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Fellow Graduates and Friends of the Military Academy:

Several milestones of the expansion program have been reached since the last report to you. Construction has begun on the new academic building and Thayer road relocation project, as well as on 200 units of family housing. We have occupied the east wing of barracks in the new Washington Hall-Barracks Complex and work is continuing on the north wing, the academic and administrative areas, and the kitchen-dining areas. An additional increment of barracks to replace older facilities in Central and North areas is scheduled for construction beginning next June.

Although the expansion program is progressing satisfactorily and will provide facilities for most of our billeting, messing, and academic activities, one significant project remains to be accomplished. Our greatest need, at the present time, is for additional facilities to provide for the cultural, recreational, and social activities of the expanded Corps of Cadets. The facilities being used now are inadequate (antiquated in some instances), were not built for the purpose now used, and, at least in one instance (the gymnasium), will be required for their original purpose as the size of the Corps increases.

Consequently, I have designated the Cadet Activities Center as the first priority item in the FY 70 Military Construction Program for the Military Academy. The Center has also been included in the Department of the Army Construction Program, and it appears that it will be included in the program of the Department of Defense.

The Academy, as a national historical landmark, annually attracts thousands of visitors, friends, and relatives of cadets, for whom an adequate and appropriate reception installation is required and is not now available. Additionally, there is a critical need for an auditorium capable of seating the entire Corps for military and academic lectures and other purposes; a Post Motion Picture Theater; a theater designed to handle stage productions, concerts, television, and other cultural presentations; adequate cadet snack bars; and suitable and attractive ballrooms for cadet hops. The Activities Center will provide such facilities.

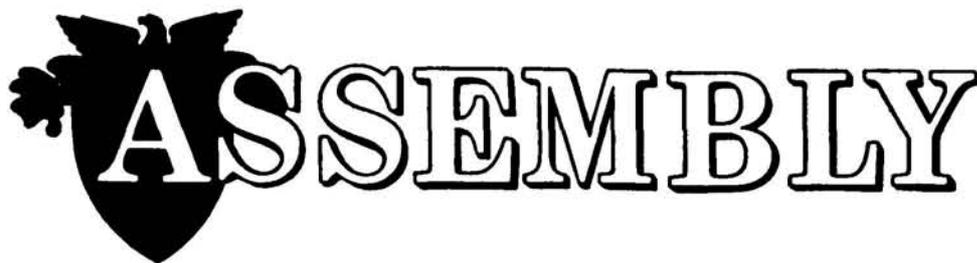
Construction of this facility has long been sought by the Military Academy and has been emphatically recommended by successive Boards of Visitors since 1953.

Recently, I sent a letter to members of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates requesting their assistance in developing support for this important project. Your assistance is also solicited as we continue to move ahead with our expansion program.

Sincerely,



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The front cover features three graduates sharing honors at Alumni Exercises—Colonel Abbott Boone '07, the Oldest Grad returning; General Clyde D. Eddleman '24, President of the Association of Graduates; and Major General Samuel W. Koster, the Superintendent. The back cover reflects the added flavor of a Fall Reunion—the beauty, cheerfulness, and precision that blended together in ARMY's upset of California.

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Major General Samuel W. Koster, Superintendent

home-coming...



General Clyde D. Eddleman, President of Association of Graduates

FOR A MINIATURE June Week squeezed into a rapidly-paced three days of formal and informal activities, representatives of 55 classes, about 700 strong, returned to the Academy for Homecoming 1968, 11-13 October. Four classes—1948, 1953, 1958, and 1963—celebrated their class reunions and contributed a greater proportion of returnees.

It was the third year of combining Alumni Exercises with Homecoming. With gayety and participation as measures, the additional flavor generated by a football weekend appears to be favored by all.

This year's formal activities featured three graduates as central figures at Alumni Exercises for the first time. Colonel Abbott Boone '07—the oldest returning graduate—joined General Clyde D. Eddleman '24—the new president of the Association of Graduates—and Major General Samuel W. Koster '42—the new Superintendent—to lead the slow march to Thayer Monument. Colonel Boone, escorted by the new First Captain and Brigade Commander, Robert H. Baldwin Jr., placed a wreath at the foot of the statue.

The Corps, looking as sharp and precise as always, then honored the long line of graduates at the Homecoming Review.

After a buffet luncheon that completely filled the West Point Army Mess, the alumni turned to the highlight of the day, the ARMY team pitted against the heavily favored California Golden Bears. The Big Team seemed to sense the confident spirit of the Homecoming crowd and played a story-book game that ended with the jammed-packed crowd departing Michie Stadium in a condition of exhausted admiration and disbelief. In the waning minutes of the ball game, an ARMY fumble resulted in a California touchdown drive and a 7 to 3 lead. But this was ARMY's day. A kickoff return, two running plays, and two passes later, the second pass a 62-yarder from Lindell to Steele, ARMY scored and keynoted a successful Homecoming.

It was a happy crowd of more than 1,000 that honored the Superintendent and Mrs. Koster that night. The following day the grads, old and relatively new, departed after another Homecoming and reunion comprised of that unmatched admixture of parties, formal exercises, and an ARMY victory.

Colonel Abbott Boone, Oldest Returning Graduate

Cadet Robert H. Baldwin Jr., Captain, Brigade Commander



1968

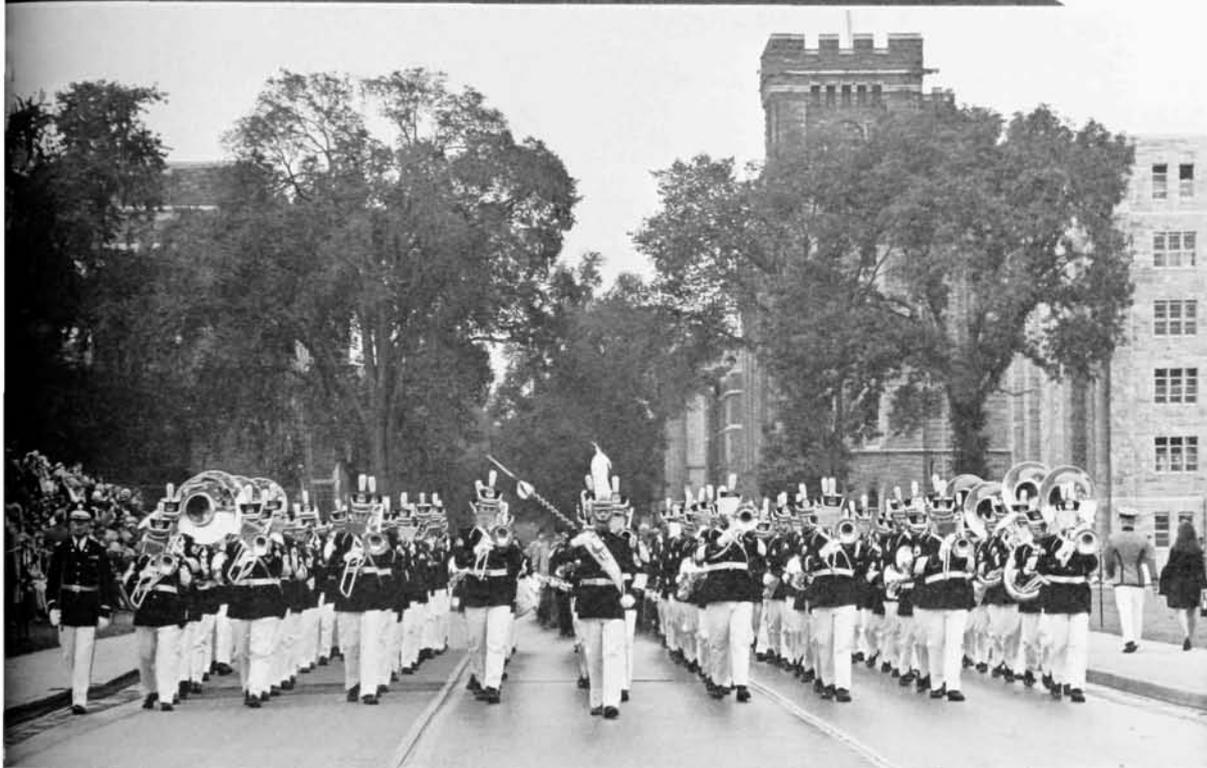


**THE MARCH
TO THAYER
MONUMENT**

The oldest returning grad,
Boone '07, chats before the march
with, Koster '42, the
Superintendent



The incomparable United
States Military Academy Band
leads the parade.



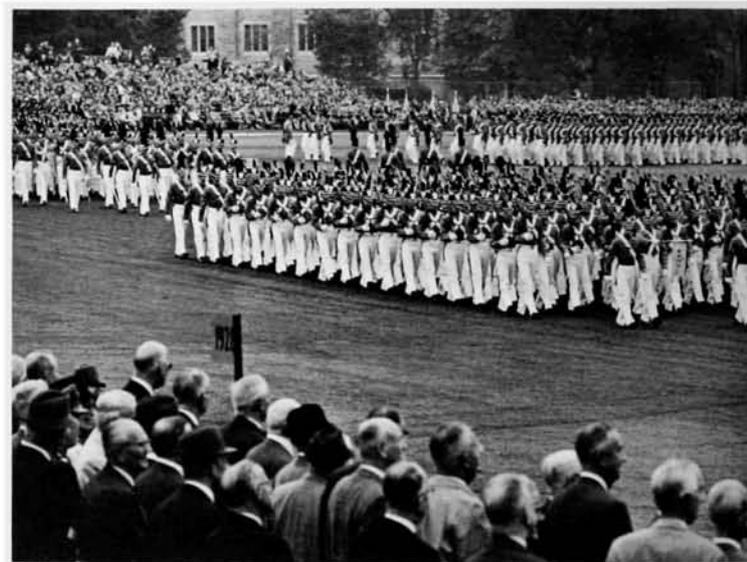
Eddleman '24, Boone '07,
and Koster '42 lead
the marching graduates.

**THAYER CEREMONIES,
THE ALUMNI REVIEW,
AND AN
ARMY VICTORY**



Boone '07 lays the wreath at the foot of Thayer Monument, assisted by Baldwin '69

The Long Gray Line of graduates takes the Review of the Corps.



The Corps of Cadets pays respect to the graduates.

Mr. Automatic, Arden Jensen kicks —Lindell holds.



**THE SUPERINTENDENT'S
RECEPTION AND
DINNER DANCE**

Left to right: Mrs. Horace M. Brown Jr., Mrs. Bernard W. Rogers, Mrs. Samuel W. Koster, and Brigadier General Bernard W. Rogers welcome Colonel Abbott Boone, (center) oldest returning graduate.



Mrs. Koster presents a prize to lucky ticket-holder, Lee Cage '42.

Colonel Boone happily passes through the receiving line to greet General and Mrs. Koster.



The Class of 1958 hoists a victory balloon to the ceiling of Washington Hall to terminate the dinner-dance festivities.





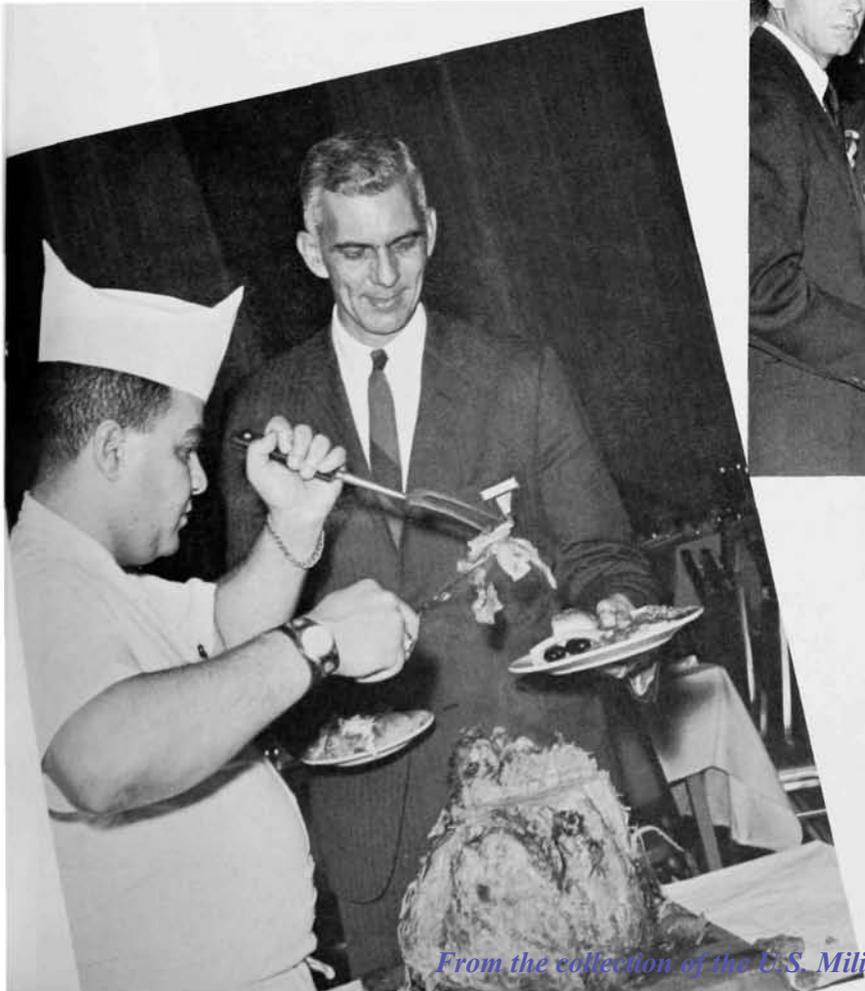
1948



REUNION
CLASSES



Graduating only 300, proportionately the 83 members of the Class of 1948, most of them with wives, generated the largest group of reunion celebrants. Their fourth reunion experience coupled with the steering of the Secret Seven, led by Jack Capps, Tom Hoffman, and Frank Cancelliere, resulted in smooth, enjoyable activities. They partied, wined, and dined with the mature approach stemming from experience.





1953



From the first gathering at the Golf Club on Friday night, the weekend promised to be a blast for 1953. By game time Saturday the late comers swelled the ranks to more than 70 classmates. The committee, led by Bob Carter, provided continuous activities including a class meeting and a memorial service. For the many who stayed over Sunday there were Chapel services, a brunch, and a drive home on a perfect autumn day.



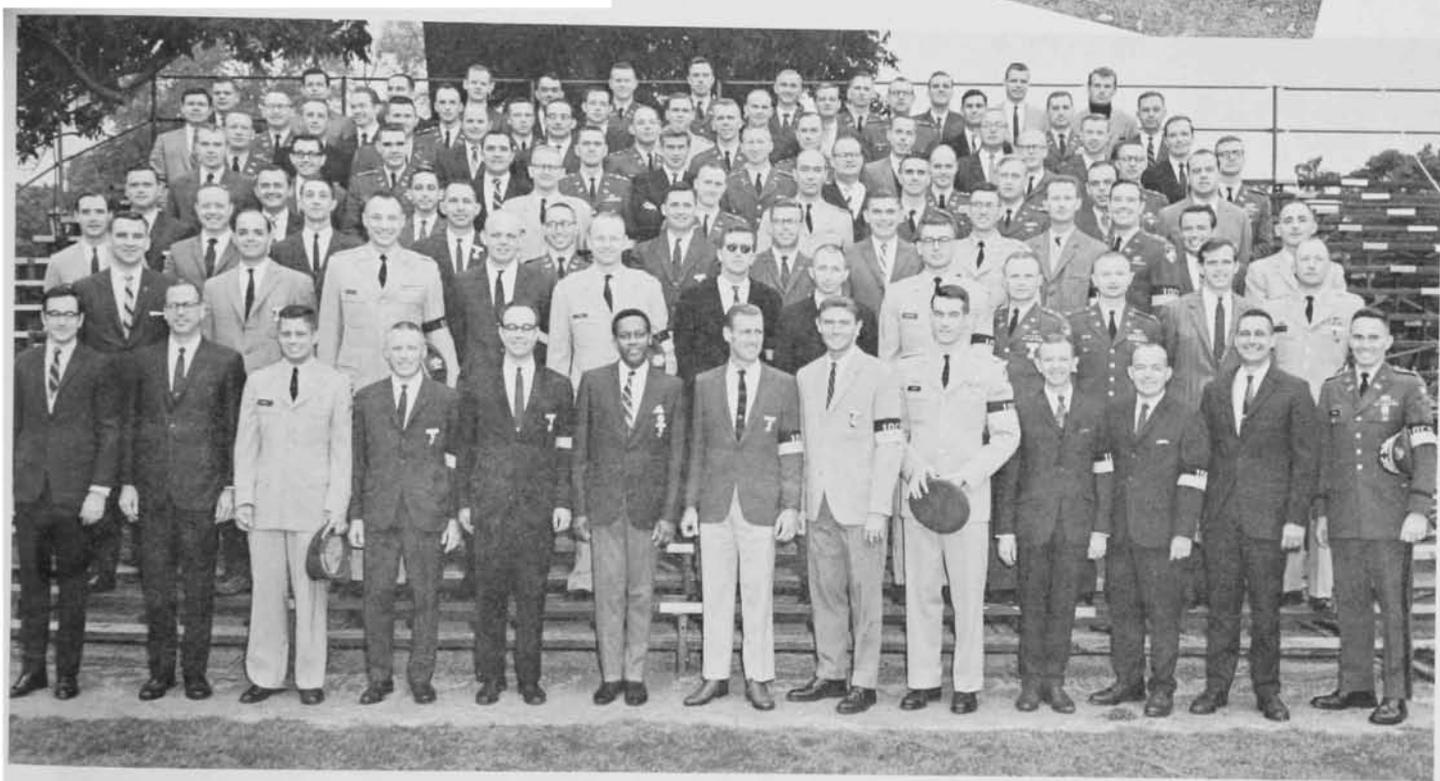
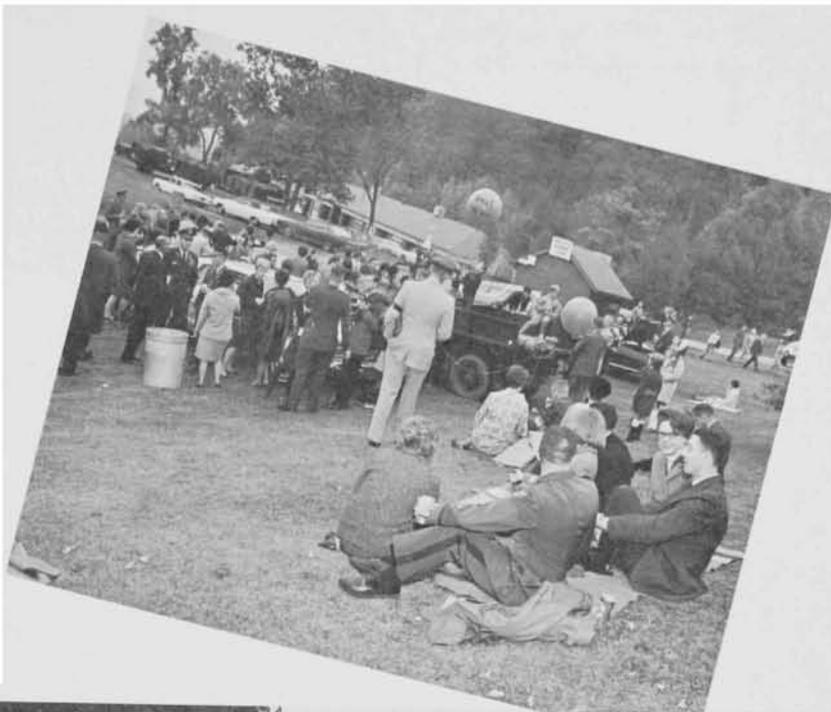
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1958



The largest of the reunion classes, 1958, picked an ARMY win the night before the game. A gay group, they brought Tom Cahill with them to congratulate him on his birthday and to ensure him of a victory. They hoisted "Beat 'Em" balloons wherever they went, eased the load on luncheon facilities by having an outdoor picnic, then cheered the Big Team home to a glorious upset.





1963



The Class of 1963, scattered rapidly to celebrate with classmates in New Windsor and points north. The youngest of the reunion classes, and attending their first official reunion, they practiced the cadet-day knack of appearing from nowhere to be on time for all formations. Caught on the march, at the review, and finally cornered at the Gold Room, West Point Army Mess, they posed happily in one group and in small groups.



a team:



INTRODUCTION:

The article which follows describes a highly successful method used at congressional district level to screen and select candidates for admission to USMA. The "team effort" of Congressman James R. Grover Jr., Second District of New York, and our District Representative, Mr. Ralph E. Bucknam Jr., USMA '34 has resulted in an outstanding contribution to USMA. It is hoped that the information contained herein will prove helpful to others who are working toward improving admissions efforts at the district level.

MANLEY E. ROGERS
Colonel, USA
Director of Admissions
and Registrar

THE arrival of a new class at the United States Military Academy each July is one of the most important events at West Point. To insure that the 1350 young men who become members of the Corps of Cadets are annually the most highly qualified available, several new admissions programs have been adopted. Foremost among these is the District Representative Program, developed to broaden the Academy's recruiting and advising efforts at the local level.

An outstanding example of a Congressman-District Representative team effort was recently uncovered by an analysis of the nomination and vacancy-fill record of the Congress for the Classes of 1971 and 1972. The joint endeavor, involving the Honorable James R. Grover Jr., Second District of New York, and USMA District Representative (DR) Mr. Ralph E. Bucknam Jr., began two years ago and has quickly produced consecutive slates of well-qualified young men. The record shows that over the past two years Representative Grover has designated a full slate of nominees to compete for two vacancies (one in 1967, one in 1968), has had 11 qualify for admission, and then has eventually seen 11 admitted to the Academy. What is more, every one of the nominees is still a member of the Corps of Cadets.

This remarkable record justifiably raises the question "How is it possible for one Congressman to have nominated and had admitted such a large number of candidates for only two vacancies?"

First, Congressman Grover was aware that the nomination process allowed him to maintain each year a full slate of nominees (six until July 1968, 10 at present) even beyond the date of the March entrance examination. Armed with this knowledge, he continued to nominate candidates as necessary to fill vacancies that occurred on his original slate. His replacement nominees then became candidates for a similar examination given in June. The Congressman's ability to maintain his full slate by drawing upon these

replacement nominees, of course, reflects conscientious foresight on his part in providing for a pool of prospective candidates to be tapped as needed. Out of a possible maximum of 12 qualified candidates surviving the March-June examination hurdles, Congressman Grover in two years has been able to make available for appointment, right up to the 1 July new-class entrance date, 11—the same 11 young men we have already mentioned.

Second, in addition to insuring the existence of an *adequate number* of prospective candidates to both fill his original slate and provide necessary back-up strength for the refilling of vacancies, Congressman Grover has worked hard in seeking out the *most highly qualified* young men

TOP—Representative James R. Grover Jr. is a native of Babylon, New York, and a graduate of Columbia Law School. During World War II he served in the Coast Artillery and overseas as an officer in the Air Force in the China Theater. He is presently serving as a third-term Congressman in the House of Representatives for the Second District of New York.

ABOVE—Mr. Bucknam, Class of '34, was appointed from Pennsylvania. He is a veteran of World War II and is now a lieutenant colonel, USAF Res (Ret). He is currently a partner of Bucknam & Archer, New York City, a law firm specializing in International Patent Law.

by ROBERT B. TURNBULL

united states congressman and usma district representative

in his district. He has then complemented his aggressive recruiting with the use of the Congressional competitive method of nomination, which allows the Military Academy to select the nominees to fill his vacancies and places his remaining qualified candidates into the "national pool" of Qualified Alternates and Qualified Competitors. This "national pool" becomes the source of appointments made by the Secretary of the Army under Section 4342 of Title 10, United States Code, to fill congressional and other vacancies left unfilled by normal processes. Nine of the fully qualified nominees from Second District of New York received such appointments based on their high ranking in this pool.

Congressman Grover's ability to provide so large a number of well-qualified candidates reflects an outstanding selection process. The process involves seven steps: (1) locating and informing prospective candidates, (2) initial screening and orientation, (3) individual interview and evaluation, (4) comparative evaluation, (5) ranking of candidates in order of preference, (6) selection of the initial slate of nominees, and (7) nominating to fill subsequent initial-slate vacancies.

The first step, that of locating and informing prospective candidates of the educational and career opportunities available to them at USMA is possibly the most difficult. In an attempt to bring the West Point story to greater numbers of interested young men and parents, Mr. Bucknam, with the assistance of his committee members, Mr. Willard L. McCulloch and Mr. Steven Zelle, both USMA Class of '52, has organized an annual West Point Night within the Second Congressional District. In March, Mr. Bucknam and his committee coordinate with the principals and guidance counselors of the District secondary schools and extend an open invitation to all interested sophomore and junior students and parents to attend his centrally located West Point Night Program. At the invitation of Mr. Bucknam a Military Academy admissions officer and a USMA cadet from the local area are present to provide the gathering with information (to include publications) concerning the Military Academy's educational, military, and athletic programs; cadet life; and the admissions process.

The second step consists of an initial screening followed by an orientation assembly for candidates and their parents. Representative Grover has always used the Civil Service Designation Examination as a screening device to eliminate the academically unqualified applicants. Once this initial screening has taken place, the Congressman and his screening committee meet with the candidates still under consideration and with their families. The personal approach is adopted here so that Congressman Grover can meet his candidates as well as introduce his screening committee.

The third step, individual interview and evaluation, is conducted by a screening committee chaired by the DR, Mr. Bucknam. The screening committee evaluates that candidate's motivation, educational background, and leadership potential. The personal interview is supplemented by the completion of a questionnaire designed by the committee, and additional applicants are eliminated as appropriate.

The fourth step is that of comparative evaluation. The prospective candidates' scholastic records, CEEB test scores, and allied recommendations are forwarded by the committee to the Admissions Office, USMA, where the records are reviewed and the prospective candidates "ranked" according to USMA Academic Board criteria. The records and recommended ranking are then returned to the screening committee.

The fifth step is a comparative reevaluation by the screening committee based upon the recommendations of the USMA Admissions Office, and then the committee's presentation of a recommended order of selection (nomination slate) to Congressman Grover.

The sixth step is Congressman Grover's selection of his initial slate of nominees followed by appropriate notification of the individual applicants concerned and the Military Academy.

The seventh and final step, that of nominating to fill subsequent initial-slate vacancies, is a continuing operation to maintain a full nomination slate for each vacancy. Nominees eliminated for any reason are replaced as soon as possible by a qualified candidate.

This seven-step process, a team effort, has produced an outstanding record of representation at the Military Academy from a single congressional district—a record that pays tribute to Congressman Grover, USMA District Representative Bucknam's selection committee, and the citizens of the Second Congressional District of New York.

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The USMA Office of Research, established May 1966, as one of its continuing missions seeks to assess the quality of the young men admitted to the Academy. In this connection, the Office of Research participated in a nationwide study of freshmen entering with the Class of 1971. This study allows us to compare cadets in the Class of 1971 with their counterparts nationally and to form a picture of the typical new cadet.

by ARTHUR E. WISE

THE typical cadet in the Class of 1971 had an A- or B+ average in high school, was a member of a scholastic honor society, won a varsity letter, and was probably an officer in a school club. He applied to and was accepted by at least one other college. The academic reputation of the Military Academy was a major factor in his decision to accept an appointment. He was influenced in his decision by a parent or other relative. His father has had at least some college, is a business or professional person, and is in the middle income bracket.

The member of USMA '71 considers it important to keep up-to-date with political affairs, to become a community leader, and to have administrative responsibility for the work of others. Further, he considers it important to develop a philosophy of life, to become an authority in his field, to help others in difficulty, to obtain recognition from his peers, and to become an outstanding athlete.

The member of USMA '71 also is firm in his resolve to pursue the career of his choice, and he plans to obtain a master's degree. He indicates a belief in strong control on the part of collegiate authorities. He also believes that the individual can bring about changes in society.

This, then, is a partial picture of the typical member of USMA '71 when he entered the Academy. How does he compare with his contemporaries at other colleges?

An American Council on Education survey provides a source of readily available information about the population of American freshmen college students. This survey is a comparison of cadets of the USMA Class of 1971 with first-time, full-time freshmen at four-year colleges. The data reported for USMA are for those 850 cadets who were entering college for the first time. Such a restriction is

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CLASS OF 1971 COMPARED WITH OTHER COLLEGE STUDENTS

necessary since the comparisons are with a national sample of students who were first-time freshmen. The survey collected data on secondary school background, socio-economic background, college choice, values, interests, and activity patterns. The comparisons are as interesting for the similarities which they reveal as for the differences which they show. Comparable data were collected from 252 colleges and institutions. The (male) freshmen of 155 four-year colleges form the comparison group for the present report.

Secondary School Grades and Achievements

USMA enrolls students who have been high academic achievers, successful varsity athletes, and leaders in student activities. Higher percentages of USMA new cadets than male freshmen nationally report average grades in secondary school of A or A-, A- or B+.

Substantially larger proportions of first year cadets than freshmen nationally report significant secondary school accomplishments. Fifty-nine per cent of the cadets were members of a scholastic honor society compared to 23 per cent of other college males. Sixteen per cent of the cadets

Class of 1971/COMPARED

won a certificate of merit or letter of commendation in the National Merit Program compared to 8 per cent nationally. Over four-fifths of the cadets won a varsity letter for sports compared to only one-half of other college freshmen. Forty-three per cent of the cadets were elected president of one or more student organizations compared to 25 per cent nationally.

Twenty per cent of the first year cadets had a major part in a play, and six per cent participated in a state or regional speech or debate contest. Sixteen per cent had poems, stories, essays, or articles published, and nine per cent edited the school paper, yearbook, or literary magazine. Eight per cent received a high rating in a state or regional music contest and two per cent won a prize or award in an art competition. Finally, three per cent placed in a state or regional science contest, and two per cent participated in a National Science Foundation summer program.

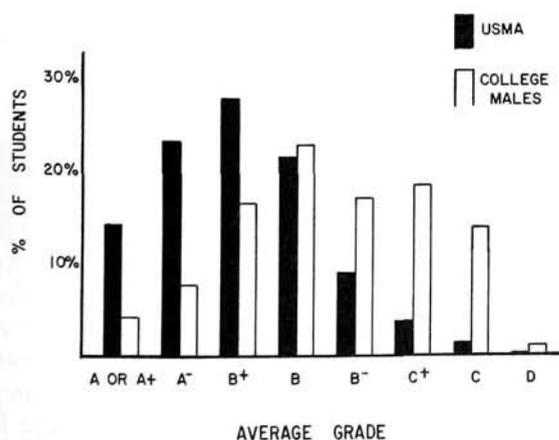
College Choice

Twenty-eight per cent of the first year cadets applied to one other college, 21 per cent to two other colleges, 16 per cent to three and 19 per cent to four or more. These cadets had made more applications to other colleges than had other college freshmen.

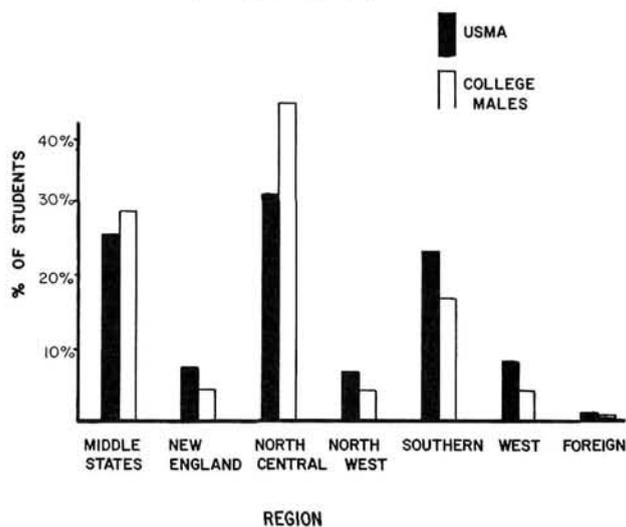
Forty per cent of college male freshmen nationally did not apply to other colleges; whereas, 16 per cent of the first year cadets did not. That 16 per cent did not apply to other colleges is surprising in view of the fact that most candidates are competing for appointments and may lack assurance of being accepted until rather late. In this respect, first year cadets have manifested a degree of anxiety about college admissions comparable to that of freshmen at other highly selective institutions. Finally, first year cadets report having been accepted to more other colleges than the freshmen group nationally.

Freshmen were asked to indicate the major influences which led them to choose the college in which they enrolled. The overwhelming factor reported by both groups

AVERAGE GRADE IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

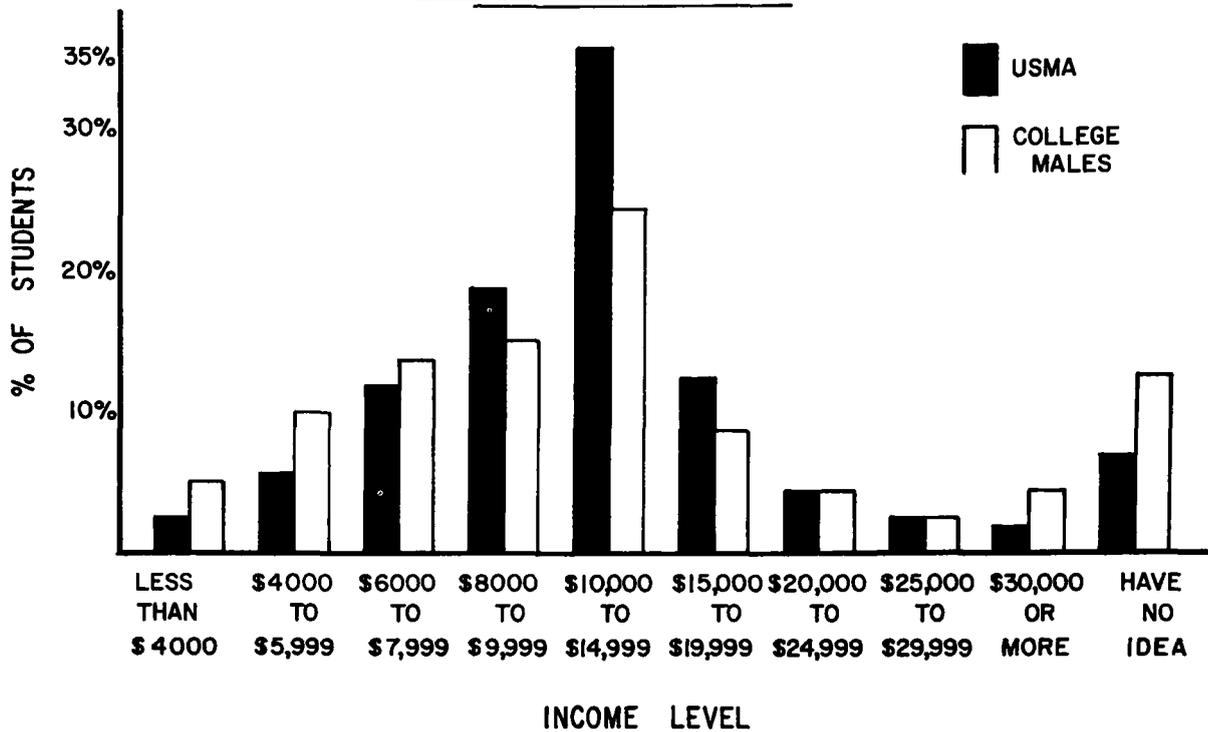


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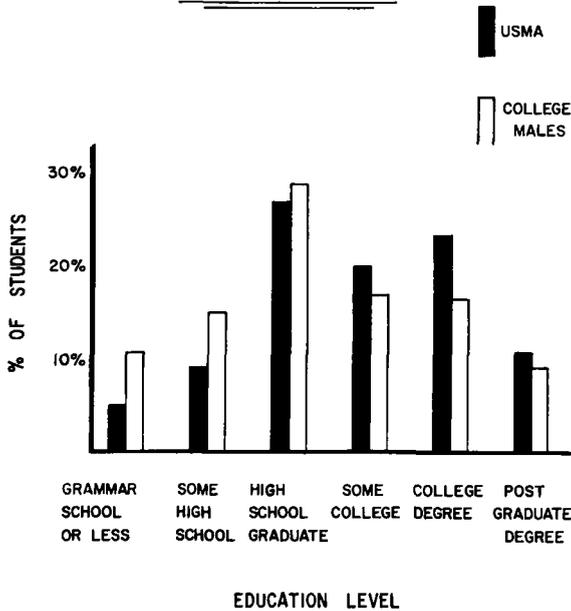


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ESTIMATED PARENTAL INCOME



FATHER'S EDUCATION



was the "academic reputation of the college" although more cadets (77 per cent) than other college freshmen (50 per cent) reported this as a major influence. The percentage of cadets reporting academic reputation as a major influence is comparable to the percentage of freshmen at other highly selective institutions reporting this alternative. The second most frequently reported influence by both first year cadets and other male freshmen was "parent or other relative." However, more cadets (55 per cent) than other college freshmen (43 per cent) report that a parent or other relative influenced their decision. A greater percentage of first year cadets (27 per cent) than other freshmen (16 per cent) report "low cost" as a major influence in their decision. The "athletic program" was reported as a major source of attraction by a greater percentage of first year cadets (26 per cent) than other freshmen (11 per cent). A slightly greater percentage (18 per cent versus 16 per cent) of cadets than other freshmen reported that a contact with a graduate or other representative was a major influence in their decision. Fewer cadets (18 per cent versus 24 per cent) reported that a high school teacher or counselor was a major influence in their decision to attend USMA. More first year cadets (16 per cent versus 9 per cent) reported that their perception that "most students are like me" was a major influence in their decision. Finally,

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West Point and Graduate School

"WHERE should I go to college?" asks a high school student. Why does he finally pick the one he selects? Recent surveys indicate one of the prime motivating factors to be the opportunities for graduate school. No longer does the youth look only to the undergraduate bachelor degree in considering his higher education; his desires leap beyond to the master's and doctoral levels, and reflect the increasing impact of science upon our society. It is thus reasonable that the potential USMA candidate will question his opportunities for entry to graduate school, wondering how the Army views his desires in this vein.

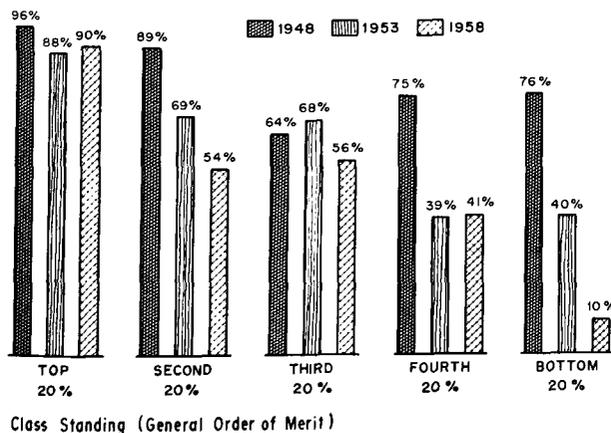
Major Robert W. Giuliano, Assistant to the Dean at the Military Academy, conducted an intensive survey into the graduate school attendance of the Classes of 1947, 1952, and 1957, the results of which were published in the Fall 1967 ASSEMBLY. This year 10, 15 and 20-year class groups were again surveyed, rendering figures for USMA '48, '53, and '58.

Some interesting factors come to light in this more recent survey. Academy graduates return to graduate school in increasingly large numbers, and the return is

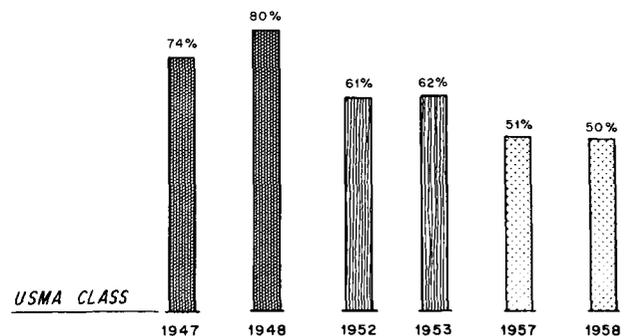
not restricted to those standing high in their class order of merit. Those still on active duty in the Class of 1948 have compiled the startlingly large percentage of 80 per cent attendance at graduate school and 76 per cent of those standing in the bottom fifth returned for higher degrees. It appears that graduate schooling is occurring relatively early in the West Pointer's career. Of those graduates on active duty in the Class of 1958, one-half have already returned to civilian universities throughout the country and abroad. Similar figures for the Class of 1953 reveal that 62 per cent have been sent to graduate school. These points serve to emphasize some increasingly apparent facts. The Army, in its search for more highly qualified professional soldiers, has drawn heavily upon its dedicated West Pointers. These graduates have responded amazingly well, giving credit both to their own diligence and perseverance and to the educational foundations obtained while they were cadets. The curriculum of the Military Academy continues to produce a graduate well equipped to take his place among the group of selected civilian students who enroll in graduate school programs in our great universities.

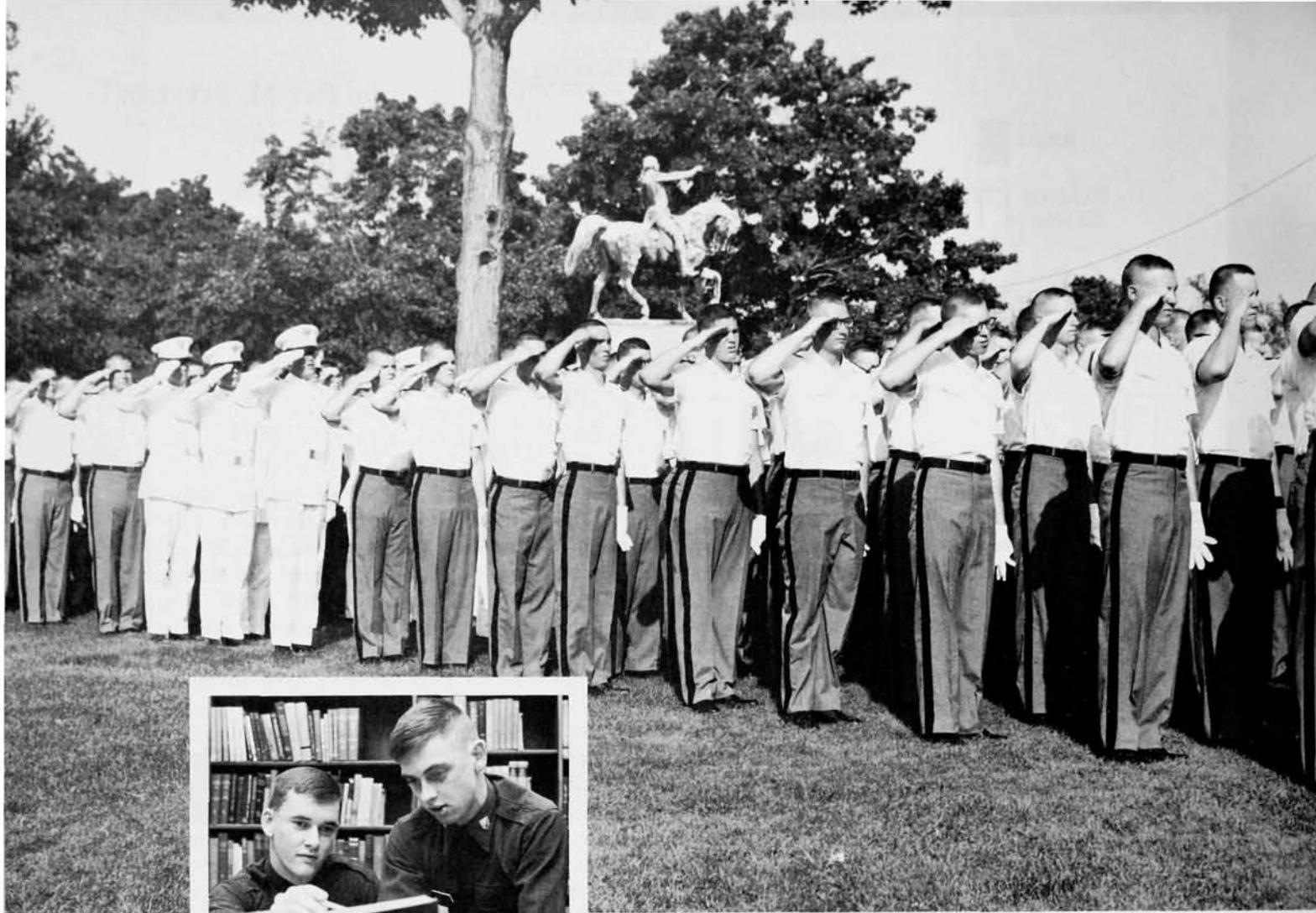
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ATTENDANCE AT CIVILIAN GRADUATE SCHOOLS
BY QUINTILE OF CLASS STANDING
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ABOVE—The Class of 1972 at swearing in ceremony. INSERT—A HELPING HAND—Cadet Third Classman David K. Curry (right) of South Portland, Maine, gives some advice to his younger brother, Fourth Classman Stephen J. Curry, during a study session at the USMA Library.

WHEN a young man is considered for admission to the United States Military Academy, he is evaluated in three broad areas—scholastic, medical and physical aptitude. His secondary school record and performance on College Entrance Examination Board Tests must show that he has the potential to succeed in the academic curriculum at USMA. In addition his record must indicate the extent to which he has participated in school and community affairs. He must demonstrate his physical fitness by qualifying on medical and physical aptitude examinations. The following is a summary of the accomplishments, background, and aspirations of the young men admitted to the USMA Class of 1972.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

The College Entrance Examination Board scores of the members of the USMA Class of 1972 compare favorably with those of students at other selective collegiate institutions. The average scores on the Verbal Scholastic Aptitude Test and English Composition Test were 579 and 559, respectively. The average scores on the Mathematics Scholastic Aptitude Test and the Mathematics Achievement Test were 645 and 630, respectively.

Information published by the College Entrance Exam-

ination Board aids in interpreting the level of these scores. The average cadet score on the Verbal Scholastic Aptitude Test is higher than 94 per cent of a representative sample of male secondary school seniors, 86 per cent of those who later entered college and 81 per cent who later completed their first year of college in good standing. The average cadet score on the Mathematics Scholastic Aptitude Test is higher than 94 per cent of male secondary school seniors, 86 per cent of those who later entered college and 82 per cent who later completed their first year of college.

It is important to note that the above comparisons refer to the average cadet scores—in fact, scores of individual cadets range from slightly under 400 to 800.

The typical cadet attended only one high school, but nearly one-quarter of the class attended more than one. Over four-fifths of the cadets graduated from a public high school. Three-fourths of the cadets graduated in the top fifth of their high school class and 94 per cent in the top-two-fifths. Sixty-two cadets were valedictorians and 35 were salutatorians of their classes.

The educational background of the typical cadet includes one course in physics, one course in chemistry, one year of intermediate algebra and trigonometry and a foreign language.

Selected Characteristics Of The Class of 1972

by ARTHUR E. WISE

Sixteen per cent of the new cadets attended a preparatory school, with the largest number attending the USMA Preparatory School. Seventeen per cent completed at least one semester of college-level studies before entering USMA.

The members of the Class of 1972 were recipients of the following awards:

AWARDS RECEIVED

	No.	%
National Honor Society	574	46.1
Bausch and Lomb Science Award	26	2.1
American Legion Award	90	7.2
Other Community Award	283	22.7
Westinghouse Science Talent Search Award	2	0.2
National Council of Teachers of English Award	5	0.4
National Merit Scholarship (commendation)	177	14.2
Other National Awards	142	11.4

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

An important indication of the type of leadership which a young man will demonstrate at USMA is the kind of leadership he has evidenced during his high school years.

Sixteen per cent of the new cadets have been officers of their high school senior classes; 12 per cent presidents of their student bodies or student councils; and 14 per cent presidents of other than their senior classes. Thirty-one per cent of the cadets were presidents of at least one club sponsored by their high schools; 49 per cent were officers other than president. Twenty-one per cent were Boys' State delegates. Fifty-eight per cent participated in the Boy Scouts; 14 per cent attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Substantial numbers of cadets were involved in a variety of activities:

SELECTED HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

	No.	%
Debating or Forensic Society	162	13.0
Thespian or Dramatic Club	181	14.5
Glee Club	157	12.6
High School Band	216	17.4
All-State Band	162	13.0
Staff, School Paper	224	18.0
Editor or Co-Editor, School Paper	73	5.9
Staff, Yearbook or Annual	188	15.1
Editor or Co-editor, Yearbook or Annual	53	4.3

VARSITY ATHLETICS

All but 10 per cent of the entering cadets participated in high school varsity sports. Seventy-seven per cent received varsity letters in one or more sports; 34 per cent were captains of one or more sports; 24 per cent were all-conference in one or more sports; and seven per cent were all-state in one or more sports. More than half the members of the class played football, 40 per cent were varsity lettermen; 13 per cent were team captains; 14 per cent were all-conference and two per cent all-state. Other sports which had large numbers of participants were track, basketball, baseball, wrestling, and cross-country:

SELECTED HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SPORTS

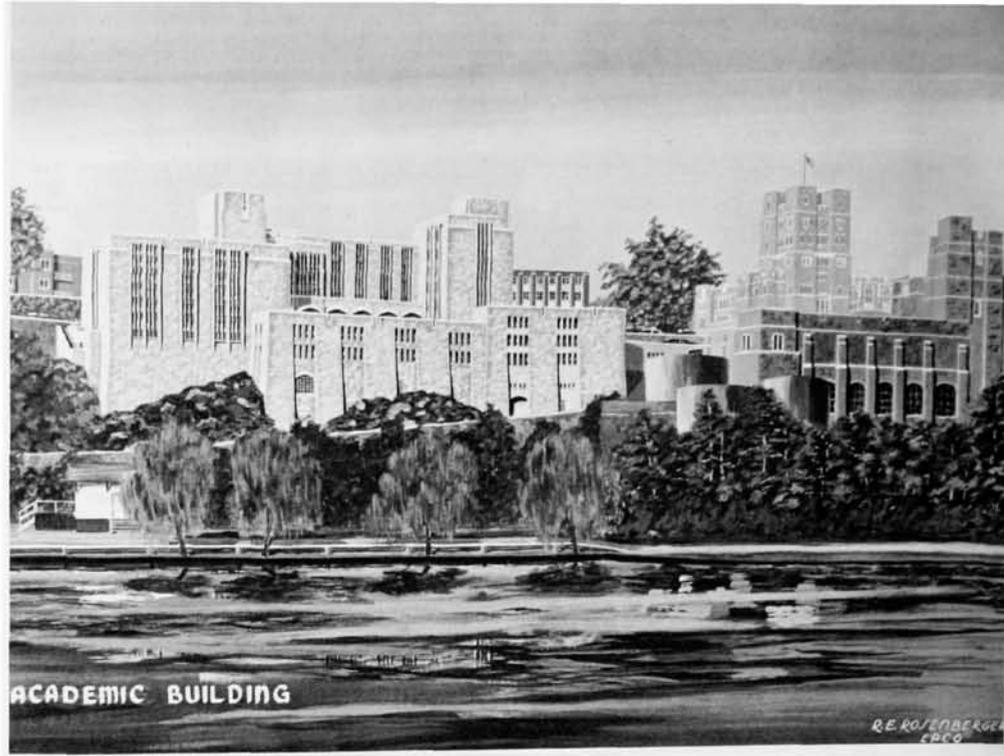
	Participants	Lettermen	Captains	All-Conf	All-State
Football	645	494	159	168	31
Track	525	341	74	48	15
Basketball	367	212	80	43	9
Baseball	297	200	37	32	3
Wrestling	235	150	56	35	12
Cross-Country	190	108	23	11	4

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Artist's rendering showing a river view of the new Academic Building. Behind the Academic Building on the left is Central Apartments and on the right the northeast corner of new South Barracks, the power plant, Headquarters Building, and the south end of Thayer Hall.

by RICHARD W. WYLIE

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Major Wylie '62 joined the staff of the Academy's Expansion Planning and Control Office in 1967 after completing the career course at the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir. Previously he had served with Engineer units in Korea and Vietnam.



CONTRACTS AWARDED ON TWO MAJOR EXPANSION PROJECTS

WITH several important milestones passed, the summer of 1968 has been an eventful period in the expansion program. During Reorganization Week the new East Wing of Barracks was occupied, housing approximately 800 cadets; the Foreign Language Department completed its move from Thayer Hall to the renovated 4th floor of old Washington Hall and the new 5th floor of Washington Hall; and the Department of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences expanded to occupy the new 6th floor of Washington Hall.

A significant development was the awarding of the contract for construction of the new Academic Building. Construction, costing a total of \$17 million, has already begun on this building and the concurrent relocation of Thayer Road. This Academic Building will be located south of Headquarters Building and Thayer Hall and east of the hospital. It is a nine-story structure with five floors below and four floors above the level of the Plain. Housed in the new Academic Building will be the Departments of



An aerial view of the Washington Hall-Barracks Complex as of late August.



An artist's rendering picturing a typical layout of the new family housing project under construction. The houses are clustered in small groups around a central parking area, with the number of units in each cluster dictated by the terrain.

Mechanics, Ordnance, and Social Sciences. A total of 66 section rooms, adequate laboratory areas, a 600-seat auditorium and the necessary administrative areas for all three departments are included in the building.

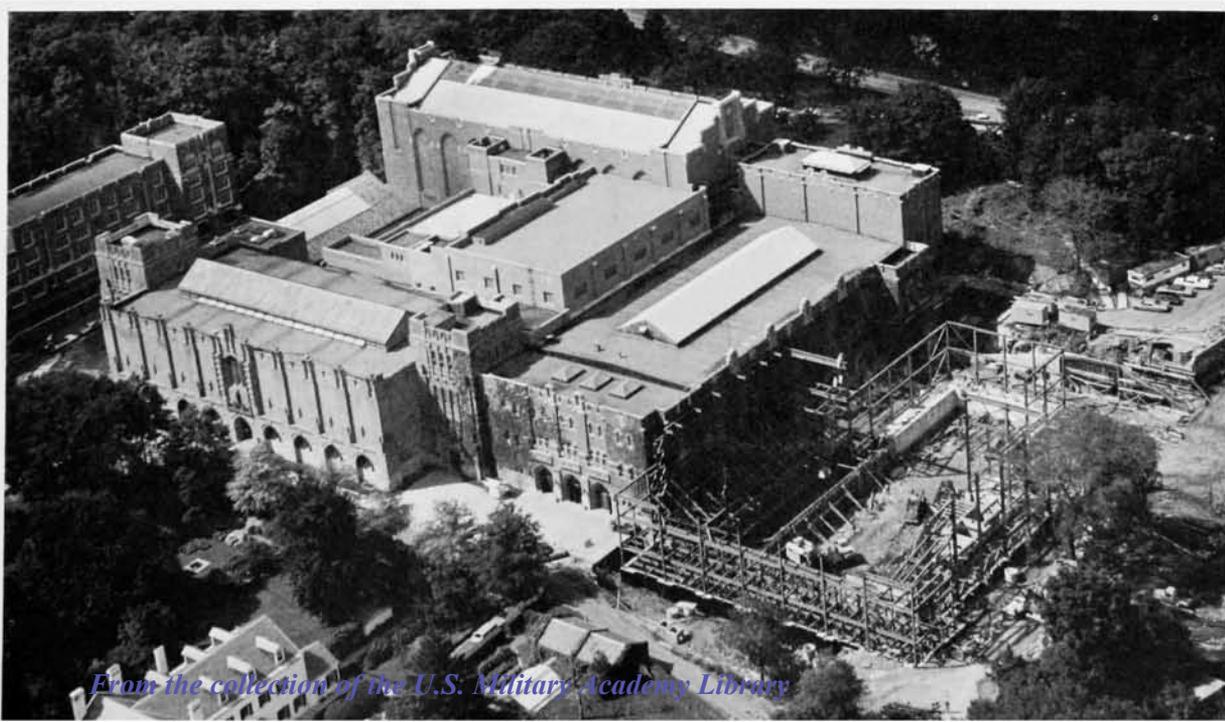
Passing through the Academic Building will be an elevated road which will continue north between Thayer and Bartlett Halls and eventually reroute all through traffic around the eastern edge of the Plain area. Entrance to Thayer Hall will be by a pedestrian underpass at the northern entrance and an overpass at the southern entrance, thus eliminating the bulk of pedestrian traffic crossing a primary vehicular route. This re-alignment will also allow the closing of Thayer Road where it presently bisects the Plain. Completion of the Academic Building and road relocation is scheduled for September 1970.

Of considerable interest to present and future USMA staff and faculty members was the award of a contract to construct family quarters for 200 families. The units will, in general, be duplex houses, apportioned to provide 132 four-bedroom field grade quarters, 8 three-bedroom com-

pany grade quarters, and 60 two and four-bedroom enlisted grade quarters. The units will be located in the Stony Lonesome area which overlooks Michie Stadium, and are the first increment of a programmed 360-family development. Completion of the 200 units now under construction is scheduled for early 1970, with construction of the final increment programmed to begin in FY1971. The new housing area will be connected to the main post by a new access road from Route 9W to the Michie Stadium area. This road is presently under construction and should be completed by early 1969.

Cost of construction and rehabilitation of facilities to meet increased requirements generated by the increase in strength from 2529 cadets to 4417 cadets was originally estimated at \$110 million. Escalating prices and rising construction costs have increased the overall estimate to approximately \$130 million. Of this amount we have completed projects totaling \$7 million, have projects totaling \$65 million under construction with action pending on the award of an additional \$10 million.

An aerial view showing construction progress on the gymnasium addition which will house the new Olympic-size swimming pool.



From the collection of the U.S. Military Academy Library



Cadets fired on the tank firing range at Grafenwohr, Germany.

Training Cadet Leaders In Army Units

by SAMUEL H. HAYS and WARREN H. EISENHART

EDITOR'S NOTE: In 1968, cadets from the classes of '69 and '70 were sent to 15 posts in CONUS, three in the Canal Zone, two in Alaska, one in Hawaii, and to each of the Divisions in Germany. Cadets designated to participate in the program were assembled and given their choices of available spaces. The General Order of Merit was used to establish priority in choosing; however, the majority of cadets received both choice of post and branch. The responsibility for conducting this program within the Department of Tactics belongs to the Office of Military Psychology and Leadership.

TRAINING cadets in the theory and practice of leadership has steadily evolved under the increasing attention it has received since the end of World War II. It has been proven that cadets need to know not only the techniques of command and the methods of influencing subordinates, but they also profit from a practical feel for the organization and operation of the officer and noncommissioned officer chain of command in an active unit. Further, there has been an increasing recognition of the growing requirement to enhance career motivation by providing an opportunity for cadets to make a commitment through participation in a Regular Army unit. And finally, the need exists to smooth the transition from cadet to officer by developing an understanding of what it means to be a working member of a Regular Army operational team.

In 1946 theoretical instruction in psychology and leadership was introduced into the Academy curriculum, supplementing the practical work cadets had long received as officers and noncommissioned officers in the Corps of Cadets. Initially practical leadership experience with active Army units was viewed as a supplementary program which provided additional experience for those cadets of the First Class not required as cadre for New Cadet Barracks or Third Class Summer Camp. About a fourth of the Classes of 1949 and 1950 were assigned to Replacement Training Divisions and Indoctrination Centers to function primarily as instructors, in order to "gain experience in the administration and training of enlisted men." For the most part, this meant giving instruction in basic military subjects to Army and Air Force recruits. This program continued with few modifications through 1957. During these years, less than 25 per cent of each First Class participated in this training, and there was little evidence to indicate great enthusiasm for enlarging this percentage.

In 1958 a new concept was introduced. Based on a recommendation from the Graduate Questionnaire Study evaluated that year, all cadets were given the opportunity to serve in an active army unit in order to enhance their motivation and commitment to a military career, and to provide them an increased familiarity with Army organizations and procedures. In placing this idea into action, over half of the Class of 1960—368 members—were sent to three Army divisions: the 2d Infantry at Fort Benning, the 82d Airborne at Fort Bragg and the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell. This number was in addition to the First Classmen who were assigned under previous policy to the training center at Fort Dix. At the end of the summer, Second Classmen who had served with these organizational units
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ABOUT THE AUTHORS: Colonel Samuel H. Hays, Class of 1942, has been Director of Military Psychology and Leadership (MP&L) since the summer of 1965. Previously he served as an instructor with the Department of Social Sciences from 1947 to 1950. As Director of MP&L, Colonel Hays is responsible to the Commandant for the Leadership Development Program of the Corps of Cadets. Prior to his present assignment Colonel Hays served as Chief of Staff, Berlin Command.

Lieutenant Colonel Warren H. Eisenhart, Class of 1952, is assigned to the Office of Military Psychology and Leadership as an assistant professor. Since his arrival at West Point in the summer of 1966, he has been involved as an action officer in the implementation of the AOT program. Prior to his present assignment, Colonel Eisenhart served with the 25th Infantry Division in USARPAC.



Some cadets had the opportunity to lead platoons in tactical exercises.



Cadets learned the effective application of leadership in a teacher-student situation.



Cadets participated as leaders in combat patrol exercises.

COLONEL HEIBERG RETIRES IN DECEMBER



Cadet E. R. Heiberg,
Class of 1926

Professors Heiberg and Fraser costumed as extras during the filming of "The Long Gray Line" at West Point in 1954.

ON the last day of 1968 the U.S. Military Academy will bid farewell to a professor who dedicated almost 20 years of his life to the betterment of the Alma Mater he holds in such high regard.

The last man of his Class (1926) to depart from the ranks of active duty, Colonel E. R. (Vald) Heiberg will retire in the grade of brigadier general. However, his impact on Academy activities—ranging from Academic excellence through the Honor Review Committee to ARMY's participation in collegiate sports—will long be felt.

In retrospect, it seems only natural that Colonel Heiberg, Professor of Mechanics at USMA since 1949 and Head of the Department since 1953, would lend his gifted talents to the progressive improvement of Academy activities across the board. The son of Major Elvin R. Heiberg, Class of 1896, he was born at Fort Meade, South Dakota, a frontier cavalry post. The personality of Colonel Heiberg never lost the flair, dash, and spirit associated with the colorful and historical Army of the frontier.





The Chairman of the Athletic Board presents an award to Cadet Schutsky, basketball captain.



On the platform with Colonel Frank Borman after his talk to the Second Class at a Mechanics lecture in May 1968.

Colonel Heiberg expectedly turned toward USMA and a commission in the Corps of Engineers. As a student he excelled, graduating 8th in his Academy class, and later receiving a Civil Engineering Degree from Cornell University and a Diploma in Hydraulic Engineering from Delft Technological University, The Netherlands.

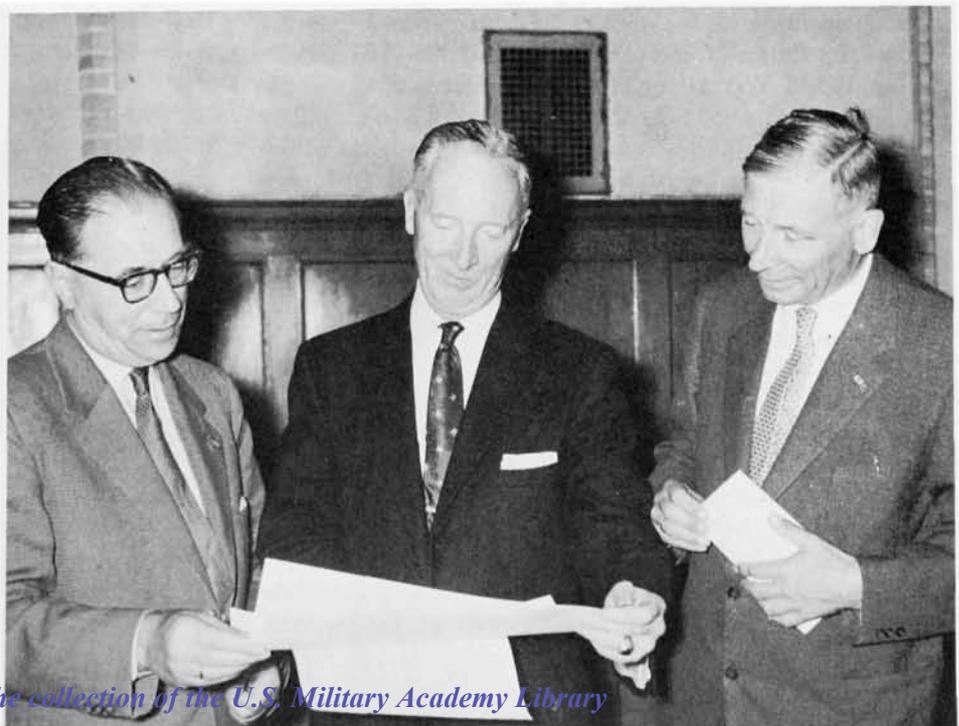
Among his key duty assignments prior to his coming to West Point, Colonel Heiberg served (1942-43) as Executive Officer to the Chief Engineer in General MacArthur's General Headquarters in Australia and New Guinea. He was Executive Officer to the Air Engineer (1943-45) at Headquarters of the Army Air Force, and was then Engineer with the Army Service Command OLYMPIC (1945-46) in the Philippines and Japan. Prior to being assigned to USMA in 1949, he was a member of the Staff and Faculty at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

His list of contributions as a Professor and as Head of the Department of Mechanics and as Chairman of the Honor Review Committee (for the past eight years), the Additional Appointments Committee (for the past seven years) and the Athletic Board (for the past five years) are numerous and varied.

Among his achievements in the academic field, he instituted a practice teaching course for all his department instructors. During July and August, each new instructor covers the entire course he will teach during the forthcoming year. In a simulated class situation, the instructor alternates as a teacher and student to provide practice in explaining, correcting, and grading the daily work of students.

To increase the quality of instructors, Colonel Heiberg requires that each officer selected for assignment to the
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Colonel Heiberg receives Diploma in Hydraulic Engineering from Dr. Bottema (left) of the Board of Trustees, and Professor Thijsse, Faculty Chairman, Delft Technological University, in The Netherlands.



Billingsley Retires



Major General Samuel W. Koster awards the Distinguished Service Medal to Professor Billingsley.

At the Benton Hall dedication
—a project of deep interest to him.



The president-elect of the National Sojourners presents memorial window "The Fatherhood of God" for Post Chapel.

PROFESSOR and Head of the Military Academy's Department of Ordnance for the past 17 years, Brigadier General John D. Billingsley retired 31 August after more than 40 years of service. He was honored by the Corps of Cadets at a retreat review on the Plain and received the Distinguished Service Medal from the Superintendent, Major General Samuel W. Koster.

General Billingsley, during 23 years service in key staff and command positions, acquired a deep insight into the educational needs of the professional Army officer. A 1928 Academy graduate, he brought to USMA extensive knowledge and experience in the fields of Ordnance and management.

After a two-year stint with horse drawn Artillery, he accepted a detail to Ordnance, earned the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and commenced a career marked by duties of increasing responsibility. His service during World War II included the position of Commandant of the Ordnance School, a member of a five-man War Department team to determine the state of readiness of the Allied Forces for the Normandy landing, and Ordnance Officer, II Army Corps, in Italy.

After World War II he commanded an Ordnance Depot in Detroit, then received his Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University. After graduating from the National War College in 1949, he became Deputy Ordnance Officer of the Far East Command and was a member of a special group selected to plan the Inchon landing in Korea. Prior to his appointment as Professor of Ordnance at the Academy in 1951, he served as X Corps Ordnance Officer in Korea.

Bringing to the Military Academy a blend of command and staff know how coupled with technical and management skills, it followed logically that Ordnance instruction would be geared to the practical needs of the Service.





Field Marshal Montgomery visits the Department of Ordnance.

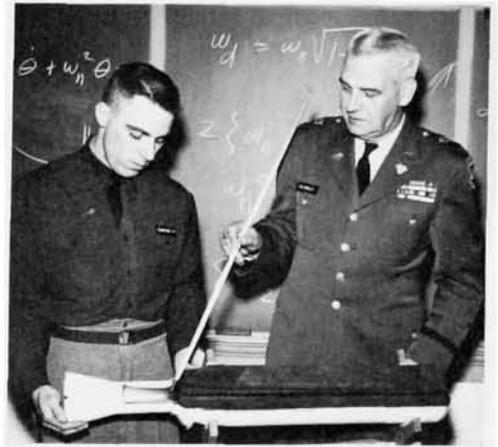
General Billingsley's knowledge and experience led to significant changes and additions to the courses offered by the Department of Ordnance. He transformed vocational courses into ones which require the rigorous application of the principles of mathematics, science, and engineering to the analysis and design of weapon systems. His conceptual philosophy anticipated by many years the offering of courses in systems engineering by civilian institutions of higher learning. General Billingsley adopted as his guiding philosophy, that the Academy graduate should have an engineering knowledge of the design and development of weapon systems—the tools of the military profession. This was his idea and how he shaped the Ordnance Engineering course.

In addition to the standard Ordnance Engineering course General Billingsley instituted the first program of management science electives in the history of the Military Academy. These electives emphasized the application of quantitative methods for the solution of management problems. They were offered in recognition of the growing need for officers to be skilled in the understanding of the principles of scientific management and operations research.

General Billingsley as a member of the Academic Board also contributed immeasurably to the development of the overall curriculum development of the Military Academy. In addition, he has served on numerous, permanent and ad hoc committees—the Scholarship Committee, the Academic Board Research Advisory Committee, the Building Committee for Expansion, and the Applied Sciences and Engineering Committee.

General Billingsley has returned to Fredericksburg, Virginia, the city he departed from in 1924 to attend the Military Academy. However, as the President-Elect of the National Sojourners, a Masonic organization of commissioned and warrant officers of the armed forces he will continue his strong link with the military.

FALL 1968



Explaining the principles of rocket propulsion to Cadet Thompson.

General Billingsley geared instruction to meet the needs of future professional officers.



FIRST PERMANENT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR RETIRES



COLONEL George W. Bixby, the first permanent associate professor at the Military Academy, retired on 31 July after more than 30 years of service. Bixby, honored at a retreat parade by the Class of 1972 of which his younger son is a member, was presented the Legion of Merit by Major General Samuel W. Koster, the Superintendent.

For the past eight years Bixby had been the Associate Professor in charge of the first year mathematics program. Major changes in the Mathematics Department were introduced during his tenure. Under his supervision four levels of mathematics were established for first-year cadets thereby taking advantage of the cadets' experience and ability. He also provided the initial indoctrination for those officers newly assigned annually to the Department of Mathematics. As associate professor he supervised more than 140 officers, who served as instructors and assistant professors, and guided the instruction of more than 6,000 cadets.

At the Military Academy Colonel Bixby served as a member of the Cadet Chapel Board and the Gruenther Memorial Board, and as Chairman of the West Point Army Mess Board of Governors during its period of construction expansion. He also served as chairman of a committee to study and make recommendations concerning academic concentrations in depth by cadets.

Colonel Bixby received his Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California prior to World War II. Immediately preceding his assignment to

the Academy in 1960, he received the degree of Master of Science in Mathematics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York. He was also graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College in 1950 and from the Army War College in 1956.

During World War II Colonel Bixby served in the Pacific as Executive Officer of the 47th Engineers, and later as Plans and Training Officer and as Deputy Commander of Aviation Engineer Unit Training Centers in the United States. Subsequent to World War II, he served on the staff of the Far East Air Forces in Japan. His other assignments include duty as Assistant District Engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers, New York District (1953-1955), and a three-year tour in Europe (1956-1959), as Deputy Engineer and Engineer of the U.S. Army Communications Zone.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Walson, daughter of the late Brigadier General Charles M. Walson, Medical Corps, in whose honor the hospital at Fort Dix, New Jersey, is named. The Bixby's have three children. Their older son, Lieutenant Robert W. Bixby, a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, recently completed a tour of duty in Vietnam where he received the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart. Their younger son, William, is a member of the Class of 1972. Their daughter Bonnie is married to Captain Kenneth W. Zitz, U.S. Marine Corps, who is serving in Vietnam.

Colonel Bixby intends to continue in the teaching field. He and Mrs. Bixby plan to make their home initially in the greater Washington area.

Bulletin Board

General Hines Oldest USMA Grad Dies

General John L. Hines, former Army Chief of Staff and the oldest living graduate of the Military Academy, died of pneumonia at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He was 100 years old.

Colonel George F. Houle (USMA '93) of Williams-town, Massachusetts, becomes the oldest graduate. He is 98.



General John L. Hines (center) at a ceremony at Walter Reed Army Hospital honoring him as the oldest living graduate. He is flanked by (left to right) Mrs. John L. Hines Jr.; great grandson, John L. Clagett; and Colonel Horace M. Brown Jr., Secretary of the Association.

A member of the Class of 1891, General Hines was born in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., on 21 May 1868. He received his baptism of fire at Santiago, Cuba, in the Spanish-American War; won the Silver Star for gallantry in action in 1898 and three years later fought in the Philippine insurrection.

During 1916 and 1917 he became known to General John J. Pershing, and served as adjutant general during the expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa. General Pershing made him his chief of staff when he was a major.

At the conclusion of World War I, General Pershing described him as "number one on the list of general officers known to me." Shortly thereafter, General Hines became Army Chief of Staff, a position he held from 1924 to 1926. He then commanded the Ninth Corps area in San Francisco.

Later he succeeded General Douglas MacArthur as Commanding General of the Department of the Philippines, serving from 1930 until his retirement in 1932.

During World War II, at the age of 73, he requested but was refused a military command. For a time he lived at his birthplace in West Virginia, but after his son, Colonel

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

the winter issue by — 6 January

the spring issue by — 25 March

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.

John L. Hines Jr. (USMA '27), was blinded by shellfire at Frankfurt, Germany, he moved to Washington.

The General had been at Walter Reed Hospital since 1966. He is survived by his son and a daughter, Mrs. Alice Hines Cleland.

Colonel Houle, successor to General Hines, was born in Canada in 1870. From March 1899 to termination of hostilities he served as a first lieutenant 3d Infantry in the campaign against Insurgents in the Philippines.

Subsequently his duties included service in such distinguished units as the 26th Infantry, the 11th Infantry, and the 10th Infantry. He retired from active duty in 1919 after more than 30 years service.

Generals Wood and Wilbur Honored

Two prominent Chicago area residents, Brigadier General Robert E. Wood (Ret), retired Chairman of the Board, Sears, Roebuck and Company, and Brigadier General William H. Wilbur (Ret), Medal of Honor hero, World War II, were honored at a parade ground ceremony 25 September at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

Lieutenant General John H. Michaelis, Commanding General, Fifth United States Army, presented to General Wood and to General Wilbur special certificates of recognition on behalf of the West Point Society of New York.

Colonel Merton Singer (Ret), President of the Society and a 1938 USMA graduate, participated in the ceremony.

General Wood and General Wilbur were two of the 27 men of eminence designated by the West Point Society of New York as the most illustrious graduates of the United States Military Academy in the world today.

The citation stated that each recipient had been des-

Brigadier General (Ret) Robert E. Wood, Brigadier General (Ret) William H. Wilbur, Lieutenant General John H. Michaelis, and Colonel (Ret) Merton Singer at Illustrious Graduates Ceremony, Fort Sheridan, Illinois.



ignated as an illustrious graduate of the U.S. Military Academy "By virtue of the position of national and international importance, that it was his destiny to fill, and the magnificent talents and drive that he brought to these positions, his name became a household word in the civilian as well as in the military world."

General Wood, a member of the Class of 1900, will attain his 90th birthday on 13 June 1969.

General Wilbur, Class of 1912, observed his 80th birthday on 24 September.

Seven Cadets Receive Association of Graduates Awards

Association of Graduates awards were presented to seven cadets who were cited as outstanding in military efficiency and leadership during the 1967-68 Academic Year.

Receiving the top award, a \$100 savings bond, was Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander Robert H. Baldwin Jr.

Awarded \$75 savings bonds were Cadet Second Classmen James C. Hunn and John T. Connors.

Bonds in the amount of \$50 were given to Cadet Third Classmen Jeffrey B. Jones, Thomas A. Pyrz, Glenn R. Gaffney, and Marc G. Aramian.

Each cadet was cited as outstanding in military efficiency and leadership during the 1967-68 Academic Year.



Brigadier General William W. Bessell Jr. presents Association of Graduates Awards to Outstanding Cadets.

Former USMA Baseball Coach Dies

Mr. John B. ("Hans") Lobert, Academy baseball coach from 1918 to 1925, died at the age of 87 near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 14 September 1968. He served in the National Baseball League for 19 years as a player, then he became a coach, manager, and scout. In his 65 years in the game of baseball, Hans Lobert created a host of friends. He liked to say, "My happiest years were with the West Point cadets."

Graziano Ring Represents Graduates of Class of 1967

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Graziano of Highland Falls, New York, present the 1967 class ring of their late son, Lieutenant John Arthur Graziano to the U.S. Military Academy's Archival Ring Collection. The ring, which will represent the graduates of 1967 in the collection, will remain on permanent display at the Academy Library. Lieutenant Graziano was killed early this year in an automobile accident in Germany where he was stationed. Mr. Graziano is the Deputy Purchase and Contracting Officer at the Military Academy, while Mrs. Graziano works in the Supply and Services Division at West Point.



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Graziano

USMA District Representatives Needed

The District Representative Program is an endeavor of the Office of Director of Admissions, USMA, to extend admissions efforts to the local level nationwide. Its primary purpose is to improve the Military Academy recruiting efforts through "grass-roots" representation in each Congressional District. To accomplish this goal, the Director of Admissions is seeking program membership from all graduates and non-graduates who have the time and inclination.

What is a District Representative and what is he expected to do? He is a volunteer who is willing to give time for two years in recruiting and advising efforts. He is a permanent resident of the area he represents and is willing to work closely with his Representative in Congress. He is interested in close contact with the guidance personnel and coaching staffs of schools in his community and is capable of counseling young men in the furtherance of their educational and career aspirations. He recognizes the value of academic, athletic and leadership qualities as a cornerstone of success at the Military Academy, and is well-versed in the challenges and opportunities of a military career and is available to advise, encourage and assist students who express an interest in the Academy or a military career.

Those who are willing to become District Representa-

tives should write to the Admissions Office, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York 10996.

The following states are not represented in this program (as of 1 October 1968): Idaho, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Puerto Rico, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Colonel Resta, Former USMA Band Leader, Dies

Colonel Francis E. Resta, who led the United States Military Academy band from 1934 until his retirement from the Army in 1957, died at St. Barnabas Hospital, New York, on 16 August.

Colonel Resta, who was 74 years old, had lived in La Mesa, California, since his retirement. A highly talented musician and composer, he enlisted in the Army in 1917 and entertained U.S. troops with piano concerts during World War I. After the war he attended the Juilliard School of Music and then became bandmaster at Fort Meade, Maryland.

As bandleader at West Point, he encouraged music school graduates to join the Army to play for the band. As a result of his efforts the USMA Band became one of the nation's outstanding symphony bands. The practice of bringing in leading musicians and performers to appear at concerts with the band also commenced under his guidance. As a composer, he also excelled, and one of his compositions, "Graduation March," is familiar to all Academy graduates.



Colonel Francis E. Resta

After moving to California he served as a guest conductor and lecturer and as a commentator on musical programs.

He is survived by his widow, Mary; a daughter, Mrs. Marcele Gallez, a concert pianist who lives in Mill Valley, California; and two sons, Francis Resta Jr. of Sacramento and Rodney Resta of Tiamonium, Maryland.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Candida La Porte of Chesapeake, Virginia, and two brothers, Robert, of San Pedro, California, and Luigi, of Washington, a former Army bandmaster.

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Bartlett Nuclear Laboratory Dedicated

The Boyd Wheeler Bartlett Laboratory of Nuclear Science was dedicated at a ceremony on 25 September. The Laboratory is named in honor of the late Brigadier General Boyd Wheeler Bartlett, Professor and Head of the Military Academy's Department of Electricity from 1945-1961.

Mrs. Boyd Wheeler Bartlett, the general's widow, and other members of the Bartlett family attended the dedication ceremony in which a plaque honoring the late general was uncovered. The plaque will be displayed permanently in the Laboratory.

General Bartlett was a 1919 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. He received an M.A. and Ph.D. in physics



Colonel Edward H. Saunders, Professor and Head of the USMA Department of Physics, explains a subcritical nuclear reactor to Mrs. Boyd Wheeler Bartlett, widow of Brigadier General Bartlett, after whom the USMA Laboratory of Nuclear Science is named. Colonel Elliott C. Cutler Jr., Professor and Head of the Department of Electricity, looks on.

from Columbia University, and was a professor at Bowdoin College in Maine from 1927-1942. After service during World War II, he came to the Military Academy in 1945 as Professor and Head of the Department of Electricity. The laboratory bearing his name was the general's last major project prior to his retirement in 1961. He died in 1965.

The laboratory is well-equipped for undergraduate study, containing a sub-critical nuclear reactor for neutron experiments, three multi-channel analyzers for energy analysis of various nuclear radiations, and a full complement of radiation detection equipment.

Hoffman Appointed Christian Science Minister

Thomas Hoffman '53 has been appointed Christian Science Minister for cadets, and military personnel and their dependents at West Point. He replaces Lieutenant Colonel Robert M. Mummey (Ret) '44, who has been sent by his church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, to Saigon to serve as Supervisor for Christian Science activities in Vietnam. Colonel Mummey served as Christian Science Minister at West Point for over three years.

Prior to his return to West Point Mr. Hoffman was engaged in the public practice of Christian Science and was an Advertising Representative for *The Christian Science Monitor* in Kansas City, Missouri. Hoffman now resides in Newburgh with his wife, Suzanne, and their three children.

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Thomas Hoffman

STONEWALL JACKSON as Military Commander

By John Selby. Published by D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey, 1968. Pp. XII, 251. \$8.95.

Reviewed by RICHARD L. TRIPP. '56.

To the task of presenting a new military biography of Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, John Selby brings a fresh and unprejudiced eye. Certainly not a partisan, the author provides the balanced judgment of a military man and the practiced eye of senior lecturer in military history at Sandhurst. Following in the footsteps of G. F. R. Henderson and F. E. Vandiver, Selby naturally approached this project with great humility.

The aim of the author is to delve into the mystique of Jackson as military commander in an attempt to solve the riddles of his unusual generalship. Full use is made of the existing documents, previous biographies, and innumerable eyewitness accounts to reconstruct the battles fought by Jackson. Further credibility is lent through his personal study of the battlefields and the terrain over which Jackson himself necessarily had to ponder.

Perhaps an underlying motive of Selby has been to update Henderson's classic biography, and indeed, he has solved some of the remaining puzzles with the assistance of recent scholarly research. The narrative dramatically opens during the First Battle of Bull Run and continues through Jackson's famous flank march around the Union right at Chancellorsville. Brevity is the author's forte, yet as the story unfolds, he necessarily flashes back to include resumes of the formative years in Jackson's life to shape the image of Jackson's strange personality. Unfortunately, in this attempt to isolate and analyze Jackson's actions, the author gives the reader a restricted picture of the full scope of the numerous campaigns. Also, the periodic attempt to interweave the political, economic and social factors of the war falls short of the intended mark. For these reasons, the end product unintentionally presents a distorted viewpoint of Jackson's impact relative to the entire course of the war.

In creating "the American Napoleon," Selby has presented a brief but accurate, account of a most controversial figure in our American military heritage. Contemporary sketches, two-color maps, Brady photographs and several appendices provide information of interest to the military reader. Although lacking the flourish and penetration of Henderson's *Stonewall*, this biography is a worthwhile addition to any military library.

Cadet Register Undergoing Study

The *Official Register of Officers and Cadets* has not been published for 1966 and 1967. Publication of the Register is being held in abeyance pending completion of a feasibility study to confirm the need for it. Upon completion of the study, the future status of this publication will be announced in ASSEMBLY.

Plebe Classes at Service Academies Include Sons of USMA Graduates

(Fathers' names are in parentheses.)

USMA:

- 1928—Michael S. Smyser (Smyser R.E. Jr.)
- 1929—Thomas McNerney (McNerney J.A.)
- 1934—Christopher L. Lawlor (Lawlor J.D.)
- 1935—William B. Russell (Russell J.G.)
- 1936—George C. Wildrick (Wildrick W.N.)
- 1937—Theodore D. Lee (Lee E.M.), Harry D. Stumpf (Stumpf R.H.)
- 1938—William G. Bixby (Bixby G.W.), Richard Ekman (Ekman W.E.), Jefferson J. Irvin Jr. (Irvin J.J.), Robert M. Miller (Miller F.D.), Harold Thomas (Thomas J.F.)
- 1939—Fernando Alfaro (Alfaro E.), Robert G. Kail (Kail S.G.) James M. Lee (Lee L.L.), Jan R. Medusky (Medusky J.W.), Tim J. Norris (Norris J.K.)
- 1940—Gene C. Barton (Barton D.L.), David Haseman (Haseman L.L.), James R. McLean (McLean J.R.), Robert J. Rauk (Rauk K.T.)
- 1941—Charles Fletcher (Fletcher C.W.), William J. Hershenow III (Hershenow W.J. Jr.), Daniel A. McCaffery (McCaffery B. Jr.), Thomas P. Smith (Smith C.L.), David P. Tuttle (Tuttle R.M.)
- 1942—John E. Baker (Baker J.), Jonathan Cage (Cage L.E.), John Harmeling (Harmeling H. Jr.), Samuel W. Koster Jr. (Koster S.W.)
- Jan 1943—Leslie Harding (Harding L.B.), John G. Wheelock IV (Wheelock J.G. III)
- Jun 1943—Alexander R. Bolling III (Bolling A.R. Jr.), Donald Cantlay (Cantlay G.G.), Ernest Hinds III (Hinds E.), Charles S. Hughes (Hughes A.J.), John A. Kidder (Kidder J.D.), William J. Ray Jr. (Ray W. J.), Loren B. Smith (Smith F.B.)
- 1944—Michael M. Aldrich (Aldrich E.M.), Mark S. Cutrona (Cutrona J.F.), Bruce K. Scott (Scott W.S.), Jeffrey Staser (Staser B.I.), John S. Sullivan III (Sullivan J.S. Jr.)
- 1945—Thomas H. Curtis Jr. (Curtis T.H.), Kevin J. Fitzpatrick (Fitzpatrick T.E. Jr.), John R. Gatlin (Gatlin J.C. Jr.), James F. Holcomb Jr. (Holcomb J.F.), Christopher Kane (Kane F.B. Jr.), Kurt L. Kratz (Kratz W.G.), Robert G. Marvin (Marvin F.F.), Claude M. McQuarrie III (McQuarrie C.M. Jr.), James M. Tanner (Tanner J.B.), John R. Wood (Wood W.C. Jr.)
- 1946—Edward J. Collins Jr. (Collins E.J.), Rolland A. Dessert Jr. (Dessert R.A.), Russell B. Hall (Hall G.E. Jr.), Richard F. Kane (Kane R.V.), Stephen Keehn (Keehn K.), Stephen H. Myer (Myer C.R.)
- 1947—John A. Geraci (Geraci A.J.), Robert L. Mahowald (Mahowald R.A.), George S. Webb and William L. Webb III (Webb W.L. Jr.)

1949—Paul D. Eaton (Eaton N.D.), Stephen C. Main (Main K.A.), Stephen B. Tallman (Tallman R.J.)

USNA:

1935—Thomas R. Clarkin Jr. (Clarkin T.R.)
1936—John S. Carmichael (Carmichael R.H.)
1940—Stuart J. Burfening (Burfening J.W.)
1942—Peter W. Nickodem (Nickodem L.S.)
1944—Dean F. Glick (Glick G.F.)
1945—Richard L. Haley (Haley R.L.)
1946—Robert S. Minnich (Minnich E.S.)
1949—Arthur R. Underwood III (Underwood A.R. Jr.)

USAFA:

1931—Philip C. Damberg (Damberg C.F.)
1939—William T. Smith Jr. (Smith W.T.)
1940—William G. Gideon (Gideon F.C.)
1941—Roy G. Hendrickson 2d (Hendrickson R.G.)
Jan 1943—Charles C. Harrington (Harrington R.E.)
1944—Richard T. Dennen (Dennen R.L.), Glen R. Tanner (Tanner H.N. Jr.)
1946—Harrison H.D. Heiberg 3d (Heiberg H.H.D. Jr.), William F. Stringer (Stringer E.M.)
1948—Raymond O. Barton III (Barton R.O. Jr.)
1949—Thomas M. Crawford 3d (Crawford T.M. Jr.), Robert I. Spillers (Spillers W.H. Jr.)



Lieutenant Colonel Edward E. Lane recently assumed the position of USMA Secretary of the General Staff. He succeeds Lieutenant Colonel M.W. Bounds, who is now serving as a battalion commander at Fort Bragg, N.C.

A 1952 USMA graduate, Lieutenant Colonel Lane was formerly province deputy advisor in Vietnam. He is a 1965 graduate of the Command and General Staff College. Lane has served stateside at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Devens, Massachusetts; and Fort Hood, Texas. He also acted as an advisor to the Military training Mission in Saudi Arabia.



Colonel Ralph Puckett Jr., Commanding Officer of the 1st Regiment, United States Corps of Cadets, with wife, Jean, and their three children following ceremonies at which he was promoted to his present rank.

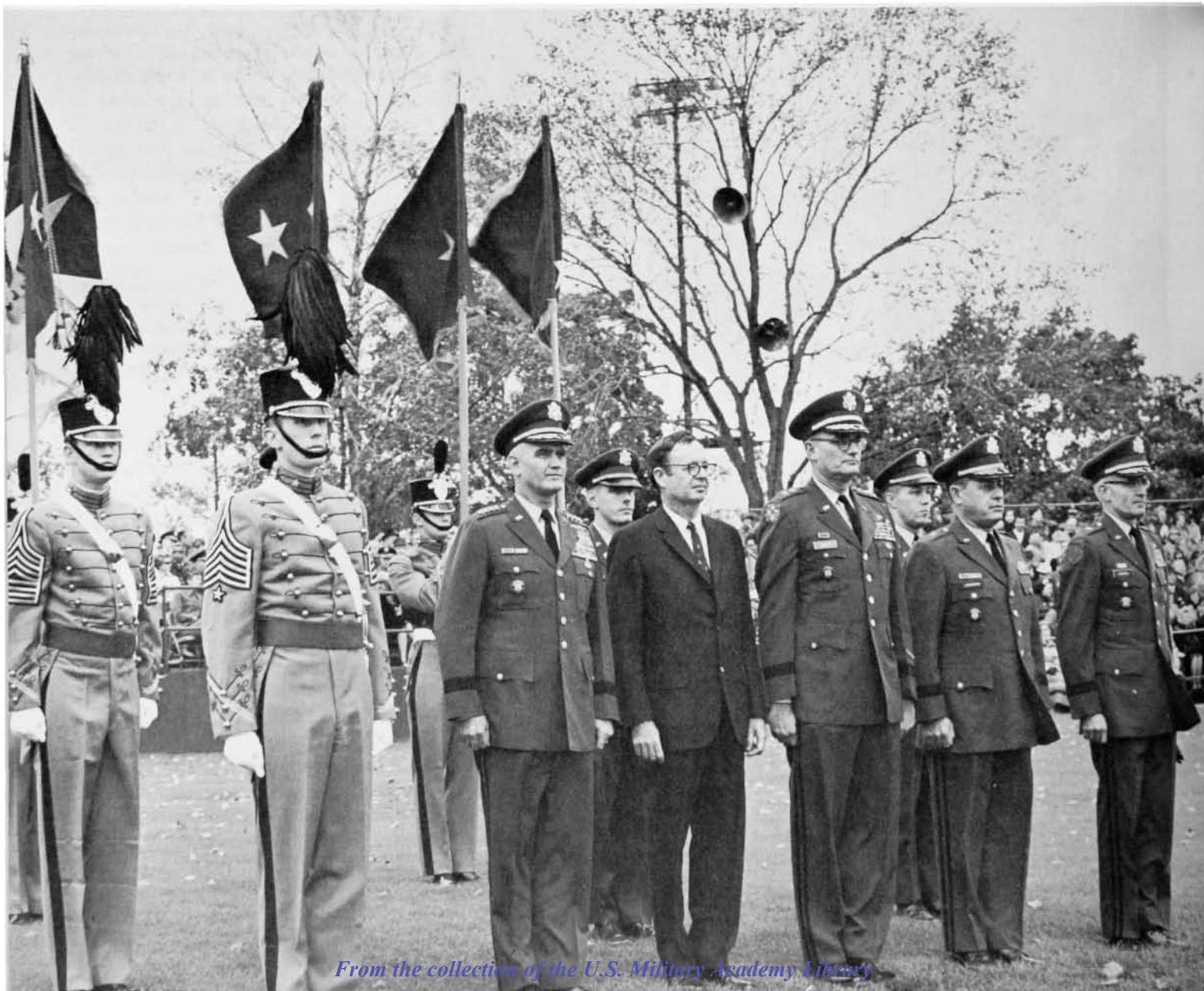


Colonel and Mrs. Marion C. Ross and family pose happily after Ross's promotion ceremony. Colonel Ross commands the 3d Regiment of the United States Corps of Cadets.

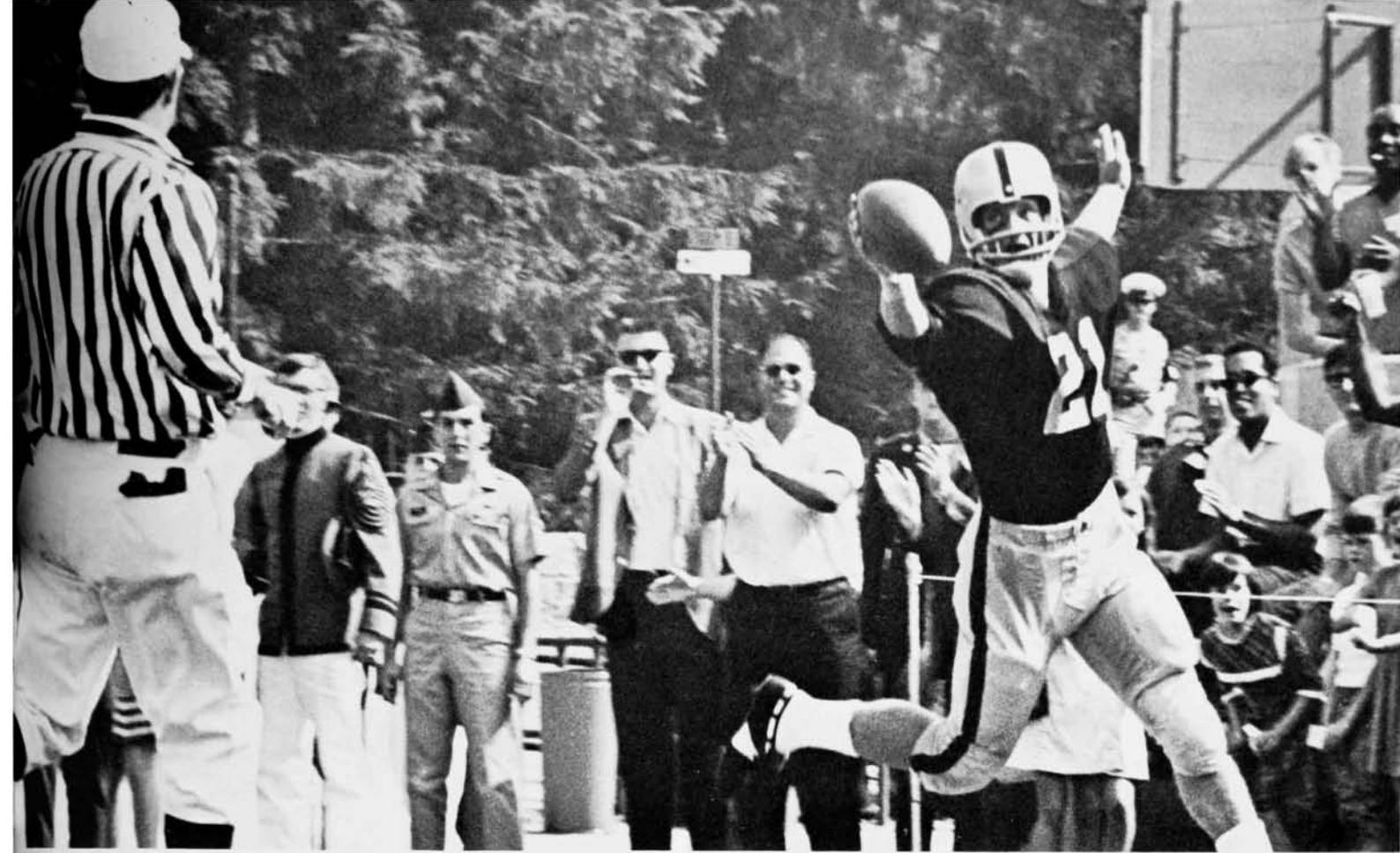
General Bruce Palmer Jr., (center), Army Vice Chief of Staff, looks over a rare book with Major General William J. McCaffrey (left), Army War College Commandant and Lieutenant General Albert O. Connor, Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, following dedication ceremonies at Carlisle Barracks 28 September of the new U.S. Army Military History Research Collection. General Palmer, former Deputy Commandant of the Army War College, delivered the address establishing the modern facility dedicated solely to perpetuate the history and traditions of the U.S. Army.



Left to right: Cadet Randall F. Jarmon, Brigade Supply Officer; Cadet Robert H. Baldwin Jr., First Captain and Brigade Commander; General William C. Westmoreland, Chief of Staff, USA; Dr. Douglas M. Knight, President of Duke University; Major General Samuel W. Koster, the Superintendent; Brigadier General John R. Jannarone, the Dean of the Academic Board; and Brigadier General Bernard W. Rogers, Commandant of Cadets at the Corps review prior to the Army-Duke game.



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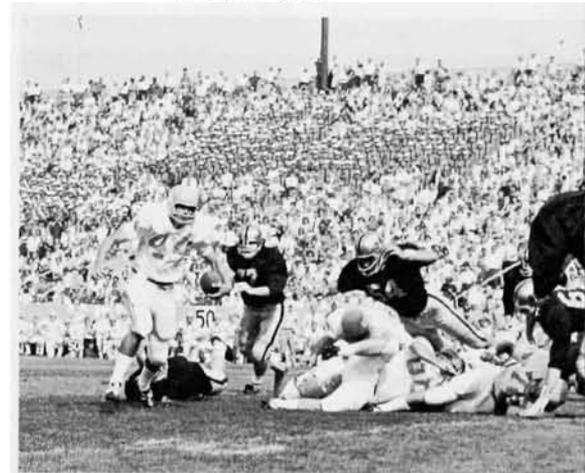
TOUCHDOWN—Halfback Bill Hunter, Third Classman, hands the ball to the referee after completing a 90-yard touchdown run on a punt return in the season opener against The Citadel. Hunter came through with this sensational play the first time he handled the ball in varsity play.



down the field...

by **FRANK WALTER**

HOW IT LOOKS—Jim McMillan, The Citadel tailback, looks at the ARMY defense moving against him—tackle Steve Yarnell (77), Captain-linebacker Ken Johnson (54) and defensive halfback Dennis Hutchinson (31) in first-game action at West Point.



IT took a little longer this year, but ARMY football rebounded in the third and fourth games of the season—Missouri and California—and the outlook for the second half of the schedule is promising.

Coach Tom Cahill and his staff knew that they had to rebuild the forward walls on both offense and defense, graduation having taken most of the players who produced an 8-2 record last fall. And if that inexperienced area didn't come around in time, the offensive efforts of the experienced backfield and the defensive talent of an all-letterman secondary wouldn't be effective. Football is still a team game, and it takes a team effort to win.

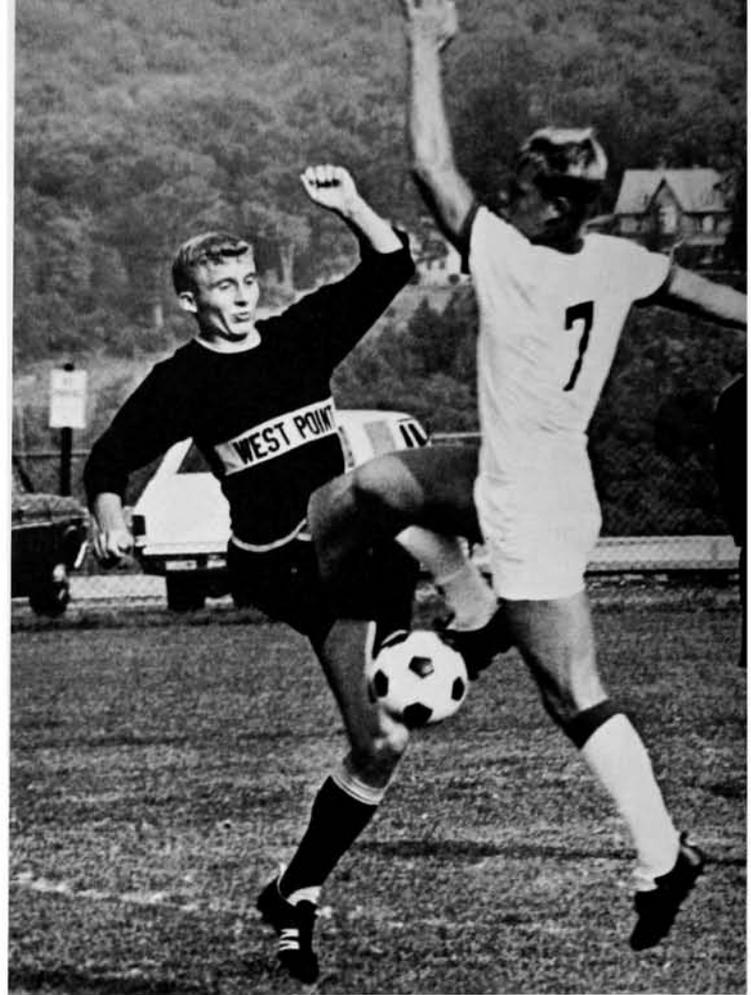
There was joy at West Point after the 34 to 14 vic-

tory in the opener against The Citadel. The offense sparkled, picking up four touchdowns, including one on a 90-yard punt return by Third Classman Bill Hunter. Steve Lindell fired a 38-yard touchdown pass to end Gary Steele. Charlie Jarvis, who again will lead ARMY in rushing for the third straight year, had his best day ever. Jarvis rolled up 157 yards in rushing. That was a wonderful way to start the season.

But there were some things in that contest which pointed up shortcomings. The Citadel rushed for 223 yards and passed for 100 more. When a team gets 323 yards and 14 points, it wasn't a defensive battle. And there were 13 pass completions in 21 attempts.



LEAVE MY JERSEY—ARMY'S top rusher Charlie Jarvis, who gained 157 yards rushing against The Citadel, attempts to elude the grasp of defensive back Joe Isaac. This was the best day ever for Jarvis in rushing.



SOCCER ACTION—ARMY soccer Captain Bob Behncke tangles with a Merchant Marine Academy player in the season opener at West Point. ARMY'S soccer team is rated as one of the best in the East this fall.

Well, it happened the next week. Vanderbilt sent a sophomore quarterback into the game with simply one order, "Throw that ball." John Miller threw 31 times and completed 23. They weren't "bombs" They went for six, seven, or eight yards, but put two of them together, and you have a first down.

After ARMY enjoyed a 7-0 first quarter advantage, scoring after recovering a Vandy fumble on their 7. Jarvis went in for the score from the 3. Then Mr. Miller put on his act, and it was 17 to 7 in Vandy's favor at the halftime.

The Cadets charged back in the second half but had to settle for two field goals by Third Classman Arden Jensen from Ruthton, Minn. Jensen booted one 46 yards which equals the Academy record made by Nick Kurilko last fall against Southern Methodist in Dallas and topped the Michie Stadium mark for a field goal from placement.

The game ended with Lindell completing three straight passes to Steele, putting the ball 57 yards down the field to the Commodore 5 where time ran out.

Something right must have been accomplished during the following week, for it was an entirely different ARMY team which showed up at Columbia, Missouri, for the first game between ARMY and Missouri. The Tigers had mauled Illinois, 44 to 0, the week before and figured to be much better than the ARMY.

But there developed that afternoon in Missouri a defensive battle which to those who really appreciate football

was something to behold. True, Missouri won, 7 to 3. But it certainly wasn't over until the final gun.

Roger Wehrli is the leading punt returner in the nation and scampered for 53 yards on one against ARMY. That set up the first quarter touchdown, the scamper putting the ball on the Army 9, and three plays later the Tigers were in. But Wehrli had five other punt returns that afternoon, and they resulted in a minus three yards, so his net for the day was 50. Of course, the big one did the damage.

Missouri tried to pass as Vanderbilt had. Some 20 aerials were fired, and five were caught, but the ARMY secondary also caught six of them. The pass interception pattern of 1967 was back in business. Safety Jim McCall grabbed three of them himself, matching an Academy single-game record.

The two teams each had scoring opportunities, and ARMY managed to add three in the fourth quarter when Jensen came through again with a 46-yard field goal. But the defenses prevailed, and as the Tigers licked their chops and headed for their Big 8 campaign, ARMY went home to face undefeated California after suffering its second straight loss.

It was Homecoming 1968, and the story of the game matched any fiction sports thriller. Outweighed but not outplayed, ARMY fought the Golden Bears through a scoreless first half. Then the man with the magic toe, Jensen,



BACKFIELD DUE—Quarterback and Captain Ken Bevis has just completed a handoff to halfback Gary Peckham in action against Rutgers in the 150-pound football league. Peckham, a Second Classman, has been one of the top scorers this fall for ARMY.



TOUCHDOWN BOUND—Jim Lovelace (23), Second Classman, heads for the goal in the 150-pound football game with Rutgers. The Cadets won, 28 to 0.

booted a 28-yard field goal in the third period, and ARMY had a chance to pull a major upset.

Old Mr. Fumble, who has been bothering the Cadets quite a bit this year, appeared on the Army 44, and Cal had the ball. Seven plays later the Bears were in front, 7 to 3. Quarterback Randy Humphries threw three passes in this move and had the edge on Army's Lindell.

It was time for the offense to display its ability. Lynn Moore ran the kickoff back to the 26, starting the runback in the end zone. Two running plays and a Lindell pass to end Gary Marshall put the ball on the ARMY 38 with 2:48 left in the game. It was there that Lindell found Steele, going down the left sideline, with a pass, and Steele, broke away from two Bears to go in standing up. The final flurry failed, and ARMY had its upset—10 to 7.

Then came Rutgers, and the ARMY marching unit went through New Brunswick for 371 yards and a 24 to 0 victory on the rain-swept turf of Rutgers Stadium. Jarvis ran for 153 yards while the trio of Moore, Hunter, and Hank Andrzejczak added nearly 200 together. Lindell guided the offense, but his passing was limited because of the weather.

The defense continued to improve, limiting the hosts to 68 yards rushing and intercepting four more passes. At this point the secondary has grabbed 17 opponent tosses, 13 in the last three games. Captain Ken Johnson has the defense organized and is getting great assistance from all, especially tackle Steve Yarnell, ends Dick Luecke and Bill Price, and Tom Wheelock, The General for 1968.

Next comes Duke—then Penn State, Boston College, Pittsburgh and Navy. It will be a full month and a week, but the fortunes are on the upswing.

Fall Sports Start Well

The three varsity fall teams—cross-country, soccer, and 150-pound football—all were off to good starts. The harriers

of Coach Carleton Crowell moved to the West Point golf course for their running and won four of their first six meets. The duo of Manhattan and St. John's came north together and both won in the triangular affair. ARMY beat Fairleigh Dickinson and Central Connecticut at home and Syracuse and New York University on the road.

Captain Jim Lucas and Second Classman Nick Sebastian have been the top runners to date, but as usual depth has been the key factor in the Cadet victories. That will have to be the hope that will carry ARMY against Navy.

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ARMY—HARRIER—Nick Sebastian of ARMY leads runners from Manhattan and St. John's in a cross country meet this fall at the West Point Golf Course. Sebastian has been ARMY'S top performer to date.

Selected Characteristics

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ATTITUDINAL MEASURES

A substantial number of young men begin at an early age to think about attending the Military Academy. Fifteen per cent of the members of the Class of 1972 stated that they "always" wanted to attend the Academy. Almost 25 per cent began to think about it before they were in the 9th grade, and 25 per cent began to think about it while they were in the 9th or 10th grades.

At the time of entrance, USMA was the "first-choice" college of 78 per cent of the new cadets. Thirty-six per cent of the cadets had sought nominations to at least one other federal academy.

Because of their history of past achievement, the young men who come to the Academy have high aspirations. Eighty-seven per cent of them expect to rank in the top half of their class academically; only one per cent expect to rank in the bottom quarter. With respect to military leadership ability, their aspirations are even higher—94 per cent expect to rank in the top half of their class.

FATHER'S MILITARY BACKGROUND

The fathers of 15 per cent of the members of the Class of 1972 had no military service. Thirteen per cent served 20 years or more and retired, and 12 per cent are now on full-time active duty. Forty-eight per cent served only during a war or for one peacetime tour. The fathers of 67 members of the class are graduates of USMA, 10 of USNA and one of USMMA.

FATHER'S PAST MILITARY SERVICE AND CURRENT STATUS

	No.	%
No military service	183	14.7
Inactive reserve status—served 2 or more tours	19	1.5
Served 20 years or more and retired	159	12.8
Not in reserve status—served 2 or more tours	53	4.2
Career in military service terminated for physical disability	42	3.4
Served only during a war or for one peacetime tour	602	48.4
Now on full-time active duty	154	12.4
Died while on active duty during war-time	1	0.1
Now in Reserves or National Guard (two weeks active duty and/or scheduled meetings)	27	2.2
Died while on active duty during peacetime	4	0.3



Training Cadet Leaders

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expressed their unqualified support and enthusiasm for the training they had received. New impetus was discovered for a program that had modest beginnings over the preceding 10 years.

With this revitalization, the name of the program was changed in 1959 to Army Orientation Training (AOT), with the mission of providing each cadet with firsthand knowledge of, and experience in the duties, responsibilities and living conditions of the junior officer. This was accomplished by assigning each cadet as a platoon leader and by having him participate in the command, training, and administrative functions performed at platoon and company level. The placing of cadets in assignments where they would be able to exercise some degree of responsibility in the command of their units was emphasized over assignments requiring them to serve in the capacity of an instructor. The latter role has always received considerable attention at the Academy, not only in the classroom but on the Plain where the New Cadet receives his basic instruction from the upper classes. In making this change, commanders were asked to treat cadets as junior officers not only in connection with training but also in sharing fully in the normal social and recreational opportunities available to other officers of the command. They were to live in standard bachelor officer quarters and to be extended guest privileges at the Officers' Club.

This new concept was fully implemented in 1959 when about half of both the First and Second Classes were sent to divisional units. The Second Class was assigned to the same units utilized the previous year while 216 members of the Class of 1960 (those who had served in New Cadet Barracks the previous summer) were sent to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley and the 2d Armored Division at Fort Hood. With a total of 563 cadets assigned to divisional units, nearly all now had the opportunity of personal involvement in the command of responsibilities of a tactical unit as either a First or Second Classman. Whether this training came First or Second Class year was primarily the decision of the cadet's tactical officer. Considerations included the individual development of the cadet and the requirements for supervising the summer training of the under classes. Those required to serve on the New Cadet Detail as Second Classmen were assigned to AOT First Class summer; those who participated in AOT as Second Classmen were the cadet officers for New Cadet Barracks and the cadre for Third Class Summer Camp at Camp Buckner.

This additional training provided a significantly new dimension to the leadership development program, for now all cadets had the opportunity to act as leaders in the active Army before they assumed positions of responsibility in the Corps of Cadets. This 30-day experience in leading troops served to validate many of the lessons in theory learned in the classroom and, of equal importance, it provided a frame of reference for the course in Military Leadership First Class year. It became obvious that much more than leadership and military training were involved; this opportunity gave each cadet some

appreciation for the development of *esprit de corps* in a combat effective unit as well as the occasion to commit himself to a military career through active participation in its activities. As expected, the individual impact of this training varied widely from cadet to cadet and from unit to unit. It was most effective for those cadets with a high degree of initiative who joined easily in the activities of their companies, and in those high *esprit* units with mature commanders who took a deep interest in developing their cadet platoon leaders.

During the following year, 1960, the AOT program received an additional boost when the Department of the Army approved a plan to train cadets with Seventh U.S. Army units in Europe. Two hundred and twenty members of the Class of 1961 were assigned to Infantry, Armored, and Artillery units in Germany. For the most part, cadets were placed in units which spent from 15 to 30 days of this period in field operations at training centers such as Wildficken, Grafenwohr and Hohenfels. Cadets were unanimous in agreeing that this experience had been the most significant aspect of their leadership training and, with that indorsement, the program in USAREUR was stamped a solid success. As a result, the following year saw a total of 568 cadets from both the First and Second Classes off to Germany. Because of the additional numbers of cadets and a desire to include all combat arms in the program, those who expressed an interest were assigned to Signal and Engineer units. In addition, two month-long training periods were established; the first group to train in July and the second in August with both groups assigned to essentially the same units.

The program continued on this basis until the spring of 1965 when the Department of Defense declared a two-year moratorium on cadet training in Europe as part of the government's plan to stem the flow of gold. Department of the Army then requested each divisional unit in CONUS, Hawaii, Alaska, and the Canal Zone to support the AOT program. Desirable criteria for assignments were stated as follows: provide meaningful platoon leadership experience, at least one week of field training, and no change in company commanders.

Despite unit deployments, personnel turbulence resulting from levies, and many other problems which have beset unit commanders in the United States during the three-year period 1965-68, the AOT program continued to find outstanding support from both unit commanders and the cadets themselves. With a reduced number of assignments available in tactical units, however, more and more cadets have been assigned to training centers. Initially, the Advanced Individual Training (AIT) units took up most of the slack, and cadets acted as training officers in AIT companies, supplementing these assignments with instructional duties in a committee group. In terms of the program objectives, the results for each cadet tend to range from excellent to satisfactory, depending upon how he perceived his

assignment and upon the skills of his assigned commander. Each of the training centers participating in the program provided a substantial opportunity for cadets to make a meaningful contribution, and their officer and noncommissioned personnel were well prepared to assist cadets.

Training Centers, however, are not ideally suited to fulfill all of the stated objectives of the AOT program. Normally, junior officers are assigned as training officers rather than as platoon leaders and, in this capacity, they may not receive all of the ingredients of troop command. Reorganizing companies to give cadets platoons to command frequently results in disrupting unit procedures as well as causing cadets to view their jobs as playing a sergeant's role. In addition, tactical vehicles and equipment with their associated maintenance problems are not present to provide management challenges. Also the heavy training schedule of a continually changing body of recruits creates a different motivational environment than that provided by a tactical unit with a specific operational mission. On the other hand, participating in the instruction in a training center is closely aligned with the cadet's previous experience, and it gives him an opportunity to understand and work closely with recruits when they first enter the Service, which is in itself a valuable experience.

While there are many positive advantages derived from service in a training center, it is sometimes difficult to convince cadets that an assignment as a training officer provides the same leadership experience as command of a tactical platoon in field operations. This attitude may well result from their military instruction and training at the Academy which has always been geared to preparing them for service in organizational units. War stories and experiences related by USMA instructors in the classroom have not changed much over the years except of locale. Hence, cadets look forward to their experience on AOT with a great deal of anticipation and challenge. Their expectations are high. Some are looking for a branch to provide them the basis for their future careers. Others are seeking a favorable environment — an attractive post. Some may be looking at the unit mission. Most are looking for an assignment in which they can prove, at least to themselves, that they can be a leader and command others. In short, the cadets' reasons for wanting assignments to combat arms units are many and complex, but cadets have been nearly unanimous in expressing these preferences. Consequently, efforts at the Military Academy have been directed toward obtaining sufficient assignments in organizational units to provide each cadet his preference by branch and, where possible, unit of choice as well.

In this respect, 1968 did not meet the expectations of all cadets. With the reduction of organizational units in CONUS generated by Vietnam requirements, a greater number of cadets were assigned

to training centers, some to Basic Combat Training (BCT) units. Generally, they recognized the numerous individual leadership problems that exist, but they, like the lieutenants with whom they were working, tended to see these problems primarily as the responsibility of the non-commissioned officers. They were looking for an opportunity to apply troop leading techniques to the requirements at the unit level and tended to view this task as somewhat distinct from personal involvement in counseling recruits.

Meanwhile in Europe over 100 cadets were assigned to Seventh Army units in response to an authorization by the Department of the Army. The restriction implemented in 1965 was partially lifted in order to provide additional spaces for the increasing size of the Corps of Cadets. Additionally, from 1961 to 1968 the number of cadets participating in AOT grew from 568 to 792 during the very time units available for assignment were reduced by deployment to Vietnam. And these numbers will probably increase even more as the Academy moves toward its authorized strength in 1972.

Army Orientation Training in Europe has, once again, lived up to expectations. Cadets returned from their training assignments there with high praise for the opportunities provided. And, as before, units to which they had been assigned spent a good part of the 30-day period at one of the principal training areas in Germany. Most cadets were assigned as platoon leaders and were held responsible for the actions of their platoon. In a real sense AOT was what it was supposed to be—a chance to operate for a short time as a leader and to be responsive to all the requirements and challenges of a tactical command.

The progressive leadership development of a cadet involves providing him with increasing authority and responsibility as he advances toward graduation. To provide the essential system feedback, cadets are continually counseled on their performances and, together with instruction in leader techniques, the practice and the theoretical are properly mixed. This carefully designed program aids the transition from cadet to officer and establishes a firm basis of motivation for a successful Regular Army career. The AOT program plays an especially significant role in this career motivation. It affords cadets their primary experience with the Army as it really is. At its best, it reinforces their expectations by providing an inspiring experience as a participant in a highly professional unit, adding much to the motivational flame of dedication for service essential in our junior officers today. On the other hand, an unsatisfactory experience can reinforce their doubts about life in the Service, resulting in a waning enthusiasm which can only be overcome with difficulty later. In this respect Field Commanders realize that they share with the faculty of USMA the responsibility of preparing the Army's future leaders for the tasks which lie

ahead and, therefore, seek within the resources available to them to give each Cadet an AOT experience which will be satisfying, meaningful, and contributing to his motivation for a career in the Service.



Colonel Heiberg

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Department of Mechanics first attain a master's degree in an engineering field related to the subject matter covered by the department. Currently, of the 28 full-time officers and three mobilization assignment officers under his direction, all have attained master's degrees, and seven have earned their doctorates.

Colonel Heiberg also ensured that the physical facilities of his department kept pace with the times. He revitalized the Fluid Mechanics Laboratory after sending a team of officers to study the laboratories of leading civilian engineering colleges in the country and of the Vicksburg Experimental Station conducted by the Chief of Engineers. As a result the laboratory program was streamlined, the equipment was redesigned, and the exercises updated to conform with standard engineering requirements. The Department of Mechanics, additionally, was the first department at USMA to use closed-circuit TV as an instructional device in the classroom—a system now used throughout the Academy.

It is worthy of note that Colonel Heiberg's foresight helped pave the way for advances and changes in the Academy's curriculum. A strong advocate of electives in the academic curriculum, in 1953 he published a paper entitled "A BS or BA Elective for Cadets." Although at the time the treatise was criticized, it is interesting that the recently approved area of concentration in National Security and Public Affairs bears a remarkable resemblance to the BA Curriculum proposed 15 years ago. It was Colonel Heiberg who proposed that the top five per cent of a class be designated Distinguished Cadets and that the length of semesters be equally divided.

Colonel Heiberg's diversified talents also led to improvements in the ARMY's athletic program. As Chairman of the Athletic Board, he participated in the selection of the entire present football coaching staff as well as the current head coaches of basketball, tennis, and gymnastics. Under his guidance the Board initiated the construction of the new East Stands at Michie Stadium and financed the design of the proposed major additions to the West Stands.

During his five-year tenure as Chairman, not including the Fall 1968 season, Army Varsity Teams have won a shade less than 75 per cent of more than 1,000 intercollegiate events including 49 victories over Navy, contrasting with 30 defeats and six ties.

It is also a tribute to Colonel Heiberg

that he carried the words of a progressive Military Academy and U.S. Army to audiences throughout the nation. A gifted speaker, he could deliver a message to stimulate cadets at athletic rallies, scholars of The American Society of Engineers, or athletic officials of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

It is fitting of Colonel Heiberg that while he and his gracious wife, the former Evelyn Lytle of Redlands, California, leave their distinguished marks on the Academy and the Army, their sons and daughter continue the Heiberg traditions. Lieutenant Colonel E. R. Heiberg III (USMA 1953) commands the 4th Engineer Battalion in Vietnam; Major William L. Heiberg (USMA 1961) instructs in social sciences at the Academy; and their daughter married Captain F. R. Skidmore (USMA 1965), stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

It is with regret that ASSEMBLY says farewell to a soldier devoted to the Academy and extends congratulations to a man always found more than equal to any assigned task.



Down The Field

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Soccer came through with five wins in the first six starts, only a 2-0 loss at Yale marring the early-season record. That Yale loss was doubly costly for high-scoring Bill Friese, playing his final year, suffered a broken leg and is out for the year.

The victory string includes wins over Merchant Marine (5-0), Colgate (10-0), Rhode Island (3-0), Penn State (6-3), and New York University (3-0). The defense of the ARMY, especially goalie Bill Thorne, and the scoring punch by Matt Fluemer, Captain Bob Behncke, Doug Fitzgerald and Friese, until he was injured, gives promise for another fine soccer season.

The 150-pound football team lost its coach, Eric Tipton, with a knee injury before the season started but proceeded to blank Pennsylvania (32-0) and Princeton (54-0) while Tipton was in the hospital. Tip came back the next week, and the pattern continued as Rutgers was shut out, 28 to 0. With three down and three to go, the lightweights are off and running. The quarterbacking of Captain Ken Bevis and the running of Gary Peckham have been the big moves on offense while the fact that there hasn't been a point scored against them answers all questions about the defense. Acting Coach Ray Macedonia summed it up well, and Tipton agreed after watching the Rutgers win, "The 150-pound success is the result of a team effort all the way."

Basketball Team Gets Set

Last year the ARMY basketball team led the nation in defense and for the first time received post-season bids to both the NCAA and NIT classics. The NIT was

selected, making it the fourth time in the past five years that the Cadets were at the Madison Square Garden tournament.

Hopes for the coming season were placed into action on October 15 as Coach Bob Knight welcomed candidates for a squad which opens its play on 3 December against Lehigh at home. There will be 24 contests during the winter, highlighted by a pair of holiday tournaments. The ARMY will join host Kentucky, Michigan and Bradley at Lexington for the Kentucky Invitation on the 20-22 December weekend, and six days later will be in Milwaukee for the classic there with Wisconsin, Marquette, and Ohio University.

There is plenty of power again in the East, and much of it appears on the ARMY schedule. Temple, Princeton, St. John's, New York University, and Navy are among the 1968-69 opposition.

Gone are Bill Schutsky, the leading scorer, and Mike Noonan, the top rebounder, but everyone else returns. And there appears to be some help from the Plebe team of last winter.

First Classman Steve Hunt, 6-7, 225-pounder, returns at center. He was second in the country in field goal percentage, was second in rebounding for the Army, and scored just under 17 points a game despite a bout with infectious mononucleosis in the closing stages of the season.

Captain Mike Krzyzewski and Second Classman Jim Oxley are the returning starting guards. With Coach Knight often moving into a "three guard offense," First Classman Wade Urban filled in well in that role. The other letterman on hand is First Classman Dick Simmons, a 6-6 forward-center. He replaced Hunt for the Navy game, poured in 16 points and grabbed 16 rebounds.

The Second Class will also contribute Mike Gyovai, Al Fenty, Rich Castleman, Paul Franke, John Joyce and John Carlson. The last is a 6-7 candidate who didn't play at all last year.

The former Plebe names which could appear frequently as the season progresses might be Max Miller, the top scorer and rebounder, Tom Pazak, Doug Clevenger, Steve Lewis, Bob Freeman and Greg Church.

There are 17 names mentioned here which is probably more manpower than ARMY basketball has had in some time. Two months of drills will determine just who will be on the varsity list, but it could include all 17 players.



Class of 1971/Compared

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a greater percentage of cadets (16 per cent versus 5 per cent) reported that extracurricular activities were a major influence in their decision.

Background

Compared to college freshmen nationally, relatively fewer cadets come to USMA from the Middle States and North Central States and relatively more from other parts of the nation.

The cadets of USMA '71 have more highly-educated parents than freshmen at other colleges.

The major difference in fathers' occupations between USMA '71 cadets and contemporaries at other colleges is in proportion with those cadets whose fathers are military careerists. Nearly 17 per cent of the fathers of USMA '71 are pursuing military careers.

Father's Occupation

	USMA	College Males
Artist (including Performer)	0.6%	0.8%
Businessman	26.7	33.5
Clergyman	1.0	1.6
College Teacher	1.1	0.8
Doctor (MD or DDS)	1.4	2.6
Educator (Secondary)	3.1	2.3
Elementary Teacher	0.4	0.4
Engineer	7.5	6.3
Farmer or Forester	3.0	5.9
Health Professional (non MD)	0.2	0.9
Lawyer	1.5	1.4
Military Career	16.8	1.5
Research Scientist	0.4	0.5
Skilled Worker	8.8	12.7
Semi-skilled Worker	6.3	8.7
Unskilled Worker	1.9	3.8
Unemployed	0.6	0.7
Other	18.8	15.5

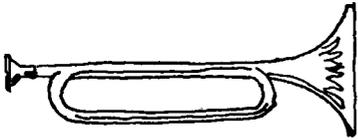
The median family income of both groups lies in the \$10,000-\$14,999 range. However, greater percentages of cadets of USMA '71 have parents in what is usually termed the "middle income" range—\$8,000-\$19,999. Relatively fewer cadets have parents with low incomes (below \$8,000) or high incomes (above \$20,000).

Objectives, Expectations, and Attitudes

Substantially greater percentages of cadets reported that they consider certain personal objectives to be essential or very important. Fifty-eight per cent of the cadets want to become community leaders compared to 31 per cent of other freshmen. Fifty-two per cent want to have administrative responsibility for the work of others compared to 31 per cent nationally. Seventy-three per cent want to keep up-to-date with political affairs compared to 55 per cent nationally. The percentages of USMA cadets on these leadership/political objectives are higher not only than college males in general, but also than students at any other category of institution reported by the American Council on Education.

Over twice as many cadets (50 per cent versus 24 per cent) want to become outstanding athletes. Over one-half of the cadets want to obtain recognition from their colleagues for contributions in their field and over three-fourths want to be-

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REPORT



... from the
classes

'03

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John Franklin wrote a brief note from his home in Morrystown, Tenn., but only to send his best wishes to classmates. Marion Howze wrote a brief note from New York. He has been greatly saddened by the notice of the death of Ulysses Grant.

Jake Wuest bemoans the fact that he seldom sees any classmates in the summer months in his part of Florida. But he says that the winter will soon be ideal for winter visits there. He and his good wife are still convalescing.

"Puss" Farnum wrote from Portland, Maine, Says that he is in the midst of those New England parties. Spring up there in Yankee-land is something indeed.

Ulysses Grant died recently at his home in Clinton, N.Y. This leaves 11 members of the class still living. They are going too fast, but I do not know what we can do to halt the trend.

Rodney was in the hospital in Lansing, Mich., for four days recently. He seems to be O.K. now.

'07

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Dan'l Boone was the only '07 man at the 1968 Graduation Exercise. In the march to the Thayer Monument he was in the first set of fours with three earlier graduates. He was specially introduced at the Alumni meeting as the 4th ranking Old Grad present. Later in June he had a thorough physical checkup at the West Point hospital. He was found in good shape. He told the doctors he will live to be 100. "Why not?" they said. Bravo Dan'l.

Oliver Wood visits his native Arkansas in the spring and again in the fall. He keeps in touch with relatives and friends—some dating back to his boyhood days. Tom Spencer up from Florida visiting his children in this area joined us for our class luncheon in August and in September.

Enrique White visits Cape Cod in the summer, the land of his ancestors and of his birth. He visits relatives and friends, some of them he knew in his early youth, and the sites of homes of his ancestors. It is good to go home.

80 Years Ago

"Days of stage coach and taverns, steam cars, horse cars, trolley cars; gravel roads, macadam roads, no concrete roads, horse and buggy; back pack peddlers, meat carts, fish carts, tin cart peddlers, kerosene and ice cream carts to Madam's door. No bathrooms or running water or sewers; candles, kerosene and whale oil lamps to gas and electricity; pantries with barrels of flour and sugar and

Our Association membership of 19,119 represents about 96% 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

firkins of butter; open hearths, wood and coal stoves; magic lantern shows; no movies, radio or TV of course. Prayer meetings, Epworth League, Sunday church and school, camp meetings and revivals on Martha's Vineyard, Young Men's Christian Temperance Union, church clam bakes in pine woods on a large pond, practically no neighbor visiting except at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Barns with hay, grain, horses, cows, sheep, buggies, express wagons, carts, oxen, harness, dried herring, orchards, poultry, pigs, family garden, hay and corn fields. Odd Fellows and Masonic Lodges. Chestnuts, shag bark hickory nuts, birds' egg collecting, popcorn popping, skating and sledding and sleighing, swimming, fishing, hunting, trapping and snaring, haying, harvesting, canning and preserving.

The kitchen—the heart of town and country life for conversation, stories, experiences, family tradition and history; for weekly hot baths in tubs. Bedrooms with commodes, water pitcher and bowl.

Salt pork, creamed cod fish cakes and creamed codfish, rice and plum pudding, apple pie, ginger bread, cookies, apples, pears, plums and cranberries.

G.A.R. parades with thousands, herring runs, harvesting, canning and preserving wood cutting in winter and hauling; blue and black-berrying, sorting & selling, cranberrying.

County Fairs, commonly called Cattle Shows, with prizes and auction; home economics prizes of which my Mother gathered in a good share; balloon ascensions; sulky races for which I would get horse whipped by the Constable some time by climbing over the fence to see.

The woodshed with tools and bench; racked up split wood; outside the wood pile and splitting block. Nearby the horse trough and its pump; the hen house and pear orchard; in the country, stone walls everywhere and large apple orchards. The outhouse, the magnificent elms; quince bushes, holly hocks, wisteria over the porch, lilac, geraniums, petunias, sweet alysum.

The cellar and vegetable cellar with a barrel of New Orleans molasses, hog's head of salt pork in brine, firkins of butter and cider-geraniums in winter to plant in spring.

Pantry with flour and sugar barrels, preserves, canned vegetables, cookies, in jars, cups of custard. A child's heaven. Butter and milk in cans in the well or ice boxes in town. Huge attic and sky light, the haunt of a boy on rainy days with a Youth's Companion, a Leather Stocking Tale (Cooper), a Horatio Alger book, a Jesse James novel or even a Police GAZETTE.

Slaughter houses, Poor Houses, Insane Asylums. No libraries, or small ones or later Carnegie Libraries. Cotton mills, machine & tool works, foundries.

Barter mostly by farm families. Building Loan Associations; no Federal National Banks; commercial banks issued their own paper money; wages one dollar a day, ten hours. In 1902-3 I used to pay my Grandfather's coal teamsters \$1.50 a day of 10 hours; toward the end it went up to \$1.65! It was time, indeed, that the Unions should form to protect the poor against exploitation by industry. Shoes \$1.25 a pair. Three-piece suit \$20.00. Steak 15¢ a pound. A course dinner for \$1.50. My first financial experience as a little shaver was to figure how I would spend my weekly allowance of one penny."

Many thanks Enrique for "80 Years Ago."

'09

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"Jake" Devers: (23 Aug.) "Had dinner with Dorothy North, her daughter, and her son-in-law, Howdy Clark. She is the same Dorothy, looks fine, and is well on the way to recovery from an operation on her hip. I am well — playing some golf and answering numerous letters — as well as keeping up with the affairs of the Battle Monuments Commission. Had a fine trip to North and South Carolina and to Pennsylvania, visiting those fine young aides who kept me moving during the war — and their wonderful families. This experience bolsters my confidence that the country is safe despite what you read in the papers."

"Cope" Philoon: (30 Aug.) "Mary and I are still living here (Brunswick, Me.) quietly and enjoying life. We were delighted to have a too brief call from the Thummels last spring. They did not pick the best time of year to come to Maine. This has been a perfect Maine summer; there can be no better."

Claude Thummel reports the death in early September of Camille (Mrs. Ronald D.) Johnson. Burial was in Arlington. She is survived by two daughters and a son. The Mountfords have recently welcomed two grandsons back from Vietnam.

We are advised thru Carlin Stokely that C. Peabody Hutton, grandson of the Stearns', has been attending an ROTC training camp. Upon graduation from U of Va. he will be eligible for a commission.

"Bob" Sears: (16 Aug.) "Clare Partridge

has undergone several operations but bears up with remarkable courage. He has descendants any one would be proud of: two daughters in California; son Bob (USMA '36), now in Bangkok on an important mission; son Colin, who has just finished a year at Rugby; youngest son, Bruce, a former Rhodes scholar, who has established a reputation as an astronomer specializing in outer space. Lil Lyman's widow is an enthusiastic horsewoman; raises racing horses in Pennsylvania and on the Lyman ranch in Hawaii. As to the Sears' family: (1) oldest son, Rod, is a vice-president of Scott Paper; his only child, a daughter, is married. (2) David, a geologist, lives in Salt Lake but specializes in seeking specimens for Kennecott Copper. His oldest son is a graduate of A.F. Academy; the others are all college grads. (3) Bob, my youngest (USMA '39) now a chief engineer with Lockheed. All are great students but one, who enlisted in Infantry after watching an anti-war demonstration and has just qualified as a paratrooper — has made many jumps and expects to go to Vietnam soon. As to ourselves, Margo and I enjoy excellent health and try to keep it up by vigorous exercise. Have made several Founders Day speeches in San Francisco. In my latest talk I suggested the present war could be made popular if they put a few Annie Oakleys in the firing line."

Information re June Week Class Reunion activities in 1969 is contained in the Summer 1968 ASSEMBLY. Alumni events are scheduled for 29, 30 and 31 May. Alumni and their dependents must vacate Hotel Thayer before the night of 31 May. Please make your own reservations promptly for necessary accommodations. An '09 Class Dinner will be held at the West Point Army Mess on Friday, 30 May.

'10

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After much planning and many pleasant anticipations, Bob Dunlop flew out of Washington on 7 Sept. for a week's vacation in Honolulu including Waikiki Beach. The visiting stops on the flight west list Las Vegas and Los Angeles — returning at San Francisco. Every good wish, Bob, for a wonderful trip with smooth sailing and happy landings.

During August Carey Brown flew to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, for a visit with daughter-in-law and his four granddaughters. Carey plans to visit Washington and his classmates who live there this fall.

We are very sad to report the death of Hazel S. Frank, widow of our Tony, on Thursday, 1 Aug. 1968, in Washington, D.C. Graveside services were held at Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday, 6 Aug. In lieu of flowers (at the family's request) a contribution was made by our Class to the American Cancer Society. Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Brooke E. Allen, and two granddaughters.

Another member of 1910 has joined the Long Gray Line. On 31 Aug. Martin H. Ray died very suddenly while visiting with friends at his summer home in East Moniches, Long Island, New York. Funeral services were held in the Chapel at Fort Meyer on Wednesday, 4 Sept. with burial in the Arlington National Cemetery. Surviving are his widow, Jeanne; one daughter — Mrs. Neal Ormond of Aurora, Illinois; three sons — Colonel John Ray, '39 (retired) of Rochester, New York; Captain Alan

Ray, Annapolis '41 (retired) of Bethesda, Maryland; and Colonel Roger Ray '43, Commanding Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey; and many granddaughters and grandsons. Mrs. M. H. Ray will continue to live at their winter home, 439 Sevilla Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida.

Ducky Reinhardt had his usual long visit with daughter Ann in Vancouver last summer during July. Pappy Selleck was in Walter Reed Hospital for a while last summer but now is out again and feeling much better. Fritz and Margy Strong are both well and planning a trip east this fall, probably October, which will include a visit to Washington. Olive and D. S. Wilson enjoyed their annual visit to Ocean City, Maryland, very much this year (about their 20th) due to the very hot weather which they escaped in Washington.

'11

Brig. Gen. Harold F. Nichols
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In August, the Bob Clarks were selling their Sarasota house and moving to an apartment, 435 S. Gulfstream Ave., 33577. They now count 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Margaret Crawford in early August visited her mother in Woodland, Calif., and then flew from Los Angeles with an Auburn, Ala., group for a tour of Japan. In the meantime, Jimmie went to New York for a visit with an ill brother and enroute home had lunch in Washington with Morris and Wheeler.

With deep regret the accidental death, last June, of John Howard Lawrence, grandson of Tommy and Mary Lawrence, is reported. John, but 17, was a highly gifted student, science-minded, and was to have entered Cal Tech at Pasadena in the fall.

In late August, Marguerite and Bill Morris had returned from a summer sojourn at Spring Lake, N.J. Bill wrote that Speck and Virginia Wheeler had gone to Thailand and Laos for a meeting of the Mekong River Board, expecting to return at the end of September.

Gerry Stanton in July returned from an enjoyable four-month trip to the Orient on a 12-passenger Norwegian freighter that carried a Chinese crew. She is now planning her next trip. On the evening of 7 July, I had the great pleasure of having a telephone call from Julian Burns, USMA '70, grandson of our John Wall. He was then at San Francisco airport enroute back to West Point.

The Wheelers came west for a reunion 17-18 July, in Oakland, of the 4th Engr Regt which Speck commanded in World War I. The Dwight Johns, he an engineer of USMA '16, had a cheery dinner one night at the Fleet Admiral Nimitz Club on Treasure Island for the Wheelers and your Scribe and wife.

'14

Col. John H. Carruth
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Starting one of these Class Letters makes me think of opening a "grab bag" to see what has been collected since the last letter. In this instance, the grab bag appears to be pretty empty — however, I do have some news to pass on to you.

In my letter for the Summer 1968, issue of ASSEMBLY (which has not yet arrived), I

reported the serious condition of Empie Potts, who was in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Hampton, Va., with his entire left side paralyzed. Today is 14 Sept, and today's mail brought another letter from Ferne, his wife. She writes that two weeks ago (that would be 29 Aug.) Empie developed pneumonia, and she feared we would lose him; but through the use of miracle drugs, his fever was abated, and when she wrote (12 Sept) he was improved, but was still very weak. She hopes he can be returned to their home in Hampton, with nurses, when he no longer needs a man to lift him; but he will probably have to remain in the hospital for some time longer. Their son, David, in the State Department in Manila, will be home on leave next month, so he can visit with Empie and Ferne then.

Ferne approved my action in relieving Empie of his duty as the Special Classmate of Swannanoa Packard and Margaret Hoskins. Charlie Gross is now Swannanoa's Special Classmate; the selection of one for Margaret Hoskins is pending. I'm afraid we shall have to count Empie and Ferne out for attendance at our 55th Reunion.

Another news item — after giving up her Civil Service job in Seoul, Korea, Libby Milburn has returned to the United States, made quite a tour of the country, and finally settled down. She is retired as a Major, U.S. Marine Corps. Her permanent address is: Mrs. Frank W. Milburn, 7 C Cross Keys Road, Baltimore, Md. 21210. She has an apartment in a very pretty suburban section of Baltimore and seems to be very happy and contented to settle down. She still takes ASSEMBLY, and I'm sure she will be in West Point at our Reunion.

I thought the Reunion Committee Letter No. 1, sent out by Brand on 28 August was excellent—so clear, and so specific. If you possibly can, make every effort to attend — these remaining years of our Class relationships are becoming ever closer and sweeter.

We still (as of today) have 42 graduate classmates, four non-graduate classmates (Adler, Harry Matthews, Spiller and Terroella), and 27 class widows. That's quite a good showing for such an "antique" Class!

I urge all our Special Classmates to write from time to time to the Class widows to whom they have this special relationship. Remember that many of them do not subscribe to ASSEMBLY, and some of them must lead pretty lonely lives.

As you see, this has been a rather short letter, but it brings very affectionate greetings to one and all from Earll and me.

And, by the way, when you send out your Christmas cards, remember my rather brazen request that you address one to me, enclosing a brief message to the Class. I may not be able to quote them verbatim, due to space limitations in ASSEMBLY, but every one received in time for the Winter, 1969 issue of ASSEMBLY will be included. Au revoir again.

'15

Brig. Gen. Hume Peabody
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The Front Office is in a squeeze due to rising costs and printers' binding capabilities. Class Notes must be curtailed — our quota, one column, so we'll try to print all pertinent

news, but gripes, avar boastings, etc., will appear on space available basis only.

BAD NEWS: The following have joined the Ghostly Assemblage since last report: Ed **Sherburne** at Washington, D.C., 10 June; **Reinold Melberg** at Berkeley, 24 July; **Joedy Haw** at Santa Barbara, 22 Aug.; **John Dykes**, a Pechols Plebe Xmas victim, at Enid, Okla., 16 Jan. Also, at Richmond, Va., 14 June, **Sarah Arthur**, **Dogan's** widow. Our deepest sympathy to those left behind. An accolade to **Dad Herrick**, who was a tower of strength to **Germaine Melberg** throughout.

SICK REPORT: **Ike** continues to improve, praise be. **Fred Boye**, in **Walter Reed** after slight stroke, is making fine progress. **Henry Pendleton** A-Okay after major surgery at **Brooke**. Regret to report no significant change in condition of **Johnny Wogan**. Keep cards coming.

D.C. DOINGS: **Bea** and **Fred Boye** had a fine trip Canada late July. Mail strike. No mail. Not even bills. **Det** and **Laura Ellis** celebrated 53rd Anniversary KT party A-N Club. Some 50 freeloaders. **Ingrid** and **Sid Graves** are off for California taking in all possible National Parks going and coming. Lowdown later. **Mildred** and **Jack Harris** toured S.C. July visiting kinfolk. More fun. **Tom** and **Mary Larkin** off late August visit daughter **Eire** and later **Br. Isles**. Saw U.S. Team win Nation's Cup, **Dublin Horse Show**. Cheers. Still away. 9 July Class Luncheon proved following still ambulatory: **Aurand**, **Boye**, **Jack Davis**, **Ellis**, **Evans**, **Gillette**, **Harris**, **Larkin**, **Lyon**, **Wallington**, **Weart**. Same group less **Boye**, **Gillette**, **Larkin**, plus **Busbee** and **Moale**, made same formation 12 Aug. **Distaff Hall Gals** had big turnouts same dates. Hear tell gals had much fun **Aurand's** dinner party **McNair** late August and **Weart's** KT brawl A-N Club same week. Excuse, **Doug's** birthday. Thirty-nine? Late news: **Betty** and **Walt Hess** now Californians. Temporary APO: c/o **Anderson**, 19296 **Harleigh Dr.**, **Saratoga, Calif.** 95070.

GATORLAND GOSSIP: **Mary Welby** and **John Henry Cochran** partly summered N.C. to avoid humid heat **Dunedin**. Don't tell Fla. C. of C. Had nice visit **Mac** and **Johnny Wogan**, **Asheville**. **Gibby** and **Mary Gibson** survived Republican Convention — by not attending. Laughing at physical minuses, they keep morale 'way up. **Tom** and **Cecilia Hanley** have daughter and three grandkids nearby. Youngest son, **Jesuit priest**, making name in law as well as church. **Tom** says golf game lousy. Knowing him, sounds like "come on."

BLUE GRASS BLURB: **Cliff Jones** allows he and **Betty** highly satisfied **Blue Grass State**. Close to daughter's family. Also close to "Grand-Dad" in **Frankfort**.

PACIFIC POT SHOTS: **Dad Herrick** opines he holds record for most non-pay civic jobs in **Oakland**. **Earl Price**, **Sage of Cambria**, continues disregard own afflictions so can worry full time about Class sick list.

TEXAS TIDINGS: (Via **Woody Woodruff**) **Roscoe** admits a few physical complaints, but he and **Alice** are still perking. Saw **Margaret Mueller**, who was visiting sister and also **Hemisfair**. **Halcombs** getting along fine since **Bill** stopped walking through glass doors. **Mary** and **Mike Davis** going strong. **Leonards** off on another trip for heaven's sake. **Woody** keeps us in touch with **Brooke** reports on **Henry Pendleton**. All good. Hooray.

THIS AND THAT: **Mary** and **Cliff Tate** greatly enjoyed trip **Hawaii** and visit **Melbergs** on way home. Also had fine time **Leones'**

June Week. Hats off to **Babe Weyand** for a grand job on **Ike** in last issue.

CLOSING PRAYER: Please Sin, Brothers . meaning Send In News. 'Bye.

'16

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The big event this summer for Sixteeners in the San Francisco Bay Area was the visit of **Frances** and **Bob Walsh** on their long cross-country honeymoon trip. They had already driven about 6,000 miles by the time they reached San Francisco. They were recipients of the "Nineteen Sixteen Treatment" by way of a class dinner in their honor at the Presidio on 21 July. Hosts were **Eve** and **Bob McBride**, **Blanche** and **Roland Shugg**, **Carl Doney**, **Woody Woodward**, and **Laura** and **Dwight Johns**. **Virginia Doney** was absent on a quick trip to Spain, and **Helen Inglis** was absent at her summer cabin in the **Tetons**. Incidentally, **Frances** and **Bob** were married in March, not April, as I reported in the Spring ASSEMBLY Class Notes. A note received from **Bob** after their return to **Washington** says they are gradually recovering from their venture.

Bob McCullough writes that our report in the Spring ASSEMBLY that he had suffered a stroke "is news to ME!" We regret the erroneous reporting and congratulate **Bob** on his continuing good health.

On 9 June a new granddaughter, **Heather Joy**, arrived for **Mary** and **Stanley Scott**. She was born at **West Point**, and is the daughter of **Lt. Col.** and **Mrs. Gilbert Scott**. **Mary** and **Stan** visited her very early.

Marian and **Holland Robb** returned home about mid-June from a trip of a month during which they drove about 6,000 miles. **Marian** attended her 50th class reunion at **Madison, Wis.** They then went to **New England** where they saw **Kay** and **Bunny Barrows**. As reported earlier, **Bunny** has suffered a severe stroke and needs constant nursing care.

Peggy and **Fay Prickett** left home about 1 Aug. for a trip of about six weeks to **Arkansas**, **Colorado**, **Wyoming**, **Montana** and **Michigan**. They saw many friends and relatives, including three sisters whom **Fay** has not seen for years. One other **Prickett** item — they have two grandsons in this year's plebe class.

Bill Hoge traveled to **Washington State** again this summer to visit son **Bud** and family. Went to the coast for salmon fishing, caught several, and found them delicious eating.

Willie Wilson reports that **John Martin**, whose death was reported in the Summer ASSEMBLY, was his best man when he and **Dolly** were married at **El Paso** in 1917. **Willie** and **John** served together in the 16th Infantry in **Mexico** in 1916.

By the time these Notes are in print another ARMY-Navy Game will be in the records. Among Class gatherings to view it will be one hosted by **Helen Inglis** at her new home near **Santa Rosa, Calif.** Co-hosting will be **Woody Woodward** whose home is in **Sacramento**.

The happy news in the **Styer** family this summer was the return of son **Colonel George D. Styer** (**Norwich University** 1942) and family from three years in **Germany**. There **George** was successively **Logistics Comman-**

der, 3rd Armored Division, Chief of Staff, 3rd Armored Division, and G4, V Corps. They visited **Doe** and **Bill** at **Coronado** for two weeks and are now with the **Sixth Army** at the **Presidio of San Francisco**. The **Styer's** oldest granddaughter is attending school in the East and the second will continue at the **University of Maryland**. She started her college work at the extension facility of **U. of M.** at **Munich, Germany**. The two youngest grandchildren, a girl of 13 and a boy of 12, are in school in the **San Francisco** area.

Bobbie O'Hare visited **Peggy Neyland** at **Sarasota, Fla.**, for 10 days in **March**. Also, **Bobbie** is going on a "voyage of antiquity" in **October** and **November**, visiting ruins in **North Africa**, the **Greek Islands**, **Asia Minor** and **Greece**. We know the trip will be delightful, **Bobbie**. **Kay Barrows** says **Bunny** is in a nursing home at **Marblehead, Mass.** Address the **Devereaux Nursing Home**, 39 **Lafayette Street**. I am sure he would appreciate a card from any and all of us. **Tom Martin** is happy to report that his arthritis is improving. We rejoice with you, **Tom**. **Helen Inglis** writes from her cabin in **Wyoming** of an interesting summer among her many good friends there and with members of her family visiting her from time to time.

In an earlier edition of **Class Notes** I reported that there were seven 1916 great-grandchildren. Now **Kay Barrows** reports that she and **Bunny** have a great-granddaughter—our eighth great-grandchild.

Ray Moses says he doesn't use an electric cart for his golf either. (**Woody Woodward** please take note) His **Marjorie** does not golf, but is an active flower gardener who produces excellent results.

Boots and **Bill Spence** had a real family reunion this summer. Their son and family, **Lt. Col.** and **Mrs. Craig Spence** with three sons visited from **West Point**; **Mr.** and **Mrs. Wm. Spence** with four children visited from **Austin, Tex.**; and **Col.** and **Mrs. B. Grant Taylor Jr.**, son-in-law and daughter of the **Spences** with four children are stationed at **Fort Sam Houston** so they joined the family party. The visitors spent much time at **HemisFair**. **Maurice Miller** says he had made nine visits to the **Fair** and finds something new each time.

Alma and **Doug Page** claim to be doing fine. **Alma** had a minor operation and was in **Brooke Army Hospital** several days. **George Newgarden** has an 18-foot boat on the coast near **Corpus Christi**. It has bunks for four and a 156 horsepower in-board-out-board motor. **George** and son **George Jr.**, who is retired and working at **Corpus Christi**, recently had a successful fishing expedition. **Fanny Tully's** daughter **Frances** and her husband have retired and built a home in **San Antonio**. **Fanny's** son **Larkin** (**USMA '44**) is stationed at **Fort Sam Houston** and her son **Bobby** (**USMA '46**) is now in **Vietnam** for his second tour.

Mary and **Dick Worsham** celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on 17 Aug. **Jeanette** and **Doc Reinhart** expect to visit their son **Stanley** and daughter-in-law at **West Point** this fall to make the acquaintance of their eighth grandchild—a grandson—born in **July**, and to be there for his christening. **Doe** and **Bill Styer** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in **September**. This brings our **Sixteen** total to fourteen. Do not fail to let me know about yours!

Blanche and **Roland Shugg** spent about a month in **Mexico** again this fall, fishing and swimming. They go to **Guaymas** and **Mazatlan**.

Buddie Guyer Townes writes enthusiastically of a recent trip to Grand Bahama Island. Jean Lange had a lovely vacation trip to Minnesota, Otto's home state, recently with her son Lee and his family. Traveled by plane, train, car, boat, and INNER TUBE. It seems the last named is used to go skimming down the swift current of Apple River, Wis., by young, old, and middle-aged alike. We have to admire great-grandmother Jean!

Caroline Irvine went to Washington in October. Murph planned to join her there and the two go on a trip to Spain. The Gallagher's daughter, Mimi White of Utah, and teenage daughter visited them this summer, and they all visited the Gallagher's youngest daughter, Laurie Hackett at Rehoboth, Del.

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At the 21 Oct lunch in Washington Louis Ford, having received the majority of the votes of the Class, was inaugurated as Class President.

Kewp and Gay Yuill have bought a house and moved to Dallas, where their son, Charles Jr., lives with his family. Soon after their arrival Kewp found the Texas heat too much for him and took off on a trip to look over his forest in Vanderbilt, Mich.

For the time being the regular monthly class lunches in D.C. have been discontinued. Besides the 21 Oct lunch there will be a lunch with the ladies on Saturday 19 Apr at the Army-Navy Club.

In June Dan and Millie Noce entertained classmates in the Washington area at their modern and attractive new home, Covington Farm, near Sperryville, Va. After a fine picnic lunch on the lawn, with the Blue Ridge Mts. in the distance, Dan took some of us on a tour of his farm, where he raises beef cattle and grain. The new farm is large, but much smaller than the 1,200 acres he farmed before. The accompanying picture was made at the Noces' farm.

A card from George and Mary Wooley in August reports, "We motored 2,500 miles

out here to spend a few sunny weeks with Bob and his family. Delicious fresh oranges and grapefruit daily from his 30 trees are a big treat for us. Rather than give up his nice home here (in Scottsdale, Ariz.) and be transferred to Oklahoma City, Bob left G.E. after 19-years-service and is now general manager of DISCOM, Inc., a subsidiary of Talley Industries. We had an interesting and exciting trip. At a Holiday Inn in Little Rock some 'civil righters' tried to break into our room at midnight, but failed."

Here is Matt Ridgway's account of his and Penny's recent activities. "Work on my book, THE KOREAN WAR, published by Doubleday & Co. in October of last year occupied the major part of my time for the preceding five years. It also served to keep me out from under foot at home. In addition, I have been serving on various Boards of Directors and Trustees and on the Public Safety Committee of the borough in which Penny and I live—Fox Chapel. One of these assignments has called for extensive travel, on all of which Penny has happily accompanied me and borne witness to my good behavior. Three trips to Europe, with return to many places we had known and liked during our SACEUR service, with the added pleasure of visiting East Berlin (where I was formerly PERSONA NON GRATA), and Vienna and Geneva, where neither of us had ever been. Three trips to the Orient, as far afield as Bangkok and my old favorite Baguio, in the Mountain Province of Luzon as well as happy return trips to see old friends and familiar places in Japan and Korea; and two trips all around South America, which took us back to other friends and places of which we had delightful memories, and to some new ones, notably Cuzco in Peru. As all of these travels have been by air, we now rather look forward to a more leisurely journey or two by sea. With Matt Jr. now a sophomore at Bucknell, this may be possible. He has maintained the family travel record, having, with nine others, completed an eight-week trip by canoe, with plenty of hazards, in northern Quebec, negotiating the Eastmain River to its mouth in James Bay last summer, and now having just returned from his sixth summer in the Canadian Northland, where he was asked to serve as guide for a group of 12. This proved valuable experience. Maybe he will

become a professional guide; I always hankered after a job like that. Anyway he has inherited Penny's and my love for the outdoors, though unlike us, he seems to really enjoy being bait for mosquitoes and black flies. Incidentally, he was high rifle all Freshman year on the University Rifle Team. I wish it were safe for him to thin out the innumerable chipmunks which burrow all over our place, and keep down the starlings and pigeons we would like to be rid of."

Fred Irving is general chairman of the 1968 fund drive for the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation. He has been active in this field since his and Vivian's twin grandsons, children of their daughter, Betsy Maish, developed c.f. They were the National Cystic Fibrosis Children one year while Eisenhower was President.

Henry J. Schroeder Jr. has been nominated and confirmed for promotion to brigadier general. After completing a year in Vietnam, he was back on a 30-day leave in Sept, then returned, voluntarily, to command the Second Field Forces V. Artillery. Bob Schroeder returned recently with his family from a tour of duty in Germany.

A U G '17

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Holding Class Notes down as requested by ASSEMBLY editors reduces the news to essentially vital statistics. For a class in our age bracket, these are obviously of the greatest interest. There is sad news aplenty this time.

Norman McNeill died 19 July at his home in Bethesda. Our sympathy goes out to Carol and to their daughter. Mac was such a fine guy. Joe Cohen's death in August surprised those of us who had been with him at luncheons and at our Fiftieth. He was always good humored and seemingly without physical ills. We know that Bessie and the family will remember Joe fondly as we do.

Dorothy Wagner died 27 Aug after an intermittent illness begun this summer. Interment was at Martinsburg in a truly lovely spot. Your Scribe attended the funeral—a very slight evidence of the deep sympathy which the class has for Honus and for Dorothy's sisters.

Death ended a year's-long struggle for Margaret Bringham. Of her four sons, only John in Nepal was unable to get home. Bill, en route to Germany, took her ashes to Bath, New York. Margaret and Harriet Rising were childhood friends, and the two families were close in later years. Fortunately Harriet and Harry were in their summer home and could represent the Class.

Losing Margaret was not the only blow to Bob Bringham. Confined mostly to a wheel chair, he is having difficulty in getting a satisfactory housekeeper. A sprained back put him in the hospital, and while there, he has decided to follow the advice of his specialist by having an operation on his osteoarthritic hip. Good luck, Bob!

Still among the ailing but less seriously, we hear that Swede Sarcka can't drive because of weepy eyes. Minor disasters kept him away from Winter Park last winter, but his spirits are good, and he has a good chauffeur. Jules and Catherine Schaefer recognize the limitations of age by moving into an apartment—The Hillcrest, 115 South Rutan, Wichita, Kan. 67218. Similarly, Pete and



Apr '17: Dan and Millie Noce entertain classmates in Washington area at their home, Covington Farm, near Sperryville, Virginia. Left to right: Vander Hyden, Crump, Elizabeth Vander Hyden (daughter), Yuill, Suzanne Crump, Heavey, Ford, Enriette Schroeder, Eley, Noce, Emily Tully, Dot Eley, Irving, Elizabeth Vander Hyden, Vivian Irving, Helen Ford, Eagles, Dot Eagles.

Gertrude Purvis will henceforth be found at 3133 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C. 20008.

Biff Jones finally lost the battle for his eye and is now like Tommy Jenkins except that he doesn't blame "The Turk." His morale is excellent, and he is already trumpeting the call for our November heterosexual luncheon.

In shifting to the exuberantly healthy, Kit Carson makes a neat transition. After a routine X-ray his doctor announced a spot on the lung and was ready to work on it. Wiser counsel prevailed. Two subsequent pictures proved that the spot was on the film, not on the lung. Drinks all around!

Bart Harloe, who looks every day more like my ideal of a senator, finds only the high cost of living in Honolulu to complain of. Lucky Custis, summering in the High Sierra, told about wearing sweaters at a time we in Washington were prostrated by heat and humidity. Henry Demuth, also reveling in health, exulted in low Oregon temperatures. Sam Ringsdorff talks of being wired together, but it seems to be a very ambulatory job. If Harry Rising and Pete Conner have anything wrong with them it's undue concern for fishing.

The girls don't complain. One appeared at the first ladies' luncheon of the fall so slim and vivacious that she was pressed for the secret. It was YOGA! Now there is a daily solitary period for husbands while the girls practice yoga in camera.

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Comments on our 50th Reunion continue to come in. Lack of space permits only a few. A high spot in the life of the Axelson family, in spite of their enthusiastic love for Daytona Beach and its many attractions.

A great time at the Academy wrote Kitty Boineau. It was startling how well all of us looked. Time doesn't abolish our camaraderie, it only dims it a little.

It was grand to see and visit with so many whom we had not seen in years, wrote Pat Casey. They have now sold their N.Y. apartment and purchased a home in Naples, Fla., where they shall be located thru the winter and spring, spending the summer and early fall at their Vt. home.

Full of many pleasant experiences wrote Paul Hurt. We are indebted to those who encouraged members of the class to come back. It was a red letter trip for us.

Your Scribe can vouch that these encouragements came even from non-members of the alumni. For example: The Lorences have reason to remember their send-off, by their neighbors, to the 50th Reunion. A two-inch thick custard pie arrived, full of the goodness of fresh eggs, butter and cream of our friendly road (the Colonel's favorite they call it) plus a specially written poem entitled "As You Celebrate." I only have room to quote two verses:

Half a century ago
'Twas West Point that became
The Alma Mater of a friend
We're very glad to claim.

We thank the Lord that you folks
With no more need to roam,
Chose this part of New Hampshire
To be your future home.

Dick McKee wrote of the comradeship and the pleasure of seeing and visiting with so many classmates and wives and widows. It was most enjoyable and too short. At Hamilton AFB, the McKees were joined by Harry Sherman who had known Louise before they were married. On account of his recent stroke, Harry had appointed Dick to look out for him; whereas, Harry turned tables and was looking out for both the McKees.

And now for a bit of general news. In our quarterly letter we gave you the Cobbs' new address for permanent retirement in Arizona. Jigger wrote too much high humidity and quick temperature changes to a dryer climate. Nell said because of the excellent source of material in the library at U. of Ariz., and to complete her third book.

Growley reports son Tom, Major of Inf., is back in Vietnam as an advisor at Ca Mau, Mekong Delta area. Last report from the Horrs' showed over 7,500 mi. of travel with 4,000 to go—all in connection with their Reunion trip. Treasurer Tom Kern enclosed his fiscal yr. '68 Class Fund account about which I wrote briefly in last quarterly letter. With Washington weather at 95 and 50 per cent humidity with overworked motors and overloaded power companies, Tom is continually running into new air conditioning problems. Thoroughly enjoying his work, Tom has no intention of retiring yet.

The Lorences' summer visitors included Alice Kramer, the Hamiltons and the Robinsons. We visited with Frances George at Concord recently, discussing Paul's memorial among other things. Jim Marshall keeps fairly busy as village mayor and Mabel has her church chores to keep her out of mischief. Son Bob, Class '43, made the recent BG list and will probably be promoted by year's end. He is with the Sentinel Project at Redstone Arsenal.

A premonition to cancel plans for attending the Reunion by Bob and Eleanor Offley proved correct, as Bob spent a 39-day sojourn at the Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital. Out of the hospital and in good shape again, they relaxed on a six-weeks' ocean cruise to the Orient, Bob hoping to visit some of his old foxholes in the Philippines he enjoyed so much during World War II.

Bee Rundell expressed Earl's great appreciation for the many notes he received telling how much the Rundells were missed at the Reunion. A rugged summer for Earl included re-entering the hospital in mid-August where he had 15 blood transfusions to stop hemorrhaging. Bee and daughter Bobbie have been with Earl constantly, a wonderful and cheerful patient throughout his ordeal.

Tommy Tompkins phoned that son Charles has won his senior life saving certificate. He is a student at Fryburg (Maine) Academy.

Heinie Baish, Jody Tansy's brother, is now in the Powhatan Nursing Home, 2100 No. Powhatan St., Falls Church, Va. A year ago he was stricken with two strokes, and exhaustive tests at both Walter Reed and the Veterans Hospitals proved he had a blood clot and aneurism on the left side of his brain. His right side is completely paralyzed, and he is speechless. Pat and Jody visit Heinie often. At times he is alert and seems to recognize them; at other times they get no response. During his alert periods Jody reads the get-well cards with their notes, and Heinie comes forth with a smile. Heinie's son, on duty at the Pentagon, and his daughter visit him daily. Your Scribe knows Heinie would enjoy hearing from classmates.

It just about broke Jody and Pat Tansy's

hearts not to be able to attend the Reunion. Both have been ailing and with Heinie so seriously ill, they felt better off to stay close to home. This was also their son Ted's 25th Reunion, but he is in Vietnam (for the 3rd time). With the 7th Div he has just been decorated with the Cross of Gallantry with palm in combat, the highest decoration of South Vietnam. During World War II Jody had Pat and one son fighting in the Pacific and two sons (all WP grads) in the Battle of the Bulge in Europe. Both sons were seriously wounded but survived the ordeal. A son-in-law is also a WP grad and one son a NA grad. Quite a record, with 19 grandchildren ready to follow in their footsteps. Makes your Scribe's heart pound with pride for June '18 and its offspring.

So long till next time.



Nov '18: Class son—November 1918 at June Week exercises. Left to right: Col. Edwin M. Rhoads, USMA Jun '43 and class cup winner; Esther W. Rhoads (Mrs. Mark); Capt. Mark Rhoads, USMA Nov '18, and Irene R. Rhoads (Mrs. E.M.)

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The Barnes' Plan is beginning to work. The Regional Veeps are establishing more intimate contact with their constituents and are sending in grist for the mill.

Frank Cunningham has five grandchildren, one more than listed in the Class Directory. Helen and Hunk Holbrook are planning a Class Party for 1 November, our real 50th Anniversary. It will be at their house, 5016 Loughboro Rd., NW., Washington, D.C. All who can be in Washington that evening be sure to mark your calendars now. At the last Class Lunch we voted that the party should be Dutch Treat.

We all miss Cindy Watkins. He passed away 15 June at the Fort Benning Hospital. Martha wrote that Cindy talked constantly of his classmates.

Dottie and Elmer Barnes are spending the summer with their daughter in Salem, Ore., and report the weather "almost too cool," while the rest of us are enjoying temperatures in the high 90's. They are due back in Washington 15 September. The Valentines are at Green Lake, Me., through October. Bette and Lew Yoder are on a cruise of the South Pacific, due to return to Washington 15 August.

"Corp" has sent in a swell photograph taken at the Reunion of The Man Who Won the Cup and his family. I hope that the

editor will be able to include it near this article. Left to right it shows Col. Edwin M. Rhoads, June '43, Class Godson, Esther W. Rhoads (Mrs. Mark), THE CUP, Capt. Mark Rhoads, '18, Irene R. Rhoads (Mrs. Edwin M.).

Dick Babbitt has been quite ill and is now in a nursing home in Orlando, Fla. Johnny Sherman is unable to travel but writes that they welcome calls. Pete Hatch has been in Walter Reed since June. Bob and Tiny Schow have completed their move and are residing at Boca Raton Sq., 1280 SW 7th St., Boca Raton, Fla. 33432. Tiny writes that her daughter, Bobby Ann has seen Frances Middleton in Atlanta.

The George Keyzers have both undergone serious surgery, but are reported to be making satisfactory recoveries. The Mackenzies, Moores, Knudsens and Pearsons are reported doing well in the San Antonio area. Chris Knudsen worked too hard in the hot weather of early summer and had some ticker trouble, so was in hospital during the Reunion but is now marked for duty. Howell Cocke, on a pleasure trip to Hawaii, won a bottle of champagne for predicting within 10 seconds the half-way point time. Jim Styron has turned his business over to his son and spends his time keeping in shape playing golf. He lost his wife quite suddenly, a blow which understandably kept him away from the Reunion. Margaret Carroll, Red Carroll's widow, visited the Pearsons in San Antonio in June on her way back from a trip to Mexico. She now lives in Newburgh, N.Y. Two of Red's sons are in the service—lieutenant colonels—one just finished the War College.

The Bixbys, on a trip to Riverside, Calif., missed the Shalers at LaGuna Hills but stayed two days with the Gildarts at Hemet. Bix got beaten at horseshoes, but fails to report golf scores.

Col. Zeba B. Ogdan, our Dave's son writes: "Dad has been getting progressively worse since mother died. He has had a number of strokes and complications. I kept him with me as long as possible, but on the doctor's advice he is now in a convalescent hospital. He is happy and comfortable. I would appreciate it if you would pass the word along to his classmates since I am unable to answer every letter he receives. I do my best. Dad now has two and one-half granddaughters and five grandsons on my side and a grandson and granddaughter on my brother's side of the family. I am in the Regular Air Force, Base Commander at Castle. My brother is in business in Seattle."

The Winns are back in Carmel after a trip to Eastern Canada. Ginny is recovering from a broken shoulder caused by a fall.

Bill Blair's son, Bill Jr., and his wife provided him with another granddaughter, Karen Lee, 18 April. Helen and Cornie Hahn have a new granddaughter, Cristina Lynne, born 7 July to the David Hahns. David got his B.B.Adm. from U. of Colorado in June.

John Buchanan is reported back at 5107 N. 24th Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. He has been at Letterman for surgery; an early recovery is expected. Herbert Gambill died around 1958. His widow, Mrs. Ethel M. Gambill, lives at 1111 5th Place, Las Vegas, Nev. 89104.

Frank Huston devotes a lot of his time to his garden. Kittybelle Benton enjoys her friends in Denver. Her daughter, Elinor, is married and lives in California. Field is a successful Denver lawyer, and the youngest son, Jim, lives at home. Bill Blair is busy between Sterling and his mountain property. He does not seem to have quite retired yet.

René Pinto is back home in San Diego, recovered. He gave us all a fright at the Reunion picnic. He really had pneumonia. The West Point Hospital kept him in bed for two weeks and put him on his feet.

The ubiquitous Archie Colwell covers so much territory that almost every Regional Veep reported on some of his activities. He attended the encampment of the famous Bohemian Club at Bohemia Grove, Calif. He later visited the Al Millers who threw a wing-ding on 24 July. Arch brought his slides of the 45th and 50th Reunion which were greatly enjoyed. Present: Butlers, Ericsons, Gillespies, Grolinskis, Hughes, Kendalls, Monroes, Wilsons A.M., Eddie Pope, Jess Rogers and Alice Kramer. All in good health except Johnny Hughes with his arm in a sling due to a cut hand. Johnny Stokes was greatly missed. He is in Stanford University Hospital. Arch promises to be at the 1 November party at the Holbrooks in Washington, complete with all his musical instruments, cameras, projectors, and slides. He also promises to bring Bunny and Bob Coolidge.

The Washington group has lost one of its most popular and active members. Joe Moss' wife, Dottie, was laid to rest at Arlington on 29 July. She will be greatly missed.

Helen Williamson has had a cottage at Rehoboth Beach, Del., this summer. Her daughter, Alice, with her husband, Jay Kinahan, who represents DuPont in Europe, living in Switzerland, is on "home leave," so Helen has had them and their children with her as well as her other daughter, Vee (Mrs. Harold Holt), and her family. The Conrads, Ethel, young Bryan and your Scribe spent a few days at the Henlopen Hotel and enjoyed very much seeing Helen and her tribe, picnicking, kite flying, surfing and swimming with them all.

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The Class Notes which covered the period March to May were written in early June and will be included in the Summer issue, to be received in the early fall; these notes which you are now reading were written in early September. It is obviously not feasible to report in these columns the current status of our forthcoming 50-Year Reunion or the 50-Year Book, but the preparatory work on both projects has gone ahead. The first task, of course, was to make up a current mailing list of classmates and widows. Bunker Bean has been of great help in getting current addresses of some classmates through their pay accounts, and the Army Area Reunion Chairmen have been successful in locating others whose addresses had changed in recent years. Count Wilson reported that a large proportion of our classmates and several widows living in the Sixth Army Area expect to attend the reunion. All of the Army Area Reunion Chairmen report a most enthusiastic response and are hopeful that we will have a very large attendance in June. Further report regarding plans for the Reunion will be made in the next issue of ASSEMBLY.

Bob Crichlow, editor of the 50-Year Book, has sent questionnaires to 256 classmates and widows seeking biographical and other data. At this time only about 165 replies have been received. If the book is to be published, as we hope, soon after the 50-Year Reunion, Bob needs to receive the completed questionnaires as soon as possible. Those who

have received a questionnaire but have not returned it are urged to do so at once; and anyone who has not received (or has misplaced) his questionnaire is urged to write to Maj. Gen. Robert W. Crichlow, 6500 Spring Terrace, Falls Church, Va. 22042.

Word has been received of the death of John Works on 9 Dec 67, Julius Slack on 31 May 68, and Jack Raean on 28 June 68. Jack had taken many of the photographs included in the Thirty-Five Year Book, and we had hoped he could take more pictures of our 50-Year Reunion. He was buried at West Point. After the funeral Alex wrote to Mike Brannon: "Could I thank the Class of '19 through you for the beautiful flowers and sympathy sent to Johnny and me from so many members of the Class? It warmed my heart and truly gave me the strength to bear my grief." Augustus W. Cockrell, one of our non-graduate classmates, died 9 Aug 68. Rosalind, wife of Roy Green, died 18 June 68 and was buried at West Point.

Jazz Parsons returned from his home in Heidelberg, accompanied by Anne, for a check-up and some surgery at Walter Reed. He should soon be on his way back to Germany. Gene McGinley also had a spell in Walter Reed, earlier in the year. We hope he will soon be back on the golf course breaking par. Helen Bryan, Pinkey's widow, was recently married to Maj. Gen. William L. Barriger (June '18), who lives in Fairfax County, Va. We are sorry to lose her from our Class, but wish her happiness.

Joe Phelps, who lives at Mill Point, Bozman, Md. 21612, in a most attractive section of the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay, had his home broken into while he and Marion were out for dinner. The thieves took their TV sets and all of their hollow silver, including the class tea set. If any classmate has a set (either tea or coffee) which he would part with, or knows of a possible set, he is urged to write to Joe. He was informed by Bailey, Banks and Biddle that they could not replace the set. Joe claims to be the first great-grandfather of our class—any contest?

The McAuliffes enjoyed a trip to the west in the summer, going out by rail through southern Canada, then south into California, where they saw Tom and Dee McGregor in their lovely home in Pebble Beach, and Jim and Mary Phillips in their attractive home at Carmel. How Helen persuaded Tony to take the trip remains a mystery, but he did manage to include a reunion of the 101st Abn. Div. on the way back to Washington. Mike and Marjorie Brannon enjoyed 10 days in the White Mountains of New Hampshire after Labor Day. Herb and Anabel Jones returned in September from a visit in New Hampshire to complete arrangements to sell their Washington house and move into an apartment. Of the 24 classmates living in the immediate vicinity of Washington, 10 now live in apartments.

Pewee Collier writes from San Antonio that Bob and Roda Springer are on an extended trip (Hawaii?), due to return in September; Chic and Elsie Noble also were traveling. Ike Lawrence writes that he and Margie celebrated their 46th anniversary by staying home at Longboat Key, Sarasota, Fla., where they were visited by their three daughters with their respective families, including nine grandchildren, but not all at the same time! We hope that Ralph Bassett, who lives with Mary at El Cajon, Calif., will attend our 50th Reunion, at which time his son, Robert, will graduate; Ralph's grandson, Ben S. Brown Jr., is the first grandson of our Class. Packy and Elaine McFarland took a trip by air

in June and July from Phoenix, Ariz., to Los Angeles, Panama City, Caracas, Port of Spain, Kingston, Montego Bay, Nassau, Miami, and with various stops back to Phoenix. It sounds pretty lush. Linc and Elsie Dillaway moved on 7 Sept from Lafayette to Pebble Beach, Calif.

News of Skelly Skelton of Columbus, Ga., is that despite a cataract developing in one eye, he won the Championship Trophy of the Seniors Golf Association. He reports that his son, Winfred G. Jr., '50, won his Eagles on 19 Aug 1968 (that is just a bit more time than it took his dad to get captain's bars); he was promoted to major, lieutenant colonel, and colonel each time on the five percent list. Skelly says his son is a chip off the old block—how about that?

Bob Carter, who is living in Paris, wrote: ". . . several days ago we heard shooting four blocks from where we live. Without knowing it we ran into a demonstration at the Latin Quarter—on the first day of the outbreaks. We left as soon as we could. We plan to spend the month of July at Megave (in the mountains near Chamonix) . . ." Bunker Bean writes that his son, Maj. Richard J., '55, recently was wounded in the relief of Khe Sanh; he is assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Bunker retired from Merrill Lynch in 1963, but still has an office in the Indianapolis branch of that firm. Harris Scherer, your erstwhile Scribe, writes that he and Gretchen expect to return to Washington in early September. Their daughter, Gretchen, had been visiting them while completing work on her MA degree at the U. of South Florida; she teaches French in San Francisco. Les Flory's son, Robert A., '56, Artillery, graduated from the C&GS College and in September went to Vietnam. The Washington group was happy to have Gus Broberg join them at the monthly luncheon on 11 Sept; he had made a quick trip from Altadena, Calif., to New York and Washington. He seemed to have lost none of his youthful vigor.

'20

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Much Class news, not all of it good, comes from Florida.

Frank Henning's wife, Celeste, died 5 September 1968. Burial at Arlington was attended by 11 Classmates who served as Honorary Pallbearers: Burns, Farrell, Garvin, Gillette, Hayden, Holle, Mitchell, J.D., Mitchell, W.L., Rehm, Samouce and Tully. Frank's son, Lieut. Col. Frank A. III, USMA '50, flew in from Vietnam. A younger son, Bill, of Atlanta, was also present, in addition to other family members and friends.

Joe Rosseau, who with Russ Eastman, Charley Ivins, and Fatima Lastayo comprise the Class in sunny southeast Florida, sends greetings: "The West Point Society (south Florida) of Miami, has really come to life under the presidency of Russ. . . . We have a luncheon meeting on the second Monday of each month, 12:30, Chesapeake Seafood House, 3906 - 36th Street, NW., Miami. We shall welcome any Classmate or any Alumnus, for that matter. . . . We all look forward to June 70."

Charlie West tells of a recent visit with Leland and Myra Smith in St. Petersburg, and sends a picture of himself, John McNulty, Bill Crist, Bigun Travis, and Leland, as proof of a pleasant gathering. Mac Mc-

Quarrie was down from Crystal River but had to leave early. Leland's grandson graduated from the Point last June.

Pop Lunn, of Shreveport, reports a pleasant trip through Florida, during which he and Mary Blanche were entertained by, or saw Donna and Hardy Hill at Ponta Vedra Beach, Frances and Jeff Box at Jacksonville Beach, Charlie West and Eddie Edmonson in Gainesville. Pop and Eddie were roommates in Beast Barracks, and recalled that Eddie was the first member of our Class to walk the area. Pop was impressed with the hospitality offered and the pleasant living enjoyed by all those seen in the Sunshine State, and all are looking forward to our 50th.

Loper Lowry, of Tampa, has two cataract operations successfully completed, and is getting used to his new "permanent" glasses.



1920: Charlie West tells of a recent visit with Leland and Myra Smith in St. Petersburg, and sends a picture of himself, John McNulty, Bill Crist, Bigun Travis, and Leland, as proof of a pleasant gathering. Mac McQuarrie was down from Crystal River but departed early.

He observes that wrestling with the ills of age beats the only alternative.

Much news has been gleaned from Classmates' letters to Class Officers incidental to Class business. Bill Tomey of Sebring recalls to us that his mother, who died recently, was Red Cross representative at West Point during World War I, and was known by many cadets.

Dick and Nena Singer, of San Antonio, were recent callers on the Holles in Washington. All Classmates should know that much of the onerous work of the Class Officers, including occasional typing of these notes, is actually done by Anne Holle. She can even read the scribbling which those of us without secretaries or ability to type inflict upon her. One Classmate, more or less seriously, suggests that all current Class Officers retire and let her have the honor as well as the work.

Clancy McFadden is still active as part time trust officer (1 November to 1 June) of a bank in Salt Lake City—the rest of the year being for Rest and Recuperation. Mac suggests that more space in the notes might be given to "Class Babies who have made the Army a career." His own son, Jack, USMA '45, is Colonel, Signal Corps, and recently assigned from Vietnam to STRICOM at MacDill AFB. Mac and Pauline look forward to visits to Florida and the opportunity to see Classmates in that area.

Jack Goff writes from Tacoma that he made it back from the East with a stop in North Dakota in July. Jack says that he,

Hippo Swartz and George Bare try to play golf with a little help and some amusement on the part of Ray Welch. He sees J.F. Wahl from down in Oregon, from time to time.

Clarence Clendenen has his manuscript "Blood on the Border" enthusiastically accepted by Macmillan, for publication this fall. Congratulations! Al Perwein, writing from San Antonio, recalls many interesting incidents of his service. He should have considerable pride in his prowess in baseball as a cadet, and later in tennis, when he won several Corps Area and State championships. Bill Withers writes that he and Bunky are well and busy in Kerrville, Tex. He has dropped several of his local activities, but is still active in Youth Center and Rotary. George Doolittle and Rosalie recently suffered a serious automobile accident. Although George was unhurt, Rosalie was not so fortunate, and the car was a total wreck. She was home and slowly recuperating, in mid-July.

The August luncheon at Washington Army-Navy Club (second Monday) was graced by the attendance of Pinky Gilbert from Fort Myers, Fla., who was visiting a son in Alexandria, Va. Pinky and Clovis Byers regaled the group with how they had been Classmates at Ohio State before entering the Academy, were best man at each other's wedding, and had considerable service together. Pinkie and Esher Burkart (another recent luncheon visitor) are running an equitation school for young ladies (young enough to be interesting) in Fort Myers. Others attending were Burns, Cassidy, Dillon, Downing, Farrell, Fisher, Hayden, Holle, Merritt, Mitchell, J.D. and W.L., Rehm, Stratton and Tully.

Crump Garvin, visiting in Washington with wife, Olive, had intended to make the September luncheon, which was called off on account of Celeste Henning's funeral on the same day.

P.C. Kelly suffered an acute coronary thrombosis on 5 August and was in the hospital under intensive care.

In mid-August, "P.D." Fisher also suffered a very severe heart attack and was in the intensive care ward for two weeks. At the time of writing, he is recovered to the extent that he is in a regular ward and can receive visitors. Our sincerest wishes for good recovery go to both "P.D." and Paul.

Jim and Ross Cullum recently entertained a weekend group consisting of the Bessells, McCulloughs, Partridges, Robinsons and Strattons at their home in Avalon, N.J. Sid Hinds was in the recent tryouts for the Olympic Pistol Team, and although he made a creditable showing, he didn't quite make the team. Dinty Moore writes that he has been in and out of the Mobile Hospital with a peptic ulcer.

Charlie Holle has recovered sufficiently from his surgery last April, that he and Anne plan to visit Europe for a few weeks, primarily to attend the Annual Meeting of the Permanent Commission of the International Association of Navigation Congresses, in Monaco, on 1-4 October, and also visit son Kendrick who is on duty at Allied Forces Central Command Headquarters, Brunssum, The Netherlands.

'21-'22

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As this is written in the middle of September, there is a dearth of class news.

A fine letter from Ed Lynch to me is supported by one that he wrote to Harry Haas. He and Bea are still very active, and their time flies as they try to keep in a routine. He plans to continue to teach full time at the U. of Texas and has recently had three articles published on business research and business history. He still researches personnel management. Their son teaches and heads the educational TV station at the U. of Georgia.

Ed sees Bob and Janet Taylor only occasionally but said that they were well at last report and kept busy sitting with grandchildren.

Harry and Hazel Haas made another trip at a visit to Cape Cod, this time in May and early June, but again they had miserable weather. They did arrive back in Jacksonville in time to welcome their daughter and family who have moved from Halifax, N.S. Another grandchild is expected in September.

The Lees have spent the last 13 summers on Nantucket Island, 30 miles out in the ocean from Cape Cod, "but we don't arrive until June when the weather begins to be perfect. This summer our normal routine was happily broken by the unexpected appearance of two classmates."

Ida and Giles Carpenter spent a few days here, visiting friends who are summer neighbors of ours, and we had a chance to give them our Jeep tour of the scenic island. They were both in top shape and were flying from here to Rome, N.Y., and Sparta, Wisc., to visit their young folk. Earlier this year they had taken their 37-ft. Chris Craft down the Intercoastal waterway to Daytona to meet up with the young families and take them alternately to the Florida Keys, Bimini, and Grand Bahama.

A couple of weeks later there was a surprise call from Pat Strong. He and Mary with another attractive couple had arrived in Nantucket harbor and wanted more company at drinking time. It didn't take long for us to meet him with his dinghy and have a fun visit on his large sloop STRONGHOLD. Pat had brought it up from Savannah with other friends, and Mary had met him at New Bedford for the summer sailing cruise along the New England coast.

Among the flying Orioles are Lucile and Andy Anderson who sent a card from Vienna where they had spent three days of a three-week Alpine tour. They were due back in mid-August and hoped to take a three-week tour to Africa in October.

Any classmates who expect to be in the Southeast this winter should contact Andy or Johnny R.H. for details of the February reunion down there.

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Since these notes are written without benefit of seeing the June Week issue of ASSEMBLY and on the Editor's repeated urging, they will be telegraphic again and there may be some omissions. Give me your reaction to the new program. The Editor is doing his best to make ASSEMBLY even more attractive and readable. He deserves our support. The Washington Group must depend, in large part, on ASSEMBLY to get news and plans to you. Consequently, we would like to urge you to continue your subscription and to urge members of the Class who are not subscribing now to come into the fold.

There have been several suggestions that

we publish a key to the Class picture taken at Reunion. I submitted a list by row of those in it with the last notes. In the meantime, George Heaney has sent me a diagram of the picture with as many of the persons identified as he could spot. The diagram has the faces numbered. After I see the ASSEMBLY, I'll see what we can do about a key either for ASSEMBLY or a special report on the Reunion. Thanks to George for his good work.

Class Luncheons are planned at Myer on the third Wednesday of September, November, February, and April. In October, January, March, and May we will meet with the local West Point Society.

At the September luncheon, the Washington group voted to have a 47½ Reunion in the Fall of 1970 and designated Wendell Johnson to run it.

Robinson writes that nine of the proposals made by the Veterans Advisory Commission have already become law. He expects more to be considered when the new Congress meets. The progress of the recommendations merits your attention. Robby says Dorothy is recovering from her operation but is not yet as mobile as she hopes to be.

Our Abou Forstall Adams awoke one night from a deep dream of peace and saw within the street lamp glow in his hall, not an angel, but an intruder! Armed with a cane, Forstall gave hot pursuit causing the visitor to trample Elsie's petunias in his flight. So far no arrest!

All you joggers can get a bit of history, philosophy and some mighty fine suggestions on jogging from an interesting poop sheet prepared by Dave Fowler and available from him on request.

Harmony informs us: Buckley in good shape after his accident and a later operation; Virginia Post likewise, after breaking a hip. He and Marion recovered from post-Reunion gathering of 27 Harmonys in Ohio; Agnes Garrecht not fully recovered from the indisposition that forced them to turn back home while en route to Reunion. Jazz's golf handicap is 14, and he has a granddaughter—no connection!

Rosenberg reports Short missed a golf match because of ill effects from a penicillin shot and Dunne, Mayor of Carlsbad, training hard for the annual Bowl-Off with the Mayor of Oceanside, Calif.

The Barrolls had a visit from the D'Espinosas at the summer home on Cape Cod. The Bings found the W.C. Whites in good shape on a visit to Maine this summer.

By 14 July the George Buells had covered 6,600 miles on an Avion Trailer Yukon-Alaska Travelcade and were at Dawson Creek, B.C. By 23 August they were at Ward Cove, Alaska and en route to Florida—target date—1 October.

After retiring from his teaching job, Paul Laning and his wife learned to drive a car and Paul became Bailiff of the Erie County O., Court. Remember that if you are in trouble there!

Trooper Price tells us that he was phased out of Civil Service in July and is now looking for odd jobs to finance his trip to the 50th Reunion. That's prior planning with a vim! Trooper also raised the matter of memorial articles in ASSEMBLY about some of our classmates who have never been so honored. The Washington Group has authorized its chairman, Roper, to appoint a committee to take steps to correct this situation. The committee is sure to ask you for help. The members will need your full support if this important objective is to be attained.

Tom Maddocks reports that Marguerite is

recovering from injuries from a fall at her doctor's office and that he is cleaning up and claiming damages from a hail storm. He notes that Michelet now is well enough to be at home. His address is Gordonsville, Va. 22942. Letters from you would be most welcome.

The Bill Mortons left on an extended trip to Geneva, Switzerland in September.

Harry Scheetz continues to receive laudatory notes about Reunion largely in response to his thoughtful sending of copies of pictures he took there. He has had messages from Roy and Mary Dwyer indicating that their trip to Europe with the 102nd Division Veterans. He also passed on the following new address for Bob and Mary Smith: 5659 Rocking Circle Ct., Tucson Estates, Tucson, Ariz. 85713.

The Ken Webber's trip to India, Southeast Asia and Manila wound up in Los Angeles rather than the East Coast and thus caused them to miss the Reunion they had been piping.

The Grener's travel plans include a trip to Southern Europe, Yugoslavia, the Greek Islands and Turkey beginning in August and a Caribbean Cruise during the Christmas holidays.

Be Thou At Peace

Budge Smith died at Watertown, N.Y. on 4 September. He was buried in the military cemetery at Sacketts Harbor where he has been a prime mover in the development of the site of the War of 1812 battlefield and other civic activities.

Paul Mahoney died at the Fort Belvoir Hospital on 7 Sept and was buried at Arlington on the 10th with a number of Classmates and their wives present.

Johnny Farrow, who was his old bouncy self at Reunion and wrote a letter to Scheetz in July in which he was looking forward to our 50th, died 18 September. He was our Chicago class rep.

Hugh Johnson who had planned to attend our 40th Reunion died in the hospital at Lake Wales, Fla., on 31 May. His remains were buried at Arlington on 9 July. Several Classmates were in attendance.

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It is with great regret that we report the following deaths:

Mrs. Harold P. Gard (Marjorie) on 14 June at Chelsea Naval Hospital after a long illness.

Col. Virgil R. Miller on 5 August at St. Joseph's Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich., of acute cardiac infarction. Burial was in Arlington, with Classmates serving as honorary pallbearers.

Mrs. William W. O'Connor (Muriel) on 11 August at her home in Hereford, Arizona, after a long illness.

Everyone joins in extending deepest sympathy to the families.

George Smythe was honored by the Republic of China with the award of the Medal of the Order of Cloud and Banner in April.

Stub Stubblebine planned to retire from the university this summer. The oldest son, Bert III (Lt. Col.) is in Vietnam and younger son Craig is at the University of Turin (Italy) on a Fulbright lectureship.

Rags Raguse is judging horse shows from Montpelier, Vt., to Miami, Fla.

Pete and Helen Shumate and Cy and Hallie Caywood got together last fall to attend the ARMY-Air Force game at the AFA. Pete reports seeing Paul Pickhardt and

Ethel when she was in Fitzsimons Hospital a few times.

Bob and Madelaine Miller and Pete and Mabel Shunk gave wonderful parties in El Paso for the Shumates on their annual trek to Tucson.

The Tom Allens' son, Maj. T.H. Jr., USMC, graduated from Navy P.G. Schools in Monterey in June, and was expected to acquire his Master's.

A recent issue of the AIR FORCE TIMES contains a picture of the Robert W. Harpers in their lush garden. Bob retired from the Air Force in 1954 to become a law partner in Harlingen, Tex.

Hank and Scotty (J.D.) Scott live in Bradenton, Fla., and play golf four or five times a week. They and George and Fran Crosby meet often to socialize.

Chalmers and Dorothy Wallace live in Rosemead, Calif. Daughter Helen lives with them, and son Richard, an Ob-Gyn specialist, has a new and enlarged clinic in Bakersfield.

D.D. Martin re-retired last summer and spent most of the year at Portsmouth, R.I., where they have a place on the water.

Ruth and Kess Kessinger planned to travel this summer, either to Europe or a long motor trip in the U.S.A. Though their family is scattered from Germany to Texas, 26 of the clan assembled for Ruth's birthday on the day after Christmas.

Rose and V.C. Stevens took a long trip by car, covering 4,000 miles in Florida alone. While their daughter Bette was recovering from a successful corneal transplant, they took care of the five children but report they are still "well, fat and sassy."

Paul B. Nelson retired from the Army in 1956 and worked as an electronics engineer for Boeing on both the BOMARC and MINUTEMAN missiles systems for eight years. He is now safety advisor to a large school district in the Seattle area.

Eric and Tamara Kuniholm have a baby! The beautiful little girl was born in London on 7 August 1967, shortly after the proud parents had completed an extensive world tour. After eight years abroad they expect to attend our 45th.

George Doane retired as a civilian in the DOD in Columbus, Ohio, in March 1967, following a long overdue knee operation. The Doanes have eight granddaughters.

Bob and Sarah McBride had a mini-M Co. reunion with Dan and Virginia Hundley and Jim and Helen Stowell in Florida. The Hundleys had just returned from a Caribbean cruise. Bob retired after eight years with the Florida State Industrial Commission several years ago when he had an operation for lung cancer. He is fine now—and not smoking. The Stowells sold their home in Boca Raton and moved to an apartment. They were about to take off for a Grace Line tour to Chile.

Ralph Fisher furnished a business-like sheet: "(1) Licensed underwriter with the Volunteer State Life Insurance Co.; (2) Senior Warden, the Catholic Church of St. Luke; (3) Pitch horseshoes."

Dave Page wrote from Australia that his eyesight has greatly improved since his operation.

Pete (Hanlon) Davies tells us that the Florida West Coast W.P. Ass'n is growing with Jesse Wells as secretary. They had 25 at a recent luncheon at the Clearwater Country Club.

The Student Association and the Inter-Fraternity Council of American U. gave a surprise testimonial dinner to honor Charles W. Van Way on his retirement in June at

which Van was roundly and deservedly praised for his work there.

Ben Mesick wrote that none of the Herd would recognize Bill Forbes. He is that slim after losing 50 pounds in a long siege in the hospital at Davis-Monathan. Bill says he is recovering nicely, and Zoe is fattening him up.

Bill O'Connor specifically asked that we compliment Ben Mesick on his superior handling of the Founders Day Dinner at Davis-Monathan. Emil Lenzner and Bill Forbes agree that it was one of the best in recent years.

Walter French was the only '24-er at the Dinner at the Presidio of Monterey and had to "thunder" all by himself.

Dutch Rothgeb was the oldest grad present at Sandia Base and his introduction included the incredible fact that he will be 70 in October. Dutch wants to know if he is the first to be "It."

As usual, Dan Hundley, John Moore and Al Foote were the contingent at St. Louis. Dan gave a talk as did General Bennett, former "Supe" of USMA.

The Fort Myer Club drew a large crowd as always. Present from '24 were Beurket, Blanchard, Brinson, Eddleman, Erskine, Glasgow, Hart, Hincke, MacCloskey, Moore, Palmer, Polsgrove, Pope, Reynolds, Royce, Sibley, Smythe, and Vogel.

Onto Bragan tells us that he and Maxine, Ray and Helen Coombs, Sandy and Josie Goodman, and Ray and Peg Raymond had a dress rehearsal for our 45th last January in Las Vegas, and are now high on reunions.

Daisy and Charlie Royce spent a swinging weekend with Red and Mary Bruce Mead in Williamsburg, ably assisted by Pete and Bobbie Lee whose new home there has just been completed.

John Des Islets was re-elected president of the West Point Society of Savannah. Nona is wrapped up in numerous projects and pleasures at nearby Hunter Army Air Field.

Marcus and Agnes Stokes celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary with an "A" pin as the perfect gift for Agnes.

The Duke Arnolds gave a rehearsal dinner for 100 at their Lake Forest (Ill.) home prior to the marriage of their son Joe ('64) to Miss Mary B. Sethness of Chicago. The beautiful formal wedding took place at St. James Chapel in Quigley Seminary on 28 June.

John and Selma Hill's son, John G. Jr., was one of five colonels selected to attend a 13-week advanced management course at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

Erica and Sammy Samouce partied with Nancy and Loomis Booth in Athens while they were on a six-months' tour in Europe. The Booths plan to spend a year or so in Madrid to be near their daughter and her family when Charlie retires from the Athens Water Works.

Eddie White flew in from Florida to attend the dedication of the Memorial Library at Western High School in Washington, honoring Col. Edward H. White Jr. The Class made a contribution to the fund, and Charlie Palmer represented us at the ceremony.

Sandy and Jo Goodman have had gay times in California on various occasions with Bob Stika, the Larry Adamases, the Strothers, the Zero Wilsons, the Briant Wells, and George Finnegan. Briant's hip operation for arthritis was a success, and he and Anne are building a new home at Laguna Nigel. George is also recovering nicely from an operation and was in Los Angeles on a law case, expecting Kitty to join him there later.

Virginia and Ed Hart flew to Frankfurt

in April for a month's tour in Germany seeing old friends and visiting their daughter Sally and her family.

Pat Pasolli wrote that during June Week '68 he saw Frank Kreidel, Jim Stowell, Deck Reynolds, Art Trudeau, the Clyde Eddlemans, F.W. Johnson, Dennis Mulligan, Wally Merrill and Peyton McLamb.

Clyde is the newly elected President of the Association of Graduates, USMA. During a visit to HemisFair he attended a quarterly W.P. luncheon at the Sam Houston Club and saw Boatner, Cullen, Darling, Ives, Leonard, Massaro, Traywick, and Wrockloff.

Jean and Hank Scott visited the Bill O'Connors at Hereford in June. Muriel of course was not very well but as Bill put it "a very good soldier."

Bruce Bidwell Englehardt, eldest grandson of Bruce Bidwell, and son of Lt. Col. Frank A. Englehardt, USAF, won a principal appointment to each of the three Academies in the 1968 competitions—and chose Annapolis!

Charlie and Mair Stevenson represented Emma Marcus at West Point on 4 June to present the Col. David Marcus Memorial to Cadet Erickson. Emma's failing eyesight has not improved.

Robert Foley Smith (and Maggie) were honored in July when the Mayor of Dearborn, Mich., declared the 14th to 20th as "Dearborn Press Week" on the 50th anniversary of the continuous publication of the paper. Bob is its publisher.

Dr. Donald MacRae was in Washington in May but couldn't make our monthly luncheon. He is practicing radiology in a hospital in Fayetteville, N.C. Others who have promised but not shown up yet are George Finnegan and Weary Linn. C.N. Bailey, however, was a man of his word and joined us in May.

Priscilla Kirkpatrick, widow of Frank S. Kirkpatrick, was married on 20 April to Col. Hugh H. McGaw (USA, Ret., C.E.). They will live in Austin, Tex.

Both Marion and Bill Triplet wrote from Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, that they are the senior members of the happy retirement colony there. They have taken a trip around the world and extensive motor trips in Europe.

Charlie Van Way, Chairman, and McLamb, Passoli, and Sullivan of the Reunion Committee had a meeting at West Point and made the plans for our 45th. Their first Reunion Bulletin was included in the Class Fall Bulletin.

Due to space limitations we can now publish only the "hard" news in the ASSEMBLY, so read your Class Bulletins for "all the news that's fit to print."

'25

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Our June luncheon here was a record breaker, and the August one drew more than had signed to attend; therefore, you "outlanders" plan for the first Thursday each month right through the summer, i.e., 12 months of the year.

Russ Randall reported in from California in August and Soap Suttles came down from Dover. Diz Barnes motored in from his new "Riding Ridge Place" in the suburbs. Cabell out of town on business (also Don Bailey), Jack Chamberlain tied down with summer school but Hopkins present from his French teaching. Robinson again in Chicago and the Coles vacationing at Cape Cod.

We are happy to report that Ed Jones finally recuperated and has been back on part time work. He has a "short week" schedule taking Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Farm. His recovery aided, we think, by "back-up" letters, including one from Dave Bradford from Texas and others from Miles Dawson, Mike Giddens, Frank Pettit and Ernie Holmes. Liwski has been so busy with his home improvement programs that they did not get away on a motor trip in their fantastically equipped mobile home.

Bill Kerns wrote a fabulous description of their retirement home "The Villa" in the St. Petersburg, Fla. area. Maggie's health has improved, and they are thoroughly enjoying the facilities of a truly modern and nicely located establishment. They are planning a visit to Michigan and Indiana, the East Coast, and Nova Scotia next year.

Dwight Harvey wrote his usual brief note but failed to state what date we could expect him in this area. Hank Westphalinger has blossomed out with a fancy letterhead as "Management Consultant" and must be approaching a peak work load as he was in the Big Town recently and talked with Charlie Saltzman by telephone.

The Tomses appear to have decided to remain in London; the Haskells are settling in Brussels rather than coming here to their Georgetown house, and it is rumored that Hankinses will never leave their Paris-Italian Beach commuting.

In mid-August a card from Randall autographed by Sam Lamb, Jim Gaddis and Harold Wiley indicating that the group gathers in Santa Barbara somewhat as we do in D.C. We will say, however, that for pure amusement and uninhibited entertainment the local (monthly) gathering in the old A-N Club here is second to none.

Pickles Martin states that his son-in-law is assigned duty in D.C. and son (Major Ernest H.) visited them a short while ago before taking his family to settle in Texas while he (the Major) goes to V.N. for his second tour! Although they make their home on Lake Norfolk (Arkansas, that is) Anne and Pickles enjoy traveling and were actually near D.C. this season but declined to participate in Resurrection City.

Bobby Howze has one daughter in Germany, one in Panama, and a third in So. Cal. Both Army sons-in-law are VN Veterans. He sees the Gillmores occasionally (the G's seldom home, however).

We were intrigued by Bee Holland's description of her retirement location in Mystic, Conn., but did not fully appreciate the charm of that place until we read the remarkable coverage allotted "Mystic" by the current NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE.

At the moment we Dunns are visiting daughter and family in the N.J. Lakes district near the N.Y. border. Attended the D.C. Class luncheon 6 Sept before joining the turnpike rat-race. The following P.M. into N.Y. and our first trip to the byways of Wall Street for over a year. Found Chas S. in his new location (at 55 Broad St.) just clearing his desk for a two weeks' jaunt to Europe with daughter (prior to her college entrance this fall). Saltzman Jr. is back from California to his original St. Albans (in D.C.) but now the head of the English Dept. there.

We finally carried out our determination to call on Reno Dowling and had a delightful visit with him at Orangeburg. After all these years Reno has a keen remembrance of our Cadet days and asked so many questions about Classmates (particularly the flankers in A and B Co's). The next visit I promised

to bring a Class Roster so we could cover everyone. He has aged but in a very dignified manner.

At the September luncheon we voted to start planning now for our 45th with the majority feeling that we would have to settle for the Homecoming date rather than June Week. In any event we must put in for reservations far, repeat far, in advance.

Diz Barnes still puts in a lot of time at his old job and sees our Class Godson (Bruce C. Jr.) quite often there.

The Clelands wrote that they are occupied with painters in their SW. Virginia home right now but plan to attend the October luncheon. Possibly Lana and Ernie Holmes will be here then as they are scheduled for this fall.

We await, with much interest, a report from the Gardners re their covering the U.S. by mobile home.

Marie Dunn spoke glowingly of her two weeks in Alaska where son, Russ (an Attorney) is nicely located in Anchorage. Her remarks confirm the fine publicity given the new State as a vacation spot.

Chas S. mentioned that Cynthia and he had dined with Bernice and Ed. Garbisch recently. We noticed, in Sunday supplements, that Bernie and Ed. were still very much occupied with the restoration of those charming old Churches in Maryland.

In our files we have a clipping which notes the record on the Big Exchange of the largest (both in number of shares traded and dollar volume) of the deal handled by the firm of which Chas. is a general partner. This was last fall and, of course, has been eclipsed since, but it was no small achievement—possibly the forerunner of the staggering amounts in the swingers of 1968.

We hope that many of you will brave the trip to State College for the game in which, three times in a row, we witnessed ARMY victories over particularly strong Penn State teams. We found it a delightful college town, and the invitation of Bolduc's for an after-game gathering is still open. Incidentally they have moved from their commodious rambler to an apartment, but you all are welcome on an SRO basis.

For those of you curious about the NAUS we have prepared a special article, to be mailed directly.

May our Confidence and Cheers for the Big Team this year sink Crabtown.

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Anky asked me to pinch hit for him in this issue as he and Connie will be travelling in southern Europe for five or six weeks. Before leaving he sent me some news items from his files and also asked Ralph Osborne to send his notes to me. In addition Vald Heiberg will deliver some items direct to ASSEMBLY.

Because Connie and Anky provide most of the news for this area, I'll start out with West Coast news. They spent most of the month of July visiting sons, daughters, and grandchildren spread across the country. On their arrival in San Francisco the Nourses had a delightful Class party making full use of their lovely patio and garden. The following day Marge and Brook Brady showed them the beautiful view from their hillside home in Sausalito and explored the innards of their boat the ALANYA moored in the Sausalito

Marina. That evening the Ankys, Nourses and Bradys gathered at the Murphys for a quiet dinner. Next day they resumed their travels visiting daughter Pat, husband, and two grandchildren in Minneapolis. Before arriving in San Francisco the Ankys had stopped in Dallas for a three-day visit with daughter Toni Snodgrass, her husband, and two lovely granddaughters, ages four and one. The next stop was San Antonio to see son Jerry, wife Bobbie and three grandchildren. Jerry is a Major in the USAF on duty with the Manned Orbital Laboratory Satellite Program. Of course they "did" HemisFair '68 and were filled in on San Antonio lore at lunch with Bill Dean.

The Osbornes had a Class party, the details of which appear later in Ralph's notes. As for the rest of the West Coast news there isn't much, probably on account of every one travelling. No word from Harry Grizzard in Los Angeles, nor MacNaughton in the Monterey area (I think they are in Europe). Eddie Watson reports from the Portland area that daughter Happy with husband and four grandchildren spent two weeks with them prior to change of station, probably the Washington area.

In the Bay area the Nourses furnish the only items of interest. You will remember that in the last ASSEMBLY son Bob had received the Vietnamese Medal for Gallantry with Palm—he has since been awarded the Silver Star for the same action. Joan has returned home from New Hampshire and will attend the U. of Washington to work on her Ph.D. in Speech Therapy. Big and Bob are with her now in Seattle getting her settled in a new apartment.

Ralph Osborne reports from the San Antonio area: The visit of Connie and Anky to San Antonio and its HemisFair gave the Osbornes an excellent reason to gather together in the South Texas area. Needless to say, all were happy to have an opportunity to meet the delightful Connie and again see that Anky changes little with years, extrovert is the word. Present for the occasion were Fran and Stag Stagliano, Gabe Parker's widow Virginia, Jim Burwell with new bride Marcy (who we understand is the best shot in this hunting family), Bill Dean (Pat is temporarily laid up with a bad back), full time rancher Egon Tausch, with new bride in from Wetmore, and Polly and Professor Jack (Trooper) Doyle in from College Station (Texas A&M). Johnny A.H. (Alfred) and Muffet were scheduled from Harlington, but on the day before the party Muffet was in an auto accident. The latest report from Muffet says "after three weeks I am now hobbling around at a fair rate of speed." Kathleen prepared a delicious buffet supper and all those present found various corners of the house, patio, and yard for a bit of catch-up conversation, seminars, and animated discussion before and after dinner.

Notes from the Washington area: Virginia and Red Corderman visited the Ankenbrandts at Villanova in early August. They are the "joint" grandparents of three fine grandchildren: Connie 4, David 3, and Deedee 2. Another is expected soon to the parents, David M. and Valerie Draper Corderman. Young Dave is a computer engineer with IBM. His office is in Port Chester, N.Y., about 25 miles from their home in Westport, Conn. During the visit Red and Anky played in the member-guest best ball of foursome at the Philadelphia Country Club and appeared to be surprised that their net 66 was good enough to win a prize. Freddie Munson sent in the following item on the Dick Mayos

—“The Florida Mayos were in Washington in August, visiting North’s sister and brother-in-law. Dick is one classmate who cannot relax in complete retirement. Since leaving the service in 1956, he has been City Manager of both Gloucester, Mass., and Hickory, N.C. He then taught high school math for five years in the Palm Beach area and now is dabbling (with much success) in the stock market. The Mayos have hung out the latch string for any classmates passing through Boca Raton.”

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Red Reeder is enjoying his retirement tremendously and is now able to devote his energies to his great hobby (and profession) of writing. Red is his normal, jovial, buoyant self, and he and his wonderful wife Dort, bring sunshine wherever they appear.

Bill Deyo paid a rare visit to West Point last summer, while he was on a brief vacation from his teaching duties. Bill is currently an Assistant Professor in the College of Business at the University of South Florida at Tampa. He looks healthy and vigorous and is a prime example of the old adage that if you want to keep young, keep working.

Although the Homecoming Weekend was still in the future when this item was submitted, a goodly representation of the Class had indicated an intention to gather at the Heiberg’s house on Old Professors Row for a final get-together in a West Point set of quarters. Invitations were sent out in August to the entire Class. Among those accepting were the Ankenbrandts, Bayers, Burns, Burwells, Cordermans, Heidners, McKinneys, Reeders, Ringlers, Roosmas, Sims, Rod Smith, Wheatons, Whites and Youngs. It is believed to be a safe prediction that the gathering would be recorded as one of enjoyment for all participants. The hosts, Evelyn and Vald Heiberg, have bought a retirement home on the Potomac near Gunston Hall where they will start a different way of life when the New Year rolls around.

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Of those summer reports received in time for this deadline, that of Mac reporting on the “gallivantin’ Millers” made pleasant reading. Mac and Jean, as previously reported, headed west on a long train exploration. They took the Canadian Pacific dome-car train from Montreal to Vancouver for “three delightful and restful days.” With a rented car they then explored down the coast to Sunnyvale, Calif., for a good visit with old Armor friends. While there, Mac got to Pacific Grove to see Gil and Mary Allen. Mac reports Gil “as skinny as ever” and still the ardent musician. For the marimba of Kaydet days, however, Gil has substituted the electric organ, with which he again charmed Mac with his rousing rendition of his Color Line masterpiece, Rachmaninoff’s “Prelude in C Sharp Minor.” On another day, the Millers enjoyed visiting with Paul and Mary Berrigan in San Francisco at their “beautiful home overlooking the Bay.” Informatively, Paul directed his powerful telescope (“to keep track of all shipping on the bay”) on to Gar Davidson’s driveway in Oakland. Impressed by the clarity of image, Mac included in his notes a word of caution to Gar regarding the positioning of window shades.

After their iron-horse return by California Zephyr Vista-dome and B&O to Washington, they took in Montclair, N.J., to see both

Mac’s brother and some tennis matches, and followed that with a week in Hartford, Conn., with Dunc and Din Somerville, ’28. Then for Mac came the classroom and his ump-teenth year as a Math P at Columbian Prep and for son Rusty the jump into freshman status at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa. “And so a pleasant summer passed all too rapidly”—Mac thus summarizes what was clearly a splendid one.

At press time word had not been received confirming the early September return to Rumson, N.J. of Blair and Dottie Garland from their fine summer abroad. They based themselves at Newbury, Berkshire, while son Lt. Col. Don Garland was stationed at Greenham Commons Air Base for a tactical exercise of summer duration. Included in the Garland assembly in England were the daughter-in-law and two boys and the daughter Sandra Miller plus her daughter Karen. As Blair wrote, “It has been a wonderful summer. We have toured England and Ireland from one end to the other.” They incidentally looked forward to a visit to Montreux, Switzerland, just before the New Jersey terminus.

The Charles Hutchisons sent in an August report of their future activities along with an interesting item from the HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN concerning the reception following the change-of-command ceremony for CINCPAC’s retiring Admiral U.S. Grant Sharp. Our Ray Curtis of San Diego was present with Hutch and Esther. Ray, raised with Sharp in Fort Benton, Mont., had gone through the local schools with him, and they diverged only when Sharp went to Annapolis, from which he too graduated in ’27. Hutch reported a “nice visit” with Ray, including introducing him to Mayor Blaisdell of Honolulu, brother of our Bill, ex-’27, who died in 1966. As to futures, if August plans come to be on the East Coast in early October, principally to visit with Charles Jr. and his wife in Atlanta, but not forgetting Washington Area and possibly the Homecoming Game at the Point.

Ray Bell reported his safe arrival in late June at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson after eight months of already cited study in Madrid. In strolling about Cullum Hall, he too had noted the demise of our Class Tree, which is scheduled to be replaced in October, as previously remarked herein. However, Ray is backing up the line, for, he states, “If the ground’s keeper does not produce, I will be glad to donate one from my home.” So we may rest assured that ’27 will eventually have a new Tree.

It seems that each issue must note some melancholy fact concerning our class and its fine people. Such a sad loss occurred in the death of Margie Day, wife of our Frederick E. Day, at Temple Terrace, Fla., with interment at Arlington Cemetery on 6 Aug. Classmates and other friends participated at the graveside service. The deepest condolence of the class is extended to Red.

Ralph and Dot Zwicker are enjoying the return of son and son-in-law from Vietnam. Son Lt. Col. Ralph L. Zwicker returned in late May to take a 175 mm battalion at Fort Sill. Daughter Jean’s husband, Major John Durant, came to Washington in early July for a year of preparation prior to his assignment as Asst. M.A. to India.

As Major Ralph Sasse of fond memory used to preface an observation, “If I may be pardoned a personal reference,” the Scribe and spouse Lucile have nearby their daughter Jane and four granddaughters while son-in-law Lt. Col. Richard A. Miller, Armor, ’53,

is away on his second tour in Vietnam, this time with the 4th Inf. Div. The sheer weight of human numbers, plus the bustle of the school year, both for the now old English “P” and for junior-high Susan and Tommy Lillard, plus Lucile’s ardent interest in oil painting and Art League activities—these all promise to make for a challenging year.

More, more, and more notes and pictures can be handled in this column! So send them in when you can, and they will be used as soon as ASSEMBLY deadlines permit. Happy New Year!

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Since the Fortieth there has been a dearth of Class news. No sooner had Myrtle and I recovered from June Week when we went house-hunting and started packing. I know most of you have gone through this pre-retirement packing, but having spent 17 years at West Point, the accumulation was terrific. However, we are now about settled in Virginia and have the welcome mat out.

Most members of the class have responded with their “dues” for the Reunion Booklet, and the Class Fund has about recovered. Let’s start targeting in for the 45th in ’73.

The Washington Group came up with a few items. Betty Daley writes that E.K. Jr. is now a Lt. Col. and at Fort Leavenworth and that she has another grandchild. Win Titus compliments the fine Reunion Book but notes the error of putting him in the USA in spite of his full career in the USAF; also that his Eden of Swan Lake, Calif. is not east of Riverside but west and that he didn’t realize how many Classmates were in California. Del Spivey spent August and September at Wayne, Me. Bill Prunty from Colorado Springs says he couldn’t make the Reunion for which he was real sorry; it brought back strong memories of our first summer on the “Plain” when he drew the gunner’s job for 4th of July dinner, and he learned to carve roast Long Island duck in a real hurry. Wee Todd expects to retire again soon from that Alabama state job he has “enjoyed,” and he and Ginnie are looking forward to the 45th regretting the 40th which they missed. Eph McLemore wrote in from his summer home in Canada, and no one can blame him for missing the 40th with a “pad” like that. He and Betty returned to Front Royal in late August. Ned Sirmyer says he didn’t go to Reunion because Kitty couldn’t make it, but they’re going to make the 45th for sure. Bob Israel wrote that his occupation of “rancher” in the Reunion Book should have been “retired”; “much” retired yet he planned a three months’ camping sojourn in the Rockies. Bob Frederick wrote he couldn’t attend Reunion “upon advice of physician,” and has hopes for the next. Blondy Saunders said he got back to South Dakota with no bones broken; he’s getting the crops in and resting up for the 45th. From Hawaii, Verdi Barnes says, “We came a long distance, and it was certainly worth it.” He and Jean managed a rendezvous in New York with son Lee from London as an added attraction. Stu and Dorothy McLennan regretted inability to make reunion for reasons of health and added “God willing, we’ll be there for the 45th.” As of mid-September when this goes to press, Tom Nelson is at the VA Hospital in Washington and still on the critical list.

Nick and Jackie Nichols' new house on their Maryland farm was the site of the Washington group's annual dutch treat picnic. Jackie says the house, which she and Nick designed, is "one-third Loire Valley, one-third Northern Ohio (Nick's origin), and one-third whimsy." Classmates would say the place is "all elegance and charm." On a rolling hillside the Nichols have fitted in a cream brick structure of basically French design with terraces—formal in front, informal in rear—looking across a valley (swimming pool down there) to Sugar Loaf Mountain, a local landmark, where Jackie's parents had a summer place during her childhood.

Classmates came from all over: Bill and Kitty Bowyer and Jack and Nina Stone from Annapolis—Jack was modestly exuberant over having just shot an 82 on the Academy golf course. Jim and Molly Winn from Leesburg. Herb and Dot Vander Heide from their southern Potomac pleasure dome. Bo Hubbard came from Baltimore and brought news of Anne Whiteley, Hal's widow. She is now with daughter Sara Anne in Columbus, Ga. We were sorry to hear that after two major operations in Sarasota last year Anne is now a semi-invalid. But you know Anne: she is thinking of starting a reporting service for armed forces widows and widowers, and is looking forward to Sara Anne's wedding when her fiancé returns from Vietnam.

Jupe and Judy Lindsey had to fall out on the picnic at the last minute. Jupe had an acute appendicitis attack and an emergency operation the next day. All went well, and he is now in good shape again. "Better shape," he says. "Lost many pounds." Others attending were Paul and Della Caraway, Pinky and Marion Conner, Fate and Ginny Fagg—with three charming daughters and an equally charming little granddaughter—Don and Maggie Gaul, Bozo and Gertrude McKee, Alice Nesbitt, Fen and Linda Sykes, Bill and Nell Thompson, Slim and Muriel Vittrup, and Dick and Isabel Wentworth.

Fen Sykes is now with the Matrix Corp. in Alexandria, planners and industrial consultants. "We plan and consult on anything," says Fen. Although Bozo did not of course mention it at the picnic, the next day's paper published his resignation as Administrator of the F.A.A. and a "Dear Bozo" letter from President Johnson which said, in part:

"Your leadership helped the Nation recog-



1929: L to R: Allans and Theimers in Idaho.



1929: Svensson and Lincolns on trek.

nize the need for expanded and modernized airport and airways systems. You applied new regulations to improve greatly our air safety record. And you brought wise and prudent management to our supersonic transport program."

The class presents its own admiration to Bozo and wishes him all success in private business as president of Schriever-McKee Associates, management consultants here in Arlington.

Vic and Tillie Vickrey missed the picnic because it coincided with a family party at Linthicum Heights for son Vicky (Maj. Luster A. Jr., Reg. AF) just back from Vietnam and on his way to England for station. Yound Vickrey, a specialized reconnaissance pilot, completed nearly 200 combat missions in Vietnam—100 of them over the North—for which he was awarded two DFC's, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and a chestfull of other decorations.

Another aviator son—Fred Dent III, Maj., AF, '56—recently evaded an occupational hazard by making a successful runway ejection from an F-104 at Edwards AFB, suffering only a broken ankle. Nice going, and congratulations to all the Dents.

Fred Dent the elder saw Jack Horton, Mish Roth, and Freddy Smith at Wright Patterson AFB during the annual meeting of the Dadaelians, the historic and honorific society of rated pilots. All four drank a toast to the 40th and hope to make it. Fred and Cora Lynn Dent planned to attend the Florida-AF game in Tampa with Tom and Marian McDonald this fall. (Freddy Smith, by the way, is currently the Grand Paramount Caribao of that Military Order.)

Jim and Doris Hannigan flew East from Texas to attend the wedding at West Point of elder son Skeet (James R., Capt., '63, stationed there in the computer center) to Miss Sibley Auchincloss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Auchincloss of Millbrook, N.Y. The groom's brother Tom, '70, was best man, and the wedding reception was held on a yacht cruising from West Point to New York City. (QUERY: Was the cadet best man authorized to attend the reception?) Earlier the Hannigans flew West for a stay at the Royal Hawaiian at Waikiki, a visit with the Chandlers and a spate of island hopping.

A superlative letter from Miriam Keeler tells of her and George's joint sabbatical year. On the third day George broke his right foot—in a golf cart accident, naturally. But the very night the cast was donned, the Keelers went out on the town here in Washington as guests of the Conners. Thence: NEW ENGLAND for visits with Lou Rowell, ex-'29, and Miriam in their lighthouse keeper's house on Cape Cod and the McCullas at their inn

at Brewster. COLORADO SPRINGS: two months in a high-rise apartment overlooking the Rockies and convenient to the Lincolns at Evergreen and to son Hop, AF, '57, and family at the AFA, where he was then teaching. (Note: the Keelers have two Ph.D sons: Hop (Harper) from MIT, and Emmett, a very recent one from Harvard, "now a Full Fledged Thinker at Rand," to quote Miriam.) IZMIR, TURKEY: "son George commands the AF hospital there; six weeks in a private apartment looking across the historic bay to the peninsula where Richard the Lionhearted wintered in 1182; visits all over the eastern Mediterranean and Aegean and a merry Christmas with the progeny." GERMANY: "In January to Miltenberg, the 15th century town where Ed and Renata Van Bibber lived half of each year during their marriage. Renata gave us the extraordinarily imaginative apartment overlooking the Main River that she and Ed built from a 13th century watch tower on the medieval city wall which is part of her garden." The Keelers had to skip a visit with Kai and Emma Rasmussen in Torremolino "when a chance came for a pickup flight back to Charleston and practicality took over."

With sadness we record two deaths. Edward Jamet McNally died here in Washington at his home, 4000 Massachusetts Ave., NW., of a sudden and unexpected heart attack on 27 July 1968. Graveside services were held at Arlington with a large attendance of the class, other friends, and classmates of Adele McNally's deceased brother, Coyle, '27. Honorary pallbearers were McAuliffe and Palmer WB, '19 (both in absentia), Munson FR, '26, Caraway, Chaffee, Conley, Lindsey, and Thompson WJ. Caroline and Bert Holtzworth, '27, close and longtime friends of the McNallys, accompanied Adele at the services. Edwin George Griffith died on 2 August 1968 and was buried at West Point, where Lincoln represented the class at the services. No other details are available. We all extend to Isabel Griffith and Adele McNally our heartfelt sympathy and condolences.

Freddy Chaffee has been hospitalized here at Walter Reed for many weeks with an acute viral infection of nerve ends called the Guillain-Barré syndrome. He is now making slow but steady progress, and prospects appear good for full recovery after a long convalescence. (Son Fred, Jr., now a Ph. D in Astrophysics, was due to go on active Army duty at Aberdeen in October, thence to Cambridge, Mass., for R.&D. work) Red Calloway has made a remarkable recovery after a lung cancer operation last year. He now takes care of his two-acre place near Fredericksburg—with mechanized assistance—and plans to drive himself up to Washington soon. Regretfully we note that Jack Pearson here and Doc Kearney in California are not doing well. We all send hopes for a turn for the better.

Eric Swede Svensson and Abe and Freddie Lincoln took a week's trial ride through the rugged Sangre De Cristo Mountains with a group of some 30 riders. Trucks leapfrogged between campsites to provide amenities for the 25-mile-a-day riders. (Shades of Popolopen the summer of '28.) Tet Svensson couldn't make this trek, but plans to join the others on a similar one next year.

From the S.F. Bay Area group: Johnny Theimer was taken by Grace to her old home in Washington State to show him off to her relatives. En route, they visited the Allans at Payette Lakes, Idaho. "Myra is the GRANDE DAME of this interesting community," says Johnny, "and Charlie is very much the Man of Distinction." Knowing Charlie, I would have taken Johnny's word for it, even

if he hadn't sent a society page photo (won't reproduce) of Charlie in a white Nehru suit complete with neck chain. Truly distingué.

Ernie and Davie Heidland go to Moscow all right, but Ernie's bag got to Bombay. It rejoined them in Prague, which the Heidlands cleared just ahead of the Russians. Good timing. Mac and Pat McKenzie accomplished their planned European travels, and Mac is now teaching again—but at the U. of S.F., not S.F. State, which has lately had some un-West-Point-like happenings.

Paul and Mary Anne Freeman went to Takoma for salmon fishing with Jim and Marge Sladen on their new cabin cruiser, but uncooperative weather limited them to an inspection conducted by Commodore Sladen and First Mate. Later, the Freemans golfed in Monterey with Bat and Jan Carns, and Mary Anne made a hole in one, thus coming abreast of Theimer, a noted one-holer. The Freemans visited Dutch and Betty Kraus at Pebble Beach, where Charlie Rau has achieved further insurance-business distinction by becoming president of the local underwriters association.

Chick Cooper brought Polly back to San Mateo from a motor trip with her arm in a sling. A truck-trailer side-swipe demolished the car, but left Chick and grandson unscathed. Bill and Ruth Hamlin, in their mobile home from Florida, arrived at the Coopers' at the proper moment to render moral support.

By now, you should have the initial 40th Reunion Bulletin. The committee, chaired by Lincoln at West Point and Lindsey here, operates under the long-distance counseling of Don Zimmerman from his Mercer Island-Boeing base. The schedule has now been compressed (and greatly improved) into a three-day event which bodes fair to be one of the finest ever. See you all, we hope. Meanwhile, Merry Christmas (but not from Tiny Tim) and Happy New Year.

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As we inch along into our sixties, it is inevitable that what happens to our children assumes almost the same importance as our own doings. Coasting down the evening slope of the hill, we can't help being concerned with the endeavors of the youngsters who are footing it up the nether side in the full light of the world's day, often risking their fortune on precarious handholds. The editorial policy of this unique journal quite properly enjoys sparing mention of our progeny, especially those whose activities may likely be reported in other ASSEMBLY columns. Yet at risk of losing my franchise, I'm impelled to dedicate some of this space to the "footstep followers," those sons and daughters who implicitly honor us by doing as we have—or might have done.

First, if tragically, it is fitting to report the combat death of Major Frederick Garside Terry Jr. It was a sad shock to all of us when Fred Sr., one of our finest, lost his life in the South Pacific in 1944. There was sober rejoicing when his newly-graduated namesake joined us on the occasion of our 30th Reunion in 1960. And now we have to contemplate the untimely death of this fine young soldier. It is bitterly ironic, too, that both father and son were victims of aerial accidents, the collision of two of our own aircraft. Young Fred was on his third tour of duty in Vietnam. In previous tours he had been twice wounded



1930: Lindquist family reunion, August 1968.

and had earned a Silver Star and four Distinguished Flying Crosses. As an Infantry helicopter pilot he had made some 1,200 combat flights over enemy territory, and then died on a reconnaissance mission when his helicopter collided with another. He leaves his wife, a daughter and a son, Frederick Garside Terry, III. The boy is seven-years-old, the same age his father was when Fred Sr. was killed. Such a tradition of service and sacrifice leaves one wordless.

Vietnam has involved many of us in one way or another, and the Lindquist family is a good example. The accompanying picture shows their family reunion in August 1968. From the left are Norma and Robert (Major, Class of '58) with their two sons and daughter; Alice and Roy Sr.; and Roy Jr. (Major, Class of '56) with Sara and their three daughters. The picture was taken just before Robert returned to Vietnam for his second tour, this time as a District Advisor in the I Corps Area. Roy Jr. returned from Vietnam in December 1967 and is with the Training Center at Fort Bragg. Any parents could be justly proud of this exceptional aggregation.

Turk Nelson writes that his son Landy graduated from The Citadel in 1960 as DMG and got his RA commission in Armor. Since then he has taken an amazing variety of special schooling, including Ranger, Airborne, Pathfinder, Jungle Warfare and Special Forces. He is a Master Parachutist and a Green Beret and is currently with the Special Forces headquarters at Nha Trang. Another fine career soldier, it seems.

Bart and Marge Bartlett have joined the grandparents club via their elder son, who was seriously wounded in Vietnam but made a complete recovery and is now at Fort Sill as a student in the Advanced Artillery Course. The younger boy, Robin, is an Infantry first lieutenant commanding a heavy weapons platoon in Vietnam. Bart also reported that they attended the wedding of Dick and Eleanor Parker's daughter Carolyn in July, where they saw the Don Quintos and the Bill Taylors

Bob and Connie Booth are also in the grandparent business for keeps. Their daughter Linkey has one girl born in the Naval Academy hospital while her Marine Corps husband was in Vietnam, and now has a son born in Camp Pendleton. And Connie Jr. has produced a baby girl, born in Wilmington last April. Connie Sr. also gave me the news that

young Fred Ammerman (Class of '65) was married in July to Carol Creighton. They are stationed in Colorado Springs. Other second generation news includes the marriages of Ray Brisach's daughter Athleen, Lou Heath's daughter Felicity, and Bob Porter's daughter Susan.

Hutch and Rhea Hutchinson are justifiably pleased at the fine record their son is making at Georgia Tech, where he resumed his studies after two years of military service that included a year in Vietnam. Dick Jr. maxed the first quarter of his course and has a 3.73 average for the first three quarters. Hutch attributes this outstanding performance, at least in part, to the maturity developed during two years in uniform. He and Rhea have sold their house in Orange and moved into a condominium on the inland slope of a coastal hill where there's no smog, and the weather is cooler than in Orange, where Hutch will continue to teach. The new address is 31362 Flying Cloud Drive, Laguna Niguel, Calif. 92677. Ster and Tillie Wright reported a wonderful vacation in Ireland this past summer. They rented a car and spent a month driving around the Emerald Isle and Ster pronounces it "the most charming place and people on this earth; if we'd stayed one more week we would never have come home!" Their three sons are all doing useful things: Bill with the Foreign Service in Burma, Walter an Artillery captain in Vietnam, and Sam a yearling at V.M.I. Another prideful service record.

Noted in the JOURNAL the death of Paul Ruestow's father-in-law, Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, III. A member of the Class of 1903, his distinguished career needs no comment in this column. We simply send our sincere regrets to Rusty and Clara.

This quoted from a Winston-Salem newspaper: "Each Wednesday at noon, people in Chapel Hill who are opposed to the war in Vietnam line up on the sidewalk in front of the post office in a silent protest vigil. Across the sidewalk stands a young lady who carries a sign 'Support Our Men In Vietnam.' This goes on for an hour, and then the peace people go away, and the girl goes away. Occasionally, before it all breaks up, a retired Army colonel who lives in Chapel Hill will walk down the sidewalk, turn up his nose at the peace people and then, squaring his shoulders, gives the girl the snappiest salute a retired colonel can manage." Needless to say,

the colonel is our one and only Hank Royall, still proudly sticking up for the right things.

Noted in FORBES magazine, issue of 1 September, an interesting article on the great success of an oil consulting firm, DeGolyer and MacNaughton. A key figure in the success story is Johnny Murrell, their chief executive officer, who joined the firm in 1943 and became president of it in 1956. Johnny owns race horses as a hobby, but suggests that the oil business is even riskier than horse racing. He is quoted as saying, "There are a lot of people getting rooked in this business. Finding oil is a damn speculative business." Inasmuch as Johnny is not among those getting rooked, I guess he should know.

Our indefatigably busy JoJo Carrithers continues to fill his weeks with real estate and his weekends with horse activities. During the past summer he was involved in one way or another with the Alameda County Fair, the Oakland National Horse Show and the California State Horsemen's Association annual show. Those dyed-in-the-wool horse enthusiasts still extant among us will be interested to know that the dressage judge for the Oakland show was the redoubtable Colonel Alois Podhajsky, former head of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, the famed Lippizaners.

Jim Brett added another bangle to his hat of community service when he was named a regent of the University of California. Jim seems to epitomize the cliché that the busiest people are always the ones who can find time to take one more responsibility. He is certainly one of our outstanding representatives in the San Francisco Bay area. Pete King had his picture in the real estate section of the WASHINGTON POST during August, standing in front of a row of his new Courthouse Square townhouses in Fairfax, Va., where he and his associates are building 87 units. What tickled some of us was the fact that the picture showed the lawn being vacuumed to remove loose grass. What a perfectionist, this Pete!

I'm indebted to Al Watson for turning up another former member of our class. At a dinner in Colorado Springs in August he and Anne met a chap named O. H. Snyder who, it turned out, entered West Point with us but resigned at the end of plebe year. He now resides in Caracas, where he is a member of the local golf team. For the record, his address is Apartado 3025, Caracas, Venezuela.

By the time this appears, the football season will be a matter of record. As of this writing, the prognostication is for a highly successful season. I hope that our prayerful slogan—BEAT NAVY—will have worked the appropriate magic.

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It is with regret that I report the loss of two classmates since the last issue of the ASSEMBLY. Marvin Coyle died suddenly on 7 July in the West Point Hospital from heart failure. Marv was buried at West Point. Curly Wilson, Don Buchwald and John Westermeier attended the services. Pat and daughter Anne are still at home in Mahwah, New Jersey. Gordon Cusack died of a stroke on 1 September while out dove-hunting. Burial was at Fort Sam Houston. Many of the class from the San Antonio area attended the services: Bays, Cather, Feagin, Fisher, McGee, Stroker Sullivan, and Truly.

I haven't much other news, since the nor-



1931: Chuck Westpheling swearing in daughter, Jane, to the Army Nurse Corps. Left to right: Jane Westpheling, Maj. C.T. Westpheling, Maj. Deloros Kuchas, Helen and Chuck Westpheling.

mal yearly letter has not yet gone out, but I expect to get to it in a week or so. It is rather redundant to put that notice here, since this copy will not be before your eyes until sometime in December. Anyway, a note from Chet and Gin Diestel reporting the social life in that area to be relatively quiet, but they do see Mike and Helen Irvine, and Herb and Vesta Mansfield occasionally. J. D. Sams finally managed to raise enough money to purchase a stamp, just a regular one, not air mail and sent a letter from Cocoa Beach. J. D. and Virginia's boy, Dennis, has been in Vietnam for the past year, wounded three times and should be home by the time this appears in print. They are looking forward to 1971 and the 40th. I just received a note of umbrage (I like that expression) from Charlie and Cora Densford. Their beef, different from the kind Charlie normally raises, was about my remark on the possible record number of grandchildren claimed by Augie and Fern Schomburg. The Densford descendants of the second generation numbered 14 and 8/9ths as of the date of the letter. I presume that by now the 8/9ths has been taken care of, and the number is at least 15. Charlie also noted that both of his boys had been in Vietnam, Charlie Jr., and Daniel. But I seem to remember that two of Chuck and Helen Westpheling's boys have done the same thing. Something to be proud of, Charlie, but equaled by others in the class. Ding Carter and sister, Gladys, visited Pipe Creek this summer as did Julie and Lois Chappell. Charlie manages to keep busy with his column, "Root of the Matter," now appearing in the HOUSTON SUBURBAN JOURNAL and other fine papers. He is also active in both the American Legion and the VFW, commander of the former and vice-commander of the latter local posts in Bandera.

I guess Bill and Fran Dick have returned from Turkey and are around the area somewhere. I don't know offhand of anybody who has seen them. Trick Troxel told me that Bill and Fran do not intend to stay in this area, but he did not know where they were going. Had a press clipping from somebody named Vince in Milwaukee stating that Ocky Krueger had won the local senior golf championship. How many of you heard Oekie make the boob tube nationally recently. Ocky received honorable mention for cramming one more person into a stadium for a touch football game. Shorty Rothrock was on a trip this summer and stopped by to see Myrtle Beach (if Alice reads this, that is a place not a fe-

male), tried to call Willie Bell, but got no answer. Maybe I have the answer to that one. In early June I received the following engraved announcement: "Mrs. George E. McCall and Major General W. J. Bell, USAF Ret., announce their marriage, 30 May, etc. At home, Casenovia, New York, after 21 June." Shorty went south when he should have gone north. Charlie Hoy chipped in with some remarks as always. Charlie, Martha and Debbie are planning now to attend the 40th. Charlie says that we should stay somewhere near a putting green so that some of us duffers will be available to pay for his coffee. When Charlie and Martha were in Austria, they had a dog (named HoHum?) who drank coffee, and I guess Charlie and Martha picked up the habit. Glenn and Mary Farris visited the Hoys in Gainesville in June, both reported looking well and healthy. Vic MacLaughlin, still quartermastering at Fort Lee, says that he and Myrle are planning for the 40th. Gus Heiss passed through the post in April, and he and Mac spent an enjoyable evening recapturing old times.

Ted Parker forwarded the photo taken on the occasion of Bill Dick's retirement ceremony at Izmir. Ted said, "In case you have forgotten, the characters in the photo from left to right are yours truly, Nina, Fran and Bill." Bill's retirement was distinguished by the presence of Gen. Lemnitzer and other high ranking military guests from Italy, Greece, Turkey, Canada and the UK, and U.S. ambassadors to Greece and Turkey. Along with the presentation of the Oak Leaf Cluster to the DSM it made for a very impressive ceremony. And I might add, a very fitting and proper one for Bill. Ted apologizes for nominating himself as the '31 representative at the ceremony, but such an action does seem logical considering Ted is the only representative of the Class in Europe at the moment.

George and Tommie Speidel had an enjoyable visit with Don and Alice Webber in Sewanee in August. Tommie (George doesn't write, he just teaches math) also sent along an invitation to an open house for George's mother on the occasion of her 100th birthday. C-Square Smith came east for a visit and stopped at the McBride household in Bowie. He phoned me, and we had a nice chat about various things. I always seem to be picking on someone, and my latest victim is apparently Charlie McNair (I almost put it Mac). He says that each of the latest several letters I have sent him have had different addresses. This is quite possible, you all know the type of help one can get these days, particularly at the salary I can pay. However, being mathematically inclined, I asked myself how could he know they had different addresses if he hadn't received them. Ergo, he must have re-



1931: Ted and Nina Parker and Fran and Bill Dick' at Bill's retirement ceremony at Izmir.

ceived them in spite of the incorrect addresses. I'll try to get the correct address on the next letter.

I do apologize to Charlie for saying he had a minor operation. As he says, a ten inch slice in your middle is a bit more than minor. Roger Urban paid a visit to his grandnephew at Fort Benning where the whirly birds have replaced the horses and the "Toonerville Trolley" is now in the museum. Ted Timberlake wrote a nice note to say that he and Marge expect to make the 40th. Don Buchwald says he really doesn't care where the rest of the Class stay for the Reunion, he has a place all selected, his own house in Newburgh. Paul Burns is now a man of leisure except for exercising and tending his rose garden. I got exhausted just reading Paul's schedule: golf, three and a half mile walks and Canadian AF exercises. Paul and Irene's youngest, Mark, is planning to enter the Academy in July '69. The rest of the Burn's ménage is scattered from here to there, with two of the boys, Robert and Paul, working for advanced degrees. Chuck and Helen Westpheling sent the picture which I hope will be included, showing Chuck swearing daughter, Jane into the Army Nurse Corps. From left to right, Jane, Maj. C.T. Westpheling, Maj. Deloros Kucha, Helen and Chuck. I'm almost past the deadline, so that is all for now. Keep thinking about the 40th.

'32

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The summer passed without any letters arriving except a note from Charlie Baer attached to a copy of a letter from Chih Wang in which Charlie notes that it appears that Chih will don the uniform again. In his letter he says: "Much as we would like to make the visit to Washington again to let my wife Eva meet Esther and other good ladies there, a message from Taipei a few days ago changed my plans. Our President's Office asks me to come back as soon as possible. As soon as I finish my lecture tour here, we are flying back to Taiwan through Europe on August the fourth." His address is: Major General Chih Wang (retired), Secretary to the President, Office of the President, Taipei, Taiwan. This for those who want to make contact which will be appreciated.

About the middle of June, a party that had been scheduled by Lil and Bill Powers for the Bill Smiths, here on a trip from Florida was hastily cancelled due to a case of German measles. Yes, Lil is getting younger every day! We were sorry Lil was incapacitated and sorry too to have missed seeing the Smiths.

Toward the end of July we had luncheon as Joslin's guest at the Madison. (Luke paid the five dollar tip). Joslin Morris mildly yet firmly told the headwaiter that the special roasted chestnuts in truffles was missing from my entree (which was delicious anyway). The result was Davidson was quickly served a separate chestnut on a separate tray. Withal, Luke is down to almost fighting weight and looks great. His only difficulty is that just as he is about to arrive he adds five pounds.

A word about the class luncheon. This is not news as it will long be over before you read this—but it's the sentiment that counts. The October luncheon will be attended by available '32 sons; whoever thought of this deserves a special commendation. I think it was Frank—it sounds like him. In anticipation of the event I hope to get special permission to be excused from afternoon classes

at the Westminster School where I am again endeavoring to spread as much "French" as possible.

Dossi reminds me that we did have some cards from La Trelle and Pop Duncan while they were vacationing this summer. La Trelle said she enjoyed the first part but understood they were going fishing at the "jumping off" place. Haven't heard another word since. Until next issue, Bill Davidson.

Here's the other half from Ken Zitzman

Well, the news that has filtered in to this side of the Potomac has not been voluminous, but continues to titillate. We have our ups and downs, and it's a pleasure to start with a couple of ex-downs that are now ups.

In the last issue, Bill Davidson reported that Luke Morris built up such a brain pressure thinking through his job, that he had to be trepanned, and it wasn't funny. (Name one trepanation that is.) At our most recent class luncheon in the Pentagon however, Luke sported his distinguished, silvery thatch (natural, natch) of old. Quite a contrast to the day when he had four holes bored in this head: not to see if there was anything inside as Frank Besson suggested, but to let the evil spirits out. In Luke's words, he made Yule Brynner look like a hippie.

The other happy turnabout is El Davis. Meandering back to Washington from San Antonio, Pat stopped by New Orleans to visit El and Lil. El looked like his strapping self at the 35th or even the 25th reunion, and wish I could say the same (for me). Their house is in the old section with very little to be seen from the street, but inside has 13 ft. ceilings, a crystal chandelier to match, pool room (snooker, not swimming), a vast upstairs that they visit only on bank holidays, and an outdoor pool (when they want to swim, not snook).

On a sadder note, the Class extends sympathy to Jim Churchill who lost his father recently. We salute the passing of a fine gentleman and career Army officer.

Passing to news of the juniors, it appears that with the loss of godson Terry Creighton, USMA '56, the next in line is Maj. Herroll J. Skidmore Jr., also USMA '56, born on 3 June 33. A U. of Ill. M.Sc., he is now in the USMA Math Dept. '32's proud of you Skid Jr., if you'll pardon this long string of abbs., but you know how space is in ASSEMBLY these days.

Going back to the day before yesterday, the Class of '09 godson, Frank Besson, ably aided and abetted by wife Nancy, saw son Woodson T. (Tolly) Besson married to the former Sandra Lynne Blackburn at the Fort Belvoir chapel with reception at the club, on 25 August. Tolly, Princeton '67, is now in his 2d year at the Yale Law School. The bride looked radiant, almost as radiant as Nancy whom we were all glad to see there in fine fettle.

Elsewhere in Washington, when Lt. Gen. George Mather, who heads an office with improbable title of the Directorate of Civil Disturbance, better known to us as CINCLARD (Larceny, Arson, Riots and Disorders) arrives at a class luncheon, everyone shouts, "Stop the Riot." I'm not the one to invoke Cause and Effect, but there was no incident across the country during 1968 to match the least of those in '67.

And if we ever have a Class Commodore, it might as well be Bill Powers with Lil as Asst Cmdr., if there is such a rank. They bought their first ship, a comfortable houseboat upper on a fast moving cruiser hull, in Norfolk and after reading the instruction booklet assiduously, drove it to Washington via

the Inland Waterway for its (and their) maiden voyage. Reminds me of the time I asked a kid if he could play the violin, and he said, "I don't know, I've never tried."

Since then, they've plowed the waters entertaining classmates, U.S. Senators and others in descending order of priority to the delight and terror of passengers and Coast Guard alike.

Well, that's about it, except for a good mini-reunion on a trip to Cape Kennedy. On a Sunday afternoon, visited Click and Mary Rees at Winter Park on short notice and before you could say "32," they had Jack and Ruth Sutherland, Midge Hillsinger, and Ed and Bee Suarez gathered at their home by the time I made the 1½ hour drive.

All were fine, all were talking about going on a chartered bus to the Fla. State/A.F. Academy game the following Saturday.

Attractive Bee Suarez, who joined '32 two years ago, is the widow of Jack Kelly (John R.) USMA '36, USAF, who commanded a Bomber Group in the European Theatre in WWII. Lovely to look at, she also has a son who qualified 5th in the hurdles for this year's Olympics with one screening to go. Looking toward the long term career, however, he passed it up to enroll in Florida State U. and not get behind a full year in college.

There's no more space left, so once again, we must compress the news by resorting to graffiti; viz. and to wit:

Classmates who congratulated Dwight Beach for having Hallux Rigidus don't know that it means he has a stiff joint in his big toe.

Stan Wray says that if you can't take it with you, he's not going. (Ed. note:—he's not even close on either score).

Luke Morris doesn't have holes in his head.

And I wish I could say the same for,

Yours truly,
Ken Zitzman

P.S. Write, write, write. Or am I repetitious??

'33

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Gab Disosway and Sam Donnelly were retired, with 35-years-service on 1 Aug. Ceremonies were held for Gab at Langley, where he had been Commander of TAC before he left for 13710 Sprucewood Drive, Dallas, Tex. 75240. Sam left the AF in Washington for 204 16th St., S.W., Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87104.

Fred Gibb died at Andrews AFB on 6 Sept, because of the heart condition for which he was retired in '61. He was buried in Arlington with six classmates as honorary pall bearers and many others in attendance. A large part of Fred's service through the rank of colonel was with the 1st Infantry Div, and he later commanded the 3rd Infantry Div. Ruth will stay in their home here, for the present at least. Harpo Chase was at Arlington for the funeral; he plans to go to school here for about a year.

Wag Kleitz visited her sister, Jill, and Bud Schlanser in Stuttgart this summer; earlier, she and son Dorsey and daughter Crystal visited England where they played the fascinating game of "brass rubbing." Son Tony is in Geneva at the Graduate Institute of Advanced Studies. Daughter Katy continues with the Conservatory of Music in Boston. Carver tells of the award to his son Allen,



1933: Lt. Gen. Harold C. Donnelly

by South Vietnam, of the Gallantry Cross (comparable to the Silver Star). Allen (USMA '64) served with an Airborne Regt in Santo Domingo; he has been ordered to duty at Fort Benning. Charlie's son-in-law, William Schneider, has been made a Lt. Col. and is on duty with DCSOPS. Dorothea and Johnny Lane visit their cottage, just eight miles from Front Royal, most every weekend; their fifth grandchild, whose father John Jr., is in Vietnam, was christened at Fort Myer on 8 Sept and their sixth is due in Oct. Their daughter Maureen, teaches in Japan. Johnny will retire in Apr. Dot and Fritz Hartel's Karla, who is in the ANC at Tripler, will be married in Williamsburg on 26 Oct to Lt. Bruce Tedt-sen. Ruth Carroll's David is going to Afghanistan with the Peace Corps; Bobby (USMA '62) will get his M.A. at Northwestern and then be an instructor at West Point.

Dunn has orders for 150 cook books, and it is hoped that number will be doubled or more before the mailing, about 15 Dec. Send orders to Chuck (\$5.00 each). Jimenez sent Chuck \$60 for as many as could be mailed to Venezuela! Chuck writes that his weight about two years ago was 205 lbs.; got down to 133 lbs. before he left Walter Reed; and is now 160 lbs. "The odds are very good for me unless I bump into some blonde and get socked—by her escort. We have seen Cal and Ruth Smith (Cal still knocking over Broadmoor golf course), Bob and Bea Totten and Chappie and Sueva Chapman (from Colorado Springs)." It should be noted that all profits go to the Class fund.

Parr, who is in Vietnam for Pacific Architects and Engineers, had a reunion with sons Ivan III, who is a major with the 1st Logistics Cmd and Michael (USMA '67) who was ordered there after Ranger and Airborne training. Cairns' new address is: PO Box 796, Catalina Island School for Boys, Avalon, Calif. 90704. Doug says on the Change of Address card "Will write soon?"! Bill and Alice Baumer flew, in June, to Senegal, where they visited their daughter Marjorie, who is there with the Peace Corps, and to Heidelberg, where they were guests of Jimmy and Joey Polk. Neely has changed his assignment for Boeing from Germany to Philadelphia. He and Posie have a house at 10 Polecat (that's the name, honest) Road, Fox Valley, Glen Mills, Pa. 19342. Breit has a new home at 11332 Links Drive, Reston, Va. 22070. Johnny is still with RAC, as are Clarke, Parker, and Whipple.

Red and Sue White spent part of the summer at their place on the Mississippi, near Chautaugua, Ill. (about 40 miles from St. Louis). Mo Kaiser was again at Camp Perry (the matches were on a reduced scale this year) and competed with Olympic and world champions. Later he and Ethel spent about a week with Puddy and Gordon Bartlett in Florida. Their son Jim is back from Vietnam for a short tour as an instructor at West Point. Heintz and Reynolds are without a job because the Military Assistance Institute has been abolished. Both are enjoying the loss of a time clock. Leo's Allyn continues at Washington's Pegasus-Meadowbrook stables, where she is very much of a key person, and daughter Anne teaches there. Gilbert tells of his son Doug Jr., flying for Braniff out of Miami over most of S. America; son Raine is studying for his Ph.D. at Catholic U. here; son Randy, who was with CIC, has asked for a teaching job; son Curtis is in high school; wife Misha is not teaching this year but is concentrating on getting an M.A. Doug says this is definitely his last year of teaching; he has about 30 acres near Warrenton and plans to build there.

Bill and Marge Ryan have moved to a house at 1317 22nd St., So. Arlington, Va. (Phone: 521-4705). Bill is a consultant for Washington Associates and occasionally for DOD Transportation. Johnny Johnson has been named to the Board of Directors of the Research Analysis Corp. (RAC). Jean and Lessie Engler's son Michael enters high school this year; son Jean (USMA '59) is with Ryan Aircraft; and daughter Fran is with her AF husband. They had a lengthy leave of four days this summer, at Virginia Beach. Sweeting took a long fishing trip to Seneca Lake in western upstate New York where he hooked his share of bass and trout. Helen visited her family's home in Norway. Bernard taught this summer and continues at Harker Prep School (near Potomac); daughter Betsy is in her last year of high school and next year may enter college at Southern Illinois Tom Beck's daughter Brenda and her husband were here from Alaska for the Fort Belvoir dog show. They raise collies (one of the dogs is presently the Texas A & M mascot) Bill and Anne Blandford moved into their "dream house" (411 Jefferson St., Alexandria Va.—phone: 836-1515) in Aug. Their son Bill worked in New Hampshire this summer and is now a freshman at the U. of Wisc. Peggy Leonard and Ed Starbird were married at Fort Myer on 6 July. Schmelzer writes of the plan for his Gordon Military College to send its honor graduates to USMA.

In the 6 July issue of the ARMED FORCES JOURNAL is an editorial about Johnny Johnson. In part, it says: "As Army Chief of Staff he walked unafraid. No JCS member in recent times has carried greater weight with the Congress.—He played by the rules, but without demeaning his position or shirking his responsibilities.—But we venture the opinion that the Army has never had and perhaps will never have a greater leader." Billy Harris writes: "just returned from a quick week's trip to London for dinner. This may sound 'jet setty' but it actually isn't. Baumer and I represented the Americans at a reunion (Bill went on to Senegal). We have big plans for Abe and Mary Lincoln; by the time this is printed, they should be settled in Washington."

Billy has furnished these summaries: Alspaugh plans to continue teaching math in San Antonio public schools and U.S. History at San Antonio College. Ralph has one daughter who just graduated from the U. of Texas;

a grandson almost one and a granddaughter, four. Armitage continues to teach at St. Mary's U.; he and Sue go to Colorado to see son John and their newest granddaughter; John and his wife have just returned from England where they lived for 2½ years, and both received Ph.D. degrees. Blanchard isn't, and doesn't intend to be, employed; son Bob is at Fort Hood, having just returned from Vietnam. Bob and Anne were at St. Louis for the graduation of their youngest daughter from St. Louis U. Ed and Florence Cahill are enjoying retirement; they have no children but are settled down with three poodles. Ed says "the lazy Irishman hasn't changed." Dahlen's daughter and son-in-law are studying at Stanford prior to returning to Madrid. Bill and Betsy Damon are enjoying retirement. Bill III, got an engineering degree and is working in Dallas.

Due is selling life insurance; son-in-law Capt. George Telenko (USMA '62) is on his second tour in Thailand, after a tour in Vietnam. Oldest son Bill Jr., a USNA grad who went RA, is a pilot instructor at Fort Bragg, after a second tour in Vietnam. Frentzel is getting an M.A. and is well-versed in both the old and new math. Son Chapo took parachute training at Fort Benning before returning to Annapolis for his last year as a midshipman. Hetherington heads his home building company (T. Hetherington and Daughters) which has built 12 homes in the Oak Hills Terrace section of San Antonio; daughter Carolyn, who graduated from the U. of Colo., is a stewardess for Pan Am, and daughter Susan is married to Joe Roger and has been teaching. Mac and Dotty McClelland took a cruise this summer, and on visiting a museum in Spain found some spaces for paintings marked "Loaned to Hemis Fair" (info from Hemis Fair Harris). Their youngest daughter is with them while her husband is in Vietnam. Pearson plans to continue teaching in junior high; this summer he went to Southwestern Texas State (LBJ U.) to get a few more credits.

Harrell is our fifth four-star general (Disosway, Conway, Polk, and Johnson). Ben commands the Allied Land Forces Southeastern Europe (ALFSEE, APO 09224 New York). Tripp writes: "We would be fine if we could just keep Effie out of the hospital—surgery—accident. Bob is getting married (for the second time). Our older grandson is with us. Our dog McGregor, lost two teeth. But other-



1933: General Gabriel P. Disosway

wise we're fine. Jim Boswell is busy, as always, and Pat has returned from the Middle East full of biblical history. Their place in Hillsboro (sees) many classmates—they make fine hosts. Hoy Davis has completed his landscaping job and is awaiting Rosamond's next project. She teaches music and esthetics. Their daughters Betty and Peggy and their families live nearby. Ed and Claire Herb have six grandchildren, at the latest count. Ed plays dominoes during the noon hour and golf on weekends, when he isn't in South America. Stan and Charlotte Lonning are learning the hard way what ivy does to a sewer system. She says they should own stock in the Roto-Rooter Co. Mack is enjoying a life of retirement."

Ebe Downing reports: "Upon retirement Thelma and I decided to return to our home town, Stuttgart, Ark.—'The Rice and Duck Capital of the World.' I manage the Arkansas Irrigation Co., which delivers water for a share of the crop. Our daughter, Carolyn Gray, is married and lives in Memphis with her husband, Neal, and two children. Butch, our son, who married Linda Hartel, should return soon from Vietnam. It was our pleasure to care for the children while she visited him in Hawaii, not once but twice! My battle cry is 'Eat more rice and use more soybean products.'" Paul and Kay Gillon's daughter, Teresa, teaches French in Newton, Mass.; oldest son, Paul, is a naval architect living in Long Beach with his wife and son; Robert and Brendan are in Ann Arbor—Brendan is (very fluent) in French, and Bob is getting a degree in math. "An acre and a half provides plenty of physical therapy. Haven't seen any classmates in several years."

'34

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Well, I have word on a couple of Classmates who got away on leave which I will relate shortly. First we have some sad news, so will cover that: Bill (W.L.) Rogers died on 5 September at Knoxville, Tenn. He was buried at West Point on 10 September with Jack Renfroe ably representing the Class as usual. In accord with the request of Bill's family, the Class sent a memorial donation to Boys' Town in lieu of flowers, and a note of condolence was sent to the family, in the name of the Class. Jeff (L.S.) Moseley died of a heart attack on 4 September at Montgomery, Ala. Interment was at Arlington on 10 September; members of the Washington Chapter attended, and flowers were sent together with a note of condolence in the name of the Class. Our sympathy to both families.

The June luncheon was held at Arlington Hall as a promotion party for Bert Spivy, with Bruce, Corrigan, Edson, Foote, Kern, Lipscomb, Lewis, O'Hara, Schaefer, Stevens, Tyson in attendance. Four candles for Bert's stars and a miniature American flag for Franny adorned the promotion cake. We all wish them a fine tour with Bert as U.S. Representative to the Military Committee, NATO, APO N.Y. 09667.

The August Luncheon was attended by Barnes, Betts, Bruce, Lewis, O'Hara, Schaefer, Stevens, Tyson and Walsh. It was decided to put out a Class Bulletin in the fall with info on the 35th Reunion plans as drawn up by the Committee of Edson, Fuller, and O'Hara.

Emory Lewis reports a fine response to the dues notification. For those who have lost

their cards, send your responses to Col. E. A. Lewis, 3011 N. Military Rd., Arlington, Va. 22207.

Jack and Mary Seaman report a fine trip through Florida where they saw: the Gantt Hickmans at Bradenton, the Harry Hilliards, Knox Yarbroughs, and the Bob Adamases at Indialantic; they went on to Pompano Beach where they saw the Ted Bilbos.

Tom and Foss Foote have returned from a trip through New England to Nova Scotia (hurray for the boys from—) on which they were joined by Hal and Faith Edson. The Footes stopped by East Greenwich, R.I. for a visit with the Trav Pettys. Tom says he spent so much he will call me next from debtors' prison, but I don't believe him; he works for IBM.

A nice letter from Bob MacDonnell in July reports a get-together in which Bill and Delores Rogers, John and Dorothy Anderson joined Bob and Sis on one of Bob's periodic Inspections of the Mississippi River. Bob sent me a fine color picture of this sextet which I forwarded on to ASSEMBLY with the hope they can print it for all of you. John Anderson has had two terms as Mayor of Denison, Texas; his son had just returned to Vietnam to complete his tour after release from a hospital in Japan. Bill Rogers had been enjoying his work as Professor of Water Resources at the University of Tennessee. Bob and Sis are enjoying Vicksburg and have room for all their kids and grandkids, even if they have to put a trailer in the yard, should they all come at once.

Perry Griffith has notified me twice that he has an article in the next ASSEMBLY. So you all look for it, hear? More importantly Griff reports his son is in the midst of things south of the DMZ in Vietnam. Griff says he is learning all about how the grunts fight again (again?), after all these years; and, that at least we have one guy in the family who's a good ground soldier (now you're talking, Mrs. Calabash).

As it must come to all, Tom Lipscomb's retirement came at the end of July. We sure hated to see Tom and Louise leave the Washington area, so they kindly held a big reception at Fort Myer, with their two lovely daughters to cheer us all up. We are pleased to report that they will be near the site of the Navy game, as Tom will be Executive Vice President of the Delaware Port Authority in Camden, N.J.

Jerry Higgins reports through Lou Walsh that he has been relatively busy in Salmon, Idaho, tying trout flies (trout flies in Salmon?). Jerry enjoins Lou to maintain his interest in his assignment at RAC.



1934: Left to right: Bob MacDonnell, Dorothy Anderson, Bill Rogers, Sis MacDonnell, John Anderson, Delores Rogers.

A nice letter from Charlie White on Quail Row, San Antonio, brings several items about those too modest or too lazy to write themselves: Willie (F.W.) Moorman is carrying a big and I'm sure rewarding job as a Vice President of the Episcopal Church Foundation, where as he puts it, he is continuing the mission of "Duty, Honor, Country"; rumor has it that George Dany may be going to San Antonio to live; Tom (T.E.) Wood IS moving from McAllen, Texas, to San Antonio in September (Charlie seems sure on this); Charlie sees Rip Winkle from time to time (cronies); Charlie says Jack (J.W.) White and Fred (F.C.) Cook might as well be in another state, but admits having seen them both within a week recently after a spell of from one to two years (after all, Texas is a BIG state, Charlie).

Jabo and Virgie Jablonsky passed through Washington in July on their way to Fort Bragg for Jabo's retirement. They both looked in fine shape. Diefendorf saw Jabo at the club there and was kind enough to send me a clipping on Jabo's receiving the DSM and a pair of Jump Boot bookends from the 82d Airborne Division. The Jablonskys moved on to Beverly Hills, where Jabo has recently been announced as Assistant to the Vice President, Forward Planning of Northrop Corporation, Northrop Bldg. Calif. 90212. Good luck, folks.

Johnny and Janet Diefendorf report a swell visit to Nag's head for surf bathing and to Fort Bragg. Johnny took the summer off after leaving Yorktown High and says he is now looking around for another job.

We are happy to report that Jack Renfroe is up and about again after several days in the hospital. Ted Conway ('33), STRICOM, took the Maje on a visit to Africa this summer, and Jack picked up some kind of "bug" there.

And now for the notes that tell of the continuation of our part of the Long Gray Line: Dave and Helen Ruth, from Hampton, Va., announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Kimmel to Mr. Pierce Welch Gaines Jr., on 11 August in Hampton; Bill and Peggy Craig from Fort McPherson, Ga. announce the marriage of their son, Marshall William, to Miss Diana Nancy Neale on 7 September in Cleveland, Ohio. Congratulations from us all.

Thanks for the scoop; keep it coming. Hope to see you all at the 35th. Hit 'em hard, gang. Best of everything to all and God Bless! All for now.

'35

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There are no promotions or retirements to report, and the only reassignment was Charlie Rich's transfer from the Pentagon to be Deputy Commander, CONARC. We hope Charlie and Betty enjoy their tour at Fort Monroe. We here in Washington will certainly miss Charlie's able performance in arranging facilities for the various class functions. At an Executive Committee luncheon for Charlie before he left for his new assignment, he told a number of amusing anecdotes. One was to the effect that he considers Ed Kraus responsible for his present Army career status. It seems that the organization sending them to USMA had a quota of 16 candidates, and Charlie found himself number 17. Then Ed Kraus was found to be underweight, so they sent Charlie along too.



1935: Left to right: Symroski, Murdoch, and Gibson meet during visit of Murdoch to USCONARC, Fort Monroe.

When they arrived at West Point, Charlie says he had to stuff bananas and drink quarts of water to keep his weight up to 152, and that finally the authorities found another slot for Ed, who also stuffed.

We are grateful to Hoot Gibson who sent the accompanying photo of "three handsome classmates" (Hoot's words). It was taken last April when Frank Murdoch, DCG for Reserve Forces, Fourth Army, visited Hq CONARC. At that time Hoot was Acting C/S CONARC, and Chuck Symroski, DCS Intel CONARC is on Frank's right.

Bud Russ writes from Hq Third Army, Fort McPherson, that there was a very fine though small reunion in Charleston, S.C., last June when Chip Eckhardt, Pat Ferris, and Bill Russ graduated from the Citadel. George and Meg Eckhardt were able to get home from Asia for the event, as well as Ed and Marie Ferris and Joe and Nanie Anderson down from Washington, and the Tuckers, the Hoys, and the Glen Coles who are Charles-tonians.

Bud says that Tiger and Ruth Beall have moved into their new home at Lake Spivey, about 30 minutes south of Atlanta, and that the Tiger looks "great." He also reports that Bob and Dahlis Booth stopped by during the summer and that Bob is recovering nicely from an operation last spring out in Fitzsimmons. Bob is teaching math at Columbia Military Academy, Columbia, Tenn. Bud closes by asking all classmates to stop by at Qtrs. 20, Fort McPherson when in the Atlanta area.

There was a spate of weddings of class sons and daughters during the spring and summer. In May, Sudi Rhoades married a naval officer, John McWilliam, in Roswell, N.Mex. Following his graduation at West Point Rick Rhoades also was married, making a very busy season for the Rhoades family. Incidentally, other Class of '68 graduates were Robert Firehock, Alvin Louis Mente III, and John Lathrop Throckmorton Jr. To go back to weddings, on the 29th of June Patrick Edward Ferris married Mary Lyllyan Randall in the chapel at the Citadel. Danny Ferris was best man, and Chip Eckhardt was an usher; and Kathy Hoy was one of the bridesmaids. On 6 July lovely Peggy Leonard married Captain Alfred Starbird in the chapel at Fort Myer, Va. On 8 September Chip Eckhardt married beautiful Sally Peace in the Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, Va. Pat Ferris was best man; Kathy Hoy was one of the bridesmaids; Jay Eckhardt Britton was matron of honor; and little Johnny Britton was one of the two ring bearers. These last three weddings mentioned we (this "we" is not editorial but con-

nubial) were privileged to attend and finer, more auspicious occasions one could never hope to see, not to mention the pleasure of meeting old friends.

One more wedding is scheduled for 14 September at the Main Post Catholic Chapel, Fort Benning, when Captain Ed Russell Throckmorton weds Katherine Amelia Johnson.

Somers Dick writes to say that the largest class in history, 1253, has entered West Point, and that the only class son among them is Wm. B. Russell, son of "Iron Man" and Dottie Russell. This seems to be quite a drop from the numbers entering some years ago. Somers points out that Charlie and Marge Leonard's boy, Henry Alden Leonard, is number one in the new second class, and that Dave Skinrood, son of Norm and Gail Skinrood was "about 5 or 6" in the class until he was discharged medically in August. Somers goes on to say that this is too bad because Dave is a top-notch student and was an extremely well-liked cadet. Local phone conversation with Gail reveals that Dave ranked seven and that the authorities at West Point did everything they could to get him a waiver. Dave will continue toward an engineering degree at Brigham Young University in Utah.

Somers also reports that Charlie Armogida, a new yearling, is wearing stars. The other new yearling class son is Danny Ferris. The class sons in the new first class are John Arthur Gloriod, William Baxter Rynearson, and Peter James Skells

At the last class luncheon, which was held on 20 June with a fair turnout of 22 present, it was proposed and voted unanimously to express the gratitude of the Class of '35 to Somers and Lucy Dick for their unflagging devotion to the Class and their warm hospitality to so many of us on our visits to West Point. Accordingly a plaque was composed and beautifully drawn in color and appropriately framed and presented to Somers and Lucy on 17 August by Chairman Hank Thayer and Secretary-Treasurer Ed Ferris who drove up to West Point to deliver it, on behalf of the entire Class.

'36

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Any event occurring immediately after I finish this won't be read about until after March 1969! So here's the ancient history report of the aging Class of '36.

Dave Chaffin's Washington, D.C., State



1936: Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. receives the Philippine Legion of Honor award from President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Philippines, July 8 at the Presidential Palace in Manila. Mrs. Davis is at left assisting President Marcos.



1936: The Army's Chief of Staff and Vice Chief of Staff.

Dept address is only to save paying 25 cents postage on his mail; otherwise he's still in Beirut on his construction job, and will be for a year. In August he went back to Pennsylvania and Washington with Betty. Mrs. Jefford, Betty's mother, is still living with them; son Jeff starts Gettysburg College. Bub Clark became Air University Commander in June—congratulations to him and Caline, two highly qualified people for the job. Got a call from Ted Clifton in Washington in August. He is President of his own firm of Counseling. Bob Curran wrote from Social Science Dept of Manatee Junior College, Bradenton, Fla. Oldest daughter, Pat, finished nine years of college and is doing social work in Philadelphia; other daughter, Cass, contracted crippling rheumatoid arthritis at Syracuse U. and is struggling thru for her M.A. in Political Science.

Hap Dalton wrote a long letter describing reason for losing his left leg at knee. It was result of air injury many years previously. Ben Davis received the Philippine Legion of Honor from President Marcos because of his outstanding service just before leaving for his new assignment as deputy STRIKE Comd, Fla. He hopes to come to Atlanta sometime while he is so near. The Dorlands established some other kind of record with the marriage of two children in month of August. Diane married Mr. Robert Rixse, and Pete married Rebecca Bliss. Of course this wasn't all: Gil (Jr) received the DSC for his actions and heroism last December. Abe awarded young Rick a DFC in Vietnam which he has with a fistful of other awards. Lynn and Gil sold their big home to, of all people, an old girl friend of mine whom I've not heard from in over 30 years. New address of Dorlands—212 Belle Meade Blvd., Nashville, Tenn. 37204.

The Beards of Brevard, N.C. married their daughter, Ruth, to Glenn Townley in June. Heard from Rod Drake in Colorado Springs. As of July he was a fully registered broker with Goodbody. Was surprised in August by a visit in Atlanta from Walt and Jeanne Faiks up from Fort Lauderdale to do some buying for their candle shop, "Christine Candles." Liz and I were their guests at

luncheon; then they went on to Fort Gordon to visit their son. Josh Finkel wrote that his son had been hitch-hiking around Europe before returning and entering med school in fall. A note from Charlotte Fergusson from Berlin following the passing of her mother. Tommy and Jean Hayes and their very attractive daughters, Barbie and Helen, joined the Gages and offspring for a pleasant August evening. Ben Turnage retired in Chicago, and Westy attended. Tommy Hayes spent an August holiday with Jean at Jackson Hole, Wyo. They saw Monty Monteith at Lowry.

Monty said that Bill Fickes was our first Class loss when he was hit on the golf course by lightning many years ago. Betty and Jim Illig and Clark and Lyn Hosmer had visited Monteiths this year. We have two women captains among our children; besides WAC Margaret Haneke there is now Air Force Captain Dr. Betty J. Haywood who is "In residency" at the hospital at Lackland AFB. Helen and Whitey Hess went back to Europe again in June. Back to Madrid and then to Rome where they visited Rev. Phil Gage III. On return to U.S. Helen was exacerbated by people redoing the inside of her house. They took her daughter to Georgetown in Sept; Beth and our son Bill (a freshman) may get better acquainted. Hesses had only seen TWillie Morris' in recent months. Doris Hiester reported that she and daughter, Darrell and five grandchildren had a nice beach vacation. She also told of the passing in early June of Betty Simpson, Charlie's wife. Charlie's current address: 442 Marriposa Ave, Sierra Madre, Calif. 90124.

Young Jerry Holderness wrote after graduation thanking the Class for the lovely gift we gave him. He spent his furlough with family at Hilton Head, S.C. It was a great Class honor to have Jack Kelly promoted and made head of the National War College at McNair. This old fort now houses three of our great: Palmer, Lampert and Kelly.

In August Ham Morris spent a little time at the hospital at Fort Benning. I heard it was "kidney stones." Also in August Westy paid a quicky visit to Atlanta and a short reunion was had with Hayes and Gage. I think it's safe to state that Westy looks a little more rested than a year ago, even though it was hotter in Atlanta than in Saigon, weatherwise, I hasten to say. Jim Landrum did a little moving, all the way from Falls Church to 84 Niuiki Circle, Honolulu 96821.

The great Bruce Palmer who nine years ago was a Pentagon colonel was pinned with his fourth star in July by Westy and Kay. Bev Powell also got his third star and left NATO, Belgium to take command of III Corps at Fort Hood where one of the Division CG's is Len Shea. In July Juana Quinn wrote that young Rob is going back to Vietnam. This summer he had received his 5th Bronze Star. She said she went to June week and saw Bill Meany. Buck Rogers sent Jim Lampert some slides on "rock hunting" from Cottonwood, Calif. Jim forwarded them to me, but as yet have not seen them.

It's sort of alphabetically out-of-order but Sam Gooding just called from Texas (with considerable ESP acumen) to report on his news. He has moved to Fulton, Tex. His address: PO Box 36 (get it?), Fulton, 78358. Harriet passed away on 7/19/66, and Tex remarried Eileen Haggerton who has a son and three daughters. The elder son is a Lt JG helicopter pilot off an LST in Vietnam. Tex is teaching at Rockport-Fulton HI

Bill Shuler has again qualified for President of the Washington group for a third time. This is a great accomplishment for both

the Class and Bill. I think I'm qualified to know how much Bill contributes, how small are the thanks, but how much he and the Class benefit—and after all, that is our goal! And with the "president" comes the "secretary"; Libby Clein is also a champion and one of '36's great assets. Thanks Libby!

Bill moved to a home in Fairfax in July. Gordon Austin moved to Alexandria in Sept. Bill Kinard has a new position: Foreign Area Studies, American University, 5010 Wisc. Ave, Wash. Hank Benson is with Boeing and lives in Tacoma. Bill Segrist is still job hunting. With winning draw cards like Westy and Bruce, Bill Shuler is hoping for some record attendances at once-a-month Pentagon lunches. "'36 is a great cause!" Bill Sibert is Commander of Richmond's MOWW chapter and has a major general as his adjutant—Bill Haneke. He says Bill Kimball is fighting population as head of Virginia Planned Parenthood. Bill Sievers is business manager of a new and fine looking Kirkland Hall College, Easton, Md. Young Bill is now a major and back from Vietnam with several decorations. Howie Snyder was in town one day in August, and we got together for a most pleasant evening. Tommy Hayes indicated that Van Sutherland might be retiring but I have no confirmations.

Since last issue, Westy and Bruce have been installed at the Army's highest level and are continuing to perform in their marvelous manner. Westy received the American Legion's 1968 Distinguished Service Medal along with his boss, the President. Bill Yarrow returned to Korea with a third star; he commands I Corps. Boz and Edie Wildrick wrote from Clearwater. They're planning to be at October homecoming. They have a son, George, who's a Plebe in Class of '72. Young Scott Carmichael also entered Class of '72 at USNA. According to Muriel, Dick (Jr.) is at Cornell, and the two youngest are at Culver.

'37

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Harve Dorney, my predecessor as Scribe, is still getting a good deal of the mail. Ernie LaFlamme wrote Harvey an extremely interesting letter stating he is back on active duty after five and one-half years of retirement, assigned to Fort Devens, he hopes not for long but as of his last writing he wasn't sure. Seems Ernie was placed on the Temporary Disabled Retired List for five years beginning 1 January 1963, after a bout with TB picked up in Vietnam and a lung operation at Walter Reed. Ernie promptly began a new life, spending the winters in Florida and summers at Manchester, N.H. Five years passed, and this summer Ernie received a new physical, was found in good shape (thank goodness) and ordered back to duty. I hope he will keep me posted on developments so I can tell you the outcome. If Ernie serves the whole five years he was out, he will end up as our last member on active duty, even outdoing the generals.

Swede Ohman wrote Harve to thank him for his note welcoming Swede back to the Washington area. He hasn't made a class luncheon yet but promises to try. Swede is Commander of USAF Headquarters Command at Bolling and was very active as a class officer when last stationed in the Pentagon from '61 to '64.

In an interesting note from Colorado

Springs, Curt Low reports three classmates are in the Springs area, the other two being Bud Underwood, new CG of AARADCOM, and Dick Hackford, who belongs to the same fishing club as Curt. Curt recommends Colorado Springs for scenery, weather, golf and good people, and suggests more of us migrate there. But not if we want a job; they are scarce, he says. Thanks for the letter, Curt.

I also received letters from both Hineses, Randy and Bud, and they both wrote about Elmer Blaha's death which I reported to you in the last issue, thanks to a telegram from Dink Spaulding. Bud states that Elmer was an instructor of French and Government at Texas Military Institute, San Antonio, at the time of his death (11 May). Also that from '65 to '67 Elmer was Public Relations Officer at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, where Sam Agee is Superintendent, and Bud has been teaching physics for the past four years. Bud adds that Elmer's widow, Frances, lives at 119 Riviera Drive, San Antonio, with two of their children, daughter Barbara, 19, and son Bob, 14. Their oldest son, Bill, an Annapolis graduate, is a captain in the Marine Corps and is now on his second Vietnam tour as a volunteer. Their other son, John, a '66 Air Force Academy graduate, is flying F-105's in Vietnam as a captain. I am sure Elmer was very proud of his family.

Bud's letter also included some interesting info on himself and included a news clipping showing that in the recent Roswell Tennis Association meet, Bud won the Veterans' singles, and was on both the winning men's doubles team and the runner-up mixed doubles team. In his letter he says he played six matches of 14 sets on the final day of the tournament. What a man, is all I can say. And it's proved even further by the fact that Bud and Mary Ann have four children aged 2 to 9 years. While most of us are relaxing a bit, Bud is still coaching Little League baseball and Pee Wee League football. I wish you would pass on to the class your fountain of youth prescription, Bud.

On other classmate news, Bud reports spending an evening recently with Jim and Liz Posey at their fine home near Kirtland AFB. Jim works with one of the think outfits, Nuclear Research Associates. Lastly, Bud says Phil Brant came by Roswell for a chat in June, although he is usually busy ranching near San Antonio. Thank you very much for your fine letter, Bud.

Randy Hines sent me an interesting clipping on Elmer Blaha from the TMI PANTHER which Frances Blaha had sent to him. It included a recent faculty photo of Elmer in which he really looks youthful, and a very touching tribute to Elmer written by two of his students. They obviously thought the world of Elmer at TMI, and I will send the clipping, at Randy's suggestion, to the Alumni Secretary for Elmer's Cullum File. Randy, in case you've forgotten, is teaching physics at The Citadel since his retirement as Alumni Secretary at West Point in '66. He reports he now has an additional duty as Plebe guidance counsellor for which his compassion and integrity certainly well qualify him. I'll bet he uncovers a few fine baseball pitchers on the side! Randy states his son Charles, USMA '66, who made him a grandfather recently, is now in Vietnam as CO of Company D, 34th Engineer Battalion. Randy invites all classmates passing through Charleston to stop by and sample his "good supply of whatever is required for such occasions." I hope to get to take you up on that, Randy.

George McDowell sent me an interesting clipping from the 12 August 68 Houston

CHRONICLE describing a course he is teaching on property management as part of a real estate course for Massey Business College in Houston, certainly a worthy effort. George is a partner in Clark-McDowell, Inc., Realtors, in Houston.

A short note in the Washington POST reports the marriage of Mrs. John Sheridan Fahnestock (former Margaret Truman Steele) to Bill Lewis on 27 May 68 in Georgetown, D.C. My last information, which I think is correct, shows Bill as Deputy Director of the Port of New Orleans. The Class wishes all happiness to you and your bride, Moose.

Class luncheon attendance in Washington has fallen off some this summer, but we expect an upsurge in the fall. Remember the time and place, Arlington Hall Station Officers Club, noon, fourth Thursday. I missed the June luncheon for the first time in many months due to a budget briefing at the Coast and Geodetic Survey where I am Associate Professor for Cartography, but can report the following present on 25 July: Diercks, Choppy Brett, Bruce Bissell, Trapper Drum, Harve Dorney, Johnny Frazier, Dick Klocko, Luis Mercado, Jim Pearsall, Gus Prentiss and Bud Zehner. On 22 August, we had Bissell, Bill Bailey, Diercks, Mercado, Don Shive, J.D. Stevenson and Zehner. Try to join us when you are in town.

My last item, a sad one, is to announce the death of Jim Brierley on 19 April 68 at Danville, Kentucky. This was reported in the Last Roll Call of graduate deaths furnished to Class Scribes recently. (It may appear in the Summer '68 ASSEMBLY, not yet received, in which case you will have read it ere this.) I have no further details; if you have, please let me know.

Keep on writing. See you next issue.

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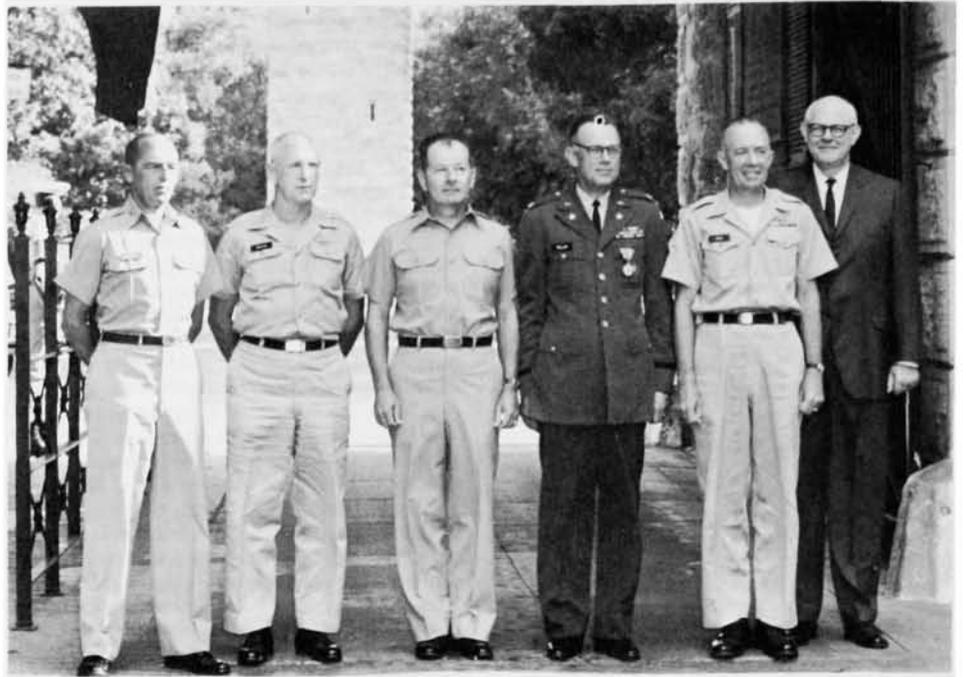
Our thanks to Frank Kobes for supplying the class notes in the last issue of ASSEMBLY. Until a new Scribe is announced, please continue to send me your news items.

John Medusky writes from the Junior College of Brevard County, Florida, where he has been teaching math for the past five years that son Jan has joined the Class of '72. Al Robinette is at Ling-Tempeco-Vaught in Dallas as an Operations Analyst, while Sal Manzo also graces the aviation industry in Texas as Director of Aviation, City of Houston.

Ben Miller, retired and with the Trust Department Bank of America at Sacramento had the opportunity of visiting with several of our classmates who were attending a reception for Swede Larsen (CG Sixth Army) at the Presidio in July: Matt Smith, Dave Nanney, Ray Odum, Bobo McCutchen with wives; also Pat Mulcahy and Jack Looney, reported present. Ray is with Wells Fargo Bank, Bobo with a Bay Area transportation group referred to as BART, and Dave in his 6th year as PMS at Stanford. Dick Wolfe is reported in an important position with U/C at Berkeley.

Ben and George Jumper entertained Bill Martin at lunch in Sacramento prior to Bill's August retirement as Commander, 15th AF (SAC). Bill and Mary will then be off to their "cottage" at Aspen, Colorado, for skiing in the fall.

George Howard retired at Vandenberg AFB last summer and was presented his third award of the Legion of Merit along with a



1939: Left to right: Col. Matt C.C. Bristol, Col. D.A. Nolan Jr., Maj. Gen. Roger M. Lilly, Col. D.B. Miller, Col. S.G. Kail, and Col. J.D. Byrne (Ret) assemble at Fort Sam Houston for Don Miller's retirement ceremony.

plaque from SAC for distinguished performance. No information has been received, however, on George and Gwin's retirement address.

On the occasion of Don Miller's retirement last July, several of the Class posed for the accompanying photo in San Antonio. From the left: Matt Bristol, Fourth Army DCS-PERS; Danny Nolan O & T; Roger Lilly, CG 2nd Region AADC; Don; Sailor Byrne (Ret); and Sammy Kail ADCS Intelligence. Sterling Johnson was out of town at the time. Don will complete his master's in history before departing for Prescott, Arizona, to build their last corral.

Ed Hamilton's daughter Elizabeth, who studied at the Sorbonne this past summer, visited while there with Madame Gelin, nee Yarnall, at her home in Evequemont. Ed and Grace stayed with Jack and Teets Dobson at Culver where their son Frank attended the summer horsemanship camp. Jack and Teets occupy the Superintendent's beautiful residence overlooking Lake Maxinkuckee.

Earle Lerette's son Dave returned from Vietnam and is now aboard the Destroyer Tender USS GARCIA out of Newport. Earle is still busy as Assistant to the President of Control Data Corp. with office in D.C., and daughter Ellen is following in Dad's footsteps as a programmer with another firm. Bob Richardson is with B.A. Schriever Associates, also out of D.C.

Your Scribe became a grandfather for the second time; daughter Susan, married to Captain R. P. Scott Jr., gave birth to a baby girl at Fort Knox on 22 August.

The Class of '39 has plans under way for their 30th Reunion next June Week. Letters have been sent out to all graduates for whom we have addresses. If you have not yet received a letter, write to Colonel Frank J. Kobes, 106 Washington Road, West Point, New York 10996, for information. The reunion program starts on Wednesday night, 28 May, and ends Friday night, 30 May. Returning couples will need motel reservations, which is a change from past reunions. Tentative block reservations have been arranged for by Frank Kobes, but he needs a

deposit no later than 1 February 1969 in order to hold the accommodations. Detailed information on reunion plans will be sent out soon after the first of the year to all those who indicate that they plan to return for June Week.

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Bob O'Donnell and I got the football team through its birthing pains in a win over The Citadel. He is teaching school at New Rochelle. Two years ago this column advised to "keep cool with Kahill," and there is no reason to change the suggestion.

Dick Cassidy and Lanny Witt, two stalwarts of the 100th night dancing group of 1940, are depicted in a more serious role. Dick with wife Annette is being escorted by Lanny at ceremonies occasioned by Dick's taking over Fort Bliss. John Coontz sends the picture and meanwhile says that Tom Muller is COS at CDCEC at Fort Ord. Jim Rat Moore is G3 at Fort Bliss, Bill Saunders is at the Air Defense School, Jake Taylor is retired and living in El Paso; Green G.D. is at Hq Sixth Army, Dick Mabee is Assistant Personnel Director for San Mateo County, Calif., and Red Gideon is commanding 13 AF at Manila. Did I report his 3rd star?

Dave Parker, now double starred is living at 2785 Fort Scott Drive, in Honolulu. Swank is to be retired as well as Merchant. The Wetzels are at Box 1779 APO, N.Y. 09665. Ferrill please copy: Woodward is not only a MG, but he is also "Senior Member of UN Command Military Armistice Commission." Chuck Oglesby now lives at 311 Ellington Ave., Mitchel Field, Garden City, N.Y. He is the Senior Army Instructor at Hofstra University.

Jack Kenney is J5 Chief Western Hemisphere Office on Joint Chiefs. Paul Reinecke retired to 6831 Sandy Shore Road, Columbia, S.C. J.B. McAfee is President of Gulf Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville, Fla. Lee

Cagwin commands 2nd Inf Division in Korea.

Bidwell D. Moore, M.F. Colacicco are First Classmen at USMA; Steve Bagstad, John Colacicco, R.H. Gasperini, William H. Roedy and R.S. Wetherill are Second Classmen; Richard E. Fate, Charles E. Harrison III, Jack B. Hazeltine and Christopher Shoemaker are Yearlings.

Mrs. Urey W. Alexander is President of Officers' Wives Club at Carlisle Barracks. Edith Freudendorf was awarded College Seal for outstanding leadership, service, and sportsmanship upon her graduation from Westhampton College, Richmond, Va. Carol Freudendorf has become a member of CWENS, women's sophomore honor society at Louisiana Tech, Ruston, La. I knew them when.

Bill Roedy goes from Italy to the Pentagon, and Les Shockner from Fort Rucker to San Antonio, Tex. Thayer retires, Lt. Robert H. Warren Jr. married Cathy Rachel Coe in August.

Rod Wetherill moves to MACV, Ben Delamater goes from Taiwan to Hq USARV and Oz Leahy from Fort Wadsworth to command 7th Infantry Division in Korea. No more riding up the Hudson in a "Q" boat for a football game. Roy Nelson retired on 31 July. O'Brien R.A., retired. Dick Cassidy was appointed to USBA Board of Advisors. Urey Alexander and Fred Yeager are new academic chair holders on faculty of Army's senior school at Carlisle Barracks.

Eileen Podufaly of Fort De Russey, Hawaii, will wed 2d Lt. Allen Crecelius, USMA 1968. John Graf retires . . . the best coach in academies that C-D Company ever had. Right Bingham, Coontz, and company? Clizbe, Comdr of AF Southern Command retires. George England and Freudendorf retire. Cecilia Anne Chandler, daughter of Chandler H.B., married Lawrence Russell Smith in July. Shaunesey retires. Ivan Sattem sent a post card from Moscow. He has either been captured or is passing through to Finland, Sweden, etc. Assignment in Tokyo is over. John Townsend won Legion of Merit while serving with Headquarters U.S. MACV. Charley Banks is Asst Dean of Engineering at the U. of Oklahoma at Norman.

As for me I am off for the Olympic Games in Mexico City. Saludos Amigos and Beat Navy.

'41

Col. Burton C. Andrus
American Embassy
Bern, Switzerland

By the time you read this, we should all be spending our winter's evenings warmly snuggled in our new Navy B-robies. This is our year. And we won't be the victims of any Anchor-Klanker upset syndromes.

Everyone knows we have more than our share of charming people in Black '41. But it reinforces this notion when one has a chance to re-establish contact. Our summer got off to a smashing start with the visit of Muriel and Jack Christensen. Jack, in Europe, to solve SRI's most vexing problems, homed into Frankfurt with his lovely bride for a six-hour layover en route to Paris. He said he had a meeting, but never convinced anyone that it was not the Lido that propelled him westward. Anyway we had a grand afternoon and evening. They not only recharged this tired old traveler, but they absolutely dazzled two of the social tigers of Wiesbaden. Next was a visit by Luci and Dennis Grace to Bern followed by a return visit on our part to their villa at Tirrenia



1940: Cassidy assumes command of Fort Bliss, accompanied by Mrs. Cassidy and Witt.

(Pisa). Dennis, as you know, is the Deputy of the world's largest (geographically) Engineer Division. Not content with southern Europe and the Middle East, he operates south to Central Africa and east to Burma. When he is not busy showing them how to build everything from super highways to straddle trenches, he is bringing home objets d'art for Lucy's beautifully arranged home.

Lastly we pounced in on Nancy and Will Vaughan, the oldest living residents of Patrick Henry Village. They reacted to our zero notice visit with typical aplomb and treated us to an elegant German dinner. Will reported the only changes at H'B were the departures of Ed Rowney and George Johnson. Ed is languishing at Stuttgart where "people are learning to do things the blue suit way," and George has traded his Comptroller's office for a permanent position in securities. Roy and Kay Kelley and Bill Purdy are still with the beer drinkers, and hard by is Pudge Kennedy in Frankfurt. We talked to Ken on the phone, and he said he was very busy but very happy with his Engineer Command. Your old Will is losing his hair but none of his sparkling wit, and your young Nance is losing inches (cycling) but none of her sparkling good humor. They will continue to charm the Heidelbergers and their ski partners for yet another year.

The glad news appeared in the JOURNAL that we will soon boast three new Major Generals who also rang the permanent BC gong: Walt Woolwine, Hugh Foster, and Boaty Boatwright. There were no new BC selectees in either service this year, so obviously time has run out on '41 after only three wars and 27 years. WELL DONE to the touchdown makers and "Hats Off" to the hard-nosed, old pros who didn't get stopped until they were inside the 10-yard line.

Other news from the JOURNAL shows Ted deSaussure redeploying his two-star flag to JTF-8, Sandia Base. Retired: Jim Kaiser and Paul Ramee. Pix showed George Brown being greeted by Cal Abrams upon his arrival at Tan Son Nhut to take over 7 AF and D/MACV/AIR. Another pix in the 10 Aug issue showed a distaff change of command ceremony featuring Betty Woolwine turning over the OWC gavel to her successor.

Our seven-year-old, Bobby, rushed in the other day and said, "Dad, did you know 40 is a great age; especially if you're 50!" While taking my annual physical, the medic asked me if I was suffering from the retire-

ment Syndrome. I said, "No, I'm jogging a mile every morning along with the other Aerobic nuts, and I feel great." He explained that there are so many guys getting clutched up over the transition to Career No. Two that the pill-rollers have been instructed to watch out for prospective customers. I have seen Czech flags flying on car antennas in Florence, Verona, Lugano, Bern, Basel, Heidelberg and Wiesbaden of late--no syndromes here.

Dick Scott writes from Belgium, "Peggy and I have decided to strike out in new directions working our way eventually to Hawaii but with an initial stop-off in Florida. We will retire in Nov with little more in mind than finding out what's out there. Our new address is 255 Seaspray Ave, Palm Beach, Fla. 33480. Bill and Karma Gleason will be along to take over this spot, ACOS Log AFCENT. Our alternate address, 56335 Kamehameha Highway, Kahuku, Hawaii."

John Lee sent a large clipping from the Cincy paper featuring A. Wray White and his bread cooking hobby. While he is not playing Base Commander to the Village of Indian Hill, Wray is making culinary goodies. As Wray said, "If you can't make the front page, try the Food Section." JCH also reported he is in the throes of wrapping up the Appalachian Water Resource report and hoping that it will receive more than usual attention because of the potential it represents for the area. "We have great hopes this year for the Black Knights."

Bert Rosenbaum wrote about the advantages of having your own business--he is in Put-Put Golf and finds it much to his liking but advises choosing a franchise with great care. Jock Adams writes again to sing the praises of the teaching cure for the retirement syndrome. "I like the way life is treating me. Next week we'll be over at Carlisle for Mike Greene's promotion reception, and the week after, the gang will be here for dinner that includes the Greenes, the Cliffords, Sterns, the newly arrived George McIntyres, and Johnny Fletcher."

From Vietnam comes word from Wendy Knowles ". . . on my second two-year tour and hoping to get home on leave in Oct. Tom Cleary was joining a brokerage firm in Dover and Herb Stern retiring to his father's furniture business in D.C. Priscilla Atteberry was about to leave to join Roy in Germany. All this during my recent trip to Carlisle. On my return saw Woody Garrett, also with USAID running the Police Field Forces training school in Dalat. Last nite, Clare Armstrong came over for dinner. Having been here about seven months, he is about to be transferred to the Highlands as IG First Field Force."

A nice letter from Bill Hershenow, 650 N. San Antonio Rd, Apt 9, Los Altos, Calif. 94022, reports Stan Ramey in the saddle as PMS&T at Stanford and "I have been helping Stan and Buddy find that dream home. Bill III is a Plebe and probably still in shock. Daughter, Peggy, is being married in Aug to Kenneth M. Carlton. She graduated from Cal in June and will soon go to Pensacola where Ken will receive training as a new Ensign and Aero Engineer as a Navy (excuse the expression) Pilot and Aero Engr."

Tom Corbin wrote to warn of the arrival of the Clan Corbin, but it never materialized. "Cynthia is in Florence until December attending an extension course from Florida State; Aletha goes to U. of New Mexico, and Beth will be in Oslo for the 10th grade. We are going to thoroughly enjoy Norway." George Brown wrote to say that he was tak-

ing off for parts West and that Skip would stay in Wash. so the troops could continue in school.

Eastman Dillon announced the relocation of their Baltimore office to a new and larger Hq at 201 N Charles St 21201. John Russell has moved his Division CP to this new location and will prove to you that "Investment research separates fact from fiction" at the drop of a point. Horace Brown reports word from Ren Keleher with an "All's well in the West."

Jack Murray writes from the U. of Georgia, Athens 30601, to point out the disturbing fact that Military Prep Schools are starting to feel the effects of the devastating softening trend in America. "Dick Rastetter who is Commandant of Cadets at Cardinal Farley Military Academy in Rhinecliff, N.Y. reports that co-ed prep schools are growing while military schools are declining in appeal. No one wants discipline any more, and Dick Rastetter and others who are doing an outstanding job helping youngsters to grow into men, are facing a rapidly declining market."

Bomb the syndromes, fly the Czech flag in your hearts, and stay in shape, Gang. The way things are going, they may be calling all of us back one of these days.

Cheers! Merry Christmas! and Hats Off to '41!

'42

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It was a real thrill to get the word that Crit and Frank Koisch are to augment our quota of Major Generals, U.S. Army. However, the BG selection board was so pleased at having tapped Bill Watkin—an obvious choice, we'd all agree—that they passed by a host of our other worthies and left us five short of our "42 for '42" goal. Warmest congratulations to you high achievers, a salute to those what should of been—and a case of Murine to the selection board members with the fuzzy eyeballs.

The Xmas Newsletter will undoubtedly render much of the following obsolete by publication date, but the following changes are in the mill as of Danny's deadline:

Bunny Bonasso is now the Director of the Army Board of Aviation Accident Research at Fort Rucker. Bob Bringham, after a career spent trying, has finally made it back to California for an assignment, the locale being the Training Center at Fort Ord. Bob Clagett has explained the mystery of an assignment from Turkey to Suitland, Md. It turns out that Bob is sufficient of a communicator to be named as Deputy Commander of the STRATCOM CONUS facility. While still in Turkey he had endeared himself to the Communicators with a most erudite letter to the ARMY MAGAZINE editor reference a commo article, and I spose thus demonstrated his Infantryman's communicator qualifications. Bill Corley joins the retired contingent on 31 December. A note from Jake Cooperhouse advises of his assignment to the Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth. Bill Crosson was here for a '42 luncheon—which seem to get bigger and better—and spoke about going to Venezuela, but our conversation was too brief for any details. Crit comes here to DCSOPS. Jack Deane has left us to take over the 82nd Abn at Bragg. Bob Evans passed through on his way to Petersburg for a reunion of his WWII outfit. Increased UFO sightings in the Tidewater Area that weekend



1942: Brig. Gen. John W. Barnes, Deputy Senior Advisor II Corps, has the stars of his new rank pinned on by Lt. Gen. W. R. Peers, CG, I FFV and Senior Advisor II Corps; Maj. Gen. Lu Lan, CG ARVN II Corps; and Lt. (JG) John W. Barnes Jr., USNA '66, Gunnery Officer of the USS TRUXTUN, DLG (N)-35, deployed at the time at Yankee Station. The ceremony took place in General Lu Lan's office at Headquarters, ARVN II Corps, Pleiku, Republic of Vietnam, 3 July 1968.

were just coincidental! With a new job at Scott AFB, retirement plans are now indefinite.

Roy Geiger is off to Bloomington to be PMS at Indiana University. Bill Harrell is Vice Cmdr, 21st AF, MAC at McGuire and not resident at Ent AFB. Jess Lewis is now working for the Water Pollution Control Administration. Mickey McGuire is Vice Cmdr of the 95th Strategic Wing at Goose AB, Canada. Dick Miles is working for the Sentinel Systems Cmd at Norton AFB. Ray Murphy's general officer body took unkindly to his frequent contacts (VC induced) with terra firma, and he was shipped home to Walter Reed for back surgery. R&R in Montana, a fitness test at the Sheffey's and a cruise on the UNITED STATES have culminated in their arrival at a new assignment at Hq, USAREUR. Jim Newman has gone to the Engr Section, USARV. Hal Ogden is at Nellis AFB. Eric Orme is in Formosa. Tom Rienzi has gone to the 1st Sig Bde in VN, depositing the family in Hawaii. John Sitterson has joined the Staff & Faculty, USAWC. Peyton Tabb is now the Deputy Div

Engr of the South Atlantic Div in Atlanta. Mark Terrel left us for Pentagon East. Jack Watson chose 1 January for his departure from the active forces but hopes to find his second career in this area. Phil Wyman has learned the ropes so well that when Mr. Boeing suggested he move to Seattle for a tour, Phil said thanks and sold his body to Mr. Honeywell.

A note from Jack Barnes, pictured along with son John who left shipboard to observe the stars being pinned on at ARVN II Corps, mentioned seeing Don Bolton but mostly espoused 12 days R&R in Hawaii with a female friend of long standing! Jack has since been home, part time at their beach place, and as full of vim as ever. Crit wrote about George Eckert's farewell ceremony at Hood and the Eckerts' plans to assault Alaska via camper—towing a Volks! Sam Hays had been down in connection with the Cadets' summer visit. Black John Carpenter and daughter Kathy had been in on a post-planning soiree, with Kathy's interest at a higher level than old dad's! If you missed it in the public press,



1942: Ray Murphy is joined by Jim Vivian, II FFV Engineer; Hal Ogden, AF Advisor to a Vietnamese unit; and Jim Newman, Deputy USARV Engineer when Ray moved from II FFV Artillery Commander to Chief of Staff.



1942: Hal Ogden receives the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star.

the LTC Carpenter involved in the hippies-GI's love-in at Hood must have been our hero. Vietnam assignments may not be the worst thing to happen after all!

Great fun to receive the form letter about Homecoming and see S. W. Koster's signature thereon. The JOURNAL pictured the Supes at their annual Conference, and I must say that Sam looked great. When did the policy of having young tigers instead of stodgy older types come about?!?! Cherie has been getting even more publicity than Sam. Ginger Cutler's inspiring report on the Army Relief Society lists Cherie as a Veep. She's an honorary member of the NCO Wives Club, and the ARMY TIMES displayed a photo of her with the wife of an Assistant Secretary of the Army being shown how the chef feeds 3,000 at a time in the Cadet Mess. Bette Lou Plott (old Bill's too modest) sent a news photo of Bill receiving the Legion of Merit from LTC E. M. Almond, appropriate enough even though the ostensible reason was because he's head of the VMI board of visitors, eh, Peg? The promised print for ASSEMBLY hasn't arrived. Bette Lou had spent much time in Norman baby-sitting for the vacationing Patty and spouse. Bill TDY'd the month at Maxwell, wise fellow! Bill Jr., was summer-schooling at Beloit. Marilyn had vacationed (?) at home but was back to U. of Hawaii to finish up.

George Rehkopf wrote that he was about to offer his expertise to the civilian economy come 31 January, and late word has him on the roster at Merrill Lynch in Columbus, Georgia, for rations at least. Son Ned had had a hard time finding the direct route from USMA to Sill on leave. Being wise in these ways, George was less concerned than Helene! Rube Rubenstein wrote that son Steve was off to the U. of Rochester, that Lorraine is a Regional Director for Carissa Cosmetics and that he is Chief Construction Safety Engr for the State of New Jersey. Jim Vivian sent the enclosed shot of Murph after he had turned over II FFV Arty to his successor and was off to C/S II FFV.

Bud Ryder was recently awarded the DSM for meritorious service—and an Air Medal with 16 oak leaf clusters. Mark Terrel and Gene Weeks copped the Legion of Merit. Bill Zimmerman was saddled—rather than decorated—with the job of Project Officer of Benning's 50th Birthday Celebration. Rip and Bettye Young married off daughter Barbara in late August to medical student William Morrison of Alexandria, a medical doctor's son. Barbara earns her M.A. this fall—assuming she finds

time! Don and Sandy Fisher showed equally good judgment by marrying daughter Kathleen to Perry Seal of IBM, another medical doctor's son, in July. The specialty of the fathers was not noted on the record, but if Don and Rip had any influence I would presume obstetrics. Ink Gates is now our best known commuter, Huntsville and his Sentinel Logistics Command to Washington and Pat every weekend. Ink was enjoying severe back problems but found a New York magician who put him back on his feet with treatment you'd have to hear from Ink to believe!

A visit to Aberdeen provided a most pleasant evening at the Urrutia menage where son Rick was preparing to enter Georgia Tech and son Mike was preparing a return to Valley Forge. Father Hank was muttering about MV2, automobiles, sons and trees and their deleterious effect on prospective purchases of color TV's, new golf clubs and other necessities!

Monmouth in September had lost some flavor since the Rienzis had departed the week prior to my arrival. Coincidental? The MONMOUTH MESSAGE was full of pictures and propaganda about the outgoing and incoming Signal School Commandants—but spread across the top of page one and stealing all of the thunder was an article about an upcoming conference and a picture featuring one of the participants, Butch Offley, a picture far better than those of big Tom! Ah, Classmates!

We regret to pass along word of the death of John Ely's mother in September. Even more tragic was the death of Gene and Mildred Weeks' son Jim due to hostile action in Vietnam shortly after his arrival there in July. Jim had been commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the U. of Arizona and fortunately had joined AMAA so we have been able to take over part of the burden. Memorial contributions may be sent to the U. of Arizona Foundation, Room 601, Administration Building, Tucson, Arizona 85721. Checks should be made payable to the Foundation with a notation: James L. Weeks Scholarship Fund, Gene and Mildred have bounced back strongly, and following Gene's retirement, are now settling a brand-new home in Knoxville where in Gene's words he is a "double dipper" as a management trainee at the Standard Knitting Mills and pledged to furnish all of '42 with Health-knit T-Shirts as needed!

The official poop advised that Hal Ogden had been awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star for his efforts in support of the Republic of Vietnam Air Force during the Tet offensive. Congratulations to Hal and all other honorees, named and unnamed.

Project '72 is rolling, but the initial success is due more to the few responding above and beyond than to the many. Any "manies" reading these words are urged to reach for the checkbook and get with the program. Had you sat in on the first committee meeting and heard the kind of advice and guidance given to John Reid, you'd appreciate just how much your help is going to be needed!

A happy, healthful, and prosperous '69 to all.



Jan '43: Army Chief of Staff, General Westmoreland, congratulates Bill Knowlton following his awarding the Distinguished Service Medal to Bill, who is now Secretary of the Army General Staff.

JAN
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As is usual, the summer months witnessed the departure of a number of classmates while the fall months brought an influx of other classmates. The fall party for our class contingent in the Washington area ushered in a number of returnees and new faces. among them Bill Knowlton, who is Secretary of the Army General Staff for General Westmoreland; Frank Camm, who became the new Chief of Force Development Plans in OACSFOR, DA; Bill Talbott, who joined OASD-I&L; Johnny Norris in the International and Civil Affairs Directorate of ODC-SOPS, DA; Bill Pietsch, who is assigned to the Special Review Board of ODCSPER, DA, but working with OACSI, DA; Ed Lowry, who has returned to the Administration Office of the JCS in civilian guise; and Charlie Burr, who is the Signal Officer for the Army Chief of Staff's new Directorate of Civil Disturbance Planning and Operations.

Others present for the fall gathering at Arlington Hall Officer's Club were: the Eddie McGoughs, Jim Hacklers, Chuck Lenfests, Flip Fenilis, Ed Fausts, Danny Moores, Bill Starnes, Russ Smiths, Bill Hahns, Jim Frankoskys, Wes Curtises, Mitch Goldenthals, Harry Pritchetts, Jack Russells, Fred Spanns, Johnny Rosses, Rex Mincklers, Ray Ruyffelaeres, Bill Fritzes, Brad Lundbergs, Emory Princes, Don Powells, Fred Kings, Jack Armstrongs, Art Marstons, Sam Karricks, Oliver DeGruchys, Gregg Henrys, and Marie Conny (Joe's with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam). During the course of the evening, Brad Lundberg advised me that, with his retirement from the active ranks, he is temporarily holding down not one, but three day and night teaching positions. Harry Pritchett also announced that his IMP Inc. has merged with Software Systems Inc., but that his wife has established her own enterprise under the title of Nancy Pritchett Inc.

Meanwhile, elsewhere in the U.S., Fly and Peg Flanagan entertained the officers and ladies of his new command (the JFK Special Warfare Center) in an evening reception at Fort Bragg. Down at Redstone Arsenal, Jim Cobb arrived to become Director of Program Controls and Management Systems in the Army Sentinel System Command while Bob





Jan '43: Joe Conmy receives the Legion of Merit from Maj. Gen. Charles S. O'Malley, Commanding General of the Military District of Washington, upon Joe's departure from the Old Guard for the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

Marshall became head of the Site Activation Directorate.

Continuing responses from classmates with regard to our lifetime class fund and the 25th year book identified Jack Jones enduring pioneer life in Marina del Rey, Calif.; Bob Davis selling real estate at "The Springs" in Toppenish, W.Va.; Dee Armstrong short of general officers at Fort Hood and doing the work of the C/S, ADCs, and CG; Chuck Alfano with the Electronics Division of General Dynamics in Rochester, N.Y.; Charlie MacVeigh as G4 at Fort Lewis, Wash.; and Walt Hogrefe as DCSLOG in COMZ-Europe Headquarters.

The ARMED FORCES JOURNAL recently carried photos of Ted Seith doing the honors at the opening of the new Korat RTAFB in Thailand and Darrie Richards at the dedication of Camp Vasquez, Qui Nhon, Vietnam.

The Class was proud to learn of the dedication of the new Army Accelerator Laboratory at Edgewood Arsenal to the memory of Ralph J. Truex. His wife, Vidi, journeyed



Jan '43: Ed (Flywheel) Flanagan receives congratulations from General Creighton W. Abrams Jr. following General Abrams' presentation of the DSM to Flywheel for services as the Director of Training and DCSOPS at III MAF Headquarters. Flywheel is now CG of the Army Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg.

from California to attend the ceremony, and Jack Wheeler from nearby Aberdeen Proving Ground represented our Class at the dedication.

Fat Jack Daye, our efficient class treasurer, reports that there are now some 167 members of our lifetime class fund. Classmates who contributed to the fund since the last edition of the ASSEMBLY was published are as follows: Chuck Alfano, Ed Bennett, Doug Blue, Jim Brook, Charlie Burr, Bob Burlin, Merle Carey, Bob Cook, Bill Cook, Bill Dan-nacher, Bob Davis, Ed Foote, Bill Fritz, Don Griffin, Mac Hatch, Earl Hehn, Walt Hogrefe, Jim Huddleston, Frank Kajencki, Dimitri Kellogg, Bill Knowlton, Bill Lewis, Charlie MacVeigh, Johnny Raaen, George Rebh, Jim Richardson, Elvy Roberts, Mike Robinson, Frank Smith, Bill Smith, Dana Stewart, Jack Upchurch, George Weart, and George Young.

Jack Daye also reported that 170 classmates have subscribed to our 25th year book. Pete Grimm, editor-in-chief of the year book, is still hoping to have 200 subscribers by the time it is published. Jack Shaffer's assistance in arranging for the publication of the book has been invaluable.

Among our younger generation, Anne Meyer (daughter of Stew and Jane Meyer) married Randall Miller on 13 July 1968; both are June graduates of Duke University. Stew's advice to prospective fathers of brides is to keep your wallet open and your mouth closed. Up in the "land of the sky blue waters", Richard Nygard (son of Ed and Anne Nygard) married Joan Dietrich on August 14th. Meanwhile, the Washington POST featured an article on Victoria ("Tor") Moore (daughter of Jim and Liz Moore) who is founder and president of Enterprise Unlimited—a unique organization that provides such unusual services as dog sitters, bag toters, and one-day chauffeurs, linguists, and guides.

What is more appropriate than to close this column with best wishes to all on our 26th anniversary of 19 January 1943—how the years do fly!

JUN
'43

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The recent Army nomination list to general officer grades designated seven of our classmates for brigadier general. They were: George Cantlay, Bud Bolling, Hal Parfitt, Clarke Baldwin, Wally Magathan, Jack Morris, and Hank Schroeder. Our congratulations to all of them! As a recapitulation for generals, we now have three major generals and 28 brigadier generals. Our particular congratulations to the latest nominees.

Recently I had dinner with Ralph Hallenbeck, Dale Sweat, Marty Martin, Lee Hogan, Dave Schwartz and Roger Kullman. They all report great progress and say that their families are fine. I also heard from Stan Pace. Robin Olds and Ben Cassidy who are giving their all for TRW, AF Academy and Turkey, respectively. It was indeed nice to see and hear from all these people.

During this recent time period we have had some weddings: Bill Malone's daughter Pat, Tim Ireland's daughter Lynn, Charlie Benson's daughter Carolyn, and my daughter Kathy all entered into the halls of Holy Matrimony. We wish them all the best.

The following are some recent assignments that have been reported by Joe Weyrick from the Army and some that have been reported

to me through Air Force channels: George Alexander to DASA, Washington, D.C.; Wm. Arnold to Dep Dir Plans, AFSC at Andrews AFB, D.C.; Q. C. Atkinson to Dep Ch, MAAG, Tunis; Jim Bower to Civil Engineer, 7th AF; Kit Carson to MAAG Thailand as Chief of Air Section; John Cochran to Hq 1st Region USA Air Def Comd, Stewart AFB, N.Y.; Caleb Cole to Asst G2, USARPAC, Hawaii; Will Cover to Intelligence, Hq Army (DIA), with plans to retire 31 Dec 68; Edgar Fredericks plans to retire also to become Provost at U. of the Virgin Islands; Arch Hill to OCRD, Pentagon, Dept of the Army; Ralph Jones to OACSFOR, Pentagon; Edward Kreml to IXth Corps Hq, Chicago as Senior Reserve Advisor; Robert Mattox to CONARC, Fort Monroe, Va.; Tom McCabe to Cmdr, 438th Military Airlift Wg, McGuire AFB, N.J.; Louis Nesselbush to Dir of Maintenance at Sacramento AMA; Del Perkins to Asst Army Attaché, Mexico City; Hank Rom- anek to USARPAC, Hawaii; Donald Spiece to Comdr, Second Infantry Div Artillery- Korea; Dale Sweat to Asst DCS/O, USAF at Wiesbaden, Germany; Louis Umlauf to Chief of Foreign Liaison of DIA, Pentagon.

In addition to the reassignments listed above, Lucius F. Wright and W. F. Roos both retired 31 July 68—let me know what you're planning for the future, fellows. Bob Mathe, who was reported among retirees in an earlier issue, is now associated with HOK Associates, Washington, D.C. Howard Wickert has changed jobs and is now Professor of English at Montgomery Junior College and living at 3212 Lothian Rd, Fairfax, Va. 22030. I understand R. C. Grady, who is still with the U.S. Embassy at Asuncion, has written and had published a new book THE GUN RUNNERS BY MURPHY which by all reports is well worth reading.

There are still some Twenty-five Year Books available. They can be obtained from Bob Plett, 7808 Evening Lane, Alexandria, Va. 22306 for \$15.00 each on a first-come first-served basis. So far there have been 323 responses—which isn't bad, and by this time most of you should have received your book.

We were grieved to hear the news of the death of Min Talbot, wife of Max V. Talbot Jr. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Max, his daughters Betty Jo and Dotty, in their loss. Their current address is 818 I Avenue, Coronado, Calif. 92118; and their permanent address is c/o Talbot, 309E Louisiana Ave., New Port Richey, Fla. 33552.

Resuming an account of some of the re- assignments that have occurred: Tom Beckett is Air Attache to Chile; Leo Brooks is in J5, JCS, Hq USAF; John Chandler is Dep Comdr, ASD, Wright-Patterson AFB; Ed Connor is PAS&T at the U. of Florida, Tallahassee; Dick Coursey, now D/M Alaskan Air Comd at Elmendorf; Ed Cutler is Dep Base Comdr at Wheeler AFB, Tripoli; Jack Davis, now a student at the Air War College, located at Maxwell AFB; William Dudley is with the AF Contract Management Div at BSD, Los Angeles, Calif.; Hank Fletcher is assigned to DCS/D, Hq USAF; Norm Frisbie is Comdr, 8th Combat Support Group, Ubon AB, Thai- land; Dale Hagen is now with J4 of JCS Petroleum Branch; Ralph Hallenbeck is Director of Personnel, Hq MAC at Scott AFB; Bob Hancock is assigned to 14th Combat Support Group, Nha Trang, Vietnam; Teague Harris is Dir of Operations, 35th Navigator Training Wing, Mather AFB.

Harry Heintzelman is with DCS/S&L, Hq USAF; Dick Hemsley is Chief, Engineering Group, DCS/R&D, Hq USAF; Bob Hoffman is assigned to AF Eastern Test Range at

Patrick AFB; Lee Hogan is now Deputy Dir, Office of Information, Hq USAF (SAFOI); Bud Holderness is Comdr, 18th Strategic Aerospace Div, Fairchild AFB; Bill Kilpatrick is Comdr, 3500th Pilot Trng Wg at Reese AFB; Fergy Knowles is Comdr, 3640th Pilot Trng Wg at Laredo, Tex.; Roger Kullman became Director of Plans & Policy at NORAD Hq in Sept 68; Harvey Latson is the Civil Engineer for Air Defense Command; Bob McClure is with the 1st Strategic Aerospace Div, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; Bill Naylor is assigned to DIA, Pentagon; E. O. Olmstead is assigned to 3rd AF Reserve Region, Dobbins AFB; Knobby Oswald is with J5, JCS, Hq USAF; Jammie Philpott is the Deputy Dir of Intelligence, Hq USAF; and Ernie Price is with Det 13, 1131st Support Activities Sq, Fort Myer, Va.

Hank Rosness is with the Alaskan Air Comd, Elmendorf, Alaska; Bud Rundell is Chief, AF Armament Lab at Eglin AFB; Dick Shaefer is now ACS/Plans, J5, USMA-CV; Al Shiely is Comdr, European Communications Area in Wiesbaden; Sy Silvester is in J3, JCS at Hq USAF; Ken Smith is with the 1370th Photo Mapping Wg, Forbes AFB; Bill Snavely is the Dep Dir, OCAMA, AFLC at Tinker AFB; Dick Stoddard is with Intelligence at USAFE, Wiesbaden; Franklin Taylor is with the 463d Tac Airlift Wg, Philippines; Craig Teller is with DIA, Washington, D.C.; A.S.J. Tucker is Comdr, 39th Tac Airlift Wg at Lockbourne AFB; Vern Turner is Comdr, AF Systems Design Center at Suitland Hall, Washington, D.C.; Joe Walsh is with the 4500th AB Wg at Langley AFB; Tid Watkins is now Comdr, 3510th Pilot Trng Wg at Randolph AFB; Joe Weyrick is currently assigned to DA-ACSI at the Pentagon, with a home address of 3607 Cornell Drive, Fairfax, Va. 22030; Keith Whitaker is now a student at the Air War College, Maxwell AFB.

John Moses, who has been with the Doctrine Directorate, Combat Development Command Headquarters, Fort Belvoir, and has directed the preparation of the 25th Year Book, retires on 30 November. He and Virginia and their three children will live in Spartanburg, S.C., where John will become a stockbroker with Harris, Upham & Company. Hank Morgan retired in August after serving his final tour with Plans Directorate, Hq CDC at Belvoir. He is busy now teaching American History to several classes at the George Washington High School in Alexandria, Va.

Bill Glasgow, who had been Assistant Commandant of the Engineer School, packed up just before June Week this year and moved out to the Presidio of San Francisco where



1944: Wade Kinnard and General Woolnough perform the honors for Doug.



1944: Fran Cooch, Dean Bressler, Harry Rogers, Hal Wilhite, and Charlie Steel, rear row, with Francis Cooch, Mike Bressler, Jack Rogers, Hal Wilhite and Chuck Steel (all '68).

he is the Southwest Pacific Division Engineer. He has written friends that he loves the job and the area. Who wouldn't? And Buzz Bucher is now Asst D/O at 5th AF Japan.

I believe the above covers all of the re-assignments that occurred during the summer and fall. Keep me posted if you change jobs or anything interesting happens. Know you have had a Merry Christmas and my best to all of you for the new year.

'44

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Ace Edmunds and Doug Kinnard have had good summers; they were promoted to BG. Ace moved out of the JCS to assume command of 57th Strategic Air Division at Westover AFB. Doug continues as Assistant DCSOPS, Headquarters, CONARC.

Good news arrived and congrats of the Class are in order for three more BG selections: Jack Cushman, Phil McAuliffe, and Dave Ott. The latter two continue for the moment in their old jobs here in Washington while Jack has returned from RVN, where he had a fine tour as CO, 2d Brigade 101st Airborne Division in RVN. The Brigade received the Vietnamese Presidential Unit Citation in recognition of its outstanding combat record during Operations Carentan II and Nevada Eagle. Jack received a compassionate re-assignment home to look after Nancy who's on the mend after breaking her hip while ice skating. They're now happily ensconced at Fort Devens, where Jack is in command.

Roy Bahls organized a 20 June luncheon at Fort Myer where about 30 chowhounds showed up, including John Susott who came all the way from Langley AFB. John reported that John Kincaid was retiring to Apple Valley. Fred Porter was en route to MACV, and Steve Farris is Base Commander at Lakenheath AFB. Joe Cutrona announced he is heading up the '44/25 committee. He promises to have poop on this subject in the mail before long.

Bill Charlson hosted another gathering of about 18 at Bolling AFB on 28 August, at

which Joe Cutrona reaffirmed his intentions re: '44/25. Curley Jackson announced a formal blow-out to occur this December at Bolling AFB. Tom Tarpley is hard at work collecting deck hands and mules for a 21 Sept barge trip through the C & O Canal.

Jack Peterson writes from Zweibrucken, where he's Deputy Chief, S&MA, that "All is great here." Enjoys his job and Bea is "Happy as a clam." Jack attended a logistics seminar in Wiesbaden where he held a small reunion with Bob Samuel, CO, 3d Spt Bde, and Bob Selton from ODCSLOG, Headquarters, USAREUR. In the course of his travels, Jack has also run into Bob Pearce who has the Pershing Office in Operations, Headquarters USAREUR.

Frank Greenhill has assumed command of the 315th Air Commando Wing based at Phan Rang, RVN. Dave Henderson, who's been Vice Commander at Tuy Hoa, is en route to the Pentagon. Bruce Deakin is attache in New Delhi, Barney Coble at Elmendorf, Mac MacWilliams reports that on Memorial Day this year, those of the class stationed at West Point got together and decorated the graves of our classmates and dependents buried in the West Point Cemetery. Dal Knoll, Jack and June Howland, Don and Jeanne MacWilliams, and Jerry and Mary Capka decorated graves of 12 classmates and eight dependents.



1944: Maj. Gen. P. T. Cooper congratulates Dick Dennen on award of the Legion of Merit.

On 4 June, presentation of silver trays to graduating sons, class of '68 took place at Mac's house. Sarah and Bud Partridge were up for June Week for the marriage of their daughter Anne to graduate Bruce S. Brooks. On 22 June our godson Mick Mickle tied the knot with Wendy Pohlman at Menlo Park, Calif. Jim Cowee completed a 24-week course of instruction in Spanish at DLI and is off to Lima, Peru. Dick Dennen, who is now a MOL program director for AFSC's Space and Missile Systems Organization, was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work on the MOL Program while assigned to the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. Dick and Jane with their brood of three live in Rolling Hills Estates, Calif.

John Eisenhower was in Washington in September for his annual two weeks active duty in the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve. Upon completion, he resumed his duties as Chairman, United Citizens for Nixon in Pennsylvania. John's other activities include writing: THE BITTER WOODS due in your local bookstore in January '69, public speaking, and lecturing in Government, Modern History, and Shakespeare at Northwood Institute, Midland, Mich.

The Class has perpetuated the Long Gray Line once again with the entrance this summer into the Class of '72 of Mike Aldrich, Mark Cutrona, Bruce Scott, Jeffrey Staser, and John Sullivan III.

Lee Smith visited PACOM in late June and reports Bill and Pat Fairbrother set a fine table at their quarters at Hickam. Bill is on the CINCPAC staff. Grif Callahan has moved from his job as Director of the Avionics Lab at Fort Monmouth where he employed some 1400 civilians to a new position as CO, Harry J. Diamond Lab here in Washington. Grif reports the location of several members of the R&D community, e.g., Ed O'Donnell as CO, Mobility Equipment R&D Center at Belvoir, Jim Scoggin at ECOM, and Bob Smith in OCRD. Jim's name appeared in print as retiring on 1 October and Ken Cooper, who was with the Defense Communications Planning Group, has left the R&D fold to replace Ernie Graves as Executive to the Secretary of the Army.

John Donaldson has left the Chairman, JCS Office, to assume command of a brigade in the 23d (Americal) Division in Vietnam. Fred Smith has completed his post graduate work at the U. of Illinois and Jack Pollin his at the U. of Arizona. Suitably armed with Ph.D.'s, they've moved into positions as Department Heads of Mechanics and Mathematics, respectively, at you know where. John Howland is Director of Research, USMA. Jerry Capka is planning to close out as Graduate Manager of Athletics and retire at the end of the year.

Ed Samuell is on a two year master's degree program in Data Processing at George Washington U. Ed and Kay and their three daughters live in Potomac, Md. Bob Day, who retired from his job as Director of Admissions at USMA, is now in the Marine Insurance and Real Estate business in Portsmouth, R.I. Charlie Daniel retired 1 October to accept a position as Vice President of the First National Bank in Washington. Other retirement news includes Bob Algermissen, Jelks Cabaniss, Joe Losch, Jim Douglas, Gershon Heiss, Bob Hurst, George Tuttle, Jim Weathers, and Wolf Wolfinger. Drop a line and let us know what you're doing, please.

Well, that's it for this time. If you've got some news, write me; if not, write anyway.

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above, congratulations and the very best for the future!

Odds and Ends

Scott Adler reports that he retired from active duty on 1 July 66 and joined the General Instrument Corporation (GIC) as the Dir of Communications Systems. Then, on 1 July 68, Scott left GIC to become the Exec Vice President of Holobeam, Inc., and moved to what he hopes will be his permanent (?) home at 12 Palo Field Lane, Lake Success, Long Island. This is the 3d move in two years for the Adlers!

Ted Wagner recently completed two-weeks active duty in the Army Reserve as an instructor in the 5th year USAR course at the USA C&GCS, Fort Leavenworth. He reports his visits with Lucian Truscott and Joe Kovar. Lucian is in the Dept of Joint, Combined Arms and Special Operations and is making overt attempts to return to VN as a brigade commander. Young Frank Truscott is in the Army and has already departed for VN. Joe is head of the Combat Arms Group. All at Leavenworth offer their congratulations to the nine generals and the hope that there will be many more on future lists!

Don Gross sizes up the situation in Atlanta, Ga. where he is in his 4th year as social studies teacher and counselor at Woodward Academy (ex-GMA). He claims to be the only Army D.E. Gross in the phone book (755-8537) and requests that you look him up if you're marching through Georgia. M.W. and Martha Trotti moved to Atlanta last spring and a new position with Southern Bell Co. Bob and Peggy Lutz visited from Orlando, Fla. where Bob is "busy tolerating engineering education or educating tolerance engineers, or something like that" with the Martin Co. During their visit, Al and Betty Childress were called in to reminisce about the old days at the Fort Mac Poop School. All remembered the time when Oppie Oppenheimer showed up at the annual ball with two dates! Other notes from Don's letter—his oldest boy, Eddie, graduated from North Georgia College in June with an RA commission in the Engineers. On 8 June, the youngster married Paula Williams, an "Army brat," complete with sabers and 2d Lts. Following branch school, the couple will go to Germany. The Childresses' oldest daughter was married in June to a "damned Yankee (NY)" who was attending graduate school at the U. of Ga. The R.R. Champlins will live in NYC where the Yank will teach school. And finally, the McQuarries and daughters came up from Fort Benning for their son's (Tom) graduation from Woodward. Tom is now a plebe at West Point.

Rusty Heilbronner telephoned to pass on the whereabouts of George Churchill (see summer ASSEMBLY). George is retired and working as a value engineer for Solar Inc, a subsidiary of International Harvester. He hangs his hat at 2961½ Clairemont Drive, San Diego, Calif. 92117. Rusty also reports seeing the Cleasons on a recent trip to Florida. Tom lives at Cocoa Beach and is working for Ray Clark at NASA.

And now from here and there and in no particular order—Don Fowler has been named Associate Dean, USMA. Jim Christiansen will not go to Fort Bliss as originally reported. He will be assigned to the USA Sentinel Systems Evaluation Agency, WSMR, N.Mex. John Ferguson has reported to Hq, CONARC (ODCSLOG) and will live in Williamsburg, Va. Dick Perez is leaving Japan and will become the DCS/Civil Engineering, Hq SAC at Offutt AFB. Carl Fischer is retiring effective 1 Oct 68. He lists his permanent

If Box 45 is acceptable as a basis for judgment, the future of industries that produce lead pencils, ink-writing mechanisms and typewriters of all descriptions is pretty dismal! The inactivity at Box 45 is an indication that the demand for these age-old devices for recording words on paper and for the materials used to produce the paper and backs of envelopes upon which to record these words is decreasing at an alarming rate. Help to prevent these industries from going down the drain. Write!

A Challenger?

In the summer issue of the ASSEMBLY, Lissa Hankins was advertised as possibly the last of a long line of '45 offspring. The prospects of grandchildren seemed to be our logical hope for the future. But, don't sell these gals of ours short! Informal information indicates that we will soon have a new claimant to the honor of fielding our last ankle biter! Amazing!

Promotion to General

Another first for '45! Soon after the notes for the summer issue were submitted, the general's list was published with nine classmates listed. To be eligible for this one, you had to be a colonel on or before 31 December 66 or as of 31 May 1968 with a basic date for promotion purposes on or before 31 December 1945. Those promoted and their new duty assignments are as follows: Hal Moore from S & F, USAWC, Carlisle Barracks to Dep Dir Plans, ODCSOPS, DA; George Casey from Hq, CDC, Fort Belvoir to CG, USACDC Combat Arms Group, Fort Leavenworth; Bob McAlister remains in the 4th Inf Div, USARV to become the Asst Div Cmdr; Don Rattan from the Special Warfare Center, Fort Bragg to Chief of Staff, 1st Abn Corps, same location; John Bennett from 82nd Abn Div, Fort Bragg to CG, Yukon Cmd and Dep CG, USARAL at Fort Wainwright, Alaska; George Bush from the OSA to—no orders issued at this writing; Jock McQuarrie from the Inf Sch, Fort Benning to Hq, USAMC—no specific assignment has been announced; Dick Groves from the Canal Zone to OCE—no specific assignment has been announced; and Zoot Johnson from OCSA to—no orders issued yet. Hal Moore and George Casey, numbers 1 and 2 on the list. were promoted on 1 September. To all the



1945: True integration! New General George Casey, (right), with noted father and civilian Rich Haley at recent '45 picnic.



1945: For the many who have asked—Here is Tom McCunniff and son, Keith Nusbaum, and Les Ayers at same picnic.

(see notes on Scott Adler above) address as 354 W. Dudley Ave., Westfield, N.J. B.O. Lewis retired in Feb 68 and is working with the Communications Satellite Corp in Washington, D.C. Other new arrivals in the D.C. area—Bill Preston and Arch Arnold are in the area for the first time ever! Bill is on the Air Staff across the hall from George Berger; Arch is doing a study every nine months for the Chairman, JCS Special Studies Group on the Joint Staff. Back from VN, George Benson is reporting to OSD (ISA) and the VN desk. George Hoge is finally getting off his overseas kick and will work SEA problems in J5, OJCS. Claude Hamilton has joined the Institute of Land Combat at CDC, Fort Belvoir. Steve Day has returned from Korea and will hold down the Africa desk in J5, OJCS.

Leaving the D.C. area, Jim Munson is on Tdy to Harvard for the management course and then who knows? Tom Devlin is in and out of Washington D.C. in connection with the many hats he wears for the Boeing Company which is headquartered in Seattle, Wash. Bill Vinson is traveling to the 2nd Armd Div at Fort Hood via various courses at the Armored and Artillery schools. Sarge Sargent has returned from Germany where he commanded the 1st Bn, 35th Armor and is the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's (Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.) new Systems Test Manager for the MBY-70 program. Dick Hartline is moving to the Canal Zone to become the Lt. Governor. John Stoer has assumed command of the 390th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Danang AFB in VN. Bob Rochfort has moved to Tinker AFB, Okla. where he will serve at Hq, Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area as director of procurement and production. Bumped into George Smith in the Pentagon hallways. He and Dody are in the process of moving back to Washington, D.C. Nancy McGovern furnished the picnic pictures.

Awards and Decorations

Boots Blesse has been decorated with his fifth Distinguished Flying Cross at Nellis AFB, Nev., for gallantry in SEA. On a combat mission in an F-4 Phantom near the DMZ, he risked his life by making multiple passes against heavily defended arty positions that were shelling allied installations at Dong Ha. In spite of the anti-aircraft fire, Boots succeeded in silencing the arty. As an aside, Boots is the sixth ranking jet aircraft ace in the USAF with 10 MIGs destroyed in the air. He is currently assigned as director of operations, 414th Tac Ftr Wing at Nellis AFB. Frank Kane received the Vietnamese

Gallantry Cross with gold star for gallantry in action at the USAWC, Carlisle Barracks on 7 May 68. Wally Wittwer received the Legion of Merit on 27 June for his outstanding service as the Dep Provost Marshal, MACV. Add this to awards already received—12 Air Medals, seven Army Commendation Medals, the Purple Heart and two Bronze Star Medals.

Our Departed

Jim Ingham died unexpectedly from a heart attack while visiting Carlisle, Pa. on 3 July 68. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on 8 July. Jane and the children will settle at 521 C St., Carlisle, Pa. 17013 (phone 243-8961). Our appreciation goes to the John Tylers for their efforts in making funeral arrangements and on behalf of Jane.

Hal Swain was killed in an automobile accident in Montgomery, Ala. on 4 August, 1968. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on 9 August. The family has requested that contributions in Hal's memory be made to the Air Force Aid Society. Anne and the children plan to remain in Montgomery until the end of the school year. Her future plans are not known. Our appreciation goes to the Don Bissells for their efforts in making funeral arrangements and on behalf of Anne.

In Conclusion

In reference to my leading paragraph above, let's hear from you . . . Keep Smiling!

'46

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No. 88. Many times, as I begin a column, I try to put myself in the readers' shoes. Specifically, I'm trying to relate to the actual calendar date you will be reading these Notes. But, when you realize it is presently September and you'll know who the next President will be, it is not difficult to visualize my problem. The football team will be well along to Navy game and the work to enlarge Michie Stadium no doubt will have started. So let's just get down to history. Class of '46 history that is!

We're still going to school, and we're still graduating. Last 31 May, Rex Beasley, Dick Beckner and John Wieringa graduated from the National War College. Rex is a colonel. The Secretary of Defense, Clark M. Clifford, gave the graduation address and was introduced by Lt. Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, commanding general of the college, who returned briefly from his current assignment as Senior Military Advisor to Ambassador Harriman of the Paris Vietnam Delegation.

On 11 June, Charles D. Daniel Jr., George Hall, Joe Rogers and Harlan Tucker graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort Lesley J. McNair. George is a colonel. General Leonard F. Chapman Jr., Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, was the commencement speaker. Charley was last stationed in Vietnam and holds the Silver Star, five Bronze Stars, 17 Air Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross. George is now commanding officer of the U.S. Army Petroleum Center, Cameron Station, Alexandria, Va. He holds three Army Commendation Medals and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. Joe has a Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Air Medal. Tucker is at Tan Son

Nhut AB, Vietnam, as commanding officer of the 593rd General Support Group.

Last summer, Truman Berge received a fourth Air Medal at Nha Trang AB, Vietnam. Berge earned a M.S. degree in physics at Purdue in 1952. At ceremonies held on 20 June near Long Binh, Vietnam, Bob Crowley received a Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct of his duties as commander of the 79th Engr Group. At the same time he was promoted to colonel. Bob has been overseas since June 67, and his wife Claire is awaiting his return at Holloman AFB, N.Mex. He holds a Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal and an M.S. degree in civil engineering from U. of Illinois earned in 1953.

Andy Dodd was transferred last August from MAAG, Germany, to ARADCOM Hq. DCS P&CD div/Systems Analysis, Ent AFB, Colo. Louis Elsaesser, director of NBC material testing at Hq U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., since last December, was promoted to colonel on 1 July 1968.

Guy Rogers has been recognized for helping his unit earn the General Smith Trophy for 1968, the highest award in the Aerospace Defense Command (ADC). The award, established in 1962 in honor of retired General Frederic H. Smith Jr., former ADC vice commander and Air Force vice chief of staff, is given each year to the best ADC ground control unit. Rogers is assistant director of operations, 32nd Air Div, with Hq at Gunter AFB, Ala. Guy earned a M.S.E. degree at U. of Michigan and a M.B.A. degree at U. of Louisville.

The N.Y. TIMES of 31 July 1968 had an interesting article about George Patton who is presently in command of the 11th Armd Cav Regt based in South Vietnam. George is a colonel and doing his darndest to "find Charlie." Naturally, the use of Armor is discussed with its role in Vietnam compared with the way General Patton used Armor in WWII. Joanne and the five children are awaiting his return in Washington, D.C.

Also in Vietnam, Bert Stringer, a colonel, is commanding the 8th Tactical Bombardment Squadron at Phan Rang AB. Pilots in Bert's unit, the oldest flying outfit in the Air Force, fly B-57 Canberras. They are the only USAF unit in Southeast Asia flying the British developed tactical bomber. In 1917 the 8th was organized and sent to France, participating in the Chateau-Thierry, Saint Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne battles. During WWII the unit flew A-20's, A-24's, B-24's and were in Japan on occupation duty. During the Korean War the 8th used B-26's. In 1957 the 8th converted to B-57's.

Upon his promotion to colonel, Minter Wilson assumed command of the 1st Brigade of the 1st Armd Div (Old Ironsides) at Fort Hood, Tex. He had been the division's acting chief of staff. Wilson received his eagles from Maj. Gen. John K. Boles Jr., division commander and Mrs. Wilson. The Wilsons arrived at Hood in 1966, their second tour there, and since then he has served successively as 1st Bn, 81st Armor commander, assistant chief of staff G1, and acting chief of staff for division. He served in Vietnam in 1963-64.

To the family of Richard S. Pohl the Class wishes to express its deepest sympathy following the announcement in Last Roll Call of his death 24 June 68 in Vietnam. If memory serves me correctly, Dick is the first of our class to be killed during the current conflict.



1947: Class sons of '47 in the Class of '72 (left to right): George Webb, Allan Geraci, Bob Mahowald, and Willie Webb. Mat Kriwanek, son of Col. R. J. Kriwanek, former Provost Marshal, USMA, joins the group at the extreme right.

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Now that the summer is over and most of the comings and goings are finished, we will try to bring everyone up-to-date as of September.

Turning first to the Washington area, our latest count shows that 68 classmates and/or families of classmates are in the Washington area. Not reported in the previous column was the arrival of Joe D. Johnston and Buck Fernandez to attend ICAF this year. Together with Ed Cottengim and Herb Pinkerton, this makes four we have in ICAF this year.

The initial class luncheon for the Washington area was held in late August with 34 in attendance. Bill Coghill, Jim Johnson, and Howie Sargent arranged all the fine details. Plans were made for a series of class parties for the balance of the year and up-to-date rosters of Washington classmates prepared. If you want a copy, drop me a card.

Jim Johnson has left Washington to become Philadelphia District Engineer effective in early September. Jim was a stalwart in all the class activities in the Washington area and we'll miss his booming optimism and Kay's quiet resignation to his antics!

Sam Starobin has left the Pentagon and moved across the river as Assistant to Mayor Washington in the D.C. government. He has promised to place everyone in the President's viewing stand for the inauguration parade. Lots of luck, Sam.

As you all may know, Hank Emerson was severely burned about the upper arms in Vietnam and was returned to Walter Reed for skin grafts. Upon completion of the treatment he hopes to go to Fort Bragg, probably in November. For those of you who missed it, the 9 Sept issue of NEWSWEEK had a fine article on Hank's work in Vietnam. Well done, Hank, and our hopes for a complete recovery.

Had lunch with Meade Wildrick in August when he was in Washington from Hawaii on Tdy. He reported on the doings of classmates at CINCPAC. Jim Egger is in J3, Dick Steinborn and Meade Wildrick are in J4, and John

Hoover is in J6. Incidentally, John Hoover expects to go to Vietnam in March. Meade also reported on the retirement bliss of Jim Edington, who has been living there for a number of years.

When Buck Fernandez reported into the area to attend ICAF, he brought with him the current Los Angeles area roster. Among the following in the Los Angeles area are: Bob Babbitt, Lee Christensen, Jim Colburn, Glenn Davis, George Dell, Hank Eberle, Tom Flattery, Mike Greenberg, Bob Griffith, Ray Mails, Bill Henry, Dave Jarvis, Jim Kennedy, Bob King, Don Krause, Walt Lukens, Stu MacLaren, Jack Pearce, Les Stevens, and Al Van Petten. Since space is limited, I'll only list their names and report on what they're doing in a subsequent column. Jim Enos is enroute to Vietnam, and Dean Gausche is Professor of Air Science and Tactics at UCLA Dean's son attends San Fernando State College.

John and Jane Mastin reported from West Point. On 8 September they had the sons of our Class now in the Corps at their quarters for hamburgers and all the fixings: George and Willie Webb, Bob Mahowald, Allan Geraci, and George Lynn. Incidentally, George will graduate this year—the first of our Class sons to achieve that distinction.

John also reported the following top-of-the-head intelligence: Linda Mastin will attend the U. of Connecticut this fall; Arthur Greenberg, Mike's son, is at the U. of Tel Aviv in Israel; Al Haig is now Deputy Commandant of Cadets; Tom Rogers and Ted Bielicki are in the Math Department, and Bernie Gardner is in DCSLOG.

Incidental Notes from Travelers

Merlin Anderson ran into Bob Rosen in Europe this summer. Bob is in Infrastructure Division of SHAPE in Belgium and enjoying every minute of it.

Bob McCord reports that he saw the Flaterys in Los Angeles where Tom is Chief Counsel of Technicolor, Inc. Bob also reported that he and Nancy went swimming with Tom and Jackie Hayes at Ocean City in August. Sounds like great togetherness!

Miscellaneous Items of Information

Bob Lilly is at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. Willy West received a Degree of Master of Arts in Liberal Studies at Wesleyan this summer. Willy teaches at Blake School

in Hopkins, Minn. Jack Tully has been promoted to Vice President of Industrial Boiler Operations at Combustion Engineering at Windsor, Conn. Jim Robinson has retired and is working for the Department of Justice. Ike Snyder is teaching school at Fort Hunt. George Bland has extended in Vietnam to get a brigade. Bob Baer was home for a short visit in August and is now back in Vietnam commanding a brigade. Wally Veaudry has a Training Brigade at Fort Ord. Ken Hatch has the 44th Engineer Group in Thailand. And, last but not least, that shyster barrister, Bob Peckham, has retired to Athens, Ga., and is heading the Legal Aid Department of the U. of Georgia. Good luck, Bob and Doris, and keep the door open; we'll all be coming by!

That about winds it up for this time. However, there are a few administrative notes. First, I would appreciate it if all retirees would drop me a post card giving me their addresses so that we can get an up-to-date listing. Second, our 25th Reunion which will be upon us before we realize it. Charlie Shields and George Maloney, who are in Washington, are in charge of planning. Please give them suggestions and support. And finally, don't forget that Christmas is a fine time to drop your friendly Scribe a post card letting him know where you are and what you are doing. You can be sure that it will be duly noted and recorded in the Class column.

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There was a touch of Fall in the air this morning as I arrived at my office. I am finishing my sixth week in my new job as Executive Assistant to the Associate Administrator, Social and Rehabilitation Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. I work just off Capitol Hill, and help dispense your tax dollars to worthy causes.

The annual Labor Day picnic here brought out a fine turnout. Many new faces this year: the Blakeslees, Callanans, Churchills, Chittys, Cormalks, Doyles, Enderles, Gilloglys (they arrived a year ago, and I just discovered it), Hookers, Kavanaghs (Same as Gilloglys, McNeelys, Meinzens, Mummas, Olsons, Packards, Paters (he's overseas), Reynolds (back again), Smiths, Swarengens (he's overseas), Wagoners, Wally Williams and Witko. Mort Mumma arrived from the 391st Tac Sqdn at Cam Rahn Bay, where he completed at least 100 combat missions. Shortly after arriving here his father, Admiral Mumma, died. Our sincere condolences to him and his family.

Congratulations are due Bill Caldwell for his nomination to BG. For those keeping score, Sid Berry's date of rank as BG is 17 July 1968.

Les Carter writes from the 101st Abn Div, APO SF 96383. He has seen Tom Bowen, but no one else. Charlie French and Dottie have been divorced, and Charlie, after some months of being head of the household and chief cook and bottle washer, married Emmy Kerr on 12 May. Charlie's four and Emmy's three children really fill up the house, although Mike French went to Amherst this Fall. That leaves Andy Kerr, 17; Terri French, 16; Pat French and Gary Kerr, 14; Casey French, 12; and Denny Kerr, 11, at home. Congrats, to all. Dottie's studio and apartment are at 637 Dennison Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43215.



1948: Lt. Col. Thomas B. Cormack, Chief of the Joint Plans and Operations Division of the U.S. Military Group to Venezuela, receives the Legion of Merit (first oak leaf cluster) for "outstanding service" from American Ambassador Maurice M. Bernbaum. Present for the ceremony in the ambassador's office were Cormack's wife Joan, their 16-year-old son Tom, and 13-year-old daughter Elizabeth.

Bill Byers returned from SEA and retired to California. No word yet as to employment. Bill Kaula was in town some weeks back. Among his other honors he has been named to the National Academy of Science. Bob Mathis will be home from SEA by now and here with DDR&E in the Pentagon. He ran across Jim McCray, Bob Pater, and Arnold Braswell over there. My roommate, Joe Gorell, has retired too, but have no further details as of now. As mentioned earlier, Tom and Joan Cormack retired to Washington. The picture shows Tom receiving the First OLC to the LM from Ambassador Bernbaum in Caracas, Venezuela. Tom is flanked by Elizabeth, 13, and Tom, 16. Congratulations. Tom Clark recently took a supergrade job with AEC upon retirement. They recently moved into their new home at Gaithersburg, having survived the trials of building. John Edwards spent eight weeks at the Federal Executive Institute at the U. of Va., the equivalent of the NWC for military. Very fine, John.

Although I missed it, you may have seen an interview with the Chairman of the Mississippi delegation to the Republican Convention. Who else? Bill Mounger, that's who. While we are on politics, Jim Richardson ran a good race on the Republican ticket for a judgeship in Bogalusa, but was bested. Better luck next time, Jim. The Washington POST for Tuesday, 6 August, carried the following, datelined Hue: "I hate to sound over-optimistic," said Col. Thomas W. Bowen, an old Vietnam hand and senior province advisor here. "But security has vastly improved in Thuathien Province." Big Tom has the situation well in hand.

Al Pabst was named to the ICAF for this year and is hard at work. Jim Barnett reports seeing Ash Foote in SEA. They, along with Al Alfonso and Bob Marshall, were setting up a '48 haven in the BOQ. By the way, I've lost Willie Bertram. Bob and Peg Van

Arsdall are now with the Office of DoD Manager (DDMS), Patrick AFB, Fla. 32925. They decided to build a home right on a canal south of Patrick. Sounds great, and Bob really likes his job.

Gene Forrester returned to be Executive Officer to General Palmer. Right now we have most of the key slots in both the Army and the Air Force. Fine work, Gene. Don McClelland retired the end of July, and the clan moved to Sunnyvale, Calif., where he is with Lockheed Missiles and Space Div. Monk Doty also retired and headed for Charlotte, N.C. He was entertaining several fine offers at last report from Mary Virginia. Claron Robertson retired and is a consultant to the Asst Secy of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, where Lee Doyle is Asst Exec. Robbie expects to move to another position, and I'll give you that when the deal is consummated. The Gavers will move back to Palo Alto, Calif. in the spring or early summer. Pierce goes with a smile; the rest kicking and screaming. We'll miss the Gaver boys on our swimming team, too.

Jean Cancelliere was in Walter Reed for an operation. Came out of it perfectly and is home being a good wife and mother again. Bob Graf has also retired, and I hope to hear what he's doing.

If this column is short, it is not due to any lack of cooperation on your part. Rather, it is a mixture of our involvement with the 20-year book, and my extremely long and very busy weeks in my new job. Hope things settle down, and am sure they will.

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In an effort to clear the air regarding the 20th Reunion, the Reunion Committee (Puckett, Ross, Kirby, Kemble, Battreall, Luebbert, Martin) decided that it would be advisable to inject a few prefatory remarks concerning the reunion.

By way of background, two years ago the Class Reunion Committee was informed by the Association of Graduates that the policy at West Point was that 20th reunions be held during June Week. Subsequently the Class of 1948 asked for and received special permission to conduct their reunion this year during Homecoming. This opened the possibility of a Homecoming rather than a June Week reunion for our class. After considering the responses to our letters of 1967 and 1968; the Academy's reunion policy; what we have been able to learn from the Washington group, and other factors, the sense is that it is better to continue with planning for a June Week reunion.

Accordingly, we are HEREBY REAFFIRMING THE PREVIOUS DECISION and are making the necessary reservations for a June Week affair. Although there are good arguments for both sides of the question (and we will not be able to please everyone), we believe this will prove the best for the majority. A letter giving the details has recently gone out to the class, and the Spring issue of ASSEMBLY will also contain a report. If you do not receive yours by early 1969 and desire more details, please write Bob Kemble, 43 Wilson Road, USMA, West Point, N.Y. 10996.

—20th Reunion Committee

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Labor Day weekend is behind us, and we're into fall activities, but by the time this reaches you, snow may be on the ground. Bear with me if you send news and it doesn't seem to appear in print for a long time. I'll make a plea again for letters by 1 Jan, 1 Mar, 1 June and 1 Sept in order for me to make my deadlines. Had a swell letter from one classmate right after the June deadline, but by the time it reaches you in this issue, the news is six-months-old. I really appreciate your letters, so keep them coming.

I have just received word of the death, in 1966, of George Rees and want to express belated sympathy to his family on behalf of the entire Class. George was a regional director for Westinghouse Lamp Division and lived in Norfolk, Va., where he died.

I understand Bob Leary's and Chuck Hayward's names were also left off the list of those selected for promotion a couple of issues back—sorry about that! Bob writes that he is Chief of the Systems Engineering Div with the Supply and Maintenance Agency in Heidelberg. He also passes on the news that John Wassenberg arrived there to contribute his computer know-how to the TOS development project; Al Jennings is with ODCSOPS, Hq USAREUR, after 18 mos. as an Arty Bn CO; Jack Maxwell is an Engr Bn CO. Thanks for the info, Bob. Maybe it would be a good idea if I left off a few names from every list, if it would bring a newsy letter like yours.

Harry and JoJo Coyle were in Alexandria in August. Harry resigned in 61 and has been awarded his Ph.D. in civil engineering from the U. of Texas. They have four children and are living in Bryan, Tex., where Harry teaches CE at Texas A&M.

I really slipped up in not passing on the C-1 newsletter in the last issue, which Jim Wallace had thoughtfully sent me. Even though the word is a few months old, I'll run through those who had sent poop to Jim. Tom Austin has been a senior province advisor in VN, but he and his family are now back at Benning. Roy Clark is in the military assistance business as section chief, Northeast and Central Asia of J533; he and Joan were at WP when their younger son, Bruce, entered the Corps on 1 July—Roy says someone in the family has to put in four years behind the cold gray walls. Bennie Davis has returned to the DC area after a year in VN. Ken Ebner is working on his doctorate, and Lorin has received her master's degree; they're still at WP where Ken teaches ES&GS. Bob Ferguson is VP and general manager of the Frankson Furniture Mfg. Co. in West Ossipee, N.H. Jim and Macon Foose have bought a house in Arlington where they will welcome a future West Pointer or Randolph-Maconite in October. Gus Hergert has left Sill and is here in the Pentagon in the Asst Secy of the Army's office (R&D).

Joe and Mary Pharr Love are with the '50 contingent at Carlisle. John McCormick is an air operations staff officer at NORAD; they have one offspring in college, leaving four to go. Joe McCrane is still CO of the 11th S/F (Abn) in addition to holding his civilian jobs as general manager of the Garden State Racing Assn and president of the MacAndrews and Forbes Co. The latter has plants in England, Turkey, Iraq, and Iran, which gives Joe an excuse to visit those areas once in a while. George Morrissey is chief of the DASA liaison

office in Las Vegas and has bought a house there. Jack Pigman is in the petroleum and hardware distribution and mechanical maintenance work on the eastern shore of Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware; Jack is active in the Army Reserve. Bob Reed is here in DC in the Chief of Information office at the Pentagon. Mary Rees returned from VN and is now the Dpty District Engr in St. Paul. Bob Shaffer is here in DC with DIA. Don Smith is with the German operation of Texas Instruments as product marketing manager but expected to return home to Dallas this summer. Bill Steinberg has been in Bangkok since July of 67, with the ARPA field office. Jim Wallace is here in Alexandria; he and Bobbie are involved in activities of the Alexandria Little Theater. Jack Wheatley is president of the Wheatley-Jackson Construction Co. in Palo Alto, Calif., is councilman of the city, and a bishop of the Mormon Church.

Stu Wood is still at USAFA and sees many classmates in the Colorado Springs area. Colleen Mitchell has just moved to Annandale, Va., from Texas.

Doug Poage had a narrow escape at the end of August when he made a jump at Fort Lee, Va. He had a Mae West opening on his chute, and then his reserve chute tangled with the other. He broke both feet and cracked his back in three places. At this writing, 10 days later, he is a patient at Fort Belvoir hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery, Doug!

Saw Rufe and Nancy Smith and Sid and Jeanie Steele in August when they were down from Carlisle for the weekend. Sid gave me the complete list of the '50 crew there: Barnes, Creuziger, Detherow, Donovan, Doughtie, Durst, Eek, Farrell, Gearan, Hunt, Jackley, Kennedy, Emmett Lee, Love, Lynch, Means, Parish, Read, Sibbles, Smith, Steele, Trefry and Wassenberg (and the last name certainly updates the information on John's being in Heidelberg, which I mentioned in the early part of this column).

Charlie Kuyk has taken command of the 42d Tac Elec Warfare Sqdn at Takhli Royal Thai AFB, Thailand. He flew his 100th mission recently since his arrival in SE Asia.

And that brings me to Vietnam and news I've had from that part of the world. Win Skelton took over the 2/27 "Wolfhounds," 25th Div, in February; he's now G4, USARV. Jere Sharp, now back in DC, left as Div G4 as Win arrived. Bill Mastoris had the 4/12 with the 199th Bde but at this writing has just arrived for duty at the Pentagon. Ben Lewis gave up his Bn and is now Dpty Director of Instruction, USARV. Hank Singleton has the 9th Spt Bn, 198th LIB, Americal Div. Dick Slay is at Bien Hoa and is due home in February 69. Jack Crittenberger is in G3 Sec, USARV; Pookie and the children have just come to McLean, Va., to wait out the year. Carm Milia went over from Carson with Hq 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div. Jim Thompson is "over there," but I don't know his unit; Hazel and the children are in England for the year. Briggs Jones has the 1st Sqdn, 11th Cav. Leo Romaneski is with II Field Forces; Marilyn and the family are here in Alexandria. Faulkner Heard is the M-16 project officer at USARV. Art Blair will have a shortened tour in VN in order to enter N.C. State to get his Ph.D. in English prior to becoming a permanent associate "P" at WP. Bob Gard has the 9th Divarty; Lucy and the youngsters are in McLean for the year where she'll teach English to sophomores and juniors in a nearby high school. Lou Prentiss is chief of Opns, 20th Engr Bde. Reed Davis is with the Americal Div. Al Crawford is with the Signal Bde. Bob Eastman is assigned to Log Comd. I un-

derstand Ralph Pinto is also at USARV.

John O'Brien got his master's degree when he graduated from Leavenworth in June. Bill Curry received the Air Force Historical Foundation Award at his graduation from the Air War College for his research paper on "The Role of the Japanese Air Force during the 1970's." Bill received \$100 and a scroll of achievement. Carm Milia, Bob Morrison, and Chuck Graham all received the LM recently; Terry Parsons the 3rd OLC to the ACM; Ben Lewis the BSM with "V"; and Chuck Graham his 6th award of the AM. Bob Werner received his Ph.D. in economics from South Dakota State College in August; Bob leaves this month for Korea where he will be the area Engr in Taegu. Bill Howe got his master's at Arizona State U.

It was great seeing Jack Murphy as the parliamentarian at the Democratic National Convention. Burke Lee was in DC for two weeks at the Army Management School before taking over his district Engineer job in Charleston, S.C. Ding and Johanna Price were here on their way to London where Ding is with a joint U.S.-U.K. standing group. Joe Griffin is at Bragg where he's Depy G3 with XVIII Abn Corps. Ben and Malvene Lewis saw Wil and DeDe Warren in Honolulu in June when they met there for R&R; Wil is with CINCPAC. Joan Scandling and Betty Jones also boosted air travel when they flew to Hawaii this summer for R&R with Jack and Briggs. Walt Adams called when he came through DC on his way back to be on the ambassador's staff in Thailand; he told me Les Holcomb is retiring and will work for Stanford Research Institute in Bangkok. Gus Dielens has been named the new Director of Athletics at WP.

Rex and Danni Jennings are at Ohio State where Rex is the new PMS. How about some news from that part of the country? Jim German has graduated from the Defense Language Institute here in DC and is assigned to Portugal with the MAAG. Ardath Wilson has bought a new house in Houston near where she was living before; the new address is: 7815 High Star, Houston, Tex. 77036. She and the children have taken some trips this summer but of course are home now with the start of the school year. Robin Maresca writes from Bangkok that they are really enjoying their tour there and don't like to think that they have less than a year to go. The family went to Pattaya Beach for the Labor Day weekend where the Army has a recreation area—swimming, boating, fishing, water skiing, and horseback riding. What a life. Herb Underwood is home from VN and is the new PMS at Bucknell University.

Bess Banister wrote a nice long letter in June (after the deadline, Bess; sorry about that!). Bess and Grady live in Orange, Calif., and see a number of classmates from time to time. Bill and Ginny Gearan visited them in April on their way to Monterey. Al Crawford had been through, and he and Bettie were expected in July before Al left for VN. The Banisters had a '50 party in June and said it was great to see Joe and Dottie Shankle, Pat and Martha Zabel, John and Margaret Irwin, Don and Shirley Coscarelli, Tom and Bonnie Sharp, and Hal and Sally Strickland. Others in the area who were unable to come (so you'll know where they are): Bill and Bev Miller, Bob Basil, Bill and Mary Waddell, and Phil and Sandy Bardos. The Kulpas (now here), Paul Woods (Norton AFB), and Penningtons were in the process of leaving—the Penningtons are now in Texas. Bess said to be sure to say they'd love to hear from any classmates who come to the area because they like

to plan get-togethers now and then. They're in the Orange County directory, and remember they spell their name with one "N".

Newcomers to DC are: Abbruzzese, Aman (again), Ray Barry, Bashore, Brandes, Bennie Davis, Ewan, Fern, Fye, Gallagher, Glenn (again), Graham, Hergert (again), Hoffman, Hutcheson, Howe, Hurst, Koehler, Lou Leiser, Loper (again), Lunn, Mackmull (again), Mastoris, Newcomb, Pritchett, Prouty, Bob Shaffer, Small, and Tilson. We number 170 at this writing.

We have a few babies to report: Louise and Pete Abbruzzese had their first child, Ann Sylvia, on 28 Jan 1968; Gloria and Mark Jones had a little girl, Cynthia Anne, on 27 May 1968; Sally and Stan Reinhart had a boy William Harvey on 11 July 1968; and Joan and Al Fern had a little girl, Charlene Elizabeth, on 2 August 1968. Congratulations are certainly in order.

That wraps it up for this time. Write!

'51

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Air Force file Al Norton is in his 6th year as a "P" in the Chemistry Dept at the AF Academy, but the blue suit and the flyboy environment out there have not altered his allegiance to his old alma mater. In September your Scribe received a letter from Al requesting a favor, to wit: "a West Point pennant, triangular, about 30 inches long and 10 inches wide." I sent him the classiest model the AOG gift shop could provide, and by this time there must be no doubt in the minds of Al's associates who he has been rooting for during this 1968 football season. To pay for his request, Al sent (in addition to money) the following info on other classmates: Pop Taylor and John Powell are with the USAFA English Dept, and Frank Fischl joined the PE Dept there last spring. Frank Waldman is at Carlisle Barracks with "whatever staff school the Army has there," while Bob Isaac is a municipal judge in Colorado Springs. Bob's name also came to the Scribe's attention during the summer via an Associated Press wire story the first line of which read, "Here comes the judge—with a black eye." Seems that his honor and a local at-



1951: Lt. Col. Robert E. Bauers (right) receives his second award of the Army Commendation Ribbon during ceremonies near Bangkok, Thailand.



1951: Lt. Col. James G. Boatner was named a distinguished graduate of the Air War College at Maxwell AFB

torney were going full blast on the handball court last June when the lawyer's shoulder collided with Bob's eye. The colorful result of this meeting really made the judge the center of attention when he reported for courtroom duties the following day.

This past summer the largest plebe class in USMA history, the Class of 1972, began their college careers here at West Point, but school was out for a number of the Class of '51 finishing academic tours in several of the senior service schools. Jim Boatner was designated a distinguished graduate in the 146-man group completing the course at the Air War College, while John Byers, Barnett DeRamus, Joe Fant, Rod Gilbertson, George Hardesty, John Hemphill, Guy Jester, Ed Markham, Howie Steele, and Sandy Weyand graduated from the AWC, Carlisle Barracks, AF files Gerry Hendricks and Billy Ellis were graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces; Gerry is now at George Washington U. completing requirements for his M.S.B.A., and Billy has been assigned to Korat, Thailand, for duty as a fighter pilot.

Roy Herte writes from Vietnam that despite advance publicity in this column (and DA orders) he did not go to the 1st Cav. Through the magic machinations of the replacement system, Roy now commands the 7th Inf, in the 199 Light Inf Bde, just south of Saigon. He reports that Gil Stephenson, the G3 of MACV in Saigon, should be back in CONUS by the time this appears in print; that John Hemphill has the 3d Bde of the 9th Div; and that Eric Antila has the 5th Bn, 60th Inf (Mech) of the same division. Elsewhere in the combat zone, Gerry Carlson is with the Americal Div, Dan Wardrop with USARV, and Air Force classmate Bill Cuthbertson is stationed at Cam Ranh Bay AFB. Bob Rachek is XO of the 1/6, 198th Bde, in the Americal (Micki is spending the year in Cornwall), and last June Frank Vellella received the BSM and ACM for service as the CO of the 9th Signal Bn, 9th Div. One month earlier in Bangkok, Bob Bauers was awarded the ACM for duty as a training of-

ficer in JUSMAG, Thailand. Word has also been received that Jim Kintz, now with MACV, received an M.A. degree (MAGNA CUM LAUDE) from Fairleigh Dickinson U. before he left for SEA. On the other side of the world in Europe, Otto Doerflinger has the 3d Bn, 17th Arty, APO 90308, and Laurin Ashley, until last spring the Armor representative on the tripartite committee in London is now commanding an Armor Bn in Germany.

Anne Hampton, Fred's widow, has notified me that the report of his death (in a March plane crash at Khe Sanh) in the spring ASSEMBLY was correct. There has been no burial since the remains have not been recovered, but memorial services were held for Fred at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Gainesville, Fla., on 18 May and at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Caracas, Venezuela on 21 May. The Hamptons attended the latter church during their tour in that country. In August Anne and the four children were presented with Fred's final awards, the SS, DFC, BSM, and PH, at their home, 4412 Estrella St., Tampa, Fla. She would be happy to see any classmates stationed there or those passing through the area.

Hal Barton's widow, Louise, writes that she and the children are settled in their new home. Their address is: 805 NW. 48th St., Lawton, Okla., and Louise asks that any of the Class coming to Fort Sill call or stop by to see them.

In other stateside news of '51ers, Len Shapiro, after seven years in engineering, took time off to get a law degree and is now practicing law with the firm of Harkaway, Barry, and Gall in Nashua, N.H. Len is living in that city with wife Charlotte and their three daughters, Marjorie, Laurie, and Barbara. Following a tour as an advisor in Vietnam, Ron Roberge has joined the large group of classmates in the Washington area. His new CP is located at: 11010 Del Mar Ct., Fairfax, Va., but Ron's duty assignment is unknown as of this writing. Russ Johnson is another addition to the DC set having joined DCSOPS upon his return from Alaska. Other classmates reported in the area are G.L. Owens, DCSOPS; Dick Szymczyk, ACSI; and two AF types, Tom McMullen and Pat Ryan, assignments unknown. A late report from Joe Luger tells of an April party at Andrews AFB for classmates in the Washington area sponsored by the '51 contingent at the NWC. Beyond the fact that approximately 80 people were present no other info on the affair has been received. Joe was up in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., in September teaching at an Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association flight training clinic; although not a military pilot, he holds a civilian flight instructor's rating.

Here at West Point, the '51 contingent has dwindled to 13 members with only Chuck Canham, John Daigh, Don Peifer, and Bill Stockdale being USMA grads. Three new associate members joined the group this fall: John Rogers, the new PX officer; Roy Flint, MA&E; and Bill Anderson, post veterinarian. As the post vet here, Bill is the "team physician" for the four Army mules: Trotter, Buckshot, Hannibal II, and K.C. Mo.

'52

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Happy news from Tom Dowler and Bob Ackerson: both are proud fathers of infant sons. Tom and JoAnn's latest, Robert, was

born on 30 July at Fort Belvoir. Bob and Barbie came along a month later on 30 August with David, born at West Point. Congratulations to both couples.

The June graduation season started early this year with Tom Brodin receiving an M.S. in Commerce from the U. of Vermont in May. Art De Wald and Ed Wuthrich also graduated in May, leaving Leavenworth early for assignments in Germany and Vietnam respectively. With a better sense of timing, Lew Beasley, Tom Dunmire, and Gene Stokes graduated in June from the AFSC. All three had returned from Vietnam shortly before starting AFSC. John Ralph graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and went to a TAC assignment at George AFB, Calif.

John Baldner and Joe Bulger are both pilots in number one Air Force units. John is a flight instructor in the 21st Composite Wing at Elmendorf, Alaska, which was just given the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Joe flies an F-100 in the 3d Tactical Fighter Wing at Bien Hoa, Vietnam. The 3d was awarded the Disoway Trophy as best tactical fighter wing in the Air Force.

More from the Air Force: Tom McClung has returned from Bangkok to Selfridge AFB, Mich., where he is assigned to an aerospace defense command unit.

There are many more classmates returning from lower Asia, a place evidently nearing the Pentagon in importance. As an example of the top quality types being assigned there, Homer Kiefer reports that earlier this year the 25th Infantry Division's hard core was: G1—Ernie Condina; G2—Bert Stubblebine; G3—Al Bracy; CO, 2/22d Infantry—King Coffman; CO, 2/34th Armor—John Tipton; CO, 3/13th Artillery—himself, Homer Kiefer. We know there are dozens more involved and that all classmates are greatly interested. Please let us know so that we can broadcast the news. A partial list of recent homecomers from Vietnam includes: Homer Kiefer, Wayne Elliott, Craig Alderman, and John Hill.

Finally, we have the sad news of the deaths of Tom Ellis and Charlie Steen. Tom died suddenly of a heart attack while home on leave on Long Island in August. Charlie was killed in a highway collision in Arlington in September. Friends and classmates at West Point, plus those who could get up from Washington (including Don Nixon, Paul Brown, Jim Tow, Jim McDonnell) attended the funerals. Our sympathies go to their wives, parents, and children.

'53

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I must begin my first column with news of great sadness for myself and the entire Class. As was reported in the "Last Roll Call" of the summer ASSEMBLY, Frederick F. Van Deusen was killed in action when his helicopter was brought down by VC fire in the Valco River of the Mekong Delta. He had only recently assumed command of the 2d Bn, 47th Regt, 9th Inf Div. Funeral services were held on 9 July in his home town of Fayetteville, N.C. To his parents, and to Carolyn and the children, Sallie, Frederick Jr., and Rob, the entire Class extends its deepest sympathy.

During June the classmates and friends here at West Point attended a fitting ceremony as the Dean, Gen. Jannarone, presented John Martin's decorations to Kaki and the children. John was awarded the Silver Star, Legion of

Merit, Air Medal, Purple Heart, and Vietnam Service Medal.

Much of the news has been passed on to me by Joe Rears who so ably wrote this column for two years. Fortunately his talents have not gone unnoticed, and Joe will be here another year to shepherd the Yearlings through French and (hopefully) to watch over the shoulder of your new Scribe.

A letter from Jim Landreth's father says that Jim was due to return from Vietnam in August and will be assigned to the Air University at Maxwell AFB. While in VN Jim was Maint and Supply Officer of the 35th Tac Fighter Wing, which was named first in the Air Force in Maint and Supply. Congratulations, Jim! Also returning from VN, at least temporarily, was Ed Reed. A letter from Pat reports that Ed was to attend school for four weeks at Fort Ben Harrison and then to Clark AFB in August as Chief of Plans and Engr for DCA-SEA. Pat invites anyone near Clark to look them up.

Jim Sammons stopped by the house briefly this summer with Shirl and the children. He managed to get some Tdy at Leavenworth in the middle of his Vietnam tour, but it was not without cost, as he expected an extension to his scheduled return this fall. Other local news is the arrival of Tom and Suzanne Hoffman and their three children to join the local group. Tom is the new Christian Science Minister for the Armed Forces at West Point. (See the article in the Bulletin Board Department.) The Hoffmans are living in Newburgh and bring to 11 the classmates in the immediate area. A little farther south, John Scoblick has moved to New York City as the international attorney for the Bendix Corporation. In his letter, John says he would be pleased to assist any classmates passing through or writing him care of Bendix.

A good letter from Bert Fuller just before he left Vietnam. He and Dale Davis were the only two '53ers stationed in Chu Lai at the time. Bert and Doc Stinson had arranged an exchange of jobs to take place in September. Looks like an uneven trade though, as Molly and the children join Bert at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, while Doc Moves to Chu Lai—hardly a tropical paradise.

Lots of news from Louise Eineigl down in Bradenton, Fla., where she is awaiting Ray's return from VN next summer and a visit from the stork shortly. Ray is commanding the 169th Engr Bn, and Ed Dinges, who flew over on the same plane with Ray, is commanding the 8th Bn, 6th Arty. Speaking of Ed, he and Sue are doing their part to keep the baby corner active—a flash message from Louise reports that Pamela Michelle Dinges was born on 8 Sept, at Fort Eustis Army Hospital. That's the number three girl in the Dinges clan, I believe. To continue—Louise stopped in DC with Mary and Clay Jackson on her way to Florida and while there saw Paul Smith and Al and Jane Grum. She also had dinner with Howie and Marcia Thompson somewhere in Pennsylvania. They had just returned from Jordan with lots of tales of the recent Arab-Israeli differences. Howie is going to the U. of Pa. for an M.B.A. Louise had also heard of the Fullers' assignment from Molly, while still in Florida, and saw Jim and Taffy Eubanks who were on their way to Leavenworth. Jim finished his Master's at Purdue, and they had been enjoying a vacation on Sanibel Island. Jim's work at Purdue reminds me of a letter from the U. of Arizona announcing that George Brosious had recently received a Master of Science in electrical engineering. From personal experience (at least with Arizona) I know how much work those

degrees represent at our "mature" age; so congratulations to all our recent graduates and to their very patient wives.

Some of the returns for Homecoming brought news. I'll save some for the next column with the hope that I can get more details first hand. From the others: Monty Speir reports that he has a HAWK Bn in Grafenwoehr. Bob Boxell has an Ordnance Bn in Korea. Jay Tanzer lists some of the new arrivals in the Washington area: Rolfe Arnheim and Dave Wells to ACSFOR, Gene Fitzsimmons and Herb Friesen to DCSOPS, Len Greeley and Cliff Landry to OCRD, Dave Rice to CORC, and Jay is in DIA (a change from his first orders). Hal Myrah also finished graduate school this summer and is assigned to the Asst Vice Chief of Staff's office. (Don't have a staff directory to shorten that one.) Bob and Kathy Porter report from RANCHO VERDE, Camp Verde, Ariz., that they "are hard at work building a working guest ranch on the old Fort Lincoln (Fort Verde) Reservation. We plan to cater to families and feature riding, hunting, fishing, golf, skeet, and ranch life as close to authentic as air conditioning and a swimming pool will allow." Bob also says that any classmates vacationing or passing through are welcome "at ROCK BOTTOM RATES." Your first free ad, Bob.

From AOG these news releases: B. Brentnall graduated from the AFSC at Norfolk, and Ed Dinges from C&GSC at Leavenworth in May (you've been busy this year Ed!).

Bob Zargan handed me a note from Ellie Martin in which she says there are about twenty '53ers at Leavenworth this year, including Kitty Heiberg and Liz Vander Meer. Bob Martin was elected president of the group there. We will await with interest the report and pictures of the first picnic of the season, an activity for which Martins seem to be becoming famous.

Let me hear from you.

'54

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The sad news was received in August that another classmate, Rox Shain, had been killed in Vietnam. The details of Rox's death have not been received; however, he was killed in July and was buried at Iowa City, Iowa, on 12 August 1968. Rox was an F-100 Super Sabre pilot and was assigned to the 3d Tactical Fighter Wing at Bien Hoa AB, Vietnam. His wife Nancy and their three children, Chrissy, Sarah, and Rox, live at 380 So. 38th St., Boulder, Colo. 80302.

Pete Jones told me when he retired as Scribe that Box 54 here at West Point did not exactly overflow with letters from classmates. During this past quarter I received only three letters from classmates. If you have items of interest, don't hesitate to write or call me so we can spread the word. We have a large number of classmates in the Washington, D.C., area, and I would greatly appreciate hearing from some of them.

In the last issue of the ASSEMBLY, the classmates newly assigned to West Point were listed. In addition to those, Jim Ryan showed up in September. Jim is assigned to the MP&L Dept. Jim brings the total of '54ers here to 16—just the right number for the party committees.

Len Reed, our new class president, is getting people organized to start thinking about our 15th Reunion next year. The reunion will be held Homecoming weekend in

the fall of 69. As information becomes available concerning the reunion, we will send it on to you. However, I don't think it is too early for you to start planning and talking about being here for the festivities.

One of the letters I received was from Joe Massaro who has been with the U.S. Army Standardization Group in London for the past two years. Joe is due for a Vietnam assignment in December. He had seen Hank Carroll before Hank left for his station with the British Air Defense Artillery School in Wales for a year at Fort Leavenworth. Joe has also seen Larry Bonner and Don Shaw. Larry is with MAAG BELLUX at the embassy in Brussels, and Don is XO of a brigade in the 3d Inf Div in Germany. Joe also sent word that Bob Garwood is with the 3d Air Force in England.

The Class is still being well represented at Fort Leavenworth. Among the last class were Bill Charles who is now in Washington; John Eitel, assigned to MACV; Gene Breeding, posted to Europe; Jim Sloan, address unknown; Chuck Debelius who headed for Iran; Bill Epling, bound for Vietnam; and George Stenehjem who should by this time be at Fort Monroe, Va. Other recent service school graduates were Ed Knoff and Ray Pace who graduated from the AFSC at Norfolk in June.

Recently Bob Elton sent a change of address card. After a tour in Vietnam, Bob is fraternizing with the Marines this year at Quantico. Really, Bob, I think you could do better than just a change of address card!

News releases from Vietnam indicate that Al Sterling and Will Buckheit recently received BSM's for meritorious service. Will was with the 45th Engr Gp, and Al was a plans officer with I Field Forces Hq. From the grapevine I also learned that Jack Logan and Jim Scovel are both battalion commanders in the 9th Div, south of Saigon. Jack departed USMA this past summer.

Dion Johnson has recently resigned from the Army and accepted a position with the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, State Dept, Washington, D.C. Dion had been with the Military Science Dept at the U. of Delaware. He and his family are now living in Garrett Park, Md.

So much for this issue. We would appreciate hearing from some of you so the current "happenings" can be publicized.

'55

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Bill Chance kindly put together a few notes on the class group at Leavenworth, where '55 is now represented by three instructors and 24 students. The instructors are Wayne Smith (Dept of Larger Unit Operations), Bill Chance (Dept of Joint, Combined, Airborne, and Special Operations), and Don Buchwald (Dept of Division Operations). Students are: Jack Doyle, Herb Finger, Dave Gilpatrick, Jack Griggs, Bob Henry, Bob Lafrenz, Marty McNamee, Jim Miller, Bob Newton, Russ Parsons, Dave Pemberton, Frank Robertson, Jim Ryan, Matt Schepps, Bob Stanley, Lawrence Stockett, Jim Town, Jon VandenBosch, Macon Wells, and Dave Wheeler.

The Leavenworth group had a get-together in August and had close to 100% participation. They will be meeting again for the ARMY-Navy game, a Gloom Period party on 14 Feb 1969 and a spring picnic sometime



1955: Bob La Frenz receiving the Bronze Star Medal and the Air Medal.

in April. Anyone in the vicinity is invited to attend any or all these '55 events.

Jerry Crancer has completely recovered from arm and facial wounds received in Vietnam, and the general consensus is that he looks better than he ever did. Jack and Susan Griggs and seven (7) children are adjusting to the high altitude living on the third floor of the Beehive. Don Buchwald, who just returned from Vietnam, reports that he spent his time with the Americal Div "rescuing the Marines." Bob Newton was with the 2/20th Arty, 1st Cav. Jerry Denman was with the 1st Bde, 101st Abn, then USCON-ARC. Lynn and Jim Bergen are just back from Tunisia.

John Martling sent back a few notes from his Tdy to Vietnam this summer: Ken Ginter has departed from Dalat for the Indian Staff College, via Monterey; John missed Stump Joseph by ten minutes at Dong Tam—Stump was XO for a battalion in the 9th; Bill Hadley, S3 of a battalion in the mobile Riverine Force, was just leaving to return to U.S.; Ray Gunderson was enjoying his battalion command and his own trailer for quarters. John nominates Ray for the golden horseshoe.

A letter from Jim Strickland at the Engineer Command at Long Binh mentions several classmates in that area: Ted Bishop, Rich Cardillo, Al Porter, Dave Maurer, and Stan Johnson. A plan is reported to bring electric power to every foxhole.

Tom Herren, writing just after his return from Vietnam, saw fewer classmates. Tom's assignments were XO, S3, S2 for the 1/50th Mech Inf—at one point all three simultaneously. Tom's unit was attached to the 1st Air Cav and saw action from Bong Son to north of Hue, Khe Sanh, and then Dong Ha "where we showed the Marines what this war is all about." Tom is now on Tdy for the degree completion program, working on a Master's thesis in economics for the U. of Rhode Island. Tom gave the details on Dick Bean's encounter with a helicopter blade: a combination of incoming mortar rounds and approaching the 'copter from an uphill slope, just as the 'copter was beginning to turn up resulted in the main rotor blade hitting Dick in the helmet. "His evacuation came at a bad time for that battalion; they certainly needed his abilities as S3." (Dick is OK now.)

Bob Werner reports from San Antonio. Bob has just been made a partner in Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Smith. He and Lee Ann announce a fourth child, Brian (bringing the total to 3 boys and 1 girl) and construction of a new home to hold them all. They were visited by Will and Susan Holbrook in July who were en route to AFSC at Norfolk.

John Lovell spent a day at USMA in

September. John is on leave from U. of Indiana this year, and he and Joanne are in Poughkeepsie where he is teaching at Vas-sar. Since the academic year had not yet begun, John had no war stories to recount. He will be spending the bulk of his time (he says) completing a book on perspectives for analyzing foreign policy.

Bill Streett spent the summer working as a research consultant in the shock wave phenomena division at the Sandia Corporation Laboratories, Albuquerque, N.Mex—part of a DASA summer consultant program. "Very enjoyable and profitable!" In August he received the Russel B. Scott Memorial Award from the National Research Council for the outstanding paper in the field of cryogenic engineering research presented at the 1967 Cryogenic Engineering Conference at Stanford U. The paper reported experimental measurements of the density of liquid nitrogen at low temperatures and high pressures.

A July letter from Jim Fleeger mentioned Dick Dinwiddie (an Asst G3, Provisional Corps Vietnam), Mick York (with Signal at Phu Bai), and Bob Henry (now back at CGSC)—all of whom were involved in the action around Hue during Tet offensive. Jim got command of the 2d Bn, 321st Arty, a 105mm outfit with the 82d Abn.

A July letter from Ron Rule mentioned Smitty Smetana (flying C-130's, apparently out of Bangkok), Chuck Flynn (now returned to Pentagon "to help Bill Anderson and Ray Karam run the war"), Bill Roth (departing to Wright-Pat to engage in the SR-71 program), and Stan Harvill (on a "boondoggle" from USAFA where he is a tenure associate "P." Ron was on his way to fly with the 625th at Tan Son Nhut. Ruth and the boys are residing at Colorado Springs.

Carl Cathey recently at Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, for duty with the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing. Reed Stone and Al Buie were both recognized for helping their units earn the USAF Outstanding Unit Award. Milt Herman and John McDonald received the USAF Commendation Medal, Milt at Tan Son Nhut AB and John at Bangkok. Jim Seay received the AM (2d Oak Leaf Cluster) and Bob LaFrenz received the AM (2d Oak Leaf Cluster) and BSM shortly before his return from Vietnam, where he was an operations officer in the Engr Sec of I FFV. Bill Chance received the LM for duties performed with the studies and observations group in Vietnam.



1955: Jim Seay received the Air Medal at Osan AB, Korea.



1955: Al Buie discusses seating with Bob Deardorff, business manager for the AAA, at Class lunch in September.

Pete Booras came by USMA to pick up Edie and family en route to his new assignment with the nuclear branch of R&D in Washington. Pete spent six months with 1st Inf and six months with 9th Inf as Bn S3. Pete was awarded the SS, 3 BSM's, 12 AM's, the ACM, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and Vietnamese Honor Medal.

Keep the letters coming. The best months are February, May, August, and November. Photos are particularly useful. The '55 group at USMA under Gerry Chikalla and Rich Miller's organizational efforts will be having a variety of get-togethers—especially during football season. The seating situation has been somewhat rearranged, with staff and faculty separated from other class seats. Bob Deardorff, the AAA business manager, while not responsible for the change, was on the receiving end of the counterattack to this policy launched by our "geographic widows" in Cornwall. Their BLITZKRIEG tactics were a stunning illustration of all nine principles of war plus a few more—"Don't take no for an answer!" being possibly the most effective. Needless to say, they carried the day. For everybody else, there will be a floating cocktail party after each game.

'56

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Once again, there is very little to report because the letters have been scarce. I hope the mail situation perks up soon, or all of you will be forced to read only about the stirring saga of the Wilker family in the wilds of Los Angeles.

Somehow I am on the mailing list for the West Point Society of New York. I find their membership list includes the names of many '56ers; therefore, passing some of this vital information along may aid you in updating your address records. Bob Farris and Ron Melnik are associates with the management consulting firm of Cresap, McCormick, and Paget. Bob's home address is: Apt. 2-H, 343 East 30th Street, N.Y.C. Ron resides in New York at: Apt. 9-A, 160 East 27th Street. John Fisher lives at: 440 Stuyvesant Ave., Trenton, N.J. Al Florea is with the Prudential Building Maintenance Corporation in White Plains and resides at 425 East 63d St., N.Y.C. Ed Kime is executive vice president of the Harcord Manufacturing Co., Jersey City, and his home address is: 18 Essex Road, Scotch Plains, N.J. Dave Larr is a partner of Tamarack Associates in New York and resides at:



1956: '56'ers with 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam include (standing, l to r): Russ Mericle, Hugh Munson, Jim Waldeck, and Ev Caldwell, (seated) Wally Crain and George Lee.

25 Sutton Place South in the same city. Bert Tucker is a research scientist with Uniroyal, Inc., and lives at: 19 Medford Place, Wayne, N.J.

Wally Crain was good enough to bring me up-to-date on the duty assignments for '56ers with the 101st Abn Div in Vietnam. He also included a mug shot which was much appreciated and will be passed along for all to admire. Wally is Deputy G3 with the 101st; Russ Mericle is with Div G1; Hugh Munson is assigned to 326th Engr Bn; George Lee is S1, Divarty; Jim Waldeck is S3, 2d Bde; Ev Caldwell is with the 501st Signal Bn; Bob Nicholson is S4, 2d Bde; and Dave Berry is assigned to the 3d Bde. Jim Waldeck, by this time, should be back attending the C&GSC. The remainder are due to return to the States in November, except for Russ, Dave, and Wally who hope to go home some time in 1969. Wally reports he has seen Bill Cody, who is with the 1st Cav Div, but he didn't indicate Bill's assignment. Elsewhere in Vietnam, Paul Dougherty recently received his second award of the AM for meritorious achievement while participating in a mission as an AC-37 pilot supporting the 9th Inf Div. Doug Johnson received the BSM with "V" device for his valorous actions following an intense rocket and mortar attack on the flight line at Bien Hoa, Vietnam. His heroic initiative and forceful leadership in extinguishing the flames of burning aircraft were major factors in confining the losses in this congested and hazardous area. Doug is a fighter pilot and advisor in the 23d Vietnamese Tactical Wing at Bien Hoa.

This past June, Les Weinstein, Jack Munsey, Bob Schuler, Bill Farmer, George Lofert, Jim Dozier, Dick Kem, Chris Allaire, Dick Curl, and George Withers were graduated from C&GSC. All except Dick Curl and George Withers were graduated early to allow them to report to their new assignments prior to the regular graduation exercises held on 7 June. Of the early graduates, all except Les Weinstein reported to Vietnam. Les reported to Canada as a Transportation Corps officer. Dick Curl and George Withers were among 23 officers of the graduating class selected as candidates for the degree of Master of Military Art and Science. To

date, only 100 officers have completed requirements for the degree. Students selected as candidates must volunteer for the program and pass a rigorous examination. In addition to regular studies, the master's degree program student must write an acceptable 15,000-word thesis and defend it in an oral examination. George's next assignment will be with the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C. Dick will be in the office of the Asst Chief of Staff for Force Development at the Pentagon.

We have also received word that Paul Merola graduated in June from the AFSC at Norfolk, Va. The course stresses preparation for future assignments to commands in which armed forces of more than one military service, or more than one nation, are involved. From Heidelberg, Germany, we learned that Luciano Salamone received the ACM for meritorious service while serving as a budget analyst for the office of the comptroller. Here in California, Joe Strofance recently earned a Master's in Aerospace Operations Management from U.S.C. Joe is now serving as aerospace research flight test officer at the AF Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB.

It was good to receive an announcement from Shearsen Hammill and Co. that Dave Horton is associated with them as an investment executive. Dave is with their Santa Barbara office. Now that Dave is within shouting distance, we hope to hear more from him. Ray and Carolyn Cannon write from Selma, Ala., that all is well, and Ray continues to put in long hours with his student pilots. Carolyn visited with her family in Florida for her youngest sister's marriage last July, and Ray was scheduled to be with her part of this time.

West Point Major George J. Woods Jr.

The big summer changeover was finally completed, and except for an occasional moving van, The Rock is back to normal again. We few hangers-on bade farewell to quite a number of buddies in the past three months, but our morale was quickly restored with the arrival of a fine crop of classmates and their wives. Tom and Betty Bowes along with Charley and Patty Poole have returned

for their second tour of duty here since graduation. How about that! Tom and Charley are assigned to the Dept of Foreign Languages on a one year hitch. Bill and Shirley Crites have just arrived for duty with MA&E while over in ES&GS Jim and Mareth Ellis and Farrell and Nancy Patrick have checked in. It looks like D-2 has taken over that department. More of the recent arrivals include: Joe and Elizabeth Gleason (Joe is heading up AG Military Personnel Branch); Ed and Kathy Rhodes, OMI; and John and Roberta Liwski, Information Office. Oops! Nearly forgot about bumping into Tom Griffin. Tom was in a mad ratty trying to get to the PX before closing to buy those yellow gloves. Tom and wife Jane have joined the Tactical Dept.

Just a quick rundown of the roster now to bring you up-to-date on the rest of us in case you lost track. Dick and Mary Crews are still with the Dept of Ordnance; Chuck and Barbara Carvey and John and Flo Keutmann, OPE; John and Gingie Haley and Charlie and Ann Saint, TAC Dept; Art and Deet Harris and Hawley and Carol Oakes, OMI; Gene and Ginny Lynch and Bud and Harriet Lewis, Math Dept; Dave and Lu Palmer and Dick and Vicki Tripp, MA&E; Randy and Ann Parker, Educational Resources and Technology Div (What did he say?); George and Martha Ward, U.S. Army Hospital (It's not as foreboding as it sounds—remember George is a doctor now.); and last, but certainly not least, yours truly, George and Barbara Woods, 2d Aviation Det. The '56 wives in the area include: Alice Celeste, Fran Bynell, Joan Johansen, Mona McAniff, and Helen Valence. If I missed anybody, let me know or get in touch with Randy Parker so we can keep you up on things. That rounds it out, and you can see that the ranks of '56 grow thin here at USMA.

Speaking of George Ward, once again it has been proven that you can't trust a classmate. Randy Parker checked in on sick call with a head cold, and George clapped him into the hospital for two weeks and took out a kidney. Seems that George needed the practice. It hasn't hurt Randy a bit though. He has proven at several recent promotion parties that one is as good as two. Hope everything comes out OK there, Randy.

The campus has really been swinging lately with those promotion parties thrown by Randy Parker, Dick Tripp, Jim Ellis, and Dave Palmer, our new LC's. Congratulations,



1956: Brenda and Norm. It took a fine lass to bring him down.

fellows. Meanwhile the rest of us anxiously await the next make list. One thing I am really glad of is that Jack Woodmansee moved out before getting his promotion. I couldn't stand to have to "sir" him when I practically taught him how to fly. How are things in the White House, Jack?

We have a celebrity among us, gang. Recently seen on CBS TV, prime time no less, was a half hour documentary on RECONDO training at West Point. Art Harris, who runs the training, was interviewed throughout the telecast and did a real professional Hollywood type job . . . even had a stunt man take the "slide for life" for him. Just kidding, Art. John Wayne has nothing on you.

Art joins two other '56ers in the TV business, Dave Palmer and Jack Woodmansee. Dave and Jack appear in two separate programs of a series entitled "Since Wars Began." The series met with such success on its initial run last year that the series is being re-run, at least in this area, during the fall season. Johnny Carson, watch out.

On Brave Old Army Team! The football season is upon us, and we are looking forward to a big year. Coach Tom Cahill was the guest speaker at the resumption of the class luncheons. Coach Cahill is not quite as optimistic as the local newspapers, which rate ARMY quite high, but there is no doubt that he has a fine lineup of gridders that should make for a very interesting season. Dick Crews is setting up the class pigskin warm-up for the Citadel game. Pat Haley is the organizer for the Homecoming party on 12 October following the California game. That should be a rouser. Hope to see many '56ers there.

Received a hello from Ted Jasper on his return from Korea. Ted and Pat are off to C&GSC at Leavenworth. Luck to you, Ted.

All's well at the Woods household these days except for my troublesome next door neighbor, Art Harris. His latest escapade was to have his Basset bred, which she did, and they did. With Deet serving as midwife, would you believe 12 beautiful Basset puppies on the first litter? Ever think of raising minks, Art?

That's it from our end, Stan, except that Barb and I send our regards to all.

'57

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From time to time I receive accounts of classmates' heroism in combat. One of the most exciting and fantastic accounts I have read to date concerns Jerry Dwyer. Jerry was commander of a FAC unit on a mission near Kahm Duc S/F camp when part of the wing of his O-2 super skymaster was shot away. Jerry (who had already been forced to bail out on an earlier mission near Khe Sanh on 1 April) parachuted into some trees, made his way to a clearing surrounded by jungle, and took refuge in a ravine. During the next two hours he was the target of continuous Viet Cong machine gun and rifle fire was screened by bombs dropped within 25 yards of his position by Air Force pilots, and was the subject of three rescue attempts (the third was successful). Jerry's personal account of his encirclement by the Viet Cong includes the following: "The FAC said there was a guy crawling up toward my position and that he was too close to try to put ordnance on him. I heard the distinctive sound that a hand grenade makes when the safety handle



1957: Fred Krafft receives the Air Medal.

comes off and looked up to see a grenade coming down right at me. I tried to burrow into the hole and closed my eyes, but nothing happened. I opened my eyes and saw the grenade lying right at my waist. It was a dud. Then I got nervous."

At this point, Jerry got his Irish up. He writes, "I took off my flak jacket and survival kit . . . I let out a yell, jumped down toward them (three Viet Cong). When they heard my yell and saw me coming (shades of graduation) they turned and ran (infectious enthusiasm). One tripped, and I shot at him. He didn't move. The other two had made it to the edge of the jungle about 30 yards from me when a bomb went off about there. That was the last I was fired on." Moments later, Jerry was rescued by a helicopter. He has received the SS.

Another SS has been won by Byron Fitzgerald. Fitz was cited for his actions as FAC during the week-long battle of Loc Ninh which resulted in more than 1,000 enemy casualties. Fitz evaded intense anti-aircraft fire by enemy 50-caliber automatic weapons to direct the initial air strikes from his unarmed O-1 Bird Dog aircraft. Fred Krafft won the AM while flying more than 600 combat sorties as an air operations officer in C-123's. He helped support the U.S. Marines during the Khe Sanh siege. Joe O'Neil was recently cited for his part in a ground support mission. Joe piloted an AC-47 Dragonship which helped defend a village near Pleiku which had come under enemy attack.

Gerry Galloway was fourth man in his class at Leavenworth. He was one of 23 officers in the graduating class selected as candidates for the degree of Master of Military Art and Science. Gerry's next assignment is with the Office, Chief of Staff, DA. Homer John-



1957: Jerry Dwyer—"I stood up and fired my .38 at the guy who had climbed to within five feet of me with a rifle. He fell backwards and I told FAC I was in serious trouble . . ."

stone, in the same class at Leavenworth, also was among those selected as a Master's candidate. Bob Leard graduated in June from the AFSC at Norfolk, Va. I recently received a news article indicating that Bob Alsheimer may have to undergo leg surgery to remove shrapnel from a mortar shell. Bob was wounded at a Vietnamese Ranger training site where he was senior advisor.

Gary Stemley writes from Long Binh that he is working as the Dpty Dir of Petroleum for 1st Log Comd, delivering about 100 million gallons per month. (Green stamps, Gary?) He notes that Bill Echevarria and Larry MacKusick are with him in 1st Log. "Across the street" in USARV Hq are Jerry Chase (G4 Engineers) and John Barbazette (AMC Liaison Officer). John McDonald left the 1st Sig Bde for C&GS. Nick Wilson is Bn S3 in the 199th Bde.

Doug Patterson writes that he spends most of his time "bailing grunts out of trouble." He is a "squadron jock" flying the F-4D. Willy Pope is navigating RF-4c's out of Thailand. Jack Farris is "flying Ranch Hand out of Bien Hoa." Charlie Hindman is at Da Wang piloting the "venerable Goons." Mike Stein has been in Vietnam for "51 days, 4 hrs, and 20 minutes as of 1503, 15 Aug 68. Mike is in MI and is working in the G2 section. He says we're winning, which makes me worry. Mike saw "handsome Bernie Loeffke" and "intense, diligent" Wally Summers. Jerry Chase is at USARV Hq where he is budget officer for an Engr Gp. Mike, who delights in Homeric epithets, further reports that "quiet dynamo" Herk Carroll is with force development at J level.

Hank Koops is finishing surgery residence and is soon to be a full-fledged ear and throat surgeon. Ben Beasley, who is XO of the 2/34 Tank Bn, 25 Inf, writes that Tim Murchison is XO of the 1/4 Cav Sqdn, 1st Inf. Ray Bell is XO of the 3/5 Cav Sqdn, 9th Inf, and Walt Pritchard is XO of an Inf Bn. Bob Westfeldt is in Plans & Policies Br, Hq, MACV.

Bob Arnold, CBR Agency, writes from Fort McClellan that Ed Olivares was the Asst Mgr of the Hughes Aircraft Co. sales office in Huntsville, Ala., and has recently been transferred to California. John Murphy (I-1) has retired from the Army on a medical disability. Bruce Turnbull will also retire with a medical disability. He will be doing practically the same work, only as a civilian, in the Admissions Office here at West Point. Tony Bullotta informed me over a beer that Waxy Gordon is in captain's school for T.W.A. Waxy is a 707 pilot. Tony is flying international flights for T.W.A. (I was pleased because I own 4 shares of T.W.A.) Romance rolled from Tony's lips as he enumerated his ports of call: Rome, Paris, Madrid, Cairo, Athens. Ah, if only Tony could quit those cheap cigars.

Bill Ellis is working for Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth. Jim Woolnough is working for General Dynamics in DC. Joe Cygler is with Minneapolis Honeywell on Wall Street. Bill Bishop is an executive with Esso Standard in Westport, Conn.

Charlie Hug, Manhattan attorney, emerges from his bachelor pad every fall to check on the Team. Tom Bowes is back at WP teaching French. Phil Ritchey, just back from VN, is studying ophthalmology at Walter Reed. Bob Faulkender is at the Army Management School at Belvoir teaching systems analysis. Scott Hammer is a GS14 with NASA in Huntsville. Leon Bieri is Gen. Maxwell Taylor's aide.

Joan Quill would like information on Ed Quill's WP years and pilot training. She is

helping prepare the memorial article for the ASSEMBLY, and she would appreciate all info. Write to: Mrs. Edward B. Quill, 3802 W. Krall, Phoenix, Ariz. 85019.

I intend to dedicate a portion of the next class column to the wives of '57. Let's hear about exceptional distaff doings. The issue following that will be devoted to exceptional children of '57.

I am deeply grieved to report the loss of another classmate. Word was received at West Point on 23 September that Joe Bishop had been killed in Vietnam. Patty was living with her parents in College Park, Georgia, and she decided to have the funeral there. A memorial service was held in the Cadet Chapel. The large number of classmates and friends in attendance indicated the respect we all held for Joe. Patty and their two children will reside at 3622 Main Street, College Park, Georgia 30022, c/o Mr. J.S. Wallis. To her and the family we all extend our deepest sympathy.

'58

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My deadline for this article is 16 September, so those of you who are anxiously awaiting news of the Homecoming Reunion (11-13 Oct) must patiently wait for the next article. News has been slow finding its way to me

during the summer, and unfortunately that makes for a rather short report this quarter. Now that many of you have completed change of tours (a great number to VN, I dare say), let me hear from you TODAY!!

New arrivals at USMA this past summer were given in the last issue, but not listed were Mike Mahler and Glen Hall (both in the English Dept). Reorganization Week found the Class at the West Point Army Mess for the first monthly luncheon. Election of new local class officers was the main order of business and resulted in the following slate for the year: president—Bob Giuliano; VP—Corky Henninger; Secy-Treas—Joe Brown. The outgoing officers—Herb Puscheck, Carl Sullinger, and Stew Willis—did an extraordinary job of running the local class affairs and are to be congratulated on a job well done.

The number of classmates in the Washington, D.C., area continues to grow, being somewhere around 55 now. Those in the vicinity desiring more poop on social activities, etc., should call George Sibert (OX 5-2304). A partial list of classmates in the DC area includes: Brown CO, Bruzina, Bullis LH, Bunker, Claffin, Cockle, Connell, Cook JB, Crosby, Denson, Dey, DiMauro, Dus, Evans JG, Evans RT, Fay, Ganey, Gennaro, Graves RC, Gustitis, Hall GM, Higgins, Hirata, Howard, Johnson DW, Johnston A, Kusek, Loffert, Luman, Lupi, Lyon, Madigan, McCullough, Olson RC, Ordway, Orr, Robertson GR, Sands, Seltzer, Sibert, Sigurski, Stambaugh, Tierney,

Tomlinson, Wafer, Wees, Wessel, and Williams JB.

Recent departees from the DC area include: Fred Hall to England; John Herren to AFSC, Norfolk; Chuck LeMere to C&GSC; Jim Roberts to C&GSC; and Bob Tallgren to Fort Hood en route to another tour in VN.

Many of you who were in the Glee Club will be interested in knowing that CWO Boots is an honorary member of the DC class organization. He is with the U.S. Army Band at Fort Myer.

Armor

Tom Carpenter has received his Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts U. Bob Hattler recently completed an ROTC tour at W. Va. U. and is now assigned to MACV. Pat is living with her parents near Fort Bragg. Jim and Gerry Jones had a son Jeffrey born at the USMA hospital in June while Jim was still with the Dept of ES&GS. He is now assigned to MACV in VN.

Artillery

Ken Lager received the ACM for meritorious service as Asst "P" in the Ord Dept, USMA. Larry Hunt also received the ACM while Asst "P" in the Chem Dept. Bill Serchak informs me that Ben Pellegrini has returned to Tulane to work on a Ph.D. in physics. Bill is at C&GSC after having had a VN tour with the 2d Bn, 19th Arty, and at Phu Bai as Arty Intelligence Officer.

Larry Perreault received the ACM at Fort Carson, Colo., for meritorious service as Secy



1958: A portion of the USMA group and associates at the August picnic near Round Pond. Left to right, first row: Bill Cooper, Sara Cooper, Herb Puscheck, Betty Puscheck, Mary Ruth Peck, Jim Peck, Al Smith, Chris Smith, Billie Nadal, Tony Nadal, Cookie Hamilton, Duff Manges, Maria Manges, Gale Buchanan, John Buchanan, Nelle Hall, Glen Hall. Second row: Carol Groh, Pete Groh, Bob Finkenaur, Carol Finkenaur, Jill Bacon, Kim Gonsalves, George Gonsalves, Stan Bacon, Bob Degen, Bruce Hamilton, Karl Oelke. Third row: Bill Edwards, John Raymond, Barbara Raymond, Max Young, Nancy Young, Susan Sullinger, Carl Sullinger, Theresa Brown, Betty Williams, Don Williams, Sylvia Degen, Ann Henninger, Martha Stritzinger, Fred Stritzinger, Sue Oelke, Jenny Sampson. Fourth row: Eve Willis, Susie Spurlock, Betty Jean Clark, Hunter Clark, Joe Brown, Corky Henninger, John Sampson, Leslie Myers. Taking photograph: Sam Myers.



1958: Cline Cook receives his second award of the BSM during ceremonies at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Congratulating him is Col. Burton, Director of the Tactics Dept.

to the General Staff of the 5th Inf Div. Bill Shepard was last known to be in one of the S3 shops of the 101st Abn Air Cavalry Airmobile Air Everything Div or whatever its name is these days—who cares as long as they get jump pay, right?. I do believe its latest designation is the 101st Abn Div (Airmobile).

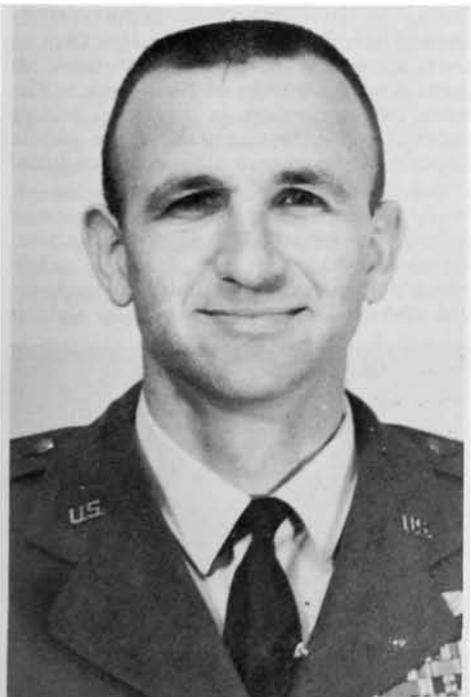
Chuck Teeter has returned to VN after finishing C&GSC. Here at West Point, the Sampsons had a son, John B. Jr., born at the USMA hospital in June. John Sr. teaches Spanish in the Foreign Languages Dept.

Engineers

Jim Sigler is with the new Engr Const Comd in VN. Bill Parks is an Asst "P" in the solids side of the Mech Dept at USMA. Bill and Mary Jane welcomed the arrival of their fourth child (third daughter), Mary Manly, on 3 Aug at West Point. Bill made the West Point golf team which went to the First Army Tournament at Fort Dix.

Infantry

John Buchanan has received an M.A. degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts U. Gene Scales is reported to have completed a VN tour in the Dalat



1958: John Abernathy has received his M.S. degree in aerospace engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

area serving in an advisory capacity to ARVN. Joe Shea has completed C&GSC and is now with the 1st Inf Div in VN.

Ordnance

Pat Donovan is with the 1st Inf Div in VN after finishing C&GSC.

USAF

Our congratulations go to the members of the Class who made the promotion list to major. Toby Kevin extracted the following names from the list: Abernathy, Beyea, Bicher, Barnes, Bielinsky, Bond, Bujalski, Card, Cartwright, Clements, Conti, Crowley, Davenport, Davies, Doucette, Dunning, Durkee, Durkin, Edwards DR, Eliot BF, Gardner, Geipel, Grete, Hagberg, Halsey, Hanson, Hansult, Hasselbrink, Hettinger, Jones MS, Kevin, Klotzbach, Krankel, Kubiak, Livingston, McCullough, McElroy, McManigell, Meals, Meyer, Miller BT, Mitchell CW, Monson, Morrill, Munger, Olson RE, Osborn, Patterson, Phillips FP, Phillips KG, Porciello, Price, Prime, Prochaska, Profilet, Puff, Robertson CS, Rossetto, Rudolph, Rudd, Sharon, Shellenberger, Sheehan, Slater, Smith WA, Soper, Sutherland, Sharp, Timberlake, Trainor, Trott, Wade, Wright, Yarr.

Tom Cartwright has completed more than 450 special warfare missions over S. VN as a pilot with the 9th Air Commando Sqdn. John Kubiak has received the AM at Kirtland AFB, N.Mex. for his airmanship and courage on successful and hazardous weather recon missions while an aircraft commander with the 58th Weather Recon Sqdn. Tony Munger was with the 4531st Tac Fighter Wing, Homestead AFB, Tex., but is now flying out of Danang in VN.

Civilian

Ed and Faith Ofgant had their fourth child (3d boy) in June in Norwood, Conn., where Ed is in the insurance business. They still have the "open house" policy for all classmates visiting that area.

I'll close this article with the latest report from the class treasurer. As of 30 June 1968 we had \$8,718.77 on hand in the Highland Falls Savings and Loan and Marine Midland National Banks.

That exhausts my stack of mail, notes, scratch paper, and PIO releases. In the next issue you will find a report on the official 10th Reunion and hopefully some news from the scholars at C&GSC. I would appreciate hearing from anyone, at any time, on any terms. Please include a black and white photograph of any class gatherings if at all possible. In the meantime, may the bird of paradise if you don't keep the AOG posted on your current address!

'59

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Gil Roesler, who has probably seen as much of Vietnam as has anyone in the Class, was awarded the DFC in June for heroism under fire on 7 February. He was aviation officer of the 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div, at the time, and his citation reads, in part, as follows: "Major Roesler was flying a light observation helicopter in support of an Infantry battalion which was engaged with a large force of North Vietnamese regulars west of the village of Hoa Soi. In the initial outbreak of the battle, several friendly casualties were sustained. As the fighting grew more intense, it became necessary for the battalion commander to land in order to better direct the ground operations. With complete disregard for his per-



1959: Greg Kadlec doing his new thing.

sonal safety, Major Roesler braved the intensive hostile fire and landed his aircraft in the midst of the battle. The ground fire was so heavy that medical evacuation helicopters were unable to land in the area. Unhesitatingly, Major Roesler volunteered to use his aircraft to assist in the rescue operations. Ignoring the heavy volume of hostile fire, he immediately began flying wounded personnel out of the battle area and landing them in a secured location for further treatment. While evacuating the casualties, his ship was constantly subjected to intensive enemy fire. With exceptional flying skill, Major Roesler avoided the enemy fire and flew around friendly supporting Artillery fires and air strikes to complete his mission. The exemplary courage and determined performance of Major Roesler contributed significantly to the saving of many friendly lives and to the ultimate defeat of the large enemy force." Gill was due to return from that tour in about September.

Carl Weaver returned to Vietnam last summer and is still flying electronic reconnaissance in the Mohawk. Marble Mountain, Danang, and the 245th SAC are his whereabouts, and he hopes that classmates in the area will drop by. Ann is waiting in Cornwall-on-Hudson at 6 Hedges Ave. and thereby becomes a member of the West Point group this year.

Jim Massey is with the Army Materiel Command in Washington and works in the office of the Special Assistant for Project Management. He has seen several classmates in the environs, including Bill Benagh, who is with him at AMC; Al Rushton, in OPO; Craig Bertolett, an instructor at the Ordnance School; Jay Redding and Bruce Medaris, with TECOM at Aberdeen; and Lou Caruso, who is working for the government in Washington. Ed Stauch was at WP for a football game this fall, and so I can add that he is also at Aberdeen with TECOM, and that Don Reinhard is there for the career course. Thanks to both Jim and Ed for the poop.

Mary Callaghan wrote from Florida in September that Bill had completed training in the AC-119 and was awaiting a port call for Nha Trang where, I presume, he will apply the training. He received the Air Force CM for his work in the sea survival school at



1959: The Class of 1959 wives welcomed newcomers to West Point with a fashion show September 19th in the West Point Officers Club. Models are (left to right): Jan Wakelin (associate); Jeri Baldwin; Mrs. Herr, of Johnson and Hare, Newburgh; Micki Williams, and Arlene Brass.

Homestead AFB. Mary is taking an apartment in south Miami area.

Greg Kadlec graduated from the U. of Nebr. College of Medicine last June and is presently doing his internship at St. John's Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. Greg married Judy Meisen in 1966 and plans to become a general practitioner in a small western Nebraska town. A small stack of miscellaneous news releases reveals that Bob and Carol Cyr are now at Fort Eustis, Ted Colby is with a Cavalry squadron in the 101st Abn Div, Barky Norman recently completed a course at DLI Washington, and Eugene Smith supports B-52's with the 4258th Strategic Wing at U-Tapao Airfield, Thailand.

Two births have been reported since last issue. A fourth daughter Carol Cameron, was born to Margie and John McNeerney in Watervliet, N.Y., on 1 June. John is at R.P.I. working on a master's degree, and the family lives in Qtrs. 9B at Watervliet Arsenal. And a second son, John Taylor, was welcomed by Marlene and Bill Burleson here at WP on 7 September. Bill teaches economics in the Soc Sci Dept.

Our contingent at WP had a sizeable turnover last summer, and the new arrivals renewed old acquaintances at a steak and beer party at Round Pond on 6 Sept. Those beginning their first year include: Art and Babs Bair, MP&L; Ray and Carol Baugh, OMI; Al and Nancy Dorris, MA&E; Dave and Lois Gray, Law; Bill and Gayle Lehrfeld, OMI; Emmett and Teddy McCracken, ES&GS; Bob McDonald, a bachelor, Math; John and Karla Moellering, MA&E; Pat and Regina Passarella, ES&GS; Dick and Faye Rothblum, MA&E; Lou Schroeder, the new protocol officer; John and Elli Simpson, Soc Sci; Rich and Mickey Skowronek, ES&GS; Jack and Gail Smith, Foreign Language; and Jim and Phyl Walsh, ES&GS. The next local class blast will be at Homecoming, and, as usual, we look forward to seeing as many of you who

live elsewhere as can possibly make it.

It occurs to me that although I am writing this in September, you will probably be reading it in January. Happy Tenth! I have enjoyed writing this column, folks, and I will stay at the desk for the next issue. But I go to Vietnam this summer, so I must relinquish the typewriter to abler hands. Please, somebody, volunteer quickly.

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To celebrate the arrival of a large group of classmates this summer, and to alleviate somewhat the pain of the first two weeks of the new academic year, those of us at West Point gathered at Peggy and Zeke Miller's quarters on 13 Sept for one of the best class parties ever. Including several of our associate members, the total attendance was 98. The Millers are comfortably ensconced in professors quarters behind Lusk Reservoir for their last year while the permanent occupants are away on sabbatical leave.

Because I was rather short on news this quarter, I took a tape recorder to the party and buttonholed classmates for their contributions. What follows is an expurgated transcript:

Lee Allen (ES&GS): George McQuillen is in the Pentagon assigning E8's and E9's. Also in the Pentagon is Joe Naftzinger, still a bachelor, who works with ACSI. Joe O'Keefe was married last year to his old first sergeant's daughter. Craig Colter, after spending his only overseas tour in Alaska as AF Liaison Officer to an Infantry brigade, is now at Edwards AFB in the space program.

Tony Blackstone (English): Jack Burden returned recently from Vietnam and is now a student at the Navy Test Pilot School at

Patuxent, Md. From there he will go to Edwards AFB to test Army aircraft.

Bill Tozer (ES&GS): Emer Yeager is working for an investment research firm and expects to be transferred shortly from Los Angeles to New York. Chuck DePew works for I.B.M. in the San Francisco Bay area, and Charlie Dwyre is also located in that vicinity (occupation unknown). Ken King has joined the growing list of class lawyers. He is now working for a Wall Street firm and commutes from Yorktown Heights, near Peekskill.

Ken Richeson (Soc Sci): Russ Dunn, ex-Marine, is now living in Alaska where he has joined a law firm. Carol Mierau wrote that Mike returned from Vietnam and left her to move to Washington while he dashed on ahead to begin his duties as an aide to General Westmoreland. Ed Post is teaching in the Bn and Bde Tactics Division at the Infantry School. Tommy Taylor has resigned, plans to be married in December, and is now working on a Ph.D. in political philosophy at Berkeley. (Incidentally, Tommy published a novel last year, A-18, which concerns a Special Forces raid into North Vietnam. One of the most interesting aspects of the novel is Tommy's penetrating insight into the character of senior officers.)

Charley Otstott (Physics): Before leaving Vietnam, I ran into Mike Ferguson, who is advising the 1st Armd Inf Regt at Quang Tri. Mike had many war stories about the Tet offensive and their subsequent operations. Returning to the States, I stopped in San Francisco and saw Bob Montgomery, who is editing the California LAW REVIEW and making quite a name for himself. I accidentally ran into Darrell Houston at a motel in Dayton, Ohio. We were heading for West Point, and Darrell was going in the opposite direction to Leavenworth for C&GSC.

Hal Smith (English): Mary Carolyn and Jack Alban are living in the New York area. Jack works with commodities for Merrill Lynch. John DelPonti lives in Virginia and attends Georgetown Law School nights. Jere Forbus is at the U. of Massachusetts in Amherst working on a degree in English prior to joining us at USMA. Dan Smith recently checked into the Foreign Languages Dept to teach Spanish. While he was in Vietnam, his unit captured a picture of Nick Rowe in October 1967 somewhere in the Delta. Nick is apparently still alive, and from the picture he seems to be in reasonably good condition.

Name garbled—Fred Plummer? (Mechanics): Wally Duncan is at Harvard contemplating a third year for a Ph.D. and a Vietnam tour. He already has a master's degree in public administration and is scheduled to teach social sciences here next year. Wally and his



1960: John Ello receives AFCM for meritorious service at Vandenberg AFB.



1960: 98 classmates, associates, and wives gathered for a "back-to-school" party on 13 September at Peggy and Zeke Miller's quarters.

wife are working with the Nixon-for-President committee in the Boston area.

Pete Lagasse (Mechanics): Nancy and Wayne Clay live in Loveland, Colo. Wayne works for Hewlett-Packard (electronic test instruments) and is doing very well.

So much for the party poop. I do have a few letters to pass on to you. John Ello writes to provide some news of Air Force classmates. He has recently graduated from U.S.C. with a master's degree in research and development systems management and is now assigned to Office of Manpower and Organization. While en route to the east coast, he found out accidentally that he had received a below-the-zone promotion to major. John reports seeing Buzzy Glenn in Los Angeles when Buzzy was signing in for his new assignment with the Space and Missile Systems Organization there. Gerry Kramer graduated with John in the same class (and program) at U.S.C. and will be stationed in the same office in the Pentagon. Although I do not have an address yet, John expects to be living in the Virginia suburbs, and by now Lynn, son Mark (age 2), and daughter Darcy (age 4) have joined him.

Arline Luton sent me a copy of a long change-of-address letter detailing fascinating experiences in Thailand, where Chuck is sta-

tioned with the FAST program. During his first six months, Chuck traveled about 20 days per month to such places as Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Ceylon, Burma, Singapore, Indonesia, and Bali (how do you stand it?). Arline has been teaching English to 4th and 5th graders at a Thai girls' school, and she thoroughly enjoys the experience. They will be in Thailand for two more years, and their address is JUSMAG, Box 138, APO San Francisco, 96346.

The Willoughbys—Bill, Ann, Billy, Johnny, and Mary Glenn—were at West Point on 23 July, and we had an opportunity for a short conversation on the sidewalk in front of the old West Academic Building (now East Barracks). Bill has been teaching counter-guerilla operations at Benning and will join the 1st Inf Div in September. Ann and the children will live in Columbus. Bill provided some information about other classmates at Benning. Carolyn and Tom Eynon, Kathryn and John Reid, Birgit and Rog Seymour, and Nancy and Tom Caraballo are all living in the Battle Forest area, and the men are all teaching in the Infantry School. Chan Duryea has been a member of this happy group but is now back in Vietnam while Gigi remains in Columbus. Bill also reports that Mary and Ken

Kirchner are living in State College, Pa., where Ken is the manager of an I.B.M. office providing support for Penn State and local industry. They have five children.

Paul Miles stopped by my summer office in Beast Barracks, but I missed seeing him because I was out with the plebes for a drill period. (There is something anachronistic about a Signal officer, who teaches English, supervising dismantled drill, inspecting cadet rooms, etc., but it was an interesting summer). Paul left a note, however. He had been the acting Deputy District Engineer of the Louisville district for the past six months, and he is now at Fort Leavenworth for C&GSC. After another tour in Vietnam, he expects to return to West Point to teach military history.

As most of you know by now, Fred Terry was killed in a mid-air collision in Vietnam on 4 July. He was buried at West Point on 17 July, and the high esteem in which he was held by classmates and friends was reflected by the large number of people who attended the funeral, many of them having traveled considerable distances. Fred was truly one of our best, and our deepest sympathies are extended to Carol and their two children, who live at 8 Walnut Ave. Pompton Plains, N.J.

It is also my sad duty to report the death of Judy and Frank Calverase's daughter, Lisa, on 1 Sept. In the summer of 1966, when Frank was in graduate school at Penn, doctors at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital discovered that Lisa had leukemia. Despite the best efforts of the medical staffs there and at West Point and Walter Reed, there was nothing that could be done. Fortunately, Lisa maintained excellent spirits and was in generally good health most of the time. Those of us who have children can appreciate the anguish Judy and Frank have experienced. They have borne up remarkably well, however, and they asked me to inform you that they are expecting a baby any day now.

We look forward to seeing many of you all at Homecoming and at Philadelphia. Until then, BEAT NAVY!

'61

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The class constitution was ratified by a vote of 233 in favor and four against. Those dissenting did so because they objected to the members of the class executive committee all residing at West Point. The intent of this proviso is to provide for geographic proximity, enabling the committee to meet often and easily. This executive committee can make no major decisions without the approval of the permanent class committee and the Class as a whole. It is envisioned that the class executive committee will someday be located in the Washington, D. C., area since at some future date we will have a larger congregation there than at any other place.

The class fund now has a balance of \$8,668.12. Of this amount, \$2,572.64 is in savings deposits, \$5,982.78 in mutual funds, and the balance on demand deposits. The purpose of this fund is to underwrite class projects decided upon by the entire Class and to meet immediate contingencies such as sending flowers to the survivors of classmates who die or are killed.

Since those in Vietnam are at the forefront of our country's commitments, so they shall be at the forefront of this column. Jim Strachan arrived in RVN in June to begin his

fourth year there. He is the Command Information Briefer and, as such, briefs all the war correspondents each afternoon on all of the ground operations in the country. Mac Greeley is back for tour number two and assigned to the same place as tour number one, Chu Lai, where he flies A4E's for the Marines. He hopes to become a FAC this fall. Chuck Westpheling is a Bde S4 in the 101st Abn Div. Rosemary presented Chuck with his third son, Edward C., on 6 July. God willing, Chuck will be home to see his new effort in May 69.

Mike Eiland has volunteered for the second time to serve in RVN. This time Mike is equipped with a master's degree in economics from Georgetown U. Mike plans to return to USMA and the Social Sciences Dept in August 69. Ken Geiger is commanding a Signal company in the 1st Div. Don Barbour is working in the G3 section of the 9th Inf Div. He expects to go to M.I.T. to study nuclear physics after his return to CONUS in November. Todd Counts is in RVN assigned to the 101st. Todd's family is spending the year in Highland Falls. Mike Xenos is back in RVN for the second time, having finished his graduate work in systems engineering at the U. of Arizona.

If you detect a rash of H-1 news, that is because Bruce Cowan sent me a copy of his H-1 Newsletter. Bruce is now a Bn S3 in the 20th Engr Bde in RVN. Arlene is spending the year back in Mayor Daley's Chicago renewing old friendships and continuing her gainful employment with I.B.M.

George Kopcsak has departed the Ranger School and is with the 1st Div in Vietnam. Ron Hannon is returning from Germany for a Tdy hop to Fort Benjamin Harrison prior to returning to RVN in December. Ron hopes to stop by West Point on his return from Europe. Mike Hale is in RVN after getting his master's in nuclear physics at the U. of Virginia. Rita and family are living in Columbus, Ga.

Jim Connolly has enrolled this fall at Arizona State to study operations research. He joins Pat Hillier and Gabe Gabriel who are there studying the same thing.

Frank Tilton has returned from RVN and is studying operations research at Stanford. Also at Stanford studying C.E. are Stacy Bragg and Chip Wanner. Ron Beckett, with wife Nan and four-year-old daughter, Natasha, are at the U. of Alabama where Ron is working on an M.A. in political science. He plans to finish in Feb 69. John J. Java Jr., and family have departed Fort Bragg, and John is now a graduate student at the U. of Pittsburgh.

Paul Palmer, who found his lovely wife, Molly, in Monterey, has returned there to do battle with the Navy in operations research at the Postgraduate School. Paul says that Gus Stiehl is there studying physics, Gene Adams is there studying management, and Denny Lenhart is also in operations research. They like the area but not the put-out required for the Navals. My information is that Steve Denney is also at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey and Skip Higginbotham in Monterey at the Language School prepping for MACV in Vietnam.

Tom Magness wrote a nice letter from the U. of Wisconsin where he is studying geography. Tom expects a utilization tour at USMA but may be detoured prior to arrival by way of SE Asia. Chic Carlson is at Wisconsin working in meteorology. Bob Cairns is there in physical education, Jay Olejniczak in English, and Bill Parks in operations research. Dick Buckner and Charlie Hansell



1961: Chic Carlson, Tom Magness, Charlie Hansell and Bob Cairns with associates at the University of Wisconsin Military Ball last spring in Madison, Wisconsin.

both finished at Wisconsin this summer and are now at USMA. Chuck Armstrong is at Penn State working on a master's and plans to watch the ARMY team beat Penn State there this fall.

Phil Sykes is in the Artillery career course at Fort Sill and was delighted to learn that he will be enrolling at M.I.T. for a master's in M.E. in Feb 69. He expects to begin teaching for the Mechanics Dept here at USMA sometime in 1970. Phil said that Chuck Hodell was in his course and will be going to the TC School at Fort Eustis to teach artillery to the TC types. Others who have been at Fort Sill for short refreshers recently were: Tom Stone, Pat Hoy, Larry Welsh, and Johnny Solomon. They are all Vietnam bound. Finally from Sill, the Sykes family has been expanded to four little girls with the addition of Shannon Lee in May. Keep going, Phil, Colonel Kelleher's record can be had. Bob Chelberg and family are also now at Fort Sill where Bob is assigned to the USAAMS.

Other recent participants in the maternity game are the Lynchs. Wanda presented big Jim with a little Jim in the West Point Hospital this past spring. Serge and Diane Olive have a new little girl, born in August, whom they have named Christa. Fred Pryor found a way to beat the surtax by having twin tax deductions on 13 April when Roberta gave birth to Todd Frederick and Holly Lauren. (If anybody wants the weights, I have them.) Fred is a field engineer with the Miller Fluid Power Co., and they live in Newark, O. George and Jackie Cherry have a new son to join their first boy, Mike. Kenneth Martin Cherry was born on 22 Dec 67. George still works for the Chrysler Space Division in Slidell, La. Nick and Cookie Plodinec have brought forth their first child, Nicholas IV, born on 8 March 68. The Plodinecs are still at McGuire AFB.

John Berinato is at Fort Bliss where he instructs in the modern weapons employment branch of the Air Defense School. Bob Janoska is at Fort Knox where he is working on the staff of ARMOR magazine. Bob Bernard is now assigned to the Fifth Army Hq at Fort Sheridan. Mike Underwood is with the Combat Developments Command at Ford Ord, currently working on an experiment involving the 155mm howitzer. Roger Obermeier is on the ROTC staff at the U. of South Dakota in Vermillion.

George Hricz found time from his many

commitments in New Jersey to write a nice long letter. Recently George and Debbie got together in Scarsdale with the Kilkennys, Santangelos, Peter McGraths, and Marty Walsh for an evening of frivolity and reminiscing. They decided to call Bob Boykin who now lives in Washington, D.C., and since it was 2 a.m., they found Bob sleeping but managed to keep him awake long enough for a good conversation about the old days. The Hriczes live in Sonerville, N.J., and George is now assistant to the vice president of manufacturing at Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp. George is working on an M.B.A. at N.Y.U. and during his spare time serves as secretary of the Sonerville Junior Chamber of Commerce. For his efforts with the Jaycees, George was selected as the "Chairman of the Year" for New Jersey.

The moving music has finally stopped here at West Point, and most of our 52-member contingent of classmates find themselves in Gray Ghost or Central Apartments. A few live off-Sparta and a few in other quarters. Deferring to our brevity-minded Editor, I shall list only their names and departments: Altmeyer, Tactics; Al Armstrong, Foreign Languages; Barney, Math; Buckner, OPE; Budge, Social Sciences; Reggie Brown, Social Sciences; Clarke, OPE; Conley, Math; Crowther, Math; Dalglish, Tactics; DeWitt, ES&GS; Doherty, ES&GS; Dombrowski, Math; Downey, Electricity; Egan, Admissions; Charlie Green, Physics; Gordon, MP&L; Gronich, Physics; Hansell, ES&GS; Heiberg, Social Sciences; Holmberg, Tactics; Hyde, Mechanics; Kirkpatrick, MA&E; LaBorne, Ordinance; Lilienthal, Social Sciences; Lynch, Foreign Languages; Mathison, Admissions; McCormick, Foreign Languages; Murphy, OMI; Neiger, Tactics; Offringa, Chemistry; Bob Oliver, OMI; John Oliver, Tactics; Popovich, Math; Potter, Social Sciences; Powell, OPE; Rennagel, Chemistry; Reno, Math; Robertson, OMI; Schultz, Physics; Seidl, Social Sciences; Seltz, Math; Chip Smith, Electricity; Tilghman, Ordinance; Gerry White, Foreign Languages; Wilder, Foreign Languages; Witherspoon, OMI; Stokes, Physics; and Wetzel, OMI.

Marge Bonko was married on 29 June to Del Watson. Del is a coach and teacher in Rocky River, O., and the Watsons will live in Lorain, O. I know I speak for the whole Class in wishing them much happiness. Phil Ringdahl was to be married on 28 Sept to Judith Ann Rimkus in Falls Church, Va. Phil is still with the State Department in Washington.

Finally, all things, including our Graduation Exercises and this column, must end so it is appropriate to close with a word on Red Zaldo. Red is still with Shell Oil and has purchased a \$40,000 duplex on the beach south of Los Angeles. According to his brother, Bill, Red is weakening, and some pretty stewardess, who promises that she is not after his money, may be Mrs. Zaldo by spring. BONNE CHANCE, ROUGE!

'62

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At long last, a few letters for the column arrived, ending the dearth of news. Dennie Benchoff wrote from Michigan State, where he is studying for an M.S. in systems science. He and Barbara hope to be assigned to USMA next June. On a trip to Ohio, Dennie saw Sue and Tony Leatham, who are at

Wright-Patterson AFB. Tony is in the doctorate program of the AFIT. Dennie also heard from Gene Welper, who is a technical sales representative for Honeywell in Detroit.

Kima Prince writes that Howie was seriously wounded in Vietnam and has been recuperating at Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio. Kima has been staying with Larry and Bonnie Sanders. Larry is in his first year of residency at the Lackland AFB hospital.

Joe Porter stopped by to see Howie on his way to RVN. Joe is an S3 advisor in a Province Hq in Tam Ky. Jim and Judy Blundell also checked in with the Princes. Judy had a second son this summer, and Jim is now with the 25th Div. With a little luck, Howie hopes to leave the hospital this fall and go to Benning for the career course.

Our entire Class was saddened by the deaths of Bob Dickinson and Bill Whitehead this past summer in Vietnam. Both were widely known and well-liked members of the Class, and our deepest sympathies are extended to their families. Services for Bob and Bill were conducted at the West Point cemetery, and class members served as honor guards.

Stan Shutes reports from the U. of San Francisco, where he is studying for his M.A. Stan invites anyone passing through San Francisco to stop by at 2442-A Fulton Street until June 1969. Stan also sent in a check to the class educational fund in memory of Mike Crabtree. Frank Fiore has written across the miles from Bogota, Colombia, where he is advising the Colombian Army on Signal training and logistics. Frank recommends Latin American missions for a different and challenging assignment.

Aberdeen Proving Ground and the Ordnance Corps have attracted quite a group Ken Ishoy writes. Larry Bachelor and Ken are now in the career course; Nick Hurst graduated several months ago; and Tim Kilmartin is slated for the Ordnance career course in the near future. Ron Chisholm was teaching there until he got orders for a long tour in Bangkok. Mike Currin was also an instructor until he resigned and went to work for Chrysler. Rufus Crow, Larry Amon, and Chuck Darrell were at Fort Polk recently. Ruf has turned his papers in and will work for Eastman Kodak in Rochester, N.Y. Pete Siedzick and Charlie Bernitt are already with Eastman. Tom Kling was hit in the foot while sightseeing with the 1st Cav but recovered rapidly and is now a TAC at the USAFA.

The West Point contingent of the Class has grown by leaps and bounds. Rogues gallery now includes: Russ Broshous and Bob Martin (Soc Sci); Bill Calhoun (English); Ted Stroupe (OMI); Bud Tinnemeyer and Dave Spangler (Math); Bob Reid, Frank Miller, and Kraig Hansen (Physics); Pat Hueman and Don Street (Mech); Dave Windom (Supe's aide); Jay Kirby (1st Inf); Pat Canary and Bill Hughes (OPE); Dick Wylie (Expansion Plans); Stu Sherard (MPL); Joe Petrolino (Ordnance); Phil Browning (Admissions); and Mike O'Brien (Chem).

We held a class picnic and meeting at the Reids' Castle House, on Storm King Overlook in September. New class officers were elected: president, Russ Broshous; vice-president, Kraig Hansen; secretary, Stu Sherard; treasurer, Bob Martin; and Scribe, Bill Calhoun. The class educational fund was discussed, and Bob Martin will head a formal committee to work out legal and financial details.

Since Bill Calhoun will be writing the

column for the next issue, send your cards and letters to Bill at the following address: Capt. William Calhoun, Department of English, West Point, N.Y. 10996.

From Everywhere

Chuck Ivy has joined Art Bondshu and the hippies at Columbia U. in New York. Chuck will be working for his Master's in E.E., and already has his beads and sandals. George Kirschenbauer and Art Lovgren are in Germany studying for the Foreign Languages Dept. Art got married to a lovely girl, Dagmar, at the Cadet Chapel in August. The Class has a second nucleus at R.P.I. in Troy, N.Y. Glen Blumhardt, Roger Brown, Art Crowell, Jim Kays, and Dave Mundt are studying math. Brian McEnany and Dave Phillips are at R.P.I. also, but no info on their courses. Dick Mayo is busy teaching the ROTC classes there. Don Chafetz is taking E.E. at Purdue and JJ Heigl is also unraveling the intricacies of the traveling electronics at Pitt.

Bob and Nancy DeVries are back from Korea and are now at Fort Belvoir. Russ DeVries is a civilian and in the electronics business in New Jersey. Ed Starbird finally bit the dust when he married Peggy Leonard in July. Ed is taking nuclear engineering at North Carolina State. Ronnie Brown resigned and is going to Law School at the U. of Georgia—but not before becoming a legend in his own time. Ronnie's incredible exploits in the Army are told and retold whenever two '62ers bend elbows over a bar.

A few tidbits from RVN: Ken Dolson, Paul Zmuida, and Jim Peterson are with the 9th Division. PO Kelley and Harvey Fraser are flying in Nam, but no info is available regarding the unit. Bill Dieal is with the 20th Engr Bde and is packing his socks in preparation for a December homecoming.

'64

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In an effort to regroup and reorganize, I thought I would write the next few columns for the ASSEMBLY. Dave Dews, who has previously held down the duties as the class Scribe informs me that there has been very little input from the Class regarding activities. Therefore, my reasons for writing the column this time are twofold: (1) I will relate what I personally know concerning the activities and whereabouts of our classmates, and (2) I take this opportunity to encourage everyone to contact me directly with information concerning themselves and other classmates. In order for the column to be of interest, feeder input must come from you. If you have the chance, encourage others to write so that we can have as complete coverage of the Class as possible. Photographs are another extremely important part of the column. Pictures of individual reunions and families are good examples of photographs which would be appropriate to include with the class Notes. Don't be modest, either. Promotions, awards and decorations, and other such occasions are of interest to us all. And on the other side of the coin, don't worry about receding hairlines and spreading waistlines. There are many of us who are fighting these same problems! So give me the poop, and I'll see that it gets printed. If possible, enclose some photos so we can see what is going on.

I've probably done as much traveling as anyone over the past six months, and I've

run into quite a few classmates. I will try and update you a little bit even though some of the info is outdated.

I returned from RVN on 15 Jan 68. Dixie and I had orders to Germany, and, on 6 March, we sailed aboard the S.S. UNITED STATES arriving in Bremerhaven on 12 March. If you are going to Europe, it's the only way to go. We had a delightful trip. We're stationed in Heidelberg, and the tour has been great.

While in RVN, Jim McCormack, Walt Davis, Larry Brewer, and I were all in the same aviation battalion. Jim, Walt, and I were at Danang while Larry basked in the sun on the sandy beaches of Nha Trang. Jim is now at Davison AAF, Fort Belvoir, Va.; Walt is at Fort Steward, Ga.; and Larry is the CG's aide at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Other Army aviators among our ranks include: Ron Williamson (now at Fort Rucker), Bob Tetu (Darmstadt, Germany), Mike Hartley (Fort Rucker), Bill Beck, Dave Bergman, Milt Brokaw, Rich Davis, Buddy Kelton, Al Russo, Gene Markowski, Denny O'Connor, and Norm Roberts. There are others I'm sure.

Since arriving in Germany, I've run into several classmates. Chris Shore was the CG's aide in Berlin until recently when he returned to RVN for his second tour. Gary LaVoy was in the Heidelberg area, but he too has recently departed. Milt Tratensek is stationed at Baumholder, where he is an artillery group executive officer.

I saw Tom Faulds a few months ago in the Heidelberg officers club, and he appeared in good spirits. Art Weiss was there also. He was Tdy from the States, traveling around Germany instructing American units on some of the artillery's latest hardware. As mentioned earlier, Bob, Carol, and "little" Mike Tetu are at Darmstadt. Bob and I attended a short aviation school together in the Augsburg area last March and sipped a bit of German beer together. Bob's command of the German language really surprised me; he taught me a German expression I'll never forget—EIN BIER, BITTE! Those of you who speak German, or who have been to Germany, know the importance of those words.

In August, I was Tdy to the States (Fort Riley, Kans.) to pick up an aircraft (a twin-engine, U-8D) and fly it across the Atlantic to Germany. It was an experience I'll never forget. The flight consisted of five legs: Fort Riley to McGuire AFB—to Argentina, Newfoundland—to Lajes AFB, Azores—to Torrejon AFB, Spain—to Heidelberg, Germany. We spent about 14 hours total over the water, and the whole deal convinced me you shouldn't fly two-engine airplanes over a four-engine ocean. But, it was a great trip, and I ran into some classmates who took real good care of me during my travels.

Jim and Judy McCormack put me up a few nights in Washington, D.C. As mentioned earlier, Jim is stationed at Belvoir, flying out of Davison AAF. Judy is expecting their first child around the end of October. While there, Ted Lechner came up from Langley AFB, Va., for a visit, and we chatted into the wee small hours of the next morning. Harwood Nichols is also in the DC area—still a bachelor.

I flew down to Fort Benning for a day and visited with Mel and Marilyn Case. I was hoping to be there for the arrival of their second child, but I guess the stork was delayed because of bad weather. He came a couple of days after I left and deposited an 8½ pound boy named Richard Allen. Their first boy, Robby, is 2½ years old. Time really

fys! Mel is an instructor at the Infantry School and says that **Bill Black**, **Jim Mozden**, **Jim Beierschmitt**, **John Otjen** and many others are presently stationed at Benning.

I saw **Jim Hegglund** at Fort Riley. Jim is one of the lucky ones who is presently enjoying duty as an ROTC instructor. **Patty** and **Ted Morgan** were blessed with their second child on 22 April of this year when **David Patrick**, a nine pounder, arrived on the scene. **Ted**, who was in RVN at the time, was scheduled home in August.

Donnie and **Jim Jinks** and their two young boys, **Kenny** and **Jimmy**, are eagerly awaiting their family reunion when Jim arrives home from RVN in October. Jim has been commanding an artillery battery around Tay Ninh City, northwest of Saigon. Jim wrote me recently, and I quote his opening paragraph, which I thought to be a priceless observation. He says "despite the damnable dragging of his leaden feet, Father Time has been forced down his unending path, and I find myself approaching the hithertofore, mythical DEROS!" He also sends word that **Akos Szekely** and **Greg Hayward** are commanding A and B companies, 1/5 Mech Inf, in RVN. **Greg**, who is on his second tour, was recently in an APC that was hit six times with RPG fire. Jim says **Greg** is "still sporting a lump of fragment in his head; however, with **Greg**, a head wound is not likely to cause severe damage!"

Bob Balderson, **Tucker Dooley**, **Chet Kempinski**, and **Bill Straub** wrote from the "All-American, G3 section of Hq 82d Airborne Div and all appear in good spirits. I visited with **Bob** in Jan 67, at **Walter Reed Army Hospital**, where he was recovering from wounds received in Vietnam. At the time, he was worried about not being able to stay in the Infantry because of leg wounds; however, judging from the fact that he is now with the 82d, it looks like he is still a member in good standing.

Doug Bennett writes from Fort Eustis, Va., where he is presently stationed. **Doug** was married on 18 May 1968, at West Point to a wonderful and beautiful gal named **Sandi**. **Roy Buckner** and **Bill Reynolds** were two of the ushers. **Johnny Lang** and **Jim Gant-soudes** were also to be in on the wedding but couldn't make it in time. If I'm not mistaken, both these lads are at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Now, here is some poop which I've received as secondhand information, but I'll pass it on. **Barry McCaffrey** has been in Panama serving as aide to the CG, U.S. Army Forces South. He is on orders to Vietnam in October—his second tour. **Barry** was awarded the DSC his first trip. **Jimmy Muir** and **Jim Kotrc** are at Fort Benning. **Muir** is assigned to the Infantry School, and **Kotrc** is in the advanced course.

Bob Johnson is stationed at Fort Campbell. He was married last year and is expecting in the near future. **George Jacunski** was with the G1, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Ga., but expected to leave shortly for his second go-around in RVN. **Chris Stone** is with the Airborne Dept at Benning, and **Jeff Kleb** is at the Artillery advanced course.

Jo Bob Lake returned to Kansas to be a vice president in his father's business. If you gotta' go, that's the only way!! **Fred Coleman** went to flight school and is well on the way to becoming the "bloody red baron." **Dave Fishback** is with the Ranger Dept at Benning, and **Ron Odom** is with the Infantry School. I heard **Ron** received two Silver Stars in RVN. **Pete Gleszer** also got one earlier this year (1968) with the 25th Div.

I also understand that **Tucker Dooley** and **Bob Balderson** "reluctantly" gave up their bachelor status in April and March of 1968. The lucky gals are named **Nancy** and **Carol** (respectively), and both are former Army "brats." Best wishes, men. **Hank Liverpool** is at Hanscom Field, Mass., working as an electrical engineer. He and **Kathy** have two children, **Mary Jane**, age 3, and **Henry III**, age 2. **John** and **Cathy Mulvaney** are in Germany, stationed at Wiesbaden AFB.

Ralph and **Joan Corley** are living down El Paso, Tex., way where I understand **Ralph** is working on an Army missile that is supposed to put the Air Force out of business. While in RVN, I had numerous opportunities to visit **Ralph**, as he was also in the I Corps area—trying to win "the hearts and minds" of the people.

That is about all the poop I have for now. Before closing out, let me say again that this column can be successful only if there is input from the Class. Keep an eye peeled for the deadline date that I must meet on each issue and drop me a line beforehand. One last note: It has been suggested that we not have a formal reunion in 1969 because everyone is in Vietnam—or almost everyone. Rather, it has been put forth that we wait until our 7th year and have a real big affair in 1971 in hopes that more of the Class would be able to attend. The idea has merit, and I'd like to hear more thoughts on the matter.

Notes From Vietnam

I wish to report on the activities and presence of classmates here in Vietnam and elsewhere. **Akos Szekely** and **Greg Hayward** dropped in to see me recently looking for a cold beer. They are both company commanders in the 1st Bn, 5th Inf (M), 25th Div. **Zeke** has transferred from the Engineer Corps to Infantry. **Greg** is back to begin his second tour. **Jack Darrow** recently departed as a Btry CO in 2d Bn, 32d Arty, at Tay Ninh to attend the career course at Sill. I was pleased to be present at **Jack's** change of command and departure when he was awarded a well deserved Silver Star.

Denny Seiler presently commands a 155mm battery in 1st Bn, 27th Arty, and is due to rotate to the career course soon. **Roy Jones** and **Tom Cunningham** both departed Vietnam recently. **Lanny Fly** is in Tay Ninh with 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div. **Joe Stephenson** was a pilot for 3/4 Cav, 25th Div, but has rotated stateside for a long R&R.

I saw **Hal Winton** some months ago. He was a Special Forces advisor operating out of Tay Ninh and having a grand time running about in the weeds. **Pat Graves** appears in the ARMY TIMES, as a member of the Old Guard, with alarming frequency. Met **Kim Flint** briefly some months ago; he was with 6/77th Arty at the time. **Bob Tetu**, **Ron Williamson**, **Charlie Brown**, and **Norm Anderson** were all extolling the glories of aerial combat when I first arrived in country. They were also rubbing it in about how short they were. **Len Kreseski** commiserated with me on the trip over. With any luck we'll celebrate the trip back.

Dick Chilcoat departed here some months ago for a plush berth flying the older grads around Heidelberg. **Jim McCormack** left here about the same time for schooling at U.S.C. and then to Fort Belvoir as a pilot. Unfortunately, he has orders for a second tour. Was happy to see that **Bob Magruder** and **Miss Angela Nicholson** were married on 20 July at Fort Bliss. Congratulations! **Ed Schillo** is presently working as an operations officer with 2d Brigade, 25th Inf Div. **Ed's** on his second tour.

Received a letter from **Jim McCormack** telling me that both **Ted Lechner** and **Greg Olson** have departed the Air Force. **Ted** is going to continue his studies, and **Greg** has taken a position with the F.B.I. **Mac** also said he had gotten together with **Bill Black**, **Mel Case**, and a few other blackguards at a den of iniquity for a miserable session of war stories and tales of a honey and feather party. Someone told me **Dan Evans** (Arty) and **Cindy** were bound for the Infantry career course. My wife also informs me that **Ged Brown** and family are presently at the career course at Fort Belvoir.

That is the sum total of my poop except that shortly I must put aside this Vietnamese impedimenta and be on my way to the career course at Fort Sill.

—Jinks

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Capt. Grant L. Fredricks
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In CONUS, **Mack Gill** writes from Bragg where he and **Dianne** celebrated the birth of their second daughter, **Melinda Lee**, on 12 March 68. **Mack** recently transferred to the Quartermaster Corps and has been in S/F for the past year. He, **Dianne**, and the girls are now at QM School at Fort Lee. **Mack** writes of others who have been at Bragg; they include: **Chuck Burgardt**, now in RVN with 3d SFG; **Marv Jeffcoat** and **Bob Higgins** who have companies in the ATC and are both due to return to RVN shortly; **Jim Conley** who has a battery in XVIII Abn Corps Arty; **Jim Wood** with 7th SFG; and MATA students **Bev Motal**, **John Swensson**, **Bill Sherrell**, and **Ray Pollard**.

Chuck Wuertenberger's wife, **Tamera**, writes that **Chuck** was posthumously presented the SS with **Tamera** receiving the award. Their son **Bradley Charles** was born on 16 May 68. **Tamera** will spend the coming year in Logansport, Ind., teaching high school English.

Other CONUS notes of interest: The **Rick Osgoods** announce the birth of their second son, **Nathaniel David**, on 16 July 68; **Fred Ammerman** was married to **Carol Creighton** of Colorado Springs on 6 July 68 at USAFA; **Frank O'Brien** received his aviators wings at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., on 21 May 68; and **Bob Carini** is flying KC-135's out of Griffis AFB, N.Y., with SAC. **Jim Hall** has recently been reassigned to Holloman AFB, N.Mex., after completing his 100th combat mission over North Vietnam out of Thailand where he received the DFC.

From RVN **Denny Coll** writes AGAIN (Thanks, Buddy!) from his Hq job in Long Binh of seeing several members of '65. These include: **Ed Klink**, a 175 Btry CO north of Pleiku; **John DeVitto**, Stevedore company CO in Saigon harbor; **John Alger** with the 101st; **Jim McEliece**, S5 at Blackhorse for one of the 11th Cav Sqdns; **Dave Mastran** flying with USAF out of Bien Hoa; **Jim Seaburn** with 101st; **John Knowles**, aide to the USARV Engr at Long Binh; **Fred Grates** flying dust-offs for 93d Evac at Long Binh; **Tom Genetti**, with the 9th Inf; **Larry Isakson** with a HAWK Btry at Long Binh; **Ed Foehl** with II FF Arty G3 section; **Ed Maness**, dust-er Btry CO in II FF Arty; **Bill McCreary** flying choppers out of Bearcat; **Steve Ganshert** with 1st Log Comd Hq; **Dave LaRochelle**, MSC Bde Surgeon in 25th Inf; and **Bob Axley**, aide to USARPAC STRATCOM CG at Fort Shafter. **Denny** also writes that **Jimmy Hennen**, recently medically dis-



1965: Tamera Wuertenberger receives the Silver Star and Purple Heart, awarded to her husband Chuck posthumously, from Col. E. B. Lyle at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Watching the ceremony are left to right, Tamera's parents, Mrs. Harry Watts and Mr. Watts, and Chuck's parents, Mrs. Spurgeon Wuertenberger and Brig. Gen. (USAR Ret) Wuertenberger.

charged, is on the Miami Dolphins taxi squad, and Woody Epperson, ex-'65 from B-2, after graduating from Texas Law School, is an assistant for a Texas senator. Denny expects to be reassigned to the 11th Cav shortly.

Just a short note of thanks to those of you who wrote this time. As a point of information these notes are compiled and submitted in mid-Sept, Dec, March, and June for publication during the following Dec, March, June, and Sept respectively, which may explain some of our outdated reporting. That's the way it is though in this day of the short CONUS and overseas tours.

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Capt. William F. Hughes
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Hello, fellow comrades-in-arms. I'm pleased to report a good mail response during the last few months. I continue to welcome information. Now the "Days"—

The States now harbor the returnee and the expectant, the jubilant and the understandably apprehensive. Among the latter, Tony Buetti wrote of the passing of the Buetti-Higgins Inn. Both he and Mike are on leave following assignments as battery commanders in the San Francisco area. Marc Tumas in Texas and Valerie and Tom McLaughlin in California continue to work in ADA following command assignments. Karen and Lee Wheeler and son have returned from Germany. Shy Rick Darby is engaged to Bonnie Benedict of Santa Monica, Calif., says Mrs. Darby. Both Lee and Rick are headed across the Big Water.

Fort Bragg abounds with '66. Steve Barry, Ron Bowen, John Carrow, Ralph Cruikshank, Bill Hoyman, John Olkoski, Mike Penning, Rock Salt, John Zierdt, Chuck Cacklin, and Paul Roggenkamp are all attending the JFK Special Warfare School. Sneaky Pete grads, Jouni Keravouri and Patrick Keating, are doing their post-graduate work at Fort Bliss. Jim Unger remains with the 307th Engr Bn.

Jim Backlin is back from Korea. He branch transferred to the Quartermaster Corps and is now at Fort Lee.

Several of the Class are still serious acad-

emicians. Karen and Art Lincoln are headed for Germany to law school. Jack Wheeler remains at Harvard, Bill Seith at Ole Miss, Jim Peake at G.W., and Rita and Jim Lee at Texas A&M. Jim writes he "can't wait" for Ranger School. Kathy and Paul Mlakar are in the same stew at Purdue. I'm sure both Jim and Paul will be overjoyed to hear that Chuck Harris and Peyton Ligon are on the Ranger cadre and are anxiously waiting.

Jim Musiol and Bob Satter are now with the 24th Inf Div at Fort Riley. Gary Stewart is an aide-de-camp at the Intelligence school in Maryland. Elsewhere, Barb and Norm Fretwell write that Berlin is lovely. Norm reports that "Bingo" Ken Carlson is the only other Berlin classmate.

Bill Kelkie is still in Germany with ADA. He says he enjoys playing on the U.S. Army-Europe Basketball team. Pat and Karl Snyder just left Germany. Vietnam's on Karl's horizon.

Southeast Asia continues to fascinate '66 with its irresistible charms. Looking in, Kathleen and Walt Piskun are in Bangkok with Intelligence. Walt requests that Bangkok R&R personnel call him at No. 49281.

On the inside, Gar Wright "epistles" that he is an advisor to the 182d ARVN Arty near Saigon. He reports that Jack Norris is a Delta advisor and that he has seen Dave Crowell, Freddy McFarren, Jim Parker, Bill Thomas, Bob Wright, and Ken Schroeder in country.

Ron Marvin writes that he and Marshall Hock are at Vinh Long with the 9th ARVN Div. Al Nason is with the 43d ARVN Rangers, Frank McGoogan is with the 21st ARVN Div. Justin Pleasant, Frank Meager, Emitt Gibson, Tom Garret, and Roger Thompson are in country.

The 101st Abn Div (Airmobile) continues to claim the most: Gus Blumenfeld—17th Cav; Russ Jenna—3/187; T. K. Kinane—1/327; Tony Mazzarella—2/319th Arty; Al Gimian—1/321st Arty; Pat Doogan—1/502; Mack Hayes, Bill McKinney, Jim Suhay—2/502; Rich St. John—2/506; Ken Waylonis and John Ford—3/506; Jack Crabtree, Mark Scureman and I—2/327.

In nearby Phu Bai, I've seen Dave Martin and Jimmy Gleason. Keven Gagner and Jim Whicher are reportedly there also.

Above us all, Gordy Wisner still claims to be the Red Baron of the Nam.

Since last writing I've learned of four marriages: John Olkoski and Cheryl Williams, Norm Fretwell and Barbara Stone, John Kehres and Linda Spence, Charlie Chitty and Kay Kittrel. The stork delivered sons to Jean and Frank McGoogan, Jan and Bill Newell and Jone and Rich St. John. A girl went to Lonnie and John Carrow. Billie and Done Rose were exceptionally well blessed; they got twins.

To the newlyweds and parents, the Class sends congratulations and hopes for happiness.

In closing, I wish to thank you contributors again and pass on to the old F-4 files that Tony Buetti would like to hear from you at: 706 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230.

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Lt. Henry J. Berthelot
441 Avenue E
Port Allen, La. 70767

Your class Scribe, Henry Berthelot, was wounded in Vietnam on 24 August. Currently he is at Brooke General Hospital for an indefinite time. His wife requests that we announce the birth of their new baby, a son named Dean Matthew, on 25 June at Tripler Army Hospital.

A few notes on the whereabouts of some of the Class of 1967. Mike Heyne is serving with the 4th Cav in Germany as executive officer in Troop A, 2d Sqdn. Dan Wells is also in Germany with the 3d Inf Div. Jack Obert is also stationed with the 3d Inf Div near Wurzburg, and Charles Streit is with the 4th Armd Div near Furth. Among the other members of '67 in Germany are Bolyard with the 3d Inf Div, Bob Evans with the 3d Armd Div, Gooding with the 33d Arty, and Metzger with the 16th Arty.

Stateside we find Lighthill with the 82d Airborne at Bragg, Socher with the 197th Inf Bde at Benning, Spincic with the 52d Arty in Florida City, and Bryla, Rollow, Bishop and Marshall all at Fort Hood. George Watts is also with the 197th Inf while John Severson and Paul Bigelman are with the 4th Arty, Fort Carson. Mullane is at Mather AFB, Calif.

Those members of the Class serving in Vietnam include Timm with the 4th Inf Div, Kern with the 11th Armd Cav Regt, and Cusack with the 8th Msl Bn.



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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Frederick William Altstaetter

NO. 3747 CLASS OF 1897

Died 23 October 1966 in Savannah, Georgia, aged 90 years.
 Cremated ashes scattered over the Savannah River



FREDERICK WILLIAM ALTSTAETTER

ON 1 AUGUST 1900 a young lieutenant of Engineers, making a reconnaissance 60 miles north of Manila, was ambushed by a force of Filipino insurgents outnumbering his 14 men by 20 to one. After a one-sided fight, with one of his men killed and three wounded by an enemy hidden in the steaming rice paddies, the lieutenant thought hard before he fired his last cartridge. The temptation to save it for himself was strong. Fresh in his mind was the story of another captured American lieutenant whom the insurgents had tied hand and foot and thrust into an ant heap to die in unspeakable agony. Should he risk such a horrible death—or should he surrender with his men and hope that he could help them in the sore trial of their captivity? Frederick William Alstaetter had reached the first hard command decision of his career.

Fred had many hard decisions to make in later years, but most of them were engineering decisions on which hung the success or failure of vast public work projects, notably the system of locks and dams which changed the unreliable Ohio River into the great artery of commercial traffic which it is today. Over a wide expanse of our country, from the Great Lakes through the Ohio Valley to the thriving seaports of the Southeast, Fred could have pointed to many an engineering project which changed the face of the country, and said: "These are my monuments." But to us who knew him in his middle and later years, his living monument is the great affection and respect which he inspired in all of his friends in the city of his adoption—the city which he served so well in so many capacities.

Fred was born in Ohio in 1875 of a family whose founder moved to this country 10 years before the Civil War began. He graduated 6th in his class at the Academy (1897) and was appointed a second lieutenant of Engineers. The Corps of Engineers had its own promotion list in those days and in two years, after a brief sprint of river and harbor work in New York and New Orleans, he received his silver bars. By 1900 he had completed the Engineer School of Application at

Willetts Point, New York, and was ordered to the Philippines on the staff of the Department Engineer. In midsummer of that year, when Arthur MacArthur was amply busy in subduing the insurgents, Fred was detailed to make a report on an old road east of the mountains to the north of Manila. He had 14 soldiers with him. The insurgent General Lacuma, with 400 men, ambushed Fred's little party in the flooded rice paddies by the old road, and after his ammunition was exhausted, Fred had no choice but to surrender his small group. The horrible fate of a Lieutenant Brewer, who had perished trussed on an ant hill, tempted him to take the easy way out, but he stayed with his men and endured four months of heartbreaking captivity—enlivened by one desperate but vain attempt to escape, before he and his men were released in an exchange of prisoners.

From 1901 until 1918 Fred was deeply involved in river and harbor work, partly on the Great Lakes but chiefly on the Ohio River system. As a member of the Ohio River Board his sound engineering judgment and ample experience gave substance to the overall engineering plan which was adopted by Congress for the permanent navigational improvement on the Ohio. During this period he experienced ill health engendered by his Philippine captivity, and was thus prevented from assuming a troop command in Europe. In November 1918, as a colonel, he was detailed to Savannah, Georgia, as District Engineer, and it was in my home town of Savannah that I, as a young engineer lieutenant in 1922, first met Fred and began a lifelong friendship which I hold dear.

Fred was married to Rebecca Barnard Raoul in 1908, and from this union were born Mary Wadleigh in 1909, William Raoul in 1911, and Antonia in 1915. It is difficult in a few words to express the impact which his wife Rebecca had on Savannah. Like Fred, she immersed herself in civic and cultural affairs, and became one of the truly grande dames of this Southern city.

Fred was retired for physical disability in 1920, and he elected to make Savannah his home. In 1925 he rendered valuable services to Miami, Florida, as consulting engineer for its newly conceived Biscayne Bay Harbor. He then returned to Savannah for a life rich in civic and cultural activities. During World War II he eased the Engineer shortage by taking up again his duties as District Engineer in Savannah. During my service in Savannah as District Engineer in the late 1940's, and later when I retired in Savannah, Fred and I were associated in a small literary group in which the wide range of his interests was apparent. His death in 1966 left a civic void which will not soon be filled.

—Paschal N. Strong

Charles Telford

NO. 4126 CLASS OF 1903

Died 21 June 1967 in San Diego, California, aged 89 years.

Interment: Ontario, California

CHARLES TELFORD ("Carlos") was born at Bountiful, Utah, on 22 January 1878. His parents, Robert and Maria Telford, owned a small farm where he spent his boyhood. He attended the usual public schools and then entered the University of Utah. He was a charter member of the University Athletic Association and played quarterback on the



CHARLES TELFORD

junior football team. He was a member of the University Cadet Corps and a member of the Delta Phi Society, a local fraternity.

In his junior year he received an appointment as a cadet to the United States Military Academy from his Congressman William H. King. At West Point he was a good student and graduated fifth in his Class of 93 members.

Carlos chose the Cavalry as his branch and was first assigned to the 12th Cavalry, then in the Philippine Islands. He joined his troop at Camp Jossman on the Island of Guimaras, near Iloilo, and served at various other posts in the Philippines. Returning to the United States with his regiment, he served at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. In 1907 he was assigned to the Military Academy as an instructor in the Department of Mathematics for four years. Rejoining his regiment, he served at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, and Fort Meade, South Dakota.

In 1913 Carlos returned to the Philippine Islands to serve with the 8th Cavalry at Camp Stotsenburg and Fort William McKinley. In 1915 he returned to the United States with his regiment for station at Fort Bliss, Texas, and duty on the Mexican Border. During this time he was detailed as inspector instructor of a provisional Cavalry regiment of the National Guard. In 1918, he became Commandant of the Cavalry Officers Training School, established to train Cavalry noncommissioned officers to be commissioned as temporary officers during World War I. He organized and directed that school at Fort Bliss, Texas.

There followed a tour on the General Staff in Washington, D.C., where he served in the War Plans Division and as Assistant to the Secretary of the General Staff.

In 1919 he was sent to France where he was detailed for relief work in Armenia under the Allied High Commissioner for Relief and working under the direction of the Peace Conference in Paris. He served in the city of Tiflis, Republic of Georgia, and in Erivan, Armenia. In addition to directing the relief work in Erivan and surrounding country, he was appointed Representative of the Allied High Commissioner with the government of Armenia.

The following letter from the Allied High Commissioner in appreciation of his services in Armenia is quoted:

Batoum, Transcaucasia
July 31, 1920

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Telford
c/o Near East Relief
Erivan
Armenia

My dear friend Telford:

Before leaving Transcaucasia, I desire to express to you my personal appreciation of the services that you have so efficiently rendered to the Near East Relief, Incorporated, and to me in my capacity as the Allied High Commissioner in Armenia.

As representative of the Allied High Commissioner in Erivan you performed a most difficult task in a very efficient and practical manner, showing exceptional diplomacy and business ability.

As commander of the relief district of Erivan, which was the most difficult district of all of Armenia, you have surmounted the most trying and difficult obstacles, and in every respect you have completed the relief work in that district to my entire satisfaction.

I cannot express too strongly my personal gratification for the loyalty and devotion that you have always exhibited in carrying out my policies and instructions. I wish you the utmost success in your future career and hope that I may have the privilege of again serving with you, either in the military service or elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,
William N. Haskell
Allied High Commissioner in Armenia

After a year in Armenia, Telford returned to the United States to serve as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations at Governors Island, New York, and as Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence of the 6th Division at Camp Grant, Illinois.

In 1921 he was sent to Russia for famine relief work with the American Relief Administration. While engaged in this work in Moscow, he retired from the Army at his own request. After spending some time in France, he returned to the United States and settled in La Jolla, California.

He remained a bachelor throughout his life and died on 21 June 1967. Burial was at Ontario, California. A quiet and unassuming man, he was a credit to West Point.

—D. R. R.

Hayden Waite Wagner

NO. 4590 CLASS OF 1907

Died 3 March 1967 in Newburgh,
New York, aged 81 years.

Interment: Cedar Hill Cemetery, Middlehope, New York

AS THE NEW YORK CENTRAL steamed along the Hudson in June 1903, little did an 18-year-old passenger, just graduated from the DeKalb, Illinois, High School, realize that this beautiful Hudson Valley would eventually be his home for nearly half a century. The excitement of entering West Point and the contemplation of his years as a cadet dimmed the sadness he felt as he realized it would be a year and a half before he would again trace this route for his first Christmas leave.

His cadet interests were varied, but he excelled in sports especially baseball; he made the varsity for three years and was known as "Hantz" Wagner, the ARMY second baseman. Hantz was also noted for his literary achievement, as he was the author of a celebrated cadet historical romance and held the record for those days in obtaining leaves to attend marriages of numerous relatives who planned



HAYDEN WAITE WAGNER

their nuptials for the convenience of Cadet Wagner.

Upon graduating from the Military Academy, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Cavalry and joined the 3d Cavalry Regiment at Camp Stotsenburg, Pampanga, in the Philippine Islands. The regiment returned to Texas in 1908, and Lieutenant Wagner saw service at Fort Clark and Fort Sam Houston and later was stationed at Fort Wingate, New Mexico, for two years.

On 24 November 1909, in Newburgh, New York, he married Bessie Reed Aspinwall, daughter of John and Juliet Aspinwall, the latter being a direct descendent of John Howland who came to Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620 on the *Mayflower*.

In 1911 Hayden was a student officer at the Mounted Service School, Fort Riley, Kansas. The following year he returned to his regiment at Fort Sam Houston for duty at Columbus and LaCienegas, New Mexico. In September 1912 he was detailed to take the course of instruction at the Imperial Riding Institute, Hanover, Germany, and returned the following year as an instructor in equitation for two years at the Mounted Service School, Fort Riley.

In August 1915 Hayden resigned his commission and returned to Orange County, New York, where he had a farm and engaged in the breeding of thoroughbred horses. However, at the outbreak of World War I, he returned to the Service as a major of Cavalry and was assigned to the Remount Service. Later he was stationed in Washington, D.C., in the office of Chief of Remount Service. He was discharged in May 1919 and returned to Newburgh to become associated with the Coldwell Lawn Mower Company as vice president and general manager.

He was commissioned a lieutenant colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps after World War I and, immediately following Pearl Harbor, applied for active duty. In March 1942 he was appointed to the rank of colonel and later was made treasurer of the United States Military Academy, in which capacity he served until 1945 when he reached the statutory age of retirement from active duty. In January 1949 he was placed on the Army retired list in the grade of colonel.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Mexican Service Medal, World War I and World War II Medals. The government of Ecuador conferred on him the Decoration of Abdon Calderon, First Class.

He received the Legion of Merit for the four years he served as treasurer at West Point.

After World War I and following his retirement in 1945, Hayden participated in the following activities: director of the Highland-Quassaick National Bank and Trust Company; the Associated Industries of the State of New York; the Orange-Sullivan Council of Boy Scouts of America; the Johnes Home for Aged Couples; the First National Bank in Highland Falls; membership in the New York Stock Exchange; member of the governing boards of the Newburgh YMCA, the Newburgh YWCA, the Newburgh Community Fund, the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce, the Newburgh Public Service Corporation, the Powelton Club, the Holden Home, the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association, the Balmville School, and St. Luke's Hospital; trustee of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Barrytown, New York, and of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy.

He was instrumental in starting the Delafield Memorial Scholarship Fund and served as a director and officer to the end. Hayden was the main inspiration behind this organization that financed the scholastic preparation of so many worthy cadets for the Academy.

He also served as his class secretary for many years. Through those years the Wagners had entertained their classmates at their home in Balmville, New York, and in 1966 the Class sent as a Christmas present a sterling tray by Gorham inscribed to "Hans and Betty Wagner, in appreciation of their gracious hospitality at our reunions. The West Point Class of 1907."

The generosity of Hayden and Betty Wagner to many civic organizations in the Hudson Valley and their substantial aid to St. Luke's Hospital, the Johnes Home, the Church of St. John, and the Military Academy, especially the Delafield Fund, have often been cited by tributes from those organizations.

As a business administrator Hayden brought wisdom and exceptional ability in the field of finance to the operation of both private and public organizations. From 1930 he was the principal administrative officer of the Dunmovin Corporation a family investment holding corporation, and his astute understanding of finance and business trends brought prosperity to this family trust and great personal satisfaction to Hayden.

Hayden is survived by his wife Bessie; two daughters, Mrs. John Knowlton (Betty) and Mrs. Duncan Sommerville (Virginia); 12 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. His son, John Wagner, died in 1965.

It is never easy to fully portray a friend, but Hayden Wagner, generous and kind, will be affectionately remembered as one wholly devoted to his family, to his civic responsibilities, to his classmates, and to the Military Academy. He gave a half century of dedicated life to this Hudson Valley which brought him so much happiness, and in this community of friends Hayden Wagner will be remembered as a Prince among men.

—E. H. B.

Ying Hsing Wen

NO. 4831 CLASS OF 1909

Died 28 May 1968 in Silver Spring,
Maryland, aged 81 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

BORN IN CHINA IN 1887, the son of Ching-Wu Wen, the District Governor of a Chinese pro-



YING HSING WEN

vince, young Wen attended Peiyang College in Tientsin and then the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington. In 1905 he was admitted to the U.S. Military Academy pursuant to a special act of Congress. He soon became one of the most congenial and popular members of the Class of 1909.

Upon graduating from West Point, he returned to China in time to join the revolution which overthrew the Manchu dynasty. His subsequent service in the Chinese National Army, in which he attained the grade of lieutenant general, included important assignments of both a military and a civil nature. His noteworthy career culminated in the founding and commanding of the elite Revenue Guard, which fought against the Communists and the Japanese and later became the nucleus of the American equipped "New First Army" of China.

Wen retired from active service and moved to Washington, D.C., in 1951. Here he made his home and became a member of the Army-Navy Club. He died in Silver Spring, Maryland, nine days after the demise of his faithful wife. Following funeral rites in the Washington area, attended by many relatives and friends, the devoted couple was interred in the West Point Cemetery in compliance with Ying's expressed wishes. Appropriate military honors were paid at this time.

Wen was married to Ju S. Huang, daughter of a Chinese senator. They are survived by seven children: George, of Hong Kong; Dr. Henry Wen, of New York; Alfred, of Bethesda, Maryland; Ha-Hsuin (Patrick), Major General, deputy director of the defense minister's office at Taipei, Taiwan; Mrs. Anna Chao, of Hyattsville, Maryland; Victor, of Pacific Grove, California; and Howard, of Los Angeles.

—G. L. V. D.

Parker Cromwell Kalloch Jr.

NO. 4894 CLASS OF 1910

Died 12 November 1967 at Sandia Base, New Mexico, aged 79 years. Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

BY WHATEVER STANDARDS in whatever country or age, Parker Cromwell Kalloch Jr. would take his rightful place among Nature's noble characters.

FALL 1968

It was with abiding appreciation that I was privileged to share service with Parker, even though only intermittently, for a period of more than 50 years. Our association began in 1914 when I was a Yearling, and he an instructor in French. No instructor I can remember made a finer impression on me then, and I think the same was true of my classmates. A master of the subject he taught, one of the finest tennis players at the Academy, always neat as a pin, unfailingly courteous and considerate with a fine quiet sense of humor, he inspired universal respect and personal liking.

By the autumn of 1917, following our entry into World War I, he was on an observation tour on the Western Front, serving as Aide to Major General William M. Wright, then commanding the 35th Division, which he later took into action.

In the Argonne in the fall of 1918 he commanded one of the infantry battalions of the 35th Division. "Wounded and scarcely able to walk," states his citation for the Distinguished Service Cross awarded him in that campaign, he "personally organized and led an attack against superior force at Exermont in the face of heavy artillery and intense machine-gun fire. His extraordinary courage and utter disregard for personal safety were an inspiration to his entire command."

My next contact with him occurred in the summer of 1919. Having spent the whole period of our participation in World War I, first on the Mexican border, and then, to my deep distress, as an instructor at West Point, and having been sent to France as a language student, it was my great pleasure to find that in a tour of the battlefields in the Argonne, Major Kalloch was assigned as our guide and mentor. With his intimate personal knowledge of the actions he described to us, with his modest demeanor and quiet speech—all against the known background of his demonstrated gallant battle leadership—my admiration for him, already well formed, deepened tremendously.

Shortly thereafter, and to my delight, he was again assigned as an instructor at the Academy, this time in the Department of Tactics. For the next three years I sought every opportunity to cultivate a friendship I treasured, spending long hours in the quiet of his home, absorbing his accounts of leadership in combat with emphasis on what had produced success and what failure. At my request, and with the enthusiastic endorsement of other young officers there, who like



PARKER CROMWELL KALLOCH JR.

me had missed action in France, he organized and conducted voluntary classes in the tactics of that time. These classes were held at night about twice weekly. With his unfailing modesty he asked other officers who, too, had seen much combat—Courtney Hodges for one—to join him so as to broaden the experiences he related to us.

Out of those long talks and the classes he conducted, I derived priceless guidance which was to prove of inestimable help in the later practice in combat of the art of battlefield leadership, and my debt to Parker is deeper than I could ever picture.

In 1923, for reasons I never quite understood, he chose to resign, and there followed a long period of years, interrupted by but one brief though happy meeting in the George V Hotel just after Paris had fallen in the fall of 1944 when as a Corps Commander I attended a conference called by General Eisenhower. With his engrained love of country, and in spite of his World War I wounds, including a severe gassing, the ill effects of which had stayed with him, he had volunteered, and when I saw him he was a Colonel of Military Police.

After his retirement, he and his wife Eunice settled in Albuquerque where he spent the remaining years of his life, enriching the lives of all who were fortunate to come in contact with him, selflessly serving many young officers in their search for homes, and becoming an accomplished silversmith as an outlet for his talents and his love for the fine things of life. There my wife and I were privileged to be in the Kalloch home on several occasions, and only two years ago to spend several days in its warm and genial hospitality.

Character of the finest type was the bedrock of his personality. Compassionate, courageous, courteous, soft spoken, modest and ever considerate of others, Parker Kalloch lived that rich and purposeful life which alone can inspire the affection and admiration of one's associates.

—M. B. Ridgway
General, U. S. Army, Ret.
Class of April 1917

Francis Reuel Fuller

NO. 5164 CLASS OF 1913

Died 10 October 1966 in Orono, Maine, aged 76 years.

Interment: Riverview Cemetery, Orono, Maine

MY GOOD FRIEND, Colonel Francis Reuel Fuller, USMA 1913, died on 10 October 1966. He was retired from the Army on 30 June 1950, at the same time completing his second tour of duty as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Maine. For a time he was Director of Civil Defense and Public Safety for Penobscot County, Maine. He continued to live with his wife, Martha Ledbetter Fuller, and their two sons in the home they loved on the edge of Orono, with its view across the Penobscot River to the distant blue hills beyond. And he continued to be one of the most respected and best-liked citizens of this little college town.

I knew Colonel Fuller as a fellow faculty member and as a family friend. If I had been asked to describe him, I would have begun by saying that he was a true son of New England, a quiet, courteous, kindly, patient, firm, determined, persistent, courageous, nonargumentative, disciplined officer.



FRANCIS REUEL FULLER

I would have said that we were fortunate at the University to have such a gentleman as the Commander of our Reserve Officers Training Corps.

As civilians will, we always called him The Colonel. He never talked about his career unless we asked him to; though his West Point saber and his medals were in his living room, I am sure at the wish of Mrs. Fuller. He had the French Croix de Guerre with palm leaf, and one I never knew about, the Victory Medal with four battle stars. This was for commanding, as a very young major, the 10th Machine Gun Battalion of the 4th Division in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. The only time he ever mentioned this experience to me was incidental to his explanation of what was his major service to the Army—viz., the development and testing of weapons for the Infantry. He said that in thinking over his experience in World War I, he recalled the inadequacy of weapons, the limitation of both firepower and mobility; and he decided that with his engineering interests (he had gone to the Academy from M.I.T.) he could do something about it. So when he had the chance, he became a research and development officer, serving as Director, Department of Experiment, The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, and, after that, Director of Experiment and Chief of the Test Section of the Infantry Board on the staff of the Chief of Infantry in Washington. Perhaps the importance which Francis attributed to this service is best summed up in a fragmentary note which he wrote just after his retirement: "Principal contribution to U.S. Armed Forces is in the field of research, development, test and selection of arms and equipment in which Infantry has primary interest. . . . Infantry at least 90% rearmed and re-equipped for World War II."

Colonel Fuller was one of the first officers to work on the problem of troop mobility, e.g., light troop carriers. When he was historian of the 6th Army Group in World War II, he gratuitously exposed himself to enemy fire as an observer reporting to the Army Ground Forces on new weapons and equipment.

I have read the Colonel's citations. They are not perfunctory, particularly the recommendation by General Jacob L. Devers, which

led to the award of the Legion of Merit. And I have seen the history which he wrote. My friend was a scholar. In contemporary language "he told it like it was," with, as the citation says, "an intelligent evaluation and selection of detail, an ability to add extra features for greater clarity and interest." There are other things in this recommendation and in the citation itself which, I think, show the Colonel's character and West Point discipline—"singleness of purpose, intense loyalty and thorough professional understanding of the problems with which he was faced." As a University man, I know that his *History of the 6th Army Group* will be of enormous value to future historians.

This was Colonel Fuller, humorous and gallant combat officer, responsible and productive research and development specialist, shrewd and effective staff man, affectionate family man, boon fishing companion, responsible citizen.

Salutamus te, Colonel! Well done!

—Charles F. Virtue
Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus
University of Maine

Adolph Unger

EX-CADET OF 1915

Died 14 September 1965 in Sarasota, Florida, aged 75 years.

Interment: Pleasant Union Cemetery, Tiffin, Ohio



ADOLPH UNGER

ON 14 SEPTEMBER 1965, Adolph Unger, former captain in the United States Army, died in Sarasota, Florida, at the age of 75.

Adolph Unger was born on 21 February 1890 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In the year 1900, both of his parents having died, he was sent to the orphans home in Tiffin, Ohio, and was graduated from Tiffin Columbian High School in 1907. Having no parents, he was then on his own. He worked and attended Heidelberg College in Tiffin until 1912 when he was able to secure an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He attended the Academy for approximately two years. Following this, he joined the Eighth Ohio Infantry and saw service on the Mexican border. He then enrolled at Ohio State University, graduating with a bachelor of science

degree. He attended the Officers School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1916, and received a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army.

He was married to Ruth W. Abbott on 14 December 1916 and took her to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to the 9th Infantry. From there he was assigned to the 47th Infantry and served at Camp Holabird, Maryland, where he was promoted to the rank of captain and served as the regimental adjutant. He went overseas with the 47th Infantry and served in combat with them in World War I. Returning home from the war, he was assigned to Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio.

He resigned from the Service in 1920 and became active in politics, being elected mayor of Tiffin, Ohio, in 1922. He fought for numerous reforms for the Tiffin community and was acclaimed by the Cleveland Plain Dealer as "Ohio's Fighting Mayor."

He was in business for some years in Tiffin but ultimately took up the study of law in Cincinnati. He passed the Ohio State Bar examination in 1930 and took up the practice of law in Canton, Ohio. He was actively engaged in this occupation until 1951 when he was elected Judge of the Canton Municipal Court. He was elected to two terms as judge but retired near the end of his second term due to failing health.

Following his retirement, Adolph and his wife moved to Englewood, Florida, where they lived until his death.

Adolph Unger took great pride in having been a member of the "Class of Generals" and, in his later years, attended several reunions with his former West Point classmates.

His remains are interred at Pleasant Union Cemetery near Tiffin, Ohio. He is survived by his widow Ruth Abbott Unger and his two sons.

—James R. Unger

Hugh Mitchell

NO. 5545 CLASS OF 1916

Died 10 September 1967 at Fort Gordon, Georgia, aged 77 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

HUGH MITCHELL WAS BORN IN OHIO in 1890. He completed one year in civil engineering at Ohio State University prior to his admission to West Point. There he soon proved his worth as a mainstay in Army athletics. An "A" in football and baseball, supplemented by yeomanly work in basketball, hockey, and track, established his standing as an all-around athlete.

The following extract from the 1916 HOWITZER seems an appropriate summation of his distinctive personality: "He carries with him a spirit that makes itself felt wherever he goes. He is always on deck with a happy, cheerful disposition and a pleasant remark for everybody. May he carry with him that always willing, unconquerable spirit of determination which has never failed him." Those who were privileged to know him in his later years can testify that he "never failed" to live up to the promise of his cadet days.

Shortly after his graduation he joined the Signal Corps. Duty as an instructor at West Point was followed by a year as a student at the Army Signal School, and by a year at Yale University, where he was awarded the Master of Science degree. After two years in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War,

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working on important war plans, he served in the Hawaiian Department and as Officer in Charge, Signal Corps Aircraft Radio Laboratory at Wright Field. He then directed the



HUGH MITCHELL

Research and Development Division, Office Chief Signal Officer, for four years, and graduated from the Command and General Staff School in 1936. A year as Executive Officer at the Signal Corps School was followed by three more years at the Aircraft Radio Laboratory, Wright Field, and by further duty in the Office Chief Signal Officer. In World War II he was assigned to the Southwest Pacific Area at the special request of General Douglas MacArthur. For this service, he was awarded the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Australia and New Guinea, 1943-44. Through his untiring efforts, devotion to duty, outstanding initiative and responsible judgment, the communications supply facilities of the U.S. Army Service of Supply have increased to several times their original capacity. Colonel Mitchell has made an outstanding contribution to the success of military operations against the enemy in establishing and maintaining a communications and supply system which has kept pace with the tactical and logistical requirements of every major combat action which has taken place in this theater." For his "practical aid and direct personal interest in the establishment and continuation of a Joint Army-Navy Communications Course," he was highly commended by the Marine Corps Officer-in-Charge and by the Chief Signal Officer of the Army. He was also awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two bronze service stars.

Following the close of World War II, "Mike" was placed in command of the Signal Corps Schools at Fort Monmouth. Upon applying for retirement after 30 years service he was, at the request of the Chief of Air Corps, transferred to that branch, in which he filled several important assignments, including Director, Electronic Research and Development at Griffis Air Force Base and Commanding Officer, Electronic Research Laboratories at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He reached the statutory age of retirement on 31 August 1950.

Mike was first married to Ellen Hayes, who died several years ago. She was a sister of Margot Hayes, who became the wife of Mike's classmate, Louis Hibbs. Mike was

later married to Mrs. Miriam Allen of Galion, Ohio.

Mike is survived by his widow and by two children from his first marriage: Mrs. Margaret Miller of Miami, Florida, and Hugh Jr., USMA '49, Lt. Col., USAF.

Mike was a modest, unassuming man who never thought of self-advancement but took pleasure in doing every job to the best of his noteworthy ability. He will be admiringly and affectionately remembered by all of us who were privileged to know him well.

—G. L. Van Deusen '09

Robert Lynn Bacon

NO. 5876 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917
Died 4 May 1967 at Brownsville, Texas,
aged 71 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

IT WAS TYPICAL OF BOB BACON that even in passing his thoughts were for others. In a note left for his beloved Helen and sons, he asked that there be no eulogy or ceremony, but just to assume that he had quietly moved away and left no forwarding address.

Bob was born in Tiffin, Ohio, the son of



ROBERT LYNN BACON

Colonel Willis Bacon and Margaret Palmer Bacon. He entered the Military Academy in July 1914, was graduated, and appointed a second lieutenant of Infantry in August 1917. Known in The Corps as "Roger," he was noted as a rugged competitor with energy, ability, and determination to accomplish any task in a superior manner. These traits were to be manifested throughout his service career.

After graduation Bob had the normal state-side assignments. In 1921 he was ordered to Hawaii where he met and married Helen Garrett who was to encourage and cherish him for the next 45 years.

Throughout his service he had some very choice assignments which included: student, Infantry School; West Point in the Tactical Department; Company Commander in the 15th Infantry, Tientsin, China; student, Command and General Staff School; instructor, Infantry School; and student, Army War College.

At the beginning of World War II Bob organized the A2 section of the then fledgling Eighth Air Force and went to England with its first units. But Infantry was always his

first love, and in spite of splendid opportunities with the Air Force, he requested return to his branch.

He served in North Africa and later in Europe with the 90th and 95th Divisions, where he was a regimental commander. Knowing Bob's tenaciousness and personal courage, it is not surprising that he managed to get himself into the thick of battle, but perhaps he is best known as the leader of Task Force Bacon whose achievements were much publicized in the press. Bob was in on that historic event, namely, the taking of Metz by assault, the first such accomplishment since before Christ.

Bob retired in 1947 and within four years became a certified public accountant establishing his own accounting firm. Active in civic and business affairs in the Lower Rio Grande Valley he became president of the Valley Chapter of the National Society of Certified Public Accountants, president of the San Benito Rotary Club, a member of the Masonic Order, and held many offices designed to promote the welfare and progress of this area and strengthen our position militarily.

To his loving family Bob was a hero, but it is his fellow officers and men who must determine his place in military history.

From the many tributes received, we think these words best characterize Bob: "conservative, patriotic, a loyal soldier, a devoted father."

—Helen, Garry, and Bob

Maxwell Michaux Corpening

NO. 6004 CLASS OF JUNE 1918
Died 1 April 1967 in Sunny Oaks,
Fontana, Wisconsin, aged 70 years.

Interment: Marion, North Carolina



MAXWELL MICHAUX CORPENING

IN JUNE 1915 THERE PASSED through the sally port of the old West Academic Building and into the area of South Barracks a tall, lean and erect son of the Old South from North Carolina—the son of a Naval Academy graduate of the Class of 1885. Maxwell M. Corpening, Max to us, had come to begin his military career at West Point. It is a good guess that Max's love of horses turned him towards the Military Academy rather than Annapolis. His love of fine horses, dogs, and

rolling hills was with Max all the days of his life.

Max brought to West Point the finest traditions of the Southland and that, combined with his West Point training, resulted in a very worthy representation of the Long Gray Line: his very attitude conveyed his love of Country, his courage to fight for it, and his dedication to the motto "Duty Honor Country."

The Class of June 1918 was graduated after three years in the midst of World War I. Max was retained at the Academy as an Instructor in Tactics and Equitation for a year. With the signing of the Armistice, Max felt, as so many others did at that time, that a military career held a questionable future, and in so doing resigned his commission. Two years later, after being away from the Service and horses, Max, on being solicited, accepted reinstatement of his commission as a 1st lieutenant of Field Artillery and served for three years at Fort Sill with the school detachment. During this time, Max was again with his horses and during off-duty hours played polo and rode drag hunts. During this period a lifelong friendship developed with Colonel Robert R. McCormick, owner of the *Chicago Tribune*. Max resigned a second time and going to Chicago started a career with the distinguished newspaper owned by his friend.

During the years of the mid and later 1920's Max, under sponsorship of Colonel McCormick, organized, coached and played with a polo team that established a fine record of wins over losses. But a real problem to them was a convenient place to play polo. Several country estates had polo fields, but in Chicago there was only one, a National Guard Amory.

Colonel McCormick organized a group to acquire land and build a riding club; Max was assigned the responsibility of guiding and directing the design, and the supervision of the construction. With this successfully completed, Chicago could boast of an indoor riding arena in downtown Chicago second to none in the Country. Polo flourished; Max as manager built this establishment into an outstanding, successful Riding Club. It was during these years that Max's personality, keen sense of exploitations, and fine horsemanship paid off in establishing many life-long friendships.

In late 1928 and early 1929 there was talk of a Chicago World's Fair; Colonel McCormick brought together a group that sponsored the Chicago Black Horse Troop. This was Headquarters Troop of the 106th Cavalry National Guard. Max, as captain, with two fellow West Pointers and the son of the Commanding General, 33d Division, tackled the job of organizing this troop. This included the purchase of horses, and the recruitment of men to include a 48-piece mounted band. The Chicago Riding Club was the scene of this activity. The troop was a great success and helped contribute pomp for receptions for many dignitaries, and went on to a fine record in World War II under the command of one of the original recruits. The training of this troop as a headquarters troop, and also as a rifle troop, was carried out very satisfactorily, and it was all a high tribute to Max's leadership and ability.

War clouds were gathering, and Max had to devote all of his time to his job as Military Editor of the *Chicago Tribune*. For the next two years until 1937 his writings on military matters brought him high praise from many parts of the Country.

In 1937 he gave up his desk as Military

Editor and became War Correspondent for the *Chicago Tribune*; for the next five years Max visited every major country in the world, and many minor ones, gathering news for *Tribune* readers. He covered the Japanese Invasion of China and thence around the world through the countries of Europe. During these years Max chalked up a lot of flying hours; and his dispatches on this trip carried such date lines as Honolulu, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Hankow, Manila, Makassar, Bali, Surabaya, Singapore, Bangkok, Rangoon, Jodpur, Baghdad, Athens, Ankara, Sofia, Rome, Bucharest, Budapest, Belgrade and Saragossa, Spain. His return to the United States was in time to permit him to cover the maneuvers of the 7th Cavalry Brigade, the first outfit to be mechanized in the United States Army. Other assignments of this nature were the Army maneuvers held in the fall of 1938, the Plattsburgh maneuvers in August 1939, the maneuvers of the Second U.S. Army in May 1941, and the mimic warfare between the Second and Third Armies in the autumn of 1941.

In between times Max found time to take assignments that carried him to Latin America covering the eighth Pan-American Conference, held at Lima, Peru. He also reported conditions in the Central American Republics and in South America, in Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay. Following this there was another trip around the world with dateline stories from Tokyo, Moscow, Berlin, Basel, Lisbon, and London. During his stay in London his hotel was struck by a bomb, but Max lived to tell the tale; unscathed and as debonair as ever.

This was not the end of his travels because it was not long before he was off around the Cape of Good Hope in an effort to reach the Libyan battle lines. En route he traveled through Rhodesia, Portuguese East Africa, Cape Colony, the Belgian Congo, and the Italian colony of Eritrea; being the first American correspondent to reach the Eritrean front. His writings described the British siege of Keren in detail. This trip was no luxury flight, but by air, by truck, and afoot, he finally reached Cairo.

It is not known just when and how Max developed his ability to write, but develop it he did, and in between his reporting he wrote on many phases of military activity, strategy, equipment, aviation, artillery, cavalry, mechanized forces, and horses. During all these busy years Max took this flying about with the cool composure of the Southern Gentleman which he was—every inch of his six-foot plus frame. It seems as if I can hear him now telling of his experiences as if he had been having just a wonderful time.

These days of being a world roving correspondent came to an end as the United States was drawn into World War II. In late 1942 Max finished a Senior Staff Course at Camp Davis in his home state of North Carolina. From then until the end of 1945 he served well in various anti-aircraft groups in this Country and several staff assignments in England and Paris.

After World War II Max returned to Chicago and was one of the very first to realize the great need to develop industrial areas; referred to today as "Industrial Parks." In this Max was, as usual, successful. Through all these years (35 in all), Max served on the Board of the Lake Shore National Bank. He finally settled down at "Sunny Oaks"—his home—with Grace his wife, his horses, his dogs, the hills, woods, and streams of that beautiful spot and called himself a "farmer."

Max was a keen observer, direct and forth-

right; he was kind yet never feared to speak his mind when he felt it was the proper thing to do, or that it could result in benefit: either long range or short range. He was a sincere and fine friend, and I am sure that all who knew Max as I knew him admire and hold him in high regard, exemplifying all that our Alma Mater stands for.

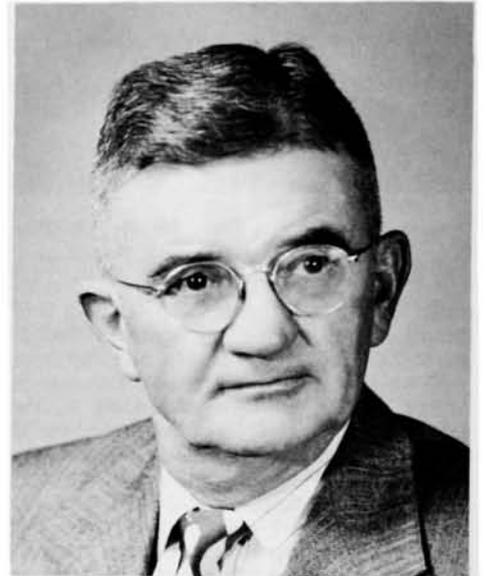
—J. T. K.
Aug. 1918

Drexler Dana

NO. 6089 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 16 March 1968 in Kern City,
California, aged 72 years.

Interment: Union Cemetery, Bakersfield, California



DREXLER DANA

IF DREX WERE HERE to guide the hand of him who would attempt the writing of his life story, he would say, "Be objective, be factual, Classmate, and let there be no schmaltz." But it is not easy in undertaking this task for one to be completely unemotional about it, for Drexler Dana's was a character the like of which one seldom meets along life's pathway. As a cadet he mixed a gay and carefree good humor with a deep sensitivity for the Corps and what it represented; he performed his duties as boodle corporal with the same fidelity with which he carried the colors; his record combines an "A.B." with lieutenant's chevrons, and he worried less about his own tenths than he did for those with a negative sign in the goat's equation across the hall.

Drexler Dana was born in Marburg, Germany, on 3 December 1895. He grew up in the San Francisco area, attended Stanford University for one and one-half years, received a senatorial appointment to West Point, and entered with the original Class of 1920, and later designated the Class of November 1918. His ready laugh, delicious sense of humor, and radiant good fellowship endeared him to his classmates and earned him the respect of the upperclassmen in spite of occasional devil-may-care "BJ-ities," the humor of which Drex generally considered to be eminently worth the inevitable reckoning. When war came and casualty reports bespoke the involvement of 1917 and 1918, Drex voiced the hope that our class, too, would have its share of action. When graduation

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came, it found him well up in class standing, high enough to make the Engineers, which had been his preference.

But the end of the war came while the class was on graduation leave, and on 2 December 1918 he reported with 61 others of the class to the Engineer School at Fort Humphreys, Virginia. Our HOWITZER records that while others sought the bright lights of Broadway on weekends, Drex could usually be found with others "around a blanketed table in their quarters." Faced with the prospect of stagnation in junior grades while thousands of recently integrated officers were being advanced ahead of him and his classmates, Drex elected to resign and on 25 August 1920 sought his fortunes in civilian life, where he became a well-known geologist in the petroleum industry of California.

He was married to Rose Jourdan of Newton, Illinois, on 3 November 1926, and for many years resided in Bakersfield, California. He was 40 years in his profession and was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. When World War II came, he quickly offered his services to his country, was accepted and commissioned a lieutenant colonel of Engineers, AUS. He commanded the 1117th Engineer Combat Group. His campaigns included Rhineland, Central Europe, Northern France and Air Offensive Europe.

After returning to the United States at the war's end, he was discharged on 25 November 1945, whereupon he resumed his profession. In 1962 he and Rose moved to the retirement community of Kern City, near Bakersfield, California, where he enjoyed his quiet late sixties and early seventies of life. Always an ardent fisherman, he knew all the likely pools where wary trout hid from Tehachapi north, and such was the abundance of tackle he kept on hand that your Scribe never had to bother bringing his own equipment when he went off to California, Hot Springs, or to the mountains east of Bakersfield. He always disdained worms, salmon eggs, and such amateurish kinds of bait as evidence of unsportsmanlike behavior on the part of the fisherman, and if he could not catch them with a fly, he preferred to come home empty handed—or "skunked," as he was wont to put it.

The end came suddenly, and tragically for us who loved him, on 16 March 1968 at Kern City. Besides his lovely widow, Rose, he is survived by his son, William H. Dana, USMA 1952, now a test pilot for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Lancaster, California; a daughter, Mrs. Richard C. (Toni) Dunrud of Denver, Colorado; six grandchildren; a brother, Arthur Dana of Los Gatos, California and a sister Mrs. Dana Lyon of Wilmington, California. Rose resides at 604 Cherry Hills Drive, Kern City, California.

At the Stanford game in 1965, the suggestion was made that the coast classmates ought to gather at some central place for a two-day luau. With characteristic efficiency and enthusiasm, Drex decided the responsibility was his as a centrally located resident, and made all the arrangements for class and corps-mates to meet at Cambria Pines in the summer of the next year. Eight or 10 of us with our wives gathered there on a pay-your-own-way basis, but Drex could not divest himself of the role of genial host no matter how he disclaimed the honor. And the good time he made possible will last as a cherished memory of his happy personality when thoughts of the blue Pacific, the green golf course, the babbling trout streams and the

murmuring pines of that beautiful spot have long faded from view.

Fitz-Greene Halleck once wrote ". . . Friend of my better days! None knew thee but to love thee, None named thee but to praise."

Drex would not like us to have regrets, but I am sure that in the Great Beyond there is a tolerant, friendly smile on his face for those of his friends who cannot escape them.

—Gildart, November '18

William Wilkeson Barton

NO. 6307 CLASS OF 1919

Died 8 October 1967 in Yreka, California, aged 68 years.

Interment: on his ranch in Siskiyou County, California



WILLIAM WILKESON BARTON

BILL BARTON WAS the son of Colonel Frank A. Barton and Louise Wilkeson Barton. He was born on 27 January 1899 at Youngstown, New York, on the banks of the Niagara River. During his younger years he lived with his parents and four sisters at various Army posts in this country and the Philippines.

He entered West Point in 1916 and was commissioned and graduated prior to the end of the normal four-year period as a result of the regulations then existing at the Academy due to World War I. After serving overseas (fighting the battle of Paris as he explained) he returned to the United States to serve at a number of posts, one of which was Camp Grant at Rockford, Illinois, where he was with the 3d Artillery.

Bill's father was a Cornell graduate in 1891 from the Department of Engineering and joined the Regular Army upon graduation. He reached the rank of colonel and returned to the university as the head of the Department of Military Science and Tactics where he established such a name for himself that the drill hall was named Barton Hall in his honor. Bill's last assignment was with the ROTC at Cornell University where his recently widowed mother was living with his four sisters.

In a few years he resigned from the Army to enter business in New York City with the Chelsea Fibre Mills. In 1925 he married Constance Forbes of Rockford, Illinois. They lived in New York City for one year, after

which he became associated with the W. F. and John Barnes Company, a machine tool manufacturer in Rockford, where he assumed the office of production manager.

John Barnes, son of the founder of the company and then president, died in 1933 at the age of 53. Bill was appointed general manager at the next meeting of the directors and so, at the age of 34, assumed the responsibilities and worries of a specialty machine manufacturer at the very bottom of the depression. His tremendous drive coupled with his engineering conception of the problems of the automotive industry and his unusual ability to sell his ideas enabled the company to weather the depression and lay the foundation for its successful future.

At the annual meeting in January 1937, Bill was elected president of the company. He also served as president of the John S. Barnes Company which was founded in 1929 to develop a hydraulic lathe and to produce hydraulic actuators for the parent company, W. F. and John Barnes Company. It was shortly after this that he made a trip to Europe from which he returned convinced that war was inevitable.

In 1940 the company undertook the first of eight major expansions. Five of these were to meet the tremendous demand for machine tools for war purposes; one was to provide facilities for a new company subsidiary, Metal Cutting Tools, Inc., to provide cutting tools that were in very short supply; one was to develop machinery for lens grinding to produce fire control instruments; and one was to design, build, equip, and operate an entire ordnance facility to produce armor-piercing projectiles: 37mm, 57mm, 105mm, and 155mm projectiles. The editor of the magazine *Machinery* characterized this as the "plant of the future."

As World War II was ending, Bill was appointed to a government commission, with the temporary rank of colonel, to study and report on war damage in Europe, with particular emphasis on the effect of high altitude bombing. He returned from this trip with new thoughts and renewed energy, convinced that diversification into non-allied fields to supplement the custom-made machine tool business was the progressive course for his company to follow.

From that time, until his retirement in 1960, Bill devoted his talents and energies to such diversification. He was a profound student of technological advances; an avid reader of scientifically oriented books, treatises, and reports; and had the unique ability to express their content in lay terms. His knowledge and vision had great attraction for young aggressive engineers, and that combination resulted in many worthwhile additions to the company's product line—items such as: teletherapy equipment embodying the use of Cobalt 60 for the treatment of cancer; numerous machines for the handling and packaging of food containers; manufacturing techniques for radar detection equipment and for the precision manufacturer of parts for the nuclear reactors being developed for use in the Navy submarine program.

He was very proud of his company and the fact that it operated as an "open shop" and had no union. He knew most of the personnel by their first names and, as one of them wrote, "To know him was to love him; he was more than president and management, he was a close personal friend to us all."

After his retirement, he spent a great deal of time at his ranch in northern California. He worked closely with state engineers and ranchers on problems of irrigation. All during

his life he was extremely interested in wild-life and its preservation. In his later years he took great joy in exploring the outdoors with his grandchildren and other young people, including several extensive camping trips with them.

Bill participated in many civic, patriotic, and industrial activities and was loved and admired by all with whom he came in contact. He was a member of the Unitarian Church, a member of the Board of Trustees of Rockford College, a member of the War Manpower Commission in the Rockford area. He was a member of the Midday Club; the University Clubs in Rockford, Chicago, and New York City; the Union League Club, Chicago; the Army-Navy Club in Washington, D.C.; the Rockford Country Club; and also the Sierra Club and the Rancheros Vistadores in California. He made a real contribution to his community, to his nation, and to his family.

He left Mrs. William Barton, residing at Shun Toll Farm, North Egremont, Massachusetts; Mrs. John O. Ross, residing in Rockford, Illinois; William Forbes Barton, residing in Arlington Heights, Illinois; Peggy Barton, in Denver, Colorado; and Patsy Barton, in Oakland, California.

resigned his commission in 1923 and entered the insurance field, first with Guardian Life and then with Massachusetts Mutual, with which he was associated for 38 years.

At the outbreak of World War II, Tracy volunteered and entered the U.S. Army Air Corps as a captain. He first was stationed at Miami Beach and later served 24 months in India. He was chief of personnel for the Air Corps for the China-Burma-India theater and was awarded the Legion of Merit as well as a decoration from the Chinese Nationalist government.

He returned to civilian life in 1946, having attained the rank of colonel. He was active in the Army Reserve until his retirement. He served on the Military Manpower Commission for Muscogee County, was a former president of the Life Underwriters Association of Columbus and worked with United Givers.

Tracy was a member of First Presbyterian Church and a charter member of the Big Eddy Club. In 1965 he received Columbus' highest social honor when he reigned as king over the seventh annual Mardi Gras Ball sponsored by the St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary.

In 1966, he was given the "Man of the Year" award by Massachusetts Mutual and was honored with a dinner at the Commerce Club in Atlanta. The award, a silver trophy, was given for "outstanding community service and on-the-job production."

Survivors include his widow, to whom he was married in 1926, a daughter, Mrs. James Kyle Spencer, four grandchildren, and a brother, Orval Davis, of Fayetteville, West Virginia.

Tracy and I both were stationed permanently at Benning after World War I, and we both settled in Columbus after leaving the Service. For several years we had quite a few of our doughboy classmates stationed there also. But as our class progressed in rank, only a general, now and then, would appear at the post, so Davis and I were finally the only ones around, and through the years we have fished, hunted, and socialized together.

I personally feel that Tracy was the best known and most popular member of our class and, while I will miss him most, the whole class has lost a fine representative. His loss will be felt by all, and none who ever knew him will forget him.

Pages could be written on the subject of Tracy's ready wit, but suffice it to say that his good humor was ever present. This facet of his character, however, overlays a serious side that made him quite successful in his chosen business profession.

On his lighter side, a friend (Breitweiser) had this to say, "Tracy Enfield Davis was an intriguing and delightful friend from the day I first met him at Hastings Mill, north of Calcutta, in the fall of 1944. I had planning business at General Stratemeyer's Headquarters there, and looked up Tracy (who was G1) at the suggestion of Bob Pugh, with whom I was serving in China. Tracy immediately took me under his wing; he invited me to a meal at the hostel occupied by him and the other senior officers at Hastings Mill and saw to it that I met a variety of key people. Thus started a friendship that ripened through the years—one in which, typically, Tracy gave much more than I was able to reciprocate—in terms of personal time, hospitality, expense, correspondence, affable adjustments, or whatever yardstick one cares to use.

"A mutual love of fishing was the catalyst for the frequent get togethers by Tracy, Bob

Pugh and me in post World War II days. But as I came to know Tracy, I was fascinated by his versatility, his amiability and his unflinching *joie de vivre* that just being with him came to be the main pleasure of our outings—wetting a line or not. Anyhow, none of us could ever come close to his skill as a fisherman—how about that oft-repeated praise for the \$44.00 casting rod! He'd give Bob or me the front of the boat and catch two fish to our one—telling hilarious stories all the while (maybe that was his secret, because who could cast accurately while doubled over with glee at the punch line of a Davis story?).

"What a man this was! He lived life to the hilt, loved living it, and did all he could—which was very much indeed—to help others learn to appreciate and enjoy life. He could switch with ease and assurance from a joke session to an original and learned philosophical discourse to an astute discussion of high finance. His own clear perception and articulation of values as he viewed them was accompanied by an uncommon tolerance of and interest in the opinion of others. This was symptomatic—or, perhaps, the root cause—of the innate and unvarying courtesy and consideration toward others that so characterized Tracy.

"Each of us who had the privilege of counting Tracy as a friend will remember him in different ways. He was too complex, too profound, too diversified an individual to be fully portrayed by words. But each of us has his mind's eye remembrance of Tracy in kaleidoscopic revue which, in composite, represents Tracy as he impressed himself on his world. And none of us who knew him has the slightest doubt that his imprint was a unique one, a meaningful one, and an unforgettable one. We are the richer for having known him." To which let me say, AMEN!!

—J. D. Box

Quotes from:
Lt. Gen. Breitweiser
Col. R. J. Pugh

Tracy Enfield Davis

NO. 6708 CLASS OF 1920

Died 30 October 1967 in Columbus, Georgia, aged 68 years.

Interment: Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia



TRACY ENFIELD DAVIS

TRACY ENFIELD DAVIS, 68, Columbus executive, died at 11 A.M., 30 October 1967, at the Medical Center in Columbus, Georgia, following a long illness.

Tracy came to Fort Benning in 1920 and had been a popular figure in Columbus social and business life since that time. He and his wife, the former Miss Louise Gardiner Garrard, lived at 2112 Springdale Drive.

Tracy was born 15 November 1898, in Fayetteville, West Virginia, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter B. Davis. Immediately after graduating from West Point and receiving his commission in the U.S. Army, he came to Fort Benning where, after completing his year's basic course, he served in the weapons section of The Infantry School. He

Francis Borgia Kane

NO. 6855 CLASS OF 1922

Died 23 March 1967 in Holy Cross Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, aged 65 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



FRANCIS BORGIA KANE

ON 23 MARCH 1967 the Class of 1922 lost in the death of Frank Kane one of its best loved members and one who expressed in his life as well as in his words the ideals and principles of West Point.

Francis Borgia Kane was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania on 10 October 1901. When he entered the Academy in November 1918, he was less than one month over 17-years-old, one of the youngest ever to join the Corps. In testimony to his mental brilliance and capabilities, it should be mentioned that prior to admittance to the Military Academy, Frank had already completed freshman year at Villanova University.

As a cadet, Frank could have ranked academically almost any place that he desired. Instead of seeking top rankings, however, Frank was more interested in using his talented mind in giving unstintingly of his time to help those of his classmates who were having difficulty in their studies. Many an Oriole remained to graduate thanks to Frank Kane's unselfish and generous help.

Following graduation, Frank and his sister, Mary, traveled through Europe, prior to his reporting in September to Brooks Field, Texas, for pilot training in the Army Air Service. As usual he did well on the academic side, and also soloed and got in a good bit of solo time on Jennies, but somehow or other he was unable to pass the final tests necessary to achieve his pilot wings and was "washed out." In June of 1923 he was transferred to the Coast Artillery with station at Fort Adams, Rhode Island.

Although greatly disappointed at the time by his "washout" from the flying game, this move to Newport was responsible for the greatest event in Frank's life, for it was in Newport that Frank met, and on 4 June 1924 married Beverly Smith, the daughter of Walter D. Smith, USMA 1901. It was also at Newport that Frank and Bev made so many close and lifelong friends among his contemporaries in the Navy who were attending the Naval Torpedo School classes. They continually ran into these Navy friends in the Philippines, Panama, and other stations around the world, providing many occasions of interservice companionship and conviviality. Just before the family left Fort Adams for the Philippines for a tour of duty at Corregidor in 1925, Frank Jr. was born.

Corregidor was one of the happy stations for the Kanes—many hours of hard work, but also time for a good amount of vigorous play, in which Frank was always ready to participate, if not to lead. One of the extravaganzas, that no one who was at Corregidor at the time will ever forget, was the male ballet at the Fort Mills theater in which Frank was one of the stars in his pink tu-tu. All good things have to come to an end, and in May 1927 Frank and family moved to West Point, visiting China and Japan en route, Frank to become an instructor under "P" Carter in the "Phil" Department. On summer leaves while on duty at USMA, Frank and Bev traveled through Europe in 1929 and again in the summer of 1931 with classmates and wives, the Schuylers and the Raynsfords. It has been said that Europe has never been the same after those trips, and the populations of the countries visited probably welcomed World War II rather than risking another visit from these intrepid and venturesome Orioles.

Frank's next assignment was in Panama where he spent three happy years with troops, commanding C Battery of the 4th Coast Artillery at Fort Amador. At this time Frank organized the BAB social group which boasted a wide and varied membership and met at the Union Club in Panama City. The Sunday

morning brunches will long be remembered by anyone who ever attended one. The BAB's lived on long after Frank's departure in 1934 for Fort Monroe.

He attended the Coast Artillery School in 1934-35, and then went to graduate school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he took advanced mechanical and electrical engineering. After his year at M.I.T., he returned to Fort Monroe and served on the faculty of the Coast Artillery School. Here he applied his keen mathematical mind to the problems of Antiaircraft Artillery. He originated circular slide rules and new sensing devices which provided more rapid and accurate antiaircraft fire. His daughter, Beverly, was born at Fort Monroe in 1937.

Frank attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth in 1939-40 where he achieved his usual high standing in the class. Following Leavenworth, he was assigned to the War Department in the Material Section of the Office of the Chief of Coast Artillery.

In February 1941, Frank was assigned to the Military Mission in Brazil. He served as Chief of the Mission in 1942 and 1943. It was in this important position in the early days of World War II that he was commended for the superior manner in which he had accomplished his important task of encouragement of the Brazilian war effort which culminated in the sending of the Brazilian Expeditionary Force to Europe. Brazil was the only Latin American country to send troops to join the Allied effort in World War II. In recognition of his services to Brazil, Frank was awarded the Medalha de Guerra and upon his departure in 1943 was presented with the solid gold insignia of the Artilharia de Costa de Brazil.

From the time of Pearl Harbor, Frank had tried to get assigned to an active theater, and finally in 1943 he was assigned to the China-Burma-India Theater. There he served at Kweilin on the Theater Staff, and later was acting Chief of Operations (G3) at Chungking until the end of the war. For this exemplary performance of duty he was awarded the Legion of Merit by his own country and the Order of YUN-HUI (Cloud and Banner) by the Chinese Government.

Frank had become so fluent in the Portuguese language during his Brazilian tour, that in 1946 he was assigned to Lisbon as the U.S. Military Attaché to Portugal. Here he served until 1949 when he returned to the United States for a short tour of duty in G1 on the War Department General Staff after more than eight years of continuous foreign service in three different parts of the world. For his outstanding services as Attaché in Lisbon Frank was awarded the Order of Avis Grande-Official and the Medal of Military Merit, 2d Class. He also received from the Vatican the Croce Lateranese.

Once again Frank was assigned to the faculty of the Artillery School, now at Fort Bliss, Texas. He served first as the Director of Gunnery and then as Director of Instruction, for which he was recognized by the School Commandant for his outstanding contribution to the improvement of instruction throughout the school.

In 1950 he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Army Field Forces at Fort Monroe where he was Chief of the Guided Missile and Air Countermeasure Division of the Research and Development Section. It was at this time that Frank established the requirement for a low altitude surface to air guided missile, which resulted in the HAWK

missile now being used so prominently in the Army. He also initiated in 1952 the development of an Army limited-capability ballistic missile radar. This radar was the forerunner of one of the elements of the anti-ballistic missile system that is now being installed in the defense of the Continental United States.

Frank moved to the Department of the Army as Chief of the Guided Missiles and Atomic Weapons Branch of the Research and Development Section in 1952 where he laid much of the ground work resulting in the successful marriage of atomic weapons and guided missiles. This development was not destined to mature until after his retirement for heart condition in 1953. Shortly before his retirement, the Deputy Chief of Staff G4 wrote him—"Your leadership, your knowledge of these highly technical fields, and your sound judgment have contributed materially to the Army's program which is of such vital importance to the future security of our nation."

After Frank's retirement, he moved to Severna Park, Maryland and worked in the Air Arm Division of the Westinghouse Corporation at Friendship Airport, as an advisory engineer on the staff of the manager of Advanced Development Engineering and in charge of the Division Standard Development Program. Following seven years with Westinghouse and after three more heart attacks, Frank and Bev settled in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 1960 in tranquility and sunshine.

Frank's active mind, deep interest in people and in their accomplishments did not permit him to become an invalid. In moderation, but with the same inimitable enthusiasm that marked his entire life, he participated in all his previous activities and recreations (except golf, which was a little too strenuous) up to his last illness. As an example of his fortitude, in June 1962 Frank had to go to Walter Reed to have an aortic operation. There was the choice of having the operation right away and missing his 40th Oriole Reunion, or of going to the reunion and delaying the operation, hoping that his condition would not become critical in the meantime. Frank's decision was typical—he went to the reunion, had his usual grand time, enlivening the parties, and keeping the group living in barracks in stitches with his continuous supply of good stories. When the reunion was over, he went to the hospital for his operation.

Frank died of heart failure at the Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale on 23 March 1967. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 27 March with 12 of his classmates acting as honorary pallbearers.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly, at 3061 NE 49th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; his son, Colonel Francis B. Kane Jr., at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; his daughter, Beverly (Mrs. Robert B.) Karsteter, at West Point, New York; his sisters, Mary (Mrs. Richard) Kerns and Katherine (Mrs. Harold) Murphy; his brother, John McAvoy, all of the Philadelphia area; and 11 grandchildren.

Frank's many friends were drawn to his sparkling Irish sense of humor behind which was his brilliant mind. Where work was involved, his capabilities were epitomized in a letter upon his retirement from General J. Lawton Collins, then Chief of Staff of the Army, who spoke of his "mature judgment, forceful initiative, and loyal devotion to duty which long came to be associated with your name." Frank's name was never associated with anything that was not noble and good. In his after-work activities, Frank was a natural spark plug, and could always be counted on to raise any dull party to

glittering heights with an impromptu skit or some bit of hilarity that endeared him to all. He received from life the same richness that he brought to it. A most wonderful husband and devoted father, Frank was also a deeply religious man. He attended daily Mass in Fort Lauderdale, and bragged that he was the oldest altar boy still on active duty.

If you had Frank Kane for a friend, you never needed another one, nor could you ever have had a better one. He will be remembered by all with deep and abiding affection.

—Bill Lawton

Charles Henry Caldwell

NO. 7842 CLASS OF 1925

Died 21 January 1967 at MacDill Air Force Base Hospital, Tampa, Florida, aged 66 years.



CHARLES HENRY CALDWELL

DURING PLEBE SUMMER we first met and admired Charlie. Unlike many of us who were rushed and rather confused, he was always calm, always friendly, and took everything in stride. Perhaps his World War I service, which included a tour of duty in France, was a factor, but more probably these traits were inborn. They were typical of him during the years to come. Like so many of us he was no academic genius, but this fact did not disturb him. He was getting passing grades, the primary consideration. Many other such non-genuses before him had had highly successful careers.

During his First Class year he met his future wife, Erma Vaux Bell of New York City. They were married following graduation. Of this marriage there were two girls. Jane, the elder, is married to Lt. Col. B. D. Strickland, USAF. Charlotte, or "Skeekie," is the wife of Lt. Col. Kenneth Murphy, USMA 1950. Both daughters currently live in the Washington, D.C. area, and Erma lives with them.

In the years following graduation, first from the primary, then from the advanced flying school, the Caldwells served at many air fields and bases. Their many, many friends will always be full of praise for the wonderful spirit of hospitality that prevailed in their home. Regarding one station, Charlie once said that his career was uneventful until

Christmas, 1941, when he hurriedly left the Philippines via Beechcraft for Java. Later he flew on to India, where he served as A-1, Tenth Air Force, in the China-Burma-India Theater.

One future assignment represented a second tour at Mitchel Air Force Base. In 1944 he had been promoted to brigadier general, and at Mitchel he became Deputy Commanding General, Lowry Air Force Base, one which implied greater things to come. However, a seemingly harmless illness placed him in Fitzsimons Hospital. The doctors found an unhealthy heart condition, and he was retired for physical disability in January, 1951.

Among the several flying ratings which Charlie held, the principal one was that of Command Pilot with more than 6,000 flying hours as a pilot. As to decorations, he held the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Victory Medals for both World War I and World War II, the Distinguished Unit Citation and the Southern Cross of Brazil, together with numerous Defense and Theater Ribbons.

Refusing to be idle in retirement, he accepted a position as manager of a South Carolina plantation, owned by the Honorable A. D. Bruce, Ambassador to Argentina, under whom Charlie served as Air Attache.

In 1957 he went into well-earned, full retirement at their Tampa home. He and Erma enjoyed it immensely. He delighted in fishing, frequently from his back yard located on a finger of Tampa Bay. He was supremely happy to be an active member of the Quiet Birdmen and thus associated with many very close flying friends of earlier years.

During the Christmas holidays, 1966, Charlie entered the MacDill Air Force Base Hospital. He was well enough to spend one weekend at home and was scheduled for another, but the latter was not to materialize. He died that very weekend, on 21 January 1967.

It appears significant that during this illness Charlie requested a visiting chaplain to read the Cadet Prayer to him. Whether he followed its precepts consciously or unconsciously, we don't know. But, it is a tribute to him to say that the thoughts expressed therein portray in a very great measure life as he lived it.

We will continue to miss him. And, bearing in mind that which someone said to the effect that our characters represent the sum of the characters of all the people we know, we will always be better individuals to the extent that we knew Charlie.

—L. A. R.

Edwin Michael Van Bibber

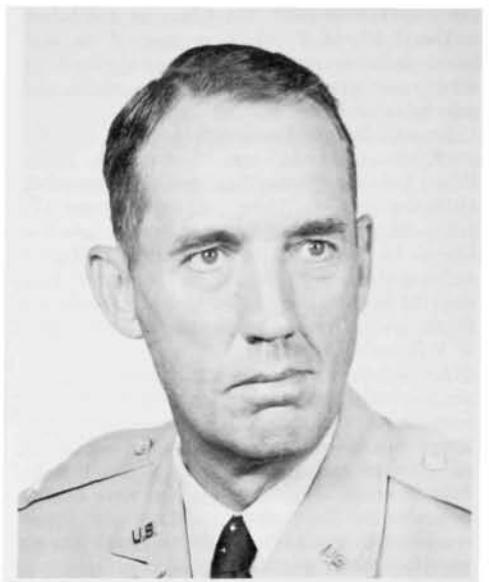
NO. 8784 CLASS OF 1929

Died 17 January 1967 at "Tattoo," Bozman, Maryland, aged 62 years.

Interment: Spesutia Cemetery, Perryman, Maryland

ON 17 JANUARY 1967, Colonel Edwin Michael Van Bibber died at his home on the Eastern Shore. Funeral services were held at Christ Episcopal Church, St. Michaels, Maryland. Graveside services were at Spesutia Church Cemetery at Perryman, Maryland.

He was born on 3 November 1904 in Bel Air, Maryland, the son of the late Dr. Armfield F. Van Bibber and Rebecca Michael Van Bibber. In the course of 30 years of Service following his graduation from the United States Military Academy, Ed was awarded the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the



EDWIN MICHAEL VAN BIBBER

Commendation Ribbon, and the Croix de Guerre avec palme.

On 8 February 1930, while serving with the 12th Infantry at Fort Howard, he married Julia Laurensen Lackey. Following this tour, he served with the 27th Infantry in Hawaii. After a stint at the Infantry School, he went to the 18th Infantry, then to the 19th Infantry, and still later to the 60th Infantry Regiment.

During the Normandy invasion in June 1944, Ed was the commanding officer of the 313th Infantry, part of the 79th Division which fought in the Ruhr region for the industrial cities so important to Hitler's war machine. Of these cities the prize was Essen which was taken by the 313th Infantry Regiment, and with Essen came the arrest of Alfred Krupp—a "trophy of war" for the 313th and its commanding officer, Ed Van Bibber.

Before returning to the United States after the war, he had various commands befitting an Infantry officer, which he was first, last, and always. When he did return, he took over the 200th Infantry Regiment (later designated the 61st Infantry), and from this assignment he went on to command the Massachusetts Military District.

From January 1957 to April 1958, Ed had the only assignment in his military career that he resisted with a passion from beginning to end. Stricken with tuberculosis, he spent this period in Valley Forge Army Hospital. When discharged from the hospital he elected duty rather than retirement with the words: "When I joined the Army I did it to go the full course. I'll retire then and not before."

Colonel Van Bibber did retire in 1959 at Fort Meade, Maryland. Ed and Julia built their retirement home, *Tattoo*, at Bozman on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It was here that Julia died in 1962.

Following Julia's death, Ed traveled for an extensive period. These travels brought him back to some of the areas over which he had fought during World War II. One of the places to which he returned was my grandparents' "castle" on the Main River near Frankfurt and so-called because of its size. Ed had used it as his headquarters during the final months of the war. A close association developed among the three of us during that period that the Van Bibbers were stationed in Frankfurt.

In September 1963 we were married in St. Michaels, Maryland. We spent the winter and early spring there on the Eastern Shore where

Ed enjoyed the duck hunting and the association with family and friends. We spent the summer traveling in Europe. Next to his beloved Eastern Shore, he loved the older part of his estate on the River Main. Its medieval tower, age-old paths, and its legend of an era long since passed into antiquity fascinated him. It is here that my most pleasant memories of Colonel Edwin M. Van Bibber, officer and gentleman, will live on.

Ed is also survived by his son Michael A. Van Bibber, his daughter Mary Jane, three grandchildren, his sister Katherine Van Bibber, and his brother George L. Van Bibber.

—Renate Winterhelt Van Bibber

Ray Allen Pillivant

NO. 10234 CLASS OF 1935

Died 9 December 1967 in New York, New York, aged 54 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



RAY ALLEN PILLIVANT

ON 9 DECEMBER 1967, Colonel Ray Allen Pillivant, Class of 1935, died unexpectedly of a coronary occlusion in New York City while on a short holiday. Funeral services were held Wednesday, 13 December 1967 at the Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel, Acton, Massachusetts. Burial was at West Point where he expressed a desire to return. Ray was born in Elyria, Ohio, 31 December 1912. As a cadet he was a serious hard-working student. Upon graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Artillery Branch and in April 1941 transferred to the Office, Chief of Ordnance.

From 1941 through 1945 he served his country in combat in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations and the European Theater of Operations. He attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology pursuing graduate studies in nuclear physics and related fields. During 1948-1951 he was stationed at the Pentagon in the Office, Chief of Ordnance where he planned broad basic testing programs for assignment to depots, arsenals, and proving grounds as a part of the Materiel Branch of Research and Development. He was responsible for close coordination between supply branches on programming, repair, and shipment of ordnance materiel to countries in the Military Assistance Advisory Group.

His next assignment as Senior Ordnance Advisor to the Chinese Chief of Ordnance, Government of the Republic of China, Formosa, as part of the Military Assistance Advisory Group, working directly with the Chinese Chief of Ordnance and his staff procuring machines, tools, and new materials was a challenging one. He planned the requirements for U.S. vehicles, weapons, and ammunition to re-equip the Chinese Army and assisted in re-establishing the Ordnance Technical College for training Ordnance Officers. He set up for the Chinese an automotive truck rebuild facility to rebuild thousands of vehicles.

After returning from the Military Assistance and Advisory Group, he had a series of important assignments, the first being at Aberdeen Proving Ground as Chief of the Engineering Testing Division of Development and Proof Services. He was responsible for scheduling testing of all types of developmental ordnance items from vehicles and tanks to weapons, artillery, fire control, small arms, bomb fuzes, and electronic control systems. Next, he was assigned as Ordnance Officer on the Technical Staff of the Commanding General, Second U.S. Army, Fort Meade, Maryland. While at Fort Meade during a period of transition of Ordnance support to missile units based on Second U.S. Army Ordnance support and during the introduction of nuclear weapons to the Army area, he was outstandingly successful in supervising the introduction of new procedures and doctrines which have become standard within the Army area and have become models on which standard procedures have been adopted by other headquarters.

Throughout this assignment he displayed exceptional initiative, tact, and judgment. He prepared directives on maintenance and supply and inspected for safety where and when required in support of air defense. While at Second U.S. Army he was presented with an Award of the Army stating that he "distinguished himself by meritorious services, demonstrating exceptional professional ability, sound judgment, and dedication to duty."

His last assignment in the Army—1960-1962—was as Commanding Officer of an Ammunition Depot in France. He spent many hours planning workloads and budgets for 100,000 tons of ammunition and for improvement of the depot. Colonel Pillivant and his wife Louise had many pleasant contacts with the French civilians and the French Army. Retirement was at Fort Hamilton, New York, 31 May 1962.

His decorations and citations were the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with combat operations in France from September 1944 to 17 March 1945; the Purple Heart for wounds received from the strafing action of an enemy plane; and the Army Commendation Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Army of Occupation Medal; and China Theater Medal.

After retiring with 27 years of service for his country, he began a new career—teaching. He attended one year at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. where he obtained his Master's Degree in Education. In 1963 he accepted a position with the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School in Acton, Massachusetts, as a mathematics teacher. He was a dedicated teacher, his principal said "always the first one in and the last one out at night." One of his students expressed his feelings as "he was not only a good teacher, but a friend as well." We will all miss him very much, his family for his love and kindness, and his friends for his warmth.

—L. W. P.

Joseph Cobb Stancook

NO. 10343 CLASS OF 1935

Died 17 August 1960 at Chenault AFB, Illinois, aged 48 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



JOSEPH COBB STANCOOK

SELDOM DO OFFICERS spend so much time together that the years' reckoning of a departed one fully represents the chronological account of his military and family activities. However, if one had seen Joe marry, start his officer's career, in Europe in World War II, the occupation thereafter, in the Pentagon for a few years, and at the 25th Class Reunion at West Point; one has a fairly proficient idea of what made this good, kindly, pleasant, wonderful man tick.

Obviously, a perusal of *Cullum's Register*, the *Register of Graduates*, 1960, and the book published by our Class of the 25th Reunion does give one a partial résumé of his military niche. It requires some additions for the military phase, and other facts for the bare aspects of his family life.

While on graduation leave, Joe met Margaret, a beautiful neighborhood girl. After a vigorous courtship, he proposed, and was accepted. They were married several weeks before he started his Army officer's career at Fort Jay, New York. Joe and Marge immediately became an active part of the Post social whirl. This, tied in with his sports coaching, made their two years there extremely pleasant. They were transferred to Hawaii for another Infantry tour and football coaching that prepared Joe for a tour of duty as a backfield coach at USMA in 1940. While in Hawaii, the first child, a daughter, Margaret, was born so that the small family could enter the circles of the young officers raising families on the small pay a lieutenant earned each month. Joe was ordered to attend the Infantry School Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, 1939, and then went on detail in the Finance Department, U.S. Army, with station at the Brooklyn Army Base, New York. Along came the second child, Eleanor, born at Fort Jay, New York, 1940, so that the family was growing at a normal pace; and it was through the above years that the Stancook parents died at a

relatively early age. Thus, the new Stancook family was on the way to replace the old one, where Joe was the only child carrying the family name.

Joe, during the Finance Department expansion, was assigned to First Army, went to England with it, and then moved into France with the support echelons of that Army. He saw that the troops were paid promptly even though they were in combat. And then, finally, he was one of the main funders for the expenditures of the Occupation Forces in Europe while he was living in France in late 1945.

There was no question about it. Based on his Infantry experience, his feeling for the troops in the field made his World War II tour one that was completely oriented for them. One could hear it (all over the Army) that the payrolls were always met on time—and that there were sufficient funds available for all contingencies. And Joseph Cobb Stancook, Lieutenant Colonel, Finance Department, U.S. Army, was intimately involved with all of these factors.

In late 1945, he returned to the United States and was assigned to the Army Information and Education Division as the Comptroller-General. He thus learned the use of tremendous funding, internationally, for supporting the Services in their worldwide Information and Education projects.

In 1949, he was transferred to the U.S. Air Force, and within a year or so was made a full colonel before many of his Army classmates. After another course at the Armed Forces Staff College, he was then equipped to continue in his Comptroller-General field. From 1951 to 1956 he successively started the Air Force Accounting and Finance Division in Denver, Colorado, and the Air Training Command Center Fiscal Operations at Scott Air Force Base. While in Denver, the Stancooks had another little girl, Barbara, to add to their clan. Shortly thereafter, Joe became the Comptroller-General in Panama for the Caribbean Command. He and Marge then completed their progeny by presenting to the world Joe Jr., a husky youngster, who might some day follow the path Joe made as one of the greatest blocking backs West Point ever produced.

In June 1960, the Stancooks, with three unmarried children in tow, came back to the States, attended the 25th Class Reunion, saw many of their classmates, and moved on to Chenualt Air Force Base for another Comptroller assignment.

Shortly after reporting to the base, Joe, during a conference on 17 August 1960, fell forward on his desk. The Doctor diagnosed that he had died of a heart attack.

Let us face it: Joe was not a "raver" or "ranter"! Action was the axis of his existence, whether on the athletic fields, in the Infantry, in Finance, or at the Comptroller-General staff position. Although many of his controls were desk-drawn, Joe frequently visited the field. His love of people, his personality, friendliness, and hospitality insured that there was a hand to hand observation of what was going on at the end of the command line. Everyone who worked with him, either as his commanding officer, as a compatriote, or as a subordinate really loved and admired him.

How can one express the many delightful days and nights that were spent with him and his beautiful family in Washington, New York City, France, and at West Point! Joe was a real pal, a wonderful man, a fine character, a good officer. These were the guidons that Joseph Cobb Stancook marked while he was here with us.

Maurice Monroe Simons

NO. 10415 CLASS OF 1935

Died 27 July 1962 at La Jolla, California, aged 52 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, San Diego, California

HERE WAS A COMPLEX MAN of many talents and moods. His untimely death came as a shock to all who knew him.

"Ozzie," as he nicknamed himself in his boyhood, graduated from high school at Leavenworth, Kansas, as a good student and an excellent leader. He was captain of the football team and received a medal naming him the outstanding athlete of his class.

In 1931, Ozzie entered West Point where he again won acclaim in football, basketball, and baseball. A handsome, popular fellow, he had no dearth of admirers either male or female.

Upon graduation from West Point, the Air Corps beckoned, and Ozzie won his wings at Kelly Field. After a few years, he transferred briefly into the Coast Artillery but returned to his first choice during World War II.

His career included service in Europe during World War II with the 12th Army Group. For his accomplishments there, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. On his return to the United States, he became Deputy Commander, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama. A later assignment to Japan found him commanding an air force base there. After serving as Deputy Commander of Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas, attending the National War College, and spending a tour in the Pentagon, he was assigned to the faculty of the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, where he was retired in 1960 for physical disability. He and his family chose La Jolla, California, as their retirement home.

Too soon after getting settled there, Ozzie died of an embolism of the aorta on 26 July 1962, leaving behind his lovely wife, Charlot, and two children, Shelley and "Bo," who still reside in La Jolla.

Maurice Monroe Simons lies in the National Cemetery at San Diego, California. He was loved and is missed by those who understood his many-faceted personality. "May God's peace be with him through eternity" is the heartfelt wish of those who remember him fondly.

—E.S.C. and K.I.C.



MAURICE MONROE SIMONS

Harry Ripley Melton Jr.

NO. 10631 CLASS OF 1936

Died 14 September 1944 while on board a Japanese POW ship, aged 33 years.



HARRY RIPLEY MELTON JR.

HARRY RIPLEY MELTON was born on 31 August 1911 in Wickliffe, Kentucky. He was appointed cadet from at large and entered West Point on 1 July 1932. When June 1936 rolled around, he selected the Cavalry, with detail to the Army Air Corps. He trained at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas, and, in January of 1938, formally transferred to his preferred service.

From 1938 to 1940 he served in a succession of important assignments at Langley Field, Virginia, and then took station at MacDill Field, Florida, where he became group adjutant and then squadron commander. After serving as Commander, 84th Bomb Group, Hunter Field, Savannah, Georgia, he took command of the 311th Bomb Group in December of 1942 and in July of the following year led it to the Pacific Theater. On 25 November 1943, while piloting a P-51, he was shot down over southern Burma and taken prisoner by the Japanese. Reported as missing in action as of September 1944, it was later officially determined that he had been killed in action on the 14th of that month, in the "Asiatic Area." "Rip" was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart (posthumously).

Augustus Herbert Bode Jr.

NO. 10680 CLASS OF 1936

Died 26 June 1944 in Cherbourg, France, aged 32 years.

AUGUSTUS HERBERT BODE, born 14 December 1911, in Denver, Colorado, obtained appointment to the Military Academy from Nebraska, and entered West Point 1 July 1932. "Gus," a born doughboy, chose the Infantry upon graduation; and in September 1936 joined the 4th Infantry at Fort George Wright, Washington. In the spring of 1938, he sailed for the Philippines, and served there until

June 1940 when he returned to the United States and joined the elite 29th Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia. In May 1942, he was assigned to command of Antitank Company, 313th Infantry. Within four months, while still a captain, he was assigned to command the 2d Battalion of his regiment. Two promotions followed rapidly, and by June 1943 he was a lieutenant colonel, AUS. His division sailed for the European Theatre in 1944, and a few days after D-Day Gus was severely wounded in action on the soil of France. He died of wounds on 26 June 1944.

Charles Eugene Robbs

NO. 12898 CLASS OF 1942

Died 6 April 1967 in the U.S. Army Hospital, Landstuhl, Germany, aged 47 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



CHARLES EUGENE ROBBS

CHARLES EUGENE ROBBS, from the time he was a youngster, was recognized as a "doer" and not a "talker." Further, he exemplified the "doer" who does without fuss, fanfare, or wasted motion. The words of Major General George R. E. Shell, Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, with whom Gene served for four years as Professor of Aerospace Studies, aptly sum up Gene's philosophy of life and the character of his service to his country.

"He performed his duties here in an outstanding manner. Although quiet, he was highly effective and efficient in promoting the Air Force ROTC program. Under his leadership, enrollment in the Air Force program steadily grew. He always gave full cooperation in working jointly with his Army counterpart to provide us with a smoothly operated ROTC program. Gene Robbs was one of those wonderful people whose warm friendliness toward everyone left a lasting impression. Competence and character gave those he led a great sense of confidence and pride in serving.

"Gene reflected the greatest credit on his Alma Mater, the Air Force, and himself, and his efforts were untiring in serving his country and the Air Force."

Gene was born on 4 June 1919 in Gainesville, Georgia, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Robbs both of whom are lifelong residents of

that city. His formative years were characterized by active participation in sports and in social and religious organizations. He found time to earn his spending money by first delivering newspapers and later by ushering in the local theater. He would have graduated from high school before his 17th birthday, but the tornado which devastated Gainesville in 1936 delayed graduation. During this disaster Gene worked around the clock helping to dig out and administer first aid to the less fortunate ones. In short, he was a constant source of pride to his parents and an asset to the community.

He early set his sights on West Point. In order to prepare himself, he joined the Army and attended the Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort McPherson, Georgia. He received his appointment from Congressman B. Frank Whelchel of the Georgia 9th Congressional District.

While at the Academy Gene had a wide variety of interests and activities. He competed for the job of manager of the baseball team and won it by handling competently the varied duties of assistant manager for two years and accepting the sometimes heavy humor of the players in his usual good-natured manner. The Tactics Department recognized his leadership abilities by making him a yearling corporal, a second class corporal and finally a cadet lieutenant. He enjoyed an active social life, and it was during his cadet days that he met Dorothy Thurber whom he was to marry on 10 June 1944 in Dallas, Texas. The cadet discipline rested easily on him, and he was a firm believer in the honor code. Probably his greatest weakness was a sweet tooth which he indulged frequently. I can still picture him on a Wednesday or Saturday afternoon returning from the Cadet Store with ice cream to go with the luscious cakes that made their way regularly from Gainesville, courtesy of his mother and sister Christine. This "boodle" he shared generously with his circle of friends.

When the time came to choose for the greater tasks ahead, Gene selected the Coast Artillery Corps but asked to be detailed to the Air Corps for flight training. Thus it was that after graduation our association continued at flying schools in Ocala, Florida; Greenville, Mississippi; and George Field, Illinois. He was a wonderful roommate who adapted readily to your routine or, without your realizing it, won you over to his way of doing things.

Our paths diverged after primary flight training. Gene went on to four-engine transition and operational training. With his schooling completed, he was off to the European theater of operations as a flight leader in the 100th Bombardment Group. He soon moved up to squadron commander and was rewarded by an Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster for his missions.

Post war duty took Gene and his family to varied assignments and locations ranging from Japan to Norway. His sons Charles Thurber and Philip Clifford were born on 4 July 1947 and 3 May 1949 at Wiesbaden, Germany, and San Antonio, Texas. Although neither of them followed him to West Point, Charles is an engineering student at Georgia Tech and participating in ROTC. Philip is at Pomona College in California and is interested in engineering or medicine. As Gene was to his parents, Charles and Philip are a credit to Gene and Dorothy.

As a family the Robbs entered into the activities wherever stationed and provided a shining example of a service family. General Shell also commented on this: "Gene and Dotty were always an outstanding ex-

ample for others in assisting with extracurricular activities. Their charm and graciousness made them assets to any group within V.M.I. as well as the local civilian community. Both were active and contributing members of the church and gave freely of their time and efforts in civic affairs.

"We treasure most highly the association with Gene and Dotty and sincerely regretted their departure when Gene's tour ended. V.M.I. and Lexington will long remember this lovely couple and their fine sons."

While at his final station in Oslo, Norway, where he commanded the 7240th Support Squadron, Gene became ill and had to be evacuated to the Wiesbaden Air Force Base Hospital for surgery. At first he seemed to be on the road to recovery but then had a relapse and was unable to rally from the additional complications. His passing was a shock to all who had known him. Expressions of sympathy poured in from far and wide during his illness and after his death. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal posthumously for his work in Oslo. Dorothy has settled with her mother at 3048 E. Laurelhurst Drive, NE., Seattle, Washington 98105.

He asked for little and gave so much.

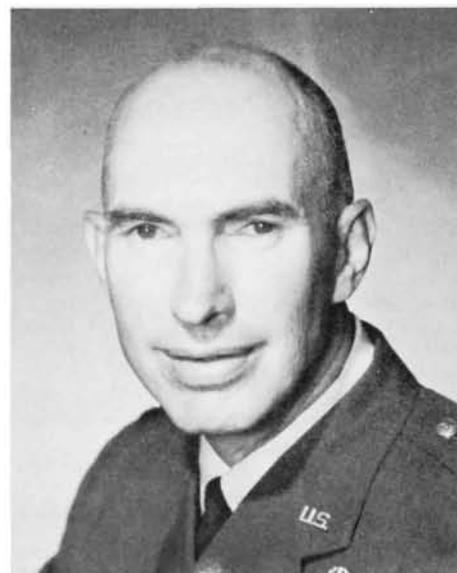
-J.M.A.

Maxwell Oscar Johnson Jr.

NO. 14534 CLASS OF 1945

Died 27 October 1967 in San Francisco, California, aged 45 years.

Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery, San Rafael, California



MAXWELL OSCAR JOHNSON JR.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MAXWELL OSCAR JOHNSON JR., USAF Ret., decorated veteran of the Korean War, passed away at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, on Friday, 27 October 1967, after a brief illness.

Mo Johnson, as he was known to his friends and loved ones, was a native of Honolulu, attended the University of Hawaii and the University of California, where he was a member of Theta Delta Chi. He entered the United States Military Academy in 1942, and was graduated from the Point and commissioned a second lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Corps in June 1945.

During his first assignment in Germany, he traded airplanes for jeeps and trucks, where he was Motor Transportation Officer for Headquarters, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, in Wiesbaden, Germany. But a good pilot was not to be kept on the ground for long, and when the Berlin Airlift began, he was among the first to volunteer his services. Then after a short tour with the Strategic Air Command in New Mexico, Mo spent a year at the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology in Dayton, Ohio, where he was honor man in his class.

With the crossing of the 38th Parallel by the North Korean Army, he again volunteered for combat duty. While in Korea, he established a record for training more pilots than any other squadron commander. None of the pilots he trained was lost in combat. He was officially commended for this outstanding accomplishment while still performing nightly combat missions, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Air Medals.

Colonel Johnson was the Provost Marshal at Hamilton Air Force Base, California, from 1956 until 1960; and in 1956 was a member of the U.S. Air Force World-Wide Volleyball Championship Team. From 1960 until 1963 he was an administrative operations officer on the security staff of U.S. Air Forces in Europe, and served on several NATO security committees. His most recent active duty assignment was as Chief of Security and Law Enforcement, Headquarters Space Systems Division, Los Angeles, where he served from 1963 until his retirement on 1 January 1967. Upon retirement he received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his outstanding contribution to the Air Force Space Program. His last assignment before his untimely final permanent change of station was to have combined his two first loves as an instructor at San Rafael Military Academy, California. A Requiem Mass, with full military honors, was offered at St. Vincent de Paul Church, San Francisco, California, 31 October 1967, and interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, San Rafael, California.

Mo is survived by his mother, Emily Hetfield Johnson of San Francisco; his wife, Marian Sanchez Johnson, formerly of Forest Hills, New York, who lives at the family home at 2209 North Point Street, San Francisco, California; and his two sons, both of whom are following in his footsteps: Maxwell Orme, a senior at the University of Santa Clara, who is being commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps; and Christopher Ward, a Third Classman at the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

—Your Son

Charles Joseph Tighe

NO. 19244 CLASS OF 1953
Died 23 April 1967 in Vietnam,
aged 36 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, San Bruno, California

CHARLES JOSEPH TIGHE was born at South Shore Hospital in Chicago on 25 October 1930. He spent his early years in the Chicago area and entered West Point on 3 July 1949 graduating 225 in a class of 512 in 1953. After completion of the basic course at Fort Bliss, he was assigned as a battery officer in a 90mm gun battalion in Chicago. It did not take long for Chuck to learn that the military service was precisely where he wanted to be, and soon after arriving in Chicago he was selected as one of the first members of our class to command a battery.



CHARLES JOSEPH TIGHE

During his service in Chicago he managed to convince Patricia Murphy to marry him (he had met and courted Pat before entering West Point), and soon thereafter they departed for Germany. Although Chuck and I had followed somewhat parallel courses since we entered the Military Academy, it was not until we found ourselves living in the same quarters area in Mannheim, Germany in 1955 that I became fully aware of his potential as an officer and a leader. Chuck had an extraordinary sense of what command of a battery was all about. In his unit, the CO's office was a bleak, austere room with only a desk and a chair. I suggested that he should hang curtains or pictures on the wall. "Not here! When one of my people gets this far, he's either in trouble or wants something, and it's easier to deal with him here than in a bright, cheerful office."

Commanding batteries separated by only a few miles, we were in continual friendly competition and delighted in bettering one another. Visiting Chuck one day during his motor stables, I mentioned to him that his vehicles were a "sorry lot" compared to mine and invited him to inspect my jeep as proof. He looked, said nothing, but held a formation of all his drivers, required them to look, and then asked me to come back a week later. Nowhere in the Army was there a better, cleaner, more outstanding line of vehicles than those in Chuck's unit that next week, and they never fell below those standards during his tenure. He gleefully chided me for years over the incident.

Chuck's success in Europe was evidenced by the following commendation rendered upon his return to CONUS in 1957: "As a battery commander, you have been outstanding. You have shown great pride in your unit and have constantly striven for its betterment. Your standards have been high and have resulted in Battery D consistently being in the forefront in all tests, inspections, and service practices undergone by the Battalion."

During this tour Chuck Jr., and Mary were born in Heidelberg, and the Tighes came home a family of four. They returned to the States in July 1957 and after 30 days leave were back in school at Fort Bliss for eight months to prepare for duty as a battery commander. The Tighes moved to Milwaukee after graduation with Chuck again in command, this time of Battery A, 3d Missile Battalion, 67th Artillery, a NIKE AJAX unit. Chuck's three fruitful years in Milwaukee re-

sulted in the award of the Army Commendation Ribbon and the arrival of Tommy and Johnny. Upon his departure he was complimented by the Commanding General of the midwestern U.S. Army Air Defenses who told him that he was the most outstanding Army captain it had been his pleasure to know.

The Career Course found the Tighes associating with the Field Artillery for the first time. Daily in academic classes he demonstrated professional ability, competence, and far-sightedness. He possessed an enthusiasm to get on with the problem, no matter how difficult, and find a solution that he personally could live with. Although his first love was missiles, Chuck mastered the techniques of tube artillery and was then assigned as S3, 2d Battalion, 19th Artillery, in Korea with the 1st Cavalry Division. Our paths crossed again at the 1963 Founders Day dinner at the Eighth Army Officers' Club in Seoul. He had been selected for early promotion to major, and in his usual humility he felt that others deserved it much more than he. His selection was one of the outstanding achievements of that particular promotion board.

As a devoted family man he found his first unaccompanied tour an unhappy one, but as a true professional he realized that an assignment wherein he could devote full time to his duties was an overwhelming advantage. In the few short months he held the S3 job, he revitalized the battalion, instituted a complete program of alerts and service practices and began a daily PT program that created an esprit de corps known throughout the division. His battalion service culminated in his interim command of it (still as a captain) during the annual service practice because of a command changeover just prior to the tests. The final months of his tour were spent on the DIVARTY staff where he completely reorganized his section of the tactical operations center and streamlined the procedures involved in sending fire missions to the nuclear delivery units of the division.

His reputation as a gunnery expert amused him greatly since his only previous experiences were graded problems on the OP's at Fort Sill. He failed to mention that most of the time not on duty was spent studying gunnery manuals until he had them completely mastered.

Upon his return to the States the Tighes were civilians at USC for two years. I managed to visit them twice at their home in Los Angeles and found them a happy, close family once again. He and Pat did their utmost to insure that the children grew up in a wholesome atmosphere. Chuck's mother lived in Los Angeles, and while each Sunday was devoted to her, most of their activities were family affairs in which the children were always included.

The first year at USC was a hard one. Pat took care of the family while Chuck studied to relearn the things he had been taught at West Point. His grade transcript reflected the difficult first months back in school; and as the "SPEC" came back high A's and B's during the last year.

In sports as in academics, he was a fierce competitor, giving no quarter while competing. He had a true love for handball and played to win against the best competition available. Previously, while attending the Advanced Course, and not having played the game since cadet days, he figured that Danny Wardrop '51 was the man to beat. For three months he struggled, and was at last able to say, "I finally took him!" Chuck was immensely proud of that victory. During his two years at USC he became the University

Amateur Handball Champion, defeating, among others, such athletes as Ben Wilson, now a Green Bay fullback.

After gaining his master's degree, the Tighes were selected for the Command and General Staff College with the assurance of a utilization tour to follow at either West Point or the Department of the Army. The troop build-up was on in Vietnam, however, and Chuck felt somewhat shortchanged in that he was a Regular Army major and had never seen combat. For this reason, and, as he put it, "so I can hold my head up with the rest of you," he decided he had to go to Vietnam to get combat experience. "After all," he said, "this is what the Army is all about." He would become enthused when he thought of the prospect of getting into combat while at the same time regretting the fact he had to be separated from his family. I would guess that his real motivation was an extraordinary sense of duty, honor, and country. He and Pat decided that if it was his desire, then he must volunteer. She and the children elected to live in Palo Alto, California, during his tour. Completion of the MATA course and Vietnamese language school found him assigned as Assistant Sector Advisor, Bien Hoa Province, in the III Corps area.

Chuck's dedication to duty and the courage he displayed during numerous combat operations quickly won the respect of the Vietnamese officers and men he was advising. The Province Chief was so impressed with Chuck's abilities that he asked him to serve as his chief of staff. He was on orders to take command of the sector as soon as his commanding officer returned to the United States. In addition to the time consuming staff functions resulting from his job, Chuck, as an Artilleryman, earned the Combat Infantryman Badge by accompanying newly trained paramilitary troops on their first combat missions. Just six weeks after promotion to lieutenant colonel and while en route to join a combined U.S.-Vietnamese operation in a difficult VC infested district of Bien Hoa Province, the jeep in which Chuck and two other Americans were riding on a dense jungle trail was hit by a command-detonated 105mm shell. Chuck was killed instantly, and the others were seriously wounded.

Pat and the children will, of course, suffer Chuck's loss much more than the rest of us. He and Pat were a devoted couple and did everything possible for the welfare of their children. One of the great needs of the children was fulfilled every Sunday when they attended Mass as a family. I know this is a strong bond she and the children still feel with Chuck. The 1953 HOWITZER contains the following short resume of Chuck: "His cadet career was three-fold: to strengthen his mind, body, and religious beliefs." He never faltered from that goal. For those of us who were his friends and know of his qualities as an officer, father, gentleman, husband, and sportsman, his loss leaves a void that cannot be filled. He will not be forgotten.

—Cary Hutchinson

John Olin Cooper III

NO. 19525 CLASS OF 1953

Killed in action 26 October 1967 near Song Be, Vietnam, aged 37 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

JOHN O. COOPER was a rambunctious youth, an unforgettable cadet, a dedicated officer, a



JOHN OLIN COOPER III

devoted husband and father. Wherever he was and whatever he did, John lived the zestful life. He will not be forgotten by those of us enriched by his comradeship.

John's affection for the Army commenced early in life. His father, grandfather, and uncle were Army officers. He witnessed the hardships and satisfactions of Service life with his family in Germany, Panama, and various stateside posts. He set his sights early on an Army career via West Point and attended Columbian Preparatory School before joining the Class of 1953.

John was an unforgettable cadet; he was the life of his barracks and full of schemes to beat the system. West Point was just his cup of tea—except for academics. This aspect of cadet life he endured with protest, a bothersome obstacle between him and that coveted commission. John was proud of his status as an academic goat, but when turnout examinations came—and for John they did so with regularity—he never faltered, displaying determination and resiliency that marked him a born soldier.

During cadet days he escaped outside whenever possible; mountain climbing, hiking, camping, and fishing were favorite pastimes. In later years John and his family were familiar sights on hiking trails and ski slopes on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. He was also a collector; the storage rooms at West Point bulged with his foreign uniforms, rocks, and assorted unauthorized paraphernalia. Later, the Cooper basement was taxed to accommodate John's many treasures. His interests were as varied as the things he had done and the places he had been. His enthusiasm knew no bounds.

John, of course, went Infantry. There were the usual stints at Benning, plus tours at Fort Rucker, Fort Hood, Alaska, Korea, Fort Bragg, and the Dominican Republic. His favorite assignments, however, were two delightful tours in Germany, a land for which John had developed a childhood affection that never diminished. Even casual mention of "The Fatherland" would bring forth a guttural dissertation followed by several strains of "Deutschland Uber Alles."

It came as no surprise that John wore the Green Beret. What else but Special Forces for this dedicated soldier? It was with this elite outfit that John, true to form, volunteered for combat duty in Vietnam. There he found plenty of action as an advisor at Song Be, north of Saigon near the Cambodian

border. As usual, he was in the thick of things receiving shrapnel wounds only a month after arriving.

John's second Purple Heart came on 26 October 1967 when he voluntarily accompanied a dangerous medical evacuation flight to rescue a wounded Vietnamese soldier. The dense jungle made it impossible for the helicopter to land, and the enemy opened up with ground fire. Nevertheless, John and the crew hoisted the patient aboard through an opening hacked in the trees. As the helicopter attempted to gain altitude, it was hit by savage fire and crashed into the jungle. How typical that John sacrificed his life while unselfishly placing the welfare of his men above his own safety.

John leaves his wife Ann, daughter Elizabeth, and son John. Other survivors include: his parents, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) and Mrs. John O. Cooper; his brother Walter (USMA '62); and his sister Katherine ("Nippy"), wife of classmate Scotty Crerar.

The ranks are thin and sad without you, John. Farewell, Soldier!

Walter Douglas Williams

NO. 20938 CLASS OF 1956

Hostile death, Vietnam, 10 July 1967, aged 33 years.

Interment: St. John's Church, Glyndon, Maryland



WALTER DOUGLAS WILLIAMS

IT IS NOT OFTEN a father is accorded the honor, by a daughter-in-law, of writing a memorial for her husband, his son. I consider this an unselfish gift to me on my Julie's part, for like Douglas' mother, she and I were, and are, exceedingly proud of him.

In approaching this labor of love, it has occurred to me that you, his classmates, his friends, might wish to know something of his childhood, of his youth before going to the Point, of the boy that grew to be a man.

Douglas, as he has always been to me, (Doug to his later friends) grew up on a farm devoted to raising thoroughbred horses, and producing the necessary feed for them and for the people on the farm. He had little companionship with boys his own age. Even when school started, the farm called him back as soon as classes were over. He and his younger sister became completely self sufficient. Being always thrown with older

people, he adapted himself to them, became completely at home with them, and thought of them as his friends. With this background, he developed an independence of thought and spirit very early in life.

There is an incident I think back on, when Douglas was about six, which illustrates this independence of spirit and also his complete lack of fear. We had a stallion that had recently come to me with a reputation as a man-killer and showing all signs of it. I allowed no one into his stall except the stud groom and myself. One day as we were returning from an inspection trip, we saw a group of people gathered on the lawn in front of the stallion barn. To our horror, we saw that Douglas had that stallion out and was showing him. Incredibly, the horse, for once, was behaving like a perfect gentleman. While Douglas never repeated that performance, his independence and self reliance, or should I say hard-headedness, remained.

His ability to handle and show the stud came from a marvelous understanding of animals, and later of people. He was in complete sympathy with them. As he grew older and was allowed to break yearlings and later gallop and work them (before he became too heavy), that sympathetic understanding between boy and mount became ever more pronounced. He never had to fight a horse. His complete lack of fear also became more evident.

As he took on farm responsibilities, he showed an equally sympathetic understanding with the men and that ability to have them follow his orders without having to "fight them" or raise his voice. In his handling of people, Douglas learned that a man's worth did not depend on the color of his skin, but on his knowledge and ability. He never forgot that. He learned never to ask a man to do something he could not do or would not be willing to do himself. We know he never forgot that either.

Douglas developed an inherent kindness, a desire to help and do more than his part. He learned to enjoy hard work and difficult situations. They were challenging. That, I am certain, is why he elected the Infantry and then became a Ranger and paratrooper. His Combat Infantryman's Badge, Ranger tab, and paratroop insignia were his proudest decorations. He reported that his first Beast Barracks was a "ball"; he loved every minute of it.

Possibly because on a breeding farm one is brought so close to the start of life and sometimes to the end of it, Douglas early developed a deeply religious nature. The greatest punishment I could inflict on him as a child was not to allow him to go to church with us. That punishment was rarely evoked. As he grew older, his great joy was serving as an acolyte. On his rare vacations from West Point, he would always ask permission to take back those duties. He never outgrew this deep religious feeling.

At the Military Academy, and later in the Service, the most rewarding experience for Douglas was the many wonderful friends he made: friends at the Point; friends at his various posts in Germany and Belgium; and friends that he made later with his wife Julie during their year at Wellington, India. He would never tire of telling me about those friends, about you. He was inordinately proud of his Service, of his friends, of his officers and of his "troopers." I use the word "troopers," as each was an individual to him. Fortunately, before going back to Vietnam for his second tour, he had an opportunity to see his infant daughter, Margaret Douglas. That also was a great joy to him.

I hope I have given you, his friends, a picture of the boy I knew. Knowing him is to know why he had to put in for a second tour in Vietnam and to know why he had to be forward with his men. He has joined that Long Gray Line of which he and all of us are so justly proud. With them, he will live with us, in our hearts.

*Go Forward in God
In the Name of The Father, and of
The Son, and of The Holy Ghost,
Amen
—Charles Watkins Williams*

James Lisman Blackwell Jr.

NO. 24850 CLASS OF 1963
Hostile death, Vietnam, 17 October 1967,
aged 26 years.
Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,
Arlington, Virginia

JAMES BLACKWELL JOINED the Class of 1963 from Evansville, Indiana, after a year at Rose



JAMES LISMAN BLACKWELL JR.

Polytechnical Institute in Terre Haute. He brought with him a sound background in engineering, a wicked tennis serve, and a great deal of confidence in his ability to meet the challenges of West Point. Because life was too interesting to be wasted on books or little white balls, Jim soon was meeting the routine challenges with minimum effort so that he could devote most of his energy to broadening his horizons. In the restrictive atmosphere of cadet life these attempts were often in conflict with the objectives of the Tactical Department, and Jim's horizons were limited to familiar paths across Central Area for many weeks.

He retained his spirited optimism and soon became quite an "operator," able to achieve his goals in spite of rules unequal to his imagination. A staunch advocate of the Educational Trip Theory of academic development, Jim was a member of every group that went places and was constantly trying to form new organizations to take him to new places. He gained the most from his contributions to the Hop Committee. As Hop Manager on the First Class Trip at Fort Sill he juggled the date list to get the girl he had chosen. That not-so-blind date became his primary interest during all of First Class year, and he and Celinda were married in June of 1963.

Jim chose Armor as his branch and loved his tanks as much as he loved his sports cars. After the Armored Basic Course and Airborne School in the summer and fall of 1963, Jim joined the 24th Infantry Division in Germany. He spent more than two happy and challenging years in the 1/70th Armored Battalion advancing from tank platoon leader to company executive officer and then to company commander. His performance during this period was rewarded by assignment to positions of greater responsibility with the 24th Support and Transportation Battalion where he was both the S1 and the Headquarters Company Commander. While in Germany, Jim proved to himself that he truly belonged in the Army. Before leaving the United States, Jim always told his friends he was going to Germany to be able to practice skiing, one of the sports for which he had developed great enthusiasm as a cadet. Upon arriving at his first duty station, he soon discovered that his work interested him far more than any avocation that had captured his attention in the past. He became a highly competent officer who was extremely dedicated to his mission and the welfare of his men.

After the tour in Germany, Jim and Celinda returned to Fort Knox where Jim attended the Career Course. In March 1967 their son Michael was born, and Jim's transition from bachelor to proud father and family man was complete. This happiness was broken a few months later by orders sending Jim to Vietnam.

After Jungle Warfare School in July, Jim joined the 1st Infantry Division. He was assigned as the S2 of the 2/28th Infantry Battalion to give him an opportunity to become familiar with local operation requirements before assuming command of an Infantry company. While participating in an operation on 17 October 1967, the battalion command group was subjected to extremely heavy ground attack. In the ensuing firefight all but one member of the group was killed. Jim died as he had lived, giving all that he had. He will never be forgotten by those who knew him well.

Leonard Douglas Davis II

NO. 25565 CLASS OF 1965
Killed in action 2 August 1966
in South Vietnam, aged 22 years.
Interment: Evergreen Cemetery, Bisbee, Arizona

No man is an Island, entire of itself;
Every man is a piece of the Continent,
a part of the Main. If a clod be washed
away by the Sea, Europe is the less, as
well as if a Promontory were, as well
as if a Manor of thy friends or of thine
own were. Any man's death diminishes
me, because I am involved in Mankind;
and therefore never send to know for
whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

LEONARD DOUGLAS DAVIS was such a man. Donne's words are particularly poignant because Doug was so involved with mankind, so very much a wonderful part of the superb creation in which he lived—in which we all live. The more poignant because to all who knew Doug Davis, his untimely death diminishes their own lives. The most poignant to those of us who loved him because we know what the loss of this joyous, gladsome, delightful, brilliant young man means for all of us. Yet, we will survive as will Mankind, because of the sacrifices of Douglas Davis, and



LEONARD DOUGLAS DAVIS II

the kindred splendid host of which company he surely is in the Vanguard.

Doug Davis was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on 16 September 1943; and returned with his family to Bisbee, Arizona (his mother's family home since Arizona Territorial days) in 1957. He had a continuing, helpful interest in family affairs and the activities and progress of his two brothers.

Here in Bisbee, Doug became an outstanding leader, athlete, and scholar in the local high school. At the time of his graduation in May 1961, with the singular honor of being named the class valedictorian, Doug had made his mark as an active student leader, fine athlete and promising scholar. West Point was his first—his natural choice.

A teacher in the Bisbee High School wrote Doug's mother: "Doug was one of the finest of our high school boys . . . I liked him and admired him more than he probably ever realized, for students seldom know how teachers regard them—I always appreciated his courtesy and his smile . . . I've heard a thousand compliments from other teachers for his fine mind, and the personal qualities which made him so outstanding."

And again, a leading citizen of Bisbee who was highly instrumental in encouraging Doug in his athletic and scholastic endeavors, and who ultimately provided the requisite assistance to help Doug join the Long Gray Line wrote: "I was attracted to Doug by his clean good looks, our mutual interest in track, my respect for his respect for scholarship, and the faithfulness of his Catholic worship."

This same distinguished and dear friend of Doug's goes on to tell us that: "Doug left Bisbee in an Alger-like haze in the summer of 1961 for the Academy. He was big and strong and good-looking and well-mannered, and highly spirited and immensely confident, and the obvious object of the admiration of his classmates. He was in short, a fellow with whom you could always be caught or found and never be anything but flattered."

Three of Doug's classmates in writing after his death recall his first days at West Point: "It was 5 July 1961. As a plebe Doug displayed that quality for which we will most remember him—that of intensiveness. Doug's interest centered around a dedication to all he met—to his classmates and to the military service. After 'Beast Barracks,' Doug was assigned to Company G-1 and was a member of the plebe track team. He was a star hurdler

all four years at the Academy and one of the leaders of the track team."

Coach Crowell of the Army Track Team recalls: "I will always deem it a great privilege to have had Doug as a member of my track squads the four years we were together at West Point. Doug was quick to learn the traditions and duty concepts demanded of a career officer. He attacked his academics with the same dogged determination that he attacked the hurdles. He always worked toward perfection and self-improvement. I am sure in his final 'race' he lived up to what he so firmly believed in—Duty, Honor, Country."

I have no trouble as I write this now recalling Doug Davis at West Point. I knew him in the classroom, and I knew him on the track team as the truly competitive athlete he was. I am delighted to be able to say I knew him well those four years. Those years at West Point were years of work, and years of joy, and years of opportunity for Doug Davis. I know. His face told you so. His step told you so. His complete empathy with all that is West Point told you so. He was at home.

One of the highlights of his cadet days was his friendship with an exchange cadet from West Germany—Guenther Wassenberg. Wassenberg wrote to Doug's mother in September 1966 saying so well what all who knew Doug feel: "My heart is so sad and sorrowful about the loss of my friend Douglas, he was such a fine boy, always full of life, so energetic, so enthusiastic, so full of joy, and yet so deep, so earnest in his thoughts and intentions—a boy whom I was proud and glad to have as a friend."

Following graduation from West Point in June 1965, Doug enrolled in the Airborne and Ranger courses at Fort Benning. These he rightly believed would enhance his professional qualifications and make him a more knowledgeable leader. His capacity as a leader and his talent for motivating men had previously been recognized at West Point when he was given command of Company H-1 during his First Class Year. The members of the classes of 1967 and 1968 whom Doug had commanded in H-1 told Doug's mother: "He was a Soldier in the truest sense of the word. His example will inspire us throughout our careers."

It was during these Ranger-Airborne training days that Doug met the lovely Miss Bonnie MacLean to whom he was to be married in September 1966. In Doug's words to his mother: "I have met a fantastic girl." Doug spoke often of Bonnie and of their plans for the future to his classmates and friends in the 25th Division. It was characteristic of Doug that even in the chaos of Vietnam he could keep his eyes on the high ground, and his mind on his future. The love and inspiration and hope which Bonnie provided Doug today sustain her along with the knowledge of his love for her.

Following completion of Ranger and Airborne training, Doug was assigned to the 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division and with this organization deployed to Vietnam in January 1966. Doug's classmates tell of his outstanding performance as a platoon leader of C Company, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry: "As a rifle platoon leader with Charlie Company, Doug quickly distinguished himself by his competence and ability to lead men. He was one of the outstanding platoon leaders in the brigade. He was aggressive, actively looking for action, and almost without fear. He demanded much of his men, but they loved him for it."

During operation "Paul Revere II" in the

Ia Drang Valley of the Central Highlands, Doug's Company was sent as a relief force to assist two companies of the 2d Battalion which were heavily engaged with the North Vietnamese Army. As Doug was establishing a platoon perimeter, he was caught under heavy automatic weapons and 81mm mortar fire. Doug's platoon received the mission of recovering bodies of some American soldiers outside his perimeter. Unsuccessful in the initial attempts because of the intense fire, Doug was ordered to pull back. As he was repositioning a machine gun to allow his force to continue its mission, he was killed by an incoming mortar round.

For extraordinary heroism in his actions he was awarded posthumously the Silver Star. The citation reads in part: "Upon learning that the bodies of four members of a reconnaissance platoon were outside the perimeter, Second Lieutenant Davis was directed to recover the bodies. He organized a three-man team and personally led them outside the perimeter. Because of the intensity of hostile fire in the area, the recovery team was forced to return to the perimeter. Although the perimeter was subjected to intense Viet Cong fire, Second Lieutenant Davis, with complete disregard for his safety, moved among his men, encouraged them and issued instructions. During the course of action, three hostile mortar rounds landed in the friendly perimeter, and Second Lieutenant Davis was mortally wounded by the mortar fragments. His extraordinary heroism in close combat against a numerically superior Viet Cong force was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service . . ."

Doug Davis is at peace. His sacrifice, so very overwhelming to us now as we recall it, was not in vain; as a true, moral sacrifice never is in vain. Doug Davis' life was whole because it had purpose always, it knew beauty regularly, it contemplated the future joyfully, it reflected the work of its Creator brilliantly, and it enriched each and every one of us immeasurably.

—R. E. L.

Robert Omer Gagne

NO. 26038 CLASS OF 1965

Hostile death, Vietnam, 28 July 1967,
aged 24 years.

Interment: Rose De Lima Cemetery,
Chicopee, Massachusetts



ROBERT OMER GAGNE

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT O. GAGNE died from wounds received in action as a member of Advisory Team No. 98 in the Republic of Vietnam.

Robert lived his short life dedicated to the Army, his Country and his God. Born 27 November 1942 in Chicopee, Massachusetts, he was the only son of two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Omer A. Gagne. He attended elementary school at St. George's Parochial School where he graduated first in his class. He participated in the Boy Scouts, played baseball, and was President of his Class. He then attended Chicopee High School where he excelled in football and tennis. Upon graduation he was honored by the American Legion Post 452 for his excellence in sports and high academic rating. He received his appointment to the Academy through a competitive examination given by Congressman Boland of the 3d Congressional District.

Robert had an outgoing personality. He formed lasting friendships but had strong likes and dislikes and was ready to argue the pros and cons of issues with anyone. The following quotation from the HOWITZER sums up his personality, "While he spent his time at West Point in search of Academic excellence, this search was often interrupted by a bridge game, or anything else that seemed like fun at the time." This was true, but while fun loving and a believer in the comforts of life, his "easy going" ways covered a seriousness and determination of mind that was not easily detected by persons who did not know him well. His completion of Airborne and Ranger training, for example, surprised many of his classmates who thought he would not make it, but Bob was not one to give up easily.

After attending branch school at Fort Bliss, Texas, and completing Airborne and Ranger School he was assigned to Battery A, 5th Artillery (Air Defense), at Windsor Locks, Connecticut, where he served for one year. The missile site being only a few miles from home, Bob's family were fortunate to have him live at home, for which they thank God. It was a happy year, one in which Bob and his Dad grew closer together and exchanged ideas about the Army, as his Dad is Sergeant Major of the 104th Infantry, Massachusetts National Guard, Springfield Armory. Father and son had much in common.

After receiving his assignment to Vietnam, he went to Fort Bragg for six weeks training and then to language school at the Defense Language Institute Support Command, Biggs Field, Texas.

Bob arrived in Saigon on 29 June 1967 and was assigned to the 98th Advisory Team in Tan Uyan. He quickly won the respect and friendship of his fellow team members and the Vietnamese with whom he worked and was able to influence and assist them in many ways. He unhesitatingly accepted the dangers inherent in combat operations. Wounded on 18 July 1967 in a search and destroy mission, he died on 28 July 1967.

Robert was a devoted son. This was apparent in his every act. His family have suffered a great loss. He will forever hold a respected place in the memory of all those who knew him no matter how briefly.

First Lieutenant Robert O. Gagne was awarded posthumously the following decorations: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Government of the Republic of Vietnam National Order of Vietnam, Fifth Class, and the Gallantry Cross with Palm.

John Anthony Fera

NO. 26243 CLASS OF 1966

Hostile death, Kontum, Vietnam,
18 March 1968, aged 23 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



JOHN ANTHONY FERA

JACK FERA WILL NOT BE SOON FORGOTTEN by his many friends, comrades, or relatives. Jack was a wonderful young man and even though we shall all miss him, we should be thankful for having the opportunity to meet and know this truly good man.

Jack was born on 16 November 1944 in Walla Walla, Washington, he was from an Air Force family, and subsequently had a chance to do some travelling. He spent several years in Japan, and in many other installations throughout the country.

John went to St. John's Preparatory School in his hometown of Danvers, Massachusetts, and graduated in 1962. His family was quite proud when he started Plebe Year at the Academy in July of 1962. Jack began his cadet years with an excellent start, adjusting quite readily to the new routine. Academics presented no real problem to Jack as he made a sincere application to his studies and on many occasions was on the Dean's list. He had a curious mind and the challenge of the courses seemed to provide a form of recreation rather than just a struggle for satisfactory grades.

Jack took an interest in many of the activities that were available at the Academy. Having been a boy scout himself and knowing the importance of this organization, he joined the Scoutmasters Council for four years. He spent four years as a member of the Catholic Choir, Catholic Acolyte, Karate Club, Glee Club, KDET, Military Affairs Club, French Club, and was manager of the Hockey Team.

It was while at the Academy, in 1965, that Jack met his bride to be, Miss Margaret A. Warner, of Little Falls, New York.

Come graduation day, Jack had a busy future planned. He had chosen the Infantry and had elected service in Vietnam for his first assignment. At the completion of Airborne and Ranger Training that fall, Jack and Margie were married in November and then spent the next four months at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. At Fort Campbell Jack served as a platoon leader with the 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. He received

his orders for Vietnam in February of 1967 and when June 5th came along Jack once again expressed the same attitude that he had displayed all along, that he was ready and willing to serve his country in the best way he knew how. Jack was proud to serve with the 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry, 173d Airborne Brigade. He was assigned as platoon leader, weapons supply officer, and executive officer. Jack loved his life of an Infantry platoon leader and continually instilled in him and in his men the will to perform their best, no matter what obstacles may confront them. Jack and Margie met in Hawaii in late November 1967 for his rest and recreation leave, just after Jack helped capture Hill 875 at Dak To.

Jack was fatally wounded on 18 March 1968 near Kontum, Vietnam, while on a search and destroy mission. He was buried with full military honors at West Point on 29 March 1968. He leaves his wife, Margie; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Fera of Danvers; and brother Charles, now in the Air Force.

No one plans or predicts death, but Jack was ready to make the ultimate sacrifice for his country, and his feelings can be expressed by a few words from an old familiar song . . . "May we find a soldier's resting place beneath a soldier's blow . . ."

Jack's awards include the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, and the Purple Heart. In addition to these, Jack has also been recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross.



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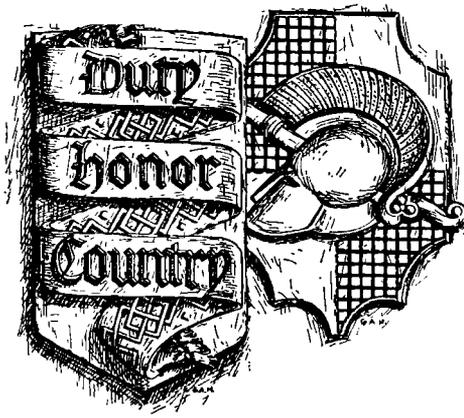
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come an authority on a special subject in their field. Over one-fifth want to make a theoretical contribution to science.

Over 80 per cent of the cadets expressed their intention to obtain a master's or doctorate degree, while only 55 per cent of freshmen at four-year colleges expressed this intention. The USMA percentage is higher than the percentages reported for any other category of institution. For example, 73 per cent of the freshmen at technological institutions and 61 per cent of the freshmen at private university-related colleges expressed their intention to obtain graduate degrees. To the extent that these aspirations are met, the Army will have a core of highly educated officers.

In general, compared to other college freshmen, cadets are somewhat more inclined to expect academic achievements, somewhat less inclined to expect academic failure, and substantially less inclined to expect change in their academic careers.

The young men who come to the Military Academy have already demonstrated achievement in a variety of activities. They share a number of characteristics with each other and with other college freshmen, but there is substantial diversity among them. As a group, however, they are more serious about their purposes, their chosen profession, and the world.



Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Summer 1968 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
John L. Hines	1891	13 October 1968	Washington, D.C.
Harley B. Ferguson	1897	29 August 1968	Lafayette, Louisiana
William P. Ennis	1901	28 July 1968	Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts
Ulysses S. Grant III	1903	29 August 1968	Clinton, New York
Charles G. Mettler	1906	August 1968	Augusta, Georgia
Telesphor G. Gottschalk	1908	25 December 1967	San Antonio, Texas
Herman Kobbe	Ex-1908	19 April 1968	San Diego, California
Martin H. Ray	1910	31 August 1968	East Moriches, New York
William A. Copthorne	1913	14 July 1968	Babson Park, Florida
David B. Falk	1913	4 October 1968	San Francisco, California
Joseph C. Haw	1915	22 August 1968	Santa Barbara, California
Thomas B. Larkin	1915	17 October 1968	Washington, D.C.
John B. Wogan	1915	30 September 1968	Oteen, North Carolina
John H. Dykes	Ex-1915	16 January 1968	Enid, Oklahoma
Joseph I. Cohen	Aug 1917	12 August 1968	Baltimore, Maryland
Edward A. Grupe	Jun 1918	27 April 1953	Palo Alto, California
Elliott Watkins	Nov 1918	15 June 1968	Columbus, Georgia
Herbert N. Gambill	Ex-Nov 1918	7 April 1957	Las Vegas, Nevada
John M. Works	1919	9 December 1967	Corpus Christi, Texas
Augustus W. Cockrell	Ex-1919	9 August 1968	Bethesda, Maryland
Clarence H. Schabacker	1920	8 October 1968	Tucson, Arizona
Francis J. Magee	1921	7 August 1968	Wilton Manors, Florida
Paul H. Mahoney	14 Jun 1922	September 1968	Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Wilfred H. Hardy	1923	27 September 1968	Maitland, Florida
Louis W. Haskell	1923	16 September 1968	Washington, D.C.
G. Stanley Smith	1923	4 September 1968	Watertown, New York
Virgil R. Miller	1924	5 August 1968	Ann Arbor, Michigan
Shelton E. Prudhomme	1926	10 August 1968	Tipp City, Ohio
John C. Strickler	1926	21 October 1968	Washington, D.C.
Richard R. Middlebrooks	1928	18 February 1968	Oakland, California
Ralph T. Nelson	1928	1 October 1968	Washington, D.C.
Edwin G. Griffith	1929	3 August 1968	Reading, Pennsylvania
Edward J. McNally	1929	28 July 1968	Washington, D.C.
John L. Person	1929	3 October 1968	Washington, D.C.
Merle R. Williams	1932	22 September 1968	Phoenix, Arizona
Frederick W. Gibb	1933	6 September 1968	Washington, D.C.
Lawson S. Moseley Jr.	1934	4 September 1968	Montgomery, Alabama
William L. Rogers	1934	5 September 1968	Knoxville, Tennessee
Donald O. Vars	1934	29 January 1968	Fort Knox, Kentucky
Harold D. Swain Jr.	1945	4 August 1968	Montgomery, Alabama
Thomas N. Ellis	1952	10 August 1968	Laurelton, New York
Robert B. Richardson	1952	21 October 1968	Vietnam
Charles S. Steen Jr.	1952	20 September 1968	Alexandria, Virginia
Frank O. Bonnarens	1956	19 September 1968	Vietnam
Joseph A. Bishop	1957	19 September 1968	Vietnam
Ralph R. Wensinger	1959	21 October 1968	Vietnam
Charles R. Chandler	1962	12 October 1968	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Akos D. Szekely	1964	11 September 1968	Vietnam
David C. Brown	1966	7 September 1968	Vietnam
Richard O. Bickford	1967	18 October 1968	Vietnam
Hugh B. Brown III	1967	20 July 1968	Vietnam
John T. Corley Jr.	1967	8 September 1968	Vietnam
Raymond J. Enners	1967	18 September 1968	Vietnam
Roger A. Fulkerson	1967	25 September 1968	Vietnam
Michael L. Nathe	1967	29 August 1968	Vietnam
Daniel L. Neuburger	1967	14 August 1968	Vietnam
Jose M. Pena	1967	25 August 1968	Vietnam

