant with the 2/35th Arty near Xuan Loc; and Pat **Donovan** who is CO of Btry B, 2/9th Arty, in the 25th Inf Div.

Back in the States Dick **Knudson** is the XO in the office of the deputy CG, Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Fred **Ammerman** received the BSM for his Vietnam

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service while assigned as the CO of the medical company at the U.S. Army Hospital, Fort Carson. Dave **Mastran** received the AF Commendation Medal for his work as an operations research scientist at Kelly AFB, Tex. Jack **Lyons** is at Fort Knox after leaving his old post as XO to the Dpty CG of the Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground. Mike **Deems** writes from George AFB where he is a ground Ln O and complains of having to divide his free time between Las Vegas and Los Angeles. For all you fellows in Vietnam–this stateside duty is pretty tough; think seriously about extending to spare yourself these trials and tribulations.

Back to a more serious note, in addition to notice of Chuck **Wuertenberger's** loss, we also learned of Mike **Berdy's** death on 26 Dec in RVN. Mike's fierce competitive spirit and remarkable wit will be a great loss to the Army and sorely missed by all his classmates. He was buried at West Point on 4 Jan.

'66

Lt. William F. Hughes
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Gar **Wright** contributes the following from Fort Bragg:

This is just a helping hand to pick up where Buck **Thompson** had to leave off. March at Fort Bragg finds quite a few of '66 on the road to the jungle to join everybody else. Winding up the current MATA course on 22 March for would-be advisors at APO SF 96222, are Freddy **McFarren** (accompanied by wife Aubrilyn and new son, Preston), Gar **Wright**, Hank **Dutkiewicz**, and Jack **Norris** (now with brand new wife, Beth- - -congratulations).

The new Mill Around Till Ambushed course has Joel **Gartenberg**, Rog **Grugle**, Bill **Haneke**, Kes **Kesmodel**, Colin **Bludau**, Bill **Poole**, Mike **Fuller**, Mike **Fellenz**, Doug **Thornblom**, and Jack **Crabtree**. All of us seem to have firm assignments, but as the MACV adjutant cheerfully points out, "Our assignment situation is occasionally turbulent and last minute changes in assignments may be necessary." Happy New Year. Gary **Jackson**, a recent product of MATA, was heard recently to remark quite loudly and at some length that "Charles" has a lot of cheek. Paul **Roggenkamp** is also at Bragg working on being a Sneaky Pete.

A number of classmates are infiltrating the college set or are still at it. At Stanford, Ted **Hill**, Dave **Linder**, and Jon **Steel** finish up 2 years in June and have Ranger school and the jungle to look forward to, immediately.

Mike and Ann **Root** started at Stanford last fall, and Fritz **Ernst** started the spring semester, leaving memories of Thailand behind.

Warren and Sue **Johnson** are holding down the fort on Okinawa. Ron **Carpenter** is at Fort Walters learning how to fly higher, as are Jim and Annie **Cunningham** sandwiched in between racing the Porche and a new motorcycle.

Gary **Coggins** and wife Penny are in Germany as a TOE family, reinforced, but I don't know what the attachments are, yet. Cam **Ely** commands HHC, 1/36 Inf, also in Germany. Steve **Eisenberg** returned from Korea, but went to New York and will make a stab at being a legal eagle starting this fall. Ron **Stenstrom** left Germany for RVN in February.

Fort Bragg will continue to operate for a while with Charlie **Williams**, newly arrived from Korea, Gene **Driscoll** from Thailand, Blair **Williams**, M.G. **Williams**, and Ron **Caldwell**. Special thanks go to the Mad Czeck who, with the Czeckmate and the only Russian accented, Czeck speaking, 2½-month-old baby girl in the Class, have been running the Wayfarers Inn for classmates at Fort Bragg. Thank you Joe **Calek**, Diane, and little Czeck in that order. Joe will join the Vietnam crew as a combat engineer type in August.

I have no more to add, except to submit these lines I heard down at Snuffy's one night in memory of some of our friends who won't be with us again.

"For it's always fair weather
When Good Fellows get together,
With a stein on the table
And a good song ringing clear."

'67

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The Class of '67 now finds itself entering its second year since graduation, and the class roll is rising daily in Vietnam.

Received a letter from Terry **McMahan**. He, Earl **Hughes**, and Gary **Hall** are at Chu Lai with the 3d Bde of the 82d Abn Div. In the 101st Abn Div, Dennis **Mikale** is FO-ing with B Btry, 1st Bn, 321st Arty. He was working for Lt. Col. Dan **Foldberg** (whom we all remember as chief Infantry instructor) until Col. Foldberg was evacuated due to wounds he received. I spoke with Col. Foldberg at Tripler Army Hospital before he departed for the States.

Here in Hawaii, members of the 4th Bn, 21st Inf, have completed POM and are departing shortly to join the Americal Div. This movement will include: Bill **Groman**, Bob **Griffin**, Ace **Clark**, Joe **Pena**, Chuck **Costanza**, Bob **McEldowney**, and myself.

Bob **Kunselman**, an AF file, is now attending a civil engineer course at the AFIT, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. From there he is assigned to Cam Ranh Bay AB.

Elsewhere in the world, I have news of two new weddings. On 5 Feb, Kerry **O'Hara** married Janis Dory in Carmel Valley. They now reside at: 930 Casenova Ave., Monterey, Calif., where Kerry is stationed at Fort Ord with the 41st Inf CDCEC. On 24 Feb, Bob **Nolan** was married to Kathryn Metzler in Kansas City, Mo.

From Fort Hood, I heard that Dave **Blanchard**, Bob **Whaley**, and Tray **Mathews** are CO's in the 2d Armd Div. Tom **Murphy** is an XO, and Terry **Hegglin** is XO of A Btry, 6th Bn, 92d Arty.

Al **Seyfer** sent a nice letter. He is presently with A Btry, 3d Bn, 59th Arty, 2040 West Brown Dear Rd., Milwaukee, Wis. 53217. When his unit went to Fort Bliss for their practice firing, he met Dave **Horton** who is assigned there with a forward area weapons battery. Too, Al said that he had heard from Grant **Taylor** and Joel **Matulys** who are "protecting the Golden Gate Bridge against air attack" from their CP in San Francisco.

John **Hall** wrote from Fort Richardson, Alaska. He and Emily are settled there where he is XO of C Btry (155 SP), 37th Arty, 172d Inf Bde. Jim and Sandy **Haas**, Mac and Angie **Hartley** are there also. Jim is S1 in the 172d Spt Bn. Mac is a platoon leader in the 60th Inf and is presently on the LRP that goes out exploring the unmapped Alaskan interior.

Scotty **Macfarlane** is a platoon leader in D Btry, 5th Bn, 55th Arty, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kans. Tom and Barbara **Thornton** now reside at: 1535 Mesita Road, Colordao Springs, Colo., where Tom is XO of B Btry, 4th Arty, 5th Inf Div. Ken and Kathleen **Williams** are in Ohio, where Ken is an integrated fire control area platoon leader in A Btry, 5th Msl Bn, 56th Arty, near Wilmington.

From Korea, I heard that Emmett **Mahle** is a platoon leader in Co. A, 1st Bn, 38th Inf, 2d Inf Div. Randall **Kinnard** is a platoon leader in the 4th Bn, 76th Arty, 7th Inf Div.

Switching now to Germany, I received the following information. In the 4th AD, Earl **Refsland** is XO of Trp A, 2d Sqdn, 4th Cav. Jim **Alich** is a platoon leader in Co. B, 3d Bn, 35th Armor. Tom and Vivian **Dyer** reside in Furth, Germany, where Tom is assigned as FO to A Btry, 2d Bn, 14th Arty. Dan **Schrage** is assembly and transportation officer of B Btry, 1st Bn of the 24th Inf Div's 34th Arty near Munich. Rich **Anastasi** is a missile platoon leader in B Btry, 1st Bn, 68th Arty.

This is all that I have for now. The assistance of those who wrote is greatly appreciated. Let us have a newsier column with photos; keep those cards and letters coming in.

1966: Assembled for New Year's at the Wright homestead in California are (left to right) back row: Ed Wright, "Guest," and Jon Steel. Front row: Fritz Ernst, Liz Sheets, and Ann and Mike Root.

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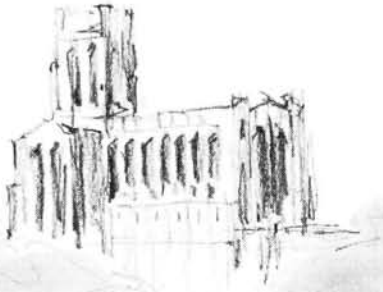
Be Thou At Peace

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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William Jefferson Glasgow

NO. 3414 CLASS OF 1891

Died 4 August 1967 in El Paso, Texas, aged 101 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Bliss, Texas

AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE FOURTH CLASS who reported to West Point on 28 August 1887, for admission to the Military Academy, was a handsome young man whose courtly manners, attractive personality, and general air of *savior faire* marked him at once as a prominent candidate for social leadership in the Class of 1891.

William Jefferson Glasgow was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on 18 May 1866, the son of Edward James Glasgow who, dating from before our war with Mexico (1845-47), had been in the business of trading and transporting supplies in covered wagons across the plains and to Chihuahua over the old Santa Fe Trail. He was a partner of Dr. Henry Connelly who later became Governor of New Mexico.

Young Glasgow, whom we promptly dubbed "Billy," attended Washington University in his native city from primary through freshman grades, inclusive, and then engaged in business until he obtained his appointment to West Point. At the Academy he proved to be a good student, graduating just above the middle of the Class, thus showing that he did not allow his academic standing to overshadow too seriously those extracurricular activities for which his social talents so generously qualified him. He was popular with the ladies and wore chevrons throughout his three years of eligibility, attaining, in his first class year, the resplendent ones of cadet lieutenant and quartermaster of the battalion.

Came June 1891 and graduation, and Billy joined a group of like-minded classmates to enjoy a portion of the summer in European travel.

At the conclusion of graduation leave, Glasgow joined his regiment in the far Southwest and began learning the job of a Cavalry second lieutenant. A frontier post was a fine place to start. When things grew too quiet there the Apache "Kid" could be depended on to afford relief from the monotony by going off the reservation; it became the task then of the Army to chase him over the wastes of New Mexico until he decided to be good.

Glasgow had his share of this duty until one day he found himself on detached service at San Antonio, as aide to General Zenas R. Bliss, Commanding General of the Department of Texas. Such a detail offers valuable experience for a young officer, and Billy profited from his opportunities. As his time was not completely in demand by the General, Lieutenant Glasgow was assigned, "in addition to his other duties," as Department Engineer, and in that capacity he engaged in a tug-of-war with the Rio Grande. That fickle and tortuous stream was endeavoring to seek a new channel by cutting a northeasterly course near its mouth. This would have transferred to Mexico a sizable piece of Texas, including the town of Brownsville and the adjacent post of Fort Brown. This disaster averted, Billy, by order of the War Department, took on another task, namely the preparation of a progressive military map of Texas, based on the polyconic projection. He vaguely recalled the polyconic projection as one of the horrors encountered in graphics at West Point and was appalled at the

William Jefferson Glasgow

hours of midnight study before him in renewing his acquaintance with the forgotten subject. However, in due time, a map was produced by the surveying parties sent out from Lieutenant Glasgow's engineering office.

The Spanish-American War found Glasgow in Florida with his regiment, the 1st Cavalry, anticipating service in Cuba, but owing to lack of adequate animal transport, the regiment was dismounted. Billy was left behind at Tampa with the duty of looking out for the horses and training replacements to fill the skeletonized units of the regiment. In January 1899 he was ordered to Cuba for duty. Shortly after arrival he was appointed aide to General James H. Wilson who was in command of Matanzas and Santa Clara. He was aide for one year and was acting judge advocate of the department for one more year. When General Wilson was ordered to China in 1900 he wished to take Glasgow with him, but the War Department disapproved his request.

With the reorganization and increase in the Army in the winter of 1901, Captain Glasgow was assigned to a new regiment, the 13th Cavalry, and ordered to Fort Meade, South Dakota. Here he found two classmates, Captains Whitman and Corcoran, assigned to the same regiment. It was congenial duty for them to serve in the three regimental staff positions. Broncos from the Montana ranges were being purchased with only a few cowboys to care for them, and it became the duty of the officers to make a cavalry regiment out of the raw material: men who had never seen a horse and horses which had never seen a man. When the cowboys turned the first contingent of 100 horses into the small corral available and removed their halters, it was two hours by the clock before the last horse was in his stall.

Glasgow accompanied the 13th Cavalry to the Philippines in 1903, but shortly after its arrival there Billy was ordered to Manila as assistant to the adjutant general and soon became aide to Major General James F. Wade. Two years of this duty at Manila and two at Governor's Island, New York, brought that agreeable association to an end with the retirement of General Wade. Captain Glasgow rejoined his regiment at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. There followed a second tour in the Philippines, following which the regiment took station at Fort Riley, Kansas, where an order awaited Glasgow directing him to Fort Leavenworth and other places in connection with a board consisting of: Major Munson, Medical Corps; Captain Glasgow, Cavalry; and Lieutenant Miller, Infantry—"The Munson SHOE Board."

About 1912 Billy was ordered to Washington as a member of the General Staff, but the Manchu Law soon returned him to duty with troops. A short tour as quartermaster at Fort Myer ended in May 1914, by his promotion to major, and in this new grade he attended Field Officers Classes at the Mounted Service Schools at Fort Riley and the Army Service Schools at Fort Leavenworth, adding to his archives diplomas from both classes.

Soon followed eleven months duty with the Punitive Expedition into Mexico in the pursuit of the bandit Villa (1916-17). Villa proved to be elusive, and friction developed between our troops and the Mexican forces, resulting in some losses to ours, among which were Captain Boyd and men of the 10th Cavalry. Back from Mexico early in 1917, Glasgow's next duty was at El Paso, Texas, for two months.

With our entry into World War 1, Glasgow, now a lieutenant colonel, was ordered to Fort Myer, Virginia, as director of an officers training camp designed to transform candidates from civilians into junior Army officers through a three-month intensive course in the fundamentals of the lieutenant's trade. Two successive classes, totalling some 4,000 trainees, were graduated under Colonel Glasgow's direction.

In December 1917, he was assigned as Commander of Trains to a new division then being organized at Charlotte, North Carolina. Any hopes of immediate service overseas were dispelled by a telegram sending Glasgow to the Army War College to prepare a curriculum for brigade and field officers of the National Guard and, upon its completion, to proceed to San Antonio as senior instructor in the three-month course based upon said curriculum.

No sooner was this pedagogic duty completed than he was ordered by the Department of Texas as a special inspector to report on certain border incidents involving American and Mexican troops along the frontier between the Big Bend of the Rio Grande and Nogales, Arizona.

Hope revived with his assignment later as Colonel of the 14th Cavalry, the next Cavalry regiment to go to France. While engaged in the hurried and intensive training of that regiment, he was given the additional and distracting duty of defense counsel for a German spy who was being tried by court-martial. The spy was sentenced to be hanged by the neck until dead, and Glasgow was permitted to devote his full time to the training of his regiment. The next blow to his hopes of leading his cavalry command overseas to combat came in the shape of telegraphic orders from France: "Send only Infantry."

In September 1918 Colonel (temporary) Glasgow was promoted to brigadier general, AUS, and to the command of the 20th Infantry Brigade at Camp Funston, Kansas. However, the armistice on 11 November 1918 spelled the end of hopes for fame upon the battlefield, and with the mustering-out of the depot-brigade in May 1919, Brigadier General Glasgow reverted to his permanent grade of lieutenant colonel.

Later highlights of General Glasgow's service include: Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth; the Army War College, Washington, 1921; Chief of Staff, 1st Division, at Forts Dix and Hamilton, 1923; three years in the office of the Chief of Cavalry; command of Fort Myer, Virginia; promotion to brigadier general, U. S. Army, in March 1927; and retirement for physical disability in May of the same year.

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Upon retirement General Glasgow decided to make his home in El Paso, Texas. This was a logical choice, for soon after graduation he had married Miss Magoffin, the granddaughter of James Wiley Magoffin, prominent trader of the Southwest whose business, like that of General Glasgow's father, was transporting supplies in covered wagons across the plains to Chihuahua over the old Santa Fe Trail. Mr. Magoffin erected a home in Magoffinsville, now a part of El Paso. His son Joseph Magoffin built the adobe home (in which the Glasgows are still living) in 1875. This comfortable home extends, room after room, around three sides of a large interior court. The one-story adobe structure is of historical interest as the oldest house in El Paso.

After retirement, General Glasgow devoted himself to personal business for some thirteen years. However, much of his time during and after that period was devoted to research into the history of the southwest part of our country. He became an authority on that subject and was able to furnish valuable data to the committee handling the 1948 centennial celebration of the founding of Fort Bliss, adjacent to the city of El Paso.

This story of the military career of William J. Glasgow may seem to recount an undue portion of service away from troops, but it must be remembered that in the administration of the Army, we have a multitude of duties which may be called "housekeeping" chores, such as staff, supply, exploration, inspections, teaching, and going to school. When an officer demonstrates personal and professional aptitudes which make him valueable for such activities, he is apt to be in demand for detached duty, often without regard for his personal wishes. Thus it was that Glasgow, the handsome, talented, efficient, reliable, found himself frequently utilized by superiors who wanted a job well done.

Before his death, General Glasgow was the oldest living graduate of West Point.

–L. S. S.

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Edward Marsh Shinkle

NO. 4027 CLASS OF 1901

Died 8 November 1966 in San Francisco, California, aged 88 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWARD MARSH SHINKLE was born 9 January 1878, on a farm in Brown County, Ohio, the son of Michael Eugene and Sarah Marsh Shinkle. He lived on the family farm until he departed to attend Ohio Wesleyan University for one year prior to entering the United States Military Academy in 1897.

After a three-week graduation furlough, Lieutenant Shinkle reported for duty at the Presidio of San Francisco and was assigned to quarters in the old Fort Winfield Scott, which overlooked the Golden Gate. Although he was really an Artillery officer, he was given command of an Infantry company. He commented that he did not know what could be done with a company of recruits other than drilling them, in the short time before sailing for an overseas assignment. After three weeks of drill, they sailed for the Island of Maraneduque, P.I., where a whole company had been captured shortly before.

Following a year in the Islands, he returned to the Presidio, where he remained for five years. While there, in 1905, he married Margery Gibbous. And, during the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, he assisted Captain Altman in providing independent aid to the city. During that catastrophy, all the troops from the Presidio were sent into the city to assist in its relief, and Shinkle's presence of mind and personal courage were instrumental in saving life and restoring order. He materially assisted in both evacuation and restoration activities.

An incident during the earthquake is particularly indicative of the abilities of the then young lieutenant. While with troops in the vicinity of the Palace Hotel, his commanding officer, looking down New Montgomery Street, saw a commotion and said to Shinkle, "Take some men and go help Captain Altman." They ran between the burning hotels and found that Captain Altman with a handful of men was trying to get people out of an abandoned saloon. The fire was near and there was no returning to Market Street, the fire was spreading behind them, so the officers and the squad of soldiers began herding the reluctant people toward the vacant land beyond the Southern Pacific Railroad Stations.

Firemen coming by urged them to get the people out. The people were angry and very reluctant to leave, especially as the open square of South Park was piled high with household goods. They were forced to go, however, and later the place was completely burned over.

That afternoon the two young officers commandeered the contents of the railroad warehouses and issued all the food stuffs they could find to the earthquake victims. They also took over a lumber yard to provide materials for the refugees to build shelters.

Early in 1906, Lieutenant Shinkle had taken the Ordnance Examination. And, soon after the earthquake, he was detailed to the Ordnance Department for four years with an added promotion in grade. He spent his branch detail at Sandy Hook Proving Ground, Benicia Arsenal, California, and Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia. After four years, he automatically reverted to the Artillery and subsequently commanded a company at Fort H. G. Wright for one year. He was then permanently transferred to the Ordnance Department. He spent the next three years at Watertown Arsenal and the following year at Frankford Arsenal.

When war was declared in 1918, he was called to Washington, where, as a major, he was placed in charge of the design of small arms ammunition. He served in that position until he was sent to France as a member of General John Rice's staff. In France, he was placed in charge of all Ordnance material, including delivery from the ports to the front.

After the war, he attended the War College and subsequently served three years on the General Staff. Following a year at the Presidio as Staff Ordnance officer, he served as Ordnance Officer for the Hawaiian Department for three years and commanded the Hawaiian Ordnance Depot.

Edward Marsh Shinkle

After a short stay in Washington, he commanded Aberdeen Proving Ground for five years. This was the happiest period of his Army service, for he always liked young people and while at the Proving Ground he had under his command five different groups of young officers. He assigned them duties that befitted their capabilities, and he constantly was aware of their personal career-development patterns.

After Aberdeen, he served as a brigadier general in Washington as assistant to the Chief of Ordnance. He retired for age from Picatinny Arsenal and was on terminal leave when war was declared in 1941. He immediately returned to duty and remained on active duty for six months.

Because General Shinkle felt he still had much to give to the war effort, he became general manager of the civilian operated Iowa Ordnance Plant–a position he held until the termination of the war. Both the implications of national security and personal safety were paramount in his mind during this period. The day the war was over, he said at least half a dozen times "Well, we didn't have an explosion."

During the first World War he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and during the second, The Legion of Merit. Brigadier General Shinkle died 8 November 1966 and is buried in Arlington, Virginia.

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George Milburn Morrow Jr.

NO. 4462 CLASS OF 1906

Died 8 February 1968 at Birmingham, Alabama, aged 84 years.

Interment: Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama

IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE which of Georgie's characteristics predominated–brilliant mind, magnetic personality, or staunch character. All were of such an amazingly high order and blended so gracefully, that it's hard to give anyone of them precedence.

Since his father had been, at seventeen, a lieutenant in Forrest's Cavalry in the Civil War, he early became interested in the deeds of a soldier. But it was not until he was a student at the Bingham Military School in Asheville, North Carolina, that he definitely made up his mind that he wanted to attend West Point. By persistent efforts he finally received a principal appointment from Senator Underwood. Not being satisfied with that, he entered the University of Virginia, where he majored in math. Not being satisfied with that, he entered Braden's preparatory school at Highland Falls. His grit and steadfast purpose in this period were seeds to blossom later.

He took to his plebedom without internal or external resentment. Even with all the discomforts heaped upon him by upperclassmen, he felt that the place was made for him.

Immediately as a Yearling he was selected as a high ranking corporal. But as a first sergeant he was "busted" because he delivered a mailed package of candy to a classmate. His sportsmanlike reaction, with no let up in interest and deportment, drew the authorities' admiration. He was made acting first sergeant in charge of Plebes in Beast Barracks. And when his first class year rolled around, he was made second ranking captain.

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George Milburn Morrow Jr.

No one could suspect by any of his words or acts that his ego was bedazzled by the glitter of his chevrons, for there was neither snobbery nor self-conceit in his system. He was likely to buttonhole you at any time with a funny story. He had that delicate balance between studies and extra curricular activities. He was selected as assistant manager and manager of the football team. At graduation he came out first in soldierly deportment and military bearing, second in military efficiency and tenth in general standing in a class of seventy-eight.

At a time when four years' duty with troops was required before being called back as instructor, he was returned in three. And when he arrived, he found himself fought for by the Commandant for the Tactical Department and Colonel Echols for Mathematics. The Colonel won out and honored him by assigning him to teach the first and second sections of Yearlings in calculus and methods of least squares.

When three cadets were found deficient in math and were recommended by the Academic Board for dismissal, General Barry, the Superintendent, disagreed. He called for the best coach he could find and Lieutenant Morrow was recommended.

The General said to him: "I think these boys will make better officers than those from civil life. I want you to coach them these next four months until May, when they'll take another exam. I don't care how you do it. All I want is that you get them ready."

George gave up nearly all of his precious, recreational time for coaching. When, after his long, sacrificial labor, the three cadets took the exam, not one of them made less than ninety.

The General extolled George's achievement in a letter to the Adjutant General, for filing with his efficiency report. It said in part: "Lieutenant Morrow will do any work or duty assigned him with the same spirit and enthusiasm."

From this height of outlet of vigor and appreciation of his skills, he fell into the depths of abandonment and depression when he was detailed to troops in 1912. The small, unpopular army was scattered in forty-nine posts over twenty-eight states. The tiny garrisons usually had routine drills in the morning and not much to stimulate anyone afterward. His former challenging tasks sank into humdrum, idle and often useless effort. To a man of his exceptional energy, there came frustration. And to cap all he had to be many miles from his wife and baby, because conditions at his post were unfit for them. But the main impetus to resign rose from his suppressed potential which, if liberated, could let him provide far better for his family.

His father, who was extraordinarily close to him, finally agreed that resignation was the answer and offered to see him through until he got a job.

It was not long until he became assistant to the President of the Birmingham (Alabama) Machine and Foundry Company. Later, with friends, he bought out the controlling interest in the business, then entered into a merger with the Joubert Goslin Foundry and Machine Company.

It was during this period that World War I broke out and he offered his services. J. C. H. Lee (afterwards lieutenant general) told General Leonard Wood that George was the best drill master ever to go to West Point; whereupon, the General offered him a majority. George, however, was set on getting into the war and felt that in the Field Artillery he had a better chance. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in that branch and was about to have his wish, when the Chief of Field Artillery plucked him for critical service at Fort Sill, where he remained until the war's end.

Back in business, he was succeeding nicely, when exterior commercial conditions caused his firm to lose several hundred thousand dollars. The setback was only a springboard for his ingenuity and perseverance. After selling out to the Commercial Credit Company he agreed to run the plant, and succeeded in making more money for it each year than the credit company had paid for its acquisition. As head of the Goslin-Birmingham Manufacturing Company, he started in 1942 making 155mm shells for the Ordnance Department and in one year increased the output from 2000 to 4000 shells per day. As head of the firm he received the Navy E and the Ordnance medal with a laudatory letter from General Somerville.

When he retired in 1945, his business associates sent heartfelt regrets. The President of the Whitney National Bank in New Orleans said: "Without you the thing would never have been carried on. ...I enjoyed working with you and I shall always feel a sense of obligation to you for the sacrifices you made in carrying Goslin-Birmingham alone when there were more attractive things available to you."

With more attractive things available to you. That was George—his abiding will to do what he ought to, instead of what he wanted to. In back of his material success was deeply imbedded a yearning for that which he was most fitted for and excelled in, but what he felt it was his duty to give up. Yet through the cold bitterness of business when his resourcefulness had to be stretched to the limit, bright rays broke through at times. His charm drew to him his old military friends when they were within visiting distance. His classmate, General Wainwright, after his ordeals by the Japanese, came many miles to see him. The way they all were greated, treated and hung on to by George, was at once joyful and pathetic.

But his main bulwark was his wife. He had had the wisdom to marry in 1910 Christine Weymouth Finn, a mate of rare tact, discernment, love, and above all inspiration and soothing encouragement, a beau ideal of a lady. He is survived by Christine and a daughter, Mrs. William H. Hicks, of Birmingham, Alabama. A son, George M. Morrow, lives in Larchmont, New York.

Georgie's life is a story of success in whatever he undertook, success mostly in mastering himself for the general good. His generosity in words and deeds, especially to the lowly, was constant and silent with a keen sensitiveness against any show. Without the meaner instincts of mankind, without any whining or crying aloud, he went forward as an unconquerable soul.

—W.A.G. '07

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Charles Alexander Lewis

NO. 4481 CLASS OF 1906

Died 25 August 1967 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 86 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

CHARLES LEWIS CAME TO WEST POINT from Indiana in July 1901 to join the Class of 1905. In the bitter struggles of that first year, he did not quite attain the full requirements of the Academic Board and was turned back to join the Class of 1906. From that moment onward, he held his academic marks high enough to graduate above the middle of his Class.

In the Corps organization, he became a corporal in his yearling year, a quartermaster sergeant in his second-class year, and a lieutenant as a First Classman—an enviable record, indeed. In athletics, every year, he was a solid anchor on the class tug-o-war team, and all five years he remained on the football squad and training table, filling in wherever his weight and bulk were needed. On the target range, he became a sharpshooter both with the revolver and the rifle, and he maintained his markmanship throughout his service years.

The name "Pot" seemed to fit him naturally, and he retained this cadet sobriquet all his military life. It is said that he picked up the name in a French lesson about *Pierrette et le pot du lait* because he insisted on calling the *pot* by its American name. None of his classmates will forget the smile of the Secretary of War Taft when Pot stood beside him to receive his diploma; they looked like twins.

After graduation, he sailed off to the Philippines to join his first regiment. His return to the States was brief, as he was soon assigned to the pacification of Cuba. When he finally got home

Charles Alexander Lewis

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in 1908, he persuaded Ruth Hart of Boonville, Indiana, to share his military life. Border trouble upset all plans for settling down until, in 1916, the couple went off to Honolulu for duty with the 2d Infantry. However, that delightful assignment did not last very long; by 1917 Pot was on his way to World War I where he served in the AEF with the 76th Infantry until the war was over. Their only child, William David Lewis, was born while they were temporarily at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, on 30 April 1913.

Pot had the usual wartime promotions, first to major and then to lieutenant colonel, but he reverted to his regular rank of major with the reorganization of the Army in 1920. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1927 and to colonel in 1936, the rank he held at retirement. He attended the Army Signal School at Fort Leavenworth for two years before World War I. After the war, he went to the new Infantry School at Fort Benning, taking the advanced course in preparation for Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, where he graduated in 1924. He returned to regimental duty until 1934 when he was assigned to reserve training at Madison, Wisconsin. In 1939 he was retired from active duty for disability incident to the service.

The Lewises went down to San Antonio to begin their retired life, finding a home in the Terrell Hills section at 102 Bartlett Place, surrounded by many old Army friends. They also procured a little cottage at Arkansas Bay, where they spent much of their leisure time hunting and fishing. They lived a quiet life together until Ruth died on 23 March 1965. The lonesome father went to California to be with their married son from July to November 1966. However, his health began to fail. He returned to San Antonio and found a comfortable nursing home on Nolan Street. He was much cut off from his friends until his classmate Colonel Joe King hunted him out and took him to the funeral of his classmate Martyn Shute. A few days later, while out walking, he suffered a bad fall necessitating his removal to the hospital, where he died shortly afterward.

Pot belonged to the old Army in which we all knew each other. He was greatly respected and served with high efficiency. He was a faithful and beloved member of the Class of 1906, ever jolly, contented, and confident of his ability and strength. He was a worthy alumnus of the United States Military Academy and proud indeed to be numbered among its graduates. We honor his name and say, "God rest his valiant soul until we meet again on the other side of the river."

–Charles G. Mettler

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Martyn Hall Shute

NO. 4502 CLASS OF 1906

Died 3 June 1967 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 84 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

ANOTHER GOOD OLD SOLDIER, officer, and classmate, Martyn H. Shute, has left us. He was born in Massachusetts, but at an early age his family moved to Ellsworth, Maine. When he grew to sixteen years, he became deeply interested in the Spanish-American war, ran away from home, and enlisted as a soldier. He got to

Martyn Hall Shute

Cuba when the war was about over, and after discharge, he went back to Ellsworth, Maine, to rejoin his family. His father sent him to the University of Maine, but at the end of two years Senator Hale appointed him to the Military Academy at West Point to join the class of 1905. His drawing was not quite good enough to suit "P" Larned, and he was too good to lose. The Academic Board turned him back to join the Class of 1906, of which he became a much admired and devoted member.

Martyn's cadet years were noted for his regular appearance on the football field all five seasons of his cadet life. We sat together at the training table for four of those years. He became a tackle on the ARMY team, winning his big ARMY A, not only in the ARMY-Navy games, but also in many another encounter on the grass of the Plain where all games were played. Also, he was a big help on the tug of war team in every outdoor meet. He lived with Tubby Loughry most of his cadet life, never got above the grade of private in the Corps, and once or twice was on the Area for some minor infraction of the stringent rules of our day. He walked back and forth until some sympathetic cadet poked the phonograph out of the Y.M.C.A. window and played the "Star Spangled Banner," to let all the Area Birds stand at attention. Shute picked up the name Plupy when he was a cadet and never lost it through his long army service.

On graduation, he reported to the Infantry commander at Fort D. A. Russell on the outskirts of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Bradshaw and McFarland arrived at the same time. The high promotions of the Artillery soon called these last two away; but Shute stayed on for five years, in spite of adverse wind and weather, as he had a special interest in Colorado Springs, not far away. There, he persuaded Marjorie Masi to join him at the post as a much beloved wife. They had three daughters: Mrs. Dykes of San Antonio; Mrs. William B. Chase, of Honolulu; and Mrs. Ed Spaulding, whose husband retired in June 1967. There are several grandchildren.

Upon leaving Cheyenne, Plupy served at Monterey for a year before he came up on the foreign service list. In 1912, he went with Marjorie to the Philippines, first to Zamboanga, then to Jolo to fight the mountain battle with a group of irreconcilable Moros who had fortified Mount Bagsak. He helped to drive them out with a company of Benet-Mercier machine guns, the army standard of that day. Then, he went to the Moro country at Camp Kiethley, surrounded by hostile Moros, later to Camp Stotsenberg, and finally to Manila, a tour of three interesting years.

When he returned in 1914, the Mexican Border campaign was under way and he landed at Mercedes, Texas. With the start of World War I, he was soon off to France with the AEF as a major of the 35th Division. After a short service with the Quartermaster Department and enough experience in France, Shute managed to get himself assigned as PMS&T at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. He reverted to his major's rank with the army increase of 1920 and was assigned to the Command and General Staff school at Fort Leavenworth, from which he graduated as an honor graduate. After a tour with the Organized Reserves he went again to Maine as instructor of the Maine National Guard. In the meantime, he attended the Army War College and joined the eligible list of the Army General Staff. By 1940 he was detailed in the Inspector General's Department and came close to Maine again at the 1st Corps Area in Boston. He retired at 60 years of age by operation of law, but was called back to active duty in World War II, serving until 1944. Though he was still a "Down Maine Yankee," he was persuaded to seek a better climate for the older years and went with Marjorie to San Antonio, Texas, where many old Army friends were retired. He joined the local group and lived in his home on Larkwood Drive until his death.

In his later years he lost weight and became a bit unsteady. He fell in his bathroom and broke his hip. In the hospital, he seemed to be recovering daily, and he was planning to return to Maine for his 85th birthday. He made a five dollar bet with daughter Marjorie in favor of the Boston Red Sox and lost it the day before he died. Some unforeseen complications arose and he died quite suddenly. Marjorie, his wife, had died the previous year. His sister, Helen, survives at the Maine home. The class will remember Lorrie and Ed Spaulding who gave us a lovely farewell at the 50th reunion of 1906. Ed Spaulding retired in June 1967, and the Spauldings are in San Antonio. Daughter Marjorie and her daughter plan to return to Maine this summer. Daughter Anne will continue to reside in Hawaii with her husband, Colonel Chase.

Long years ago, I visited the Murphy family at their lovely plantation called Claymont, near Charleston, West Virginia. I learned that Plupy was expected to arrive at Harpers Ferry, not far away, on the early morning train. I started the Murphy's Pierce Arrow at daylight and was waiting on the platform when Plupy descended. I walked past him a few times with my collar rolled up and my head down until he finally asked me if I knew where Claymont was and how to get there. I assured him that I knew and would take him there for an exorbitant fee. Then he discovered my identity and we had a fine reunion.

When he and Marjorie were stationed in Honolulu at Schofield Barracks in 1937, my wife Elizabeth and I had a lovely dinner at Plupy and Marjorie's quarters. During coffee, their two youngest daughters danced the hula, "Alekoki," in perfect unison. It was an enchanting evening which we will not soon forget.

Many memories of Plupy and Marjorie crowd in as I attempt to write this story. I wish I could add all of them.

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It is not hard to sum up the value of such men as Plupy Shute. He believed in the old adage to bloom where you are planted. He performed all his duties with a constant goal to improve what he undertook. He was a true and worthy son of the Alma Mater, lived by her motto, served by her teachings, and over a long and devoted life was proud to be her son. We of 1906 are proud to have numbered him among our beloved and honored classmates.

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Edward Ward Hendrick

NO. 6178 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 3 December 1966 in Santa Barbara, California, aged 70 years.

Cremation

ON 3 DECEMBER 1966 POP HENDRICK had just finished his usual card game at the American Legion Hall in Santa Barbara, California. He proceeded across the street and was struck down by a car. The driver of the car had accomplished what the North Koreans in the Korean War, the Japanese in World War II, and his enemy in World War I had failed to do.

Pop graduated in the class of November 1918. After World War I he went into the reserves, and studied law. On 31 July 1926, he married Charlene Woodhead. Frances was born in 1928, and Rudolph in 1930

Pop became a member of the California State Bar and remained in the practice of law until the attack on Pearl Harbor, when he reentered the Army serving continuously until his retirement. After retiring he moved to Santa Barbara where many of his classmates enjoyed his hospitality.

In 1959 his wife Charlene died and his daughter Frances died in 1965.

Pop's main hobby was stamp collecting from his first collection when he was 14 years old. Some of his other loves were poker, cribbage, and maintaining his avocado orchard.

While at Fort Monroe, Virginia, he joined the Masonic Lodge (Army and Navy #306). He joined the American Legion in 1960, and the Forty and Eight in 1963.

Pop is survived by his son Rudolph, three grandchildren, and a sister.

–Rudolph G. Hendrick

Edward Ward Hendrick

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Walter Joseph Muller

NO. 6239 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 14 November 1967 in Tripler General Hospital, Hawaii, aged 72 years.

Interment: San Francisco National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, California

WALTER JOSEPH MULLER WAS BORN into a pioneer military family at Fort D. A. Russel (now Fort Frances E. Warren), Wyoming, on 29 September 1895, and joined the final Long Gray Line on 14 November 1967, at Honolulu, Hawaii.

He lived in various frontier posts in the middlewest, northwest, and Nome, Alaska, and returned to his mother's home in San Francisco, California, in 1904 when his father retired from the Army. He attended grammar and high schools in San Francisco and Oakland, California, and was graduated from the John C. Fremont High School in Oakland in 1915.

After a year of study, he won as a result of a competitive examination one of the first Presidential appointments for the sons of service personnel and entered the United States Military Academy on 14 June 1916. While at West Point he acquired the nickname "Maude" from John Greenleaf Whittier's poem *Maud Muller*, and that nickname stuck with him throughout his life.

He was a member of the original class of 1920 which graduated early on 1 November 1918. Upon graduation he was assigned to the Infantry. For the next 23 years he performed duties as a company grade officer and attended the Infantry School, the Tank School, and Command and General Staff School. His stations included: Fort Riley, Kansas; France; Army of Occupation, Coblenz, Germany; Fort Screven, Georgia; Fort Douglas, Utah; University of Florida as assistant PMS&T; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and Fort Knox, Kentucky.

During the company grade years, Maude demonstrated certain characteristics and qualifications which were to show up prominently in later years. He was intensely loyal to his superiors, as well as to his organizations. He believed and demonstrated that loyalty comes from the top down and will be reflected from the bottom up. He was a strict disciplinarian, but always tempered discipline with justice and fairness. His leadership and self control were well known. He had imagination and would make suggestions for improvements, not trying to show superiority, but for the benefit of the service. His commanding officers soon noted that his suggestions contained merit and adopted them. He carefully planned his work in advance and any mistakes were carefully analyzed and never repeated.

At Fort Knox, Kentucky, he was Instructor of Gunnery at the Armored Force School. It was here that he met General Patton, and when the 1st Armored Corps was formed with General Patton in command, the general selected Maude as his G4. Shortly thereafter, General Patton was ordered to plan and construct the Desert Training Command at Camp Young, Indio, California, and took Maude along to help him in his work. It was all new and Maude worked tirelessly helping General Patton to complete the project on time. For this work Maude received a Commendation Ribbon, but he had also thoroughly demonstrated his abilities to General Patton, and from then until General Patton's tragic death he was his right hand man.

In 1942 as G4 Western Task Force, he planned and supervised the landing in French Morocco

Walter Joseph Muller

and Northern Africa. The Western Task Force was redesignated as the 7th Army, and Maude planned and supervised the landing in Sicily. Both these projects were eminently successful, and he was cited for the Legion of Merit, an extract of which follows:

> Colonel Muller performed miracles in organization, procurement, training, and leadership. He was tireless, very effective, and forceful in the performance of his onerous duties, preserving his equanamity throughout difficult situations. He was a strong influence in the successful landing of the Western Task Force in Morocco on 8 November 1942 and its subsequent operations. He landed in Sicily with the 7th Army in July 1943 as G4 or Chief of Logistics and the subsequent operations of the 7th Army under General Patton.

General Patton on landing moved the 7th Army rapidly, and it was necessary to supply them over great distances and often with insufficient equipment. In appreciation, General Patton wrote Maude a letter of commendation on these two difficult missions, and one paragraph said:

> You accomplished both missions perfectly. Your provision in securing adequate supplies insured that at no time during the thirty-eight days of the campaign was a man or a gun ever unfed.

For this piece of outstanding work he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

From 1944 to October 1945 he served as Chief of Logistics for the American Third Army in its operations in Europe, including France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Austria. He had participated in seven major engagements: North Africa, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Germany. His outstanding contribution to the success of the war effort was recognized, and he was promoted to brigadier general and awarded the Distinguished Service Medal:

CITATION

> Brigadier General Walter J. Muller performed exceptionally meritorious services as Assistant Chief of Staff, G4, Third Army, during combat operations in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia from December 1944 to May 1945. His outstanding abilities and his keen understanding of the intricate problems of supply were clearly demonstrated throughout this period. Possessing a wealth of combat experience, acquired in

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North Africa and Sicily, he gave highly valuable aid to the Army Commander in formulating precise, comprehensive supply plans capable of supporting the tactical requirements. Throughout these campaigns, General Muller contributed notably to the final and overwhelming defeat of Germany, supervising supply operations with a sure and tried hand, exhibiting sound, experienced judgment. He solved unprecedented problems of supply and transportation by tireless effort, outstanding ingenuity, and the application of proven logistical principles.

From 9 October 1945 to 27 November 1947, he served as Director of the Military Government for Bavaria under the direction of Lieutenant General Lucien K. Truscott and General Lucius D. Clay. For the outstanding work he did on this assignment, he received two oak leaf clusters to his Legion of Merit. One of the citations was several pages long and the following resume shows how he earned these commendations:

Industry: He put the people to work and in 20 months increased their industrial production 75%. Health: The German Public Health Service was reestablished, and it brought about and preserved a favorable state of health. Education: 49 adult classes were opened; 1,235 secondary schools with 4,277 teachers were started; 3,140 vocational schools with 1,845 teachers were organized; and elementary schools were instituted with an enrollment of 1,250,000 students and 19,000 teachers. Universities were reestablished, and their enrollment was greater than it ever had been. He established teacher training opportunities in 26 institutions. Nazism and Militarism in all courses were abolished. There were 2,600 voluntary youth groups organized, comprising 40% of the youth population. All Hitler youth organizations were dissolved, and leaders selected for the new groups were carefully trained by professionally qualified people who were free of taint of Nazism or militarism. Religion: He re-established freedom of religion and received the backing of the Roman Catholic, Evangelical, and Jewish groups. Law: He was responsible for law and order, and with all the above revolutionary changes there was not a single public disturbance. Government; He organized the Office of Military Government for Bavaria in its transitional and statis stages, and under his superior direction it became an integrated, effective organization functioning smoothly and effectively in administering proclamations, laws, ordinances, directives, and regulations for Germany. His integrity, loyalty, and unquestioned ability had built within Bavaria a loyal staff, well qualified to impliment the policies and ideals of the United States.

The above is a short resume of a three-page citation describing how Maude performed his duties. The citizen reception of his guidance and activities as Military Governor is well illustrated by an incident that happened several years after his retirement. He and his wife were visiting their daughter, the wife of an Army officer on duty in Germany. One night they went to the club for dinner, and the main table at the moment was unoccupied. The head waiter recognized General Muller, bowed so low that he almost hit his head on the floor, and then escorted them to the No. 1 table. Before taking his seat, Maude walked around and contacted many junior officers and their wives and invited them to the No. 1 table as his guests, filling every seat. Later a senior officer arrived and noted that the No. 1 table was occupied, and a big man in civilian clothes was sitting at the head of it. He called the headwaiter and asked him who the man in civilian clothes was and what he was doing there. The waiter clicked his heels together, saluted, and said, "Sir, that is Major General Walter J. Muller and party. He was former Military Governor of Land Bavaria, and nobody has the respect and love in the hearts of the Bavarian people like General Muller." Maude and party remained at the table. Wherever he went on this trip to Bavaria, people turned out in crowds of their own volition to pay their respects to him.

His duties as Military Governor required him to receive many visiting dignitaries from the U. S. and other countries. His masterful handling of them brought many fine letters of appreciation. Besides his military staff he had many American civilians on his staff. Each was carefully trained for his responsibilities, and, on Maude's departure, they signed a letter expressing their appreciation for the way he had treated them. It showed his loyalty from the top down being reflected from the bottom up.

Finishing his tour as Military Governor of Bavaria, Maude came back to the United States and was Chief of Logistics at Army Ground Forces, Fort Monroe, Virginia. He was subsequently transferred to command Fort Eustis, Virginia, until 1951, when he was again transferred to Europe to serve as Chief of Staff for Logistics and Administration, Allied Forces Central Europe under the Command of Marshall Juin of France. While serving on this job in 1952, Maude was promoted to major general. This Headquarters was a part of NATO. From November 1953 until January 1955, he was a member and Chairman of the Interim Mixed Parole and Clemency Board under the direction of Dr. James J. Conant, then Ambassador to West Germany. Between February 1955 and April 1956, he served as Director of the Army Council of Review Boards in the Office of the Secretary of the Army, the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. From April 1956 until 30 November 1956, he served as Deputy Commanding General of the Sixth Army at the Presidio of San Francisco, where he retired and joined the "Senior Citizens." He received numerous commendations for the work he performed at each place and always left the job in better shape than when he took it.

The Government recognized his fine work by giving him two well-deserved promotions and awarding him the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Army Commendation Medal. He was also awarded the following foreign decorations: French Legion of Honor, French Croix de Guerre, Belgium Croix de Guerre, Luxembourg Commander of the Courrone, Russian Order of the Fatherland 1st Class (Order No. 151155), and Cherifian Government (Morocco) Grand Office of the Order of Ouissam Alouite Cherifien.

Maude was a "goat" at West Point, and many people could not understand how a man who was in the lower ten per cent of the class could make such an outstanding record. Had the law oft sought (that the bottom ten per cent of the graduates would not be commissioned) been instituted, our government would have lost the outstanding Director of Logistics in World War II. Brains do not all come out of books, and even though he was a goat at West Point, he was an outstanding engineer when it came to doing the right thing at the right time when the chips were down on the battle front. Many soliders in the command he was supplying can be thankful for the outstanding work that Maude did.

On 10 February 1926, Walter J. Muller was married to Miss Frances E. Rourke, at Savannah, Georgia. To this union, two children were born; a daughter, Elizabeth Anne (wife of Lt. Col. William A. Hudson, USA), and a son, Walter J. Muller Jr., USMA '56. He is survived by his wife, two children, and seven grandchildren.

Maude, it was a privilege and a pleasure to be a classmate and friend, and we all say, using a good Navy phrase, "WELL DONE." When the members of the final Long Gray Line turn around to greet you, they will say the same thing. Your entire service certainly exemplified the motto of our Alma Mater–DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

–F. P.

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Herbert Weldon Semmelmeyer

NO. 6306 CLASS OF 1919

Died 10 November 1967 in Sequoia Hospital, Redwood City, California, aged 67 years.

Interment: Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California

THE CLASS OF 1921, as it dropped off the locals at West Point on the morning of 14 June 1917, was an ever wondrous assortment of personalities. Herb Semmelmeyer was one of those adding color and interest, and with the years, distinction to the assortment. We weren't halfway up the hill before the button-busting Yearling commanding our squad was shouting, "You man there, snap your knees out; come down on your heels. Who are you sneaking up on?" With no change in his gliding shuffle Herb replied, "This is the way the Indians walk in the Canadian woods. It is the way we carry heavy loads and make great distances." West Point had picked up a young man of conviction and opinion, oblivious to the winds of the moment. He never changed.

Shortly, amid scores of other items from mattresses to brass polish, we were all issued a Colt .45 automatic, and with it the injunction not to disassemble the weapon until properly instructed. But Herb soon had his apart, and it would not go together. He borrowed Ken Pierce's, which came apart without giving the reassembly clue. That

Herbert Weldon Semmelmeyer

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night, after Taps, with his head and a candle inside a laundry bag, Herb reduced mine to junk also. Eventually, sorting out the stuff and reassembling the weapons was one of old Billy the policeman's many many kind deeds. But Herb's devotion to the pistol never faltered.

A few years later when he found and married his lovely wife, Marian, much of the normal cooing was replaced by and interspersed with the adjuration to "hold and squeeze; stop breathing; hollld; hollld and squeeze." This routine carried on until one summer Marian, a most unlikely candidate otherwise, emerged from Camp Perry, Ohio, as the Women's National Pistol Champion, the only woman ever to win a leg toward the Distinguished Marksman Medal.

For "Simple," as he was known to his closer friends, any relaxation from the pursuit of his goals was an event. One such occasion was in Milan during our 1919 quest of glory in that area. There had been an afternoon champagne party for the Cadeti Navali Americani, and one of the consulate ladies, smitten by Herb's undeniable charm, had done a splendid job keeping his glass filled. He arrived back at our train in the depot yards flecked with foam, at full gallop, astride the nag pulling a little Italian carrozza behind. Colonel Wells, God rest his soul, stood on the dock transfixed in wonder, and perhaps admiration or envy. Herb dismounted with precision, delivered a bone-shaking salute, did a left face, and stode off toward our car. "Such fervor, such military fervor," Wells was heard to murmur.

In 1920 Herb graduated from the Field Artillery School and proudly assumed command of a battery. The Army reorganization of 1922 found him, on July 1st, the battery's lowest ranking second lieutenant with the previous occupant of that post wearing captains bars and raking the rowels joyously up and down Simple's bony sides. Herb judged the situation an unacceptable breach of contract and turned in his suit.

He wasted little time getting to California where his intensity and nimble mind catapaulted him upward in West Coast insurance circles.

In 1942 Herb presented himself for duty with his old love the Field Artillery. He served with the 8th, 20th, and 16th Armored Divisions in various capacities. With the armistice and demobilization, he checked out as executive officer, CCA, and Artillery exec, 16th Armored Division, with lieutenant colonels leaves, a good record, and a sense of great satisfaction. He returned to the insurance world to receive outstanding recognition and honors in the two score years to follow as president of the Pacific Board of Fire Underwriters, president and officer in various member companies, and with responsibilities and duties in associated activities in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas.

Lawrence Edward Schick

Poor health overtook my Kaydet "wife" in 1964, and he was unable to carry on. He joined the Long Gray Line on 10 November 1967 and rests at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California.

Herb is survived by his wife Marian, active in San Francisco and South Bay art; his son Herbert Jr., carrying on the business tradition; and his daughter Mrs. Harold Stoner, wife of a Lockheed research engineer. There are ten grandchildren.

–Donald H. Nelson

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Lawrence Edward Shick

NO. 6674 CLASS OF 1920

Died 14 October 1967 at the Community Hospital, Carmel, California, aged 70 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

FEW MEMBERS OF THE LONG GRAY LINE have had a greater influence on the United States Military Academy and on the Long Gray Line itself than Lawrence Edward Schick–Larry to his many, many friends all over the world.

Of his total of 43 years of active service, Larry served 26 at West Point: as a Cadet (1918-20); as Instructor of Drawing (1925-30); as Assistant Professor of Drawing (1934-38); and, during his last 15 years before retirement (1946-61), as Professor and Head of this Department, as its name was changed successively from Drawing to Military Topography and Graphics to Earth, Space, and Graphic Sciences.

These changes in name of the department were no mere vagaries of the Academic Board. They were the results of experience in World War II and then of the giant and rapid strides made in science, engineering, and technology in the action-full days following the war: fission, fusion, propellants, missiles, space, television, electric computers, to name just a few of the varied fields of activity. Larry was the planner, the initiator, the strong supporter, and the executor of major changes in the aims, coverage, and methods of instruction of his department. Educators have traditionally been charged with resistance to change. It took great strength of character for Larry to propose and to make the revolutionary and evolutionary changes from which emerged a department totally different from the Drawing Department of olden days. Truly, he supervised the countdown and launched the department into the space age. It is significant to note the new words "Earth" and "Space" and "Sciences" in the present title of the Department, as well as the old word "Graphics." They encompass the important additions to the department course: environment, physical geography, world geography, astronomy, astronautics, the digital computer, engineering fundamentals, and the retention in improved form of graphical calculations, techniques, and representations. The cadets characterize these Department coverages as "all this and Heaven too." Many of these curriculum changes were byproducts of the detailed overall curriculum study directed by the Superintendent, General Gar Davidson USMA '27, and meticulously conducted by the Academic Board during the period 1957-61. To provide time for these modern subjects, a great reduction was made in the time spent by cadets over the drawing board and with transit and level "surveying the Plain."

Larry will undoubtedly be remembered even more for his extracurricular activities: his great influence on the architecture and building program at West Point, and his interest in and additions to the Academy's treasures of art, paintings, sculpture, and statues. He had a deep insatiable interest in and fine talent for architecture and the arts. And those who have seen the careful works of Larry's own hands will testify to his own personal talents, especially in the medium of black and white. One can be sure that one day a collection of Schick etchings, drawings, and sketches will be displayed in a place of honor at West Point.

Larry was a member of the Post Planning Board, responsible for the new buildings, roads, utilities, and memorials proposed for the growing Academy. He was long Chairman of the Memorial and Gifts Board which later became the Museum Board. The retention of our "West Point Gothic" architecture and the great beauty of recent additions built on the grounds of the Academy derive from Larry's leadership on these committees. One needs only to stand on the Plain today and view the new library, the new barracks, and the mess hall extension to be thankful for Larry's leadership and know-how.

Those who remember the crowded aspects of the old museum and who now visit the excellent West Point Museum in Thayer Hall, again, will be loud in Larry's praise. The museum now houses and displays dramatically and with historical accuracy the finest collection of military items–especially those of this Nation–in the world. Our museum has become a national military shrine visited by thousands each year.

A partial listing of the items of the physical plant in the planning and execution of which Larry was the expert and the leader, is staggering: Smith Skating Rink, Thayer Hall, New South Barracks, the NCO Club, the Catholic Chapel expansion, the post school annex, the new library, officers quarters, the Patton statue, and, in the cadet expansion program now underway, the new cadet barracks, the mess hall extension, and the cadet activities building. Even after his retirement, Larry continued in demand and was frequently returned to West Point as consultant on architecture, sculpture, portraits, and memorials.

West Point is further indebted to Larry for initiating and maintaining long needed records of its many treasures outside of the museum–its many great and valuable paintings, including some Gilbert Stuarts and Homer Winslows, its monuments and statuary, and the sculptures adorning our buildings including the fascinating "grotesques," those queer little pieces of carved stone under the roof lines of some of our old buildings.

So, Larry indeed leaves many monuments at West Point: a smooth running space age department; new buildings of utility and beauty blending admirably with the West Point of old; paintings; sculptures; statues; all making West Point on the Hudson a place of pride and honor to all Americans. But the most important monument left at the Academy by Larry consists of the 18,945 graduates who passed through the Academy during his active service–the classes from his own, '20, through the Class of '64–new Yearlings at the time of his retirement. Each and every member profited from the example he set, the leadership he displayed, and his ready helping hand.

Lawrence Edward Schick was born in Chicago, Illinois, on 20 September 1897. His family moved to California, where, in 1916, Larry entered Pomona College. After one year there, upon the outbreak of World War I, Larry volunteered, entered the Army and served as an enlisted man until he won an Army appointment to the Academy.

He entered the Academy in June 1918 with the Class of 1920. In 5 months this class found itself the senior class at West Point, all upper

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classmen having been graduated early for war service. Upon the Class of 1920, therefore, fell the great responsibility of maintaining the traditions and esprit of the Corps—the task of "carrying on." Larry's cadet service in this historic class was truly predictive of his great career as an officer. He served on the Beast Detail, the Choir, as a member of the Class Board of Governors, and on the Vigilance Committee, that forerunner of the present Cadet Honor Committee. He served as Cadet 1st Sergeant and as Cadet Company Commander under the tutelage of the "B Board" (The Battalion Board), consisting of Majors Butcher, Bonesteel, and Buckner. Interestingly, the cadet battalion adjutants then were Berg, Bullene, and Byers, and the cadet regimental adjutant was Bessell. Some wag said it was a case of "To 'B' or not to be!" Little did Larry know that 22 years later, in World War II, he again would be serving in positions of great responsibility under then General Simon Bolivar Buckner in the Alaskan Department and in the Aleutian and Okinawa Campaigns.

Upon graduation in 1920, Larry was commissioned in the Cavalry and sent to the Cavalry School at Fort Riley. Upon being ordered from there to the 11th Cavalry at the Presidio of Monterey in his home state, Larry detoured to San Diego and, with rare judgment, married Frances May Moore, his pre-college sweetheart. Those who have had the privilege of knowing Frances and Larry know what a generous outgiving couple they were. Frances was the perfect counterpart to Larry throughout their 46 years together—a warm, friendly person, a true Army wife.

From Monterey, Larry's horse cavalry service continued with assignment to the 26th Cavalry at Camp Stotsenburg in the Philippines. There followed his service (1925-28) as Instructor of Drawing at the Academy where the Department Head was Colonel, later Brigadier General, Roger Alexander. Here Larry's innate talent in art, his special aptitude in drawing, and his great sensitive understanding of people made him an outstanding instructor, foreshadowing his succeeding General Alexander as Department Head 21 years later.

In 1933, after only three years with the 13th Cavalry at Fort Riley, Larry was singled out by General Alexander to pursue graduate study at Ohio State University with a view of returning to West Point for service as Assistant Professor of Drawing. Today over two-thirds of our graduates can count on pursuing some specialty in a civilian graduate school. In 1933, for Lieutenant Schick, however, graduate school attendance was indeed exceptional and a tribute to his outstanding abilities. During this second tour at the Academy (1934-38) Larry again served under General Alexander, this time as his immediate assistant. His graduate courses at Ohio State served Larry in great stead. During this tour, he added "Educator" to his earlier MOS's of "Soldier" and "Leader."

Having observed the slow demise of the horse cavalry, Larry, when due to leave West Point in 1938, requested and was detailed to the Adjutant General's Department. In the next four years he served in that branch successively as Assistant AG of the 2d Infantry Division in Texas, of the 4th Corps Area in Georgia, of the 1st Armored Division in Kentucky, and finally in 1941-42 as the Adjutant General of the Alaskan Department. Here he participated in the Aleutian Campaign under General Buckner and was awarded the Legion of Merit.

The high point of Larry's career, and the one in which he had the greatest pride, was his service in the Okinawa Campaign in World War II. In 1944, the Tenth U.S. Army was formed under the command of General Buckner. Colonel Schick was designated its Deputy Chief of Staff and moved with the Tenth to Hawaii. There he was advanced to the grade of Brigadier General in February 1945. He organized the Tenth ARMY Headquarters into an efficient wartime operating unit and began the personnel and logistic planning for the invasion of Okinawa. He participated throughout this entire campaign, in which his revered commander, General Buckner, was killed in action. The task of coordinating personnel and logistic matters of the Tenth Army with other service headquarters—Army, Navy, Marines and Air—during the stress of the wartime operations was indeed a demanding one, and, for it, Larry was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. The citation reads in part:

> Brigadier General Lawrence E. Schick performed exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services in a position of great responsibility during the period 17 July 1944 to 21 June 1945. As Deputy Chief of Staff, Tenth Army, General Schick was responsible for the detailed organization of the Army Headquarters into a smooth-working efficient unit. In addition, he was responsible for supervision of personnel and logistics and coordinated these matters with various Army, Navy, Marine, and Air headquarters so effectively as to make his contribution to the success of the Ryukyus campaign exceptionally outstanding.

At the conclusion of the war, Larry was assigned to Korea, where he was a member of the group which received the Japanese surrender. He then served in the vitally important post of Head of the National Defense Planning Agency in the Provisional Military Government of Korea. Here he directed the initial planning for the development of the South Korean Military establishment.

And then, in 1946, after this distinguished wartime military service, Larry was selected and made Professor of Military Topography and Graphics and returned to West Point for distinguished service as an academician. For this he was awarded the oak leaf cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal.

Upon retirement on 30 September 1961, Larry and Frances selected as their home, Carmel, in the Monterey area, where their married life had begun 40 years previously. Here was the famed Carmel Art Center, and Larry was able to maintain his interest in art and to continue to use his talented hands in producing distinctive drawings and etchings. He was frequently called back to West Point as consultant.

And so, at the Carmel Community Hospital, Larry passed away on 14 October 1967, after 70 years of a great life. He was indeed a true son of West Point—Solider, Leader, Scholar, Educator, Artist, and Friend.

In addition to his loyal wife, Frances, who will continue to live in Carmel, Larry is survived by their daughter Mary Lou, wife of Colonel Paul C. Root Jr., USMA '41, and their son Major John L. Schick, USMA '55, and four grandchildren, one of whom is Lieutenant Paul Michael Root, USMA '66. Larry was indeed proud that Michael was the first Class Grandson of the Class of 1920.

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Ovid Thomason Forman

NO. 7315 CLASS OF 1924

Died 2 November 1966 at the USAF Hospital, MacDill AFB, Florida, aged 64 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Ovid Thomason Forman

OVID THOMASON FORMAN WAS BORN on 6 May 1902 in Poplar Grove, Kentucky, moving shortly thereafter to Williamstown in the same state. Tom used to say that his main boyhood impressions were the importance of blue grass and the Kentucky Derby. From Williamstown he came to West Point with the Class of 1924, entering the Academy on 2 July 1920.

Life at West Point posed no problems for Tom. Always well up in studies, "spoony" in appearance, alert in mind, possessing a fine sense of humor, at ease in all surroundings, and displaying a cheerful disposition, Tom was a capable cadet who was popular with classmates and fair visitors of the Academy alike.

After graduating on 12 June 1924, Tom lost only 4 days in going to the altar at the Little Church Around the Corner with Ruth Hanks, known to us as "Nancy," of Virginia and New York City.

Nancy and Tom were blessed by a wonderful family, two boys and a girl. Tom Junior, born in April 1925, now an executive with Celanese Corporation, married Ruth Ann Dinsmore and presented three grandchildren. Jacqueline, born in Panama in 1928, married Joel Stephens, USMA 1942, and added two more grandchildren. Third, and last in line, Robert, was born at Fort Monroe in 1932. "Skippy," USMA 1954, a replica of his father, married Susie Hart, another Army junior, and subsequently produced three grandchildren to bring the total to eight, five boys and three girls.

Tom chose the Coast Artillery for his branch, and, after the usual graduation leave, the bride and groom reported to Fort Eustis, Virginia. As was the case with Coast Artillery officers in those days, overseas tours came frequently (Panama, the Philippines, Hawaii) intermingled with the usual school courses and stateside tours. As a result, Tom spent about one half on his prewar service overseas.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor found Tom on duty at Fort Shafter, where he remained for over a year after the outbreak of war. Returning to the States in 1943, he quickly completed his transition to the antiaircraft artillery and took the 45th AA Group to the European Theater in August 1944. His command soon became expert at knocking down German "buzz bombs" in the Antwerp area.

After V-E Day, Tom remained in Europe for over two years on important occupational assignments. Upon his return to the States, the antiaircraft artillery reclaimed him for a series of positions of responsibility which included com-

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mand of the 1st Guided Missile Group, a pioneering task at Fort Bliss, Texas, and a top post in the Development and Test Section, Office Chief of Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Virginia. On 31 August 1954, Tom retired at the latter station, just a few miles from the post to which he had reported 30 years before.

As a result of his outstanding war service, Tom received the Legion of Merit, the British Distinguished Service Order, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Belgian Order of Leopold with Palm, Belgian Croix de Guerre with Palm, and Belgian Fourragere. He was credited with major campaign stars in both the Asiatic-Pacific and the European Theaters. His work on his last active assignments was recognized by letters of commendation and a certificate of achievement.

Starting a second career in September 1954, Tom and Nancy moved to Severna Park, Maryland, where Tom joined the Westinghouse Electric Air Arm Division as a senior engineer. This kept him busy until he retired in 1964 after ten year's service with Westinghouse.

Unfortunately, physical problems started causing real difficulties for Tom during the latter part of his second career. Months of subjection to traction devices proved to be only temporarily effective. Meanwhile, subsequent to his second retirement, Tom and Nancy, seeking warmer climes, moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where they found the home of their "ultimate choice." Florida was completely to their liking, but Tom's physical condition continued to disrupt the pleasure of what could have been a carefree existence. A series of difficult operations of increasing severity were necessary. None of these proved to be either of lasting beneficial effect or without complications. In spite of the difficulties, Tom was always cheerful, courageous, and optimistic. He died at MacDill Air Force Base on 2 November 1966, while en route to Walter Reed Army Hospital for further treatment.

Those of us who knew Tom intimately through the years will always remember him for his loyalty to our country, to the Army, and to his friends, for his devotion to and pride in his family, for his cheery disposition, his fine sense of humor, his physical and moral courage, and his objectivity and flexibility of mind and purpose. The promise of ability, as reflected in his cadet days, was more than borne out in his service. Those whose privilege it was to know Tom will always cherish the memory of one who gave freely of himself to others, but asked little for himself.

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Clifton Coleman Carter

NO. 8002 CLASS OF 1926

Died 7 January 1967 in Naples, Florida, aged 63 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

WORDS ARE FUTILE for they cannot express the sorrow or the eulogy which was echoed eloquently throughout the military service on the occasion of the passing of one of West Point's most admired sons. On 7 January 1967, Colonel Clifton Coleman Carter, USA (Ret.), died in Naples, Florida. He was known affectionately as "Coke" by his classmates and his many friends throughout the military service and in civil life.

Coke was born at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, on 15 December 1903, and following graduation from the United States Military Academy, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps on 12 June 1926 with duty at Fort Eustis, Virginia. His cadet days were filled with various types of fun-loving escapades. He saw to it that academics occupied only fifty per cent of his time and the necessity for extra curricular activities, other than prescribed, deserved his attention for the remaining fifty per cent. This is why his four years at the Academy were packed with fun and enjoyment and why he was known so personally throughout the Corps. We as classmates are proud for the time we knew him. We felt his loss greatly and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his beloved wife, Dottie, and his brother, "Pat," family and relatives.

Coke married Dorothy Weir in 1936. His marriage to this charming and talented lady brought an entirely new horizon of happiness and meaning into Coke's life. He was a dedicated husband and to him, Dottie was the perfect companion. Coke worshipped her in every way and she returned his devotion, love, and admiration a thousandfold.

Clifton Coleman Carter

In September of 1926 Coke reported for duty with the 52d Coast Artillery (RY) at Fort Eustis, Virginia. His willingness to accept responsibility together with his diplomacy, tact, and captivating personality, and overall military potential soon became recognized. His leadership, efficiency, and superior performance of duty soared to a point of perfection just as they had at the Academy and led to his selection as aide-de-camp. By 1941 he had the distinction of having served three prominent senior general officers in this capacity. Between tours as aide-de-camp, he was selected by the War Department to serve as conducting officer, Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers to France.

Following a variety of troop assignments of broadening experience and attendance at several schools of the line, Coke was among the first selectees from the class of 1926 to attend and graduate from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Over a period of 16 years he graduated from eight additional service schools including the Airborne Command Glider Tactical School with the rating of Gliderman. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in February of 1942 and to colonel in June of 1943 during which time his military service activities increased tenfold. Duty assignments with outstanding ratings of efficiency included: Headquarters 2d Service Command, Governors Island, New York; Executive Officer, 506th Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft, in Massachusetts; Commanding Officer, 152d Airborne Anti-Aircraft Artillery, 11th Airborne Division; and finally selection, based on dependability, training, and determination, to serve with the important Office of Strategic Services (OSS).

Completing the officers course at the Army Air Force School of Applied Tactics in Florida in late 1943, Coke was ready for and accepted enthusiastically the challenges of the OSS during 1944 and 1945. Nothing could have been more appealing or desirable than his affiliation with the dangerous and exciting duty for which General Wild Bill Donovan's World War II "cloak and dagger" operations became famous. His record of accomplishment read "superior" in North Africa, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland, and the British Isles.

A very noted businessman and military leader, friend and associate of World War II, Colonel M. Preston Goodfellow, USAR, had this to say about Coke: "He was so different. When they made him the pattern was thrown away. I served with Coke in the OSS when he was running the Italian underground. He was a resourceful and effective commander. We crash landed together on a British fighter strip in Italy when en route to Yugoslavia. Always loyal, cheerful and full of ideas and good stories, Coke left an unfillable gap after twenty-five years of intimate association."

In 1946 Coke transferred to the Adjutant General's Corps of the Army and attended the Adjutant General Officers School before being assigned as Adjutant General, I Corps, Kyoto, Japan, 1947–1949. Little did we realize that this was to be his last major military assignment.

Strenuous duty with long hours of detail planning and exacting execution of orders during World War II with the OSS, coupled with the hazardous type of mission involved, resulted in exhausting physical demands. The mantle of World War II responsibilities rested heavily on Coke's shoulders and undoubtedly contributed immeasurably to the termination of a distinguished military career in 1951, of one of the best known and respected members of the U.S. Army and of the Class of 1926. After a serious heart attack, Coke retired for physical disability in the grade of colonel at a time when his star shone brightly on the horizon and at a time when his military record indicated clearly his future destiny as a general officer, like his father and brother before him.

The Class of 1926 cannot think of Coke without paying tribute to his family. Who among us will ever forget his famous father, Brigadier General Clifton C. Carter, better known as "P" Carter, USMA Class of 1899; or his gracious mother, affectionately known as Aunt Mai, or his brother, Lieutenant General Marshall S. "Pat" Carter, USA, Class of 1931. His parents loved West Point and loved every cadet as they did their own. It is most appropriate to mention what "Pat" wrote to me following the loss of his brother for it is a tribute of profound reverence and significance. "As for myself, Coke was a wonderful brother and a true friend of all, and I have admired and looked up to him for 57 years. We have never had a disagreement or harsh word or anything but complete and mutual understanding, and this, to me, is the most wonderful thing about Coke."

Following his retirement, Coke and his wife Dorothy made their home in Naples, Florida,

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during the winter, and in Chatham, Massachusetts, during the summer months. He was active in the Naples Yacht Club where he served as Commodore and President in 1963, and in the Humane Society of Naples as Honorary Chairman of the Board. He was a director of the Overseas Reconstruction Operation and the Capital Reserve Operation both of Washington, D.C. He was affiliated also as a director of the Naples (Florida) Civic Association and the Eastward Ho Country Club and was an active member of twelve (12) clubs and/or societies.

Coke's many decorations include: The Army Commendation Ribbon, with pendant; the Laterean Cross, First Class (Gold), Vatican City; Commander, Crown of Italy and numerous Theatre Ribbons. As priceless and as meaningful as his military decorations were, he cherished above all the awards of recognition he received as a boy scout at West Point for outstanding leadership.

For me Coke's passing was a very personal matter—a loss of unimaginable proportions for we were closer than classmates or friends. Our personal ties and companionship dated back over 50 years. We were teenagers and schoolmates at the old West Point Childrens School before entering the Academy. Coke was a born leader and he possessed that God-given quality of complete acceptance and understanding. He knew the true value of comradeship and compassion for all humanity. With a ready smile and a quick sense of humor, coupled with profound gentlemanly grace tempered with a distinctive style marked by persuasive charm, his determination, honesty, and strength of character were unmatched and quickly translated into the full meaning of duty, honor, and country.

We were both young—very young, imaginative, and adventurous kids at West Point. We sensed in one another respect and admiration. I sensed in Coke a spark of greatness that in later years became a known reality. We served together as boy scouts and were mascots for many an Army team. We gave the enlisted sentries on post many moments of anxiety resulting from mischievous exploits; we painted the Academy's flagpole on Hallowe'en and delighted in challenging the post's regulations. We saw Plebes come and go over a period of years and decided there must be an easier way to become a United States Army lieutenant; but we followed in their footsteps as classmates.

For me, there remain too many unforgettable memories to put into words. But of one thing I am sure—in his life there was no room for complacency. More precisely, there was sacrifice and unselfishness and courage. His life was one of accomplishment and inspiration. While jovial and fun-loving, he exemplified always the priceless ingredients of integrity, honor, loyalty, tenacity of purpose, and devotion to duty. And even more importantly, intense love of home and family. He mastered the complex problems of every day through a dedicated application of human kindness. He greeted everyone with a smile and treated everyone with respect, dignity, and understanding.

As a cadet, his personal relationship with each and every classmate, his sterling character, courage, and knowledge, played a major role in directing and building a sound foundation for the appreciation and acceptance of the true meaning of gentlemanly conduct and helped to raise our standards even higher. He spoke about people with respect and praise rather than with criticism.

Coke practiced daily those things we were taught to hold dear and even more precious than life itself during our formative years as cadets before our perspective became blurred by the problems each of us encounters day by day. He never abrogated the responsibilities of leadership to sink to the level of a mere follower and he made a positive contribution towards this goal.

Yes, language is futile at such times as this, but the memory of a life well spent affords us much courage and strength to carry on. What is lost can be remembered in our minds, recalled in our words, and revered in our hearts. The Lord blessed Coke with a joyous heart and he cultivated in himself a good conscience. He was blessed with personal charm; he was blessed with a wonderful family and a devoted and beautiful wife, and he reciprocated with unswerving loyalty. He knew and he understood the value of service to country. He loved honor and duty and he gave to honor and duty and country his full measure of devotion.

As we, his classmates, stood with his family at graveside in Arlington on the 11th of January, 1967, and as the sound of taps began to echo into the distant hills above the Potomac, I turned my head to heaven seeing clearly a lifetime of memories floating by in a single moment of a man of greatness. When the last note of taps faded against the winter Virginia countryside, I knew that Coke had found the Long Gray Line in heaven where his loving wife and his brother and family, and his classmates will on another day stand together at dress parade listening as the Regimental Adjutant sounds off. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will always remember Cadet Clifton Coleman Carter as a lovable, friendly, and distinguished classmate and gentleman.

—W.J.B.

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Robert Frederick Sink

NO. 8196 CLASS OF 1927

Died 13 December 1965 at Womack Army Hospital, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, aged 60 years.

Interment: Lexington, North Carolina

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT FREDERICK SINK died fifteen minutes after he was admitted to Womack Army Hospital. He had been suffering for several months with pulmonary emphysema.

Brigadier General S. L. A. Marshall, writing the obituary of his old friend two weeks later, noted that Bob Sink "died with his jump boots off." That was literal, only. From the time he put them on in 1940 to become one of the Army's first paratroopers, his career reads like the history of paratrooping. His boots were never off figuratively. He kept them on for their intended purpose as long as he could, jumping with a back brace when he commanded the XVIII Airborne Corps and pioneering in the formation of the strategic Army Corps.

Bob Sink was born on 3 April 1905, at Lexington, North Carolina. His mother Mary Cecil Sink still lives there. His father Fred O. Sink preceded him in death. He attended Duke University and then the United States Military Academy, graduating in 1927. He entered the Army as an Infantry second lieutenant with the 8th Infantry Regiment at Fort Screven, Georgia. Normal Infantry assignments followed until 1940 when he volunteered for the 501st Parachute Infantry Battalion at Fort Benning. There is much that has become legendary about Bob Sink, and it began here.

The 503d Parachute Infantry Regiment claimed him for a time, but the 506th became unalterably his. The 506th soon became the "Five-Oh-Sink," and he took it through training at Benning and Bragg, to England, into the invasion of the continent at Normandy, on to Holland, and to Bastogne. Troopers from the earliest days of the 506th remember the dog-tired runs up and down Currahee Mountain at Toccoa, Georgia, led by Colonel Sink. A chunk from the top of the mountain was brought to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in later years to remind today's paratroopers how rough things were then.

Biographers writing of Bob Sink in combat with the 506th say he "refused to clutter his mind with non-essentials." Combat companions add that he threw the book away so often he lost it and wrote his own. The combat record of the 506th—and his—is a proud one. Improvisations boiling out of his uncluttered mind caught the Germans unaware time and time again. He risked his life as often as any of the other "Five-Oh-Sinks" and came through unscathed. But the tribute which would have pleased him most appeared just recently in the combat autobiography of one of his troopers: "Colonel Bob is the type of man you meet once and never forget. A real man with plenty of guts, he did more for the enlisted man than any other officer I have known."

It is also said, "He used people to help people, never to help himself."

With four European campaigns behind him, he came home to head the Infantry detachment at West Point and later to graduate from the National War College. In 1949 he went to the Far East and became Chief of Staff of the Ryukyus Command. As assistant division commander of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea, he added the U.N. offensive, the Chinese Communist intervention, and the Chinese Communist spring offensive campaigns to his combat record.

After Korea, General Sink briefly commanded the 7th Armored Division at Camp Roberts, California, and the 44th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. In 1954 he directed the Joint Airborne Troop Board at Fort Bragg. In 1955 he went to Rio de Janeiro as chairman of the joint Brazil-United States Military Commission and chief of the Army Section, Military Assistance Advisory Group.

Robert Frederick Sink

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By 1957 when he returned, his old division, the 101st Airborne, had been reactivated to pioneer the Army's pentomic concept, under which light, mobile forces were developed to "go anywhere in the world at a moment's notice and fight." From this beginning, CONARC and General Sink's new command, the XVIII Airborne Corps, created the Strategic Army Corps.

It was time for Bob Sink to write a new book. From the "uncluttered mind" came the basics, the essentials which provided the framework for the force which was to become not only a potent military machine which recokoned in terms of battlefields an ocean and a continent away, but also an important instrument of United States foreign policy. STRAC, under Bob Sink, became the spearhead for United States commitment in support of allies the world over.

It was interesting to sit in on his STRAC conferences. Long, careful briefings bored him. After one of them he could, in a sentence, summarize everything that had gone on in an hour before. Once, at Fort Campbell, after a presentation of an upcoming airborne exercise planned to such details as precise location of a few pieces of prepositioned equipment, General Sink cut the proceedings with, "One of these days I'm going to see an airborne exercise that's airborne all the way." Soon he did.

It is said of Bob Sink, of his looks, his dress, his mannerisms, his talk—particularly his talk—that he was "country all the way," and even West Point could not smooth the country out of him. That may be so; but tall, craggy-faced, handsome, he was no doubt a commander in uniform, and he wore a tuxedo with elegance.

Credited with such countryisms as, "Men, the varmints are over there on that hill; leave us take that hill," he could turn to clear, incisive grammar at the click of a microphone switch during a press conference. The North Carolina accent was there, but the tape needed no editing. And how he could charm an audience with jump stories! His impromptu half hour at the first anniversary of the 101st Airborne Division's reactivation was a memorable experience.

One more assignment as Commander in Chief of the U. S. Southern Command with headquarters in Panama preceded his retirement for reasons of health in February 1961.

Bob Sink is survived by his mother; his widow Grace Gall Cannon Sink; two daughters, Margaret S. Swenson of Saint Petersburg, Florida, and Robin S. Reavis of Walterboro, South Carolina; two stepsons, Thomas W. Cannon and Charles William Cannon of Lexington; two sisters, Mrs. Daphne Rose and Mrs. J. Robert Philpott, both of Lexington; and ten grandchildren. Another daughter, Mrs. Thomas Twohey of Wheaton, Maryland, died in 1964. He was first married to Margaret Elizabeth Coe, who preceded him in death. Three brothers, Charles V., Joe S., and Fred O. Sink Jr., run the family newspaper, *The Dispatch*, in Lexington.

During his military career General Sink was awarded the Silver Star with two oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Unit Citation with one oak leaf cluster, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Occupation of Germany Medal, Occupation of Japan Medal, Korean Service Medal, Korean Presidential Citation, Combat Infantrymans Badge, and Master Parachutist Badge.

His Allied decorations consist of the Croix de Guerre avec palme (Belgium), the Belgian Fourragère, the Netherlands Orange Lanyard, the Belgian L'Orde de Leopold (Grade of Officer) avec palme, the French Croix de Guerre avec palme, the Distinguished Service Order (Britain), and the Bronze Lion Decree of the Netherlands.

At Fort Campbell, Kentucky, the beautiful new post library was dedicated recently to the memory of Lieutenant General Robert F. Sink. This is as it should be, for libraries store history, and Bob Sink contributed more than his share to the proud history of the United States Army.

—Charles H. Chase
—Lou Breault

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Thea Lewis Lipscomb

NO. 10522 CLASS OF 1936

Died 3 September 1962 in Miami, Arizona, aged 51 years.

THEA LEWIS LIPSCOMB, born 3 February 1911 in Muskogee, Oklahoma, entered the Military Academy on 6 July 1932. He graduated with his class on 12 June 1936, ranking sufficiently high to be commissioned in the Field Artillery. His first troop assignment was with the 76th Field Artillery at the Presidio of Monterey, and he remained there until 1939. The phenomenal expansion of the Artillery branch during World War II placed a formidable challenge before the the Field Artillery School, and it was there that Lipscomb's talents were demanded during that school's most critical years. Starting as an instructor in tactics of the combined arms, he ended his tour at Fort Sill as Executive Officer to the Assistant Commandant of the School.

Following V-E Day there ensued for him a number of troop and staff assignments in the Far East Command and the Pacific Area; and he returned to the United States in 1948, assigned to the War Plans Branch, Office, Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, Washington. He occupied this post until January 1952 when he joined Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff. He was subsequently assigned to the office of the U.S. Special Representative in Europe, and as commander, 594th FA Battalion in that theatre. He returned to the United States in 1955 and successively occupied a number of important operational and training assignments. Lipscomb retired in 1958, in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, RA. He died in September of 1962.

Thea Lewis Lipscomb

Richard Henry Mattern

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Richard Henry Mattern

NO. 10538 CLASS OF 1936

Died 5 April 1945 at Saipan, aged 31 years.

RICHARD HENRY MATTERN, born on 30 August 1913 in the City of New York, entered the Military Academy on 1 July 1932.

Commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps upon graduation, he performed his first duty as a platoon commander, 62d Coast Artillery, at Forts Totten and Ontario, New York. In December 1937 he sailed for Hawaii and there served with the 16th Coast Artillery at Fort Ruger for upwards of a year. Early in 1938 he was transferred to Fort Mills, the Philippines, as aide-de-camp to General Walter K. Wilson. He served in this capacity, and as battery commander, 60th Coast Artillery, until February 1940 when he was returned to the United States. There followed a succession of assignments and details of professional importance: aide-de-camp to General James B. Crawford, Camp Davis, North Carolina; student, Command and General Staff College; secretary to the Chief of Staff; assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff; G3, and organization and training officer, Antiaircraft Command, Richmond, Virginia.

In December of 1944 Dick completed studies at the Naval War College and departed for duty in the Pacific Theatre the following month. On 5 April 1945, while serving as Battalion Commander, 751st Antiaircraft Gun Battalion, on Saipan, Lieutenant Colonel Mattern died.

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Seward William Hulse Jr.

NO. 10550 CLASS OF 1936

Died 26 July 1943 in Lake Michigan (drowning), aged 29 years.

SEWARD WILLIAM HULSE JR. was born on 20 November 1913, in Manila, Philippine Islands and received an at large appointment to the Military Academy. He graduated with the Class of 1936 and chose the Field Artillery as his basic branch, with detail to the Army Air Corps. His first active duty station was Randolph Field. Finding flying congenial, he transferred to the Air Corps

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in 1937; and after completing primary and advanced training he moved to Chanute Field, Illinois, where he served as a squadron adjutant. He later served as Assistant Director, Air Corps Technical School, Scott Field, and remained in that position until June of 1942. On the 26th day of July, 1943, having reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel AUS, and while serving as Co-Director, Department of Communications, Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin, he was killed in an aircraft accident.

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Robert Thomas Crowder

NO. 10674 CLASS OF 1936

Died 15 April 1944 at Ploesti (air mission), aged 32 years.

ROBERT THOMAS CROWDER, a native of Lawrence, Kansas, was born on 18 September 1911. He got his first taste of military life in the Kansas National Guard and received an at large appointment to the Military Academy with the Class of 1936. Bob, known as "Sam" to his classmates, chose the Infantry upon graduation. His first assignment was with the 10th Infantry at Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

In October 1938 Sam requested and received detail to the Army Air Corps. He trained at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas, and received his pilot rating in August of 1939. From November 1940 to January 1942 Sam served as post adjutant, Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas; then briefly as Commander, 64th Air Base Group. In June 1942 he was rated glider pilot. In August 1943 he received command of the 460th Bomb Group and early in 1944 led it overseas for duty in the North African Theatre. He was killed in action with his unit on 15 April 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel Crowder, Air Corps, Regular Army, was awarded the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Purple Heart (posthumously).

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Godfrey Arthur Fowler

NO. 10703 CLASS OF 1936

Died 12 May 1967 in Dallas, Texas, aged 54 years.

Interment: East Hill Cemetery, Palestine, Texas

ARTHUR DIED SUDDENLY on the night of 12 May 1967, at his home in Dallas, Texas. He had a beautiful home and garden, and had spent the afternoon after his work hours getting his yard in order so that he could come to Palestine to be with me for Mother's Day, May 14th. His garden was one of his many hobbies. He loved music and was a contributor to the Dallas Civic Group. He studied art for over ten years at the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts and was a patron of the museum and a member of the Contempory Art Association.

A friend said of Arthur, "He is like his mother, he can grow anything and can do anything."

A classmate and roommate said: "Arthur was always thoughtful and helpful, I'll remember him with great appreciation and gratitude."

Robert Thomas Crowder

Another classmate said: "I was fond of him. I will always cherish the memories of our first "Bat" together at Jefferson Barracks and the fun we had in the Sixth Infantry."

He was born in Palestine, Texas, 27 August 1912, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Godfrey Rees Fowler. He was the grandson of Judge and Mrs. Z. A. McReynolds, and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fowler and the great-grandson of Judge John H. Reagan, Postmaster General of the Confederate States of America. He traveled with parents, attending schools at Army posts in the United States and at the Ateneo de Manila in Manila, Philippine Islands. He graduated from New Mexico Military Institute in 1930 and from West Point in 1936. From an earlier year at Braden's Preparatory School at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson with the Van Slykes, he acquired the nickname "Einie" (Einstein) because he always had a theory.

His first station was Jefferson Barracks with the Sixth Infantry. After leaving Jefferson Barracks he served two years at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Returning to the United States, he was assigned to Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Then came the years in Australia and New Guinea, where he served in the Infantry, Air Force, and Ordnance for thirty-one months of duty during World War II. Following his serious injury in New Guinea in 1944, he spent three years in hospitals (Brooke, McClosey, and Fort Bliss) before medically retiring in 1947.

Godfrey Arthur Fowler

After he recovered, he worked as a surveyor for the National Geophysical Company of Dallas, Texas. At the time of his death he was employed as an engineer by the city of Dallas, whose officials gave him outstanding efficiency ratings.

Funeral services for Godfrey Arthur Fowler, Captain U. S. Army, Retired, were held on Monday, 15 May 1967, in the Bailey Chapel with the Reverend W. S. Blanton Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Palestine, Texas, officiating. Pallbearers were the members of the American Legion, and the graveside service in East Hill Cemetery was conducted by the American Legion.

He was a very fine son and most thoughtful and devoted to me, his mother. His father, Lieutenant Colonel Fowler, passed away in March of 1958, and I am his only survivor.

–His mother,
Mrs. Ella S. Fowler
Palestine, Texas

John McMullan Gulick

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John McMullan Gulick

NO. 10839 CLASS OF 1937

Died 6 March 1967 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, aged 52 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

JACK ARRIVED AT WEST POINT a product of Washington, D.C.'s best schools and society. His father was Major General John McMullan Gulick, Chief of Coast Artillery at the time Jack entered West Point. Jack was quiet of manner and not particularly athletic by nature, but this quiet demeanor covered a brave and determined heart.

At West Point Jack exhibited exceptional skills in writing and acting–talents that were used in many Color Lines and 100th Night Shows. Later the Air Force capitalized on his ability by placing him as chief of their awards branch in the Pentagon.

Jack's military career started quietly enough at Fort Monroe as a lieutenant of Coast Artillery. Here he helped at the local West Point Prep School in addition to performing normal battery duties.

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Next came duty in the Philippines, where he was swept up in the holocaust of World War II. Jack's innate toughness stood him in good stead, and he was able to survive over three years of POW camps.

Of Jack's combat service, Colonel Morris L. Shoss, his battery executive officer in Battery C, 91st CA(PS), writes: "His remarkable military exploits with his unit, his dynamic leadership, and his acts of valor marked him as one of the truly great, but unsung heroes of Bataan and Corregidor. Extremely modest in accepting praise, he left an indelible impression on those privileged to serve with and under him as to the meaning of DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

"Caught with his unit on Fort Wint, Subic Bay, at the outbreak of the war, he managed by amazing improvisation of primitive boats and barges, to move the organization and all available mobile artillery to Bataan one step ahead of the enemy. All these weapons proved to be invaluable in the defense of Bataan.

"The composite anti-aircraft artillery command he organized, by its novel leap frog tactics and precision gunnery, accounted for 15 enemy planes, the largest number ever recorded for any battery-size unit. Always moving where the action was hottest, Jack Gulick was seriously wounded twice in Bataan. Once a shell fragment penetrated his helmet and creased his skull, permanently parting his hair. The next time, he was almost decapitated by a bulldozer while supervising the construction of a jungle trail at night.

"When Bataan fell and the guns had been spiked, and the ammunition destroyed, Jack Gulick with his skull and jaw wired in place, led his unit on a remarkable escape to Corregidor under the noses of the victory-drunk conquerors.

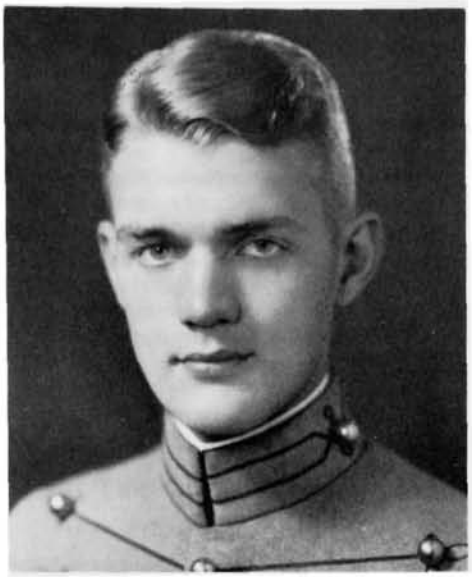
"Then came a series of counter-battery duels during which the fixed batteries of Corregidor were gradually pounded into rubble. At the end it was Battery Gulick, a suicide-roving battery of 155mm guns, GPF. On the morning of the invasion of Monkey Point by the enemy, only one gun was in commission. It was located along a cut below Topside firing direct fire into the invading forces. I believe that it was this gun that was the last firing weapon on Corregidor and which was silenced by a direct order of a senior colonel. Ceremoniously, befitting Artillery tradition, the gun was spiked and blown.

"In prison camp Jack recognized new challenges for service and leadership. He rallied the spirits of his men and friends and encouraged them to find ways to survive. He survived the sinking of a POW ship in Manila Harbor and ended the war in Korea, where he was freed in September 1945."

After World War II Jack transferred to the newly-born U. S. Air Force. He served as Squadron Commander or staff officer at various places, such as Patrick AFB, Camp Kilmer, Manhattan Beach, Mitchel AFB, Selfridge AFB, and the Pentagon. He attended the Air Command and Staff College and the Armed Forces Staff College. He returned to Korea for 13 months in November 1952 as an organization commander at K47.

Jack retired in 1961. He was studying for his master's degree in history at George Washington University when his mother became ill and he was needed at Cape Elizabeth, Maine. It was while there, as he was engaged in settling his mother's estate, that Jack fought another brave but losing battle; this time with cancer.

–His roommate



Louis Nathaniel Dosh

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Louis Nathaniel Dosh

NO. 11272 CLASS OF 1938

Lost at sea in bombing of POW ship, 9 January 1945. Aged 29 years.

Iron Birds fill the sky
When clouds are red;
In the grass I lie
Dying amid the dead;
–Iron Birds flying
Through the Red Sky
Over the dying,
Where I, too, die;–
Iron Birds scream and soar–
War-birds born of wars.

THOSE WORDS WRITTEN by Louis Nathaniel Dosh when he was still only 17 and just before he entered the Academy now seem prophetic of his own death.

Ironically, the "Iron Birds" which cost the life of Captain Dosh were U.S. bombers.

Captain Dosh and the other U.S. prisoners of war were aboard an unmarked Japanese cavalry boat that was en route from the Philippines to a work camp on the island of Honshu. Captain Dosh and his brave little band of guerrillas had escaped the "hell" of Bataan and Corregidor only to meet tragic fate at the bombs of U.S. planes unaware of the real nature of their target.

After the Japanese bombing of Manila, Captain Dosh and a small contingent of mixed U.S. troops of the 57th Infantry and Filipino Scouts escaped to the hills near Luzon, where stores had been cached, and lived and fought in the hills for three years after 7 December 1941, the "Day of Infamy."

It was ironic, too, that the last letter received from Captain Dosh by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nathaniel Dosh Sr., of Ocala, Florida, was dated 6 March 1942 and datelined "In The Field." The letter had been censored but the envelope bore this significant wording: "Service Mail; Postage Not Available."

"We have plenty of food, plenty sleep, and plenty work," Captain Dosh wrote in part. "I was going to say plenty of Jap bombers, too, but something has happened . . . lately. They must need most of their bombers somewhere else.

"I'm very proud of my company. After every engagement some of my boys come away with medals for gallant and courageous conduct. It has proved to everyone that the Filipino Scout is a courageous and fierce fighter."

During the three years in the hills above Luzon, Captain Dosh kept the morale of his men high with his singing and his endless repertoire of songs, from "Benny Havens" to light opera. With his Episcopal "Book of Common Prayer," Captain Dosh conducted devotional services for the men, and buried the dead.

While Captain Dosh and his comrades were fighting in the hills above Luzon, their only contact with the outside world was through a Filipino nurse, Lt. Hipolita San Jose, who smuggled medicines, supplies, and notes to the U.S. -Filipino guerrillas, caching them in a special remote hiding place. Affectionately called "Ding" by the guerrillas, the nurse had been commissioned in the field after leaving her teaching post when the Japanese occupied the islands. She was promoted to first lieutenant because of her valiant work with the guerrillas and the underground.

The last communication to "Ding" from Captain Dosh, acknowledging a letter from her and requesting certain additional supplies, was dated 23 August 1943. This letter was given to Chaplain Henry McDonnell who forwarded it to the family.

"I receive twenty pesos ($10.00) per month," wrote Captain Dosh. "I buy fruit and tobacco. All our gang are in good health."

The last communication regarding Captain Dosh, written by Chaplain McDonnell to Mrs. Louis N. (Betty) Dosh, contained information that the last contact with Captain Dosh was in early December 1944, when a leader in the underground saw him near the Manila city hall in a contingent of prisoners being marched to board a ship believed bound for Japan. Chaplain McDonnell said Captain Dosh made the "V" sign but could not speak.

Later information reported this ship was bombed as it left the harbor, and the prisoners were returned to Manila and herded on a tennis court under heavy guard. Later, they were herded onto the cavalry boat, which had no markings, and it was bombed at sea. There were some 1,616 prisoners aboard the ship. All but 942 survived. The survivors were transported to the Honshu prison camp.

Before his capture, Captain Dosh placed his West Point ring and other personal effects in the secret cache. These were found by another Filipino nurse and forwarded to his family.

Captain Dosh was promoted to the rank of major in the field, but the orders never were received and registered by the military authorities. He was sent to the Philippines in 1939, after his first tour of duty at Fort Scriven, Georgia, following graduation in 1938.

In a letter to his sister in Chattanooga, Tennessee, dated 23 November 1941, and received a week or so after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Captain Dosh reported that "we are expecting an enemy attack at any time, and it probably will come at Lingayen Bay." The Japanese did attack, but first from the air and then arrived in Lingayen with their fleet.

Captain Dosh was graduated from Ocala, Florida, High School, only a block from his home, in 1932, when he was still 16. Already possessing an appointment to the Academy, he attended Stanton-on-the-Hudson military preparatory school before reaching West Point in the

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summer of 1934. His ambitions were to be an operatic singer and writer, not a soldier. His rich baritone voice was trained largely by his mother, a piano teacher. He also played several band instruments.

At the Academy, he was a member of the Cadet Choir all four years and the Glee Club two years. He was an accomplished thespian and a member of the Cadet Players all four years. He was rated a pistol sharpshooter.

The 1938 HOWITZER gave this profile of Captain Dosh, written by his roommate and art editor of the 1937-38 "Pointer," retired Lt. Col. Edward Walter Jacunski, now Dean of Engineering at University of Florida:

"Louie hit West Point with a pillow under his arm and two ambitions in mind. One was to get his lessons each night and go to sleep early...Good books and good music pleased him as much as shining and polishing for S. I. irritated him. Although he was a member of the choir and glee club, and a devotee of the opera, his incessant warbling was never fully appreciated by the lovers of peace and solitude in his division. He wanted the doughboys, and his choice was not contested by the Academic Department or the Tactical Department, which employed a good many of his hours with practice marches and maneuvers about the clock area."

How true. On 9 June 1938, on the afternoon before graduation, there was Louis walking off accumulated demerits in the "bull ring." On Graduation Day, Louie was married to the former Betty Bloxsom of Boston in the Chapel. *Life* magazine covered the wedding, devoting the cover of its 4 July 1938 edition and three inside pages to the event.

Numerous honors came to Captain Dosh after his death. Perhaps the one that would have pleased him most was the commissioning of the victory ship S. S. Ocala, named for his hometown and in his honor. It was christened in December 1944, by his wife Betty.

Captain Dosh had two other brothers to graduate from West Point: Robert Nathaniel Dosh Jr., Lt. Col., USAF, Retired (Class of 1946), and Laurance Condon Dosh, Captain, USAR (Class of 1950). A third brother, Sidney Perry Dosh, served in the U. S. Army with the "Checkerboard Division" (99th Infantry Division) in Europe during World War II.

Captain Dosh was a communicant of Grace Episcopal Church, Ocala, where he served many years as an acolyte. At a memorial service in the church on the occasion of his mother and father's fiftieth wedding anniversary, the Rev. Maurice M. Benitez (Class of 1949) read these lines from an ode to Captain Dosh titled, "*Fortier in re Suaviter in Modo*":

Facile princeps, his valiant, living memory,
Among the green vales and everlasting rocks,
Is etched on proudest scroll: *Fama semper vivat.*
As from the distance that tolerates no doom,
We hear his lively voice, resonant with eclat,
Calling clear with Holy Promise: *"Adsum... Adsum!"*

–The Family

James William Stigers

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James William Stigers

NO. 12323 CLASS OF 1941

Died 27 February 1967 at Beaumont Army Hospital in El Paso, Texas, aged 50 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, San Juan, Puerto Rico

DEAR HUSBAND:

We met in Puerto Rico twenty-five years ago. I was twenty-two and you were twenty-six. You were a dashing young officer who came into my life like a dream to fulfill all the expectations of a romantic Spanish young lady. We married in the old Fort of El Morro. It was a beautiful wedding. When we left the Catholic chapel, your friends were holding the sabers for us to walk under. I felt like a young princess. We went on our honeymoon and I wished that every bride would feel the warmth and happiness that I felt then.

We lived happily. It was so much fun to be married to a Regular Army officer. Our first daughter was born while we were stationed in Savannah, Georgia. Her coming made us feel closer to each other. Soon after her birth, you had to leave us to fulfill your duty toward your country. You did your share during the conflict in Europe, receiving injuries, and earning your Silver Star, while we went back to Puerto Rico and waited for you, praying for your safety. When you told me of your experiences I didn't realize until later that you bore emotional scars from which you would never recover.

In 1945, we got orders for West Point where we spent two years. I learned what the Academy really means to all her graduates. A lucky break brought us back to Puerto Rico where you taught military tactics at Mayaguez College of Engineering; and at this time our son, James, was born. Natalia is twenty-three now and the mother of three beautiful children, a girl and two boys. James is eighteen and starting college. They were both tots when you were chosen to get your master's degree at the Moore School of the University of Pennsylvania. We enjoyed Philadelphia. Then we went to El Paso, Texas, where you taught at the Missile School of Fort Bliss. Later we went to Fort Monroe, Virginia. We enjoyed every station and I enjoyed being an army wife. We went to Oklahoma and at Fort Sill we were like liaison officers for all the Latin American officers. Then back to El Paso, which seemed like home to us. We met so many interesting people, but you as much as I wanted to come back to the warm and tropical climate of Puerto Rico.

So you finally retired. At that time, back in June of 1958, your health was failing you. We got back home on time to attend the coming out party of our daughter, Natalia, which we had planned to take place that summer with a group of other local young girls. I watched you dance the waltz with her in your white summer uniform. You two made a handsome couple, attracting the attention of everyone present. I watched you proudly. It seems like yesterday. It was not long after that your health continued to fail, forcing us to part. During these long and lonely years you were always with me in my thoughts.

Then one night, I was told that you were no longer in this world. The news was a shock even though I was expecting it. I ordered your body to be brought back to Puerto Rico where we were all waiting for you. You had expressed the desire several times to rest in this island where we met and spent many happy years and where I chose to spend the rest of my life near my beloved family. At last we are together again. The first anniversary of your death is this month. Thank you for all the happy moments I spent with you and thank you for giving me two wonderful children. They are the product of our love. I have no words to express how I admired and respected you for your intelligence and your tenderness, for your love of teaching and for the work you were doing, and above all for your love of your country, which you imparted to us.

To all your classmates and friends I wish to say, "Please feel welcome to drop by to see me when you come to Puerto Rico so that we may share memories of you."

Your little wife,
–Natalia (Perez) Stigers
Hotel El Convento
Old San Juan, Puerto Rico

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Philip Edward Horan Jr.

NO. 12772 CLASS OF 1942

Died 15 April 1945 at Halle, Germany, aged 26 years.

Interment: United States Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland

ON 15 APRIL 1945 Captain Philip E. Horan Jr. was killed in action in Halle, Germany, leading his company against what was to be the final throes of organized German resistance in World War II.

Philip Edward Horan Jr.

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Phil, as he was known to his friends, was born on 8 July 1918 in Omaha, Nebraska. In preparation for college, he attended Central High School in Omaha, spent one year at St. John's Military School at Delafield, Wisconsin, and another year in Europe where he attended the Alliance Française in Paris, France.

He entered the Military Academy on 1 July 1938. While there he continuously ranked within the upper 50 cadets of his Class academically and particularly excelled in foreign languages. Both religion and physical fitness were prime facets of his life at the Academy. At the time of branch selection, Phil proudly chose the Infantry, and, immediately after his graduation from West Point on 29 May 1942, he attended the Infantry Basic Officers Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. From there he was assigned to the newly activated 104th (Timberwolf) Infantry Division at Camp Adair, Oregon. He had numerous command and staff assignments with the 414th Infantry Regiment during the training of his division at Camp Adair, at desert training centers in both California and Arizona, and at Camp Carson, Colorado.

It was while he was stationed at Camp Adair that he met Mary Alice Janke whom he married on 22 January 1944 at Fort Benning.

When his regiment was deployed to Europe in August 1944, Phil was the service company commander, a position for which he had been especially selected in order to straighten out, prior to overseas movement, the supply and maintenance activities overburdened by months of field training.

Based upon his repeated requests he was soon placed in command of I Company of the 414th Infantry Regiment which he led through several bitter conflicts. It was this same company that he was commanding on 15 April 1944 at Halle when he was hit by German small arms fire. Phil was respected by all those who knew him and was a friend to many members of the Timberwolf Division. He was particularly admired by the old hands of his infantry company who had followed him in combat. For gallantry in action, he was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart.

Those of us who knew Phil well from the time of his entrance to the Military Academy until we lost him in Germany consider that his ideals and character could not be depicted any better than as expressed by his wife Mary Alice: "Phil was a serious-minded young man, widely read and well traveled. During his four years at West Point he pondered deeply on the meaning of life; he was close to the Catholic Chaplain. Out of his thinking and contacts evolved a set of principles by which he measured all his actions and judgments. These principles were consonant with those emphasized at the Academy. In his hierarchy of values, first came God, then Country, then Honor. These were his guiding stars. When he was given a rifle company in Europe, he accepted the challenge, aware of the possible consequences, with a determination to fulfill his new assignment in accord with the finest West Point tradition. That he was killed in the line of action, upholding his ideals of duty, honor, and country, was a tragedy but also a tribute to his fidelity to principle. His was not so much a life cut short as a life fulfilled."

—S.W.K.

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Robert Gene Kimmel

NO. 18828 CLASS OF 1952

Hostile death, Vietnam, 14 November 1967.
Aged 39 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia

Robert Gene Kimmel

He was a big, big man—
My husband, Bob.
A big man from head to toe.
With a heart full of love,
And a laugh so sincere—
A man you'd be proud to know.

His eyes sort of "crinkled,"
And his frown was thoughtful.
He worked and played to be tops.
His children and wife adored him so—
His parents loved him second to none.
So young to die—such a loss.

Pride and integrity were not just words
Not where Bob was concerned.
He lived life to the full,
And died true to his code
For freedom and decency defined—
His was a world so discerned.

So we'll live life through
As he'd want us to—
Trying to hide our heartbreak inside
While remembering his words,
His love, and tremendous pride
In each of us, *Lord help us, do*!

—Mary Lou

ROBERT GENE KIMMEL, 39, father of three, lieutenant colonel and battalion commander, was killed in Vietnam on 14 November 1967. Bob's command and control helicopter was hit by enemy ground fire; it crashed and burned. The seven others on board were also killed. An agonizing week of being listed as Missing in Action was experienced before, on the 21st, word was received by Bob's family that he, in fact, had laid down his life for his God and his country. How very much we regret his passing.

A life such as Bob's cannot be summarized, because there is no end—those people and things that he touched will continue to bear his mark, and this mark will remain with us—we who will face the uncertainties of time and events yet to pass because of all that Bob was, and is, now in living memory. It will always be difficult to realize that Bob is dead; life was so much a part of him. Taught by his parents to appreciate the importance of attention to detail and perfection in the completed task, Bob developed those traits of manhood early in life so that, at age twelve he competently took over the duties of head-of-household when his father went off to World War II. This early acceptance of responsibility gave rise to a seeming air of impatience later on as Bob went about his daily life, doing what needed to be done with dispatch and precision in order to accomplish the mission at hand.

As a cadet the mission was to learn and survive, and this Bob did in typical no-nonsense fashion. His neatness and perfection as a Plebe, to include military creases in class shirts with an illegal iron, were the bane of his company classmates. By example and direction, Bob taught others, and the lessons remain learned. It was good to be around him. His academic capacity left time to pursue what perhaps was his greatest non-military educational love—architecture—and here again its orderliness and perfection, and ability to portray the entire concept without sacrificing detail were most apparent in his efforts.

Mary Lou came into Bob's life at West Point, and how grand they were for each other. A chapel wedding closely followed graduation and for the next fifteen years, five months, and twelve days the Infantry was privileged to have the service of a dedicated officer and his lovely and equally dedicated lady. Geoffrey was born while Bob served in the Korean War; Brandon joined the Kimmels at Fort Carson, Colorado. And then Holly, born in Nurnberg, Germany, a most special little daughter, completed the family that was to be Bob's reason for being. His family now is Bob.

This death raises two questions that must be addressed, each one concerning Purpose: Purpose of Life and Purpose of Death.

As to the former, each man must answer this question for himself. We who remain can only speculate that parental pride and family love and devotion, when coupled with professional satisfaction resulting from continued excellence in performance of duty must in large measure be included in Bob's definition of success. The professional soldier does not seek those assignments that keep him from the active battlefield; Bob's Combat Infantryman Badge with star proudly attests to his dedication and service in both Korea and Vietnam against an armed enemy who would destroy that for which he stood. As a second lieutenant Bob served in Korea in the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry; he was the commanding officer of that battalion when he was killed in Vietnam, fourteen years later. Bob's pride in his CIB was matched with that for his first Legion of Merit, awarded for his typically outstanding performance of duty while a member of the staff of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the Army. A full listing of Bob's awards—those bits of ribbon and metal that are prized by the military as recognition of a job well done—signify a soldier who has served and succeeded, follows: Combat Infantryman Badge with Star, Silver Star Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Korean Service Medal with campaign star, Vietnam Service Medal with campaign star, United Nations Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 device.

Of further significance when considering the

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first question, Purpose of Life, are one's friends. The response Mary Lou has had concerning Bob's death would belie a phrase often heard that in the military there are many acquaintances but few friends, for Bob has—not had—countless friends. It will not be possible for Mary Lou to answer all the expressions of concern she has received; she has asked that those who read this might know of her profound appreciation for all that has and is being done for her and the family. To Bob's classmates she extends sincere appreciation for the Class floral gift. Mary Lou intends to stay in Falls Church, Virginia, at 2829 Meadow Lane.

All of this then would indicate that Bob's life, as he would view it, can be termed full and complete. We hope so.

As to the second, Purpose of Death, it is to us the living that this query must be directed. Bob's task is done, and it can be rightfully said, "Well Done." The world today is richer and better because Bob was here. Yet much, as always, remains to be done. If this tragic death—this going that ended a most promising and developing career of service to country—strengthens and stiffens our resolve to do, and to do as Bob would have done, that which needs to be done to insure the future peace and freedom of this country that he so loved, but even more important, if we are successful in accomplishing this continuing mission, then Bob's death will not have been for nothing. We, then, are charged with the tasks that Bob has laid down. We shall miss his strength, his dedication, his warmth, his friendship, and his nearness. All that Robert Gene Kimmel was, and is, shall never leave us, and we are richer because of him. The ultimate answer to this question, Purpose of Death, is for us to answer as the uncertainties and challenges of the future are met.

May this fond, tangible farewell serve, then, as a searching measure of all that is felt and that must, forever, remain unsaid for one who has earned those sacred and honored words, "he died for his country."

"Be Thou At Peace."

—a classmate

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Jackson Busic Carter

NO. 20061 CLASS OF 1954

Died 15 March 1967 at Clark AFB, Philippines, aged 35 years.

Interment: Riverside Evergreen Cemetery, Riverside, California

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JACKSON BUSIC CARTER WAS BORN on 11 June 1931 at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C. He came into the world yelling at the top of his lungs, full of life and enthusiasm which he never lost until his untimely death in the service of his country. Kindness, helpfulness, compassion, and serenity characterized his relationship with others. He loved life and people. He grew up with the Army. His father is Colonel (Retired) Willey V. Carter, USMA 1918; his mother is Muriel Dougherty Carter, daughter of Colonel Andrew Jackson Dougherty for whom Jack was named. Jack was born on his paternal great grandfather Busic's birthday, an event noted by the choice of Jack's middle name.

Colonel and Mrs. Carter bought a home in Riverside where they remained after retiring from the Air Force. Riverside was a special place to Jack. It was here that Jack met his future wife, Joyce Garrett. It was a place to return to, where

Jackson Busic Carter

he could always find a warm welcome for himself and his friends. He looked forward to these visits with his parents and his favorite Grandmother Dougherty who added so much fun and warmth to the Riverside home.

Jack graduated from Riverside Poly High School in 1949. The following summer he obtained an appointment to West Point and joined the Class of 1954. As a cadet he was levelheaded, imperturbable, and self-confident. He took plebe year in stride and impressed his roommates with his poise. Nothing seemed to shake him or to catch him off guard. Having spent his whole life in the military, Jack was good at seeing the lighter side of the service. He encouraged confidence in others by example and made life a little more bearable by virtue of his great sense of humor and wit.

Boxing was his favorite sport. As a lightweight he often found himself involved in some rather rough action, but Jack was spunky and would never back down. He took a lot of ribbing about his boxing activities, to which he would just chuckle and with a snort turn it off. He was just as quick to give a ribbing as well as take one without becoming disturbed. He is remembered by his classmates for his dogged determination in the face of adversity, his certainty of purpose, his ability to reason to a logical conclusion, and his refusal to be encumbered with unimportant considerations. Jack applied himself to those things which he could change; he did not waste his energy on those things which he could not, and he was able to distinguish one from the other. He was also a very perceptive person who understood the importance of getting along with people. Being well rounded in terms of interests and aptitudes, he was ideally suited for a career in the military.

On graduation day, 8 June 1954, he donned the uniform of a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He lost no time in reporting to the Old Cadet Chapel where he married his high school sweetheart, Joyce Garrett. Following graduation leave, Jack and Joy went to Hondo, Texas, where Jack received his primary flight training. He loved flying. His instructor at Hondo described him as a natural born flyer and one of the best he had ever had the pleasure to teach. After primary, Jack went on to finish basic flight training at Greenville, Mississippi. His first assignment as a pilot was to the new Strategic Air Command base at Little Rock. Lacking a base hospital, Jack drove Joy to the base hospital at Greenville AFB in September 1955 where their first son, Jackson David Carter, was born.

Jack and I met for the first time when he joined the 546th Bomb Squadron in November 1955. We were assigned to the newly formed B-47 crew commanded by Roy W. Howard. In March 1956 the crew was sent to survival training at Stead AFB, Nevada. It was a cold, wet, and hungry experience. The graduation exercise consisted of a 24-hour cross country infiltration course ending with the penetration of an enemy line of defense. Jack was unhurried, and I thought we would never reach our destination unless a fire could be built under him. Came night and as I began to tire, Jack shifted into second gear. By the time we hit the enemy line he shifted into high and attempted to lead me through the mesquite that he could see in the dark but which I only succeeded in plowing into. The enemy patrol which located me through the reflection of my wet poncho caught only a faint glimpse of Jack as he sped off into the night. This reservoir of energy and superb night vision which he demonstrated at survival school was to serve his crew in the years to come.

Jack's crew became combat ready in October 1956 and earned "lead" designation in April of the following year. Picked as one of two crews to represent the 384th Bomb Wing in the 1957 SAC Bombing and Navigation Competition, the crew was designated as a select crew with spot promotions going to the navigator and aircraft commander. Ineligible for a spot promotion as a co-pilot, he continued to develop his skills as both a pilot and navigator. It was a proud day when Jack stood with his crew to receive the top crew award in the 1957 SAC competition and was singled out by General Griswold, the SAC vice commander, for a spot promotion as the outstanding co-pilot of the competition. His promotion to captain, less than three and a half years after graduation, was a remarkable and well deserved achievement. He was the first to be promoted captain in his Class and the first to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross "for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period June 1957 to November 1957." He later added the Air Force Commendation Medal for similar but not quite so successful participation in the 1958 SAC Bombing Competition.

In July of 1959 Jack left crew S-70 to train a B-47 crew of his own. SAC gained an extremely well qualified aircraft commander, but the crew lost a co-pilot who was both an excellent pilot and navigator. He flew well from the rear seat and could obtain celestial fixes with only one minute between shots during which he would compute and plot the line of position as a check against the navigator's fix. He was an extremely dedicated and hard working officer and a credit to the Air Force and those of us who knew and worked with him.

A second son, Daniel Garrett Carter, was born on 20 October 1960 at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. In April of 1962 Jack was transferred, along with his new crew, to Plattsburgh AFB, New York. With over nine years as a SAC pilot, he was selected for graduate school in industrial engineering at the University of Southern California. He entered the university in April 1964 and graduated two years later with a master's degree and election to the technical honor society Alpha Pi Mu and the American Society of Industrial Engineers. Jack and Joy lived in Riverside while Jack was attending USC.

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While in school, a daughter, Elaine Dorothy Carter, was born on 4 February 1966 at the March AFB hospital.

Following graduation Jack received C-130 stateside training and in April 1967 was assigned to the 345th Troop Carrier Squadron, C. C. K., Taichung, Taiwan. He was flying close support missions for the war in Vietnam when he was involved in a fatal ground accident on 4 March 1967. While returning to his quarters on base he was thrown from his motorcycle. Although he was wearing a protective helmet, Jack received severe head injuries. He died from these injuries on 15 March 1967.

Major Carter was buried with full military honors under the cover of an Air Force flyby at the Riverside Evergreen Cemetery on 21 March 1967. It was a fitting salute to an officer who had served his country so well.

–H. B. Stelling Jr.

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Francis James Thompson

NO. 23269 CLASS OF 1960

Hostile death, Vietnam, 24 January 1967.
Aged 29 years.

Interment: National Cemetery,
Raleigh, North Carolina

FRANCIS JAMES THOMPSON was born in New York City on 10 August 1937. His early years and family roots were there, and, throughout his life, Frank retained a love and zest for returning to "The City." Frank, an Army brat, grew up at a succession of posts scattered from Germany to Japan. He graduated from Highland Falls (New York) High School in 1955, and immediately enlisted in the Army to pursue his chosen career. There was no vacillation in Frank's mind; he had wanted, for years, to be an Army officer and an Infantryman.

Frank was assigned to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at Stewart Field, New York, after taking basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Later his enlisted training was to assist him in attaining an empathy with his men that few officers achieve. At Stewart Field, Frank prepared himself to enter the Academy; however, he never let his preparations interfere with his boundless love of life and his capacity for making any social gathering a memorable one.

On 3 July 1956, Frank entered the Academy as a member of the Class of 1960. Even as a supposedly shell-shocked plebe, he looked every inch the confident soldier. Frank passed the succeeding years at the Academy with his usual grace and aplomb, and he found numerous occasions to visit the New York he loved.

Frank's favorite extra curricular activity was football. He worked diligently to become a tackle on Army's first 150-pound football team. Frank was proud of the 150's, and proud of being a member of this talented team. He won his "A" complete with Navy stars in both his second and first-class years.

Frank was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry on 8 June 1960. Here at last was the goal–the challenge he had always sought. He attended the Infantry Officers Orientation Course, and Ranger and Airborne training at Fort Benning before reporting to the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

Francis James Thompson

His first assignment at Fort Bragg was as a rifle platoon leader in D Company, 2d Airborne Battle Group, 504th Infantry. Frank applied himself to his new assignment with the energy and enthusiasm that all who knew him admired. He became, as his experienced company commander said, "the best Infantry lieutenant that I have ever seen." He loved troop duty, and cast himself wholeheartedly into all facets of his life as a platoon leader.

Frank left the 82d Airborne Division in September of 1962 to join the 7th Special Forces Group. Unconventional warfare training, Amharic language training, numerous field exercises, and field training culminated in an assignment as executive officer, and later commanding officer, of a 6th Special Forces "A" detachment in Ethiopia, he was reassigned as assistant S2 of the 3d Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg.

While a member of the 6th Special Forces Group, Frank found time to meet, pursue, and court, with his typical vigor, the gracious Patricia Ann Tripp of Dunn, North Carolina. They were married in December 1963. Pat and Frank had two wonderful boys: James Nicholas (Jay), born at Fort Bragg, and Sean Michael, born at Fort Benning while Frank was attending the Infantry Officers Career Course in 1965-1966.

Frank demonstrated his excellence as an officer in the career course by graduating as an honor student. Frank loved his profession, and he pursued its intricacies with his own program of study and reading. After the career course, Frank attended the Pathfinder course before reporting for duty with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam. He served with the 2d Battalion, 2d Infantry, in the "Big Red One," initially as battalion communications officer and headquarters company commander. On 15 October 1966, Frank was assigned as company commander of A Company, 2d Battalion, 2d Infantry, an assignment which he performed in his usual outstanding manner.

Frank was killed on 24 January 1967, by an enemy mine while leading his company in clearing a Viet Cong tunnel complex. He died as he lived, gallantly serving his country and performing the job he loved so well. Frank received the Silver Star for gallantry in the action which took his life. He was also awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. The Republic of South Vietnam awarded him the Gallantry Cross with Palm and the National Order Medal Fifth Class for his gallantry and distinguished service.

Frank was very special to all who knew him, and like many special people who die young, he left his mark with us. He was a steadfast, loyal friend, a dedicated, professional soldier, and a wonderfully kindhearted man with a rare zest for life. His own unique vitality was part of everything he did, and his vitality touched, brightened, and inspired all who came in contact with him. He loved Rudyard Kipling's verses, particularly the "Barrack-Room Ballads," and it seems appropriate to say farewell to such a wonderful friend and soldier by paraphrasing Kipling's "To Thomas Atkins":

So, until that day comes around,
Heaven keep you safe and sound,
And, Frank, here's our best respects to you!

–His Classmates

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Harold James Kaufman

NO. 25453 CLASS OF 1964

Hostile death, Vietnam, 20 November 1967.
Aged 26 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,
Arlington, Virginia

CAPTAIN HAROLD J. KAUFMAN was killed in action in Vietnam on 20 November 1967. He met his death during the battle of Hill 875 while serving as Company Commander of C Company, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment. No tribute to him can adequately reflect the loss to those of us who knew him.

Hal's home was in Spring Valley, New York, where he was born on 17 October 1941. He attended local schools until his junior year of high school when he transferred to Valley Forge Military Academy. He graduated from there in 1959.

While at West Point, Hal's principal activity was the Skydiving Club. He joined it as a Plebe, and during first class year, as its president, he helped it achieve the prominence which it enjoys today. At the time of his death, Hal had close to 300 jumps.

This same adventurous spirit caused him to choose the Infantry as his branch. After successful completion of airborne and ranger training, he went to Korea in December 1964. There he

Harold James Kaufman

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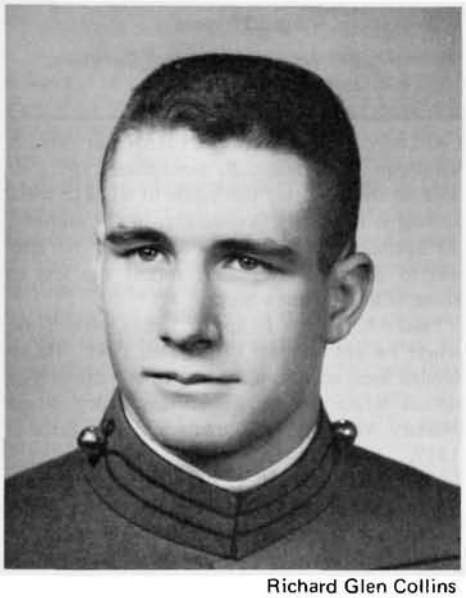
served with the 1st Battalion, 31st Infantry. At the earliest opportunity, he volunteered for duty in Vietnam. Returning home from Korea in December 1965, he attended the advisors training course and then took twelve weeks of Vietnamese language instruction at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California.

Hal arrived in Vietnam in May 1966. He served a full year as assistant battalion advisor to the 5th Vietnamese Airborne Battalion. He volunteered for and received an extension of duty in Vietnam. After a month of leave, he returned to Vietnam for his last assignment, one that he had always wanted, as a company commander in combat.

His desire to lead men in combat was not just a result of what an Infantry officer is supposed to want: it was a true reflection of Harold Kaufman. Many men aspire to the life of a true adventurer; Hal was one. From his first jump to the last time he went up Hill 875, he sought and thrived on a life of action. In so doing he was a noble example of devotion to duty and to country. He died leading the life he loved: being a good soldier. We will miss him. *—Adelaide Kaufman*



Richard Glen Collins

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Richard Glen Collins

NO. 26040 CLASS OF 1965

Hostile death, Vietnam, 5 November 1966, aged 23 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

THERE ARE FEW MEN who ever find that position in life which is tailored perfectly to their catalogue of strengths, talents, and inclinations. And within that occupation rare are the men whose performances correspond directly in excellence to the magnitude of the challenge. Dick Collins—Dick of the grizzly-like strength and boyish countenance—was such a man. As a dynamic leader of troops he was unsurpassed in natural ability; as a man, we, his relatives and friends, mourn his incomprehensible loss.

Dick was born in Long Beach, California, on 15 January 1943. From the pleasant recollections of his youth, which we would often hear late into the night, anyone would say that those years were warm. Dick attended St. Johns Military Academy in Wisconsin, where he manifested a fierce price in the academy which had stimulated his interests in literature, philosophy and athletics. There must have been mutual admiration present, as Dick was a wrestling, track, and football star as well as a fine scholar at St. Johns. When the time arrived to select a college, Dick was determined to seek West Point. He entered the Academy directly from high school.

The years at West Point were a bit lengthy for Dick; the shortest days were those spent conversing with friends, reading and discussing philosophy or literature, and engaging in athletics. Dejection and pessimism were definitely not among his characteristics, as anyone could determine by listening to a typical mirth-filled evening in Dick's room. Moods of quiet introspection were his at times, as one might expect of a man so intensely interested in poetry, prose, and philosophy. While he was uncertain concerning the degree to which he would enjoy an Army career, he had not yet experienced the thrill of a command.

Shortly after graduation, and after a veritable cyclone of a courtship, Dick became Dick and Linda Collins. Typical Irish fervidness of devotion and sentimentality were present in waves. Dick, the supremely proud and happy husband, had worlds more direction and rounder edges, but not so round as to remove his adventuresome spirit. In May 1966, Michael Patrick, a fine, hardy broth of a lad, was born to perhaps the proudest parents in the Western Hemisphere.

Dick, as a platoon leader, was a study in joy and competence. Here his understanding of men, charging spirit, athletic prowess, and rational thinking had an opportunity for full exercise—an opportunity that affected Dick like a pocket of cool air on a sweltering day. His superb leadership ability was readily apparent to all who served with him—particularly his subordinates.

He prepared his platoon for Vietnam and went with it to the Highlands in the summer of 1966. The beauty and serenity of that country impressed him, and his numerous letters home dwelt upon that as well as discussions of the war and men in combat. This man of action and reasoning would have thought his death by sniper fire one morning in November to be a tragic mistake, an error to be immediately rectified. There were just too many things to be done, too many things planned for the future to allow this disruption.

Dick Collins' vibrant nature, with its almost tangible presence, is, and will be, sorely missed. I think Dick in reversed positions would have reacted not with severe depression, but rather with pride of past acquaintance and severe regret at the tragic brevity of that association. He is survived by his wife Linda, a son Michael, his parents, three brothers, his sister, and a host of friends. *A Friend*

Down the Field

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program in mid-May. Larry Hart won first place in the shot, discus, and hammer in both meets while Third Classman Bob Wallis showed power in the javelin, missing the Academy record by but five inches in the Penn State meet. He throws the spear in the 235-240 foot range. Greg Camp in the middle distances, Jim Lucas '69, in the two mile, and Frank McCullough in the hurdles have been the other early-season standouts.

In a late report ARMY took the team title at the Queens-Iona Relays from a highly favored Villanova team, the current indoor NCAA Champions. Wallis set Academy and meet records in the javelin with a throw of 240 feet 10 inches and Hart broke the hammer throw mark as ARMY dominated the field events.

Sylvanus Thayer Award

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be a hawk anymore. But I like to consider myself a strange kind of bird, a hawkish dove. It's nothing like a pigeon—but if I have to lay an egg for my country, I'll do it!"

He continued, "This is the time in our history when we must think of our heritage and the responsibilities that go with it. . .We may be fighting an unpopular war—what war has ever been popular—but we have five or six hundred thousand of the most popular Americans I know fighting like crazy to help preserve our way of life, and we have to back them up. They're putting their money where their mouths are. They are willing to give their lives for what they believe in."

In conclusion, the 11th Sylvanus Thayer Award recipient said, "It takes a strong man to live in this kind of world, a man of constant desire, a man who is not afraid to speak when he should and who also knows the strength of silence. That's what they teach here at West Point—discipline—the magic word.

"For the last 25 years I've met and worked with the cream of our military men from all branches of the service, men who are dedicated to keeping this country and its way of life firm and strong.

"I've laughed with them all over the world and I've never met a finer bunch of men. That's why this award means so much to me."

Sitting on the dais with Mr. Hope in addition to Generals Schuyler and Bennett and the First Captain were old friends of the award winner, General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, Generals Maxwell D. Taylor and Anthony C. McAuliffe, and Lt. Gen. Jonathan O. Seaman, First Army Commander.

Among the messages of congratulations for Bob Hope was one from an old friend and golfing partner whom we honor in this issue which read,

"I should count it a personal favor if you [General Bennett] would convey my warm congratulations to Mr. Hope . . .Sincerely, Dwight D. Eisenhower"

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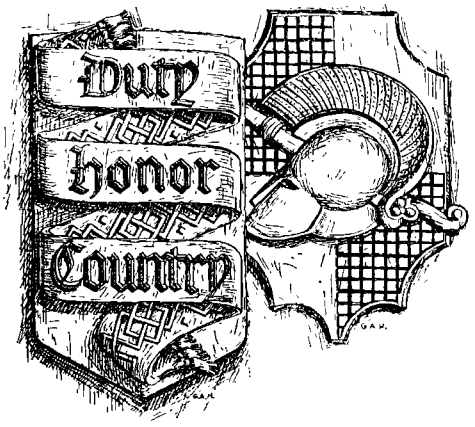

Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Winter 1968 ASSEMBLY.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*		*Place of Death*
Ying H. Wen	1909	28 May	1968	Washington, D.C.
Walter H. Frank	1910	30 March	1968	Washington, D.C.
John E. Martin	1916	23 March	1968	Peoria, Illinois
Henry J. Schroeder	Apr 1917	25 April	1968	Bethesda, Maryland
Maxwell M. Corpening	Jun 1918	1 April	1967	Fontana, Wisconsin
Drexler Dana	Nov 1918	16 March	1968	Kern City, California
Stuart Little	1919	28 May	1968	New York, New York
Donald J. Leehey	1920	26 April	1968	Bellevue, Washington
Paul P. Hanson	1923	7 April	1968	Shrewsbury, New Jersey
Charles C. Higgins	1923	6 March	1968	Topeka, Kansas
Nathaniel Lancaster Jr.	1923	18 March	1968	Hanover County, Virginia
Cleland C. Sibley	1924	24 March	1968	Falls Church, Virginia
Graham Kirkpatrick	1925	13 February	1968	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Henry G. Douglas	1927	11 November	1967	San Francisco, California
Robert M. Cheal	1931	11 February	1968	Los Angeles, California
Richard H. Wise	1931	15 February	1968	Princeton, New Jersey
William L. Longley	1936	13 April	1968	Houston, Texas
Ralph E. Freese	1941	20 April	1968	Fairfax, Virginia
John A. Noble	1945	24 May	1968	St. Louis, Missouri
Frederick F. Hickey Jr.	1946	4 April	1968	Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Joseph P. Seymoe	1948	21 January	1968	Vietnam
Leslie E. Harris Jr.	1949	5 May	1968	Vietnam
Frank R. Forrest	1951	11 December	1967	Okmulgee, Oklahoma
Frederick J. Hampton	1951	6 March	1968	Vietnam
Robert C. Rounding	1952	21 February	1968	Palmdale, California
Mortimer L. O'Connor	1953	1 April	1968	Vietnam
John C. Pearson	1955	17 May	1968	Ft. McClellan, Alabama
Walter L. McCahan	1956	15 March	1968	Vietnam
Gerard M. Wynn	1956	14 November	1967	Vietnam
Edward B. Quill Jr.	1957	15 February	1968	Vietnam
Lawrence M. Malone	1958	7 January	1968	Vietnam
Roger A. Quinn	1959	3 April	1968	Vietnam
Bertram A. Bunting	1960	12 February	1968	Vietnam
Edward W. Crum	1960	6 February	1968	Vietnam
Michael A. Casp	1962	14 November	1967	Vietnam
James S. Hughes	1963	31 January	1968	San Francisco, California
James H. Shotwell	1963	25 May	1968	Vietnam
William J. Whitehead	1963	7 April	1968	Vietnam
Robert F. Serio Jr.	1964	17 April	1968	Vietnam
Charles K. Wilcox	1964	9 January	1968	Vietnam
Richard L. Endicott	1965	30 April	1968	Vietnam
Robert O. Gagne	1965	28 July	1967	Vietnam
Michael Momcilovich Jr.	1965	5 May	1968	Vietnam
Peter F. Donnell	1966	26 April	1968	Vietnam
John A. Fera	1966	18 March	1968	Vietnam
Thomas J. Hayes IV	1966	17 April	1968	Vietnam
John T. Hoskins	1966	6 May	1968	Vietnam
Robert W. Luecke	1966	2 March	1968	Vietnam
Howard S. Pontuck	1966	8 March	1968	Vietnam
David R. Wilson	1966	30 March	1968	Vietnam
James R. Adams	1967	20 March	1968	Vietnam
John A. Graziano	1967	15 April	1968	Wildflecken, Germany

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DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER . . .

A Career of Dedicated Service

(Engagement for Service and Oath of Allegiance.)

United States Military Academy.

I, DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER, of the State of Kansas, aged twenty years eight months, do hereby engage, with the consent of my father, that, from the date of my admission as a Cadet of the United States Military Academy, I will serve in the Army of the United States for eight years, unless sooner discharged by competent authority.

Dwight David Eisenhower

In the presence of

J. H. Brannon
Pr Lieut 24th Infantry

"I, DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and bear true allegiance to the National Government; that I will maintain and defend the sovereignty of the United States, paramount to any and all allegiance, sovereignty, or fealty I may owe to any State, ~~county~~, or country whatsoever; and that I will at all times obey the legal orders of my superior officers, and the rules and articles governing the Armies of the United States."

Dwight David Eisenhower

Sworn and subscribed to, at West Point, New York, this 14th day of June, nineteen hundred and seven before me.

Isaac A. Doyle
Notary Public

MAJOR—1928

LIEUTENANT COLONEL—1941

COLONEL—1941

BRIGADIER GENERAL—1941

GENERAL—1943

MAJOR GENERAL—1942

LIEUTENANT GENERAL—1942

GENERAL OF THE ARMY—1945

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